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We may use lines/dots/circles to carry out division. For example, to subtract 5 from 9, we follow these steps.

**Step 1:** Write 9 and, 5 just below 9.

**Step 2:** Put a minus sign '—' between these two numbers.

**Step 3:** Draw nine circles to represent the number 9.

**Step 4:** Since 5 is to be subtracted from 9 so, colour five circles out of the nine circles drawn.

**Step 5:** Count the number of circles left uncoloured. It is 4.

**Step 6:** Write this number as the result of the subtraction i.e.

$$9 - 5 = 4.$$

