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- three different brands of paper towel
- a teaspoon or dropper
- some food colouring
- a transparent grid



- 1 Colour a cup of water with a few drops of food colouring.
- 2 Place one sheet of paper towel of each brand onto a non-absorbent surface.
Put exactly the same amount of water in the centre of one sheet of each brand of paper towel.
Use a teaspoon or dropper.
You should get an irregularly shaped blot.
- 3 Put the grid over each of the blots in turn.
- 4 Find the area of each blot.
- 5 Which brand of paper towel do you think is the best? Explain why.
- 6 Create a graph to show the different brands of paper towel and the amount of water absorbed by each.



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