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--- Day 21: Fractal Art ---

You find a program trying to generate some art. It uses a strange process that involves repeatedly enhancing the detail of an image through a set of rules.

The image consists of a two-dimensional square grid of pixels that are either on (#) or off (.). The program always begins with this pattern:

```
.#.
..#
###
```

Because the pattern is both 3 pixels wide and 3 pixels tall, it is said to have a size of 3.

Then, the program repeats the following process:

- If the size is evenly divisible by 2, break the pixels up into 2x2 squares, and convert each 2x2 square into a 3x3 square by following the corresponding enhancement rule.
- Otherwise, the size is evenly divisible by 3; break the pixels up into 3x3 squares, and convert each 3x3 square into a 4x4 square by following the corresponding enhancement rule.

Because each square of pixels is replaced by a larger one, the image gains pixels and so its size increases.

The artist's book of enhancement rules is nearby (your puzzle input); however, it seems to be missing rules. The artist explains that sometimes, one must rotate or flip the input pattern to find a match. (Never rotate or flip the output pattern, though.) Each pattern is written concisely: rows are listed as single units, ordered top-down, and separated by slashes. For example, the following rules correspond to the adjacent patterns:

```
../.# = ..
      .#

      .#.
.#./..# /### = ..#
              ###

      #..#
#..# /.... /#..# /.##. = ....
                      #..#
                      .##.
```

When searching for a rule to use, rotate and flip the pattern as necessary. For example, all of the following patterns match the same rule:

```
.#.   .#.   #..   ###
..#   #..   #.#   ..#
###   ###   ##.   .#.
```

Suppose the book contained the following two rules:

```
../.# => ##./#../...
.#./..# /### => #..# /.... /.... /#..#
```

As before, the program begins with this pattern:

```
.#.
..#
###
```

The size of the grid (3) is not divisible by 2, but it is divisible by 3. It divides evenly into a single square; the square matches the second rule,

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which produces:

```
#.#
...
...
#.#
```

The size of this enhanced grid (4) is evenly divisible by 2, so that rule is used. It divides evenly into four squares:

```
#.#.#
.#.#
--+-
.#.#
#.#.#
```

Each of these squares matches the same rule ($../.# \Rightarrow ##./#../...$), three of which require some flipping and rotation to line up with the rule. The output for the rule is the same in all four cases:

```
##.#.#
#.#.#
...#
--+-
##.#.#
#.#.#
...#
```

Finally, the squares are joined into a new grid:

```
####.
#..#..
.....
####.
#..#..
.....
```

Thus, after 2 iterations, the grid contains 12 pixels that are on.

How many pixels stay on after 5 iterations?

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