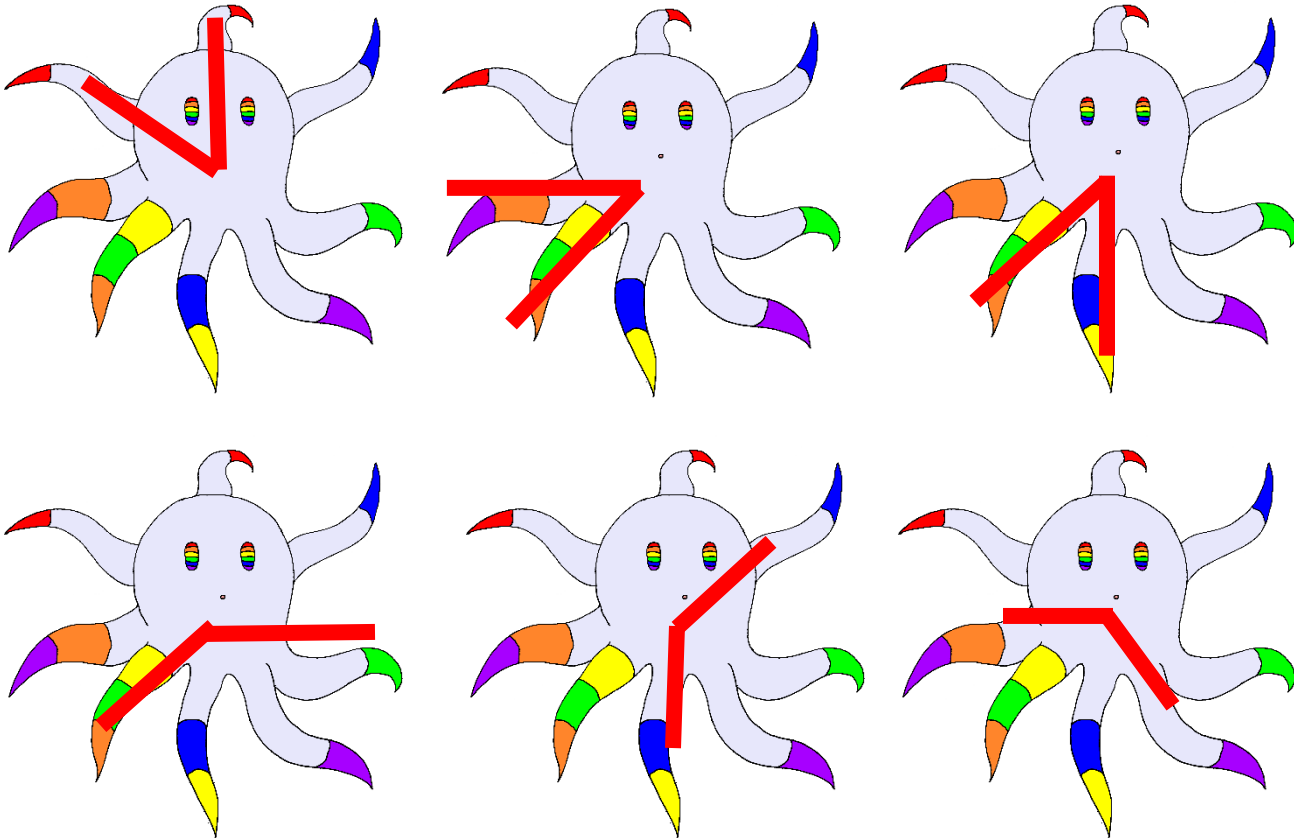


SOLUTION: Ben the Giant Octopus

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Pairing tentacles together by shared color provides the solver with semaphore positions. As Big Ben's eyes suggest, the positions should be read in rainbow order:



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New to Puzzles? Editor Notes:

As you get more experienced with puzzle-solving, you may realize that sometimes encoding steps are not overtly clued. It's accepted practice to omit overt cluing of a common encoding if it is visually obvious (in this puzzle, the [semaphore flags](#)) and any effort put into cluing the step makes the puzzle less fun. As a solver, you may solve puzzles a lot faster if you learn to recognize [common encoding methods](#) and their common representations.

Common concepts for ordering include the seven colors of the rainbow (sometimes only six are used because indigo and violet are less distinguishable after printing) . . . now you know!

