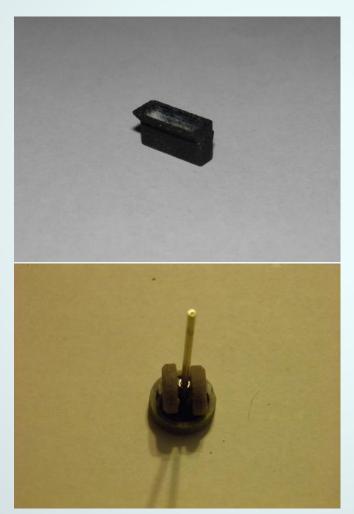
An Introduction to Modeling via 3D Printing

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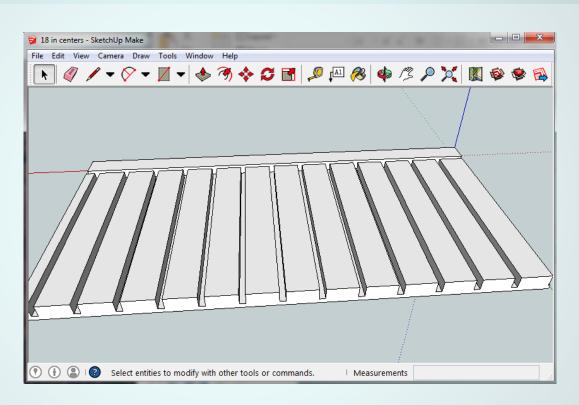




- □ Quick turnaround
- ☐ High accuracy/resolution
- □ Large manufacturing runs not necessary
- Why Shapeways? (<u>www.shapeways.com</u>)
 - Don't want to buy a 3-D printer
 - Don't want to store the "ink"
 - Personal Preference

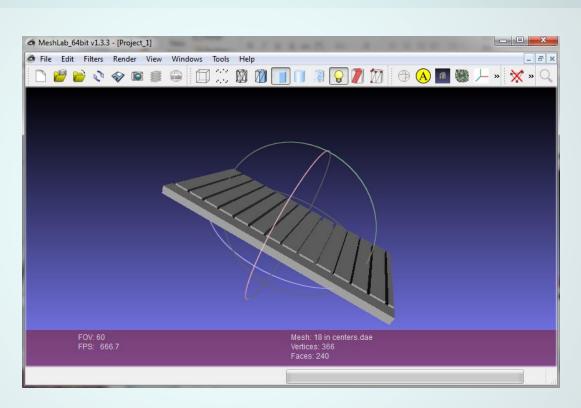
- ☐ How to on Shapeways and Sketchup:
 - http://www.shapeways.com/tutorials/sketchup _3d_printing_export_to_stl_tutorial
- □ Necessary tools:
 - Sketchup Make (free) for drawing
 - □ Available from http://www.sketchup.com/
 - Meshlab (free) for conversion to STL
 - □ Available from http://meshlab.sourceforge.net/
 - Accutrans 3D (\$20 CAD) for checking
 - □ http://www.micromouse.ca/downloads.html

Sketchup Make



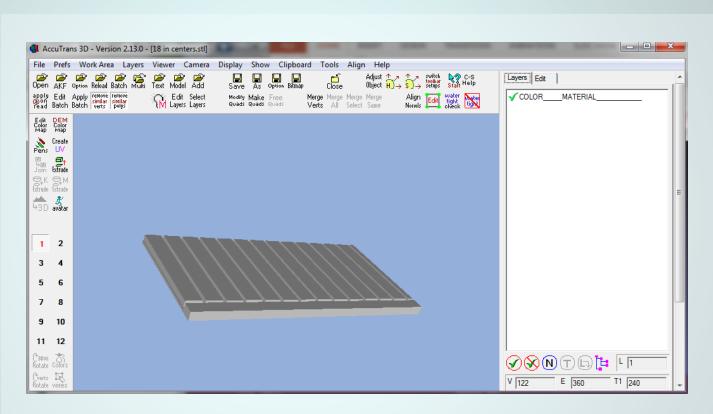
When finished, export as 3D data

Mesh Lab



Export as STL format

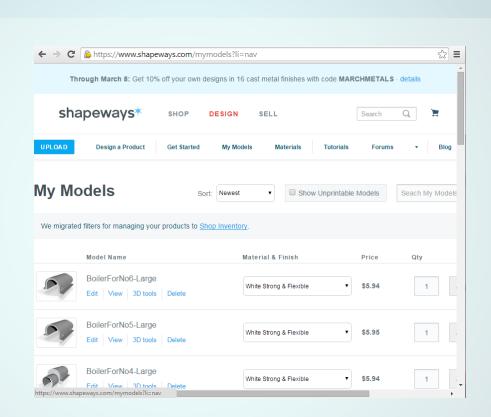
Accutrans 3D



Testing for a watertight mesh via Tools->Check for watertight mesh

If you have a problem, go back and fix it

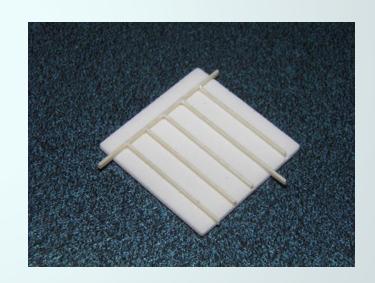
Uploading Design to Shapeways



STL file is dimensionless – take advantage of this!

□ Detailed Plastic

- Supported walls to 1.0 mm thick
- Unsupported walls to 1.0 mm thick
- Details to 0.2 mm high and wide
- Max dimensions: 250 × 250 × 200 mm



☐ Frosted Detail

- Supported walls to 0.5 mm thick
- Unsupported walls to 0.6 mm thick
- Details to 0.2 mm high and wide
- Max dimensions: 284 × 184 × 203 mm



☐ Frosted Ultra Detail

- Supported walls to 0.3 mm thick
- Unsupported walls to 0.6. mm thick
- Details to 0.1 mm high and wide
- Max dimensions: 284 × 184 × 203 mm



☐ Full Color Sandstone

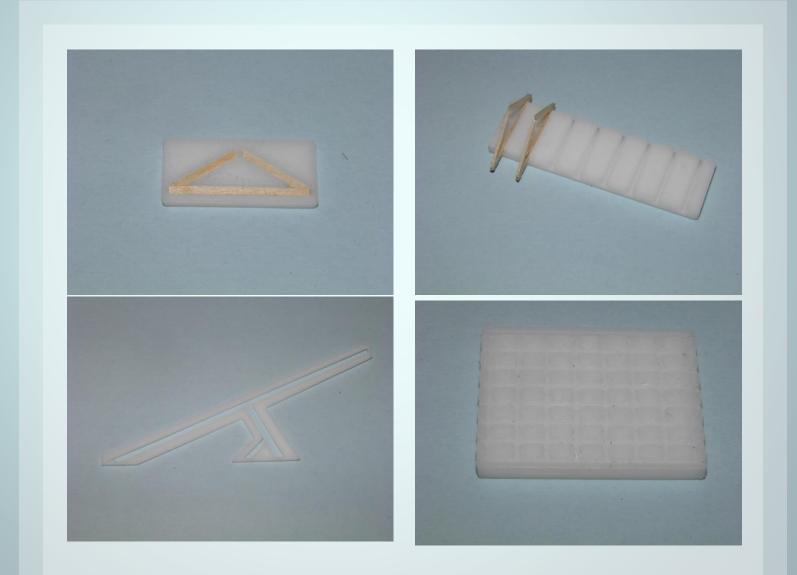
- Supported walls to 2.0 mm thick
- Unsupported walls to 3.0. mm thick
- Details to 0.4 mm high and wide
- Max dimensions: 250 × 380 × 200 mm











☐ Thanks for listening!