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Project Brief

We will apply the stacked slice method to prototype a car.

Day 1: Create a Cut Layout

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Day 2: Assembly

Day 3: Complete assembly and final presentation

Material

We will be using 11" x 17" chipboard which has a thickness of 1/16" (0.0625")

Instructions for Day 1

1. Open **123D Make**
2. Click Import car design file in the **Open Example Shape** tab.
3. Under the **Construction Technique** heading in the left sidebar, choose **Stacked slices** option. You will see your model sliced.
4. Now you need to set the material size and thickness. Under the **Manufacturing Settings** in the left sidebar, click the dropdown and select **Custom Size**.
 - set your board to *11" width x 17" length* and *a thickness of 1/16 inches (0.0625 inches)*
5. Discuss within your group which axis to slice along. Adjust the **Slice Direction** by clicking on the **blue arrow** above your model.
6. Once you finalize your slice direction and scale appropriately (your model should be 5.5 inches in length), click **Get plans. Export the pdf and save to your 3D Modeling folder.**

Final presentation date

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