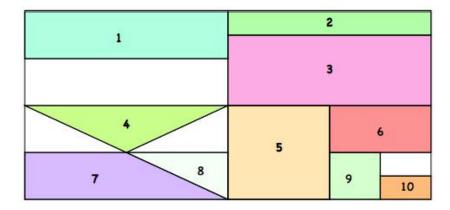
Rectangle Tangle

Age 7 to 11 Challenge Level 🖈



The large rectangle above is divided into a series of smaller quadrilaterals and triangles. Each of the shapes is a fractional part of the large rectangle.

Can you untangle what fractional part is represented by each of the ten numbered shapes?

Day 2 Extension Solution

Here's one way you could logically set out your findings.

The first thing I did was to mentally chop the picture into 4 equal quarters. Then I just used simple logic.

Shape Number	Logic	Workings	Answer
(1)	(1) is half of a quarter	12×14=18	(1) = 1/8
(2) & (3)	(2) is half of (1) (2) + (3) = 14 therefore:	12×18=116 14-116=316	(2) = 1/16 (3) = 3/16
(4)	(4) is a quarter of a quarter	14×14=116	(4) = 1/16
(7) & (8)	(7) + (8) is half of a quarter (7) + (8) = 18 (7) is three quarters of (7) + (8) (8) is a quarter of (7) + (8)	12×14=18 34×18=332 18-332=132	(7) = 3/32 (8) = 1/32
(5)	(5) is half of a quarter	12×14=18	(5) = 1/8
(6)	(6) is half of (5)	12×18=116	(6) = 1/16
(9)	(9) is half of (6)	12×116=132	(9) = 1/32
(10)	(10) is half of (9)	12×132=164	(10) = 1/64

^{1,2,3,6} and 10 are rectangular. 5 and 9 are squares. 4 and 8 are triangles. 7 is a trapezium. The biggest shape is 3 and the smallest shape is 10.