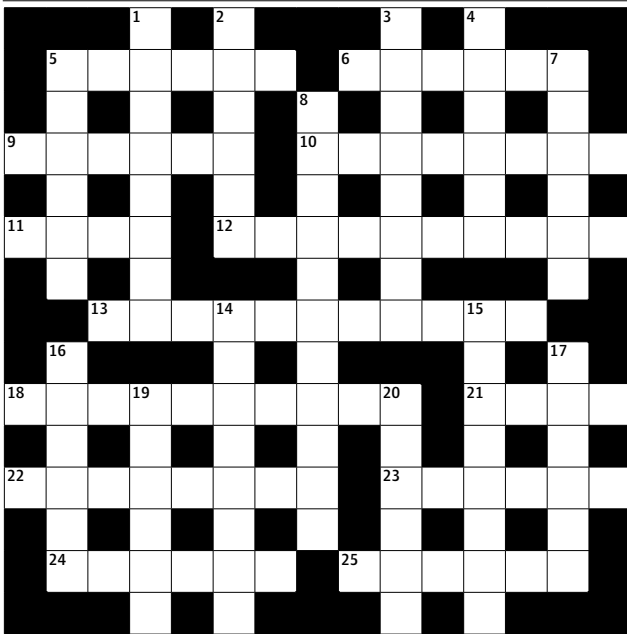


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,221 set by Rufus

Across

- 5 Made to smile by a thought? (6)
- 6 They are linked with land measures (6)
- 9 Star to cut back lighting unit (6)
- 10 Takes a liberty? (8)
- 11 Not quick or not quick enough (4)
- 12 Details put as specified in the agreement (10)
- 13 Coordinates new colour schemes (11)
- 18 I'm in prison without money, that's the snag (10)
- 21 First-class spinners (4)
- 22 You may read these at your convenience (8)
- 23 Turned to dole when sacked (6)
- 24 Tiny turned inlay that may have to be made up (6)
- 25 Not just ugly (6)

Down

- 1 A light sweet (8)
- 2 Persian king upset over sex change (6)
- 3 Hear suit about writers' need for an alternative (8)
- 4 Country put in a word of thanks for foreign capital (6)
- 5 I heard a statement (6)

- 7 Journalist upset amid bad news for the country (6)
- 8 Precipitate action for itinerant (11)
- 14 The prototype of an oil rig installation (8)
- 15 Fair verdict on an improved performance (3,2,3)
- 16 A dictum devoid of principles (6)
- 17 Look for a feature about double parking (6)
- 19 Feel free, if inside tower (6)
- 20 A relation, not being heartless, makes a gift (6)

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