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There are exactly 17 so-called "wallpaper groups," which, in orbifold notation, can be classified as:

1. \circ
2. xx
3. $*x$
4. $**$
5. 632
6. $*632$
7. 333
8. $*333$
9. $3*3$
10. 442
11. $*442$
12. $4*2$
13. 2222
14. $22x$
15. 22^*
16. $*2222$
17. $2*22$

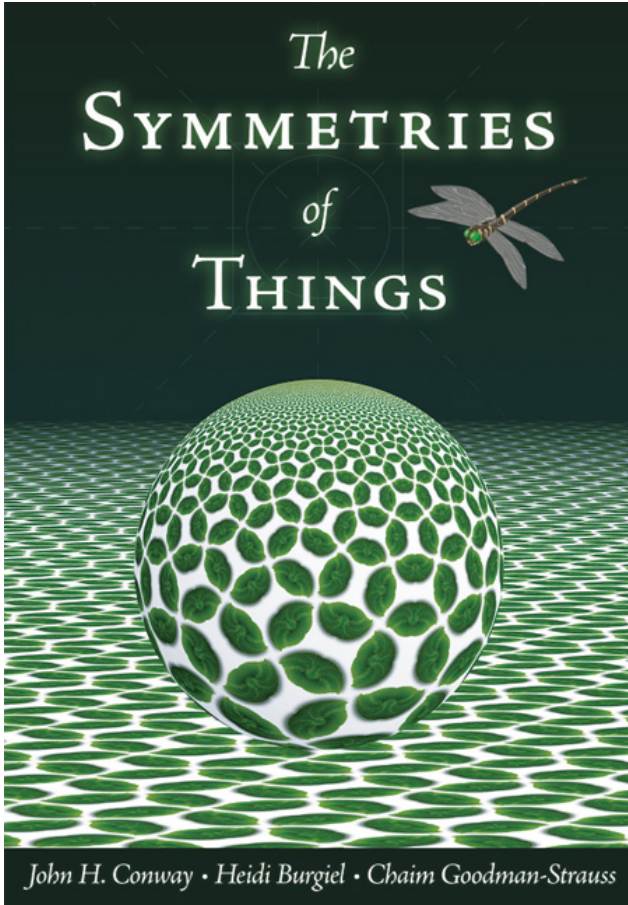
where the notations mean the following:

\circ is a "wonder ring" or "wandering" and indicates two independent directions of **translation**

x is a "miracle" or **mirrorless glide reflection**

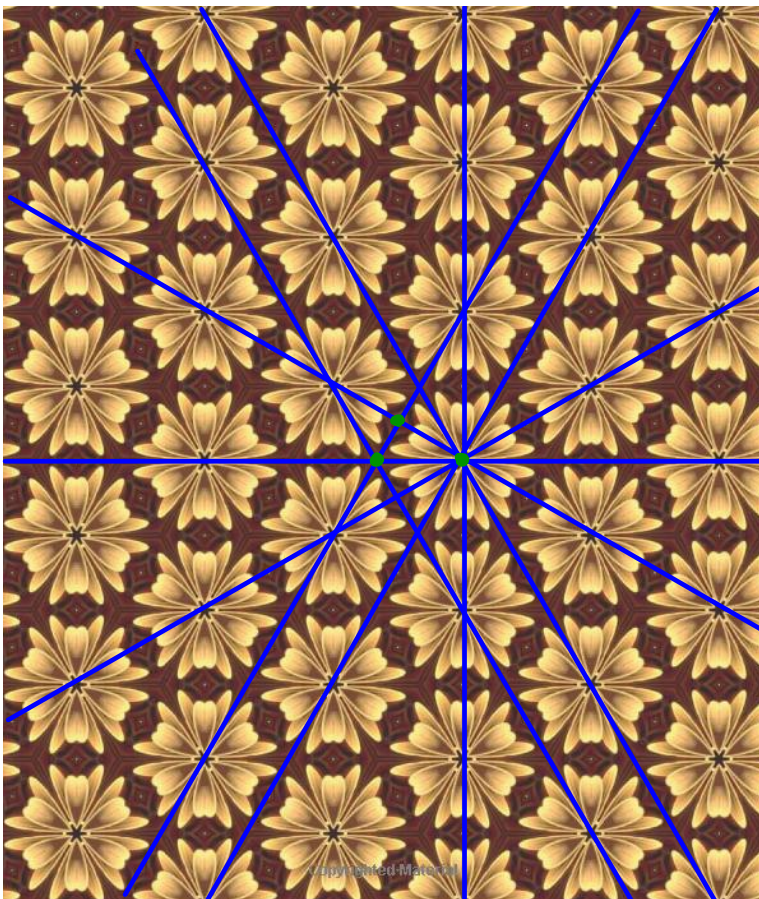
$*$ is a **mirror line**, and any numbers after a $*$ indicate different points with that many mirror lines passing through those points

numbers before a $*$ or numbers without any other notation indicate points with that number-fold **rotational symmetry**



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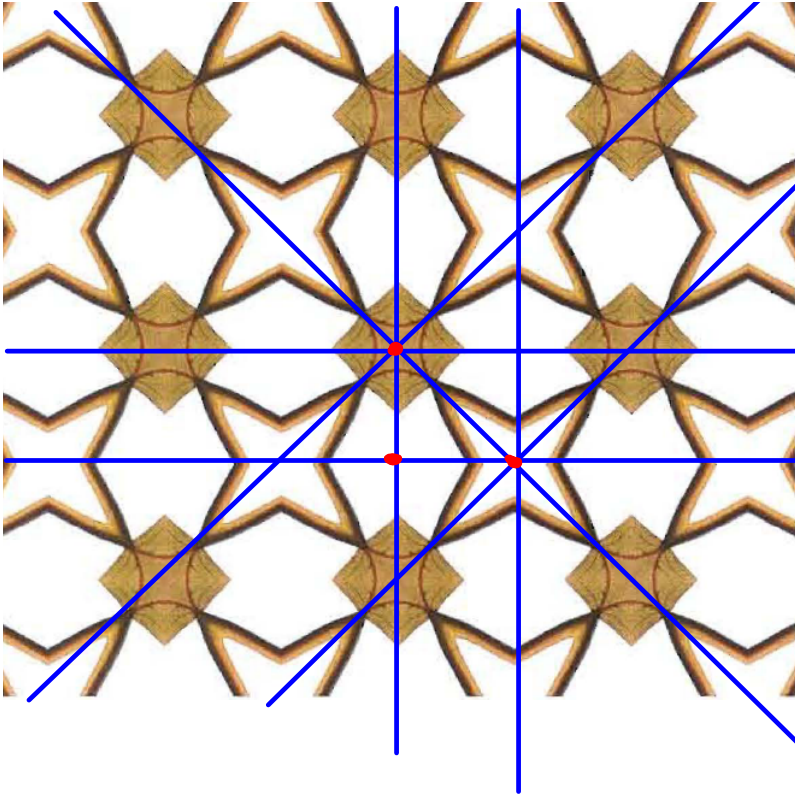
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***632**

$$\$1 + \frac{5}{12} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\frac{12}{12} + \frac{5}{12} + \frac{4}{12} + \frac{3}{12}$$

$$= \$2$$



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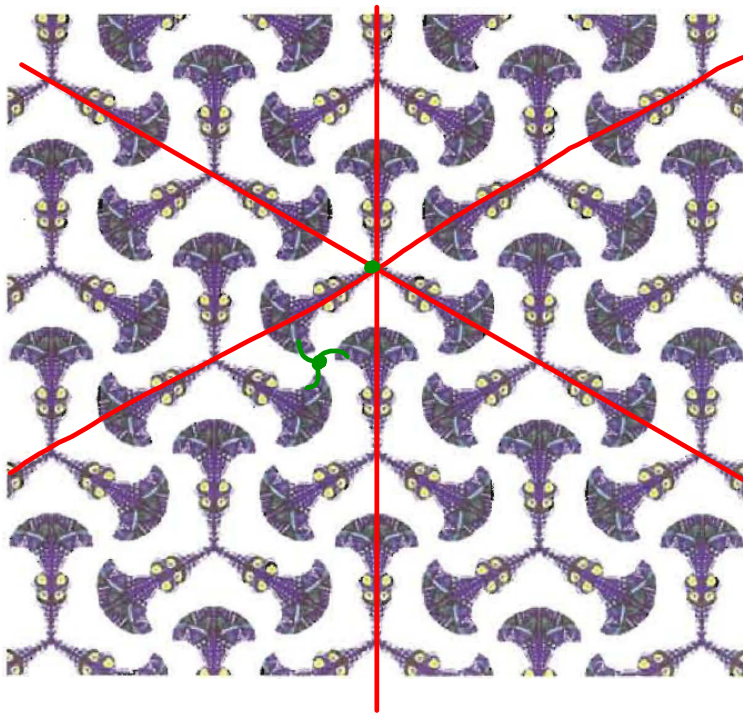
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$3 \times 4 \times 2$

$$= \$1 + \frac{3}{8} + \frac{3}{8} + \frac{1}{4}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{6}{8} + \frac{2}{8}$$

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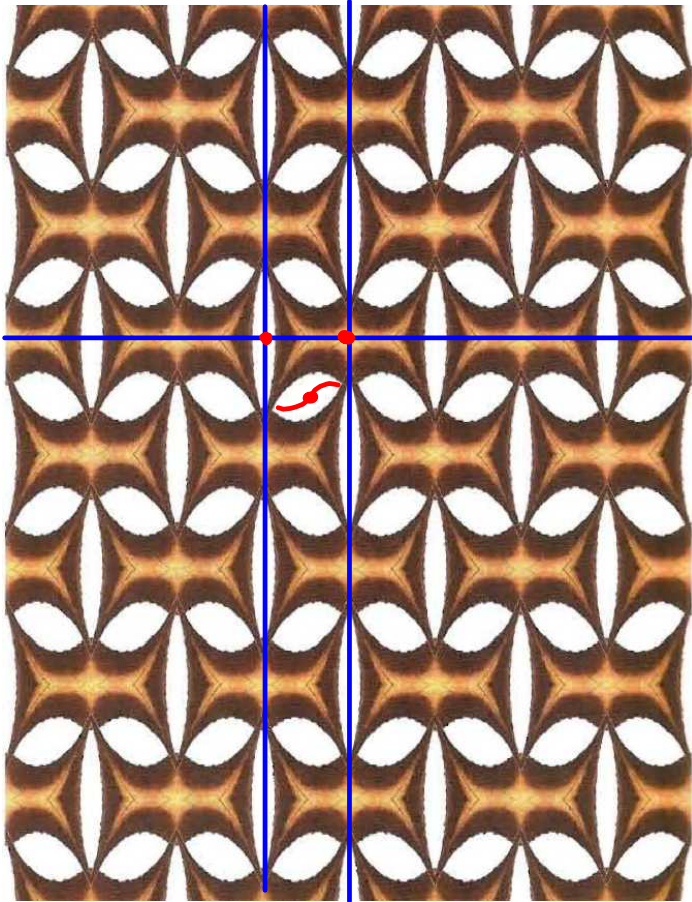
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3×3

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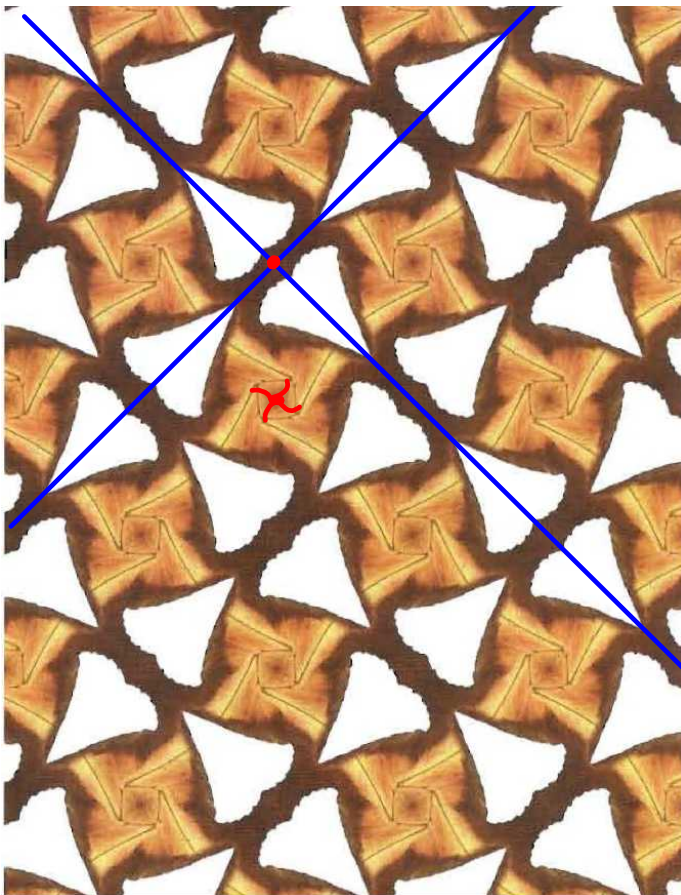
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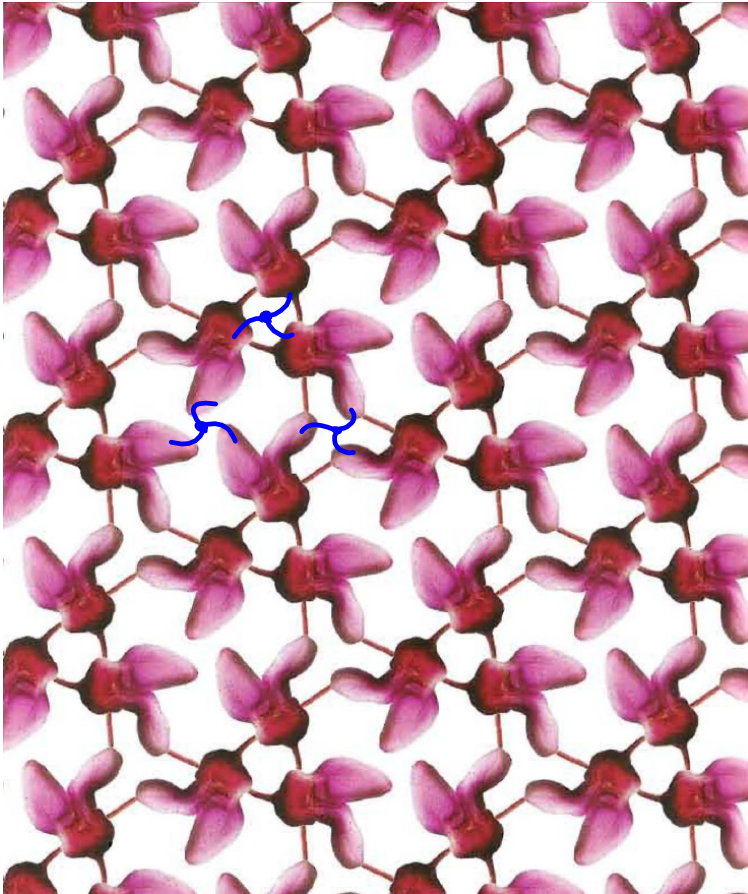
$$\begin{aligned}
 & \boxed{2 \times 22} \\
 & = \$ \frac{1}{2} + 1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \\
 & = \$ 2
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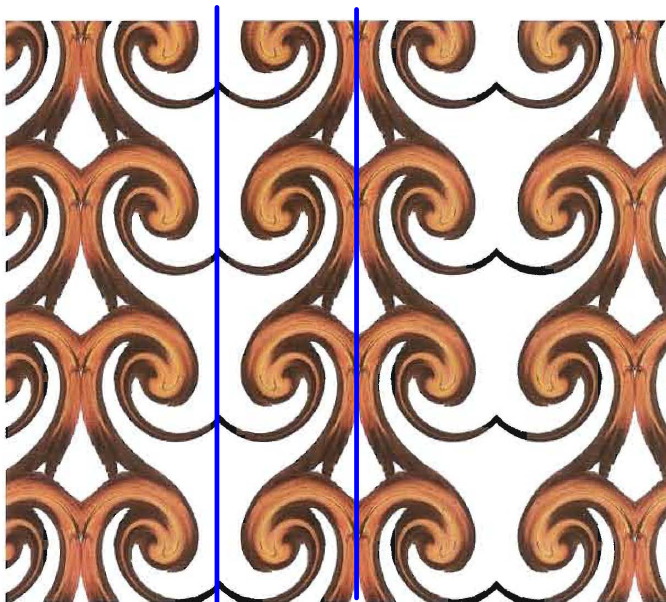
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$$\boxed{333}$$

$$= \$ \frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3}$$

$$= \$ 2$$



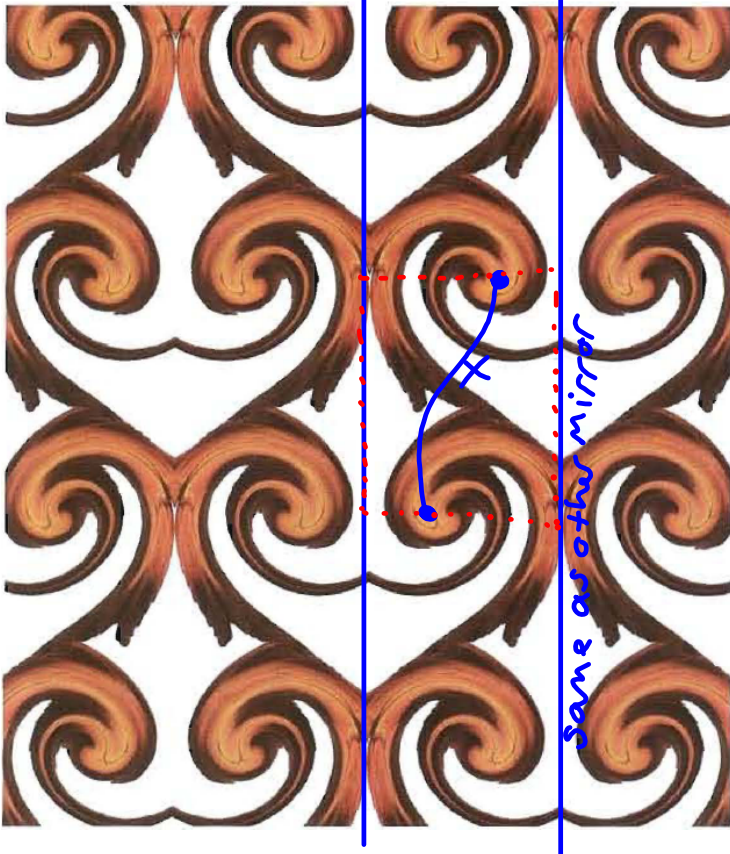
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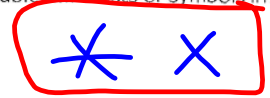
$$= \$ 1 + 1$$

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