

Lesson 5-4 • Apply Day

Reinforce Understanding

Composite Figures

I can find the area of a composite figure by decomposing it into basic shapes, including a regular polygon split into triangles, and adding or subtracting the areas.

Worked model

A banner starts as a rectangle 18 in. by 12 in. A triangle with base 8 in. and height 6 in. is cut out of one end. Find the area left.

1. Find the area of the whole rectangle. $18 \times 12 = 216$
2. Find the area of the piece that was removed. $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 \times 6 = 24$
3. The piece is gone, so subtract. $216 - 24 = 192$

Answer: The banner covers 192 square inches (192 in²).

Practice

Complete each exercise. Show the reasoning that supports your answer.

1. (Lesson 5.4) A composite figure has rectangles 5×3 and 2×3 . Find the total area.

Complete each step, then write the final answer.

1. First rectangle: $5 \times 3 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$.
2. Second rectangle: $2 \times 3 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$.
3. Add both areas: $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$.

Answer: $\underline{\hspace{4cm}}$

2. (Lesson 5.4) A composite figure has rectangles 6×5 and 5×5 . Find the total area.

Complete each step, then write the final answer.

1. First rectangle: $6 \times 5 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$.
2. Second rectangle: $5 \times 5 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$.
3. Add both areas: $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$.

Answer: $\underline{\hspace{4cm}}$

3. (Lesson 5.4) A composite figure has rectangles 7×7 and 3×7 . Find the total area.

Complete each step, then write the final answer.

1. First rectangle: $7 \times 7 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$.
2. Second rectangle: $3 \times 7 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$.
3. Add both areas: $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$.

Answer: $\underline{\hspace{4cm}}$