**Defuse the Bomb – Adding and Subtracting Fractions 1 - Answers**

The Mathematician, a notorious terrorist has planted a bomb. You must defuse that bomb using the mathematical clues he’s left.



Answer the questions, then cut the coloured wires in the order that the answers appear, using the table below:

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| Red | Blue | Green | Yellow | Purple | Brown | Grey | Turquoise | Black | Orange |
| $$1\frac{8}{63}$$ | $$\frac{3}{20}$$ | $$\frac{7}{8}$$ | $$\frac{19}{40}$$ | $$\frac{11}{12}$$ | $$\frac{11}{15}$$ | $$1\frac{5}{63}$$ | $$\frac{3}{5}$$ | $$1\frac{1}{12}$$ | $$\frac{3}{10}$$ |

Here are the clues that show which order to cut the wires – you may have to simplify your answers, so look carefully:

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| 1 | Calculate $\frac{3}{4}+\frac{1}{8}$ Answer: $\frac{7}{8}$ - Green |
| 2 | Calculate $\frac{7}{10}-\frac{2}{5}$ Answer: $\frac{3}{10}$ - Orange |
| 3 | Calculate $\frac{1}{3}+\frac{7}{12}$ Answer: $\frac{11}{12}$ - Purple |
| 4 | Calculate $\frac{9}{10}-\frac{3}{4}$ Answer: $\frac{3}{20}$ - Blue |
| 5 | Calculate $\frac{3}{4}+\frac{1}{3}$ Answer: $1\frac{1}{12}$ - Black |
| 6 | Calculate $\frac{5}{6}-\frac{1}{10}$ Answer: $\frac{11}{15}$ - Brown |
| 7 | Calculate $\frac{5}{9}+\frac{4}{7}$ Answer: $1\frac{8}{63}$ - Red |
| 8 | Calculate $\frac{17}{20}-\frac{3}{8}$ Answer: $\frac{19}{40}$ - Yellow |