99-353 SolidWorks and Laser Cutting

Making 3D Models

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Cardboard

- Ambiguous term avoided by professionals because it covers a wide range of materials.
- For our purposes: brown corrugated paper around 1/8 inch thick.
- Lighter and cheaper (and weaker) than wood.
- Foldable! Laser cut parameters:
 - 20 mm/sec at 45% power to cut
 - 50 mm/sec at 25% power to fold
- Unlike paper origami, with laser cut cardboard all folds must be in the same direction.

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Laser Cut 3D Plate Models



Dinosaurs Are Always Popular



Reindeer from **Thingiverse**







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Hand Bowl Sculpture



Modeling the Hand



Images from Ponoko.com

Adding the Bowl (Blender)



123DMake Slice Tool



Thingiverse

- Site for exchanging designs of make-able things: artwork, puzzles, toys, tools, etc.
- Mostly 3D printing, but some laser cut stuff.
- <a>www.Thingiverse.com (owned by Makerbot)
- Frabjous sculpture:



Free STL Files At Thingiverse

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Pinterest

- Pinterest has a huge collection of laser cut projects.
- Many are available for purchase via Etsy.
- Example: wooden gear clocks.
- Google "Pinterest laser cut".



Pepakura Designer

• Turn STL files into papercraft models.





Pepakura: STL File Input



Pepakura: Unfolding



2D [Select/Move] L [Pan] R or Wheel Drag [Zoom] Shift+R or Wheel

Assembled size(mm): H31 W63 D47 / Parts 3

Pepakura: Unfolded



Types of Folds



Image from krsiak at Instructables.com