C2L Math Lesson Convert common fractions into decimal fractions of an inch Next step: Convert a decimal fraction of an inch

into a decimal fraction of a foot

Specific Objectives: Engage students to convert the fraction

Students will understand:

- a common fraction of an inch has a "set" value
- how to determine if the "set" value is correct- Ballpark #
- the "set" value can be compared to money values \$





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Students will be able to:

- Convert the common fraction into a decimal fraction of an inch
- Convert decimal fractions of an inch into decimal fractions of a foot

Problem Situation 1:

- Read math problem to determine what needs to be converted
- Recognize if the fraction is in inches or in feet

Give guidance to lead students in the right direction

• Show students how money relates to the tape measure

Contextualized Teaching Relate Prior Money Knowledge to Decimal Fractions



Quarters	 4 quarters 3 quarters 2 quarters 1 quarter 	

EXAMPLE PowerLack		
One Inch	 1 3/4 1/2 1/4 	

175	2000 \$ 30.75 \$ 00.95
Check Writing	 00/100 75/100 50/100 25/100

Problem Situation 2:

- Guess-timate (estimate) "set" value
- Label items correctly
 - Feet or inches
- Math steps to convert a common fraction into a decimal fraction
 - Work from top down
 - Ex. 3/4 inch: 3 divided by 4 = .75"
- Value logical?
 - Too high or too low

"Set" Value - Too Low or Too High



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