Models for Subtracting 3-Digit Numbers

You can use place-value blocks to subtract.

Find 234 - 192.

Estimate: 230 - 190 = 40, so the answer should be about 40.

	What You Show	What You Write
Step 1 Show 234 with place-value blocks.		234 - <u>192</u>
Step 2 Subtract the ones. 4 > 2. No regrouping is needed.	4 ones -2 ones $=2$ ones	234 - <u>192</u> 2
Step 3 Subtract the tens. 3 tens < 9 tens, so regroup 1 hundred for 10 tens.	13 tens – 9 tens = 4 tens	1 13 234 <u>- 192</u> 42
Step 4 Subtract the hundreds.	1 hundred – 1 hundreds	1 13 234 - <u>192</u> 42

Find the value of the remaining blocks:

$$4 \text{ tens} + 2 \text{ ones} = 40 + 2 = 42$$

So,
$$234 - 192 = 42$$
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Use place-value blocks or draw pictures to subtract.