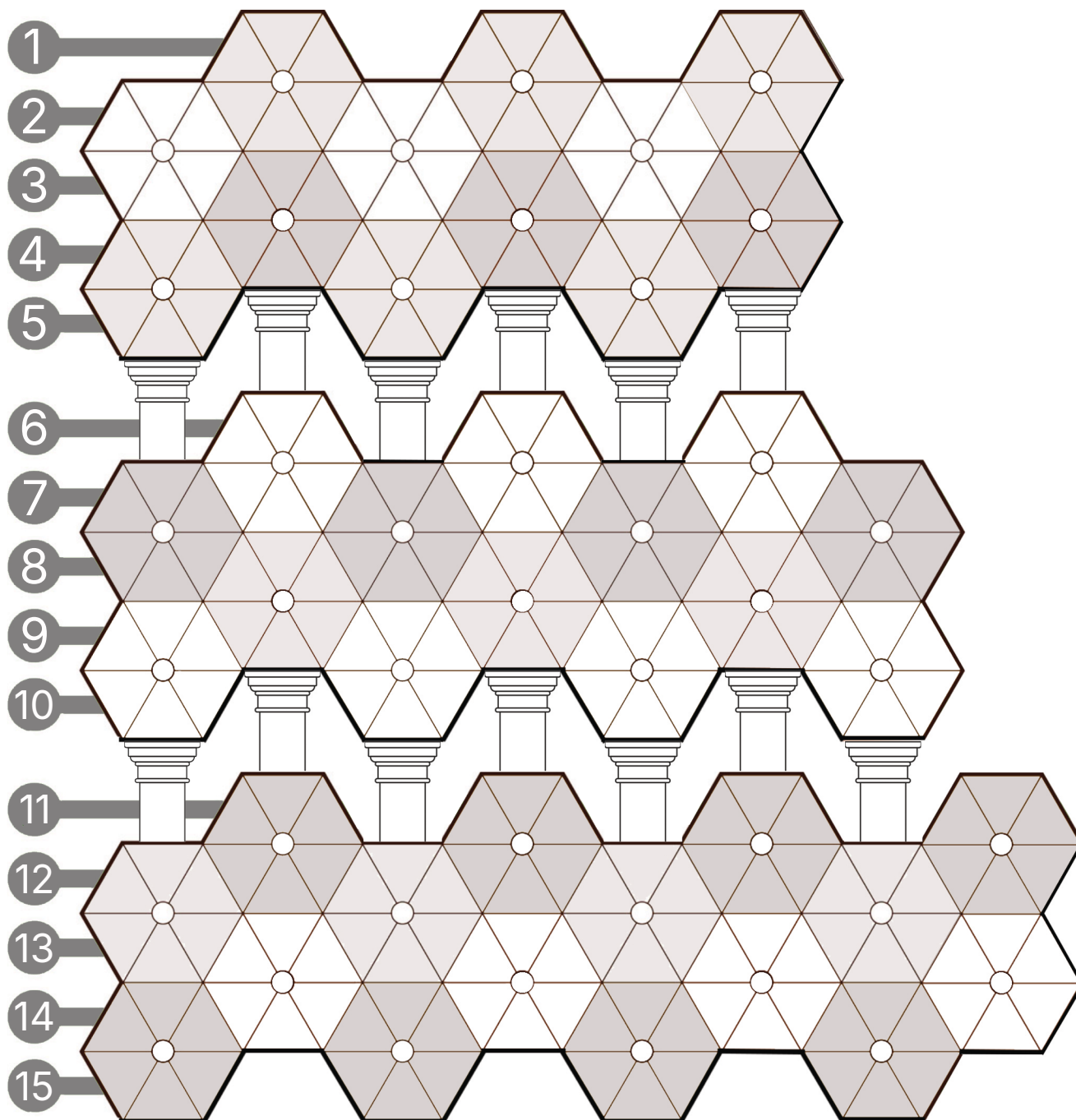


Hanging Rows Garden

The famed Hanging Gardens of Babylon were probably more tiered than actually hanging, but were still a masterwork of horticulture, demonstrating almost-complete mastery of many gardening techniques and tools.



This is a variation on a rows garden puzzle. In a typical rows garden, each numbered row contains one or more answers, concatenated together. Each shaded (or white) hexagon represents a "bloom", which is clued separately. Blooms are always 6-letter answers, but can start at any position and go either clockwise or counterclockwise. The bloom clues are additionally grouped by whether they go with the top, middle, or bottom set of blooms, but within a group, the clues are alphabetized by answer.



Rows

1. Male magic users (9)

2. Time long past, wistfully (6 3)
Titular latin lover from a Lady Gaga song (9)

3. Unfertile (6)
Curved sword, maybe rattled at a Brit (5)
What fools these be, according to Puck (7)

4. Kvetch much? (8 1 3)
Hale-Bopp, Shoemaker-Levy, et al (6)

5. Sudden deceleration (5 4)

6. Whale hunter, or perhaps a New England brewery fan? (9)
7. Made amends for (6)
French poetic form associated with round dances (6)
Font (9)

8. Sign up for again (10)
Somber and wise in appearance (6)
Blacksmith's ear bone? (5)

9. Word preceding books, museum, or hospital (9)
Manchurian Candidate, e.g. (7 5)

10. The Lone Ranger's horse (6)
Stick around, like perfume (6)

11. Infatuate (6)
More like Felix of The Odd Couple (6)
12. Not hold 'em, fold 'em, or run (4 4)
Content of a blue book at exam time (5)
Comfy three-sectioned furniture pieces (6 5)

13. Gets too big for (8)
Verbal back-and-forth (8)
Like Claire Danes' life? (2-6)

14. Children get hooked on it (7)
One on a violent tear (8)
Like a crocodile, or purportedly many politicians (9)

15. Jotted down (5)
American settler or unmanned space probe (7)

Blooms

	Light Blooms	Medium Blooms	Dark Blooms
Rows 1–5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Degrading oneLike a baby who wants a toyCondom for Ajax?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Decaying material good for your garden</i><i>Slow wearing away over time</i>Chocolate coffeesCommandsAdjust shoe tension, perhapsGood mental health	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Oft-blended red wine<i>Decorative container where flowers live</i>Runs to second after the play, perhaps
Rows 6–10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Scotch bonnets and Carolina Reapers, e.g.Set, as epoxyFirst words of rickroll chorusesOf the male, ahem, memberGathered, like fallen rainOne who rules when the king is a childOne who pays the landlord's bills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Abdominal shaping garmentAirplane house<i>Tiny shovels for your garden</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Machine that stabs holes in the ground</i>The kind of dead that zombies areMale counterparts of sopranos<i>Lattice for vines to climb</i>
Rows 11–15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Chevy antelope?Succeeded at (it), especially sarcastically<i>A designation for produce</i>A state of tranquility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Billy the Kid or Jesse JamesComfortGently moved in the windThick fermented dairy food	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pictures of acne-free skin, perhapsOf a Swiss mountain rangeRouseQuagmire, or a larger posterior?Understood, grammatically<i>White granules mixed into potting soil</i>Gamma ray particleArea