

Finding Areas of Shapes

Bakers often need to know the area of a shape in order to plan their work. A few formulas are required to find area.

First, some vocabulary:

Diameter	The distance from one edge of a circle to the other, passing through the center	
Radius	The distance from the centre of a circle to the outside edge	
Circumference	The length of the outside edge of a circle	
Area	The total of the inside of a shape	
Length	The longest side of a rectangle	
Width	The shortest side of a rectangle	
Perimeter	The distance around the outside edge of a rectangle or triangle	
Height	The distance from the base to the highest point of a triangle	
Base	The bottom edge of a triangle	