# Mathematical 3D Printed Exhibits 

## Find your other half

## Learning Objectives:

- Know how to manipulate simple shapes using tinkercad.com
- Understand how 3D printers work and the limitations of 3D printing.


## Level of Difficulty: Level 2

## List of Materials Required:

- A 3D printer
- 4 or 2 colours of filament for the 3D printer
- A cutter to remover supporting material


## 3D Modelling Skills Needed:

- Know how to move an object in the workplane
- Know how to create a circle
- Know how to create a hole
- Know how to resize an object
- Know how to group objects


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## Step-by-step 3D Modelling

## Square

| Step 1 | Select the box and put it on the workplane |  |
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| Step 2 | Adjust the box's height to $15 \mathrm{~mm}(1.5 \mathrm{~cm})$ |  |
| Step 3 | Adjust the dimensions to 60 mmx 60 mm ( $6 \mathrm{~cm} \times 6 \mathrm{~cm}$ ) |  |
| Step 4 | Add an empty (hole) box in the solid box |  |

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| Step 5 | Adjust the empty box's dimensions to $50 \mathrm{~mm} \times 50 \mathrm{~mm}$ ( $5 \mathrm{~cm} \times 5 \mathrm{~cm}$ ) and its height to 15 mm |  |
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| Step 6 | Press the left-click and select the item. Once it is selected, group it. |  |
| Step 7 | Select another empty (hole) box and put it on the edge of the solid box |  |
| Step 8 | Adjust the dimensions to width 0.1 mm and length 80 mm and centre it on the existing box. <br> Hint: Check if it's aligned by selecting all items and using the align tool available |  |
| Step 9 | Select the empty box in the middle and adjust its width to 40 mm to cover half the square. | Workplane |

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| Step 10 | Select all items and group them. |  |
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| Step 11 | Duplicate the remaining half square. | Workplane |
| Step 12 | Rotate the duplicate to 180 degrees | Workplane |
| Step 13 | Check the dimensions and make adjustments to the width and length. |  |

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## Tip:

- If you notice any issues with the width, use the empty box to cut out pieces and adjust it.
- To change the colour, go to Shape -> Solid -> Presets or Custom.


## Triangle

| Step 1 | Select the shape Roof and put it on the workplane. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Step 2 | Adjust its dimensions to 60 mm width and 15 mm length. |  |
| Step 3 | Adjust the height to 60mm |  |
| Step 4 | Rotate the top to 90 degrees | ${ }^{-0}$ |
| Step 5 | Use the arrow to move the item flat on the workplane. You will see that it reaches 0.00. | $\overline{0} 0$ |

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| Step 6 | Select an empty <br> (hole) box and put <br> it on the edge of <br> the solid triangle. |  |  |
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| Step 7 | Adjust the empty <br> box width to 0.01 <br> and length to <br> 70mm. Move it to <br> the centre of the <br> triangle. <br> Hint: Use the align <br> tool to see if it is in <br> the centre. | Select the empty <br> box and set it width <br> to 40mm to cover <br> half the triangle. |  |
| Step 8 |  |  |  |

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| Step 11 | Experiment with <br> the width that you <br> would like your <br> solid triangle to <br> have. |  |
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| Step 12 | Select the items <br> and group them. <br> Step 13 | Duplicate the <br> remaining triangle. |
| Step $\mathbf{1 4}$ | Rotate the <br> duplicate triangle to <br> 180 degrees. | Check the <br> dimensions and <br> make adjustments <br> to the width and <br> length. |

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## Circle

| Step 1 | Select the tube <br> shape and put it <br> on the workplane |  |
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| Step 2 | Adjust the <br> dimensions to <br> $50 \mathrm{~mm} \times 50 \mathrm{~mm}$ |  |
| Step 3 | Select an empty <br> (hole) box and put <br> it on the top of the <br> circle |  |
| Step 4 | Adjust the <br> dimensions of the <br> empty box to <br> width 0.01mm and <br> length 70mm and <br> center it on the <br> circle. |  |
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| Step 9 | heck the <br> dimensions and <br> make any <br> necessary <br> adjustments. |  |
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## Polygon



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| Step 4 | Select another <br> polygon and set <br> the shape to hole |
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| Step 5 | Adjust the <br> dimensions of the <br> empty (hole <br> polygon to <br> $44 m m \times 41 m m$ |
| align into the |  |
| center of the solid |  |
| polygon |  |,

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| Step <br> $\mathbf{1 2}$ | Rotate to 180 <br> degrees |
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## Creation of the Exhibit

Assemble/disassemble and store the exhibits, accompanied by the corresponding time-frames


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## Design Map



