

# Decoration consternation

Help! I came home after holiday shopping and found my apartment aggressively decorated! With the blinking lights, a Santa ho-ho-ho-ing, and an endless loop of "Jingle Bell Rock," I'll never get to sleep! There must be a remote control hidden somewhere, but I don't know where to look among all the holly and tinsel. All I found was a note: "Open the boxes that hide a bit of the holiday season." Can you help me? Where is that remote control?

## Across

- 1 Gather or celebrate, for example  
 5 Classic red gift for a child  
 10 Enjoyed a new bike  
 14 Plant similar to agave  
 15 *It's \_\_\_ Merry Muppet Christmas Movie*  
 16 River of Zaragoza, Spain  
 17 Christmas in Calais  
 18 Relative you might see during the holidays  
 19 Star or candle, for example  
 20 Famously small Greek letters  
 22 Containers for holiday cookies  
 23 Downy duck  
 26 Anchor location  
 30 Scoundrel
- 31 Game in which low scores are better  
 32 Santa's helpers  
 33 First zodiac sign  
 35 Hanukkah octet  
 36 Morning buzzer  
 37 Chocolate-covered cherries don't have them  
 41 Begins a triathlon  
 42 Scout group  
 43 Substance labeled with Mr. Yuk  
 46 Matisse or Poincaré  
 47 Like St. Louis before 1965?  
 50 Sprinter Bolt  
 51 Common Christmas decoration  
 52 Piano exercise  
 54 Suffix for "narc"  
 55 Greek god of the underworld

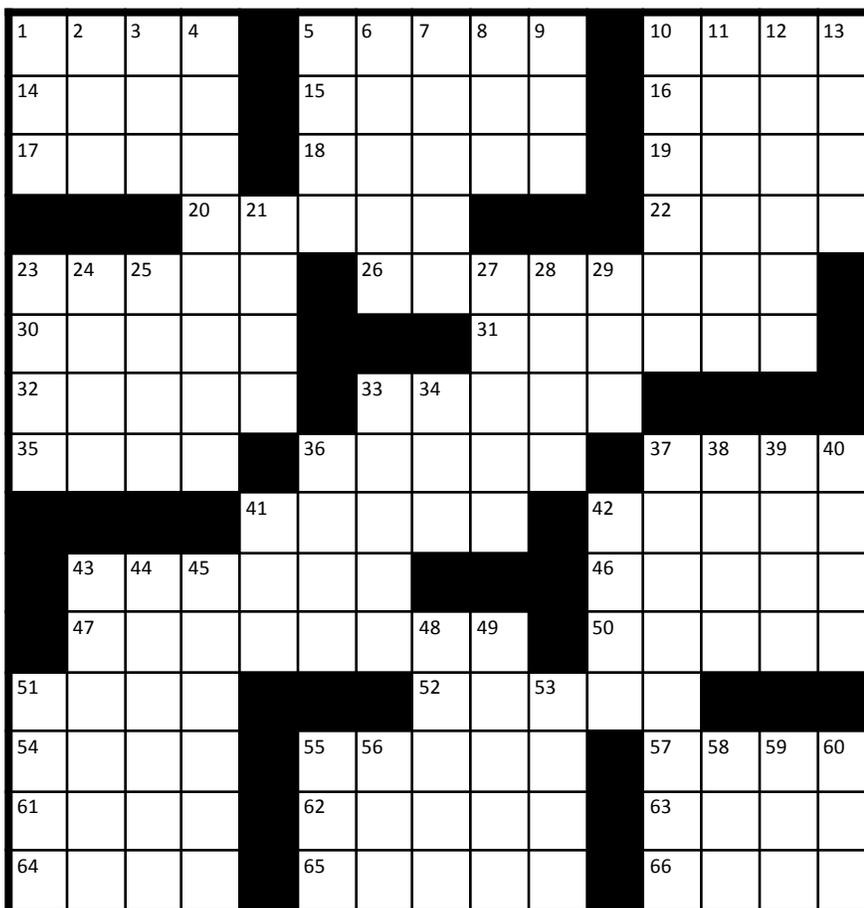
- 57 St. \_\_\_ (Santa, for short)  
 61 On Dagobah he lived  
 62 They can be red or green  
 63 Sincere  
 64 Start of a play in a bowl game  
 65 Give way  
 66 Observed

## Down

- 1 Delivery vehicle  
 2 UK band whose full name kinda suggests holiday decorations  
 3 Fish eggs  
 4 Has faith  
 5 Yearn for  
 6 Like 7-Down, for example  
 7 Traditional English Christmas roasts  
 8 Tolkien monster

- 9 Last day of the yr.  
 10 Lessee  
 11 Duck player in *Peter and the Wolf*  
 12 John Falstaff and Barney Gumble, e.g.  
 13 Geologic time periods  
 21 Cinnabar and bauxite, for two  
 23 Barely managed, with "out"  
 24 *To Live and Die* \_\_\_ (1985 film)  
 25 Folk hero Crockett  
 27 Sounds like a fan  
 28 Appear  
 29 \_\_\_ *neue Jahr* ("the new year" in German)  
 33 Dress that flares out from the waist  
 34 What 33-Across represents  
 36 Missing, militarily  
 37 Holiday gifts

- 38 Scottish island  
 39 Donuts, to mathematicians  
 40 Take a turn with the dreidel  
 41 "Quiet!" (var.)  
 42 Sound of a heavy box being dropped  
 43 Dollywood eponym  
 44 Frozen potato brand  
 45 Mars has one at each pole  
 48 Plant such as papyrus  
 49 Exercise one option in a white elephant gift exchange  
 51 Some 37-Down  
 53 Secondhand  
 55 It's for horses  
 56 Frazier's opponent in Manila  
 58 Anger  
 59 Prompt  
 60 Doll since 1961



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Adorned, as halls

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Deterioration

\_\_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_  
Displace from the middle

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Edict

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Judgment maker

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Lures

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Pour from one vessel into another

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Publicly denounces

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Send one's regrets

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Solve a cryptogram

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The 1950s and the 1980s

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☆, for example