7. Multiplying Fractions

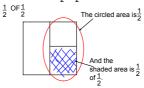
To understand multiplying fractions, it is important to understand multiplication.

a problem like 3 x 4 can indicate 3 groups of 4, or 4 groups of 3. You can think of this as

three 4s

four 3s

So something like $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$ can mean...



So $\frac{1}{2}$ of $\frac{1}{2}$ is $\frac{1}{4}$

$$\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

