

Factoring Trinomials $a=1$

$$(x+2)(x+4)$$

$$x^2 + 4x + 2x + 8$$

Steps:

- Use when $a=1$ & you have a trinomial $x^2 + bx + c$
- Must be in Standard Form: $ax^2 + bx + c$
- Use X-Game to find the factors (may also need a product/sum chart)
- Factor to Root Form, Intercept Form, Factored Form
- CHECK!!! Using Foil

$$(x+p)(x+q)$$

$$\begin{matrix} a \cdot c \\ p \\ q \\ b \end{matrix}$$

* Find 2 numbers that multiply to give you top # & Add to give you the bottom *

Sign Rules:

- When the last term is POSITIVE... $+,+ \text{ or } -,+$
 - The signs inside the parenthesis will be the SAME as the middle number's sign
- When the last term is NEGATIVE... $+,-$
 - The parenthesis will have DIFFERENT SIGNS.
 - The larger factor will have the SAME sign as the middle number

Examples:

$$a=1 \quad b=7 \quad c=6$$

$$(x+6)(x+1)$$

~~6
1
7~~

$$a=1 \quad b=9 \quad c=14$$

$$(x+2)(x+7)$$

~~1, 2, 7, 14
14
2
9~~

$$a=1 \quad b=-6 \quad c=8$$

$$(x-4)(x-2)$$

~~8
-2
-4
-6~~

$$a=1 \quad b=2 \quad c=-48$$

$$(n+8)(n-6)$$

~~-48
8
-6
2~~

$$a=1 \quad b=-9 \quad c=-36$$

$$(x-12)(x+3)$$

~~-36
3
-12
-9~~

$$2x^2 - 16x + 24$$

* TAKE OUT GCF FIRST *

$$2(x^2 - 8x + 12)$$

$$a=1 \quad b=-8 \quad c=12$$

$$2(x-6)(x-2)$$

~~12
-6
-2
-8~~