

Built to Scale by Chloe Revery

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg

Grid for 'Built to Scale' crossword puzzle with numbered squares.

- ACROSS: 1 Thorny flowers, 6 World capital for fjord explorers, 10 Pub projectile, 14 "I give!", 15 Fishing platform, 16 Notion, 17 "Decorative border of many bridal veils", 19 Melancholy, 20 Poe's "radiant maiden", 21 Crop up, 22 "High" waters, 24 "Garden section for a leafy green", 27 Small salamanders, 29 Those, in Toledo, 30 Radio host Glass, 31 Big game settings, 35 BBQ rod, 39 Sty dweller, 40 "Marred with graffiti, e.g.", 42 "___ to Dirt" (Sharon Olds poem), 43 Casual meeting?, 45 Relative of yoga pants, 46 Cacophony, 47 Human rights lawyer Clooney, 49 Mexican street food items, 51 "Extra charge at an airline check-in counter", 57 Agatha Christie title?, 58 Straighten, 59 Rite sites, 61 Omani currency, 62 Symbols on a score, or what all letters in the starred clues' answers could be, 66 Good name for a DNA researcher?, 67 Jazzed about, 68 Link with, 69 Tolkien's tree creatures, 70 Expense, 71 Icee insert, DOWN: 1 Massage, 2 "You're Still the ___" (Shania Twain hit), 3 Ne'er-do-wells, 4 Like Kourtney, among the Kardashian sisters, 5 "I feel ___" ("You really get me"), 6 Word after "soap" or "space", 7 "Ice Ice Baby," to "Play That Funky Music", 8 Femur's limb, 9 Vein resource, 10 Go off-topic, 11 Make up lines, 12 Find a new purpose for, 13 Brought under control, 18 Medic, 21 Long, long ___, 22 Scissors sounds, 23 Hair-raising, 25 Place to see umbrellas on a sunny day, 26 Helpful trait, 28 Feeling blue, 32 Mark with a sale price, say, 33 Green way to submit taxes, 34 Pester, 36 Audio show host, 37 "Head over heels," e.g., 38 "Bear" has a different one than "bore", 41 Annual reason for lost sleep: Abbr., 44 Bickers at the bazaar, 48 ___ bun (hairstyle), 50 Skillful, 51 Flat-bottomed boat, 52 From another planet, 53 "Jack and the Beanstalk" figure, 54 Refuses to put away any dishes?, 55 "Middlemarch" writer George, 56 List-ending abbr., 60 Industrious insects, 62 Karaoke prop, 63 Tres - dos, 64 In-flight guess, briefly, 65 Boar's pen pal

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

FRIDAY, JULY 8, 2022 A Lesson from Jupiter



Taller people have farther to fall, richer people have more to lose and the powerful few are always vulnerable to being conquered by their numerous underlings. Maybe you're not exactly where you want to be, but there's a unique advantage of your current position. This is the lesson of Mercury's square to Jupiter, the planet of abundance.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You may do what's expected of you, but you're just as likely to do the opposite of that because today you're a rebel. You take pleasure in the surprise of others. You delight in their raised eyebrows and luxuriate in their laughter.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A task feels like a slog, and you'll be tempted to quit at what seems like the halfway point. But you can't know what the halfway point is until you get to the end and measure back. Don't quit. You're closer to success than you think.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Success can be scary. If you do well, you'll be in unknown territory. Grapple with that realization by remembering how often you've faced the unknown and not only managed it, but eventually learned to own it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It feels good to solve people's problems and to experience their relief. You'll underpromise and overdeliver, a surefire success formula. Though you don't expect your generosity to be repaid, it will be.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll take measures to counteract artificiality. You'll resist those who would have you purchase what you don't need. Revisit the rituals that remind you of your values and connect you to who you are and where you come from.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Knowing a lot never made anyone wise. You're very experienced in a certain realm so it's harder for you to look at things with a beginner's mind, and yet you do this to fantastic effect today, elevating your work to a new level.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). While it's natural to want to avoid negative feelings, you're also not afraid to process them. You recognize that your feelings are a reaction to a thought. You'll change your thought, and a feeling will change too.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It will be far better to go forward in blind optimism than to be critical of the early stages of a project, thereby making it impossible to gain momentum. For now, enthusiasm is more important than getting things absolutely right.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Momentum wins, so don't let fine details hang you up. Neither should you worry about who is going to approve or how your work is measuring up. You don't have to get it all perfect, just good enough to move forward.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll spend a lucky hour focusing exclusively on what needs to happen to reach your goal. A good plan saves time. More awareness allows you to do things with less effort. Caution: So-called free things can be costly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You want to shine in a certain someone's eyes, though your success does not hinge on the opinion of one person. Even when you get the approval you want, keep building your core of fans; group support will be best.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Being around people can give you energy or drain you of it, depending on your mood. Today's small doses of mostly delightful social interaction represent the ideal scenario, as just a little fellowship can go a long way.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 8). Your approach to goals will change. You're used to plotting out your own challenges and meeting them heroically, but this year other people will make plans that include you and you'll shine in a different and new way. More highlights: A spontaneous risk, a bag of money and the expansion of your family tree. Capricorn and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 7, 15, 5 and 11.

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Grid for 'SOLUTIONS' crossword puzzle.

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Give Me More! by Winston Emmons

Universal Crossword edited by Amanda Rafkin

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- ACROSS: 1 Some shirts have one built in, 4 Instance of fraud, 8 Valentine's Day flower, often, 12 Big jump, 13 Pondered aloud, 15 Filled with wonder, 16 A singular time, 17 Eat away at, 18 "Super cool!", 19 "Documents on who's been naughty and nice?", 22 Big ___, California, 23 Madison Square Garden, e.g., 24 Word after "Mother" or "silly", 28 Pyromaniac's crime, 30 *...?, 32 Color that represents anger, 34 Court, 35 Brouhaha, 36 Elite athlete, 40 "Blitzkrieg Bop" band, 43 Its HQ is in Langley, Va., 44 "Scream" director Craven, 46 Goal of some sunbathers, 47 "Trendy isms?", 51 Do a queen's job, 55 Follow, 56 Furious, 58 ___-Magnon, 59 "Poetry competition hosted by Nana?", 62 Piece of dough in a French restaurant?, 65 "Piece of cake," e.g., 66 Wee bit, 67 Genesis twin, 68 Compact, 69 Feels badly about, 70 Time to give up?, 71 Bring up, or something to bring up, 72 Cards on lanyards, DOWN: 1 1959 film with chariots, 2 Formula One competitors, 3 Highest point, 4 Defame, 5 Earned a trip to the swear jar, 6 At this point, 7 Go-between, 8 Price of freedom?, 9 "You ___ me big time!", 10 Briny expanse, 11 Summer hours in D.C., 12 Tons of, 14 "Barb and Star Go to Vista ___ Mar" (2021 comedy), 20 French painter Edouard, 21 Freudian concept, 25 Country whose flag has crossed swords over a khanjar, 26 "No Ordinary Love" singer, 27 Those, in Spanish, 29 Areas for surgical residents: Abbr., 31 Layer of stain, 33 Top ___, Entertainment (record label), 36 Really feel yesterday's workout, 37 Pride member, 38 Back muscles, for short, 39 String around the finger, e.g., 41 Members of some stable families?, 42 "___ more song!" ("Encore!"), 45 Fish in a tin, 48 Where a baseball team sits, 49 "___ the fields we go ...", 50 Savory baked pastry, 52 Apple storage service, 53 Drain covers, 54 "That's enough!" ... and a hint to the origins of the starred clues' answers, 57 More domesticated, 60 Assistance, 61 iPhone speaker?, 62 Fish in a caterpillar roll, 63 Function, 64 Competed in a 5K

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SATURDAY, JULY 9, 2022 Sagittarius Moon Musing



If you're on-trend, you swim with the tide. It's an easygoing vibe compared to the responsibility of trendsetting, which is swimming faster than the tide. That makes you the part of the wave that first comes crashing to the shore. Capitalizing on trend equals waiting on the shore with a lemonade stand, ready to sell a drink to anything the tide brings in.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A foreign place will capture your curiosity. Whether you travel there in person or go there in your mind through study, media or fantasy, the experience will be a thrill. When it's time to leave, you'll take something of it with you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll disagree with someone and still basically get along. You communicate well, which sometimes means not saying a word, and always means chiming in with topics likely to uplift.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Though you've met people with similar senses of humor, it's the ones you knew when that sense was developing who have not a similar sense but the same sense of humor. Reconnect with them.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Remember when you were in survival mode? You're thankful not to be there and yet the lessons are still relevant. Survival mode has its advantages. Attention is paid to what matters. Nonsense assumes its proper size.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Things have gotten convoluted. You may not even be sure how you got here, but the next step is simpler than it seems. There's something you need to stop and something you need to start. You sense what it is. It's time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Here comes a call to action. Don't wonder if you have what it takes, just answer the call in the affirmative, or better yet, get immediately into action without saying a word. Pretending to be brave leads to real bravery.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The research you do before you leap will save you from a dish you don't prefer. Peruse the menu of life before you order with a special eye to the price. Events, jobs and people can be much more "expensive" than one might guess.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You don't seek out difficult people and neither do you avoid them, because you want what they teach, even if the lesson is just how to be patient or how not to live. Difficult people hone your humanity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The journey won't always add up, make sense or proceed in a straight line. If it did, you'd become bored and disheartened. You thrive with novelty and surprise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It follows that anything assisting you to discover and explore the unexpressed self is a real blessing. Enlarge your circle of influence through education and conversation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It may feel like you are singing a beautiful song to people with no ear for music. Keep singing anyway. To expose people to something new is a gift. People need to hear a thing many times to understand it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). To admit your fear and uncertainty takes a special sort of superpower, the one that is almost never lauded amongst the Titans, and that is the superpower of vulnerability. Only the strong can perform such a courageous feat.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 9). This year is a fun surprise box, and you'll adapt to any circumstance. You'll look for opportunity no matter what. Through repetition and training you become a talent to be reckoned with. More highlights: a mystery solved with a treasured friend; a message to the world sent in an unusual way; a memoir that makes an impact. Gemini and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 21, 8, 17 and 12.

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