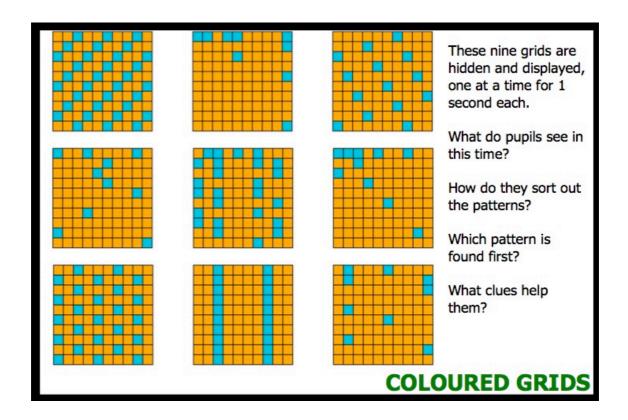
# **Coloured Grids**



## **A Spire Maths Activity**

https://spiremaths.co.uk/colouredgrids/



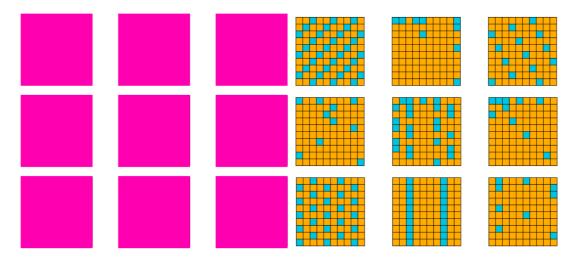
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### **Overview**

Nine grids (right below) are hidden behind 'cards' (left below). The grids comprise the 100 square (numbers not shown) with some cells shaded in blue.



The rules for the red squares are as follows (matching positions)

Multiples of 3 Factors of 100 Multiples of 7 Square numbers Primes Fibonacci 4n + 3 for  $n \ge 0$  5n + 3 for  $n \ge 0$  n(n+1) for n > 0

Mini-whiteboards are essential, and should be used by each erson.

#### Ideas for use

- This works well in groups of 4 or 5.
- Tell pupils that they are going to see 9 grids each with a different pattern on it and that each grid will only be seen for one second and that their task is to work out what is on each of the grids.
- The first slides give time for pupils to settle.
- One way to use the material is to use the accompanying PowerPoint that shows each of the nine slides for just one second (a second PowerPoint shows the slides for 2 seconds).
- The intention is that pupils discuss with each other what they have seen and try to remember what they have seen and the rules underlying the grids. You do not have to tell them that it is 100 square but instead use questioning to help.
- Usually I allow three opportunities to see the PowerPoint having set the "how good an observer are you?" challenge.

### Questions about the grids

If pupils have difficulty then here are some prompts:

- What is the same/different about each grid? (Regularity of patterns, number of squares in blues.)
- Which squares are easier to see if they are blue or not? (Those in the corners, around the edges.)
- Do you have an hypothesis? How will you test it?
- How can you simplify the work in your group? (Share out the grids.)

### Using the grids

With the IWB file you can move a covering square (to reveal part of the grid).



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- Which rules are the same? Why? Can you make more similar grids?
- What percentage of the grid is blue?
- For each grid how will the pattern continue if you extended the 100 square?
- Make some grids of your own that follow a rule. How many rules are there?
- How would things change if the grid went across in 8s or 12s and not in 10s?

### The mathematics

Depends on how you use and extend it. But in terms of big picture of mathematics:

- pattern regularity of numbers on and off the grid
- unpredictability (primes)
- 'base' of grid (10 here) and how patterns are linked to it (e.g. multiple of 3, 5; patterns of the form 5n + c)
- what if the grid went up to 1 million squares
- how the percentage of red squares changes (or not) with bigger grids.



### Our iPad and iPhone resources

Search for Jamtec on the AppStore. We also have other non-mathematics apps. Prices correct at 6 October 2015.



Age-ulator Free: Randomised £0.79

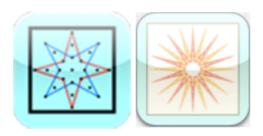




<u>Directed Numbers</u> £0.79: <u>Equivalents</u> £0.79: <u>Multiplication Pairs</u> £0.79



Maths Charts for Jenny Eather Free: with Subscription up-grades Maths Charts for Jenny Eather (Deluxe version) £3.99



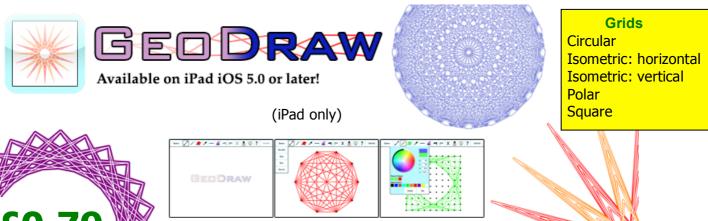
Grids4Maths £0.79: GeoDraw £0.79 (iPad only)

### **Education APPs from Apple**

Half price for volume purchase of some Education APPs



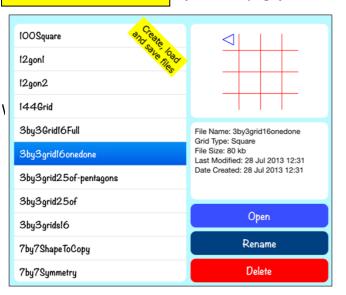
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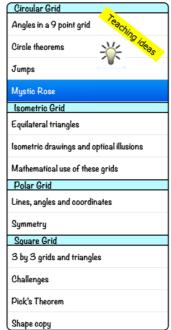


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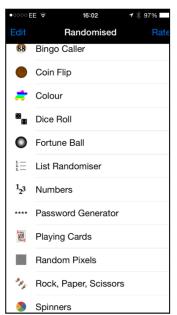
 GeoDraw offers users a choice of 5 grids for use in mathematics and D&T lessons. Send/export images with/without grid using: Bluetooth, Email, Facebook, Twitter and into Pages or Keynote.

Eligible for VPP discount (see next page).









Grids4Maths (79p): much simpler version of GeoDraw for iPhones.

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Randomised (79p): for probability lessons.

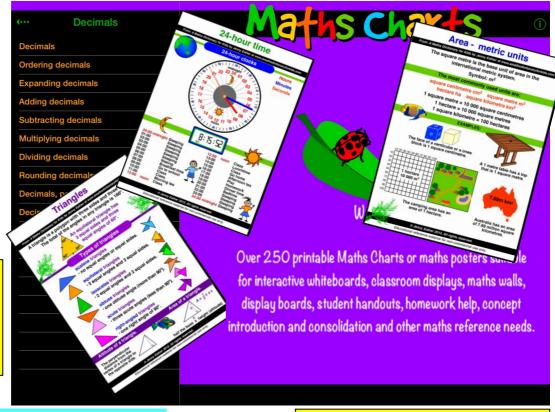
Age-ulator (free): for large number work and





We've teamed up with Jenny Eather to bring her Maths Charts web resources to the iPad/iPhone. Try Maths Charts by Jenny Eather for free, then buy full Deluxe version for £3.99 (half this if you sign up for VPP with Apple and buy 20 or more copies).

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