Addition with Unlike Denominators

COMMON CORE STANDARD—5.NF.A.1, 5.NF.A.2 *Use equivalent fractions as a strategy to add and subtract fractions.*

Use fraction strips to find the sum. Write your answer in simplest form.

1.
$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{4}$$

 $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{4} + \frac{2}{4} + \frac{3}{4} = \frac{5}{4}$, or $1\frac{1}{4}$

2.
$$\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4}$$

3.
$$\frac{3}{5} + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$1\frac{1}{4}$$

4.
$$\frac{3}{8} + \frac{1}{2}$$

5.
$$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{5}{8}$$

6.
$$\frac{2}{3} + \frac{3}{4}$$

7.
$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{5}$$

8.
$$\frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{2}$$

9.
$$\frac{7}{8} + \frac{1}{2}$$

Problem Solving



- **10.** Brandus bought $\frac{1}{3}$ pound of ground turkey and $\frac{3}{4}$ pound of ground beef to make sausages. How many pounds of meat did he buy?
- **11.** To make a ribbon and bow for a hat, Stacey needs $\frac{5}{6}$ yard of black ribbon and $\frac{2}{3}$ yard of red ribbon. How much total ribbon does she need?
- **12. WRITE** Math Write a story problem that involves adding fractions with unlike denominators. Include the solution.