



Snowflake | by *Mike Shenk*

When completed, this snowflake grid will be filled with 42 interlacing answers. Six answers, all seven letters in length, surround each of the numbered sections of the grid; each of these answers reads in a straight line of seven hexagonal spaces running tangent to one of the sides of the numbered section. Clues are given by section, but it's up to you to determine the exact placement and orientation of their answers. The answer to the first clue (BLANKET) has been filled in to get you started.

Section 1

- * Thick layer of snow
- * Hercule Poirot, for one
- * Chivalrous
- * Sign of a happy Himalayan
- * Adopts, as a hobby (2 wds.)
- * Tryout of a new system or machine (2 wds.)

Section 2

- * Host city of the 1988 Winter Olympics
- * Kerosene-fueled light source (2 wds.)
- * Supporting frame
- * Creator of the first vaccine for rabies and anthrax
- * Set back?
- * Raising hell (3 wds.)

Section 3

- * Analogous
- * Skeptical sort
- * Tenacious fighter (2 wds.)
- * Range of colors used in a painting
- * Not make an issue of (2 wds.)
- * Whoop it up

Section 4

- * More in need of sanding
- * Colt part
- * Defensive wall
- * Regulation preventing discussion (2 wds.)
- * Private eye
- * Showing one's age, in a way

Section 5

- * Elasticized undergarments
- * Fender products
- * Gluttonous activity
- * Site of Joan of Arc's first major victory
- * Before (2 wds.)
- * It gets the boot

Section 6

- * Celebrity chef Emeril
- * Elated
- * Angry orations
- * Passes on an unwanted present
- * Gives one's notice
- * Stop following the party line (2 wds.)

Section 7

- * Neighbor of both Minnesota and New York
- * Interest rate unit
- * Time it takes some stores to develop pictures (2 wds.)
- * Hollered (2 wds.)
- * Caribbean rum brand
- * Easy marks

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