

Area and Perimeter of Complex Figures

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The phrase complex figures is intended to refer to those figures that require more than one calculation to determine the required measurement.

For example:







In some cases, we can split the figure into non-overlapping sections, and add the areas of each for the total. We must transpose measurements across the figure.







section, and total them.



Use transposed measurements to help determine the perimeter. 12+14+3+5+9+9=52

For shaded region style questions, work from the outside in. Add or subtract each figure based on whether it is shaded or not. Think of it as having the figure and then cutting out a section.



The frame has a uniform border of 2. find the area of the shaded region.







The plan:

are of the shaded region = outside triangle - inside circle



The plan:

area = rectangle + half circle

perimeter = 3 sides of rectangle + length of semicircle