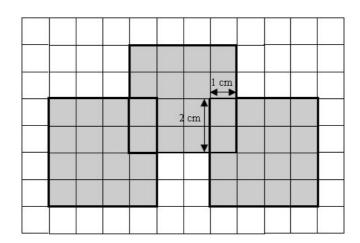
Total area

This task is about area of a complex shape.



The three squares above overlap each other and they all have sides of 4 cm in length. What is the **area** of the shaded shape?

- (**A**) 16 cm^2
- **(B)** 32 cm^2
- (**C**) 44 cm^2
- (**D**) 48 cm^2
- (**E**) None of these. The area is $___$ cm².

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