Grade: 1-4 (S), 5-8 (S), 9-12 (S)
Duration: 10-20 min
Tools: one 9 pcs Set / 1-2 student
Individual / Pair work
Keywords: Regular prism

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DESCRIPTION
Students arrange the blocks of the 9 pcs Set into pairs to form regular prisms by measuring and comparing edges and sides, see the diagram for an example.


SOLUTIONS / EXAMPLES
In the 9 pcs Set there is one block that is already a regular prism. That is block 222.


From the blocks 112 and 122 we get the regular prism 333 .


From the blocks 113 and 133 we get the regular prism 444 .


From the blocks 123 and 123 we get the regular prism 444.


From the blocks 321 and 321 we get the regular prism 444.


Observe that the addition of the numbers 112+221=333 seems like it works, but in the case of 123 and 321 it does not work: the blocks 123 and 321 do not form a regular prism, but the blocks 123 and 123 do. The reason is that in the formation of the prism from the blocks abc and def, one gets a prism with heights $a+f=b+e=c+d$. The addition 112+221 works because the block 221 can also be written as block 122.

PRIOR KNOWLEDGE
Regular prism
RECOMMENDATIONS / COMMENTS
For students of grade 5-8 this can be a warm-up exercise before the more difficult combinatorics problems.
The task can be used to differentiate within a class.

