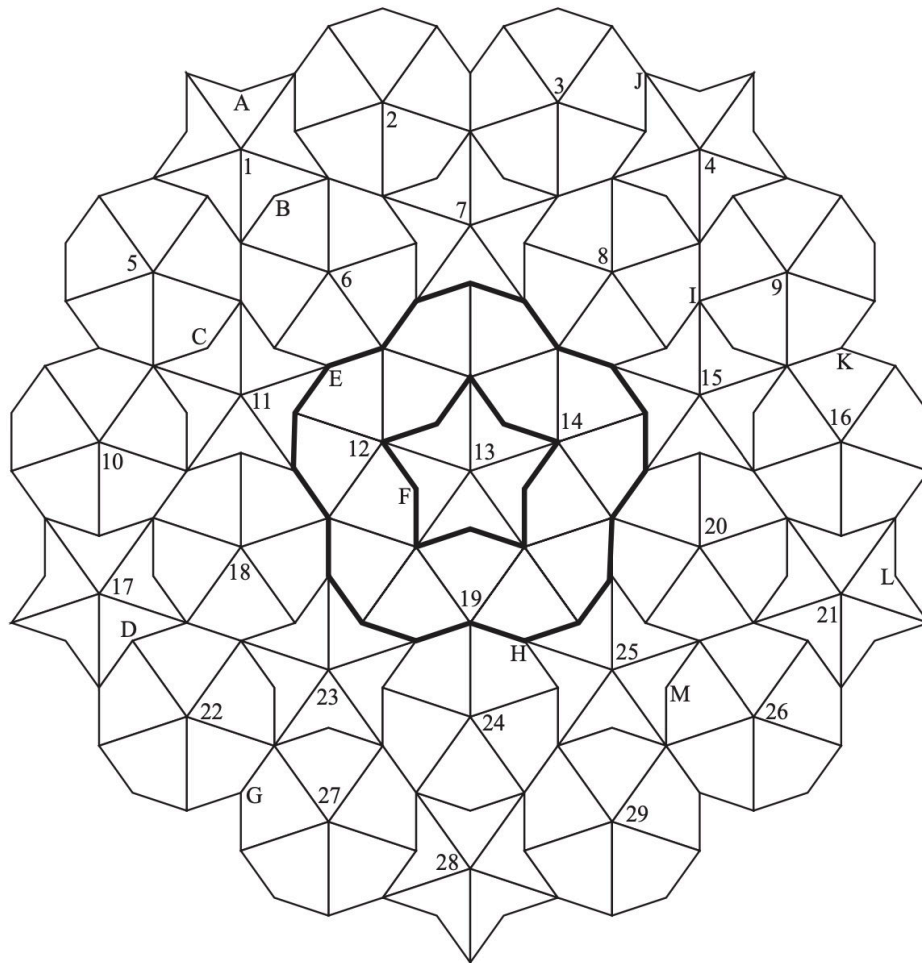


### X-9. VANCOUVER PATTERN—by HARTH, Winter MW

This pattern of darts and kites consists of a thick-bordered ring (three words, proceeding clockwise), and 26 five-tile figures (“stars” and “suns”). Each contains a five-letter word, with half running clockwise, and half counterclockwise. In addition, 13 nine-letter words, in order, form a single winding path in the diagram, going from tile to neighboring tile by crossing edges, and never passing through a tile more than once. The path leaves one letter unchecked in every Fives or Ring entry, except in the Five where it ends, which is fully checked. All Nines are “Vancouver pattern” words: the first and seventh letter are the same, and all other letters are different. For each, either the first or the seventh letter is ignored in the wordplay. All entries start in the correspondingly labeled tile.



#### Fives

- 1 Elegant vehicles turning back
- 2 Very disorganized purse
- 3 Hunters at a nature preserve: evil personified
- 4 Rose to leave set back (*two words*)
- 5 Architectural curve is nothing to smile about
- 6 Son: a boy's jumble
- 7 Humorous in act?
- 8 Change the configuration of a perm with new styling
- 9 Skins, only half-dry
- 10 Listener's moody depressions
- 11 Star (lead in *Deliverance*) has been misdirected
- 13 Recorder's animal sounds
- 15 Stream audio channels
- 16 Sailboat's orientation: one degree, one hundred knots
- 17 Break open target with pin
- 18 Ring around shirt and leaf
- 20 Excess staff around America for German deal maker
- 21 Steer recklessly to get back to original state
- 22 1 + 1 + almost 1 = something negative
- 23 Rebecca undoes clasp . . . Henri excitedly starts for ruffle
- 24 Philosopher listening to bay
- 25 Without stress, like a large airport?
- 26 I pound into viscous material, building house
- 27 Roves around the other side
- 28 Write-up of operations research (in pen)
- 29 They accompany figures with false deeds

#### Ring

- 12 Polished the area around a figure (6)
- 14 Serge is not very bright when accepting unfinished finale (5)
- 19 No time for meat dish that's smelly (4)

#### Nines

- A Sperm cocktail with inverted DNA yields brief conjunction
- B Order storable navigator's tool
- C Small victory in Indiana—passage of cryptic text covering all services
- D Repair pail dent with metal coating (*hyph.*)
- E Homer's song list (*hyph.*)
- F Gourmet's story uncle unraveled
- G Extra inventory of Russian unit: over-the-counter potassium
- H Kind of radiation destroyed marines' scanners
- I Most of us could be Crimeans
- J Sign is unusually tough about talk
- K Change direction of session at eccentric café (*hyph.*)
- L Severely underhanded about hospital department debt
- M Disk with low frequency current: attempt related to smell