

How 3D printing works

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Design it

Draw a 3D model in a design program, or download one that someone else has made.

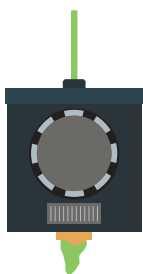
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Slice it

A slicer cuts the model into thin layers and works out the path the printer will follow.

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Print it

The printer melts the filament and builds the model up, one thin layer at a time.

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Collect it

Let the plate cool, take your print off and leave the printer ready for the next person.

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