## MULTIPLYING FRACTIONS



STEP 1: Multiply the numerators.  $2 \times 1$ STEP 2: Multiply the denominators  $3 \times 4$ 

\*\*EX.  $2 \times 1 = 2$ 3 4 12

\*\*ALWAYS SIMPLIFY IF YOU CAN\*\*

IN THIS CASE; YOU CAN <sup>©</sup> Here's how:

Find the GCF of 2 & 12  $(2 = 1, \frac{2}{2})$   $(12 = 1, \frac{2}{2}, 3, 4, 6, 12)$  2 is the GCF

Divide to simplify:  $\underline{2} \div \underline{2} = \underline{1}$ 12 2 6 Remember: Whatever you do to the top # (numerator), you must do to the bottom # (denominator).

## MULTIPLYING MIXED FRACTIONS



STEP 1: Convert each mixed number to an improper fraction  $1 \stackrel{1}{=} \frac{3}{2} \stackrel{2}{=} \frac{3}{5} \stackrel{2}{=} \frac{11}{5}$ Multiply the whole # by the denominator (bottom #) then add the top # (numerator). Place the new # on top of the same denominator.

Step 2: Multiply your new fractions just like above. Numerator times numerator and denominator times denominator.  $\frac{3}{2} \times \frac{11}{10} = \frac{33}{2}$ 

Step 3: Always simplify your fraction by first turning it back into a mixed

number: 33 = 3310 10 Divide the denominator (10) into the numerator (33). This gives you your new whole # of 3. Your remainder 3 is your new numerator and you denominator (10) stays the same. Simplify your mixed number if possible