

## 8.6 Factoring Trinomials Day 1

**You learned how to multiply 2 binomials using the FOIL method.**

$$(x+3)(x-2)$$

$$x^2 + 2x + 3x - 6$$

$$x^2 + 5x - 6$$

### Key Concept Factoring $x^2 + bx + c$

**Words** To factor trinomials in the form  $x^2 + bx + c$ , find two integers,  $m$  and  $p$ , with a sum of  $b$  and a product of  $c$ . Then write  $x^2 + bx + c$  as  $(x + m)(x + p)$ .

**Symbols**  $x^2 + bx + c = (x + m)(x + p)$  when  $m + p = b$  and  $mp = c$ .

**Example**  $x^2 + 6x + 8 = (x + 2)(x + 4)$ , because  $2 + 4 = 6$  and  $2 \cdot 4 = 8$ .

**Use UseUse**

**Use the product/sum method to factor trinomials**

**EX:**  $x^2 + 9x + 20$

$$y^2 + 11y + 24$$

**When  $c$  is positive, both factors have the same signs, either positive or negative based on the value of  $b$ .**

$$\text{EX: } x^2 - 8x + 12$$

$$m^2 - 22m + 21$$

**When c is negative, one factor will have a positive sign, and one factor will have a negative based on the value of b.**

$$\text{EX: } x^2 - 2x - 24$$

$$\text{EX: } y^2 + 13y - 48$$

$$\text{EX: } p^2 - 3p - 70 = 0$$

$$\text{EX: } x^2 + 3x - 18 = 0$$