

# Solving a 2 X 2 Cube

#### **Understanding the cube sides & faces**

**R**= Right side of cube **L**= Left side of cube

**F**=Front side of cube **B**= Back side of cube

 $U=1^{st}$  line of cube  $D=2^{nd}$  line of cube

#### 1 - Arrange all WHITE squares on the top of cube

- 1. Arrange 3 WHITE squares on top of the cube and keep right corner vacant
- 2. Line up the 4<sup>th</sup> WHITE square in Front 2<sup>nd</sup> line right side of cube
- 3. Algorithm  $\rightarrow R \downarrow --- D \leftarrow --- R \uparrow --- D \rightarrow$  Repeat these steps till all 4 WHITE squares are on top

#### 2 - Build 1st line with 2 matching colours on each side

- 1. Keep all WHITE 4 squares on the top
- 2. Keep matching colour squares in 1<sup>st</sup> line (if any) away from you
- 3. Algorithm  $\rightarrow R \downarrow --- D \leftarrow --- R \uparrow --- L \downarrow --- D \rightarrow --- L \uparrow --- R \downarrow --- D \leftarrow --- R \uparrow$  Repeat these steps till 1st line with 2 matching colours on each side is done

### 3 – Arrange all YELLOW squares at the top of cube

- 1. Reverse the cube and keep the WHITE colour squares at the bottom
- 2. Keep the YELLOW square at bottom left (if any singles) on all iterations
- 3. If 2 YELLOW squares are there in a line, keep the line on right
- 4. Algorithm  $\rightarrow$  R  $\uparrow$  --- U  $\leftarrow$  --- R  $\downarrow$  --- U  $\leftarrow$  --- R  $\uparrow$  --- U  $\leftarrow$  --- R  $\downarrow$  Repeat these steps till all 4 YELLOW squares are on top

## 4 - Build 2<sup>nd</sup> line and complete the cube

- 1. Keep the YELLOW colour squares on the top
- 2. Keep matching colour 4 squares in 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> line (if any) away from you
- 3. Algorithm  $\rightarrow R \downarrow --- F \uparrow --- R \downarrow --- B \uparrow --- B \uparrow --- R \uparrow --- F \uparrow --- R \uparrow --- B \uparrow -$ R ↑ --- R ↑ --- B ✓ --- Repeat these steps till cube is solved