WHY ROUND?
Why are manhole covers round? Can you find three reasons why round is the best possible shape? And the answer "Because manholes are round" doesn't count!

Answer
1. Round manhole covers cannot fall through their round holes accidentally. Square or other polygonal covers can.
2. Heavy round covers can be rolled into position, while other shapes would have to be carried.
3. Round covers can cover holes no matter how they are oriented vis-à-vis the hole. Square covers fit only when they are positioned in one of four orientations.