

# 9.1 Surface Area of Prisms

EQ: How can you find the surface area of prisms?

Surface Area of prisms: the sum of the areas of the faces.

Base: the main shape → 2 of these

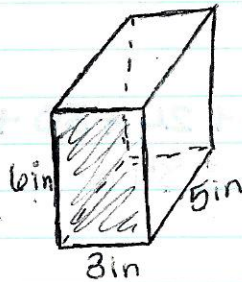
Lateral Faces: the sides of the figure, not including the bases

Formula:  $SA = \text{sum of the areas of the faces}$   
 \* \* OR  
 $= \text{area of bases} + \text{area of lateral faces}$

Example 1: Rectangular Prism

$$SA = 2lw + 2lh + 2wh$$

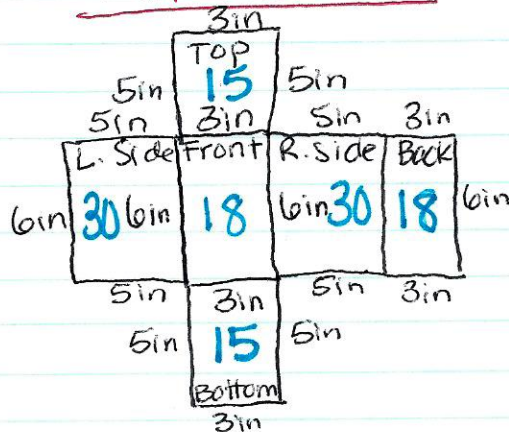
List Method



Front:	$6 \times 3$	=	$18 \text{ in}^2$
Back:	$6 \times 3$	=	$18 \text{ in}^2$
Top:	$5 \times 3$	=	$15 \text{ in}^2$
Bottom:	$5 \times 3$	=	$15 \text{ in}^2$
R. Side:	$6 \times 5$	=	$30 \text{ in}^2$
L. Side:	$6 \times 5$	=	$30 \text{ in}^2$

126 in<sup>2</sup>

Net Method

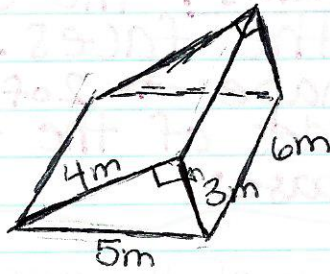


$$15 + 30 + 18 + 30 + 18 + 15$$

$$= 126 \text{ in}^2$$

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square units

## Example 2: Triangular Prism



### List Method

$$\text{Front: } \frac{3 \times 4}{2} = \frac{12}{2} = 6\text{m}^2$$

$$\text{Back: } \frac{3 \times 4}{2} = \frac{12}{2} = 6\text{m}^2$$

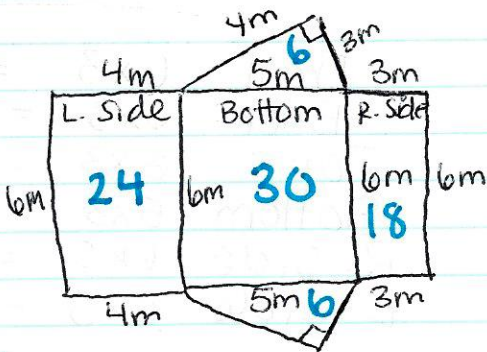
$$\text{Bottom: } 5 \times 6 = 30\text{m}^2$$

$$\text{R. Side: } 3 \times 6 = 18\text{m}^2$$

$$\text{L. Side: } 4 \times 6 = 24\text{m}^2$$

$$84\text{m}^2$$

### Net Method



$$6 + 6 + 24 + 30 + 18$$

$$= 84\text{m}^2$$