Grandma Esther

When it was time for the annual family vacation with Grandpa Frank and the kids, Grandma Esther was always in charge of packing. Her ability to cram objects into seemingly impossible spaces remains legendary.

Solve the five numbered clues below, and enter each answer in the appropriate grid so that it starts in the numbered square and reads both across and down. Then solve the the remaining clues (which are in alphabetical order by answer) and use logic to determine where to fit the words into the grids. These will also read both across and down — except that, in order to pack all the words in, you'll have to cram two different letters into each central square (one for the across entry, one for the down entry). Grandma Esther would have no trouble.

When you're finished, read the doubled letters in the central squares (the order of the two letters in each square is for you to determine) to discover what genetic gift gives Grandma Esther her packing prowess.

1. Adjust to one's environment
2. *"¿Cómo está _____?"*
3. Makes an audio recording
4. Used a lariat
5. When repeated, "and so on"

Feverish chills
Stroll casually
What a miss is as good as, proverbially *(2 wds.)*
Part of NAACP, AARP, or AAA (*abbr.*)
_____ - garde
Pub game
Object politely
Artoo _____ (*Star Wars* droid)
Grimy
Selections for two singers
Does a household chore
Physically oust
Occur as a result
Build upright
Gone With the Wind family name
Indiana hoopster
More ashen
Out of fashion
Momentary hesitation
Throb
Conductor Ozawa
Type of guitar or wool
Fierce, striped feline
Stopwatch or hourglass
Ashes or palms