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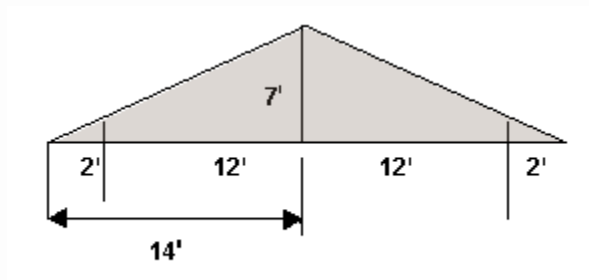
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Solution:

#1 17% of 1,720 sq. ft. = 292.4 sq. ft.

Each window is 3' x 5' or 15 sq. ft.

$$292.4 \div 15 = 19.49$$

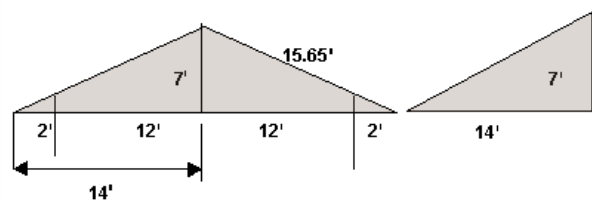
Therefore, John and Joan can have at most 19 windows.

#2 Consider the end view of the roof as two right triangles, each with a base of 12' + 2' = 14' and a height of 7'.

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

$$7^2 + 14^2 = c^2 = 245 \text{ sq. ft.}$$

$$c = 15.65 \text{ ft.}$$



Area of half the roof = 15.65' x (24' + 4') = 438.2 sq. ft.

Area of the roof = 438.2 x 2 = 876.4 sq. ft.

The number of shingle bundles required = area of roof \div 33 $\frac{1}{3}$

$$876.4 \div 33 \frac{1}{3} = 26.29$$

Therefore, Karen should order 27 bundles.