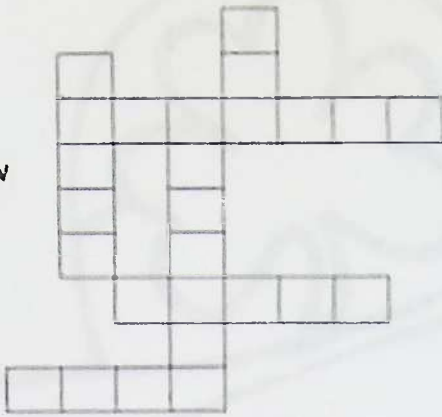


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Saint Patrick's Day Word Search

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Fun Facts about St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day is observed on March 17 because that is the feast day of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. It is believed that he died on March 17 in the year 461 AD. It is also a worldwide celebration of Irish culture and history. St. Patrick's Day is a national holiday in Ireland, and a provincial holiday in the Canadian province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The actual color of St. Patrick is blue. Green became associated with St. Patrick's Day during the 19th century. Green, in Irish legends, was worn by fairies and immortals, and also by people to encourage their crops to grow.

St. Patrick did not actually drive snakes out of Ireland; the snakes represent the pagans that he converted to Christianity.

The very first St. Patrick's Day parade was not in Ireland. It was in Boston in 1737.

In Chicago, on St. Patrick's Day, the rivers are dyed green. Mayor Daley is also of Irish descent.

In Seattle, there is a ceremony where a green stripe is painted down the roads.

Most Catholics attend mass in the morning and then attend the St. Patrick's Day parade.



celtic	dublin	green
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Irish Blessing

May you always have...

Walls for the wind

A roof for the rain

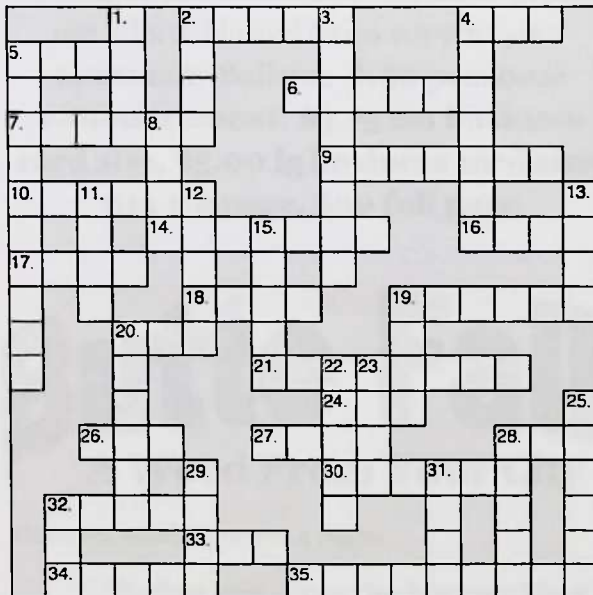
Tea beside the fire

Laughter to cheer you

Those you love near you

And all your heart

might desire



Down
1. Body covering?
2. Heal
3. 3 leaved clover
4. St. Patrick was a missionary there
5. Mystical being
8. Short form for corporal
11. Actor's part
12. _____ Patrick
13. X marks the

15. Peels of fruits
19. Layer
20. Procession or march
22. To arrive at a final destination
23. Walkway
25. Wrist or ankle injury
28. Household task
29. Measurement
31. Destroy
32. Valuable stone

Across

2. Loose change
4. Pens need this
5. Good _____
6. Conditional release
7. King's son
9. Let go
10. Mistakes
14. Saint _____
16. Let fall. rain

17. Give aid
18. Number less than 10
19. Leprechaun's head wear
20. _____ of gold
21. St. Patrick rid Ireland of these
24. Hearing organ
26. Opposite of good

27. One of the food groups
28. Drink container
30. God's house
32. St. Patrick's Day colour
33. Feline
34. St. Patrick's month
35. St. Patrick's day #



Shamrocks are worn on the lapel on this day.

In Ireland on St. Patrick's Day, people traditionally wear a small bunch of shamrocks on their jackets or caps. Children wear orange, white and green badges, and women and girls wear green ribbons in their hair

Many young people dye their hair green for the special day.

Many people wear green on this holiday to avoid being pinched.

The phrase, "Drowning The Shamrock" is from the custom of floating the shamrock on the top of whiskey before drinking it. The Irish believe that if you keep the custom, then you will have a prosperous year.

Many bars in the United States, and abroad, serve green beer to celebrate St. Patty's Day