



Rectangle Dissections

Strands:

Number & Operations	
Algebra	
Measurement	
Geometry	X
Data & Probability	

Materials:

- Scissor
- Tape
- 2x4 rectangles (see next page)

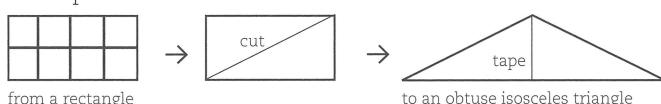
Where?

Outside	
Inside	X
On-line	
On-site	

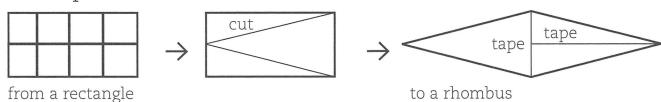
Cut apart a rectangle in different ways to see how many shapes you can make.

Starting with a 2×4 rectangle, you can cut and tape it to make lots of different geometric shapes. For example, the following illustrations show how to make an obtuse isosceles triangle and a rhombus:

Example A



Example B



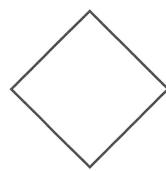
Now figure out how to cut and tape a 2×4 rectangle to make each of the following shapes:



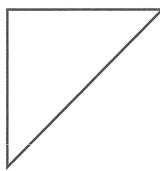
1. A right scalene triangle



2. An acute isosceles triangle



3. A square



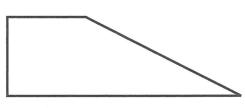
4. A right isosceles triangle



5. A parallelogram



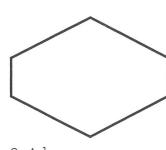
6. An isosceles trapezoid



7. A right trapezoid



8. A rectangle



9. A hexagon

