

Puzzle #141 — February 2013 "What To Wear"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from four to ten letters, eight are capitalized, and one is foreign) then enter them in the grid one after another in the same order as their clues, starting in the upper left corner. Across words that don't end at the right continue on the next row, and down words that don't end at the bottom continue in the next column. Twelve across words and twelve down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is omitted. Those twenty-four letters, taken in order as they occur in across and down words, spell two words that mean the same thing. Thanks to Kevin Wald for test-solving and editing this puzzle.

Across

1. *Mystery entry*
2. Attend to catalog print size
3. Quietly distraught over show
4. Secured ground without resistance
5. Pipe is kaput, broken, essentially spent
6. Untutored urchin has turned rougher
7. Leading English shark
8. Monk called for guanaco
9. A group of three from Crete running with team's leader
10. Trenet's middle name
11. Sounded loud from interior of grange
12. Take a step keeping to the right
13. Bug in a swirling river
14. Crazy about Juan Carlos's mother, perhaps
15. An oyster, for instance, is able, improbably, to hold four and five separately
16. Makes a statement or talks idly about doctored dice
17. South African in hotel, taking last of wine, becomes unhinged
18. Painter's hair getting cut finally
19. Chance put computer software in layer
20. Foretell error in mismanagement of DC trip
21. Highly inventive iron and rubber slab
22. Got back a kind of robe
23. One in front of aircraft causing a racket
24. *Mystery entry*

Down

1. Someone protesting in one's place has nothing to put away
2. Mannerly one in Paris grabs torn bra
3. Scottish highlander holds victory mallet
4. Went around it bored silly
5. Saudi Arabia forming an alliance with Niger is reasonable
6. Stick or split
7. Bird of initially surprising color
8. Alum gets new piano
9. Ogden seen in heaven as humorist
10. Dress is custom tailored by Earl
11. Nerve cells of deceiving liars
12. Damaged lifeline
13. Adrien founders in Caribbean gulf
14. Jumping spider has energy to take control
15. Dad wearing cap in southern city
16. Note: ship captured by sheer force
17. Fish net and tackle
18. Stayed tidy without messing at first
19. Color run ended badly
20. Fill interstices with fluffy stuff
21. Love's vehicle is a statuette
22. Sometimes I'm permitted to have a silly smile
23. Seeger embracing primate in Tahitian municipality
24. Charlie replaces bird's head for a reward