Apply the Perimeter Formula

Perimeter is the distance around a shape. You can use grid paper to count the number of units around the outside of a rectangle to find its perimeter.

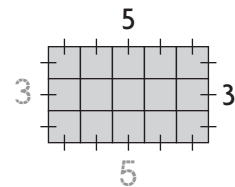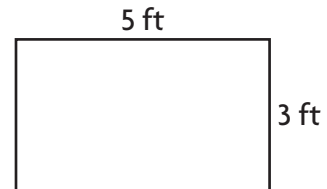**How many feet of ribbon are needed to go around the bulletin board?**

5 ft

3 ft

Step 1 On grid paper, draw a rectangle that has a length of **5** units and a width of **3** units.

Step 2 Find the length of each side of the rectangle. Mark each unit of length as you count.

5

3   3
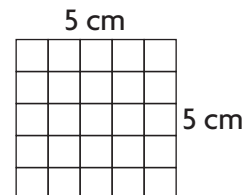
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Step 3 Add the side lengths. **5 + 3 + 5 + 3 = 16**

The perimeter is __16__ feet.

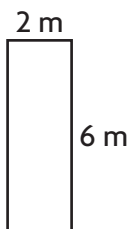So, __16 feet__ of ribbon are needed to go around the bulletin board.

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1 What is the perimeter of this square?
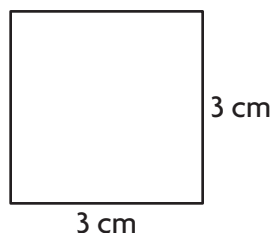
___ + ___ + ___ + ___ = ___ centimeters

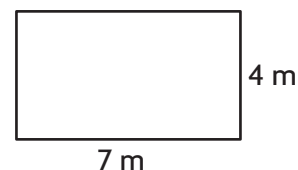5 cm

5 cm

Find the perimeter of the rectangle or square.

2
2 m

6 m

___ meters

3
3 cm

3 cm

___ centimeters

4
4 m

7 m

___ meters