

# A Square Meter

## For this activity you will need:

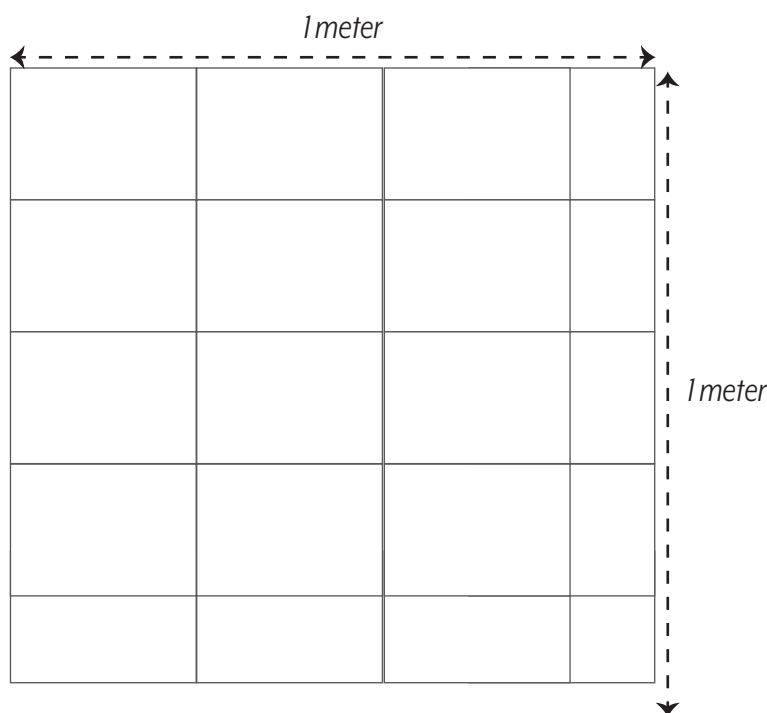
About 20 pieces of printing paper. **\*\*Look for and use pieces of scrap paper if possible.**

Sticking tape

## Making a square meter:

- 1) Use printing paper to make a square meter.
- 2) Place three pieces of paper end to end, then a fourth piece that overlaps the third piece so that the total length of the pieces of paper is 1 meter.
- 3) Make 5 rows, then place them one below the other. The fifth row will need to overlap so that the width of the pieces of paper is also 1 meter.
- 4) Stick the pieces of paper together.

*You've made a square meter!*



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## Area using a square meter.

- 1) Use the square meter to find three things that are larger than a square meter. e.g. a rug, your bed etc.
- 2) Use the square meter to find three things that are smaller than a square meter. e.g. a coffee table
- 3) How many things can you find that are about a square meter?
- 4) Use the square meter to measure the area of a room in your house. Place the square meter on the floor then keep moving it, counting how many square meters would fit.

**I measured a room in my home and I can fit about 12 square meters in the room.**

**So the area of the room is about 12 square meters.**