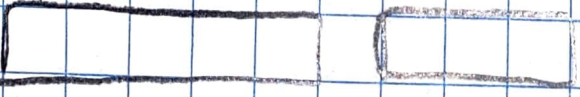
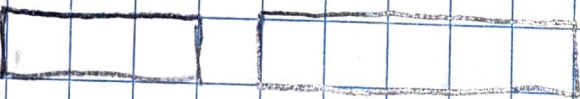





← Does not count



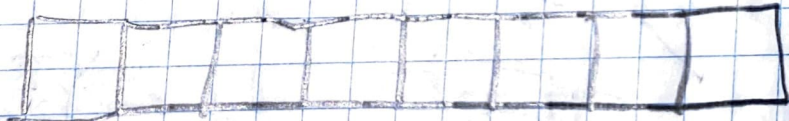
It's always gonna be one less because the base () number doesn't count.

If you repeat this pattern than you'll get something like this.

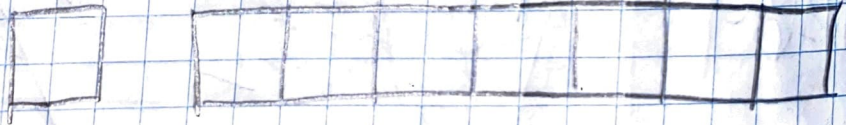
Does not count

Sticks of eight cubes

8 Blocks



This is a start



I am following the pattern from above and I got 7 pieces not including the start.