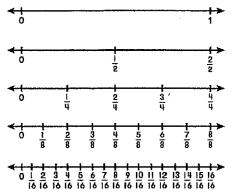
Calculations with Decimals and Fractions

Fractions

The imperial system is usually divided into fractions of an inch (eg. $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{8}$, $\frac{1}{16}$, $\frac{1}{32}$)



When comparing values it is useful to convert all fractions to a common denominator.

Multiply top and bottom by the same number (eg. $\frac{2}{2}$) This does not change the value of the fraction, only how is is represented, since $\frac{2}{2} = 1$.

Example: Arrange in order from smallest to biggest.

Adding and Subtracting Fractions

When adding and subtracting fractions you must first find equivalent fractions with a common denominator.

Example:

1.
$$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{8}$$

 $\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{8} \right) = \frac{5}{8}$
2. $\frac{5}{8} + \frac{3}{16}$
3. $2\frac{1}{8} + \frac{3}{4}$

$$2 = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{10}{16} + \frac{3}{16} \right) = \frac{13}{16}$$

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Practice:

1.
$$(\frac{1}{8} + \frac{5}{16})$$
2. $(\frac{6}{8} - \frac{6!}{16})$
3. $(\frac{1}{4} + 3\frac{5}{8})$
4. $(\frac{1}{4} + 3\frac{5}{8})$
5. $(\frac{1}{4} + 3\frac{5}{8})$
6. $(\frac{1}{4} + 3\frac{5}{8})$
7. $(\frac{1}{4} + 3\frac{5}{8})$
7. $(\frac{1}{4} + 3\frac{5}{8})$
8. $(\frac{1}{4} + 3\frac{5}{8})$
9. $(\frac{1}{4} + 3\frac{3} + 3\frac{5}{4})$
9. $(\frac{1}{4} + 3\frac{3} + 3\frac{3}{4})$
9. $(\frac{1}{4} +$

Multiplying and Dividing Fractions

To multiply fractions it is as simple as multiplying numerator by numerator and denominator by denominator. Reduce the resultant fraction to lowest terms.

Example:

1.
$$\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{3}{8} = \frac{3}{32}$$

2.
$$\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{2}{8} = \frac{6}{32} = \frac{3}{16}$$
3. $2\frac{7}{16} \times \frac{1}{2}$

$$\frac{32+7}{16}$$

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To divide fractions take the inverse of the second fraction and multiply (keep, change, flip) Reduce the resultant fraction to lowest terms.

Example:

1.
$$\frac{3}{8} \div \frac{1}{16}$$

2.
$$\frac{5}{8} \div \frac{3}{32}$$

$$\frac{5}{8} \times \frac{32}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$$

3.
$$3\frac{2}{4}$$
 $\frac{9}{16}$

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3. $3\frac{2}{4} \div \frac{9}{16}$

$$\frac{3}{8} \times \frac{1b}{1} = \frac{48}{8} = 6$$

$$\frac{5}{8} \times \frac{32}{3} = \frac{160}{24} = \frac{20}{3} \cdot \frac{12+2}{4}$$
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1.
$$\frac{5}{8} \times \frac{8}{32} = \frac{5 \cdot 9}{8 \cdot 3\lambda} = \frac{8 \cdot 5}{8 \cdot 3\lambda} = \frac{8}{8} \times \frac{5}{3\lambda} = \frac{5}{3\lambda}$$

$$\frac{3}{8} \times \frac{5}{3\lambda} = \frac{5}{3\lambda}$$

2.
$$\frac{24}{16} \div \frac{3}{16} = \frac{24}{16} \times \frac{16}{3} = \frac{24}{3} = 8$$