

Procedures within procedures

Once you have created your own procedure, like `square` or `triangle`, you can use the procedure name just like you use the names of primitives like `rt`, `show`, `fd`, or `heading`. You can even use them inside other procedures. In the example below, you can see a `square` procedure, a `triangle` procedure, and another procedure that uses those procedures.

```
to square
repeat 4 [fd 50 rt 90]
end
```

```
to triangle
repeat 3 [fd 50 rt 120]
end]
```

```
to thingy
square
fd 80
lt 40
triangle
end
```

What do you think `thingy` will do? Define these procedures and see what happens when you execute `thingy` (You *execute* an instruction when you type it at the `?` prompt and press enter).

Make your own procedures that use `square`, `triangle`, or other procedures you have created. You might try representational drawings (drawings that are pictures of something, like a picture of a house) or abstract drawings (designs), or both.

Spin a path

A *path* is any line you draw with the turtle. It might be a *closed path*, like a square or a triangle, but it doesn't have to be (When a turtle walks a closed path, it gets back to its original heading and position).

To spin the path, you can do something like this:

```
to spin.thingy
repeat 50 [thingy rt 30]
end
```

To execute a `spin.thingy` instruction, you would type `spin.thingy` at the ? prompt and press return. From now on, I'll write something like this:

```
? spin.thingy
```

when I mean "type `spin.thingy` at the ? prompt and press return."

This is kind of boring, because you can only make one design. If you want to experiment, you can add a variable for the number of times you turn `thingy`:

```
to spin.thingy2 :times
repeat :times [thingy rt 30]
end
```

To execute a `spin.thingy2` instruction, you could type something like

```
? spin.thingy2 10
```

to turn `thingy` ten times.

This is a little better, but I would also add a variable for the angle you turn each time:

```
to spin.thingy3 :times :angle
repeat :times [thingy rt :angle]
end
```

For this one, you could try

```
? spin.thingy3 3 120
? spin.thingy3 5 72
```

I encourage you to make up your own designs to spin and to try out numbers of your own for `:times` and `:angle`. It's really fun to come up with your own designs, and you learn interesting things about paths and angles.

Make Wallpaper

Take a path and plop it all over the screen in different places. There are different ways to do this. Suppose you already have a `square` procedure (if you don't, you need to write one). You could write a procedure like this:

```
to wallpaper
repeat 25 [pd square pu rt 15 fd 60 lt 15]
end
```

To execute a `wallpaper` instruction, you would type `wallpaper` at the `? prompt` and press return. From now on, I'll write something like this:

```
?wallpaper
```

when I mean “type `wallpaper` at the `? prompt` and press return.”

What do you do if that's not quite the effect you want? Add some variables and play around with them. For example, you could have a variable for the number of times you want to draw the square:

```
to wallpaper2 :times
repeat :times [pd square pu rt 15 fd 60 lt 15]
end
```

To execute a `wallpaper2` instruction, you could type something like

```
?wallpaper2 100
```

You could also have a variable for the distance to go forward:

```
to wallpaper3 :times :distance
repeat :times [pd square pu rt 15 fd :distance lt 15]
end
```

For this one, you could try

```
? wallpaper3 100 120
```

And you could add a variable for the angle of turn:

```
to wallpaper4 :times :distance :angle
repeat :times [pd square pu rt :angle fd :distance lt :angle]
end
```

Notice that we added `:angle` twice in the body of the procedure—once after `rt` and once after `lt`. Why? Of course, you don't have to wallpaper your screen with squares. Instead of the `square` procedure, you can use any procedure that draws a path.

Play with Poly

You already know how to write the procedure for a square:

```
to square
repeat 4 [fd 50 rt 90]
end
```

To execute the square instruction, you just type `square` at the `? prompt` and press return. From now on, I'll write something like this:

```
?square
```

to mean “type `square` at the `? prompt` and press return.”

When you are playing with designs, it's useful to add variables so that your procedures can have input. Here's how to add a variable for the size of the square:

```
to square2 :size
repeat 4 [fd :size rt 90]
end
```

Here's how you could execute the `square2` instruction:

```
?square2 100
```

Try out some numbers of your own. Now suppose you wanted to play with the angle the turtle turns at each corner. We wouldn't have a square any more (unless the input for angle was 90), so let's call the procedure `poly`:

```
to poly :size :angle
repeat 4 [fd :size rt :angle]
end
```

But now we have a problem. Suppose we execute this instruction:

```
?poly 100 60
```

Turns of 60 degrees should make a hexagon (a six-sided polygon), since $360 / 6 = 60$. But we only repeat 4 times. So we can add another variable for the number of times to repeat:

```
to poly2 :times :size :angle
repeat :times [fd :size rt :angle]
end
```

Now we can do something like:

```
?poly2 6 100 60
```

Play around with `poly2` and see what kind of designs you can make. Remember, Logo can do math for you, so you can do things like:

```
?poly2 7 100 360 / 7
```