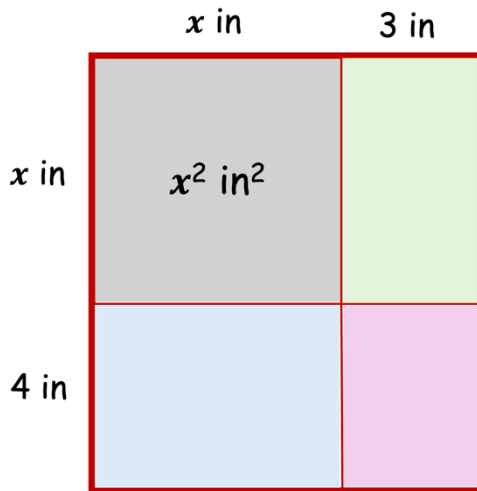


Each side of Zara’s square of fabric is some unknown number of inches. Noah’s rectangle is 4 inches longer and 3 inches wider than Zara’s square.

Emily and Mauricio came up with two methods for finding the area of Noah’s rectangle. Their drawing and equations are shown below.



$$(x + 3) \cdot (x + 4)$$

$$(x \cdot 3) + (4 \cdot 3) + (x \cdot 4) + x \cdot x$$

- For each method, **explain what each part** of their expression means in the fabric context.

A. Method 1: $(x + 3) \cdot (x + 4)$

x represents _____

3 represents _____

$x + 3$ represents _____

x represents _____

4 represents _____

$x+4$ represents _____

$(x + 3) \cdot (x + 4)$ represents _____



B. Method 2: $(x \cdot 3) + (4 \cdot 3) + (x \cdot 4) + x \cdot x$

x represents _____

3 represents _____

$x \cdot 3$ represents _____

$4 \cdot 3$ represents _____

$x \cdot 4$ represents _____

x represents _____

x represents _____

$x \cdot x$ represents _____

$(x \cdot 3) + (4 \cdot 3) + (x \cdot 4) + x \cdot x$ represents _____

