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SCHOOL MATHEMATICS PROJECT

Everyday Mathematics

Lattice Algorithm for Multiplication



Lattice Multiplication

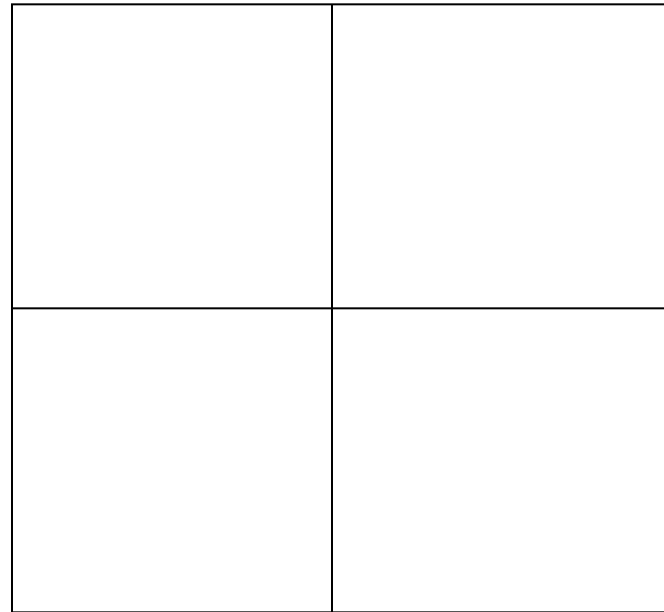
Lattice multiplication involves:

- Using basic facts knowledge
- Organizing a multiplication problem around a grid based on place value
- Using the distributive property of multiplication, and
- Following several well-defined steps to find the product.

Lattice Multiplication

Solve. 48×36

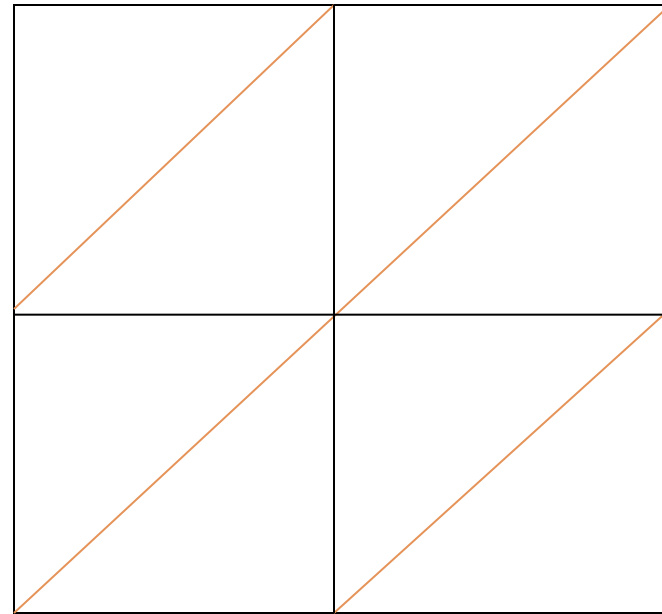
First, draw a 2×2 lattice box.



Lattice Multiplication

Solve. 48×36

Next, draw diagonals from the top right corner to bottom left corner. It helps to do one box at a time.

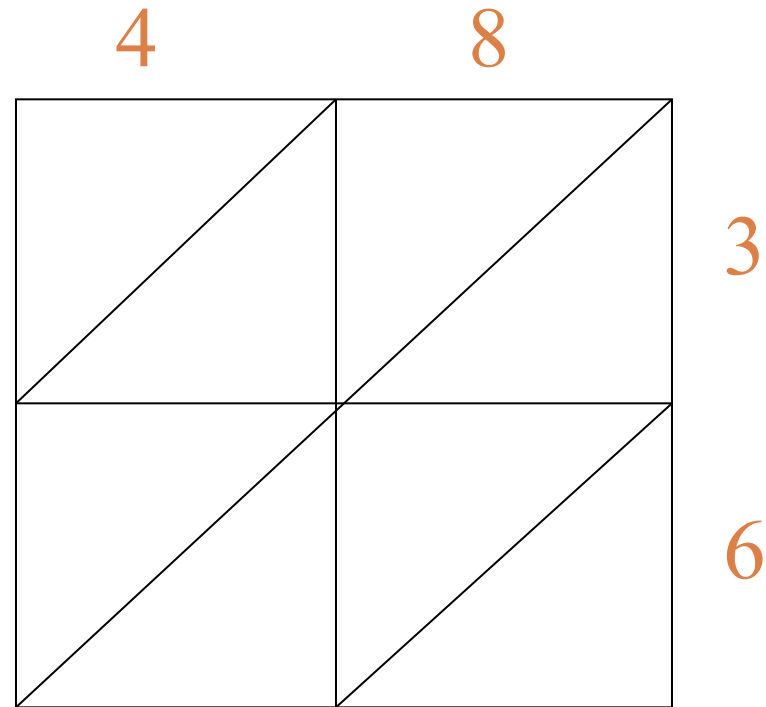


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Write one factor (48)
across the top.

Write the other (36)
down the right side.



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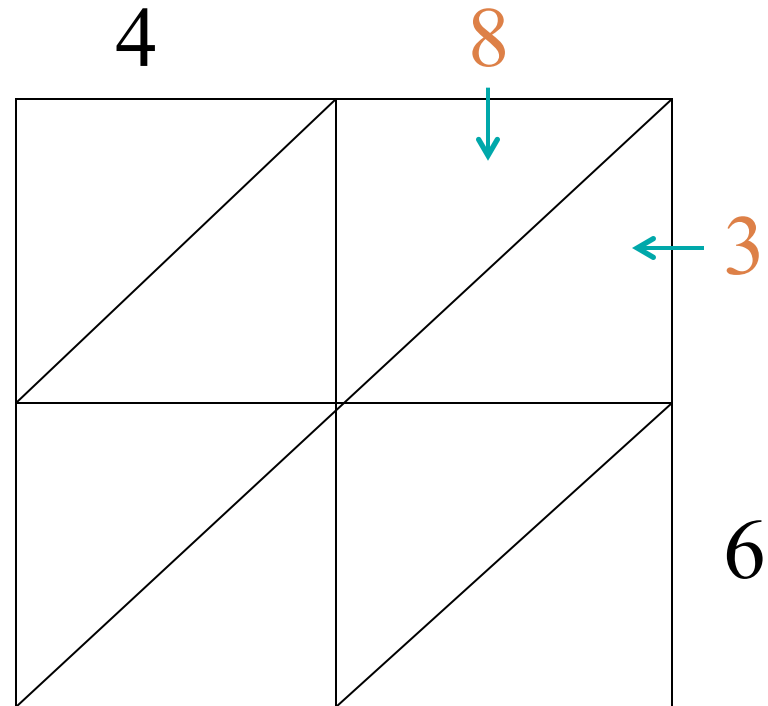
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Multiply each digit across the top by each digit down the side.

It does not matter in what order you do this.

Let's start with 8×3 .

Find the box where 8 and 3 intersect.

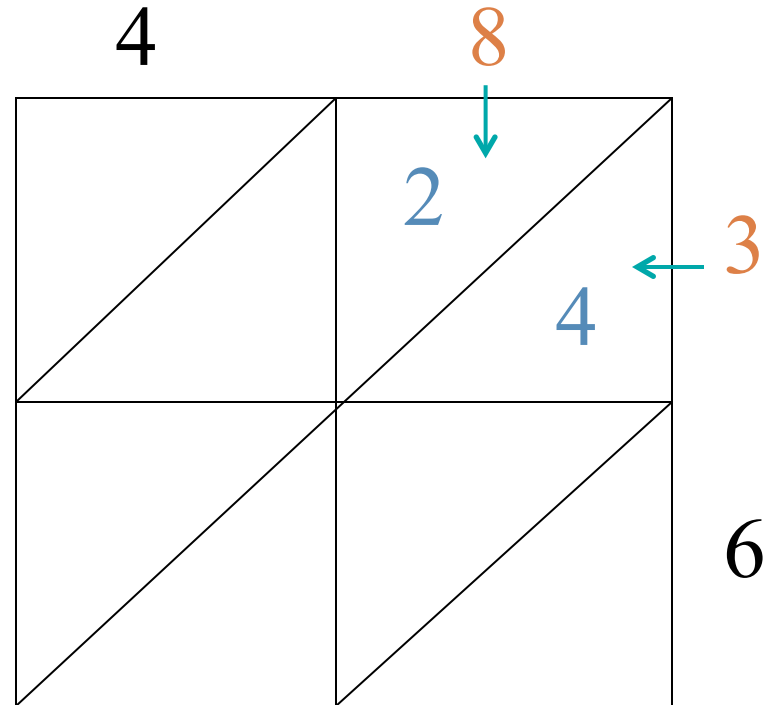


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$$8 \times 3 = 24$$

Enter 24 so that the tens place is above the diagonal and the ones place is below the diagonal.



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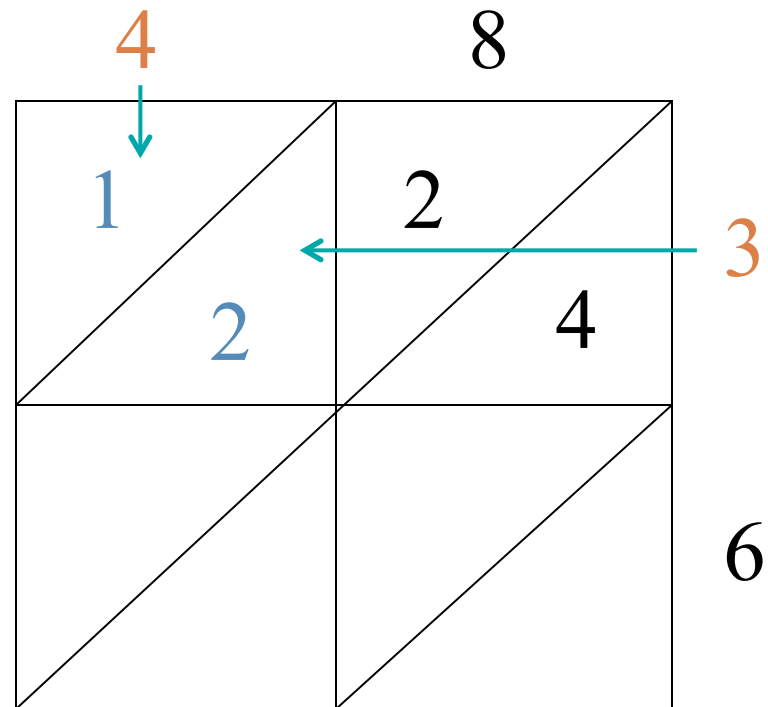
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Now consider 4×3

Find the box where
 4 and 3 intersect.

$$4 \times 3 = 12$$

Record 12 in the lattice.



Lattice Multiplication

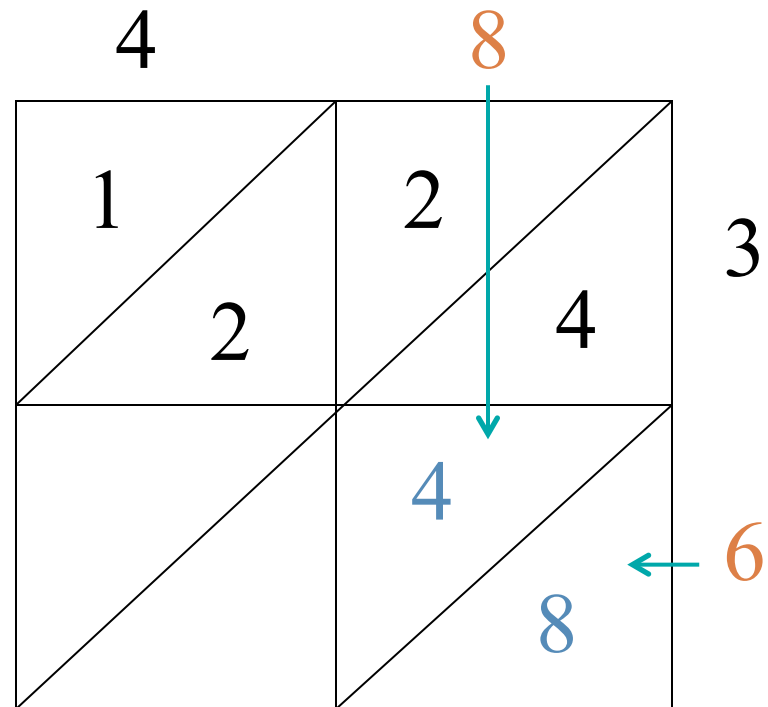
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Now consider 8×6

Find the box where 8 and 6 intersect.

$$8 \times 6 = 48$$

Record 48 in the lattice.



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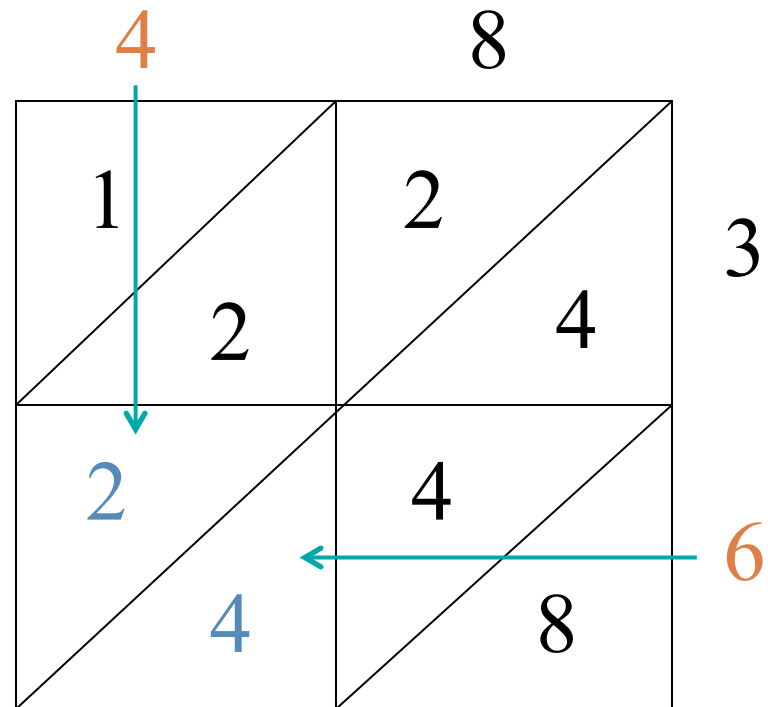
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Now consider 4×6

Find the box where 4 and 6 intersect.

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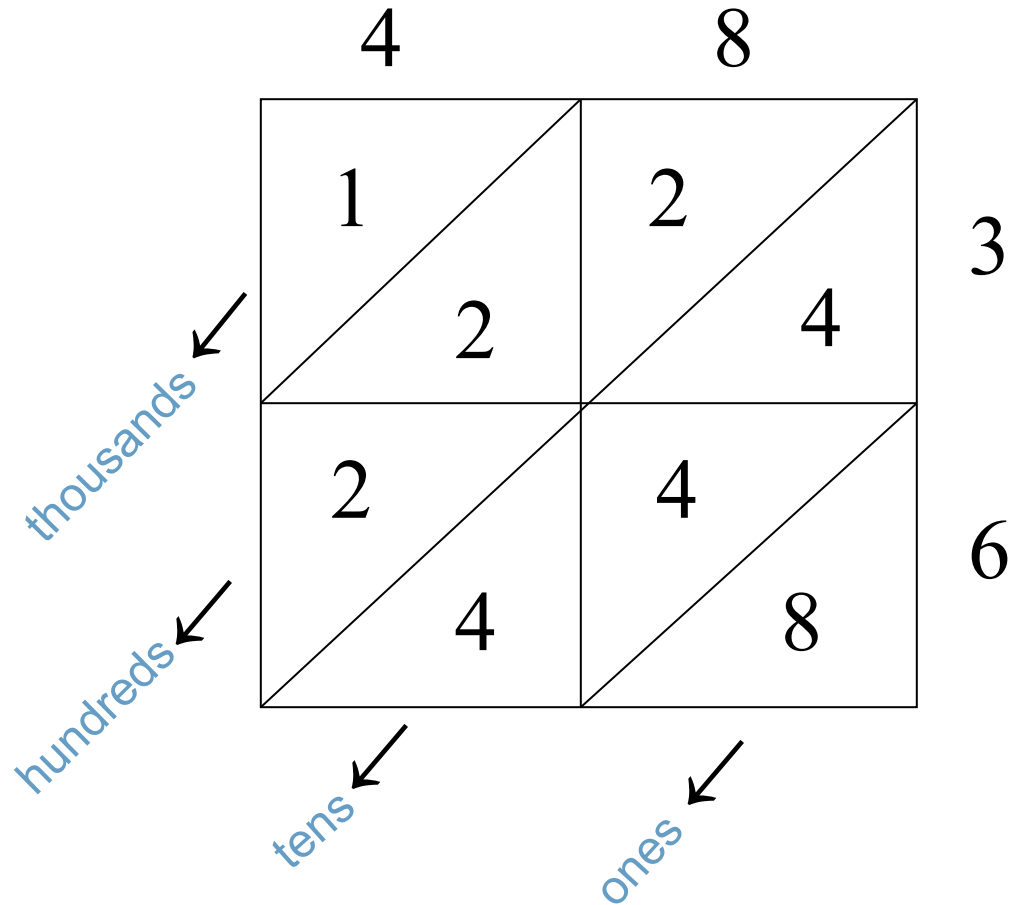


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The diagonals separate digits of the products into place-value columns.

The next step is to add along the diagonals.



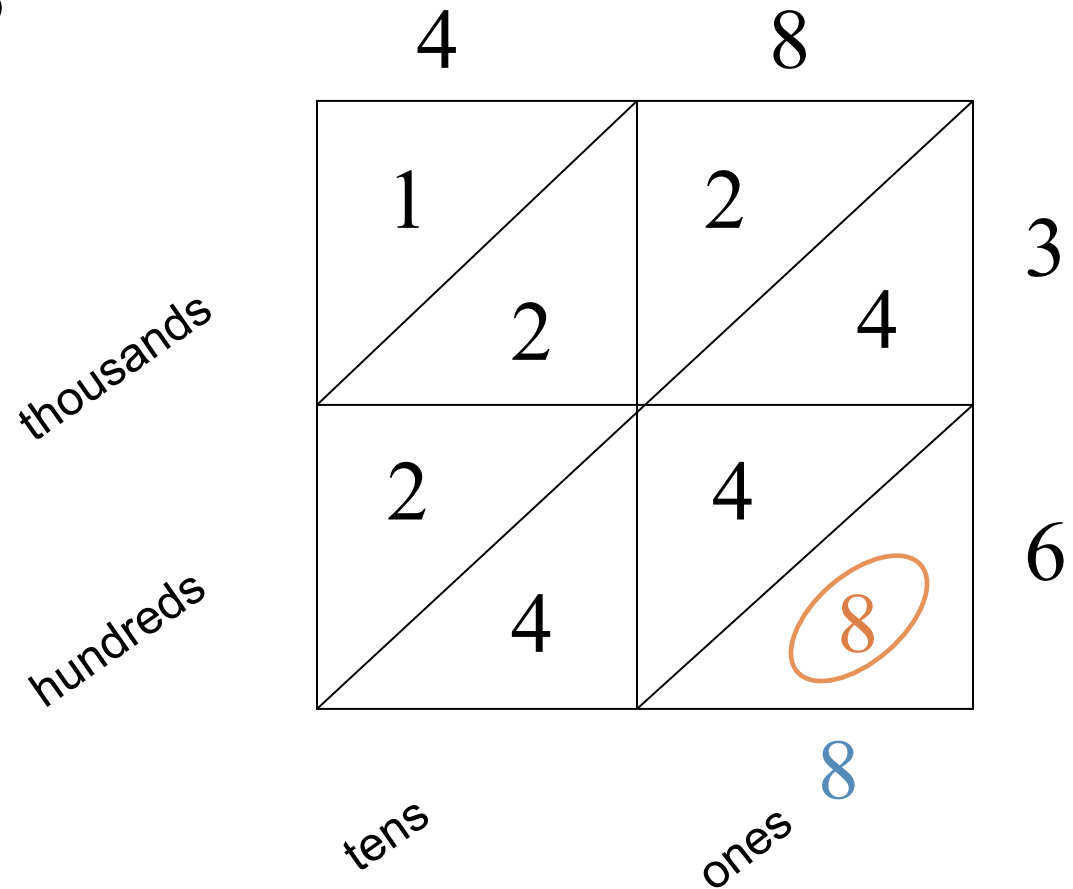
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Start with the ones place.

There is a total of 8 ones.

Record 8 ones.



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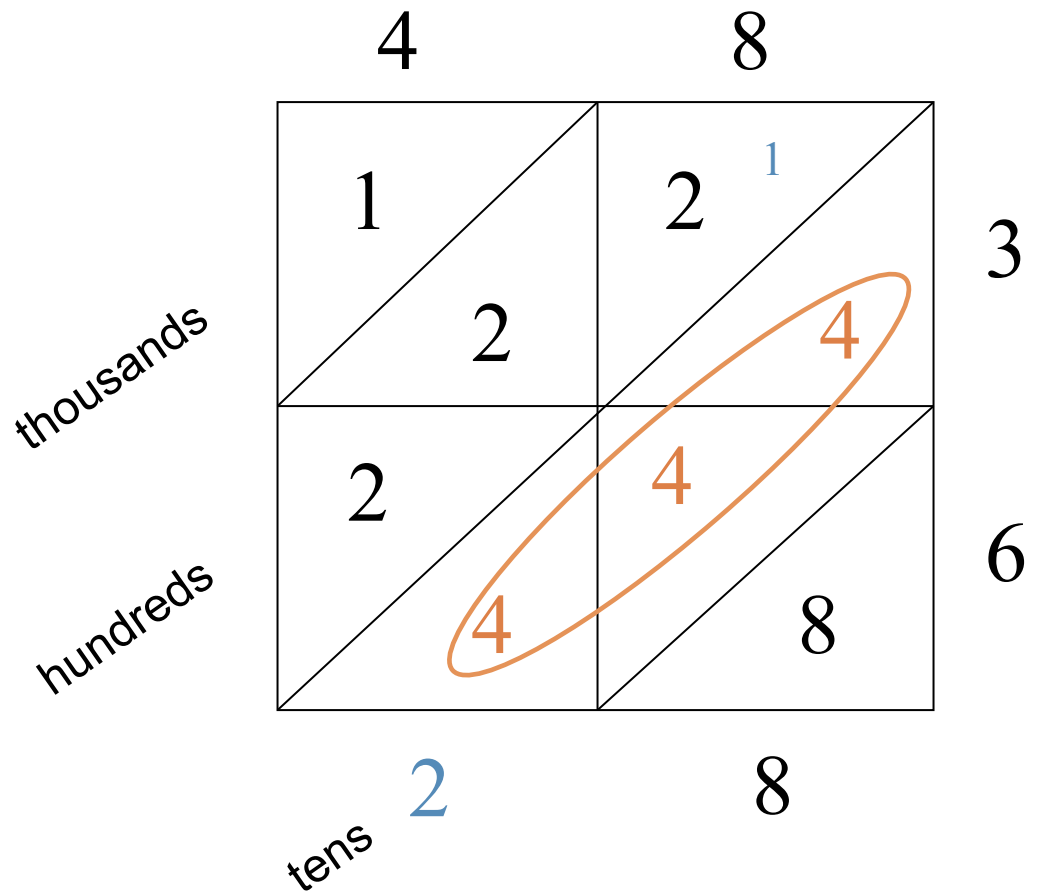
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Now add the tens.

$$4 + 4 + 4 = 12$$

You will need
to regroup.

Record 2 tens and
carry 1 hundred
(10 tens).



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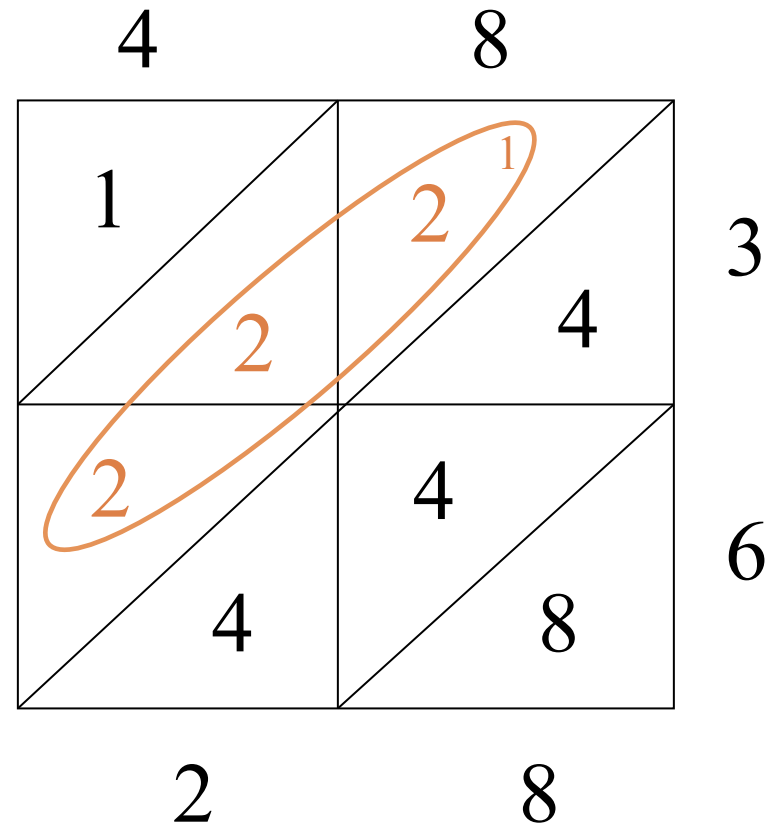
Now add the hundreds.

$$1 + 2 + 2 + 2 = 7$$

Record 7 hundreds.

thousands

hundreds 7



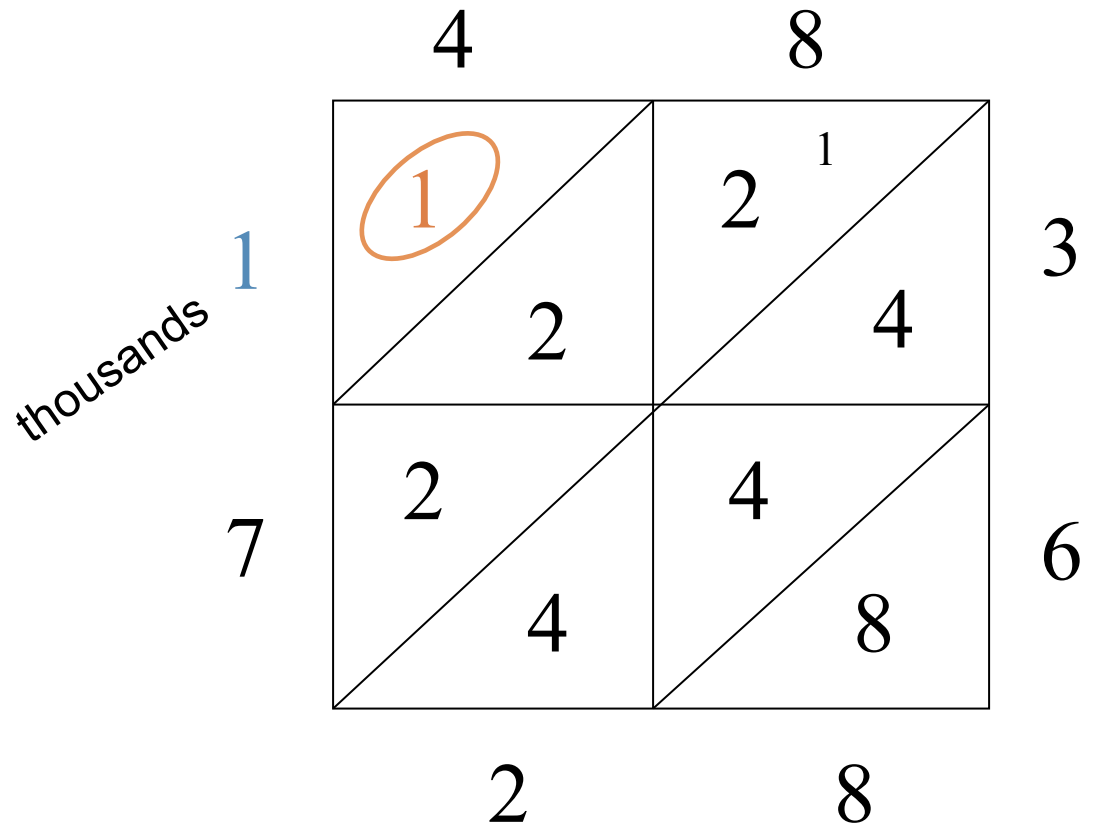
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And finish with the thousands.

There is a total of 1 thousands.

Record 1 thousands.

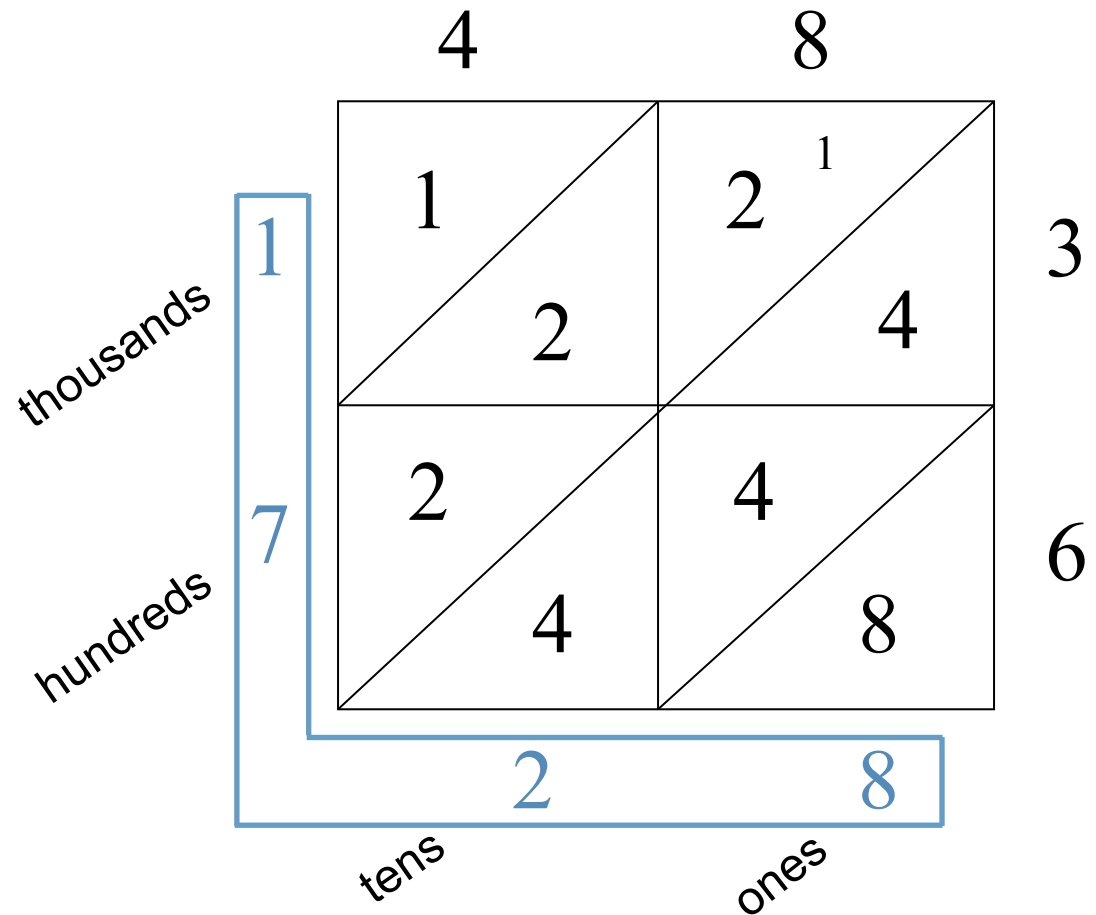


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The digits in the answer are 1, 7, 2, and 8.

Each digit in the answer has a specific place value.



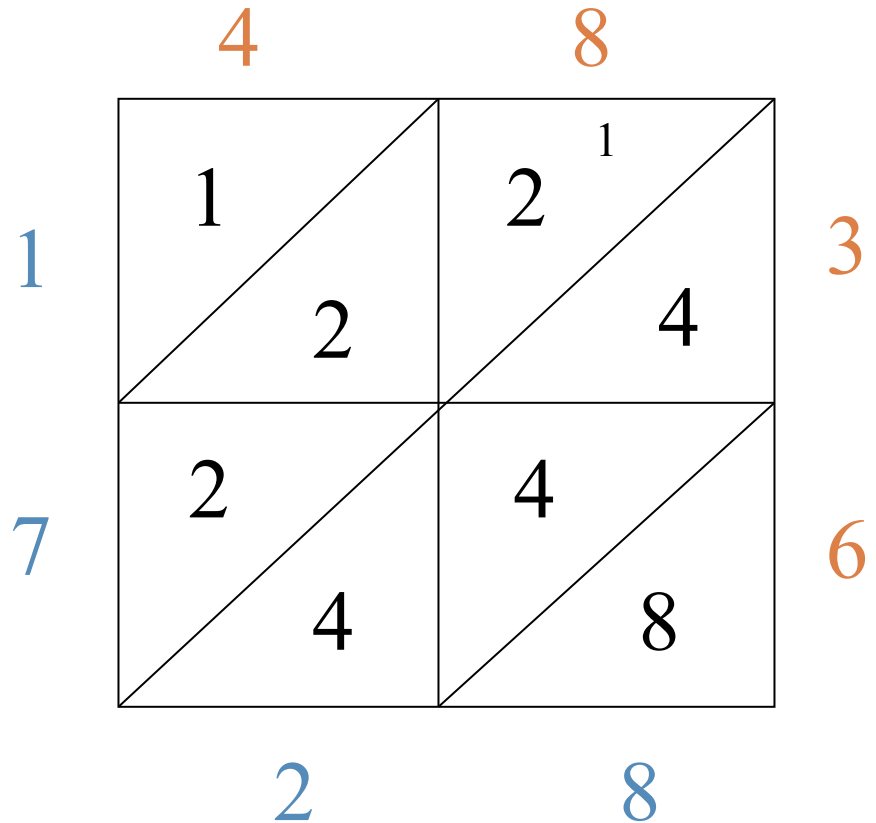
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Record the final answer.

1,728

The product of 48×36
is 1,728.



Lattice Multiplication

$$48 \times 36 = 1,728$$

Note that when children use the lattice algorithm to solve a multiplication problem, they have the opportunity to practice a variety of skills related to developing number sense.

These skills include:

- Identifying the place value of digits
- Adding strings of numbers to find the product