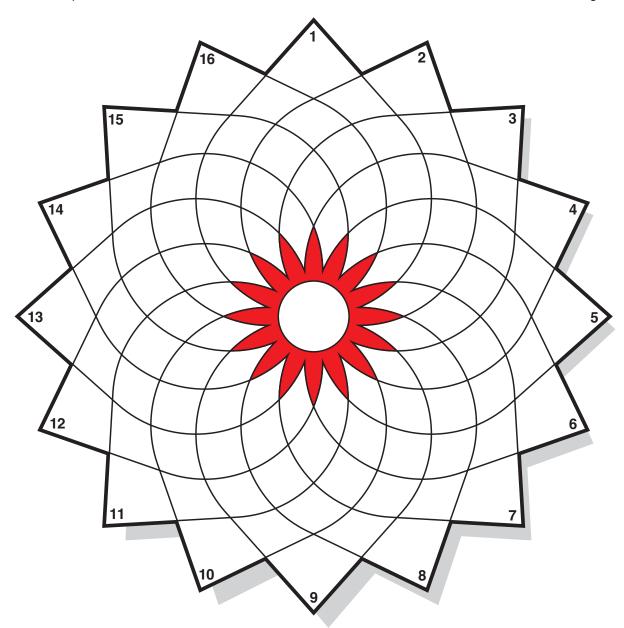
PETAL PUSHERS

To make this flower bloom, fill it with 32 six-letter answers. Enter them inward from the tips of the petals to the heart of the blossom. Half the answers will proceed clockwise, the other half counterclockwise. Work in both directions for the full flowering effect.



CLOCKWISE

- 1. '60s TV western set at Fort Courage: 2 wds.
- 2. The Dog Star
- 3. Person who's "up" for a baseball game?
- 4. Poisonous, in a way
- 5. Perform, as a service
- 6. Let off the hook
- 7. Vulpes vulpes: 2 wds.
- 8. Closet item
- 9. Knitted in reverse stitches
- 10. Navigated a river, maybe
- 11. Traveler's woe: 2 wds.
- 12. Porcupine or prairie dog
- 13. Al ____, MLB's youngest-ever batting champ
- 14. Four-time Grammy winner Lyle
- 15. "Anything you want": 2 wds.
- 16. Kid's shooter

COUNTERCLOCKWISE

- 1. Incite
- 2. Popular spring break destination, informally: 2 wds.
- 3. Swedish soprano Nilsson
- 4. "Groovy!": 2 wds.
- 5. Limit food supplies
- 6. Suppressed, as anger: 2 wds.
- 7. Driving areas
- 8. Cattle tender
- 9. Like some cells or expense accounts
- 10. Seek, as political office: 2 wds.
- 11. Bureaucratese, e.g.
- 12. Knee jerk, for one
- 13. He taught the "sweathogs" on TV
- 14. Scooped soup
- 15. Gas pump sign: 2 wds.
- 16. Making a road