Definition: The area of a plane figure is the number of square units needed to cover the surface of the figure.

Example: The area of a 3 by 4 rectangle ( ++++) is 12 square units or 12 units<sup>2</sup>. **Area Formulas** Square Rectangle Parallelogram Triangle Trapezoid h. h h sb b b  $A = s^2$  $A = \frac{1}{2}bh$  $A=\frac{1}{2}(b_1+b_2)h$ A = bhA = bh

7 m

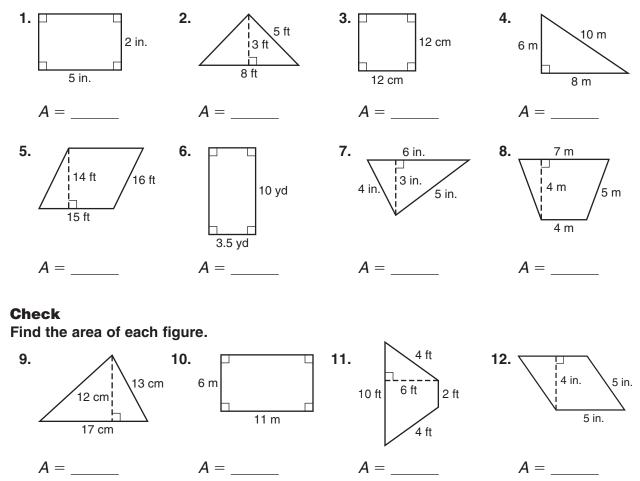
6 m

10 m

Example: Find the area of the triangle.

## **Practice on Your Own**

Find the area of each figure.



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Answer:  $A = \frac{1}{2}bh$ 

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 $A = \frac{1}{2}(10)(6) = \frac{1}{2}(60) = 30 \text{ m}^2$