## DIFFERENCE OF TWO SQUARES NOTES

Students are not limited to finding the difference between consecutive squares. See below:

$16-4=12$

The table below shows all the possible differences of two squares that can be made with square numbers from 1 to 100 (those made from square numbers from 1 to 36 are in bold).

What patterns can students spot in the numbers that are made?

|  | 1 | 4 | 9 | 16 | 25 | 36 | 49 | 64 | 81 | 100 |
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| 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9 | 8 | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 16 | 15 | 12 | 7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 25 | 24 | 21 | 16 | 9 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 36 | 35 | 32 | 27 | 20 | 11 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 49 | 48 | 45 | 40 | 33 | 24 | 13 |  |  |  |  |
| 64 | 63 | 60 | 55 | 48 | 39 | 28 | 15 |  |  |  |
| 81 | 80 | 77 | 72 | 65 | 56 | 45 | 32 | 17 |  |  |
| 100 | 99 | 96 | 91 | 84 | 75 | 64 | 51 | 36 | 19 |  |

Can your students now construct any of the proofs that Matt and James do in the video?

