Example 1 Use the Distributive Property to factor each polynomial.

15.
$$16t - 40y$$

17.
$$2k^2 + 4k$$

19.
$$4a^2b^2 + 2a^2b - 10ab^2$$

16.
$$30v + 50x$$

18.
$$5z^2 + 10z$$

20.
$$5c^2v - 15c^2v^2 + 5c^2v^3$$

Examples 2–3 Factor each polynomial.

$$(21)$$
 $fg - 5g + 4f - 20$

23.
$$hj - 2h + 5j - 10$$

25.
$$45pq - 27q - 50p + 30$$

27.
$$3dt - 21d + 35 - 5t$$

29.
$$21th - 3t - 35h + 5$$

31.
$$5br - 25b + 2r - 10$$

33.
$$5gf^2 + g^2f + 15gf$$

35.
$$27cd^2 - 18c^2d^2 + 3cd$$

37.
$$48tu - 90t + 32u - 60$$

22.
$$a^2 - 4a - 24 + 6a$$

24.
$$xy - 2x - 2 + y$$

26.
$$24ty - 18t + 4y - 3$$

28.
$$8r^2 + 12r$$

30.
$$vp + 12v + 8p + 96$$

32.
$$2nu - 8u + 3n - 12$$

34.
$$rp - 9r + 9p - 81$$

36.
$$18r^3t^2 + 12r^2t^2 - 6r^2t$$

38.
$$16gh + 24g - 2h - 3$$

Example 4 Solve each equation. Check your solutions.

39.
$$3b(9b - 27) = 0$$

41.
$$(8z + 4)(5z + 10) = 0$$

43.
$$b^2 = -3b$$

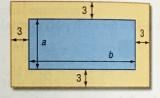
40.
$$2n(3n+3)=0$$

42.
$$(7x + 3)(2x - 6) = 0$$

44.
$$a^2 = 4a$$

Example 5 45. CSS SENSE-MAKING Use the drawing at the right.

- **a.** Write an expression in factored form to represent the area of the blue section.
- **b.** Write an expression in factored form to represent the area of the region formed by the outer edge.
- **c.** Write an expression in factored form to represent the yellow region.



- **46. FIREWORKS** A ten-inch fireworks shell is fired from ground level. The height of the shell in feet is given by the formula $h = 263t 16t^2$, where t is the time in seconds after launch.
 - **a.** Write the expression that represents the height in factored form.
 - b. At what time will the height be 0? Is this answer practical? Explain.
 - c. What is the height of the shell 8 seconds and 10 seconds after being fired?
 - **d.** At 10 seconds, is the shell rising or falling?
- **47. ARCHITECTURE** The frame of a doorway is an arch that can be modeled by the graph of the equation $y = -3x^2 + 12x$, where x and y are measured in feet. On a coordinate plane, the floor is represented by the x-axis.
 - **a.** Make a table of values for the height of the arch if x = 0, 1, 2, 3, and 4 feet.
 - **b.** Plot the points from the table on a coordinate plane and connect the points to form a smooth curve to represent the arch.
 - **c.** How high is the doorway?