Freestyle

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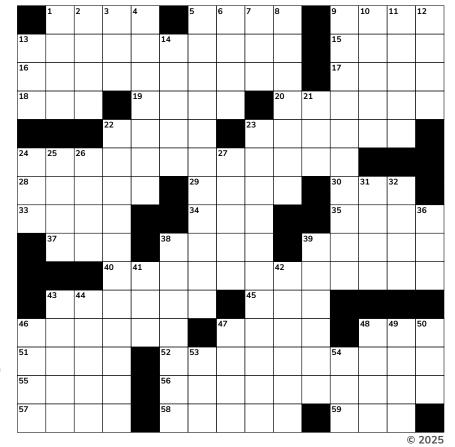
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- 1 Almost Famous star Hudson
- 5 Like ice cream that's been sitting on the counter for a while
- **9** ___ tofu
- 13 Yellow Italian liqueur
- 15 "Have fun?" response
- 16 Half of a pair of characters in Through the Looking-Glass
- 17 Love letters?
- 18 Transgression
- 19 Word after "band" or "brand"
- 20 Clip used with a formal accessory
- 22 ___ d'oeuvres
- 23 "Way Over ___" (Carole King song)
- 24 Worker who's constantly out of office
- 28 Consumption
- 29 Some promissory notes
- 30 Creature often seen on NYC streets
- 33 Serving vessel
- 34 American Girl who lived through the Great Depression
- 35 Legend
- 37 Face lotion stat
- 38 Jam ___ (low-key gathering for a group of musicians)

- **39** Trap
- **40** Quintessential autumn activity
- 43 Day that inspires the Sunday Scaries
- **45** "That's going to be ___ from me"
- 46 Pill-shaped mint
- 47 Announce your intent to make something
- 48 Units in some apartment buildings
- **51** Flour used to make roti
- **52** March Madness quarterfinal group
- **55** Swag for 5K participants
- **56** Musical arrangement?
- 57 Like someone who prefers films to movies
- 58 ___ Here: Instructions for Becoming a Better Cook (Sohla El-Waylly cookbook)
- 59 Verb in a cookbook

DOWN

- Fruit with edible skin and seeds
- 2 Sermon response
- 3 Common spot for a blister
- 4 Close reading?
- 5 "Yeah, that's what I'd expect"



- **6** Adjective describing a "shoppe"
- 7 Illness common in wintertime
- 8 Parts of drum kits
- **9** Screwdriver, for example
- 10 Sun-baked building material
- 11 Movie studio whose mascot is a lamp
- 12 One might be developed over time at the gym
- 13 Some military officers (Abbr.)
- 14 The Nutcracker protagonist
- 21 Stuck ___ rut

- **22** Genre with worldbuilding
- 23 Anagram of "oh tots, u pray?"
- 24 Faulty item
- 25 Divine mother in Egyptian mythology
- **26** Reaction to juicy gossip
- 27 Squeak or creak
- 31 Palm fruit
- 32 Stuck between two options
- **36** (Abbr.)
- 38 Useful items for retiling a bathroom
- 39 ___ out (investigated)

- **41** Kissing on the subway, for example
- **42** Flip
- **43** ___ saw (tool for angled cuts)
- 44 Duo cubed
- **46** "See ya!"
- 47 Costa ___ (country that successfully reversed deforestation)
- 48 Grew older
- 49 Virgin's counterpart in memes
- **50** The Gateway City, for short
- 53 Allow
- **54** "Wild Women Don't Have the Blues" singer Cox