 Cutting congruent halves

Two shapes are congruent if one can be moved so that it fits exactly on top of the other shape.

Your investigation

There are 13 different ways to cut a 3 x 3 square array into two congruent halves by cutting along a polygonal path with vertices located on the grid. Two examples are given. Try to find the rest. Remember, don't count paths in different locations that give the same shaped halves.



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Outcomes

* **MA4-1WM** communicates and connects mathematical ideas using appropriate terminology, diagrams and symbols
* **MA4-2WM** applies appropriate mathematical techniques to solve problems
* **MA4-3WM** recognises and explains mathematical relationships using reasoning
* **MA4-17MG** classifies, describes and uses the properties of triangles and quadrilaterals, and determines congruent triangles to find unknown side lengths and angles

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