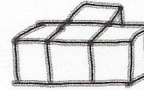
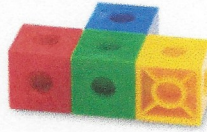


Surface area of unit cubes:

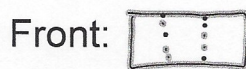
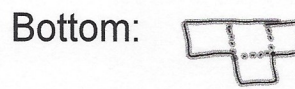
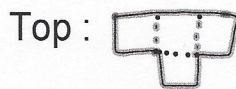
Find the surface area of the following object:



There are two methods you can use to find the surface area of objects made with unit cubes.

1. Visual method:

-count the squares visible from each view:



18cm^2

See how they both arrived to the same Result?

2. Math Reasoning Method:

There are 4 blocks.

Each block has 6 faces.

There are 3 overlaps.

Each overlapped faces subtracts 2 faces.

Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} 4 \text{ blocks} \times 6 \text{ faces} &= 24 \text{ faces} \\ 3 \text{ overlaps} \times (-2 \text{ faces}) &= -6 \text{ faces} \\ \hline &= 18 \text{ faces} \end{aligned}$$