

Lesson 6: Area in the Real World

Classwork

Exploratory Challenge 1: Classroom Wall Paint

The custodians are considering painting our classroom next summer. In order to know how much paint they must buy, the custodians need to know the total surface area of the walls. Why do you think they need to know this and how can we find the information?

Make a prediction of how many square feet of painted surface there are on one wall in the room. If the floor has square tiles, these can be used as a guide.

Estimate the dimensions and the area. Predict the area before you measure.

My prediction: _____ ft².

- Measure and sketch one classroom wall. Include measurements of windows, doors, or anything else that would not be painted.

Sketch:

Object or item to be measured	Measurement units	Precision (measure to the nearest)	Length	Width	Expression that shows the area	Area
door	feet	half foot	$6\frac{1}{2}$ ft.	$3\frac{1}{2}$ ft.	$6\frac{1}{2}$ ft. \times $3\frac{1}{2}$ ft.	$22\frac{3}{4}$ ft ²

b. Work with your partners and your sketch of the wall to determine the area that will need paint. Show your sketch and calculations below; clearly mark your measurements and area calculations.

c. A gallon of paint covers about 350 ft². Write an expression that shows the total area. Evaluate it to find how much paint will be needed to paint the wall.



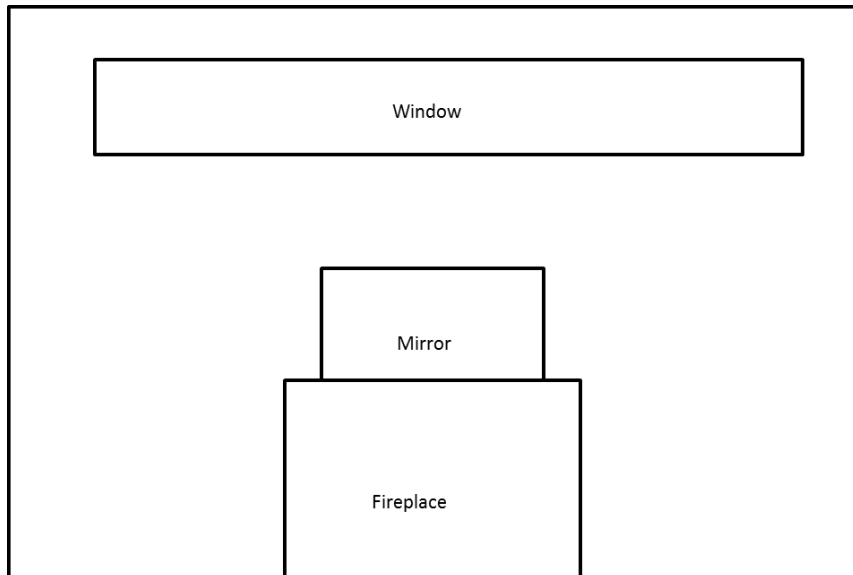
d. How many gallons of paint would need to be purchased to paint the wall?

Exploratory Challenge 2

Object or item to be measured	Measurement units	Precision (measure to the nearest)	Length	Width	Area
door	feet	half foot	$6\frac{1}{2}$ ft.	$3\frac{1}{2}$ ft.	$22\frac{3}{4}$ ft ²

Problem Set

1. Below is a drawing of a wall that is to be covered with either wallpaper or paint. The wall is 8 ft. high and 16 ft. long. The window, mirror, and fireplace will not be painted or papered. The window measures 18 in. by 14 ft. The fireplace is 5 ft. wide and 3 ft. high, while the mirror above the fireplace is 4 ft. by 2 ft.



- How many square feet of wallpaper are needed to cover the wall?
 - The wallpaper is sold in rolls that are 18 in. wide and 33 ft. long. Rolls of solid color wallpaper will be used, so patterns do not have to match up.
 - What is the area of one roll of wallpaper?
 - How many rolls would be needed to cover the wall?
 - This week, the rolls of wallpaper are on sale for \$11.99/roll. Find the cost of covering the wall with wallpaper.
 - A gallon of special textured paint covers 200 ft^2 and is on sale for \$22.99/gallon. The wall needs to be painted twice (the wall needs two coats of paint). Find the cost of using paint to cover the wall.
2. A classroom has a length of 20 ft. and a width of 30 ft. The flooring is to be replaced by tiles. If each tile has a length of 24 in. and a width of 36 in., how many tiles are needed to cover the classroom floor?