## MathFLIX CHALLENGE

## Pythagorean Theorem Puzzle

This puzzle can help you understand one of the most famous equations of all time: $a^{2}+b^{2}=c^{2}$, the Pythagorean Theorem. Cut out the pieces below and make two squares, the first from piece 1, and the other from pieces $2-5$. Next, combine all 5 pieces to form a third square.


This puzzle gives you the opportunity to see an algebra equation explained using pictures. What is shown here is the pythagorean theorem, or $a^{2}+b^{2}=c^{2}$.

This is a great way to learn the pythagorean theorem because you can see for yourself that $\mathrm{a}^{2}$ and $\mathrm{b}^{2}$ combine to form $c^{2}$ !


