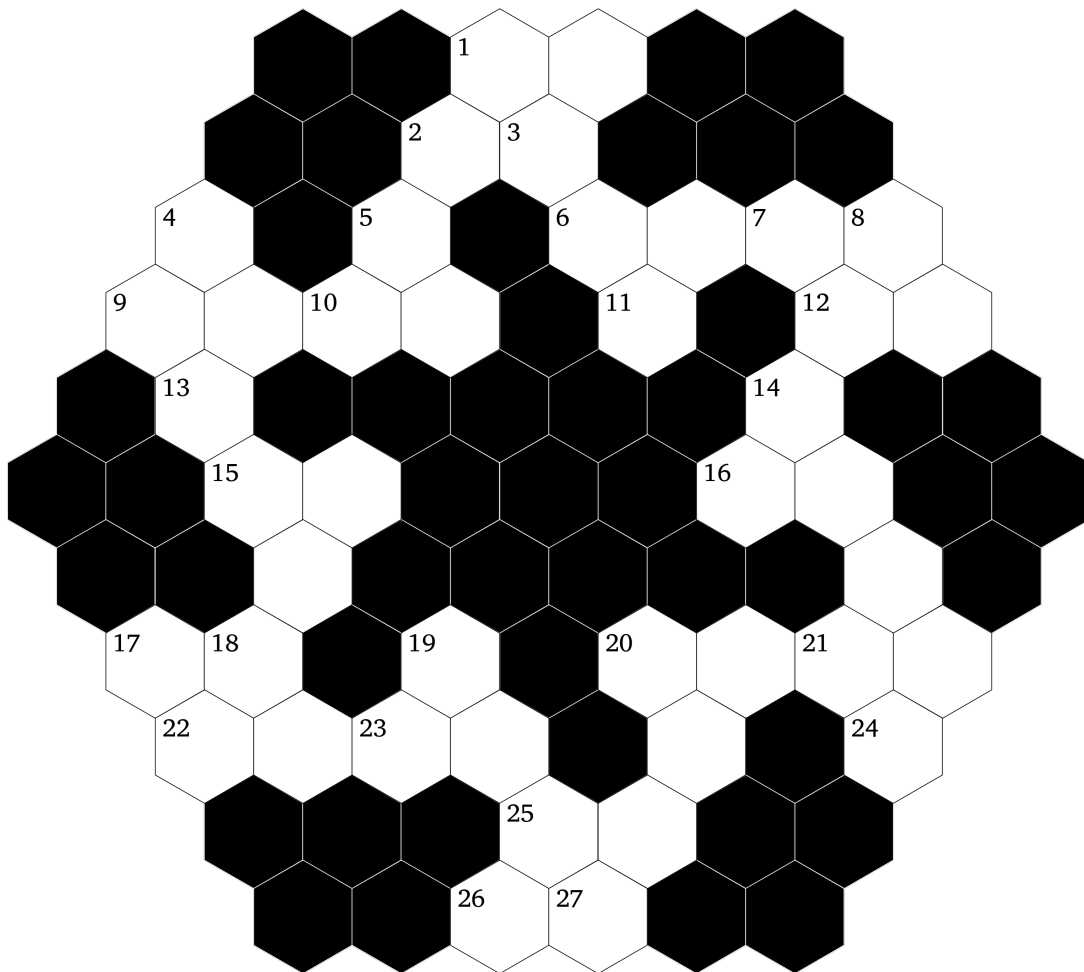
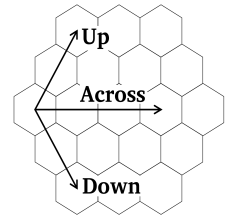


# TripleCross - Challenging Puzzle #38

This puzzle is like a crossword, but with numbers. Each digit occupies a hexagonal cell and can be a part of a "word" in the across, up, and down directions.

**Rules:**

1. "Words" may not start with a zero.
2. "Words" in the 'across' direction read from left to right.
3. "Words" in the 'up' direction read along the upward diagonal to the right.
4. "Words" in the 'down' direction read along the downward diagonal to the right.
5. There is one unique solution which satisfies all the clues given below.
6. Some "words" may not have clues. They will be determined by the "words" which intersect them.



**Across**

- 1 Two-thirds of 26 across
- 2 A cube
- 6 Thirty-eight times a prime number
- 9 Four times a prime number
- 12 A square
- 15 5 down plus 26 up
- 16 8 down minus 17 across
- 17 9 across minus 9 down
- 20 Four hundred ninety-four less than 9 across
- 22 6 across minus half of 3 up
- 25 16 across plus half of 20 down
- 26 16 across minus 2 across

**Up**

- 3 23 up reversed
- 9 15 across minus 24 up
- 10 Mean of 19 down and 15 across
- 11 24 up minus half of 21 down
- 13 Mean of 7 down and 11 up
- 16 Six times a prime number
- 21 Mean of 17 down and 13 up
- 22 Half of 14 down, then subtract 21 up
- 23 Mean of 25 across and 12 across
- 24 Mean of 25 across and 5 down
- 26 A square
- 27 A prime number

**Down**

- 1 27 up minus 25 across
- 4 25 across plus 17 across
- 5 2 across plus 11 up
- 7 26 up plus half of 4 down
- 8 Twice the result of 1 across plus 9 up
- 9 Rearranged digits of 14 down
- 14 Twelve times a prime number
- 17 20 across divided by sixty-three
- 18 24 up plus 2 across
- 19 A prime number
- 20 8 down minus 5 down
- 21 Mean of 13 up and 12 across

Solution:

