

Design Drawings

Activity: Draw a top view and a either a side or front view of your design idea or experiment apparatus.





What is Design?

A design is a plan or specification for the construction of an object or system. The result of that plan or specification can be in the form of a prototype, product or process.

The design usually has to satisfy certain goals and constraints, may take into account aesthetic, functional, or economic considerations, and is expected to interact with a certain environment. Major examples of designs include architectural blueprints, engineering drawings, detail drawings, concept drawings as well as sketches, renderings or artist impressions.

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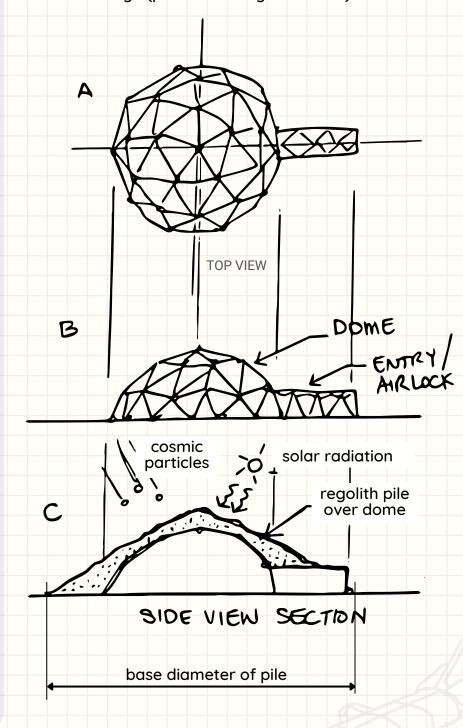
Design drawings are typically aesthetic drawings or renderings that represent possible solutions. Drawings are typically the first step in the design phase.

Design Activities

In some cases, constructing an object first, without plans may also be considered to be a design activity.

Aim of my experiment:

Find out how wide a pile of regolith will be when the pile is high enough to cover a dome measuring 400mm high (plus 20mm regolith cover)



FRONT/SIDE VIEW



Activity: Pictorial views

Practise sketching one small part of your design as a pictorial view. Alternatively, sketch any object that travels into space.

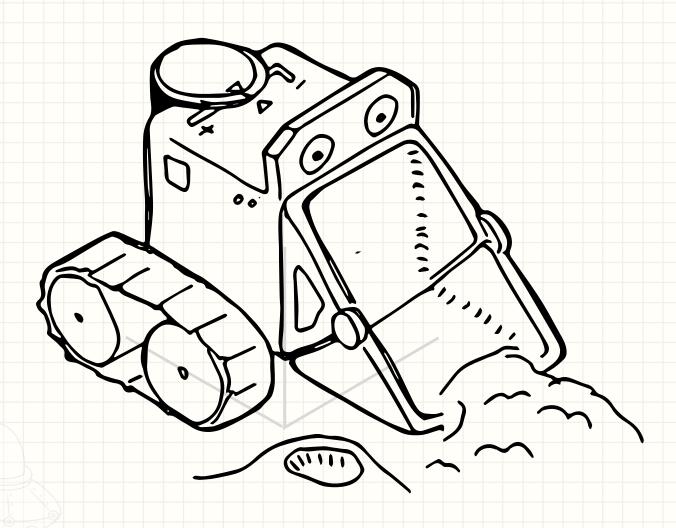


Sketching pictorial drawings at www.iteachstem.com.au



Bottle rockets drawn using a template.

My design for a robot that can scoop up the lunar regolith, to help cover the dome habitats.



ISOMETRIC VIEW



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Rendering

Rendering is the process of creating the effects of light, shade and light source to achieve contrast in drawings. rendering improves the quality of line drawings. while line drawing indicate more of the shape than the form of an object drawn, rendering improves the quality of the drawing so as to give it a photo-realistic quality.

Colouring vs Rendering

Colouring = Coloured "in the lines", or put colour in the areas they belong.

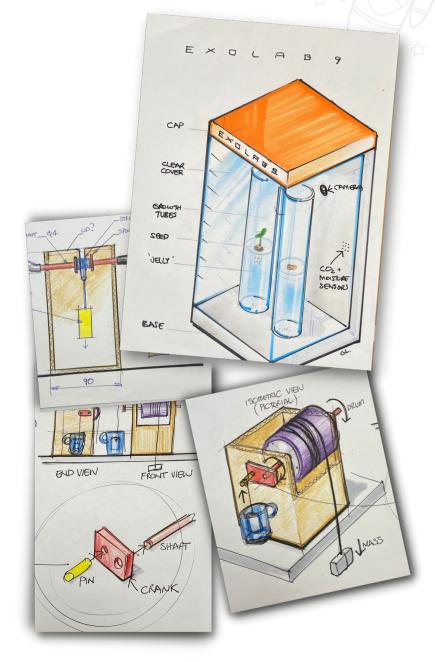
Rendering = Making the image really pop, by adding shading and details so it looks more polished and professional.

Annotations

Annotations are brief, written explanations provided with design deliverables in order to define & describe aspects of the design.



Watch the <u>video</u> by Splat 3D on how to produce annotated and rendered drawings such as those to the right/top.



Above: Design drawings for mechanical devices.

Below: Click on any of the five core 3D objects for a demonstration of how to render them.





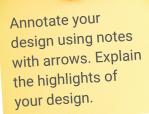




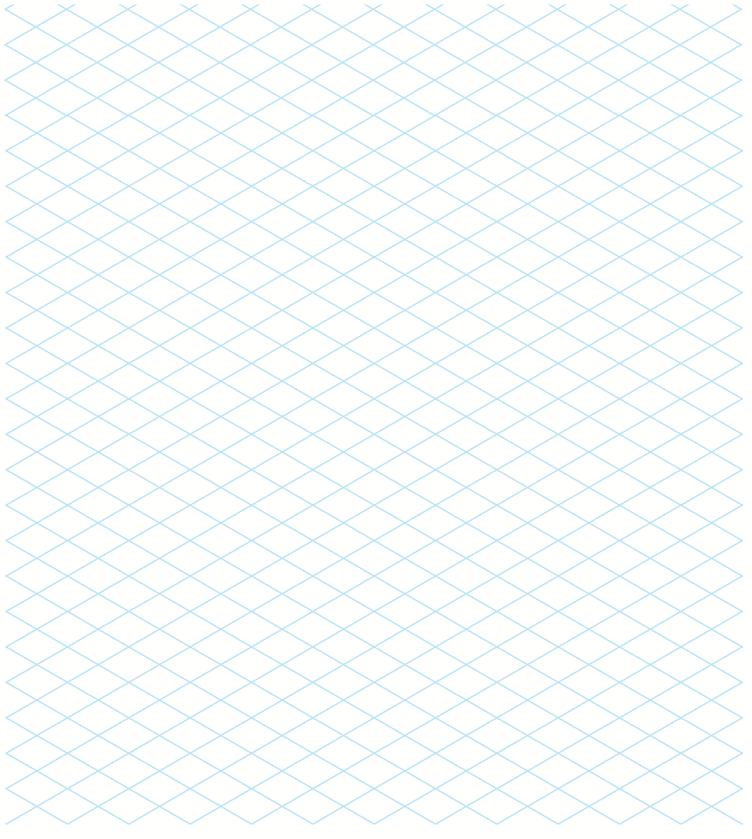




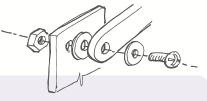
Activity: Using the isometric grid below try drawing/sketching a more detailed example of your design. Include some measurements.



Identify the materials in your design.

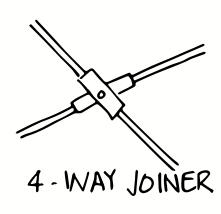




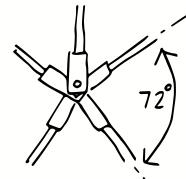


Activity: Bring all your design ideas into one final design drawing or blueprint for your experiment, device or environment. This does not need to be a fantastic drawing, it just helps to get to the next stage in the iSTEM process - prototyping. It is a good idea to base your drawing on the materials, parts or lab equipment that you know will be available to use while constructing your prototype.

Info from http://www.domerama.com/calculators/2v-geodesic-dome-calculator/

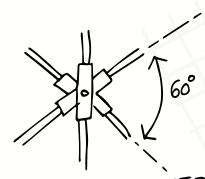


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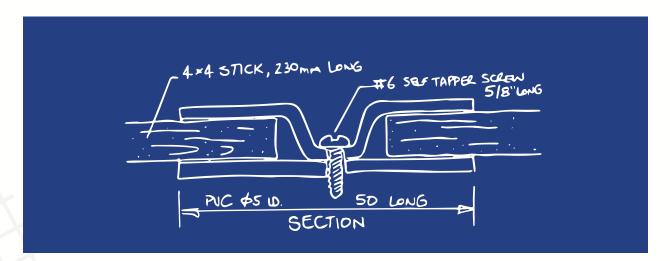
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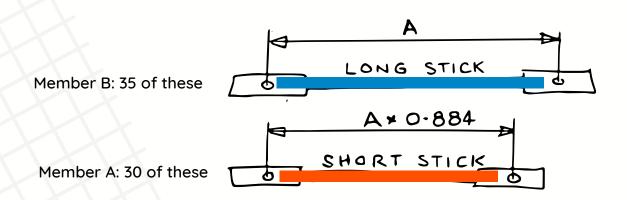




6-WAY JOINER

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A prototype is where you construct a physical example of your design.



Constructing a prototype

Prototypes are for validating a design or a hypothesis. A prototype is used for testing whether the design will work as expected or not. Usually new insights are gained once the engineers and scientists get to experiment with the physical product.

Prototypes are for learning, so it is a good idea to keep them as simple as possible.

3. Appearance prototype - a static model is used to show the final look and feel of a design, especially for products that must have visual (aesthetic) appeal. 3D printed parts are often smoothed and painted for this purpose. Materials may include balsa wood, plaster, blue foam, styrofoam, wood, undercoat/sealer and brush, spray paint, abrasive paper etc



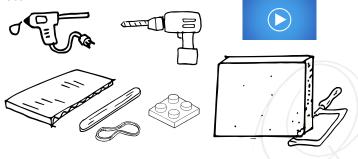
Different kinds of prototypes

1. Paper prototypes - 'thinking in paper' are super quick to make and help us to visualise our ideas, especially those that are hard to sketch. They are most often used in the early stages of design. Typical materials include;



2. **Rough prototype** - a proof of concept is a working prototype that proves a device or system works. It does not need to look like your final design, and will be constructed as quickly as possible. Sometimes just one part of your design is prototyped to demonstrate it works. This rough build is sometimes called a 'mock-up'.

Materials may include MDF sheet, Coreflute panel, corrugated cardboard, hot glue, acrylic, aluminium rod, screws, nuts and bolts, plastic bricks, elastic bands, springs, microcontroller, motors, sensors etc.



4. **Engineering prototype** - is a working example of a design but also has the appearance, size and the same materials found in the design/blueprint. This type of prototype can be very expensive to make because it requires specialist knowledge and equipment.



Prototype

A prototype is where you construct a physical example of your design.

Activity: Attach photographs of your prototype to this page and, if possible, a link to a video of your prototype in action.

Activity: Outline the steps in the construction of your prototype and describe at least two obstacles encountered in the process.

