

3. Factor each trinomial.

a) $2x^2 + 15x + 7$

Use algebra tiles to factor.

Sketch the tiles.

Use , , and .

Start with .

Arrange  so there is space to fit .

So, $2x^2 + 15x + 7 =$ _____

b) $5m^2 + 16m + 3$

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The 1st term is _____.

Its factors are: _____ \times _____

The 3rd term is _____.

Its factors are: _____ \times _____

Write all possible binomials.

Multiply to find which product has the term $16m$.

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So, $5m^2 + 16m + 3 =$ _____

4. Factor each trinomial.

a) $3x^2 - 5x - 2$

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The 1st term is _____.

The factors of _____ are:

_____ and _____

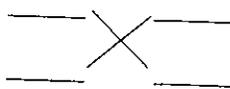
The 3rd term is _____.

The factors of _____ are:

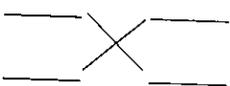
_____ and _____; _____ and _____

Write each pair of factors of _____ next to the pair of factors of _____.

Find the products.



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Stop when you get _____ as the sum of the products.