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Algebra patterns  
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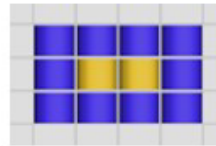
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# Beaded rectangle

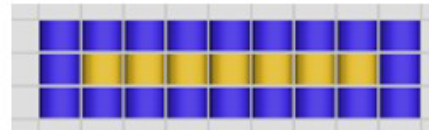
A rectangle with five yellow beads:



A rectangle with two yellow beads:

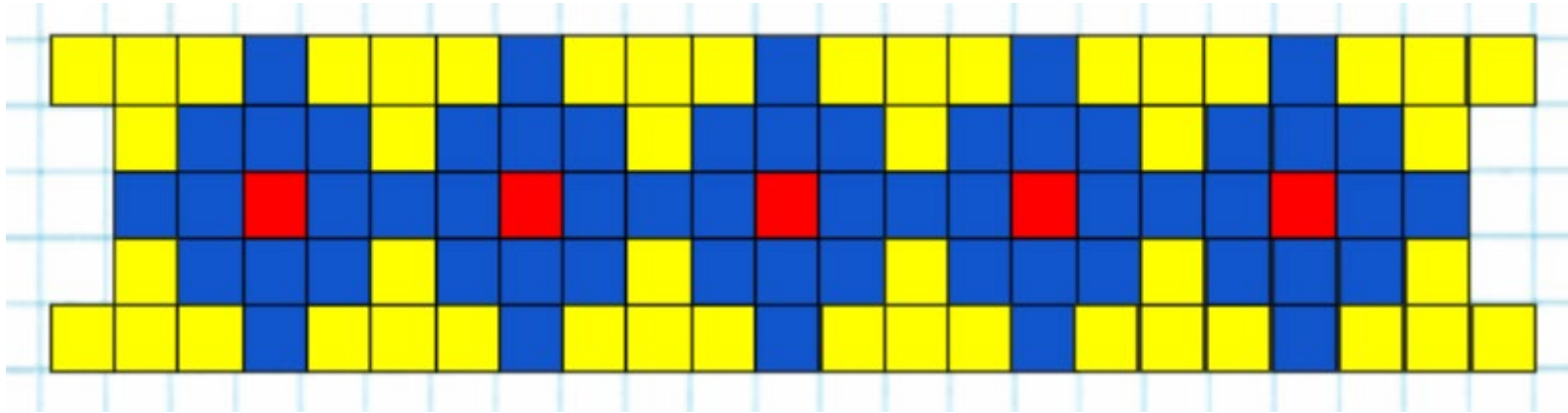


A rectangle with seven yellow beads:



How many blue triangles would you need  
for a design with thirteen yellow beads?  
With  $n$  yellow beads?

# Alanna's pattern



The picture above has 5 diamonds in it.

How many beads does it take to make this pattern if there are 2 diamonds?

What about any number of diamonds?

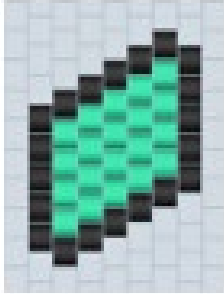
*I looked at a couple of my grandma's old beading patterns that she had gave me and that's how I came up with this, and 'cause I'm part Comanche I used the Comanche colors which are blue, red and yellow. Alanna Jones, 2021*

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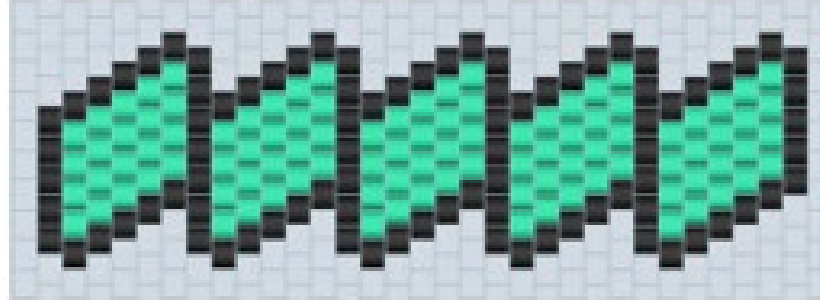
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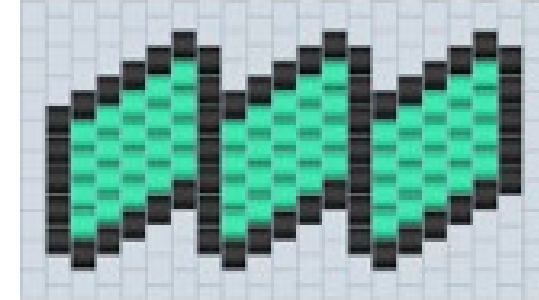
# George's prayer fan



One diamond



Five diamonds



Three diamonds

How many black beads would it take to make this pattern if there were 13 diamonds?

What about any number of diamonds?

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# Mehoy'



**The side of the central square (the bottom of the basket) has a width of 4 strips.  
After securing the square, each strip gets cut in half, and two cross-pieces are added.**

**How many total 'fingers' in the picture above?**

**What if the basket was made with a side of 3 strips? Or 7 strips? Or  $n$  strips?**

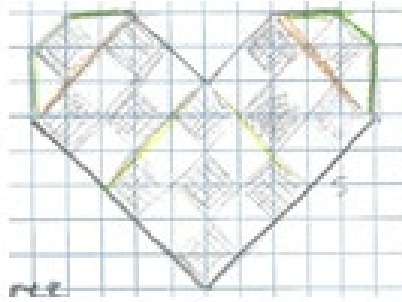
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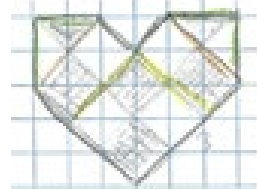
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Developed by Smak i'ya' [Matt Warbus] (Lummi) and Matteo Tamburini

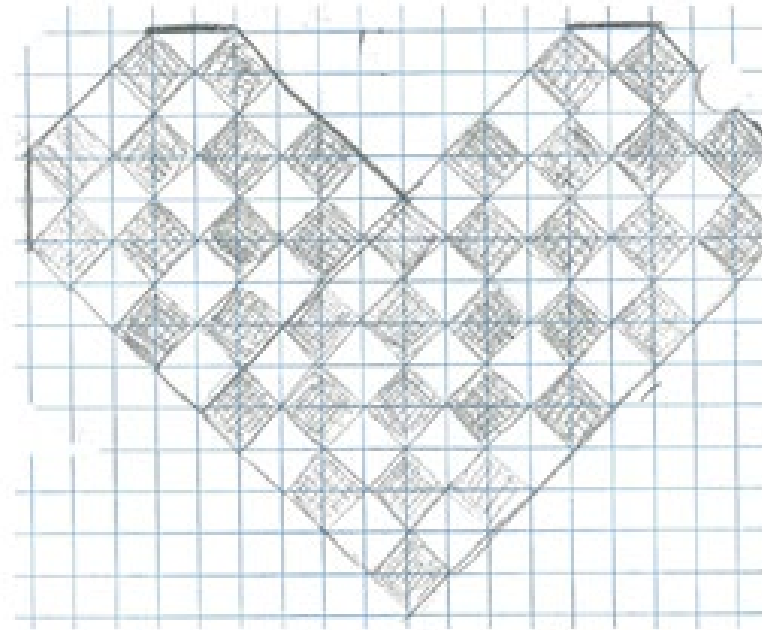
# Cedar hearts



Size 2



Size 1



Size 4

What would the total area of a Size 10 heart?

What about a heart of any size?

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# Moccasins



How many  $\triangle$  (triangles) will you need to decorate a size 10 moccasin?

How many triangles will you need for a moccasin of any size?



Size 3



Size 5



Size 1

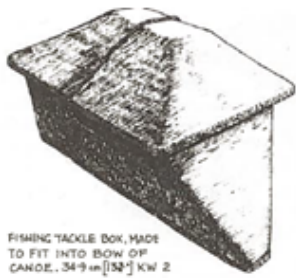


Size 6

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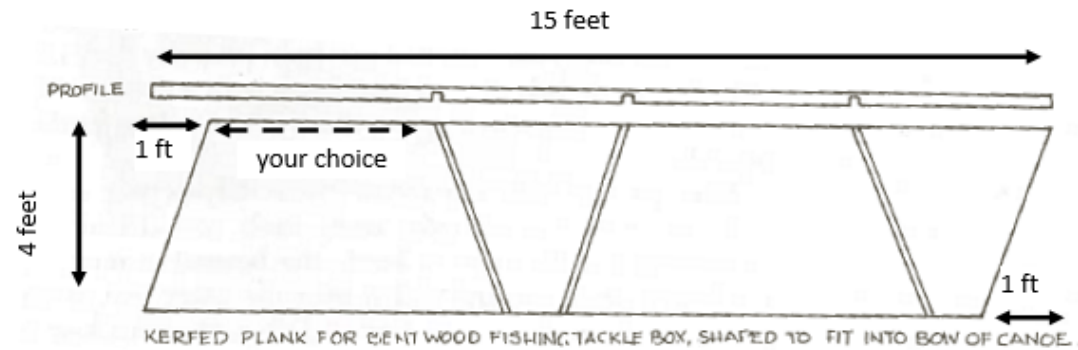
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FISHING TACKLE BOX, MADE TO FIT INTO BOW OF CANOE. 34 9/16" [92] KW 2

## Bentwood box #2



What is the volume of the bentwood box that you would get  
if you chose to make the top side 3 feet?

2 feet? 5 feet?  $n$  feet?

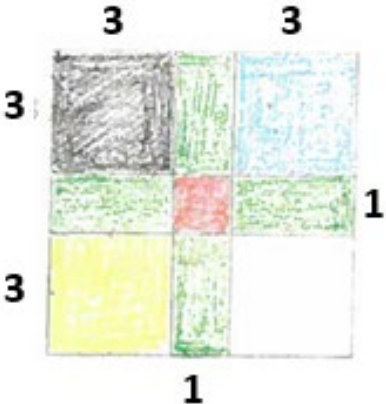
What value of  $n$  will give the largest volume?

Images taken from *Cedar*, by Hillary Stewart (1984)

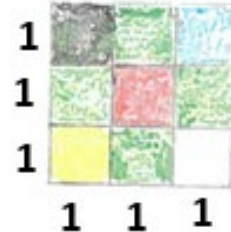
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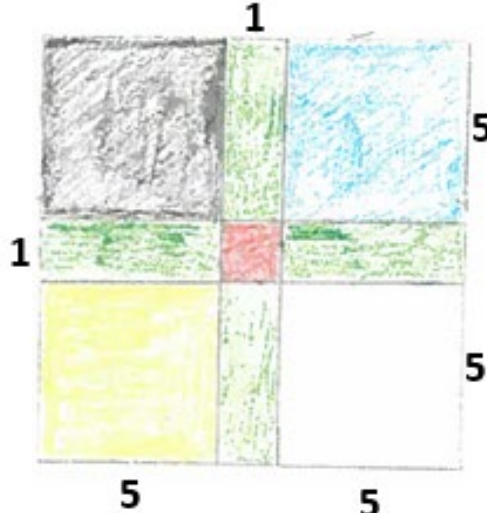
# MedicineBox



Structure 3



Structure 1



Structure 5

**NOTE: not drawn to scale**

Can you describe the area of the medicine box for ANY structure number?

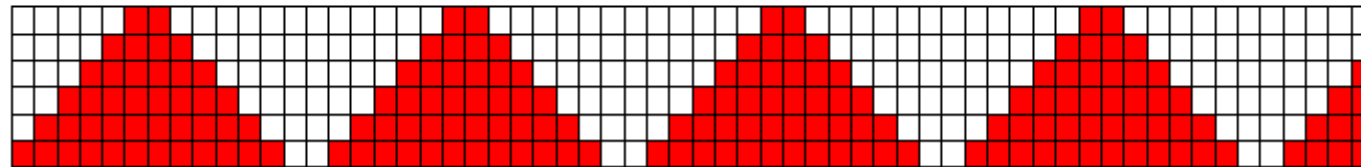
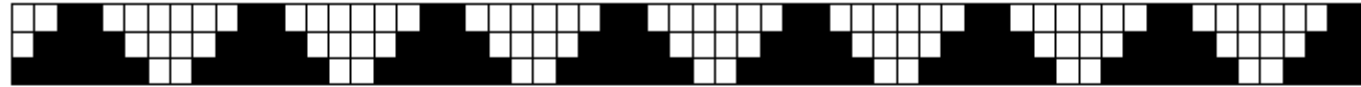
**Challenge:** can you visualize the pattern in a different way?

# Common Core State Standards codes for the Medicine Box

- 3.OA.9 Identify arithmetic patterns (including patterns in the addition table or multiplication table), and explain them using properties of operations. For example, observe that 4 times a number is always even, and explain why 4 times a number can be decomposed into two equal addends.
- 3.OA.7 Relate area to the operations of multiplication and addition.
- 5.OA.1 Use parentheses, brackets, or braces in numerical expressions, and evaluate expressions with these symbols.
- 5.OA.2 Write simple expressions that record calculations with numbers, and interpret numerical expressions without evaluating them. For example, express the calculation “add 8 and 7, then multiply by 2” as  $2 \times (8 + 7)$ . Recognize that  $3 \times (18932 + 921)$  is three times as large as  $18932 + 921$ , without having to calculate the indicated sum or product.
- 5.OA.3 Form ordered pairs consisting of corresponding terms from the two patterns, and graph the ordered pairs on a coordinate plane.
- 6.EE.2c Evaluate expressions at specific values of their variables. Include expressions that arise from formulas used in real-world problems. Perform arithmetic operations, including those involving whole number exponents, in the conventional order when there are no parentheses to specify a particular order (Order of Operations). For example, use the formulas  $V = s^3$  and  $A = 6s^2$  to find the volume and surface area of a cube with sides of length  $s = 1/2$ .
- 6.EE.4 Identify when two expressions are equivalent (i.e., when the two expressions name the same number regardless of which value is substituted into them). For example, the expressions  $y + y + y$  and  $3y$  are equivalent because they name the same number regardless of which number  $y$  stands for.
- 6.G.1 Find the area of right triangles, other triangles, special quadrilaterals, and polygons by composing into rectangles.
- 7.EE.1 Apply properties of operations as strategies to add, subtract, factor, and expand linear expressions with rational coefficients.
- 7.EE.2 Understand that rewriting an expression in different forms in a problem context can shed light on the problem and how the quantities in it are related. For example,  $a + 0.05a = 1.05a$  means that “increase by 5%” is the same as “multiply by 1.05.”
- 7.G.1 Solve problems involving scale drawings of geometric figures, including computing actual lengths and areas from a scale drawing and reproducing a scale drawing at a different scale.
- 8.F.1 Understand that a function is a rule that assigns to each input exactly one output. The graph of a function is the set of ordered pairs consisting of an input and the corresponding output
- A-SSE.2 Use the structure of an expression to identify ways to rewrite it. For example, see  $x^4 - y^4$  as  $(x^2)^2 - (y^2)^2$ , thus recognizing it as a difference of squares that can be factored as  $(x^2 - y^2)(x^2 + y^2)$ .
- A-SSE.3 Choose and produce an equivalent form of an expression to reveal and explain properties of the quantity represented by the expression.
- A-SSE.3a Factor a quadratic expression to reveal the zeros of the function it defines.
- F-IF.4 For a function that models a relationship between two quantities, interpret key features of graphs and tables in terms of the quantities [...] Key features include: intercepts; intervals where the function is increasing, decreasing, positive, or negative; relative maximums and minimums; symmetries;
- F-IF.7 Graph functions expressed symbolically and show key features of the graph, by hand in simple cases and using technology for more complicated cases
- F-IF.7a Graph linear and quadratic functions and show intercepts, maxima, and minima.
- F-IF.8 Write a function defined by an expression in different but equivalent forms to reveal and explain different properties of the function.
- F-BF.1 Write a function that describes a relationship between two quantities



## WOOL WEAVING PATTERN #1



Your weaving is 60 warps wide.

- How many triangles can you fit if you want triangles with a base of 6 stitches?
- How many triangles can you fit if you want triangles with a base on 12 stitches?
- How about a triangle with any number of stitches?
- CHALLENGE: How many 'leftover' squares will there be for any length of base?

Mathematics task developed at NWIC with **Skwetsimeltxw** Willard 'Buddy' Joseph and **Chepximiya Siyam'** Chief Janice George (Squamish Nation)

# Common Core State Standards codes for the Wool Weaving Pattern

- 4.OA.3** Use the four operations with whole numbers to solve problems. Solve multistep word problems posed with whole numbers and having whole-number answers using the four operations, including problems in which remainders must be interpreted.
- 4.OA.5** Generate and analyze patterns. Generate a number or shape pattern that follows a given rule. Identify apparent features of the pattern that were not explicit in the rule itself.
- 5.OA.1** Write and interpret numerical expressions. Use parentheses, brackets, or braces in numerical expressions, and evaluate expressions with these symbols.
- 5.OA.2** Write simple expressions that record calculations with numbers, and interpret numerical expressions without evaluating them. For example, express the calculation “add 8 and 7, then multiply by 2” as  $2 \times (8 + 7)$ . Recognize that  $3 \times (18932 + 921)$  is three times as large as  $18932 + 921$ , without having to calculate the indicated sum or product. Analyze patterns and relationships.
- 5.G.1** Graph points on the coordinate plane to solve real-world and mathematical problems.
- 5.G.2** Represent real world and mathematical problems by graphing points in the first quadrant of the coordinate plane, and interpret coordinate values of points in the context of the situation
- 6.EE.2** Apply and extend previous understandings of arithmetic to algebraic expressions. Write, read, and evaluate expressions in which letters stand for numbers.
- 6.EE.4** Identify when two expressions are equivalent (i.e., when the two expressions name the same number regardless of which value is substituted into them). For example, the expressions  $y + y + y$  and  $3y$  are equivalent because they name the same number regardless of which number  $y$  stands for
- 8.F.3** Define, evaluate, and compare functions. Interpret the equation  $y = mx + b$  as defining a linear function, whose graph is a straight line; give examples of functions that are not linear.
- 8.F.5** Describe qualitatively the functional relationship between two quantities by analyzing a graph (e.g., where the function is increasing or decreasing, linear or nonlinear). Sketch a graph that exhibits the qualitative features of a function that has been described verbally.
- A-CED.1** Create equations that describe numbers or relationships. Include equations arising from linear and quadratic functions, and simple rational and exponential functions.
- A-CED.2** Create equations in two or more variables to represent relationships between quantities; graph equations on coordinate axes with labels and scales.
- A-CED.3.** Represent constraints by equations or inequalities, and by systems of equations and/or inequalities, and interpret solutions as viable or nonviable options in a modeling context. For example, represent inequalities describing nutritional and cost constraints on combinations of different foods.
- A-REI.2** Understand solving equations as a process of reasoning and explain the reasoning showing how extraneous solutions may arise. Solve simple rational and radical equations in one variable, and give examples
- F-IF.2** Use function notation, evaluate functions for inputs in their domains, and interpret statements that use function notation in terms of a context.
- F-BF.1** Write a function that describes a relationship between two quantities. a. Determine an explicit expression, a recursive process, or steps for calculation from a context.