Area of Composite Shapes Lesson

Problem: Find the area of the figure below.



Solution: The compound shape may be split into two rectangles A and B as shown in figure below:



You now have 2 rectangles. If you find the area of each rectangle and add them, you will have the total area of the figure.

Area of A = (10x10) = 100 sq. inches

Area of $B = (20x \ 10) = 200 \ sq.$ inches

Total area of the compound shape = Area of square A + Area of square B = 300 sq. inches

