As befits a salon, this cryptic crossword is a bit more craft- and performance-oriented than usual. To get the full effect, just follow these simple, step-by-step instructions:

(1) Copy the three letters of the posted triptych into squares 17, 18, and 19.

(2) Solve the cryptic. All clues work normally, and all answers are entered normally. But be careful of the boldface clues; in addition to the right answer, which should be entered in the grid, each has a plausible wrong answer whose cryptic reading will be off by one letter.

(3) The letter in square 18 will also occur in several squares in the main grid. Connect all of those squares, dot-to-dot-style, in order by the clue numbers of the words they are in (each such square forms part of only one word).

(4) In magic marker, copy the figure you have just drawn in (3) into the blank nine-by-nine grid, cut this grid out, and tape it on the posted triptych, covering the middle square.

(5) If so inclined, follow the instruction that can be read starting at square 13 and continuing across.