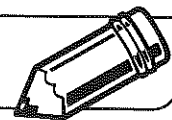


**LESSON**  
**11·7**
**A Surface-Area Investigation**


In each problem below, the volume of a rectangular prism is given. Your task is to find the dimensions of the rectangular prism (with the given volume) that has the smallest surface area. To help you, use centimeter cubes to build as many different prisms as possible having the given volume.

Record the dimensions and surface area of each prism you build in the table. Do not record different prisms with the same surface area. Put a star next to the prism with the smallest surface area.

1.

Dimensions (cm)	Surface Area (cm <sup>2</sup> )	Volume (cm <sup>3</sup> )
2 × 6 × 1	40	12
		12
		12
		12

2.

Dimensions (cm)	Surface Area (cm <sup>2</sup> )	Volume (cm <sup>3</sup> )
		24
		24
		24
		24
		24
		24

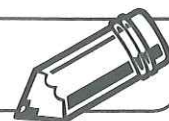
3. If the volume of a prism is 36 cm<sup>3</sup>, predict the dimensions that will result in the smallest surface area. Explain.

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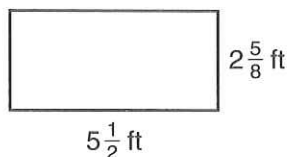


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4. Describe a general rule for finding the surface area of a rectangular prism in words or with a number sentence. \_\_\_\_\_

**LESSON**  
**11·7**
**Area, Surface Area, and Volume**

**Area of rectangle:**  $A = l * w$ 
**Circumference of circle:**  $c = \pi * d$ 
**Volume of rectangular prism:**  $V = B * h$   
 or  $V = l * w * h$ 
**Area of circle:**  $A = \pi * r^2$ 
**Volume of cylinder:**  $V = \pi * r^2 * h$ 

- 1. Record the dimensions and find the area.**



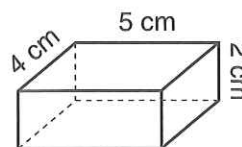
Length = \_\_\_\_\_

Width = \_\_\_\_\_

Area = \_\_\_\_\_

 How many square tiles, each 1 ft long on a side, would be needed to fill the rectangle?  
 \_\_\_\_\_

- 2. Record the dimensions and find the volume.**



Length of base = \_\_\_\_\_

Width of base = \_\_\_\_\_

Area of base = \_\_\_\_\_

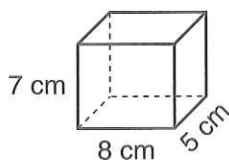
Height of prism = \_\_\_\_\_

 Number of  
 1-centimeter unit cubes  
 needed to fill the box: \_\_\_\_\_

Volume = \_\_\_\_\_

Record the dimensions, and find the volume and surface area for each figure below. Round results to the nearest hundredth.

- 3. Rectangular prism**



Length of base = \_\_\_\_\_

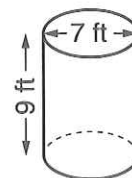
Width of base = \_\_\_\_\_

Height of prism = \_\_\_\_\_

Volume = \_\_\_\_\_

Surface area = \_\_\_\_\_

- 4. Cylinder**



Diameter = \_\_\_\_\_

Height = \_\_\_\_\_

Volume = \_\_\_\_\_

Surface area = \_\_\_\_\_

