## Manipulating Surds

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## Try this

Decide if the following equations are true or false

$$
\begin{gathered}
\sqrt{9}+\sqrt{4}=\sqrt{13} \\
\hline \sqrt{9} \times \sqrt{4}=\sqrt{36} \\
\sqrt{9}+\sqrt{9}=2 \sqrt{9} \\
2 \sqrt{9}=\sqrt{36}
\end{gathered}
$$

$$
\sqrt{9}-\sqrt{4}=\sqrt{5}
$$

$$
\sqrt{4} \times \sqrt{4}=4
$$

## Independent task

Decide if the following equations are true or false

$$
\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{3}=\sqrt{6}
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\sqrt{15}+\sqrt{8}=\sqrt{23}
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$$
\sqrt{18}-\sqrt{8}=\sqrt{10}
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$$
\sqrt{15}+\sqrt{15}=2 \sqrt{15}
$$

$$
\sqrt{15} \times \sqrt{10}=\sqrt{25}
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$$
2 \sqrt{8}=\sqrt{16}
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$$
\sqrt{15} \div \sqrt{3}=\sqrt{5}
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$$
\sqrt{\frac{36}{64}}=\frac{3}{4}
$$

## Explore

An equilateral triangle of side length 4 cm and a circle has been used to create the two images below. What are the areas of each circle?


Can you construct similar images?

