What's That Portion?

Dividing a Whole Number by a Fraction

Solve these problems. Use a representation and write an equation for each one.

A fifth-grade class is making gift baskets. Some children are making bows for the baskets. The bows are different sizes.

- 1. Felix has 2 yards of ribbon. He needs \(\frac{1}{4}\) yard to make 1 bow. How many bows can Felix make?
- **2.** Georgia has 5 yards of ribbon. She needs $\frac{1}{3}$ yard to make 1 bow. How many bows can Georgia make?
- 3. Tyler has 3 yards of ribbon. He needs \(\frac{1}{6}\) yard to make 1 bow. How many bows can Tyler make?

Some children are baking treats for the baskets.

- **4.** Martin has 5 cups of flour. If he needs $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of flour for 1 jumbo cookie, how many jumbo cookies can he make?
- **5.** Tamira has 9 cups of flour. If she needs $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of flour for 1 jumbo brownie, how many jumbo brownies can she make?



Making Bows

Solve these problems. Use a representation and write an equation for each one.

NOTE Students use representations to solve problems involving dividing a whole number by a unit fraction. (A unit fraction is a fraction in which the numerator is 1.)

- **1.** Joshua has 3 yards of ribbon. He needs $\frac{1}{4}$ yard to make 1 bow. How many bows can Joshua make?
- **2.** Alicia has 4 yards of ribbon. She needs $\frac{1}{3}$ yard to make 1 bow. How many bows can Alicia make?
- **3.** Tavon has 5 yards of ribbon. He needs $\frac{1}{6}$ yard to make 1 bow. How many bows can Tavon make?
- **4.** Yumiko has 6 yards of ribbon. She needs $\frac{1}{5}$ yard to make 1 bow. How many bows can Yumiko make?