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#### Introduction

Designed by and named after Greek mathematician Archimedes in the 3rd Century BCE, the Archimedean Solids are a group of thirteen semi-regular convex polyhedra whose faces are composed of regular polygons with symmetrically identical vertices.

The Geometry Kit recreates the Archimedean Solids through a combination of uniquely-designed polygon acrylic plates and tubing of varying sizes. The kit provides an opportunity to explore the forms and language of traditional geometry, and build arrays and combinations of polyhedral forms. It is intended to create familiarity with the terminology and basic form-language of polyhedra and related constructions. The Geometry Kit: Archimedean Polyhedra Folio is intended to accompany the physical kit as a lexicon of parts and complete polyhedra assemblies. The bar scale on each polyhedron cutsheet page can be matched to the laser-cuttable sheets provided in the Geometry Kit to guide assembly.

#### Lexicon Geometry



8-Way Unit

9-Way Unit

10-Way Unit



facing page

- 2 Individual geometry kit pieces, as they appear in unfolding patterns
- 3 Enlarged view of a single geometry kit piece showing joint and edge details

#### Truncated Tetrahedron







#### Cuboctahedron









## Truncated Cube



 $\begin{array}{c} 8 \\ \downarrow \\ 6 \\ \hline 22mm \\ tubing \\ \hline 44mm \end{array}$ 

tubing





#### Truncated Octahedron









### Rhombicuboctahedron









#### Truncated Cuboctahedron







#### Snub Cube







#### Icosidodecahedron









#### Truncated Dodecahedron









#### Truncated Icosahedron







### Rhombicosidodecahedron











#### Truncated Icosidodecahedron



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### Snub Dodecahedron







#### Materials

Item

ACRYLITE® Resist<sup>™</sup> 65 Acrylic Sheet 8x10 inches, 3mm thick Specs: 12 sheets for Archimedean Polyhedra 2 sheets for Basic Exploration 11 sheets for Expanded Exploration

McMaster PVC Tubing OD 1/4 inch, ID 1/8 inch Specs: 50/100 ft

McMaster Extruded Acrylic Rod L10.6mm, D1/8 inch Specs: 18 pieces





#### Cutsheets

#### Archimedean Polyhedra



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4 Expanded exploration kit allows for assembly of all polyhedra described in this folio, as well as further experimental form-finding.

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- 5 Basic exploration kit allows for the assembly of select polyhedra described in this folio.
- 6 Base and miter board kit





Explorations: Basic Edition



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