Quick Crossword 21

Across
1  Higher in rank (8)
5  Absorbent pad (4)
9  Humming sound (5)
10  Existing at the beginning (7)
11  Intuitively designed (of a system) (4-8)
13  Topics for debate (6)
14  Sheep known for its wool (6)
17  Obfuscation (12)
20  Mark written under the letter c (7)
21  Anxious (5)
22  Repudiate (4)
23  Person granted a permit (8)

Down
1  Hardens (4)
2  Sayings (7)
3  Regretfully (12)
4  Willow twigs (6)
6  Strange (5)
7  Extravagant fuss (8)
8  Jail term without end (4,8)
12  Separated; detached (8)
15  Ten sirs (anag.) (7)
16  Italian sausage (6)
18  Country in North East Africa (5)
19  Sort (4)

Unscramble the letters in the shaded squares to reveal a themed word:

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