Here is a 5 columns by 3 rows table, with three middle cells in row 2 merged:

row 1, col 1	row 1, col 2	row 1, col 3	row 1, col 4	row 1, col 5
row 2, col 1	Cell in col 2 merged with cells in cols 3 & 4			row 2, col 5
row 3, col 1	row 3, col 2	row 3, col 3	row 3, col 4	row 3, col 5