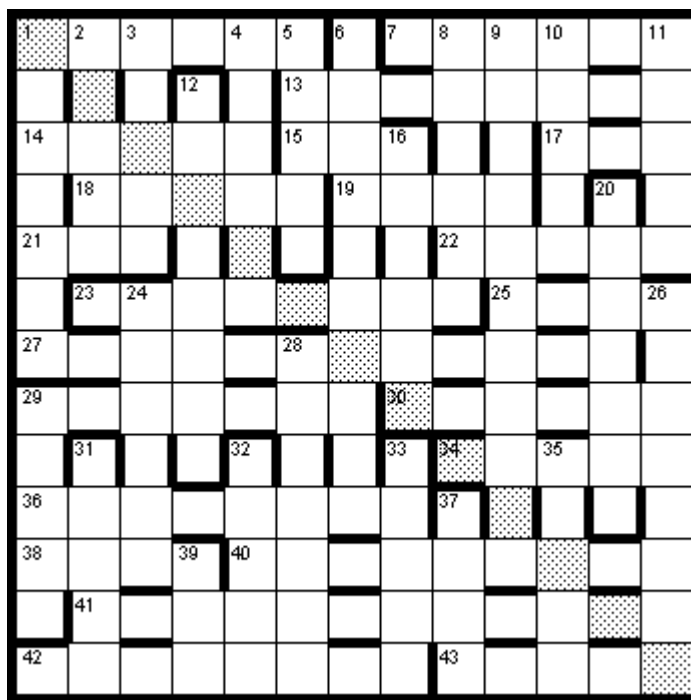


The main diagonal describes what to look for (and where to look) in the completed grid.



Across

- 1 LeBron constantly guards player from Denver (6)
- 7 Subjects, say, concealed by falsehoods (6)
- 13 Having interest in Affleck, Vardalos left a type of flower (8)
- 14 Felt concerned and frightened without son (5)
- 15 Old Testament describing female in poetry, frequently (3)
- 17 Compete with every other voice (3)
- 18 Plant from marsh's southern rim (5)
- 19 Two letters read aloud? No problem (4)
- 21 Lieutenant finally led company overseas, briefly (3)
- 22 Fight and flee with MP (5)
- 23 Read about dropping source of our incredible connection speed (4,4)
- 25 Initially, lambs are important components of the flock (4)
- 27 Worries about good French policeman primarily investigating clones (6,6)
- 29 Took Lou's bad attitude (7)
- 30 Ready everyone following running commentary's introduction (2,4)
- 34 Latin mimic originally lampoons sartorial feature (5)
- 36 One honored Mrs. Bush with excellent pair of teacups (8)
- 38 Troubles from invoices after the first (4)
- 40 Found in albumen is one dangling recessive constituent of RNA (9)
- 41 Cretin coaxed wild stripper (6,6)
- 42 Etiquette expert will telephone, some say (8)
- 43 Lines out property claims (5)

Down

- 1 Rural bachelor beginning to understand infant's complaint (7)
- 2 Mocking tribute of Oakland ballplayers involved in nonsense (5)
- 3 Rowed with A-Rod, upset about error (5)
- 4 Begged for last of food, locked in behind bars (6)
- 5 Tramps losing last of cash in reeds (5)
- 6 Jackie felt sorry for Mae West (4,6)
- 8 Some storylines seem tangible (2,4)
- 9 Cicely's clan distributed papal documents (11)
- 10 One who donates painting I've restored, in part (5)
- 11 Rest of strips returned (5)
- 12 Intensify red, orange and blue, surprisingly (8)
- 16 Drum roll for needlework? (6)
- 20 Passageway covered in extremely pretty swirling pattern (7)
- 24 Shrewd Gore protects troubled turf (6)
- 26 Company line riles working miners (8)
- 28 Actor Matt returns with one cold itinerant (7)
- 29 Ultimately too sick to return east with Fran's friend (5)
- 31 Manufactured pearl is whiter (5)
- 32 Great Western alliance making a case for energy (5)
- 33 Loan fifty to netman Ivan (5)
- 35 Cost of royal family member's name-dropping? (5)
- 37 End with lady accepting ring (4)
- 39 Drunk? So true! (3)