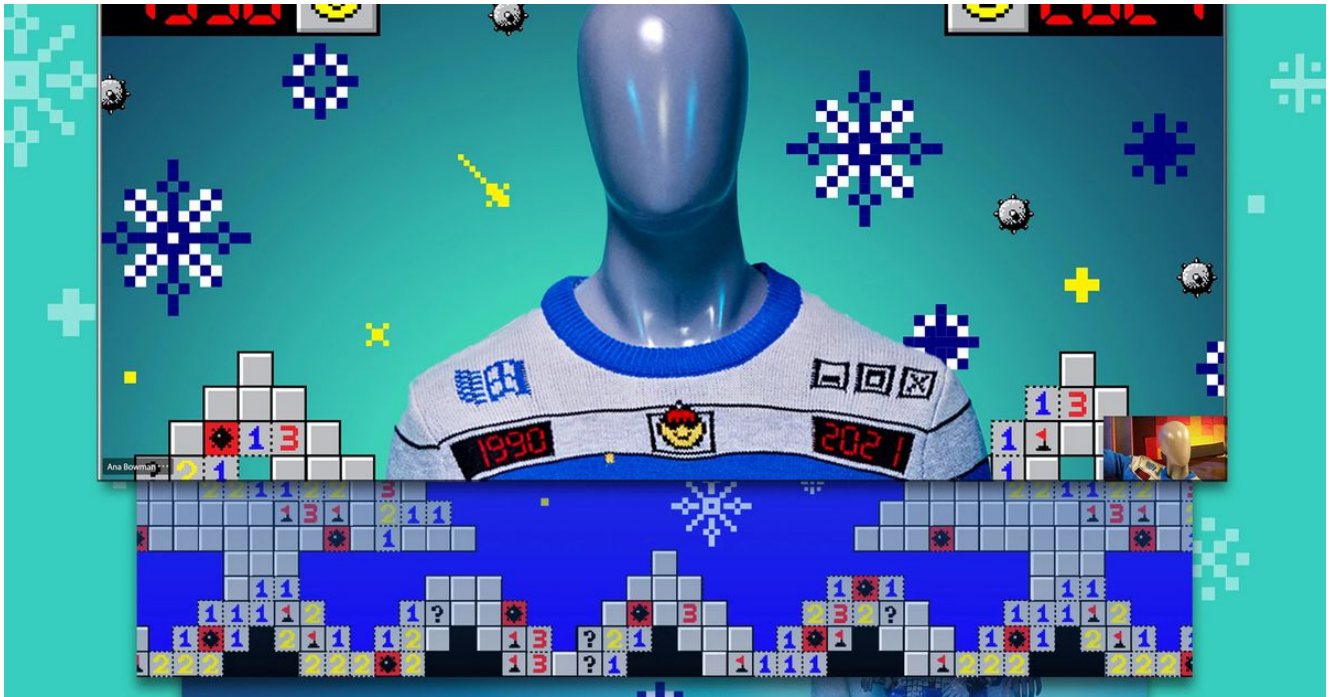


Microsoft is selling ugly Windows sweaters again, and this time, it's Minesweeper



Microsoft has launched a new Windows software-themed ugly sweater on its Xbox Gear Shop dedicated to the infamous Windows game *Minesweeper*.

It's well done: not only is the whole *Minesweeper* level shaped like a Christmas tree, but it's also got mines masquerading as snowflakes and "buttons" to minimize the window or exit the game if you so desire, plus the classic wavy Windows logo that harkens back to Windows 3.1. (If you're wondering why the sweater has "1990" remaining mines, that's a reference to the year *Minesweeper* first came out.)

This is Microsoft's second year of Windows-themed ugly sweaters. Last year, the company released three ugly sweater designs, including one garment based on the timeless *MS Paint* application, which humorously looked as if it were designed in that very app. In 2020, Microsoft donated a portion of the proceeds from each sweater to Girls Who Code; this year, the

company appears to be giving a lump sum of \$100,000 to the *AbleGamers* charity for gamers with disabilities.

Microsoft is selling the *Minesweeper* ugly sweater for the explosive price of \$74.99 – \$5 more expensive than last year's designs. The sweaters sold out in 24 hours last year with a late December restock, so if you want to look like a pro at flagging mines this holiday, then get one soon.

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