

Try it with Values

- 1. In Figure 1, a string makes a single revolution around the cylinder. If the diameter of the cylinder is 5 cm and the height is 15 cm, what is the length of the string?
- 2. In Figure 2, the string makes two revolutions around the same cylinder as it spirals to the top. What is the length of the string?
- 3. How long would the string be that makes five revolutions?
- 4. Have the teacher initial your work: _____

Make it a Formula

- 5. Develop an equation that shows how the total length of the spiraled string depends on the circumference of the cylinder (*C*), the height (*b*), and the number of wraps (*N*).
- 6. Let C = 25 cm and h = 20 cm. If the total length of the string is 750.3 cm, how many wraps are there?
- 7. Look at your formula. As *n* gets very, very large, what does the equation for string length approach? Why does this make sense?