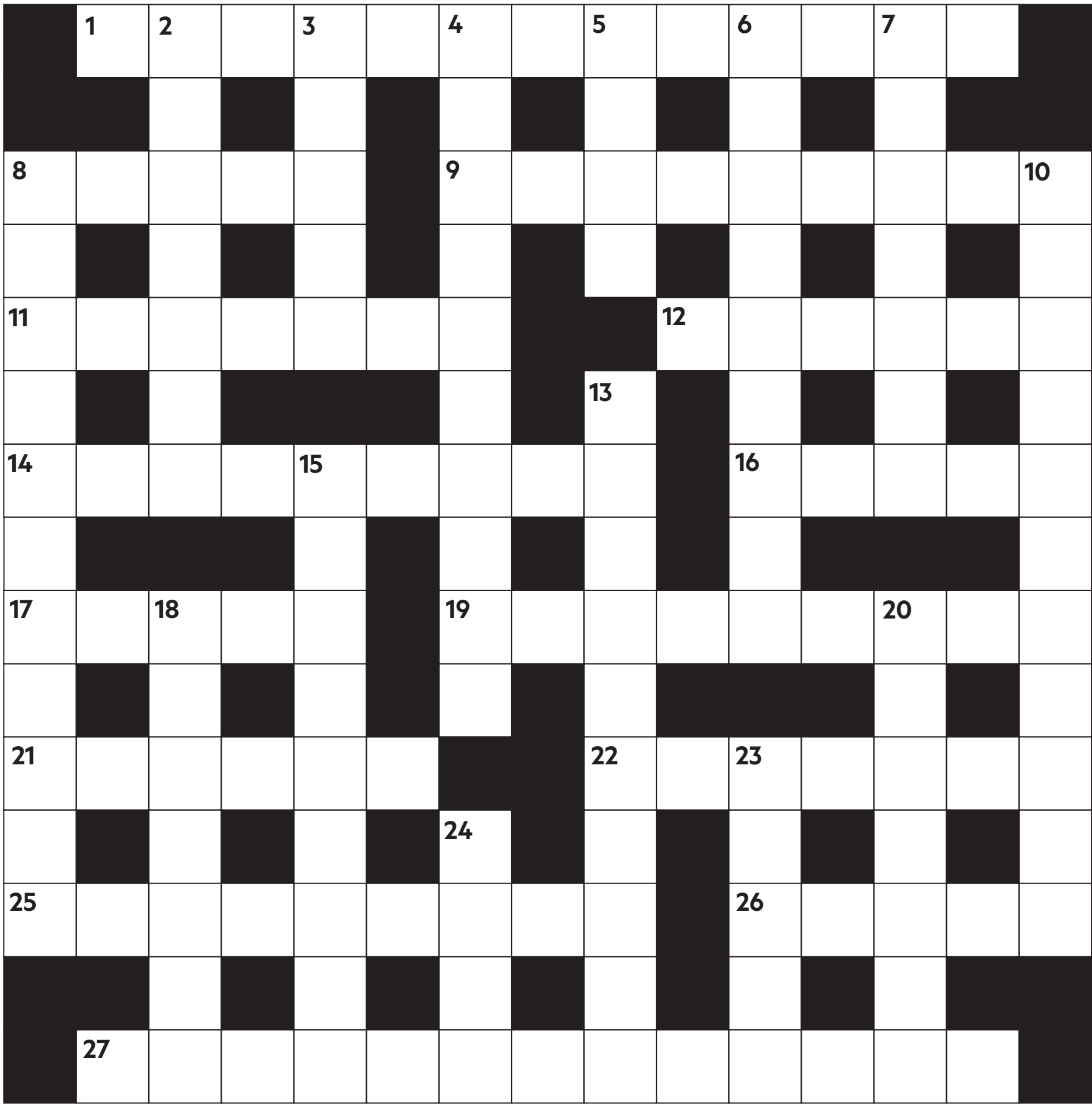


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The Across clues are straightforward, while the Down clues are cryptic.

ACROSS

- 1 Box of riches (8, 5)
- 8 Whack, punch (5)
- 9 Yowl, screech (9)
- 11 Rank, tier (7)
- 12 Racial (6)
- 14 Astrology reading (9)
- 16 Greek holiday island (5)
- 17 Summary (5)
- 19 Excuse, free from blame (9)
- 21 Grassy field (6)
- 22 Ruler (7)
- 25 Dusk (9)
- 26 Lively 40s to 60s jazz style (5)
- 27 Relating to artists such as Rossetti and Millais (3-10)

DOWN

- 2 Less refined make-up involves hard colour, ultimately (7)
- 3 Mobile software covers last elements of electrical shock (5)
- 4 Transferred nurse once end of period's not cut (10)
- 5 Assorted teas and food, commonly (4)
- 6 Irreligious but strangely ethical without hesitation (9)
- 7 Bridge to close without a tool (7)
- 8 Movie theatre diminished with side that is removed foolishly (3, 5, 3)
- 10 Rules etc amended for trendy academic position (11)
- 13 Blame, perhaps, following horribly cheap dessert (5, 5)
- 15 Surrey's opener's winning report excited fan (9)
- 18 Old mount for mobile device (7)
- 20 A European holds the top of brandy tumbler (7)
- 23 Christmas includes bishop as prize-giver (5)
- 24 Pest used to be top among parasites (4)

Solution 705

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