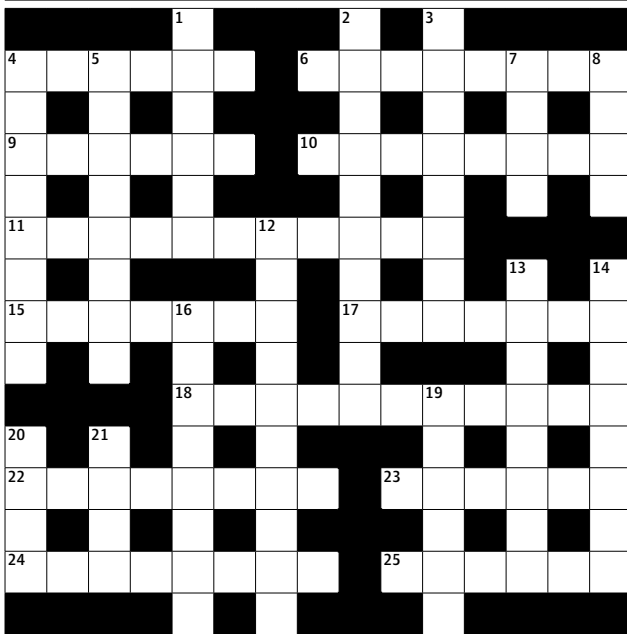


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,144 set by Shed

## Across

- 4 Move aimlessly and pick up something useful (6)
- 6 Image of record artist-in-residence curtailed (8)
- 9 Fabled compiler's not entirely stupid (6)
- 10 Outside left looking hard at bird (8)
- 11 Cooking implement getting first-rate cooker's first-rate backing, inducing non-specific neurosis (11)
- 15 Misguidedly train as practitioner of 12 (7)
- 17 Sideways, subsequently, on a plate (7)
- 18 Split a horny model's nose job (11)
- 22 Blade's about to become increasingly promiscuous? (8)
- 23 Film: Daddy's Girl (6)
- 24 Dater's compromise? (5-3)
- 25 Never, ever, ever restricting worship (6)
- 4 Strategy requiring instrument to keep quiet (4,4)
- 5 Let off school during engagement (8)
- 7 Purveyor of pork pies raised by bird (4)
- 8 Thatcher dispatching soldier's fount of wisdom (4)
- 12 Art of Chinese sleuths raised aquatic transport (10)
- 13 Renown of big eater eating what's left to eat, initially (8)
- 14 Misconstrued Fay's plea to hedge bets (4,4)
- 16 Shady lady's second instrument (8)
- 19 Quit application, finally causing ferment (6)
- 20 Improvised performance in musical, back to front (4)
- 21 Island's translation of Bible into German? Yes! (4)

## Down

- 1 Countryside interrupting outcome? (6)
- 2 Drink rings bell in Market Road (10)
- 3 Party-giver accepting clipped old coin for feast (3,5)

Solution No. 26,143

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