

Percentage Waste Questions & Answers

Worksheet 2

Q1. Calculate the percentage waste when 13 circular tops, radius 150mm, are cut from a sheet of MDF measuring 1.220m x 2.m.

$$\text{Area of MDF sheet} = 1.220 \times 2.0 = 2.44\text{m}^2$$

$$\text{Area of stool seat} = 3.14 \times 0.15 \times 0.15 = 0.070\text{m}^2$$

$$\text{Area of 13 stool seats} = 0.070 \times 13 = 0.91\text{m}^2$$

Sheet Area - 13 stool seats = Waste

$$2.44 - 0.91 = 1.53\text{m}^2$$

Waste \div Sheet Area = Percentage waste

$$1.53 \div 2.44 = 0.627, \quad 0.627 \times 100 = 62.7\%$$

$$\text{Percentage waste} = 62.7\%$$

Q2. Calculate the percentage waste when 8 half round tabletops, 460mm in diameter, are cut from a sheet of pine measuring 1.220m x 2.440m.

$$\text{Area of MDF sheet} = 1.220 \times 2.440 = 2.976\text{m}^2$$

$$\text{Area of 1 round top} = (3.14 \times 0.23 \times 0.23) = 0.1661\text{m}^2$$

$$\text{Area of 1 half round top} = 0.1661\text{m} \div 2 = 0.083$$

$$\text{Area of 8 half round tops} = 0.083 \times 8 = 0.664\text{m}^2$$

$$\text{Sheet Area} - 8 \text{ half round tops} = \text{Waste} \quad 2.976 - 0.664 = 2.312\text{m}^2$$

Waste \div Sheet Area = Percentage waste

$$2.312 \div 2.976 = 0.7768 \quad (\times 100)$$

$$\text{Percentage waste} = 77.68\%$$

Q3. Calculate the percentage waste when 15 Tops, 400mm x 300mm are cut from a sheet of MDF measuring 1.220m x 2.150mm.

$$\text{Area of MDF sheet} = 1.220 \times 2.150 = 2.623\text{m}^2$$

$$\text{Area of 1 top} = 0.400 \times 0.300 = 0.12\text{m}^2$$

$$\text{Area of 15 tops} = 0.12 \times 15 = 1.8\text{m}^2$$

Sheet Area – 15 Tops = Waste

$$2.623 - 1.8 = 0.823\text{m}^2$$

Waste \div Sheet Area = Percentage waste

$$0.823 \div 2.623 = 0.3136 \quad (\times 100)$$

$$\text{Percentage waste} = 31.36\%$$

Q4. Calculate the percentage waste when 9 Tops, 375mm x 380mm are cut from a sheet of MDF measuring 1.220m x 1.450m.

$$\text{Area of MDF sheet} = 1.220 \times 1.450 = 1.796\text{m}^2$$

$$\text{Area of 1 top} = 0.375 \times 0.380 = 0.142\text{m}^2$$

$$\text{Area of 9 tops} = 0.142 \times 9 = 1.2825\text{m}^2$$

Sheet Area – 9 Tops = Waste

$$1.796 - 1.2825 = 0.5135\text{m}^2$$

Waste ÷ Sheet Area = Percentage waste

$$0.5135 \div 1.796 = 0.2859 \text{ (x 100)}$$

$$\text{Percentage waste} = 28.59\%$$

Q5. Calculate the percentage waste when 16 tops, 400mm in width x 300mm are cut from a sheet of MDF measuring 1.220m x 2.400m.

$$\text{Area of MDF sheet} = 1.220 \times 2.400 = 2.928\text{m}^2$$

$$\text{Area of 1 top} = 0.400 \times 0.300 = 0.12\text{m}^2$$

$$\text{Area of 16 tops} = 0.12 \times 16 = 1.92\text{m}^2$$

Sheet Area – 16 Tops = Waste

$$2.928 - 1.92 = 1.008\text{m}^2$$

Waste ÷ Sheet Area = Percentage waste

$$1.008 \div 2.928 = 0.3442 \text{ (x 100)}$$

$$\text{Percentage waste} = 34.42\%$$

Q6. Calculate the percentage waste when 8 half round tabletops, 580mm in diameter, are cut from a sheet of pine measuring 1.220m x 2.440m.

$$\text{Area of MDF sheet} = 1.220 \times 2.440 = 2.976\text{m}^2$$

$$\text{Area of 1 round top} = (3.14 \times 0.29 \times 0.29) = 0.2642\text{m}^2$$

$$\text{Area of 1 half round top} = 0.2642\text{m} \div 2 = 0.1321$$

$$\text{Area of 8 half round tops} = 0.1321 \times 8 = 1.0568\text{m}^2$$

$$\text{Sheet Area - 8 half round tops} = \text{Waste} \quad 2.976 - 1.0568 = 1.919\text{m}^2$$

Waste ÷ Sheet Area = Percentage waste

$$1.919 \div 2.976 = 0.6448 \text{ (x 100)}$$

$$\text{Percentage waste} = 64.48\%$$

Q7. Calculate the percentage waste when 16 circular stool seats, radius 200mm, are cut from a sheet of MDF measuring 1.220m x 2.440m.

$$\text{Area of MDF sheet} = 1.220 \times 2.440 = 2.928\text{m}^2$$

$$\text{Area of stool seat} = 3.14 \times 0.20 \times 0.20 = 0.1256\text{m}^2$$

$$\text{Area of 16 stool seats} = 0.1256 \times 16 = 2.010\text{m}^2$$

Sheet Area - 16 stool seats = Waste

$$2.928 - 2.010\text{m} = 0.917\text{m}^2$$

Waste ÷ Sheet Area = Percentage waste

$$0.917 \div 2.928 = 0.3133, \quad 0.3133 \times 100 = 62.7\%$$

$$\text{Percentage waste} = 31.33\%$$

Q8. Calculate the percentage waste when 6 half round tabletops, 540mm in diameter, are cut from a sheet of pine measuring 1.220m x 2.440m.

$$\text{Area of MDF sheet} = 1.220 \times 2.440 = 2.976\text{m}^2$$

$$\text{Area of 1 round top} = (3.14 \times 0.27 \times 0.27) = 0.229\text{m}^2$$

$$\text{Area of 1 half round top} = 0.229 \div 2 = 0.1145 \text{ m}^2$$

$$\text{Area of 6 half round tops} = 0.1145 \times 6 = 0.687\text{m}^2$$

$$\text{Sheet Area - 6 half round tops} = \text{Waste} \quad 2.976 - 0.687 = 2.289\text{m}^2$$

Waste ÷ Sheet Area = Percentage waste

$$2.289 \div 2.976 = 0.7691 \quad (\times 100)$$

$$\text{Percentage waste} = 76.91\%$$

Q9. Calculate the percentage waste when 6 half round tabletops, 840mm in diameter, are cut from a sheet of pine measuring 1.220m x 2.440m.

$$\text{Area of MDF sheet} = 1.220 \times 2.440 = 2.976\text{m}^2$$

$$\text{Area of 1 round top} = (3.14 \times 0.42 \times 0.42) = 0.5541\text{m}^2$$

$$\text{Area of 1 half round top} = 0.5541 \div 2 = 0.277 \text{ m}^2$$

$$\text{Area of 6 half round tops} = 0.277 \times 6 = 1.6625\text{m}^2$$

$$\text{Sheet Area - 6 half round tops} = \text{Waste} \quad 2.976 - 1.6625 = 1.3134\text{m}^2$$

Waste ÷ Sheet Area = Percentage waste

$$1.3134 \div 2.976 = 0.4413 \quad (\times 100)$$

$$\text{Percentage waste} = 44.13\%$$