

Solution - The Claus's House

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Each feeder answer is a clue for a word that forms the name of a city when preceded by "Santa". Fill these words into the blanks based on length, and use the given numbers to shift the first two letters forward in the alphabet

| Answer | City | Shifted Letters |
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| IRON | SANTA FE | LE |
| HAPPY FLIGHT | SANTA ANA | NG |
| TEXAS SENATOR | SANTA CRUZ | TH |
| I FEEL PRETTY | SANTA MARIA | OF |
| COURTENEY COX | SANTA MONICA | YA |
| STREISAND | SANTA BARBARA | RN |

The answer is LENGTH OF YARN.

Author Notes

This was the first meta idea, which I came up with on the same day that Jay and I decided an advent calendar puzzle hunt would be interesting to write.

A few things about the list of feeders that we didn't notice until after we'd finalized the metas and started writing feeder puzzles:

- 1) COURTENEY COX was spelled wrong on our feeder list.
- 2) Barbara Streisand's stage name is spelled "Barbra", but we got away with it because her given name is still "Barbara." (Is this the celebrities with misspelled names round?)
- 3) PENELOPE would have probably been a better choice than TEXAS SENATOR, but someone had already pitched the puzzle idea for TEXAS SENATOR.