

Solve for the area of a trapezoid by decomposing it into rectangles and triangles, Practice Set C

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Apply the Formula:

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Apply the Formula:

 $A = \frac{a+b}{2}h$ a = 6, b = 16, h = 5 a + b = 22

22/2 = 11

11 x 5 = 55

A = 55 square cm.

Decompose the Trapezoid:

The trapezoid can be decomposed into two right triangles and a rectangle. The area of the smaller right triangle would be 5 square units ((2x5)/2). The area of the larger right triangle would be 20 square units ((8x5)/2). To find the area of the rectangle, multiply the length and width (6x5). The area of the rectangle is 30 square units. To find the area of the trapezoid, add together the areas of the triangles and rectangle (5+20+30). The area of the trapezoid is 55 square units.

The trapezoid has an area of <u>55</u> square cm.

