Prime or Composite?

6 1 x 6 2 x 3

Materials: square tiles, grid paper

- 1. Work with a partner. Use square tiles to make all possible rectangular arrays for the numbers 2-25. Draw the arrays on grid paper and record the factor pairs.
- 2. Record your data in a table with the following headings:

Number	Factor Pairs	Factors	Prime or Composite?
2	1 x 2	1, 2	
3			

- 3. Describe any patterns that you notice in the factors and rectangular arrays.
- 4. Suppose you were to continue looking at factors of numbers beyond 25. Predict the next two numbers that will have at least 3 factors. Explain your reasoning.