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to forget

What am I talking about? I retired, sometimes it feels like I'm digressing in to childhood. What's that called? Retarded?

I get up, I play on the computer, I hang out with church friends, but something is missing. Ah sharing. Church friends are great, one big family. I've been reading the Bible more. Since I'm not working, it's a great time to ready the Bible. I've made graphics to share. And I've been playing around with the 3D printers.

The 3D printer stuff is so cool! I don't know how to use CAD software, I really want to learn it, or do I? I can create 3D objects in Adobe Illustrator, export them to obj files, load the obj files to the 3D printer and print. **NOTE:** There may be extra steps required before printing the obj file. You need to work 10x scale when designing, or you need to resize the obj file on the pinr bed 1000%. Then from the slicing software, the obj can be exported to a stl file (or any of the other formats). So do I really want to learn a CAD program? I debate this often.

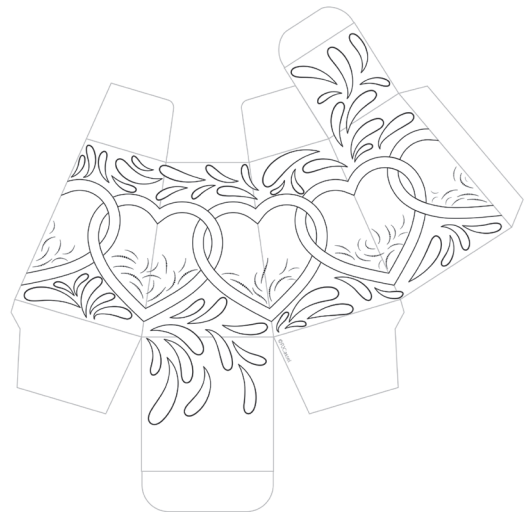
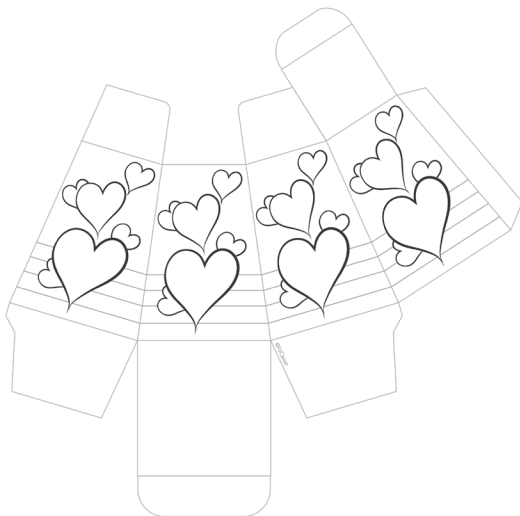
Oh, and experimenting with the Cricut has been fun. I have created the layout for a box. I found the layout in a book of diecuts. I measured, and then I figured out the rotation. Let me tell you about the rotation, each panel had to be rotated based on the lower left or right panel of the main box. Then add art in the same manner. Then lay down score and

outline the cut lines and do a print and cut on the Cricut. I put down the basic shape and score lines, then I'd use the print dialog box to create a pdf. Then I'd replace the basic frame with the artwork, and send it through the Cricut. For some reason, the score lines failed, so I took a ruler and a scoring tool and did that manually.

I had used the box to gift a pair of earrings that I had printed. Plastic earrings? oh you bet. They are so light, I'm not afraid of heavy earrings tuggin on my ears. And when I use a textured build plate, they look even cooler.

I hear ya, Global Warming and all. PLA is made from corn starch, Polylactic Acid. And God is going to take care of this planet for as long as it is nessecary. Global warming is real, it is outlined in the book of Revelation. Nothing we can do to stop it. I believe recycling is a smart option to manage resources. It's not about saving the earth. I'm having fun designing and printing with PLA.

Next, I'd like to get a laser cutting machine. That sounds like fun. Not that I need one, I don't. Just trying to fill up retirement with a few toys. I like making things. I have plenty of ideas, from rubber stamps to whatever.



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