

Creating an Angle Bisector

Step 1 Place the center of the protractor at the angle's **vertex**.

Step 2 Make sure one ray of the angle is aligned with the protractor.

Step 3 Determine the measure of the angle.

What is the angle's measure: _____

Step 4 An angle bisector splits the angle in half.
Mathematically determine what half of the angle is.

What will be the measure of the bisected angle:

Step 5 Mark your calculation using the protractor.

Step 6 Use the straight edge of the protractor to sketch the angle bisector.

Using Angle Bisectors to form an Inscribed Circle

Step Repeat all of the above at each vertex of the triangle.

1 You will now have three new lines drawn.

Step Where the three new lines intersect, mark a point as
2 the incenter of the triangle.

Step Draw a perpendicular line from the incenter to a side of
3 the triangle. Use a protractor to ensure a 90 degree angle. Draw the point where it meets the side. (Recall that the inscribed circle just touches each side.)

Step Place the compass on the incenter and set the width to
4 your point. This is the radius of the incircle, sometimes called the inradius of the triangle.

Step Draw a full circle.
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Step Done. This is the inscribed circle of the triangle
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Creating a Perpendicular Bisector

Step 1 Use a ruler to determine the segment's length

What is the length: _____

Step 2 A perpendicular bisector splits the segment in half. Mathematically determine what half of the segment is.

What is half of the segment: _____

Step 3 Mark the midpoint of the segment from your calculation.

Place your protractor's center on the midpoint. Make sure that the protractor aligns with the segment.

Step 4 Since a perpendicular bisector meets the segment at a right angle, mark 90 degrees using the protractor.

Step 5 Use the straight edge of the protractor to sketch the perpendicular bisector.

Creating a Circumscribed Circle

- Step 1 Repeat all of the above at the first side of the triangle.
- Step 2 Repeat for the other two sides.
- Step 3 The point where these three perpendicular bisectors intersect is the triangle's circumcenter, the center of the circle we desire. (This point may lie outside the triangle. This is normal.)
- Step 4 Place the compass point on the intersection of the perpendiculars and set the compass width to one of the points vertices of the triangle. Draw a circle that will pass through all three.
- Step 5 Done. The circle drawn is the triangle's circumcircle, the only circle that will pass through all three of its vertices.