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

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| 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 |