

Fraction Tile Builders

Use tiles and multiplication to find rectangle areas.

GRADE 5 • NY-5.NF.4.b

NY-5.NF.4.b "Find the area of a rectangle with fractional side lengths by tiling it with rectangles of the appropriate unit fraction side lengths, and show that the area is the same as would be found by multiplying the side lengths..."

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TILE IT, THEN MULTIPLY

Split a rectangle into unit-fraction tiles whose side lengths match the denominators. Count the tiles and multiply by the area of one tile. You will get the same area by multiplying the two side lengths.

WORKED EXAMPLE

Look at the rectangle. Find its area by imagining unit-fraction tiles, then check by multiplying the side lengths.

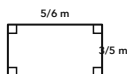


1. Split the $\frac{3}{4}$ -yard side into 3 parts of $\frac{1}{4}$ yard and the $\frac{2}{3}$ -yard side into 2 parts of $\frac{1}{3}$ yard.
2. This makes $3 \times 2 = 6$ tiles. Each tile has area $\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{12}$ square yard.
3. $6 \times \frac{1}{12} = \frac{6}{12} = \frac{1}{2}$. Check: $\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{2}{3} = \frac{6}{12} = \frac{1}{2}$.

Answer: $\frac{1}{2}$ square yard

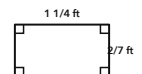
PRACTICE 6 problems

- 1** Look at the rectangle. How many $\frac{1}{6}$ -meter by $\frac{1}{5}$ -meter tiles would cover it? What is its area?



ANSWER _____

- 2** Look at the rectangle. Find its area by multiplying the side lengths.



ANSWER _____

- 3** Find the area of a rectangle that is $\frac{7}{8}$ unit long and $\frac{4}{9}$ unit wide.

ANSWER _____

- 4** Find the area of a rectangle that is $\frac{4}{11}$ unit long and $\frac{5}{8}$ unit wide.

ANSWER _____

- 5** Find the area of a rectangle that is $1 \frac{2}{5}$ units long and $\frac{5}{11}$ unit wide.

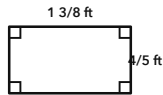
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- 6** Find the area of a rectangle that is $\frac{7}{9}$ unit long and $\frac{3}{7}$ unit wide.

ANSWER _____

APPLY IT Show your work

- 1** The gaming club makes a rectangular tournament poster. Its side lengths are shown. What area of paper is needed for one poster?



ANSWER _____

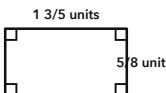
- 2** Maya cuts a rectangular piece of paper for the cover of her comic book. The paper is $\frac{5}{9}$ yard long and $\frac{7}{10}$ yard wide. What is the area of the paper?

WORK SPACE

ANSWER _____

CHALLENGE One step up

Look at the rectangle. Imagine tiling it with $\frac{1}{5}$ -unit by $\frac{1}{8}$ -unit tiles. How many tiles fit? Explain how the tile count proves that the area is 1 square unit.



WORK SPACE AND ANSWER

PART 1 • PRACTICE

#	PROBLEM	ANSWER
1	Look at the rectangle. How many $\frac{1}{6}$ -meter by $\frac{1}{5}$ -meter tiles would cover it? What is its area?	15 tiles; $\frac{1}{2}$ square meter
2	Look at the rectangle. Find its area by multiplying the side lengths.	$\frac{5}{14}$ square foot
3	Find the area of a rectangle that is $\frac{7}{8}$ unit long and $\frac{4}{9}$ unit wide.	$\frac{7}{18}$ square unit
4	Find the area of a rectangle that is $\frac{4}{11}$ unit long and $\frac{5}{8}$ unit wide.	$\frac{5}{22}$ square unit
5	Find the area of a rectangle that is $1\frac{2}{5}$ units long and $\frac{5}{11}$ unit wide.	$\frac{7}{11}$ square unit
6	Find the area of a rectangle that is $\frac{7}{9}$ unit long and $\frac{3}{7}$ unit wide.	$\frac{1}{3}$ square unit

PART 2 • APPLY IT

- $1\frac{1}{10}$ square feet** Change $1\frac{3}{8}$ to $\frac{11}{8}$. Multiply $\frac{11}{8} \times \frac{4}{5} = \frac{44}{40} = \frac{11}{10} = 1\frac{1}{10}$.
- $\frac{7}{18}$ square yard** Multiply the side lengths: $\frac{5}{9} \times \frac{7}{10} = \frac{35}{90}$. Simplify $\frac{35}{90}$ to $\frac{7}{18}$.

CHALLENGE

40 tiles fit. Each tile has area $\frac{1}{5} \times \frac{1}{8} = \frac{1}{40}$ square unit, so $40 \times \frac{1}{40} = 1$ square unit. Also, $1\frac{3}{5} \times \frac{5}{8} = \frac{8}{5} \times \frac{5}{8} = 1$.

Accept equivalent simplified area forms, such as $\frac{11}{10}$ square feet for $1\frac{1}{10}$ square feet. For the challenge, accept an explanation that correctly connects 40 tiles of area $\frac{1}{40}$ to a total area of 1.