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Multiplying Square Roots

Objectives: 1. to multiply a monomial numerical radical expression by another monomial numerical radical expression

2. to multiply a monomial numerical radical expression by a binomial containing numerical radicals

Using the Product Property of Square Roots, we can multiply $\sqrt{2}\sqrt{3} = \sqrt{6}$
Since the number 6 does not contain any factor that is a perfect square other than "1," this is simplified.

If we multiply $\sqrt{3}\sqrt{6} = \sqrt{18}$ which must then be simplified because 18 contains the factor 9, which is a perfect square. Continuing,

$$\sqrt{3}\sqrt{6} = \sqrt{18}$$
$$= \sqrt{9}\sqrt{2}$$
$$= 3\sqrt{2}$$

Also, keep in mind what a square root *is.* The **Example 1:** square root of 5 is that number, which when multiplied by itself, yields 5. That is, $\sqrt{5}\sqrt{5} = 5$

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Example 2:
$$\sqrt{6}\sqrt{15} = \sqrt{90}$$
$$= \sqrt{9}\sqrt{10}$$
$$= 3\sqrt{10}$$

When we multiply a monomial times a polynomial, we distribute the monomial to each term in the polynomial. Then simplify each radical and look to see if they can be combined. Therefore,

$$\sqrt{2}\left(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{6}\right) = \sqrt{2}\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2}\sqrt{6}$$
$$= \sqrt{6} + \sqrt{18}$$
$$= \sqrt{6} + \sqrt{9}\sqrt{2}$$
$$= \sqrt{6} + 3\sqrt{2}$$

This is the simplified answer. Remember that you cannot add or subtract unlike radicals.

Example 4: $\sqrt{3}\left(\sqrt{21}+\sqrt{3}\right)=\sqrt{3}\sqrt{21}+\sqrt{3}\sqrt{3}$

$=\sqrt{63}+\sqrt{9}$

$=\sqrt{9}\sqrt{7}+\sqrt{9}$

$=3\sqrt{7}+3$

Example 5: $\sqrt{2}\left(\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{5}\right)=\sqrt{2}\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{2}\sqrt{5}$

$=\sqrt{4}-\sqrt{10}$

$=2-\sqrt{10}$

Example 6: $\sqrt{3}\left(\sqrt{27}-\sqrt{12}\right)=\sqrt{3}\sqrt{27}-\sqrt{3}\sqrt{12}$

$=\sqrt{81}-\sqrt{36}$

$=9-6$

$=3$

Exercises:	**Answers:**
$\sqrt{9}\sqrt{4}$	6
$\sqrt{8}\sqrt{32}$	16
$\sqrt{6}\sqrt{10}$	$2\sqrt{15}$
$\sqrt{27}\sqrt{50}$	$15\sqrt{6}$
$\sqrt{5}\left(\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{7}\right)$	$\sqrt{15}+\sqrt{35}$
$\sqrt{7}\left(\sqrt{10}+\sqrt{21}\right)$	$\sqrt{70}+7\sqrt{3}$
$\sqrt{3}\left(\sqrt{24}-\sqrt{3}\right)$	$6\sqrt{2}-3$
$\sqrt{8}\left(\sqrt{6}+\sqrt{18}\right)$	$4\sqrt{3}+12$
$\sqrt{5}\left(\sqrt{15}-\sqrt{10}\right)$	$5\sqrt{3}-5\sqrt{2}$
$\sqrt{2}\left(\sqrt{8}-\sqrt{32}\right)$	-4