

Interlocking cubes in Onshape

In this manual you will find:

how I made my 3D print assignment.

1. Define your parameters

For this assignment I made my cubes parametric. Because of that I can easily change the size according to what's best to print.

I declared:

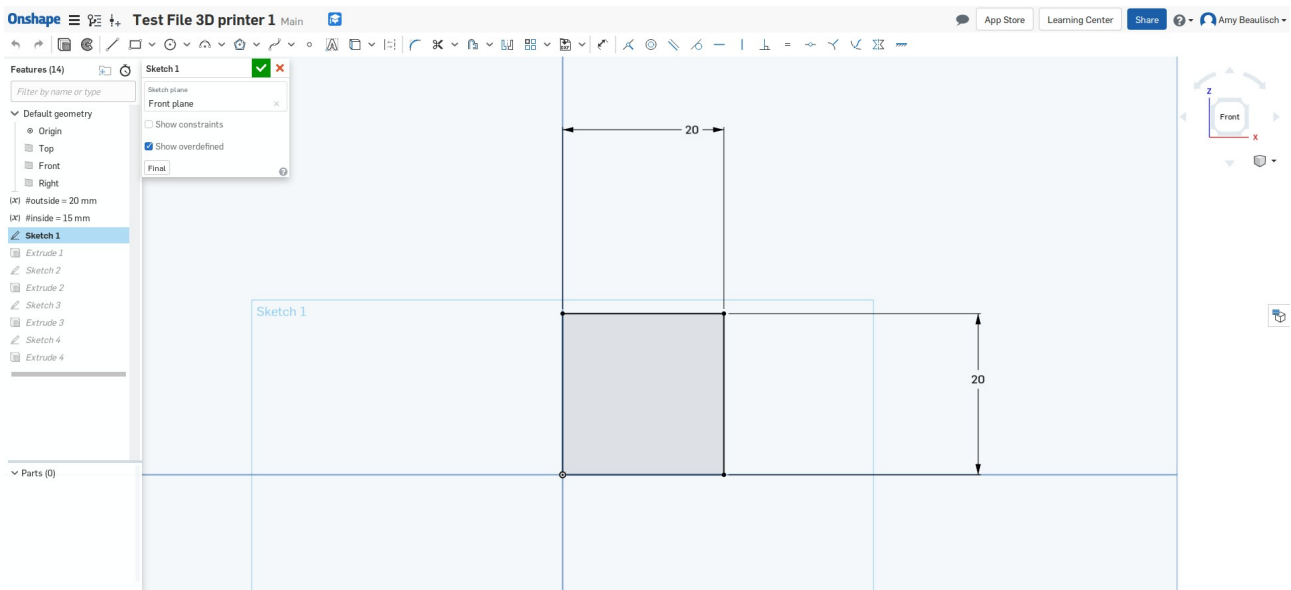
- #outside = 20mm

- #inside = 15mm

The formula to keep the hole always in the center is this: $\#outside/8$

2. Draw your cube

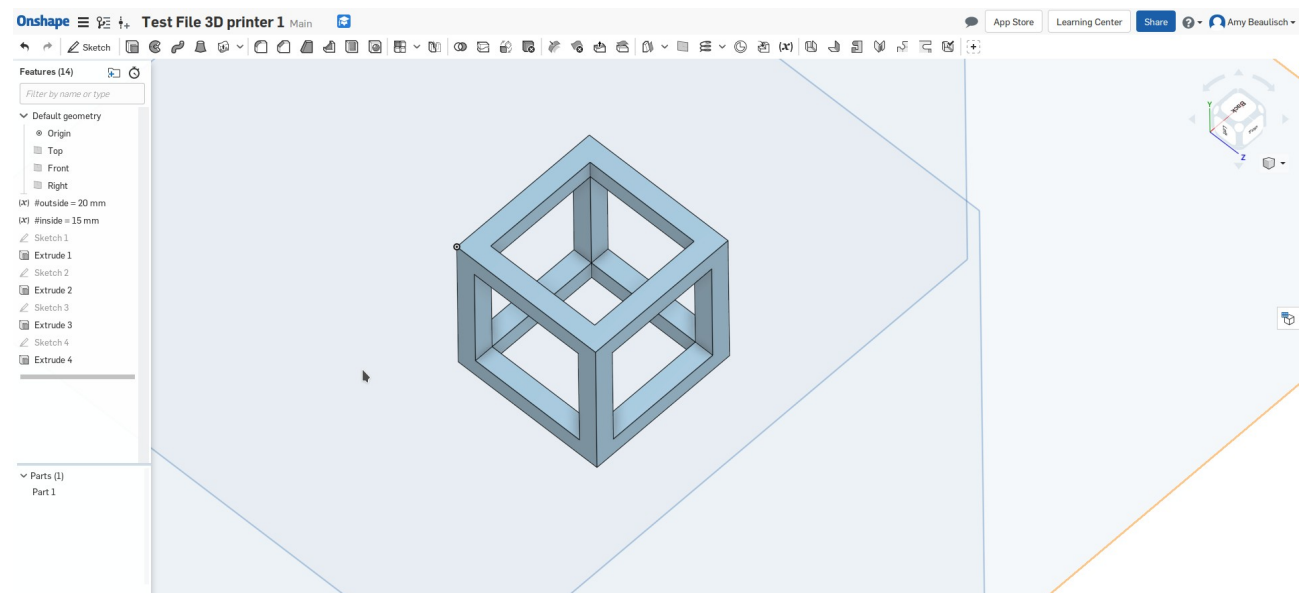
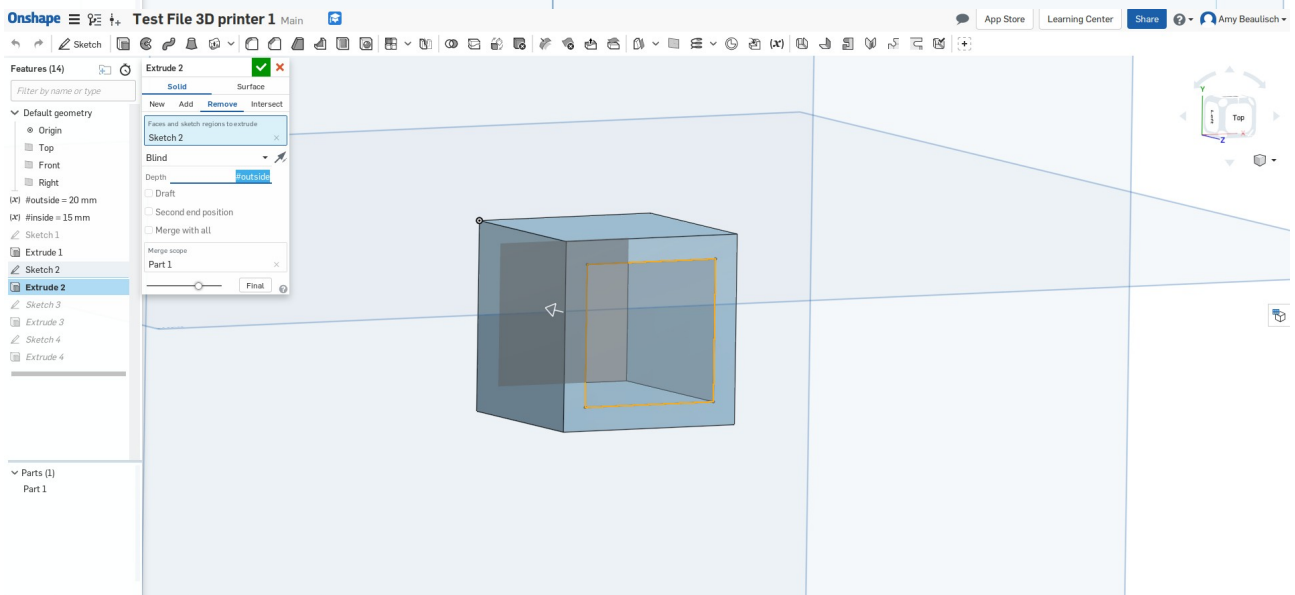
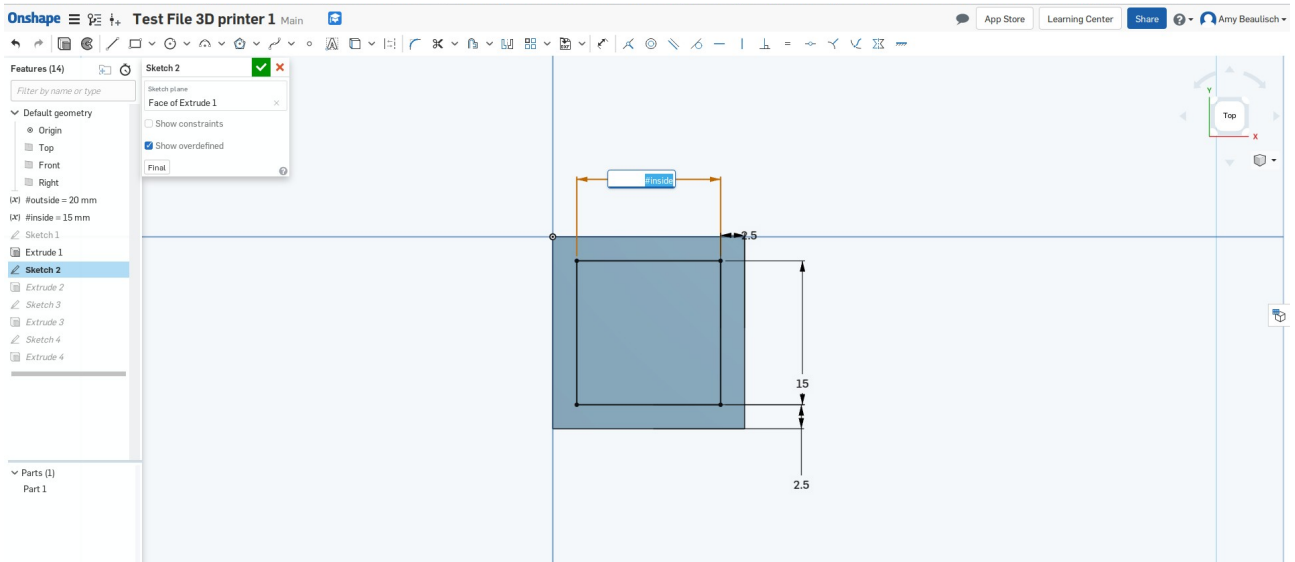
Once you have defined your parameters, you can draw your cube.



I didn't add a boolean here yet because I wanted to go step by step. Give the extrusion the dimension of #outside as this results in a perfect cube.

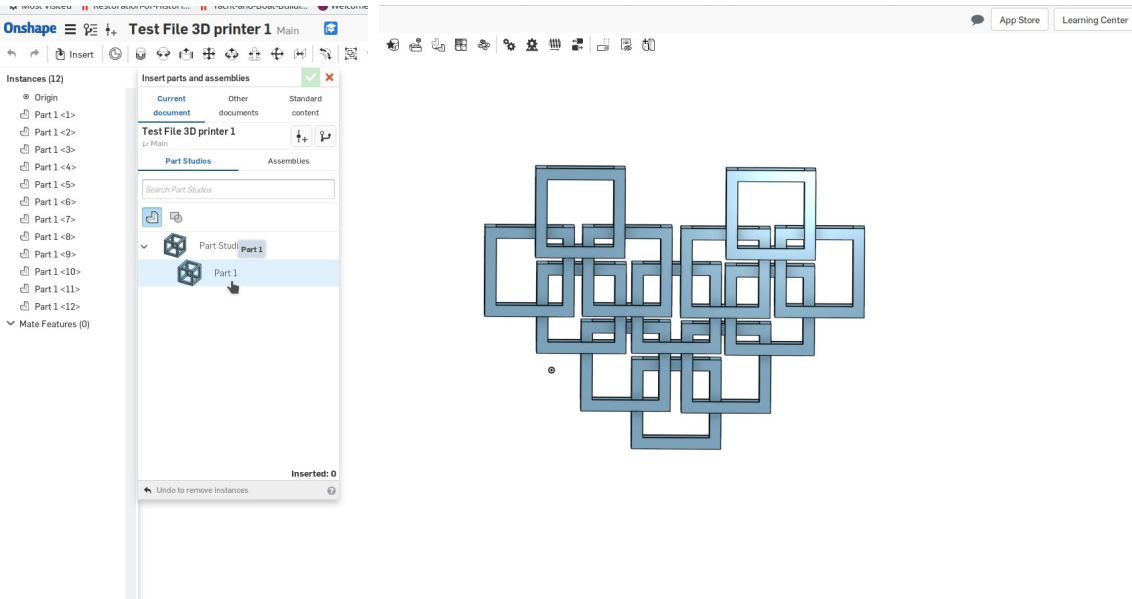
3. Make the holes in each side

The next step is to make the holes in each side. You don't have to do this 6 times, but only three times as you can let the extrusion run all the way through.

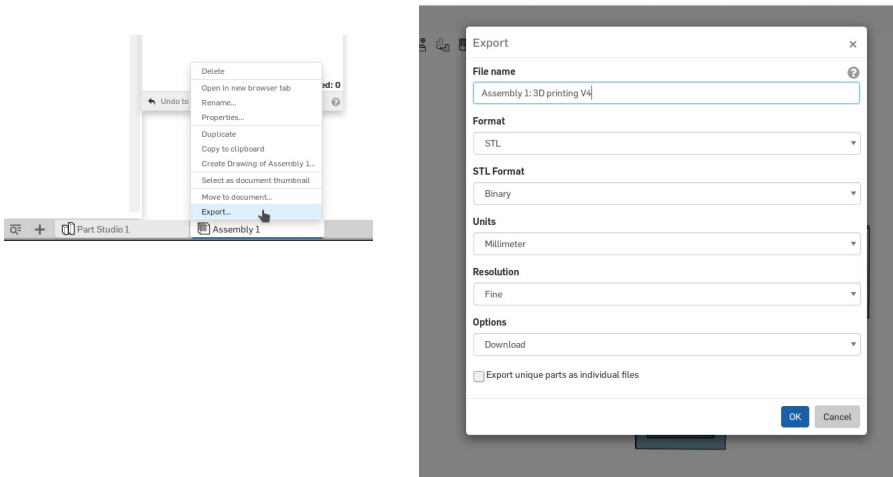


4. Title 4

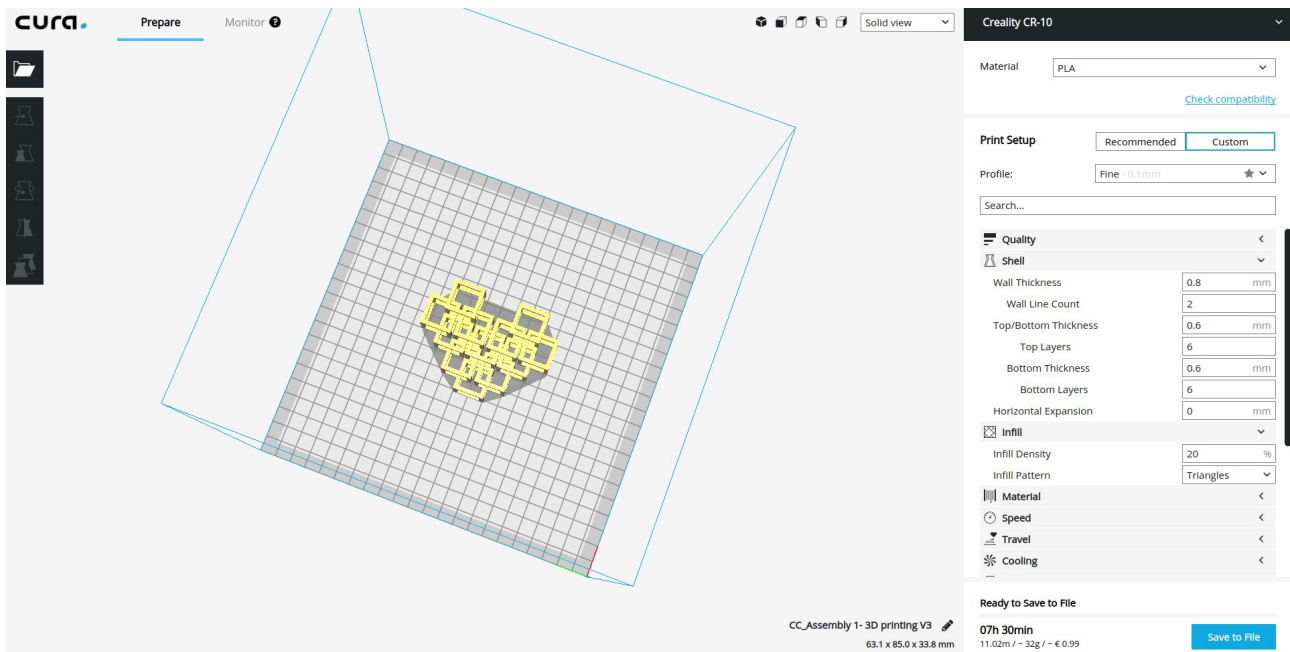
Once you have done this, you can start the assembly.



5. Export the file for 3D printing



6. Slice the file in your favorite slicer



I could give you the right settings, but as every 3D printer is different, even from the same brand, I won't. The thing I mostly do is always print on 0.1mm as I only print technical parts and want my quality as high as possible.

7. Print the .gcode

Speaks for itself.