

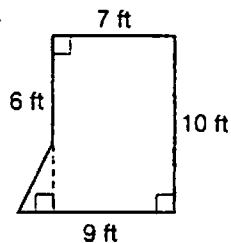


## SKILL 11: Area of Compound Shapes

Not all geometric figures are shapes with which you are familiar. Some of them, however, can be divided into familiar shapes.

### Example

Find the area of the figure.



This shape can be divided into a triangle and a rectangle.

Find the height of the triangle. Subtract the length of the known portion from the length of the opposite side:  $10 - 6 = 4$ .

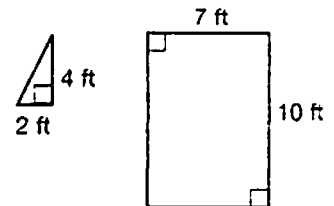
Find the base of the triangle. Subtract the side of the rectangle from the base of the figure:  $9 - 7 = 2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area of a triangle} &= \frac{1}{2}(b \times h) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(2 \times 4) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(8) \\ &= 4 \text{ ft}^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area of a rectangle} &= b \times h \\ &= 7 \times 10 \\ &= 70 \text{ ft}^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total area} &= \text{area of triangle} + \text{area of rectangle} \\ &= 4 + 70 \\ &= 74 \end{aligned}$$

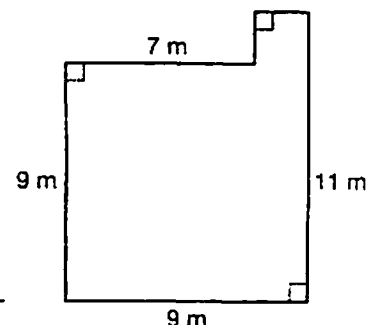
The total area is  $74 \text{ ft}^2$ .



### Guided Practice

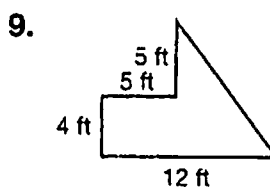
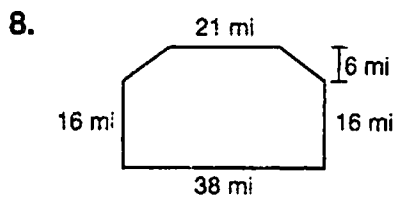
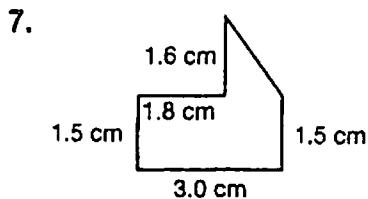
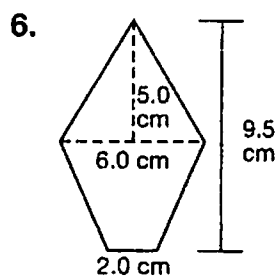
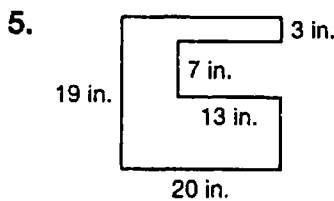
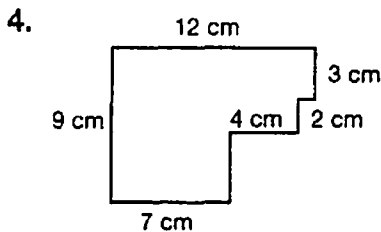
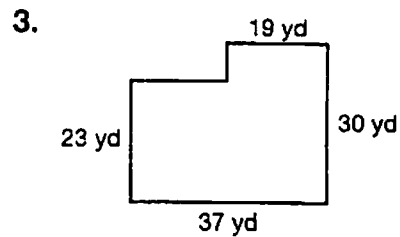
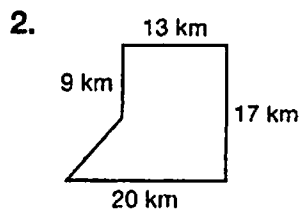
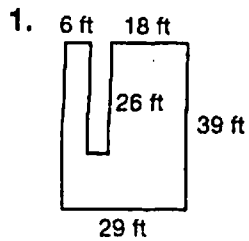
Find the area of the figure shown.

1. Divide the figure into two squares.
2. Find the length of a side of the large square. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Find the length of a side of the small square. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Find the area of the large square. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Find the area of the small square. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Find the total area. \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_



**SKILL 11: Practice**

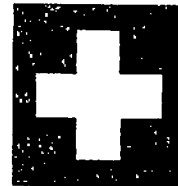
Find the area of each figure.



Solve.

10. The flag of Switzerland features a white cross on a red background.

- a. Each of the 12 sides of the cross has length 15 cm. Find the area of the white cross.
- b. The flag has dimensions 60 cm by 60 cm. Find the area of the red region.

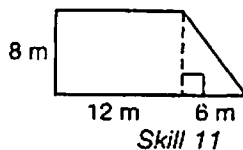


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11. What is the area of the figure?



12. The area of a rectangle is  $120 \text{ m}^2$ . The length of the rectangle is 15 m. What is the width?

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- A  $72 \text{ m}^2$       C  $120 \text{ m}^2$
- B  $102 \text{ m}^2$       D  $144 \text{ m}^2$

- F 1,800 m      H 8 m
- G 105 m      J 7 m