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\begin{array}{lll}
\text { area of left side: } & 4 \mathrm{~cm} \times 7 \mathrm{~cm}= & 28 \mathrm{~cm}^{2} \\
\text { area of top: } & 4 \mathrm{~cm} \times 12 \mathrm{~cm}= & 48 \mathrm{~cm}^{2} \\
\text { area of front: } & 7 \mathrm{~cm} \times 12 \mathrm{~cm}= & 84 \mathrm{~cm}^{2} \\
\text { area of bottom: } & 4 \mathrm{~cm} \times 12 \mathrm{~cm}= & 48 \mathrm{~cm}^{2} \\
\text { area of right side: } & 4 \mathrm{~cm} \times 7 \mathrm{~cm}= & 28 \mathrm{~cm}^{2} \\
\text { area of back: } & 7 \mathrm{~cm} \times 12 \mathrm{~cm}= & +84 \mathrm{~cm}^{2} \\
& \text { surface area = } & \mathbf{3 2 0 \mathrm { cm } ^ { \mathbf { 2 } }}
\end{array}
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Find the surface area of the following figures.


## ANSWER KEY

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|  | surface area $=$ | $\mathbf{3 2 0 \mathrm { cm } ^ { 2 }}$ |




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