



**Gift Boxes** | by Patrick Berry

Happy holidays! Each Row of this grid contains a series of answers placed end to end, clued in order of appearance. Answers to clues in the Boxes list must be packed into rectangular containers before entering. Letters in a given Box should be packed left-to-right and top-to-bottom, as shown in the SAMPLE at left. Box clues are ordered by length

S	A	M
P	L	E

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(shown in parentheses after each clue) but otherwise randomly, so you must use the Row answers to determine where each Box belongs.

The 22 Boxes will almost fill the grid—aside from a few unboxed letters that, if read left-to-right by row, will indicate what got left out.

**Rows**

- 1 Dog treat  
Place for a fancy clock  
Lionel Barrymore's sister
- 2 Getting on  
"Portnoy's Complaint"  
novelist  
Denver omelet ingredients
- 3 Hiccup in a happy marriage  
Chaste  
Set the tone in a broadcast?
- 4 FedExField team  
Vaughn's co-star in "The Break-Up"
- 5 "\_\_\_ Satanic Majesties Request" (1967  
Rolling Stones album)  
State tree of Texas  
Spectacle

- 6 Took a cab  
They hold stock  
Atypical
- 7 The Dixie Chicks, e.g.  
Became solid again  
Does wrong
- 8 Some family reunion attendees  
According to schedule (2 wds.)  
Likely to end badly
- 9 Fearsome animals (Hyph.)  
Picture palace
- 10 Service points?  
Opaque beer  
Force others to pick up the slack
- 11 Eastern guru (2 wds.)  
Determined the value of
- 12 Used as a platform (2 wds.)  
Pool division  
Figure skater Michelle
- 13 Formulator of the law of universal gravitation  
"I think we should!"  
Ruminant organ
- 14 Friend in war  
Library of Alexandria  
"book"  
Between then and the present
- 15 Casting choice?  
Where Patroclus met his end  
Discontinued

**Boxes**

- Travel aimlessly (6)
- Pushkin's "Eugene \_\_\_" (6)
- As a precaution (2,4)
- Invaded dressing room sound (6)
- Ice Age beast (8)
- Made an observation (8)
- Annual Labor Day event since 1966 (8)
- Lack of clutter (8)
- People take it poorly? (8)
- Some residents of Kosovo (9)
- Director of "Top Gun" and "True Romance" (4,5)
- Unsettled areas (9)
- Shoreline trees with interlacing roots (9)
- Law enforcement rank (9)
- Finds room for somehow (8,2)
- Damage psychologically (10)
- Auto company that manufactured airplane engines during World War I (5-5)
- Mountainous vacation spots (3,7)
- Was in danger of spoiling? (6,3,3)
- Group with only four members since 2006 (5,7)
- Beleaguered press secretary's talent (12)
- Folk song whose original title was "Mbube" (3,4,6,7)

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