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$$\frac{6}{12} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{6}{6 \times 2} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{9}{12}$$

Now, let's simplify.

$$\frac{9}{12} = \frac{3 \times 3}{4 \times 3} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\text{So, } \frac{6}{12} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}$$

d. $\frac{7}{20} + \frac{2}{5}$

Let's find the L.C.M and then evaluate.

$$\frac{7}{20} + \frac{2}{5} = \frac{7}{7 \times 4} + \frac{2}{8} = \frac{15}{20}$$

Now, let's simplify.

$$\frac{15}{20} = \frac{3 \times 5}{4 \times 5} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\text{So, } \frac{7}{20} + \frac{2}{5} = \frac{3}{4}$$

b. $\frac{6}{7} + \frac{4}{5}$

Let's find the L.C.M and then evaluate.

$$\frac{6}{7} + \frac{4}{5} = \frac{6 \times 5}{7 \times 5} + \frac{4 \times 7}{28} = \frac{58}{35} = 1 \frac{23}{35}$$

$$\text{So, } \frac{6}{7} + \frac{4}{5} = 1 \frac{23}{35}$$

e. $\frac{5}{8} + \frac{3}{4}$

Let's find the L.C.M and then evaluate.

$$\frac{5}{8} + \frac{3}{4} = \frac{5}{5 \times 8} + \frac{3 \times 2}{6} = \frac{11}{8} = 1 \frac{3}{8}$$

$$\text{So, } \frac{5}{8} + \frac{3}{4} = 1 \frac{3}{8}$$

c. $\frac{5}{6} + \frac{1}{3}$

Let's find the L.C.M and then evaluate.

$$\frac{5}{6} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{5}{6} + \frac{2}{6} = \frac{7}{6} = 1 \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\text{So, } \frac{5}{6} + \frac{1}{3} = 1 \frac{1}{6}$$

f. $\frac{7}{10} + \frac{5}{9}$

Let's find the L.C.M and then evaluate.

$$\frac{7}{10} + \frac{5}{9} = \frac{7 \times 9}{90} + \frac{5 \times 2}{10} = \frac{113}{90} = 1 \frac{23}{90}$$

$$\text{So, } \frac{7}{10} + \frac{5}{9} = 1 \frac{23}{90}$$

