

Multiplying Mixed Numbers

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You can't multiply mixed #'s. You must have improper fractions & regular fractions.

Steps

1. Write problem horizontally.
2. Change any mixed # into an improper fraction.

$$2\frac{3}{4} = \frac{2 \times 4 + 3}{4} = \frac{11}{4}$$

3. Cross Cancel if possible.
*simplify diagonally
4. Multiply straight across.
5. Simplify if possible (and no improper fractions).

$$\text{EX. } 1\frac{1}{5} \times \frac{2}{3} = \frac{\cancel{2}^2}{5} \times \frac{2}{\cancel{3}_1} = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\text{EX. } \frac{3}{4} \times 2\frac{1}{3} = \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{\cancel{2}^1 \cancel{7}^1}{\cancel{3}_1} = \frac{7}{4} = 1\frac{3}{4}$$

$$\text{EX. } 2\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{3} = \frac{5}{\cancel{2}_1} \times \frac{\cancel{4}^2}{3} = \frac{10}{3} = 3\frac{1}{3}$$

$$\text{EX. } 8 \times \frac{3}{20} = \frac{\cancel{8}^2}{1} \times \frac{3}{\cancel{20}_5} = \frac{6}{5} = 1\frac{1}{5}$$