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a.

e.

b.

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c.

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a.


Let's start by finding an equivalent fraction of $\frac{3}{4}$ with a denominator of 16 .
$\frac{3}{4}$ is equivalent to $\frac{12}{16}$.
So, the model for $\frac{12}{16}$ is,
b.

Let's start by finding an equivalent fraction of $\frac{1}{2}$ with a denominator of 6 .
$\frac{1}{2}$ is equivalent to $\frac{3}{6}$.
So, the model for $\frac{3}{6}$ is


you see that, $\frac{3}{4}+\frac{1}{16}=\frac{12}{16}+\frac{1}{16}$

Therefore, $\frac{3}{4}+\frac{1}{16}=\frac{13}{16}$
c.


Let's start by finding an equivalent fraction of $\frac{1}{2}$ with a denominator of 4 .
$\frac{1}{2}$ is equivalent to $\frac{2}{4}$.
So, the model for $\frac{2}{4}$ is
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you see that, $\frac{5}{6}-\frac{1}{2}=\frac{5}{6}-\frac{3}{6}$
Therefore, $\frac{5}{6}-\frac{3}{6}=\frac{2}{6}$

you see that, $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{4}=\frac{2}{4}-\frac{1}{4}$
Therefore, $\frac{2}{4}-\frac{1}{4}=\frac{1}{4}$

