

# DIVIDING FRACTIONS

$$\frac{5}{7} \Rightarrow \frac{7}{5}$$

To find the reciprocal,  
flip the fraction.  
A fraction times its  
reciprocal always = 1  
**RECIPROCAL**

$$\frac{3}{8} \Rightarrow \frac{8}{3}$$

→ REWRITING →

$\frac{5}{7}$	$\div$	$\frac{1}{3}$
↓	↓	↓
keep	SWITCH	FLIP
↓	↓	↓
$\frac{5}{7}$	•	$\frac{3}{1}$
	(multiply)	

DIVIDING FRACTIONS IS  
THE SAME AS  
multiplying  
BY THE reciprocal  
OF THE DIVISOR

$$\frac{2}{5} \div \frac{8}{9} = \frac{2}{5} \cdot \frac{9}{8}$$

$$\frac{\cancel{2}}{5} \cdot \frac{9}{\cancel{8}_4} = \frac{9}{20}$$

STEP 1: REWRITE  
AS MULTIPLICATION

$$\frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{7}{2}$$

STEP 2: MULTIPLY  
(cross-cancel first)

$$\frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{7}{2} = \frac{7}{8}$$

STEP 3: SIMPLIFY  
If needed

$$\frac{7}{8}$$