

DRILL (Factor)

① $x^2 + 5x + 4 = (x+4)(x+1)$

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② $x^2 + 9x - 22 = (x+11)(x-2)$

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③ $x^2 - 2x - 24 = (x+4)(x-6)$

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$\begin{matrix} 1 & 22 \\ 2 & 11 \end{matrix}$

$\begin{matrix} + & 24 \\ - & 24 \\ + & 12 \\ - & 12 \\ + & 6 \\ - & 6 \end{matrix}$

ax^2+bx+c Factor Trinomials ($a > 1$)

Ex: $(2x + 3)(x + 4) = 2x^2 + 8x + 3x + 12$
 $= 2x^2 + 11x + 12$ *

- Steps:
- ① Multiply "ac" $2(12) = 24$
 - ② Rewrite the trinomial as $x^2 + bx + ac$ $x^2 + 11x + 24$
 - ③ Factor the trinomial
 - ④ Divide the #'s by "a" and simplify any fraction. (If you have a denominator it goes in front of x)

$$ax^2 + bx + c$$



$$2x^2 + 11x + 12$$

✓ Step 1: Multiply ac ✓

$$2(12) = 24$$

✓ Step 2: Rewrite $x^2 + bx + ac$ ✓

$$-x^2 + 11x + 24$$

↑ ADD ↓ MULT

✓ Step 3: Factor ✓

$$(x + 8)(x + 3)$$

✓ Step 4: Divide #'s by a ✓
and simplify fractions. $a = 2$

$$\left(x + \frac{8}{2}\right)\left(x + \frac{3}{2}\right)$$

$$\underline{(x + 4)}\underline{(2x + 3)}$$

(If we have denominators they go next to "x")

FACTOR:
 $a=3$

1. $3x^2 + 17x + 10$ ~~*~~ $ac = 30$

2. $x^2 + 17x + 30$ ~~R~~ \checkmark MULT
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3. $(x + 2)(x + 15)$ \checkmark Factor

4. $(x + \frac{2}{3})(x + \frac{15}{3})$ \checkmark Divide #'s by a

$(3x + 2)(x + 5)$ ~~*~~ \checkmark

$$\underline{12x^2 + 31x + 20}$$

$$x^2 + 31x + 240$$

$$(x + 15)(x + 16)$$

$$\left(x + \frac{15}{12}\right)\left(x + \frac{16}{12}\right)$$

$$\left(x + \frac{5}{4}\right)\left(x + \frac{4}{3}\right)$$

$$(4x + 5)(3x + 4)$$

$$ac = 240$$

$$\text{Factor}$$

$$24(10)$$

$$\underline{\underline{15(16)}}$$