

# Sidewalk Stones

# T1

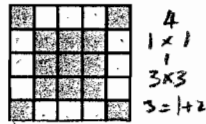
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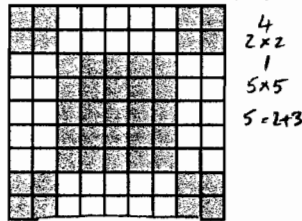
GREY  $4(n^2) + (2n+1)^2 = 4n^2 + 4n^2 + 4n + 1$   
 $= 8n^2 + 4n + 1$

WHITE

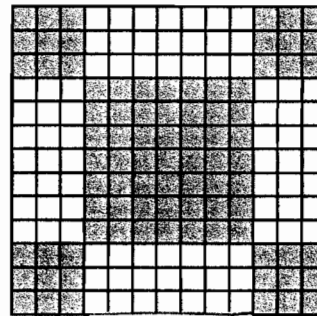
$4n(n+n+1)$   
 $4n(2n+1)$   
 $8n^2 + 4n$



Pattern #1



Pattern #2



Pattern #3

4  
 $3 \times 3$   
 $7 \times 7$   
 $7 = 3 + 4$

1 → 9  
 2 → 25  
 3 → 49

$(2n+1)(2n+1)$

How many blocks of each kind will pattern #n need? GREY =  $4n^2 + (2n+1)^2 = 8n^2 + 4n + 1$   
 white =  $4n(2n+1) = 8n^2 + 4n$

Which pattern has a total of 841 grey blocks?  
 $n = 10$  white =  $8(10)^2 + 4(10)$   
 $= 800 + 40$   
 $= 840$

10

How many white blocks has that pattern?

$841 - 1 = 840$

840 white blocks

Explain your work and show your calculations.

Taking into account the # of white and grey blocks in the diagrams above, as well as the pattern numbers of the diagrams, I used inductive reasoning to create the formulae grey =  $4(n^2) + (n+n+1)^2 = 8n^2 + 4n + 1$  and white =  $4(n)(n+n+1) = 8n^2 + 4n$  where n = pattern number. I then substituted 841 for grey and isolated n using factoring (shown) on next page. The pattern number is 10. Since the number of grey blocks is 1 more than the number of white blocks in a pattern, if pattern #10 has 841 grey blocks, pattern #10 also has 840 white blocks.

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## Sidewalk Stones (continued)

WHITE

$$4(n)(n+n+1)$$

$$4n(2n+1)$$

GREY

$$4(n^2) + (n+n+1)^2$$

$$4n^2 + (2n+1)^2$$

$$4n^2 + 4n^2 + 4n + 1$$

$$8n^2 + 4n + 1$$

GREY - WHITE = difference.

$$(8n^2 + 4n + 1) - (8n^2 + 4n) = 1$$

841 GREY

$$841 = 8n^2 + 4n + 1$$

$$-841 \quad -841$$

$$0 = 8n^2 + 4n - 840$$

$$0 = 8(n^2 + \frac{1}{2}n - 105)$$

$$0 = 8(n+10)(n+10\frac{1}{2})$$

$$-13.125 - 8 = -105$$

$$-17.5 - 6 = -105$$

$$-10 - 10.5 = -105$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -105 \\ -10 \times 10.5 \\ \hline \frac{1}{2} \end{array}$$

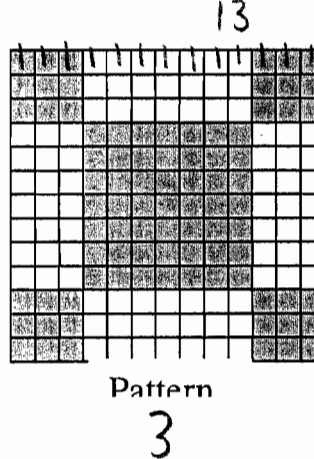
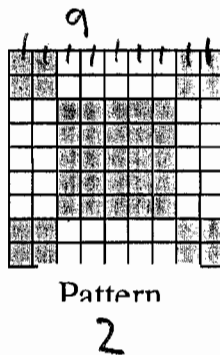
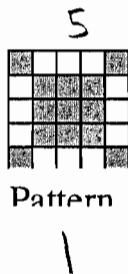
Pattern #10 WHITE

$$841 - 1 = 840$$

grey

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How many blocks of each kind will pattern # $n$  need?

White:  $8n^2 + 4n$     Grey:  $8n^2 + 4n + 1$

Which pattern has a total of 841 grey blocks?

Pattern 10

How many white blocks has that pattern?

840

Explain your work and show your calculations.

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$$(4n+1)(4n+1)$$

$$16n^2 + 4n + 4n + 1$$

$$16n^2 + 8n + 1$$

$$(2n+1)(2n+1)$$

$$4n^2 + 2n + 2n + 1$$

$$4n^2 + 4n + 1$$

$$16n^2 + 8n + 1 - 4n^2 - 4n^2 - 4n$$

$$8n^2 + 4n + 1$$

$$4n^2 + 4n^2 + 4n + 1$$


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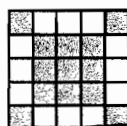
$$841 = 8n^2 + 4n + 1$$

$$n = 10$$

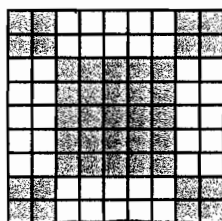
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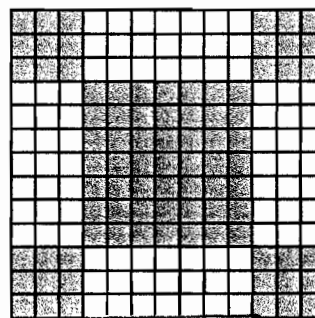
$$4n^2 + (1+2n)^2$$



Pattern #1  
22



Pattern #2  
41  
40



Pattern #3 84  
85

$$n \cdot (2n+1) \cdot 4$$

How many blocks of each kind will pattern #n need?

Which pattern has a total of 841 grey blocks?

10

How many white blocks has that pattern?

840

Explain your work and show your calculations.

$$4n^2 + (1+2n)^2 = \# \text{ of grey blocks}$$

$$n \cdot (2n+1) \cdot 4 = \# \text{ of white blocks}$$

$$4(10)^2 + (1+2(10))^2 = 841$$

$$10 \cdot (2(10+1)) \cdot 4 = 840$$

For the shaded  $4n^2$  is the shaded corners. The four corners

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## Sidewalk Stones (continued)

are equal to the pattern # squared  
The center shaded area is one greater than the pattern  
number multiplied by 2

The area of the white squares is in 4 areas.

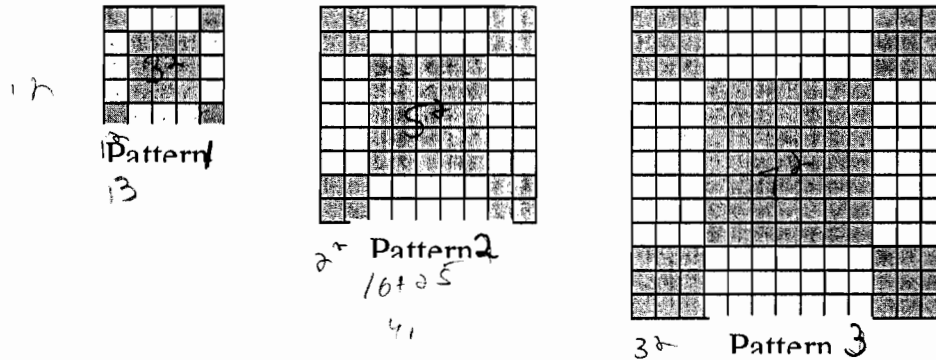
The equation for one of the areas is  $n \cdot (2n+1)$

$n$  = the height and  $2n+1$  equals the length.

Multiply that by 4 because there are four of them.

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How many blocks of each kind will pattern #n need?

black:  $4n^2 + (2n+1)^2 \rightarrow 4n^2 + 4n^2 + 4n + 1 = 8n^2 + 4n + 1$   
 white:  $4(n \times (n+1)) = 4(2n^2 + n) = 8n^2 + 4n$

Which pattern has a total of 841 grey blocks?

$16n^2 + 8n + 1 = 841$   
 $16n^2 + 8n = 840$   
 $2n^2 + n = 105$   
 $2n^2 + n - 105 = 0$

7th pattern

How many white blocks has that pattern?

$8(7)^2 + 4(7) = 8(49) + 28 = 392 + 28 = 420$

more work on next page

Explain your work and show your calculations.

In the first Q, I realized that pattern # relates to the corner block. I saw that in pattern 1, the corner block was equal to pattern #, n, multiplied by itself. So, it was  $1^2$  for 1,  $2^2$  for 2,  $3^2$  for 3, so forth. There were four corners so I multiplied by four,  $4n^2$ . Then I saw that the center group of blocks blocks were an odd # square except 1. So I quickly related the corner block to the center group. I saw that it was  $(2n+1)^2$ . (Continued)

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Sidewalk Stones (continued)

$$\begin{array}{r} 4 \\ \times 105 \\ \hline 840 \end{array}$$

T4

$$2. \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$\frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 4(2)(-105)}}{2(2)}$$

$$\frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{841}}{4}$$

$$\frac{-1 \pm 29}{4} = \frac{28}{4} \text{ or } \frac{-30}{4}$$

$$7 \text{ or } -\frac{15}{2}$$

I added them together ~~was~~ which was  $4n^2 + (2n+1)^2$ . For the white blocks, I saw that they formed 4 rectangles. I found that the width came from the pattern  $n$  and the length came from the sq rt of the # of black blocks in the center. Pattern # on  $n$  is  $n$ , sq rt of # of black blocks in center is  $2n+1$ . There are 4 rectangles. So  $4 \times (2n+1) \times n$  is # of white blocks. This simplifies to  $8n^2 + 4n$ .

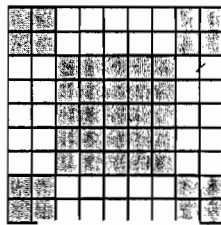


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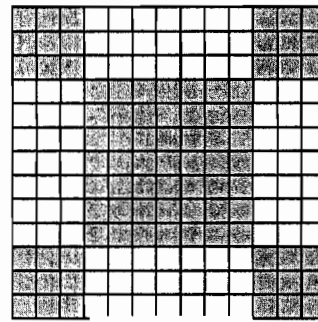
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Pattern 1



Pattern 2



Pattern 3

How many blocks of each kind will pattern # $n$  need?

grey =  $4n^2 + (2n+1)^2$   
 white =  $8n^2 + 4n$

Which pattern has a total of 841 grey blocks?

# 10

How many white blocks has that pattern?

840

Explain your work and show your calculations.

① grey -  $4n^2 + (2n+1)^2$

white -  $8n^2 + 4n$

②  $4n^2 + (2n+1)(2n+1) = 841$

$4n^2 + 4n^2 + 4n + 1 = 840$

$8n^2 + 4n - 840 = 0$  (continued on next page)

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## Sidewalk Stones (continued)

$$2n^2 + n - 210 = 0$$

$$n = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1+1680}}{4}$$

$$n = \frac{-1 \pm 41}{4}$$

$$n = 10 \text{ or } -\cancel{42}$$

$n=10$   $\longrightarrow$  pattern  $\#10$

$$(3) 8(10)^2 + 4(10)$$

$$800 + 40$$

$$840$$