Multiplying Fractions

1 In your own words, describe the method for multiplying fractions discovered in class.



Use the fraction multiplication algorithm described above to solve Problems 2–7.

$$\frac{1}{2} * \frac{3}{6} = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$$

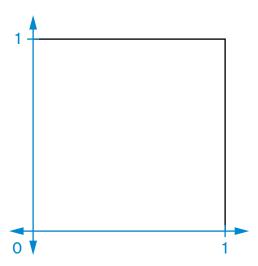
$$\frac{2}{3} * \frac{1}{4} = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$$

$$\frac{3}{5} * \frac{1}{6} = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$$

$$\frac{7}{9} * \frac{2}{12} = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$$

8 Choose one of the problems above. Draw an area model for the problem. Explain how it shows that your answer is correct.

your answer is correct.



For Problems 9 and 10, write a number model. Then solve.

9 Sheila had $\frac{3}{4}$ pound of blueberries. She used $\frac{1}{3}$ of them in a fruit salad. How many pounds of blueberries did she use?

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The mirror in a dollhouse is $\frac{2}{4}$ -inch wide and $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch tall. What is the area of the mirror in square inches?

Number model: _____

Number model: _____

Answer: _____ pound

Answer: _____ square inch

Ben tried to solve Problem 9 and got the answer $\frac{4}{7}$. He said, "That can't be right because $\frac{1}{3}$ is less than $\frac{4}{7}$." Do you agree with Ben? Explain.