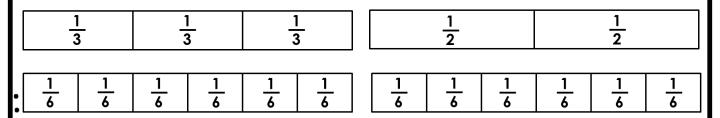
How to Make Common Denominators

1. Use manipulatives to create equivalent fractions with the same denominators.

Example: 1/3 + 1/2 =



2. See if you can convert the fraction with the smaller denominator into an equivalent fraction with the same denominator as the other fraction.

Example: 2/3 + 1/6 =

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3. Multiply the denominators by each other to create equivalent fractions with same denominator. Don't forget to convert the numerators, as well.

Note: Only do this if it gives you a denominator less than 30.

Example:
$$2/4 + 1/6 =$$

4. List out the multiples for each denominator and choose the least common multiple as your denominator.

Example:
$$4/6 - 3/8 =$$

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