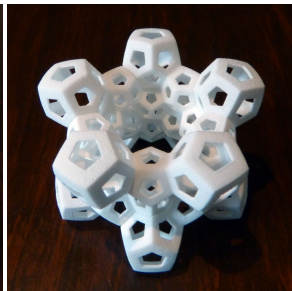
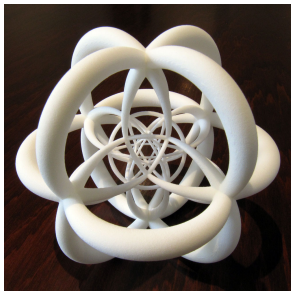


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Sculpture in 4-dimensions



# 3D printing technologies

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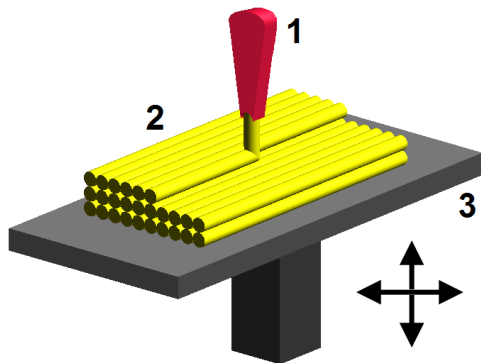


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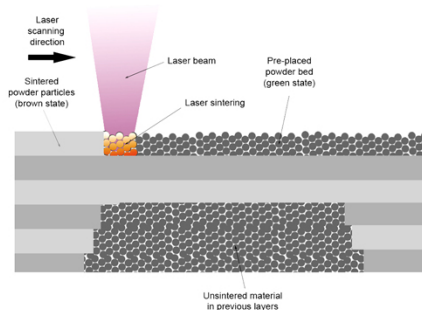
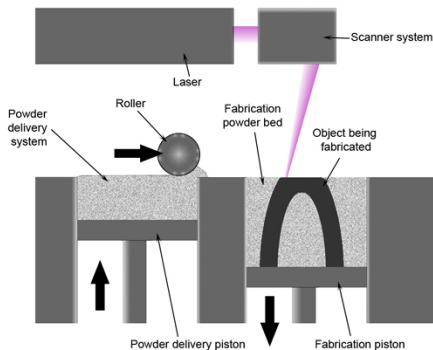


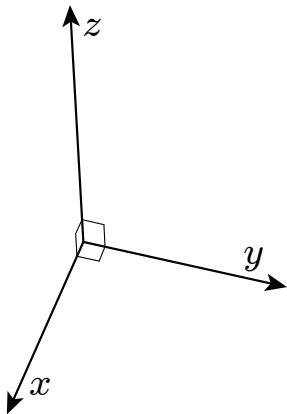
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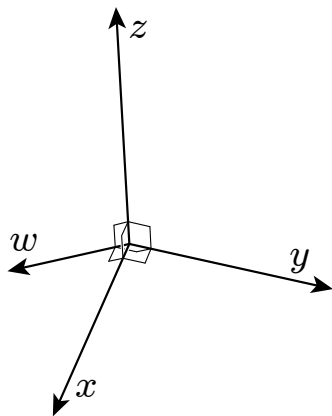
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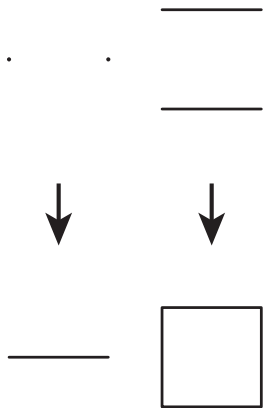
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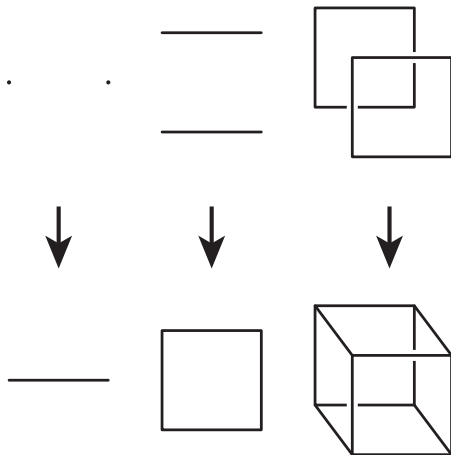


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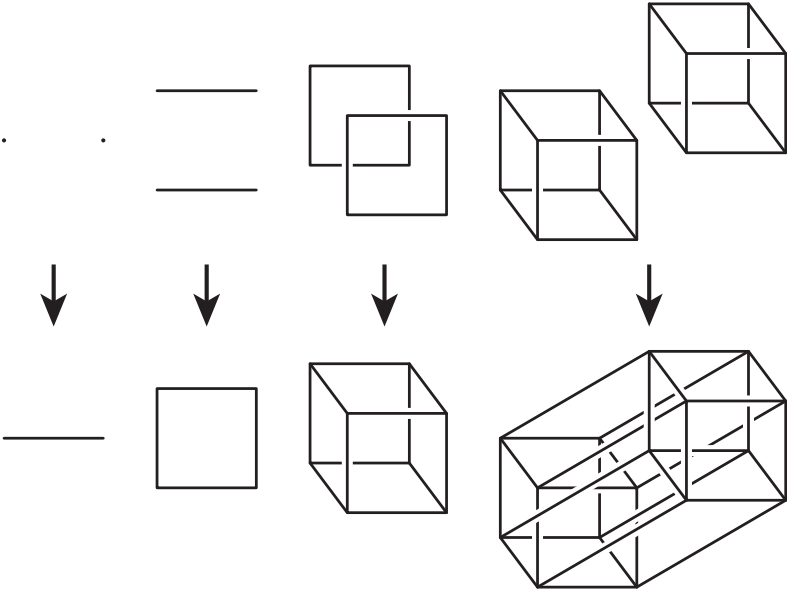
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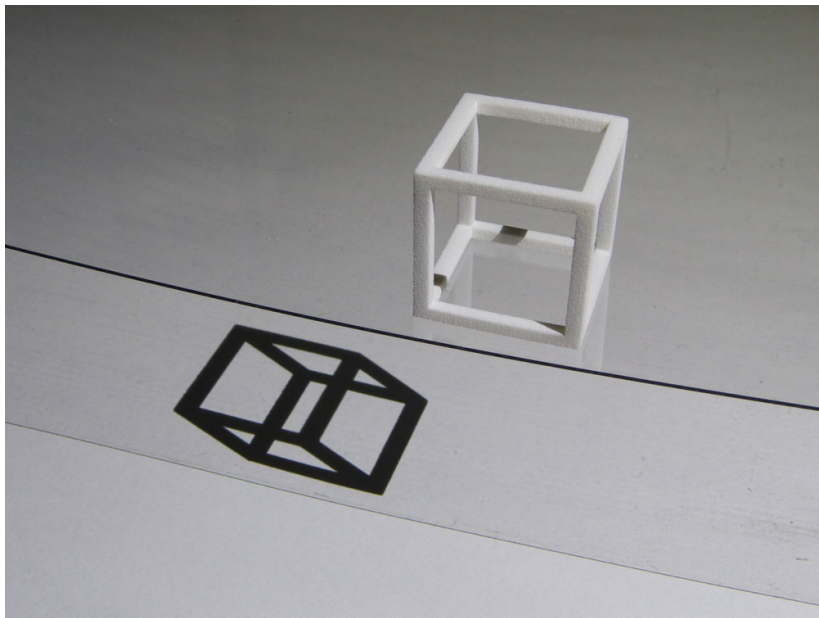


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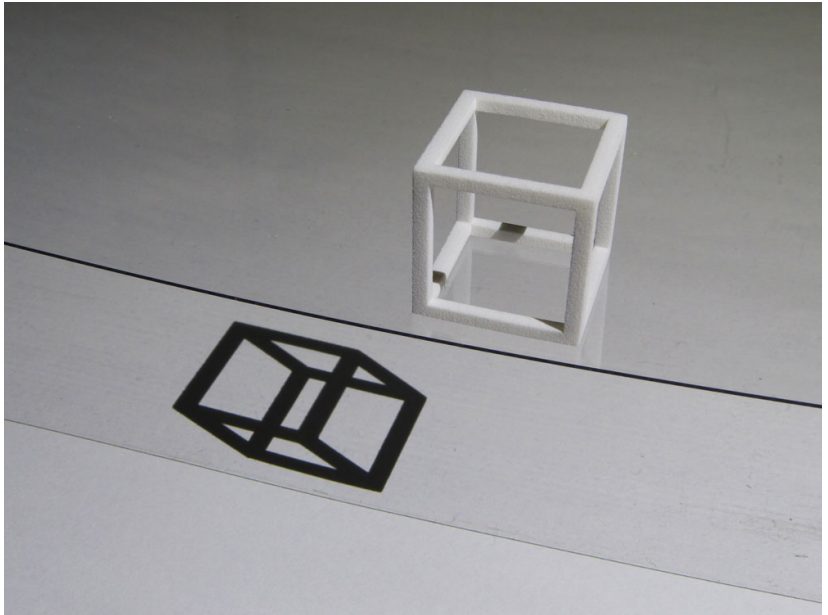
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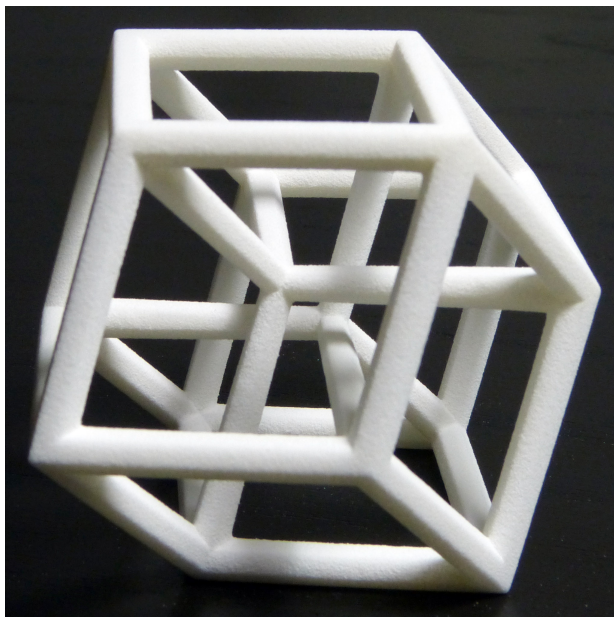




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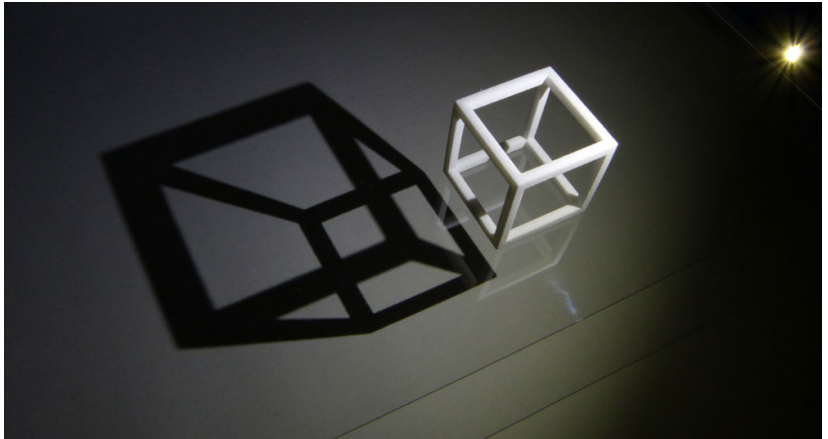


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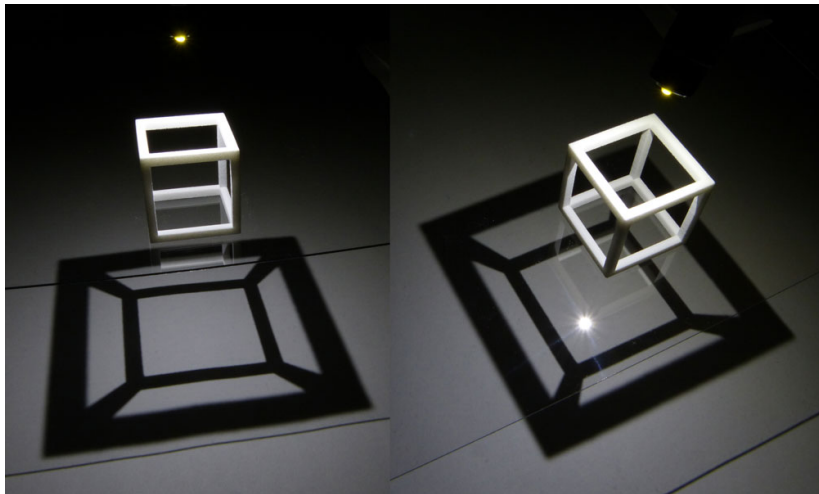


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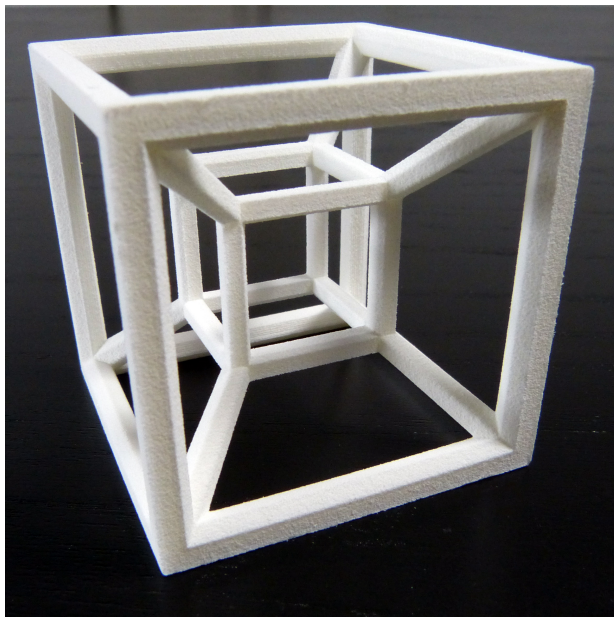
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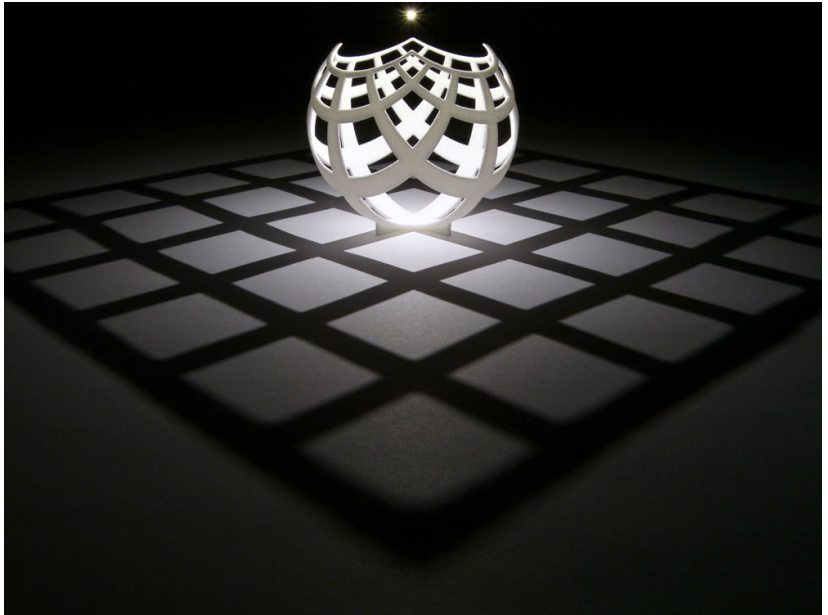
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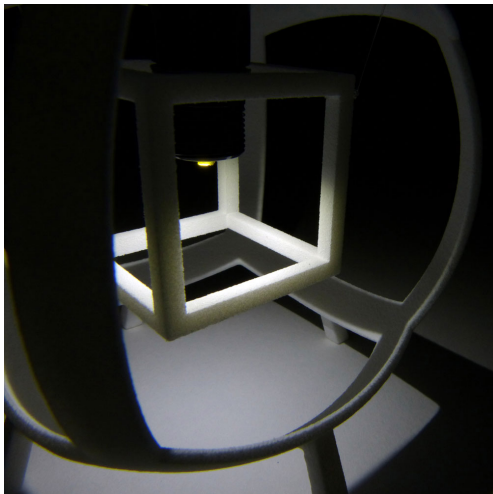
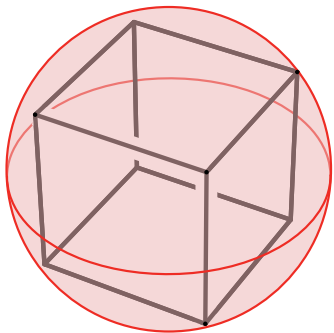
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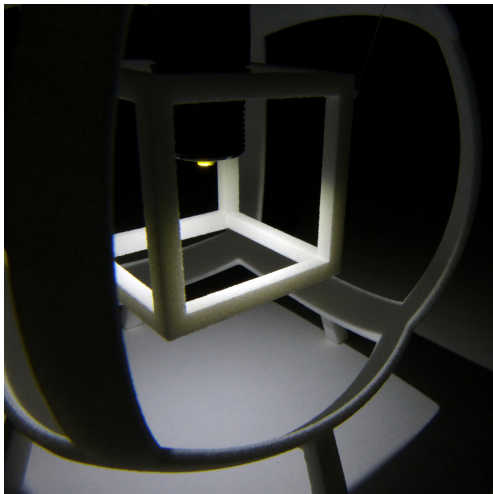
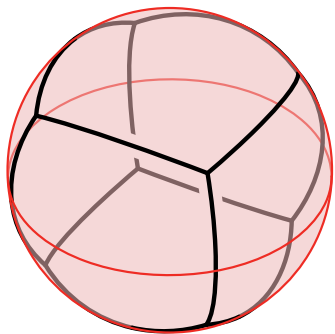


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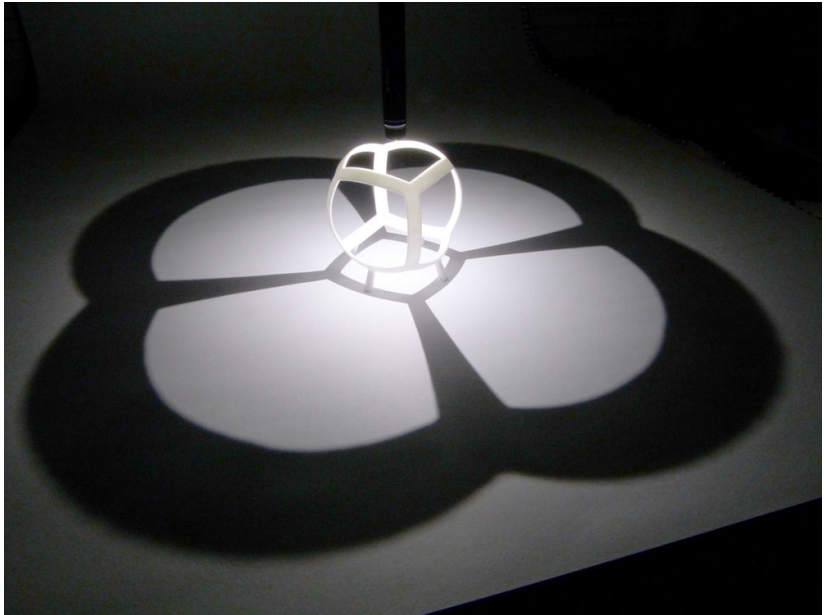




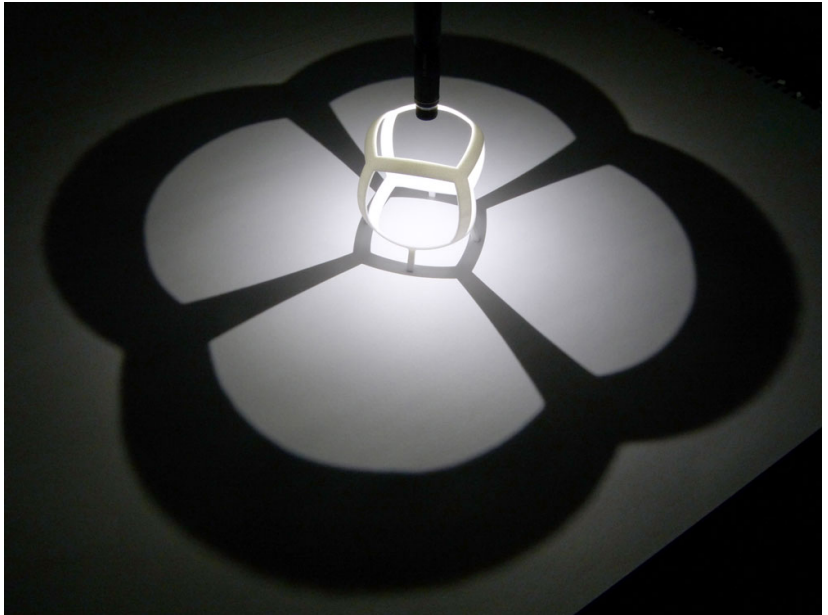
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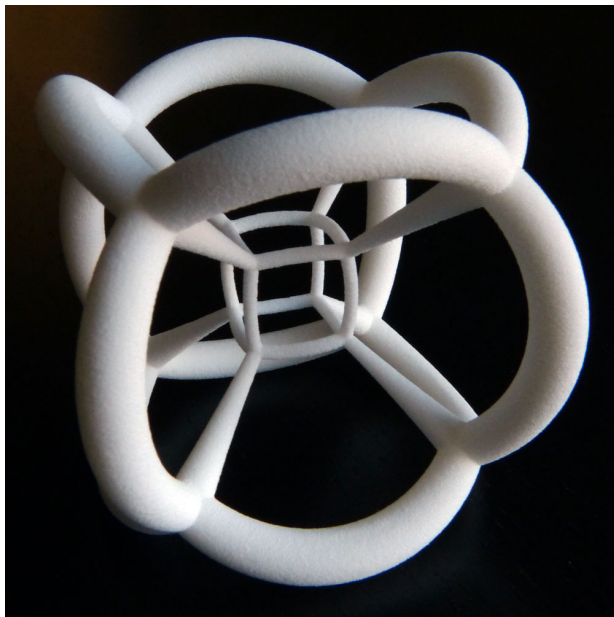
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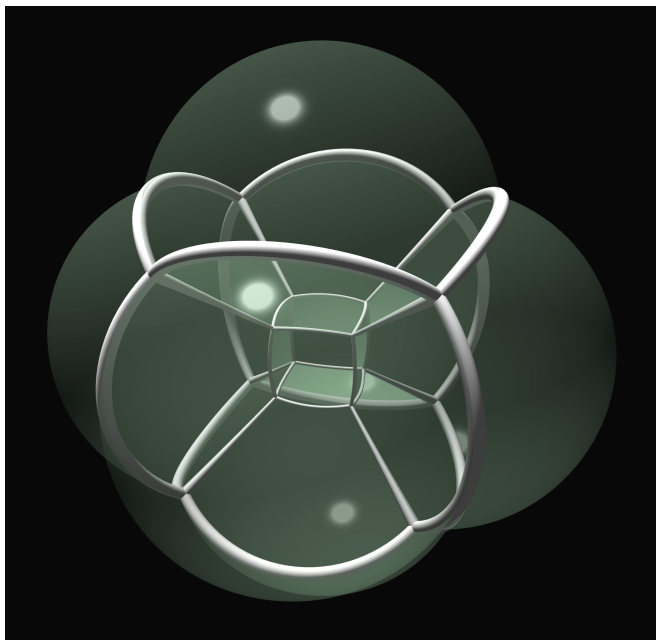
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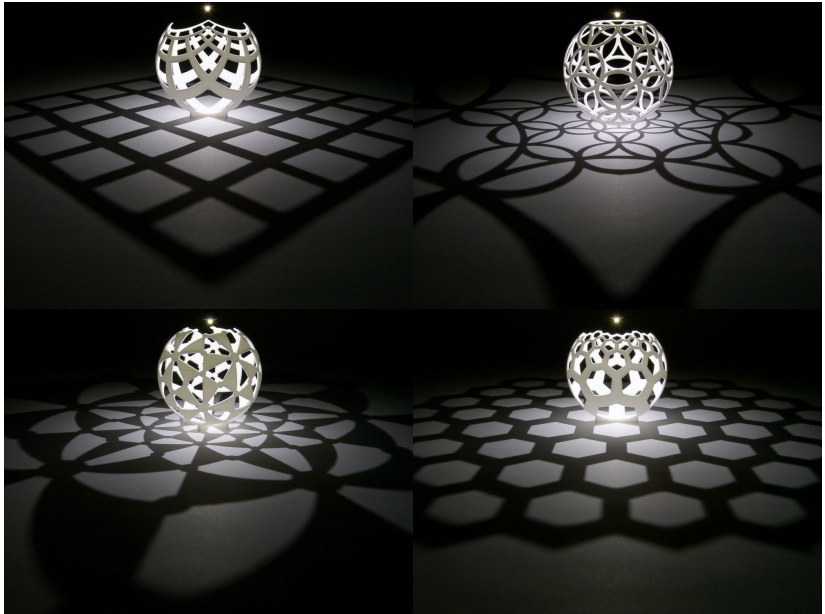
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# More amazing properties of stereographic projection



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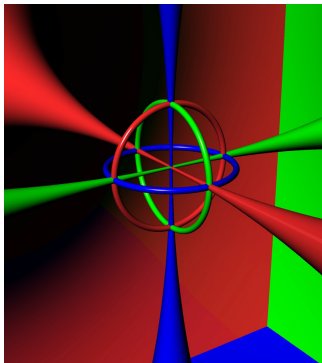
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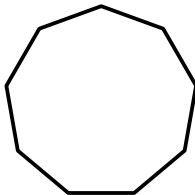
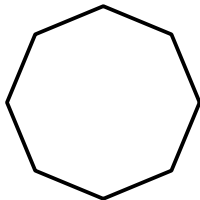
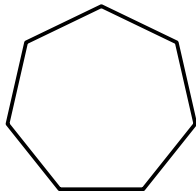
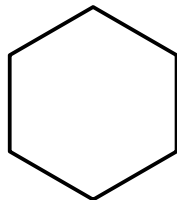
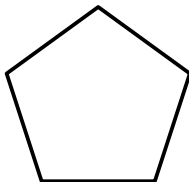
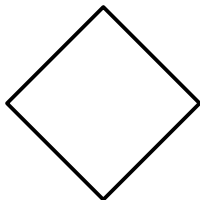
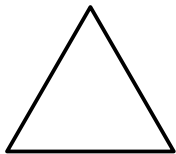
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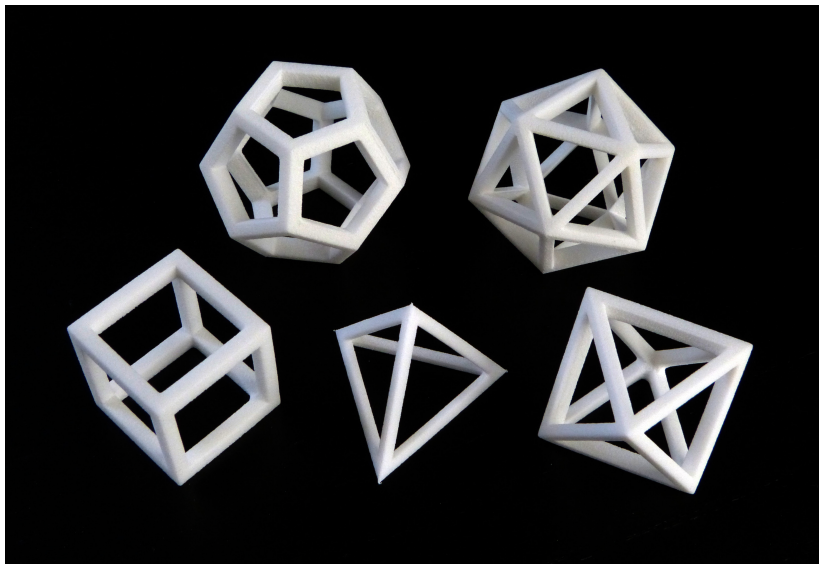
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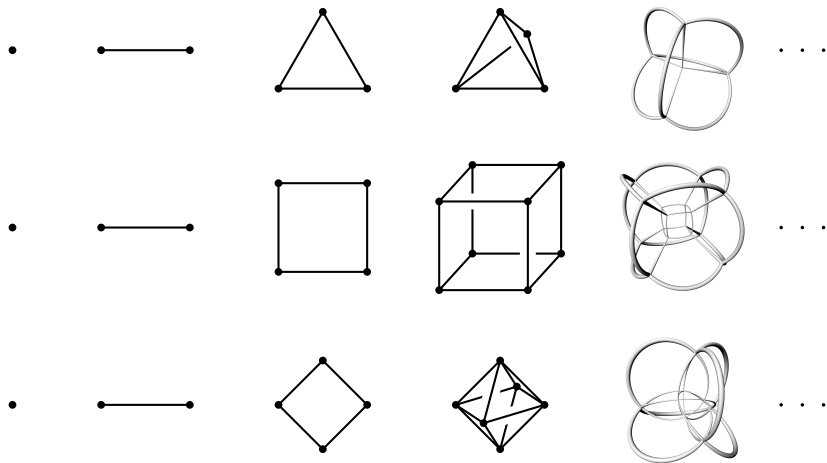


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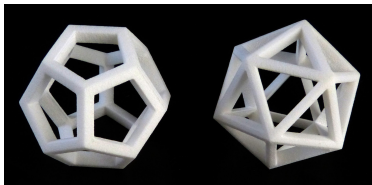
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## Three families of regular polytopes

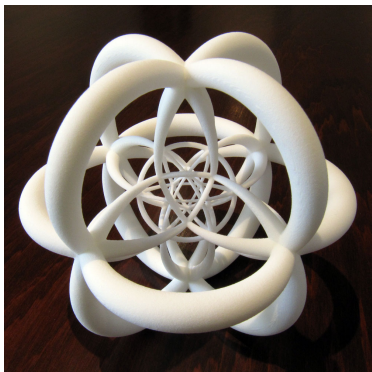


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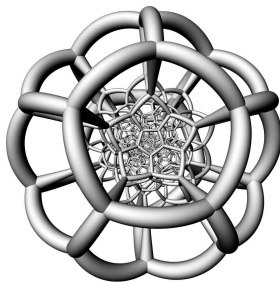


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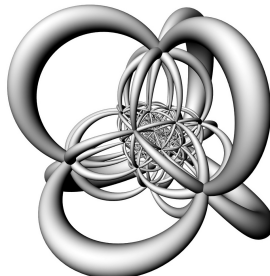
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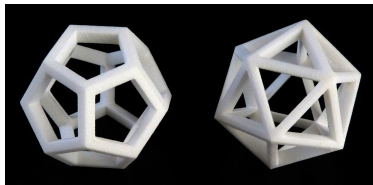


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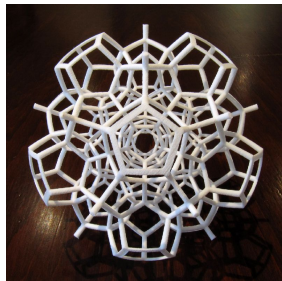
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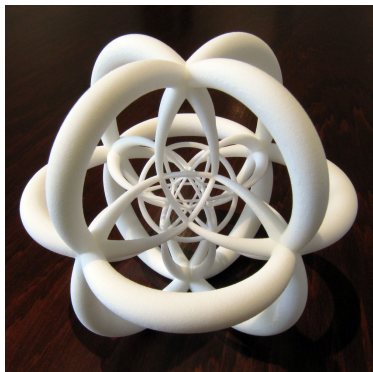


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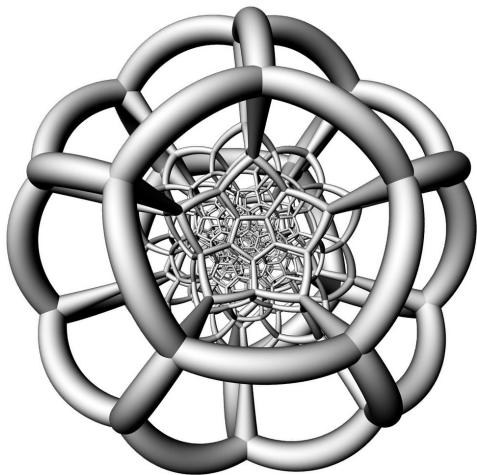


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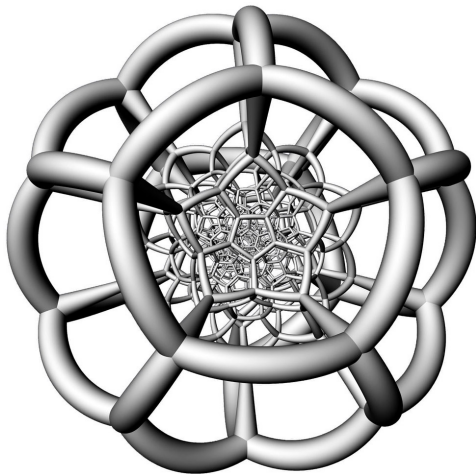




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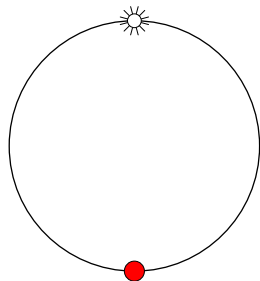
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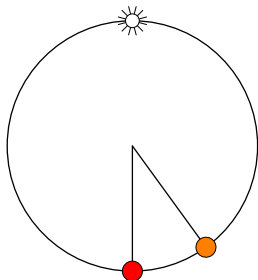
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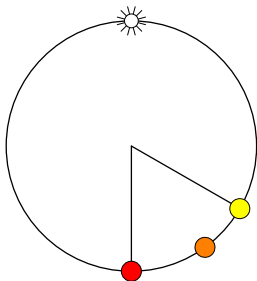
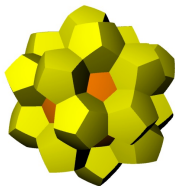
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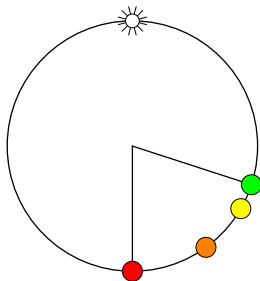
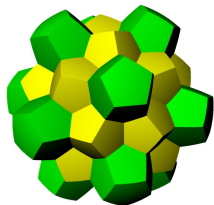
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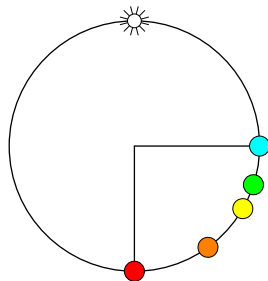
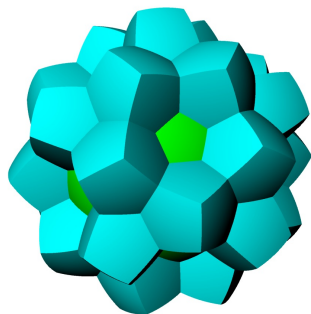
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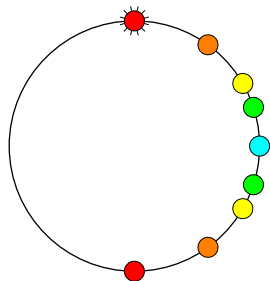
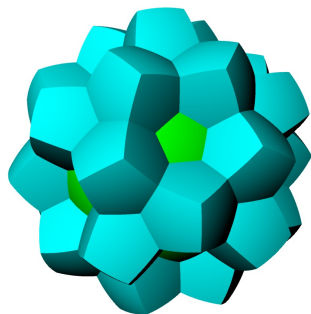
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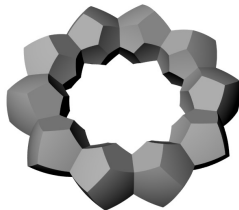
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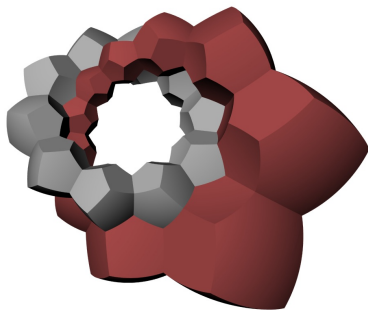
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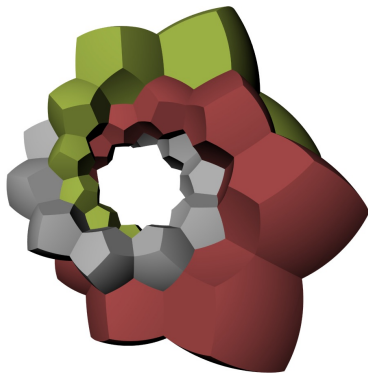
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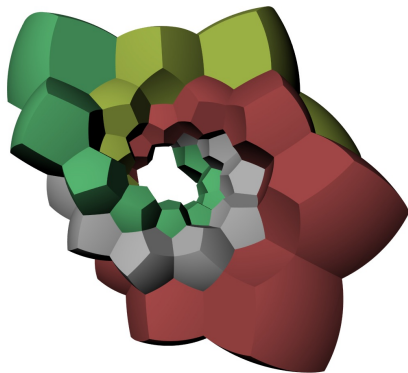
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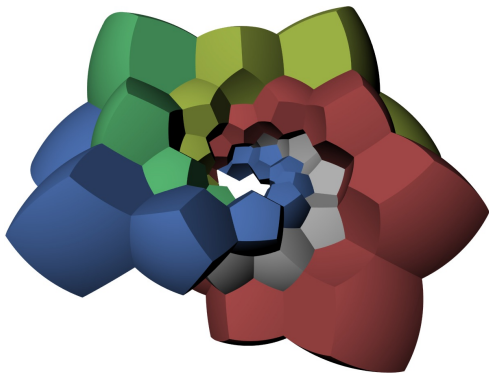


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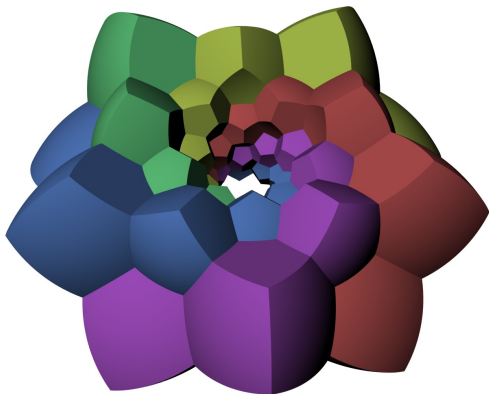


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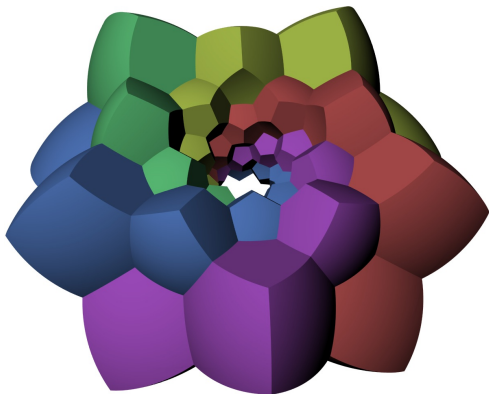


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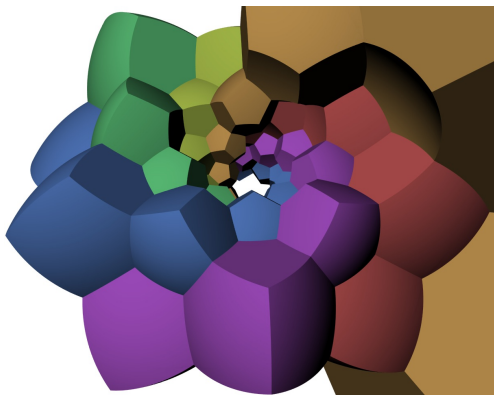
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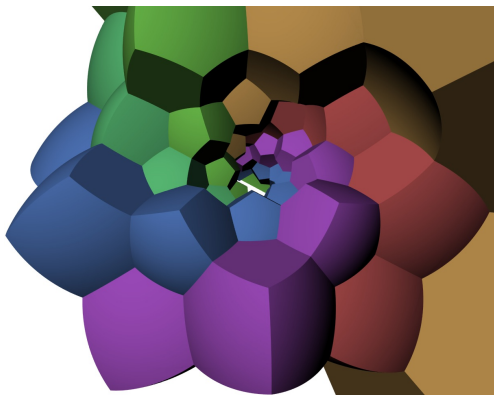


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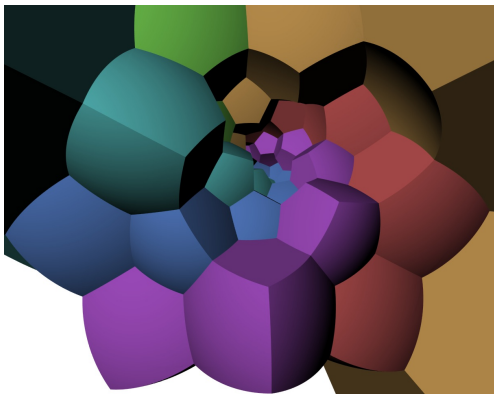
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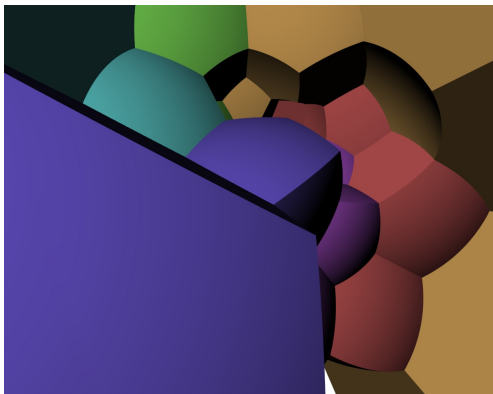
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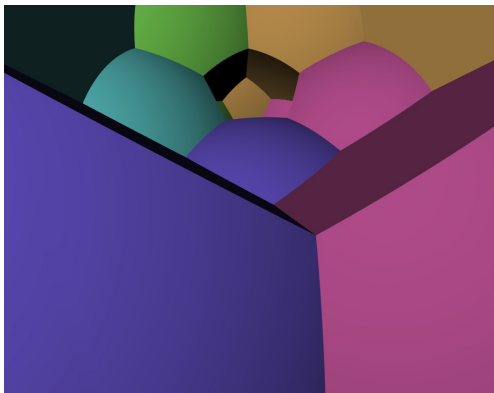
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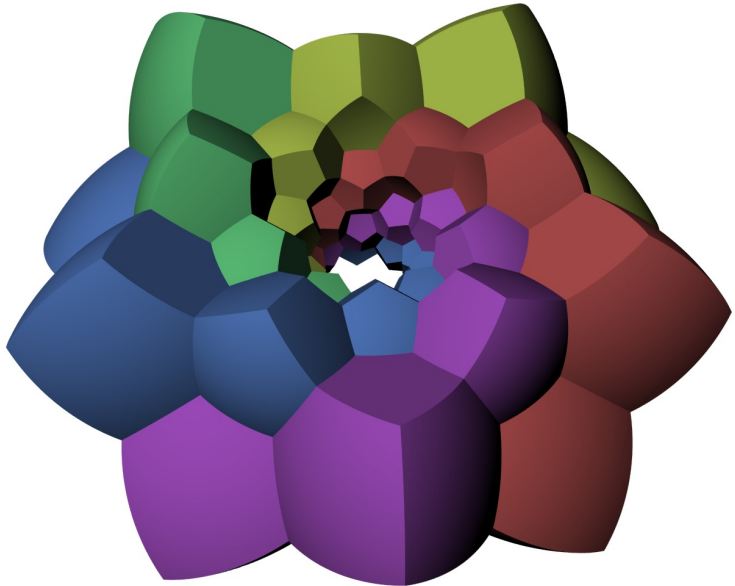
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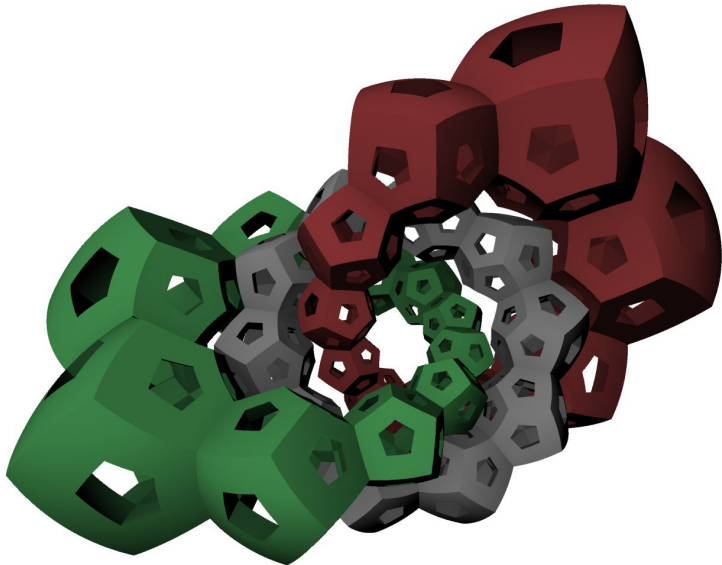
These six rings make up half of the 120-cell. The other half consists of five more rings that wrap around these, and one more ring “dual” to the original grey one.

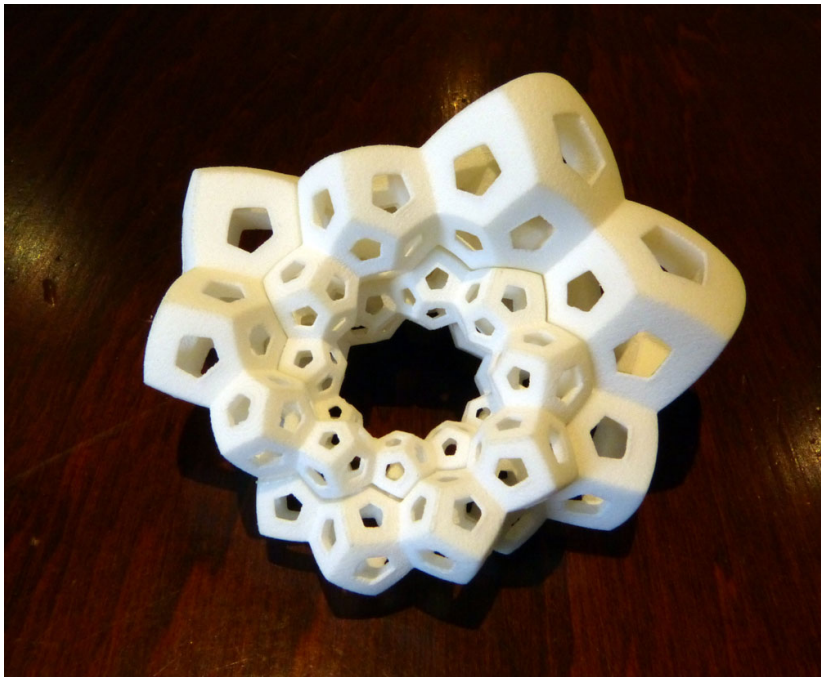
$$1 + 5 + 5 + 1 = 12 = 120/10$$

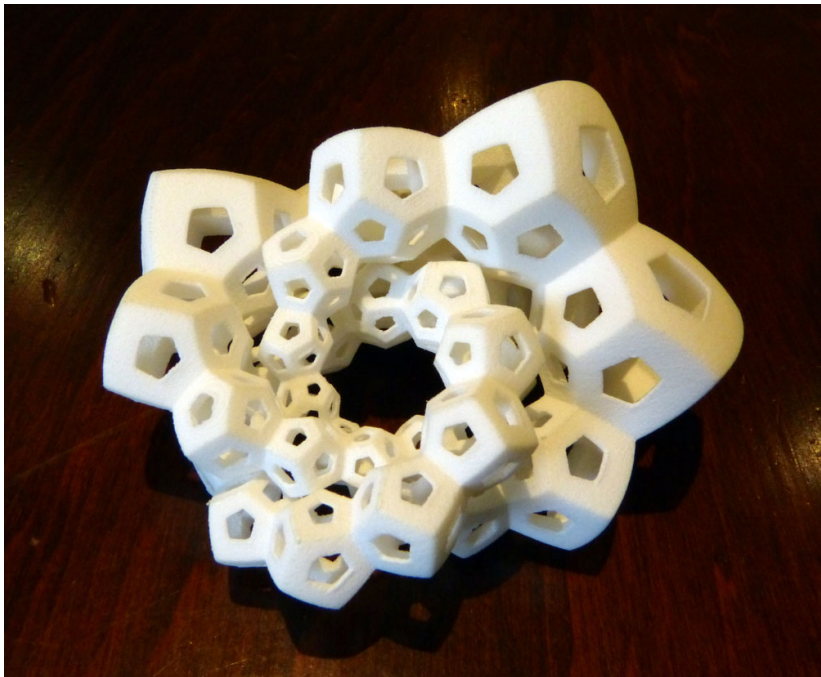
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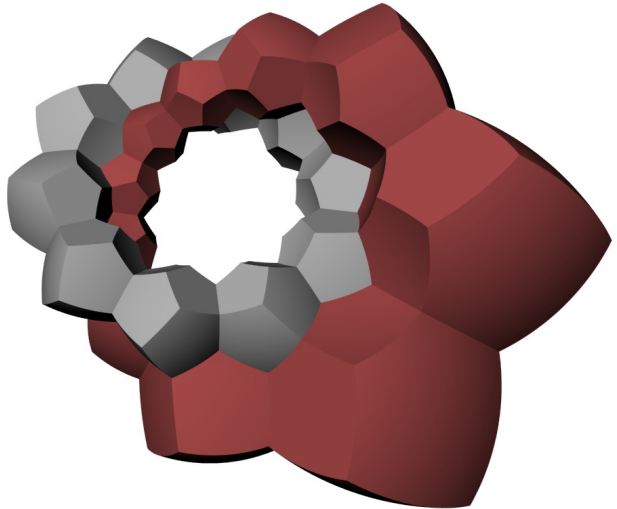




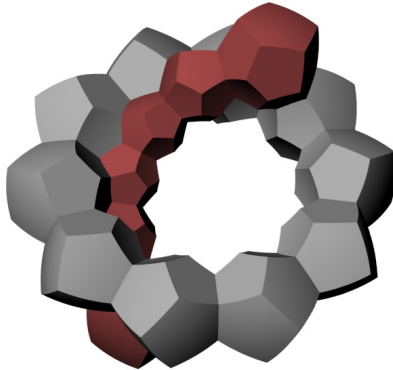




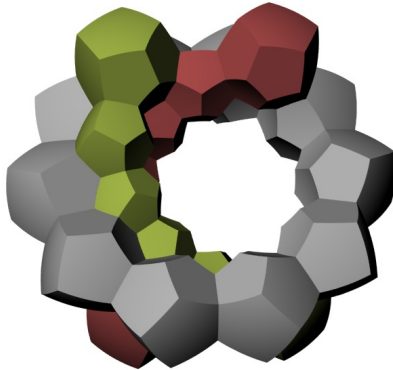
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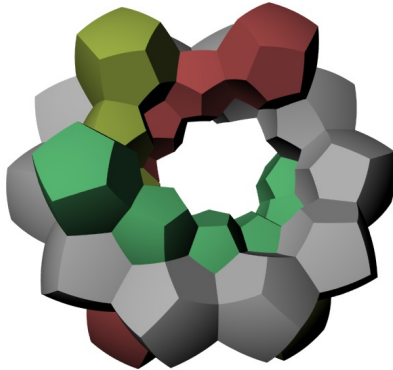
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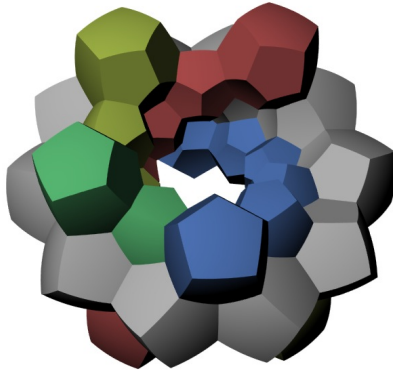
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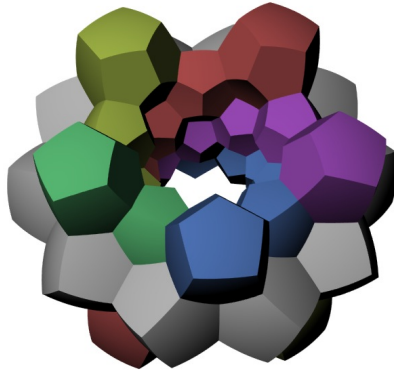
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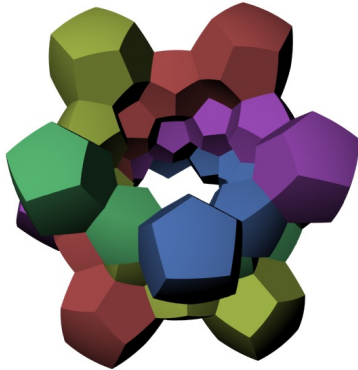
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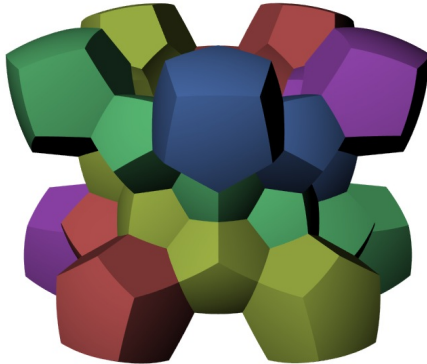
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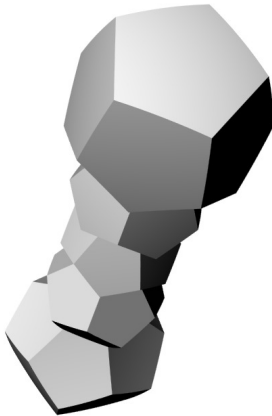




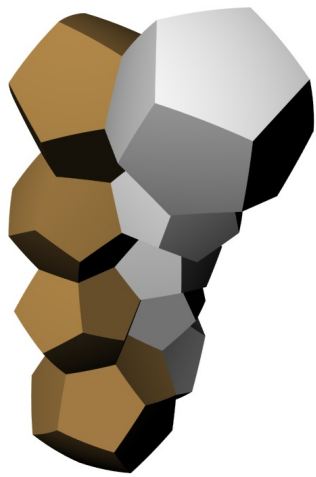
# Dc30 Ring puzzle



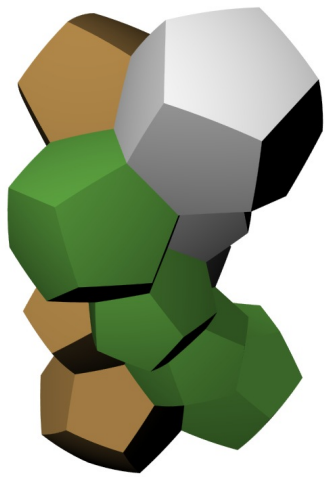
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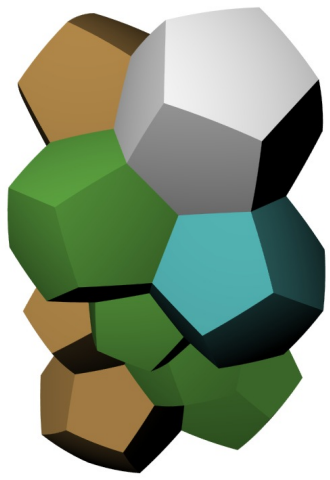
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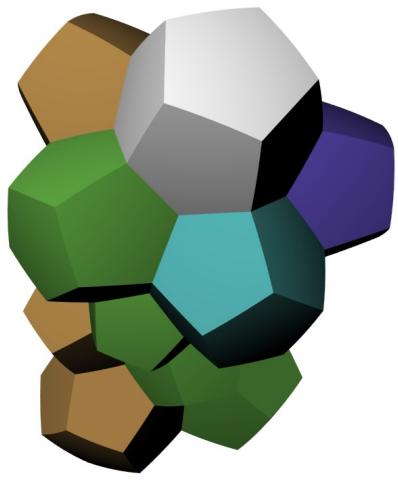
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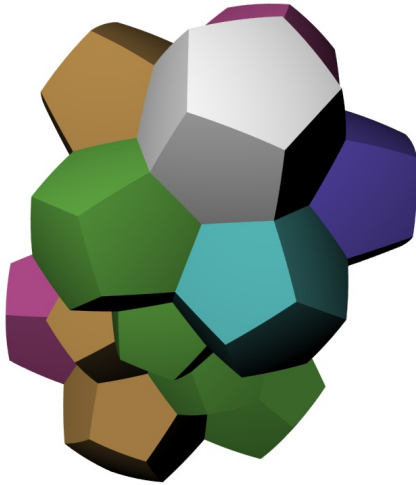
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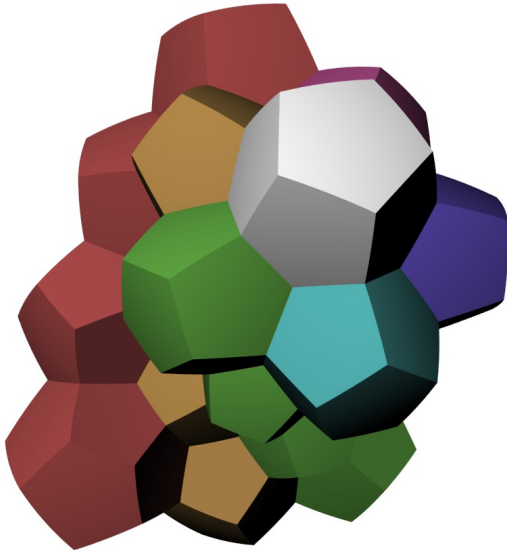
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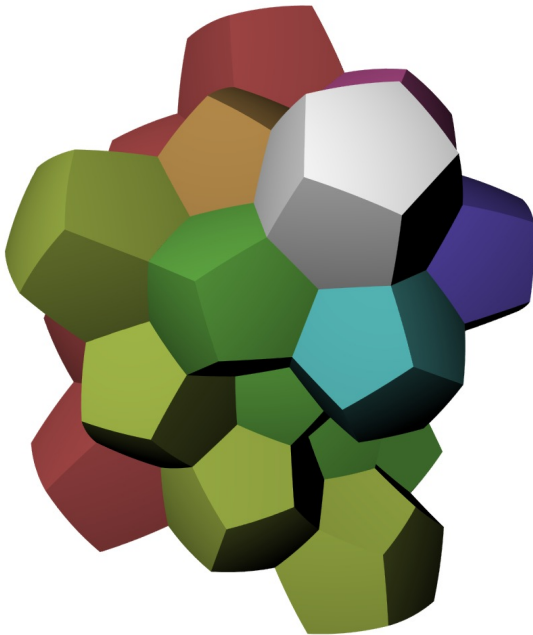


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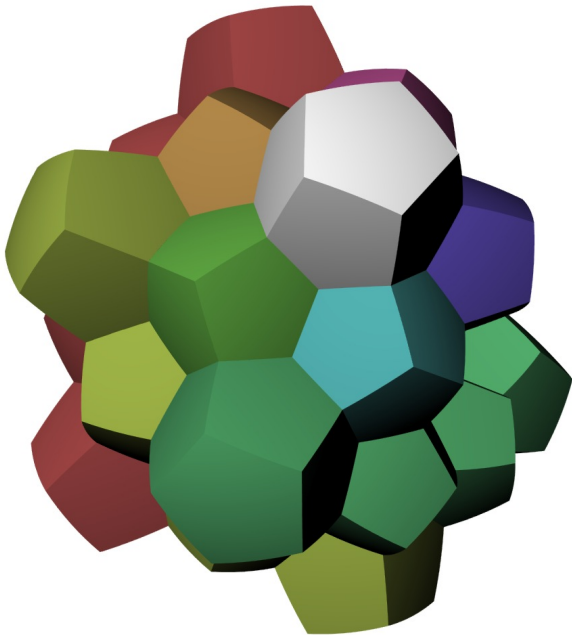




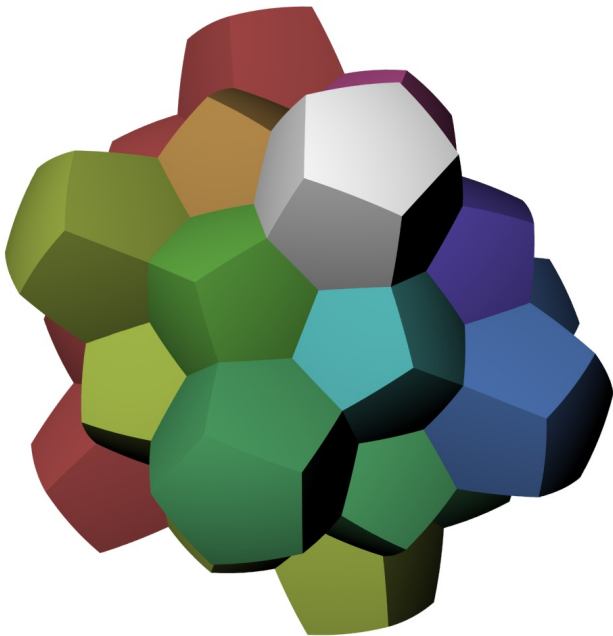
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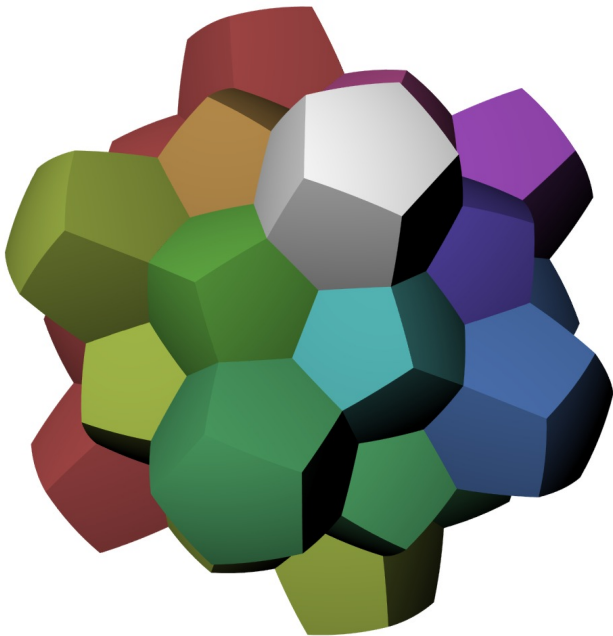
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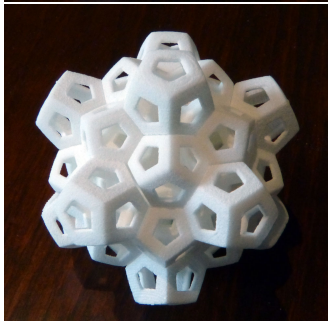
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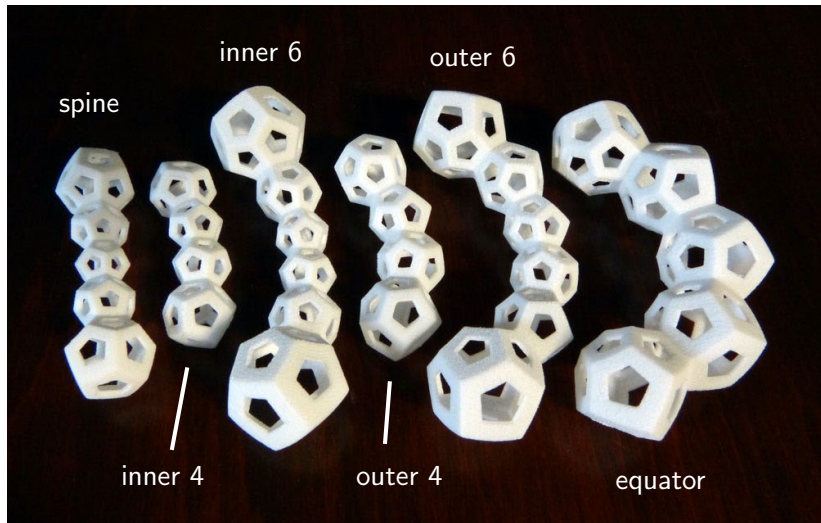
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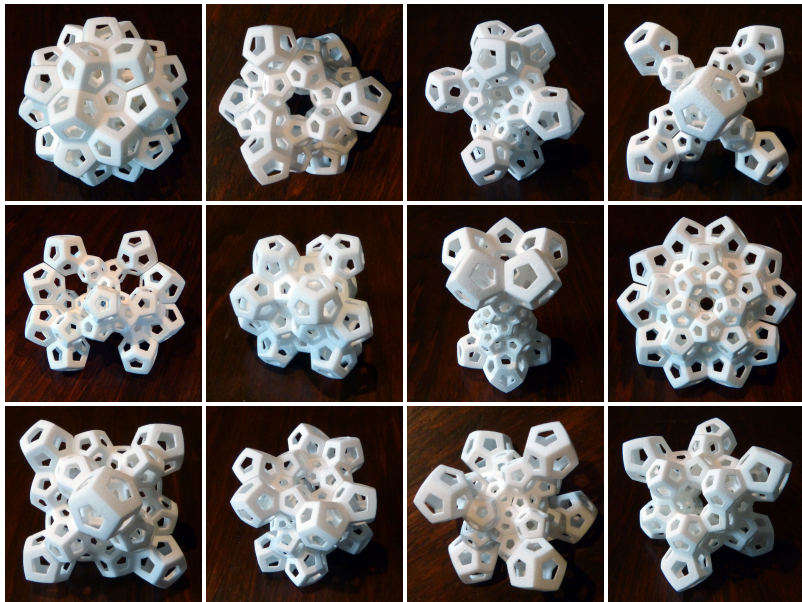
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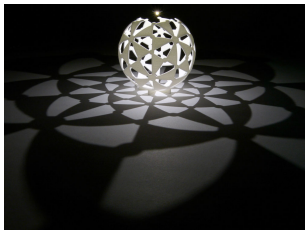
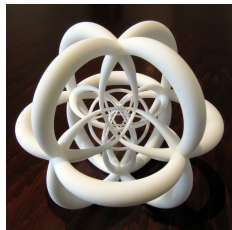
## Six kinds of ribs



These make many puzzles, which we collectively call [Quintessence](#).



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