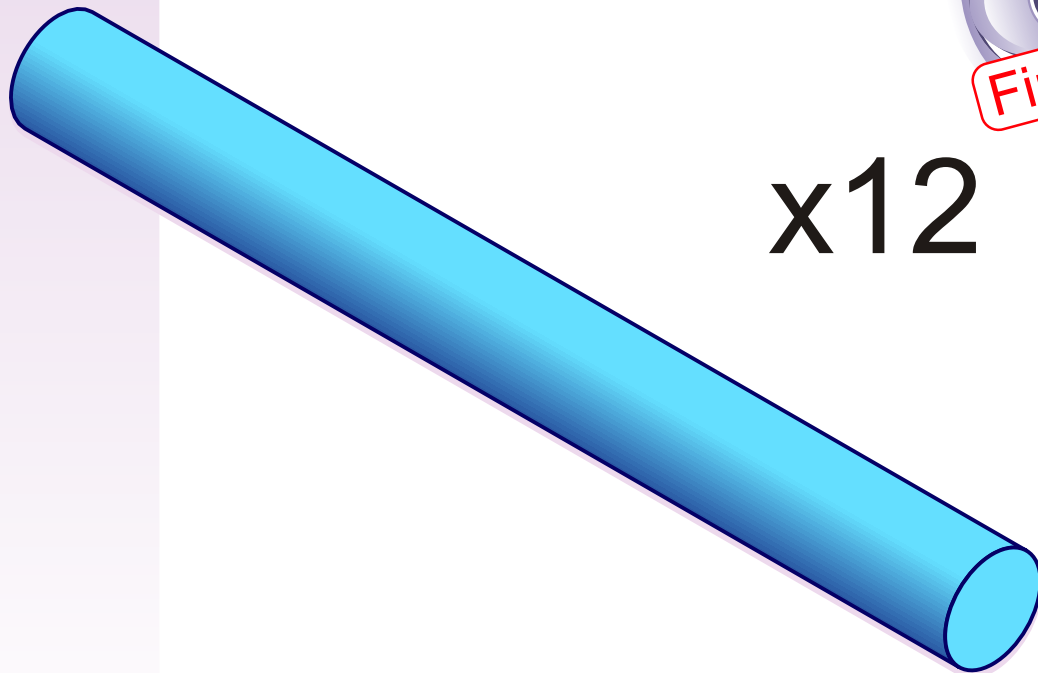


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### Twelve Crayons\*

If you have 12 crayons arranged to make four perfect squares and take away three crayons to make three perfect squares can you answer that?

David V.

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\* Often it's described as a matchstick puzzle. Apparently it doesn't matter what you will use - matchsticks, toothpicks or crayons.

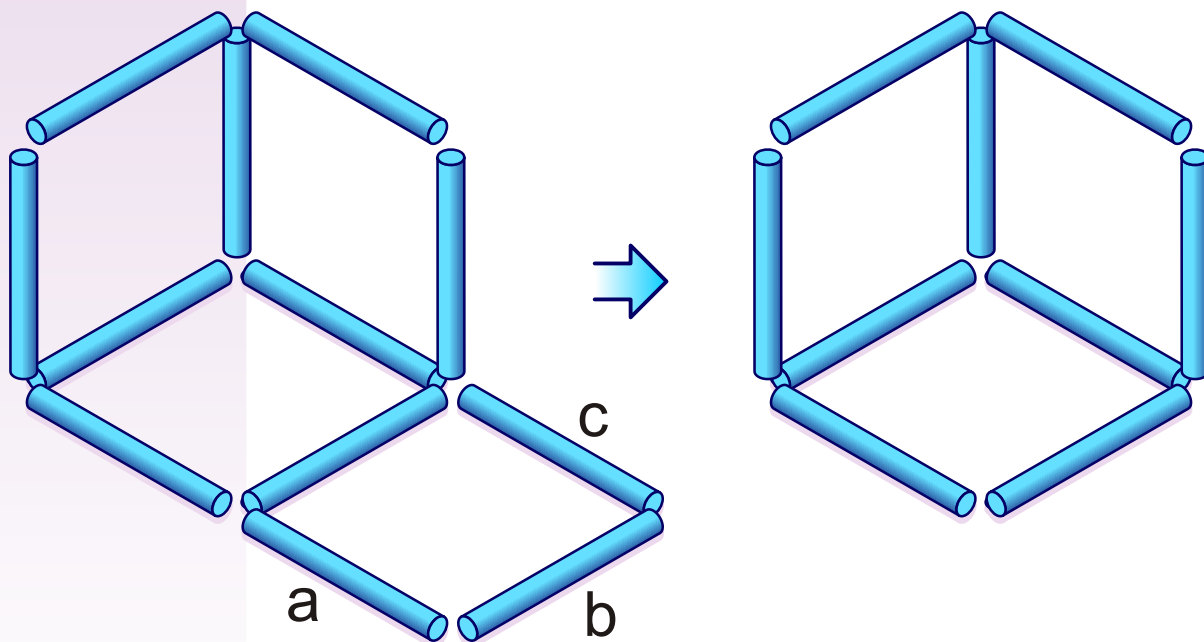
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### Twelve Crayons (solution)

One of several possible solutions is shown in the illustration. To solve the puzzle remove crayons a, b and c.