

Multiplying Fractions (7-1)

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Step 1	Multiply the <u>numerators</u> . $\frac{2}{3}$
Step 2	Multiply the <u>denominators</u> . $\frac{5}{6}$
Step 3	<u>simplify</u> , if possible.

Example 1: Multiply the whole numbers by the fraction.

I Do	You Do
$3 \cdot \frac{5}{7} = \frac{15}{1}$ $= 15$	$2 \cdot \frac{5}{2} = \frac{10}{1}$ $= 10$
$\frac{12}{1} \cdot \frac{2}{3} = \frac{24}{3} = 8$	$7 \cdot \frac{3}{4} = \frac{21}{2}$ $= 10\frac{1}{2}$
$4 \cdot \frac{2}{3} = \frac{8}{1} = 8$	

Example 2: Use what you know about fractions to solve.

We Do

You have a closet full of clothes. If $\frac{2}{3}$ of the closet is full of shirts and there are 36 items hanging in the closet, how many items are shirts?

$$12 \frac{36}{1} \cdot \frac{2}{3} = \frac{24}{1} = \boxed{24 \text{ shirts}}$$

$$\frac{7}{1} \cdot \frac{2}{5} = \frac{14}{5} = \boxed{2\frac{4}{5}}$$