

## Mixing Sky Blue Paint - Example Answers



This page includes selected example answers and approaches.  
Other approaches and answers may be possible and appropriate.



Mark mixes 5 cups of blue paint with 2 cups of white paint to make *Sky Blue* paint.

Amy wants a sample of the paint to try on her walls.

1. Mark takes out 1 cup of the *Sky Blue* paint and gives it to Amy.

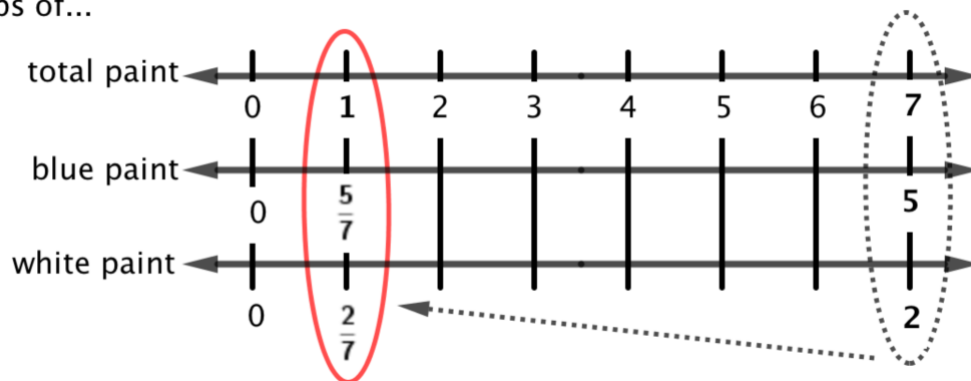
How much white paint is in the 1 cup?

How much blue paint is in the 1 cup?

Make a visual representation to solve the problem.

**Example:** make number lines for the number of cups of total, blue, and white cups of paint; divide them all into 7 equally-sized sections and find the amounts for 1 total cup of paint.

cups of...



There is  $\frac{2}{7}$  cup of white paint in 1 cup of *Sky Blue* paint.

There is  $\frac{5}{7}$  cup of blue paint in 1 cup of *Sky Blue* paint.

2. Mark takes  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of the original *Sky Blue* paint mixture for a sample.

How much white paint is in the  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup?

Explain and/or show how you know the amount of white paint in the  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup.

**Example:** based on the number lines above, but looking only at the total cups and white cups of paint, divide the distance between 0 and 1 total cup of paint in half and find the amount of white paint on the other number line at the same location.

There is  $\frac{1}{7}$  cup of white paint in  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of *Sky Blue* paint.

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