## Pythagoras' theorem proof



Consider a triangle with side lengths a, b and c.

Area = 
$$\frac{1}{2}ab$$

Arranging four triangles

Area (4 triangles) = 
$$4 \times \frac{1}{2} ab$$
  
=  $2ab$ 

A(blue) = A(total) – A(red)  

$$c^2 = (a + b)^2 - 2ab$$
  
 $= a^2 + 2ab + b^2 - 2ab$ 

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2$$



