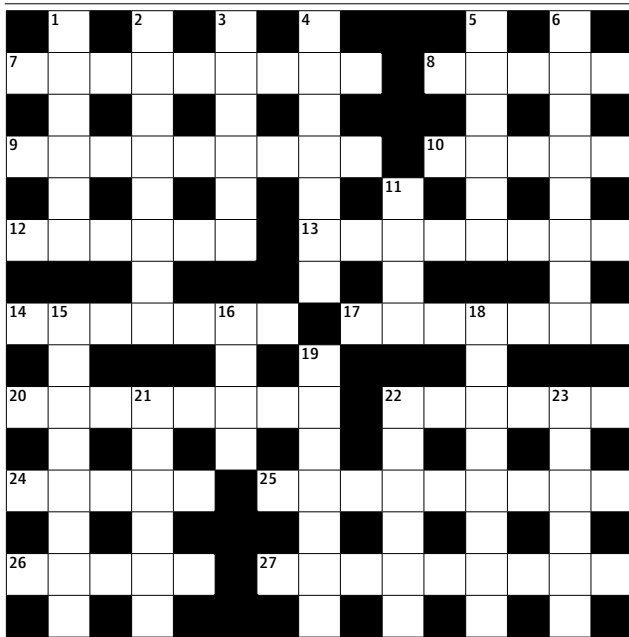


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 7** Place for watching TV? It's a matter of opinion (9)
8 Instruction book? (5)
9 Quickly get past those dithering (4-5)
10 Shoots game (5)
12 Basic security for sailors (6)
13 Brazil's outer defence? (8)
14 Lead on? (7)
17 X-ray pet, perhaps – a kiwi? (7)
20 Pop article in French newspaper (8)
22 Shortage put right in the end (6)
24 She appears in an ensemble that's rather colourless (5)
25 Discovering jewellery rightly leads to conviction (5,4)
26 Silly girl that is going out (5)
27 Such a suit might make Ian pretty upset (9)

Down

- 1** Refuse to acknowledge down is out (6)
2 Changes locks (8)
3 Doctor goes to hospital bearing material (6)
4 This month worker's dependent on tick (7)
5 Rift created by a broken promise? (6)
6 People correspond, but not physically (8)
11 Stage favourite's elevation (4)
15 Nevertheless netting first and last service (8)
16 Hawk always returns south (4)
18 Demanding much in either effort or money (8)
19 Group studying ruined remains (7)
21 The earth's five main features (6)
22 Graduate's graduation? (6)
23 Convict getting privileges can be relied on (6)