

**Review: Factor the following:**

1.  $f(x) = x^2 + 3x - 18$

2.  $f(x) = x^2 + 8x + 12$

**Factoring when  $a \neq 1$**

- Steps:
1. Factor out common values
  2. Find the factors of  $(a)(c)$
  3. Determine which of the factors add together to give you  $b$ .
  4. Set up your parentheses with appropriate factors.

Signs:

If 2nd sign is negative (-)

You will have ( + )( - ) or

You will have ( - )( + )

If 2nd sign is positive (+)

You will have ( + )( + ) if 1st sign is +

You will have ( - )( - ) if 1st sign is -

**Factoring when  $a \neq 1$**

Ex. 1  $2x^2 - 11x - 6$

Ex. 2  $2x^2 + 13x + 6$

**Factoring when  $a \neq 1$**

Ex. 3  $4x^2 + 3x + 1$

Ex. 4  $3x^2 + 2x - 8$

**Factoring when  $a \neq 1$**

You Try:

5.  $2x^2 + 7x + 3$

6.  $3x^2 + 17x + 10$

**Factoring when  $a \neq 1$**

You Try:

7.  $5x^2 - 7x + 2$

8.  $7x^2 - 4x - 3$