Using SketchUp!

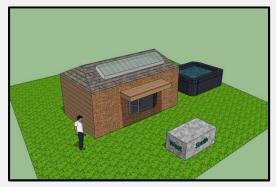




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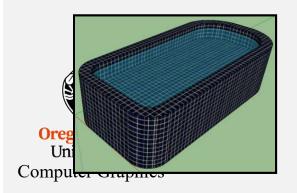
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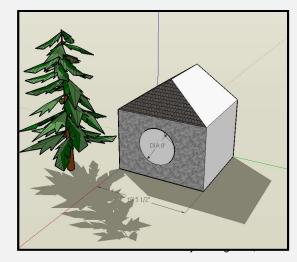




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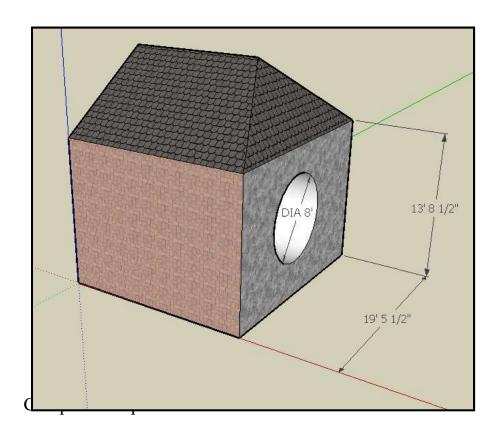


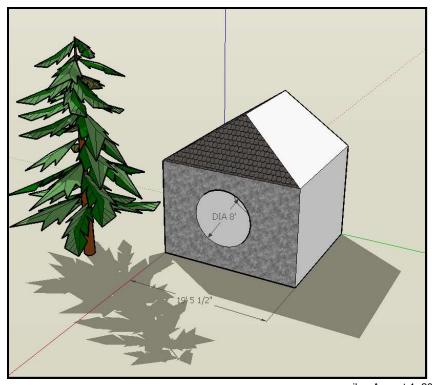


What is SketchUp?

SketchUp is a program which lets you sketch in 3D. It is excellent for creating buildings, houses, and even mechanical designs.

And, it's easy to do. As their tagline says, SketchUp is "3D for Everyone".





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Getting SketchUp for Free

Go to:

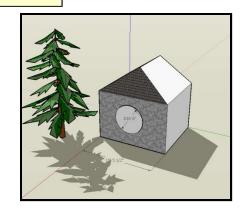
https://app.sketchup.com/app?hl=en

This is a free web-based version of SketchUp.

There are also downloadable versions of SketchUp which cost money. Go to:

https://www.sketchup.com/plans-and-pricing

for more information.





SketchUp Student Learning Objectives

- 1. Learn that the computer can be used to enhance *creativity*. It's not just for programmers and gamers!
- 2. Learn that the computer can be used to design and plan.
- 3. Learn the basics of 3D interaction. This will have further application in fields ranging from engineering CAD to art and animation.

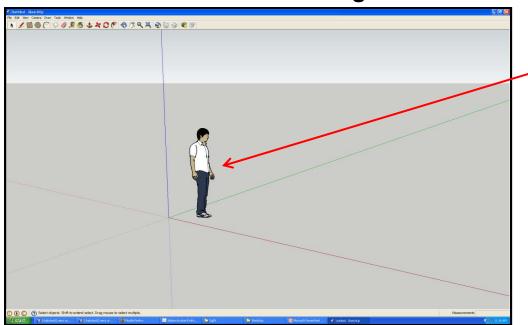


Getting Started

In the Oregon State CGEL, double-click the SketchUp icon or click:

Start →All Programs → SketchUp 2019

The start screen should look something like this:



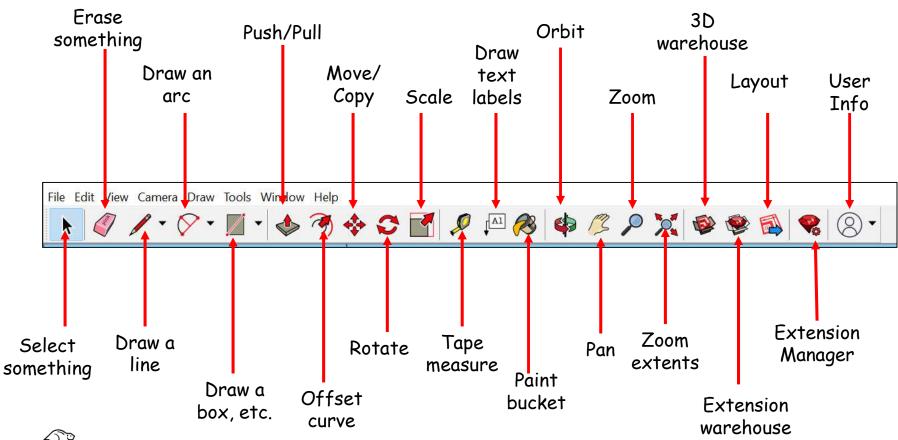
This specific person changes from version to version. They are always between 5'6" and 6' tall.

Right now, click **File**→**Save As** – and navigate to **C:\temp** Hit **Save** often while you are editing

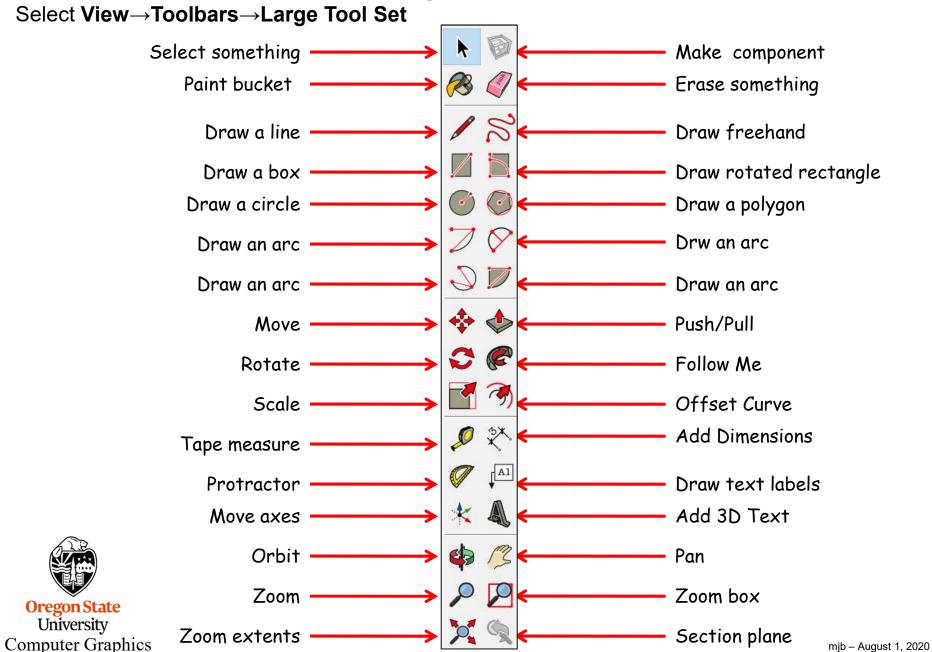
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Getting Started Toolbar

The icons across the top are *really* important:

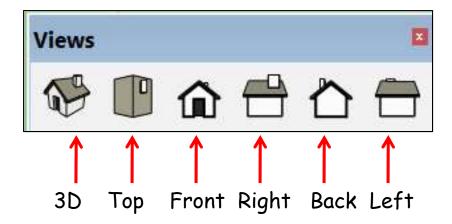


Large Toolset Toolbar



The Views Toolbar

Select View→Toolbars→Views

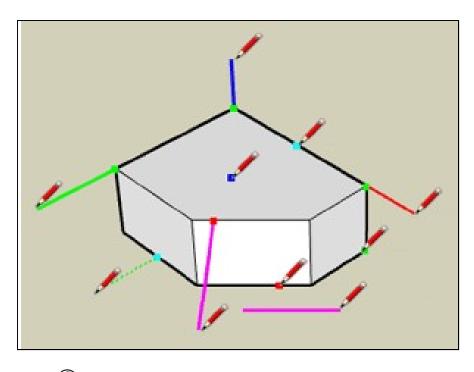


This is a very handy toolbar to have active because it lets you change to a specific view of your scene with one mouse click!



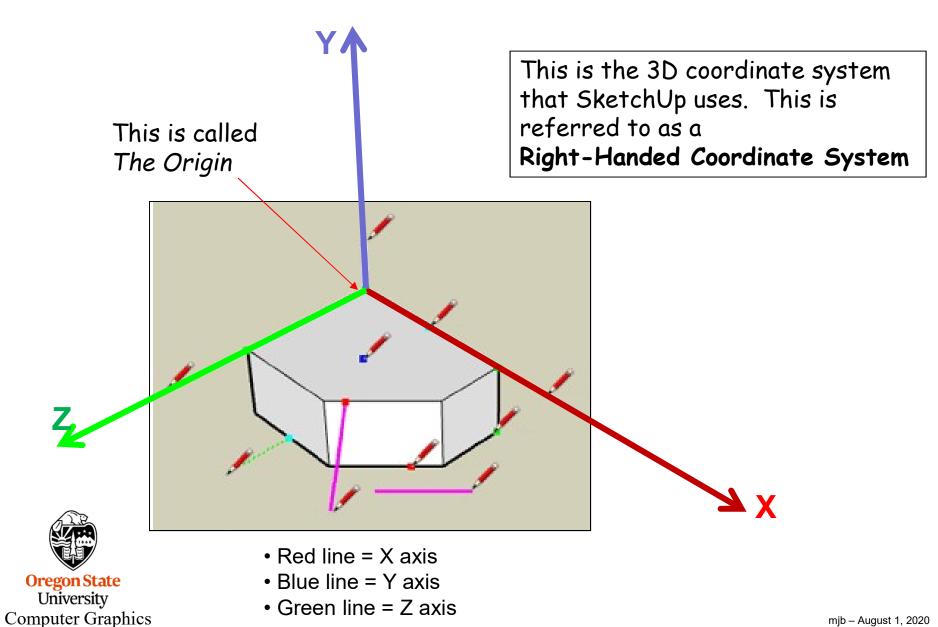
SketchUp "Inferences"

One of SketchUp's key strengths is that it doesn't require you to enter every little piece of information as many 3D computer programs do. Instead, it tries to infer what you really mean by how you do things. Oftentimes it uses colors to tell you what it is inferring.



- Green dots = Endpoints
- Red dots = On an edge
- Cyan dots = Midpoints of edges
- Blue dots = On a surface
- Red line = X axis
- Blue line = Y axis
- Green line = Z axis
- Magenta line = something is parallel or perpendicular to an edge
- Hold SHIFT to capture and lock an inference

Axis Coordinate System



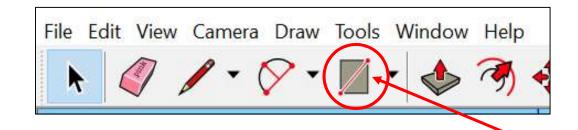
Moving the Scene Around in 3D

- Scroll Wheel: zoom in and out
- Middle Button: orbit
- Shift-Middle Button: pan

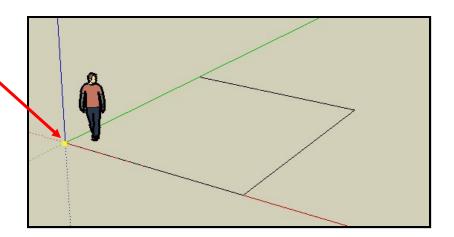




Drawing a 2D Box



This is called The Origin

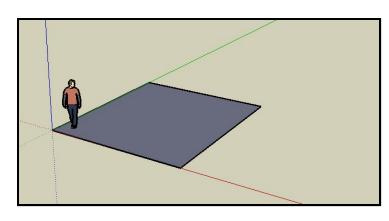


Click on the **Draw-a-Box** icon, then click on the origin, and while holding down the mouse, drag in this direction



You'll end up with something like this:

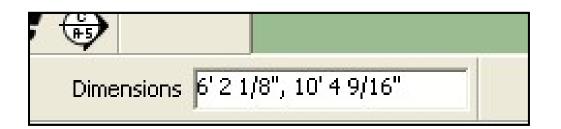




We are going to build a house, so make this square an appropriate size, given that the person is almost 6 feet tall. Hint: also look at the box in the lower-right corner.

Notice the Bottom-Right of the Screen

This is the **Measurement Toolbar**, or **MTB**

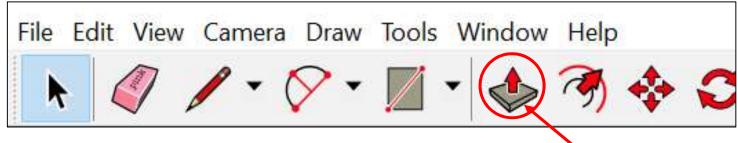


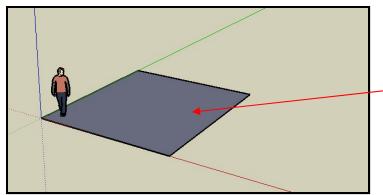
It is used to show you the dimensions, size, angle, etc. that you are currently setting

It can also be used to set exact values - just type into it while you are sizing with the mouse. But, if inputting length, be sure to use units: for feet and for inches.



Extruding it into a 3D Box

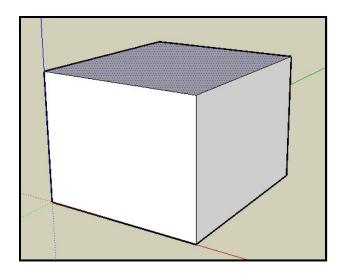




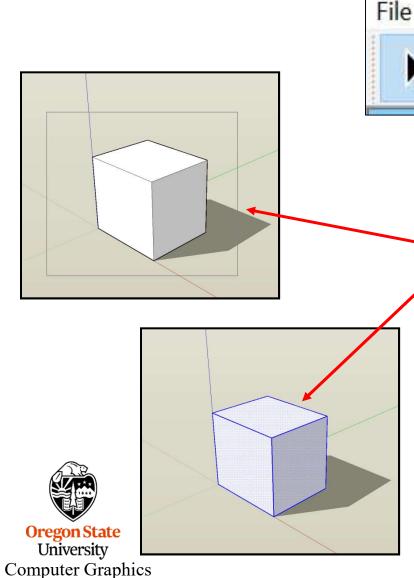
Click on the **Push/Pull** icon, then click on the box you just created, and while holding down the mouse, drag in this direction

You'll end up with something like this:



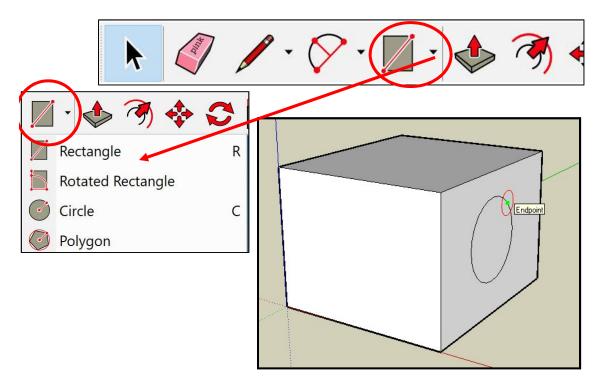


We are going to build a house, so make this height an appropriate size, given that the person is almost 6 feet tall. . Hint: also look at the VCB box in the lower-right corner.

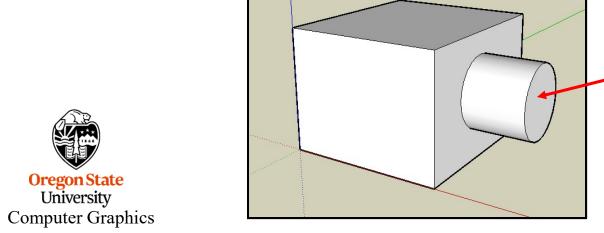




- 1. Select the **Select** icon
- 2. Select the object to delete by dragging a box around it with the cursor
- 3. Hit the **Delete key** (not Backspace)



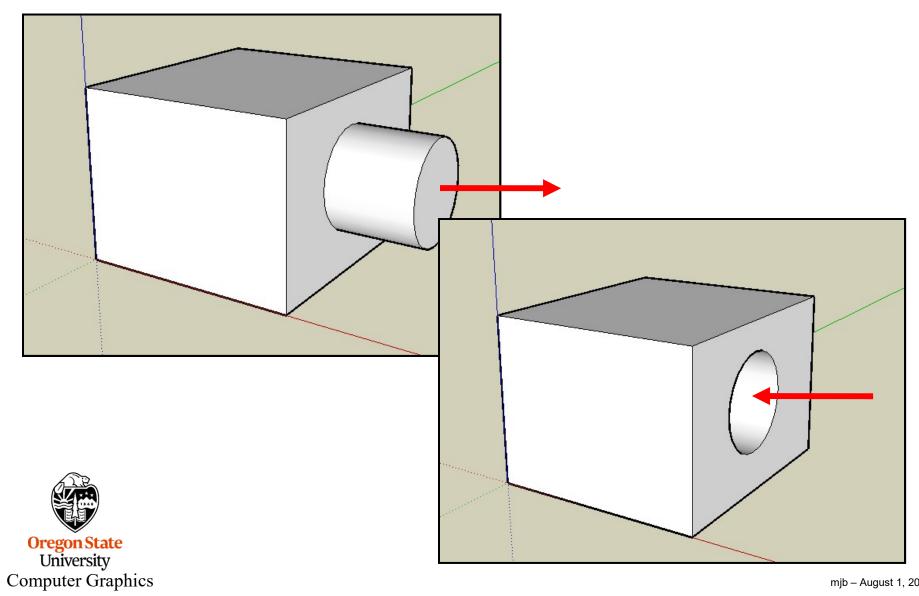
Click on the **Draw-a-circle** icon, then click on one face of the 3D solid you just created, and while holding down the mouse, drag in some direction



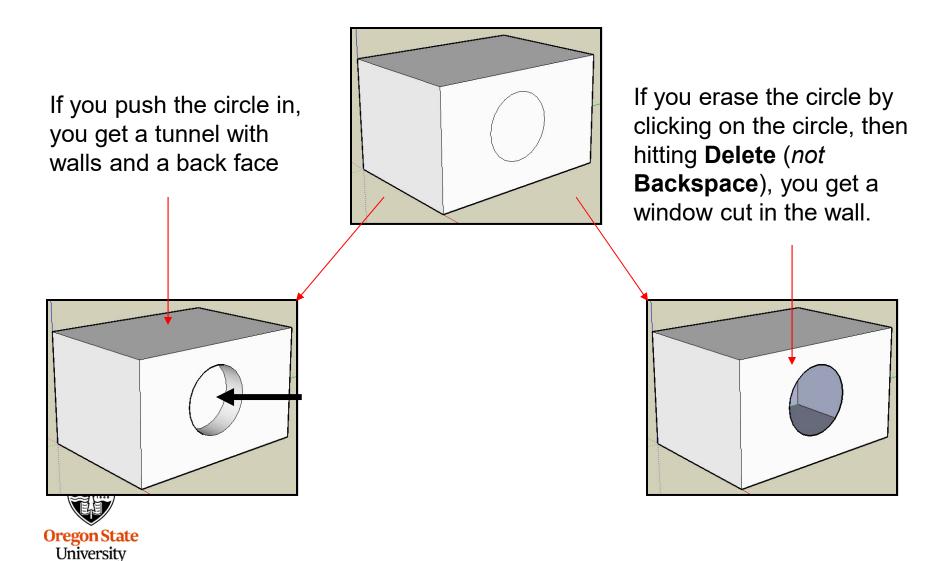
Click on the **Push/pull** icon, then click on the circle you just created, and while holding down the mouse, drag in this direction



An outie or an innie :-)



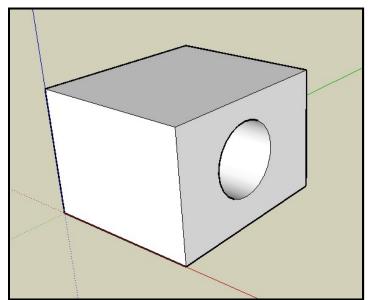
The difference between pushing a hole and cutting a hole



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Want to see it from a different view?





Click on the **Orbit** or **Pan** icon, then click in the scene, and while holding down the mouse, drag in some direction

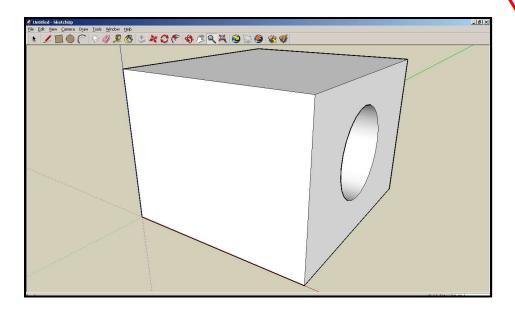




You can also **Orbit** by pushing down on the middle button on the mouse. On many mice, the middle button is also the scroll wheel.

Want to zoom in?





The **Zoom extents** icon will zoom in as much as possible without making any of your object disappear off the screen

The **Zoom** icon will allow you to zoom as much or as little as you want



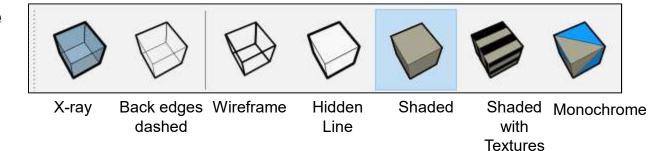


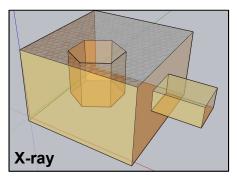
You can also **Zoom** in and out with the scroll wheel on the mouse

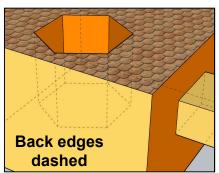
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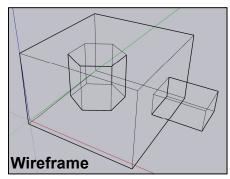
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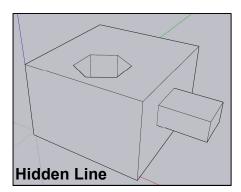
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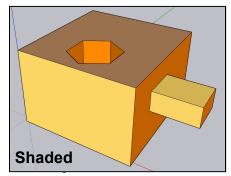


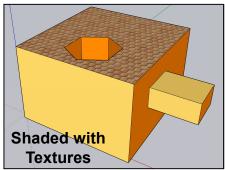


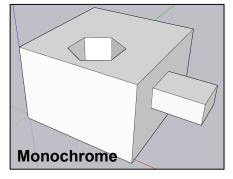










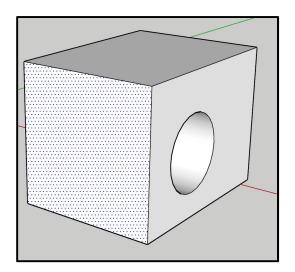


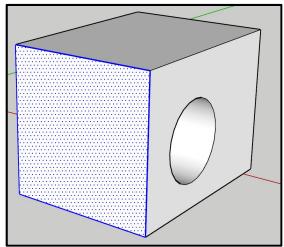
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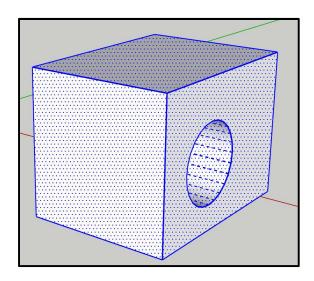
Single-click

Double-click (selects just the face or edge) (selects the face and the edge)

Triple-click (selects everything on that object)

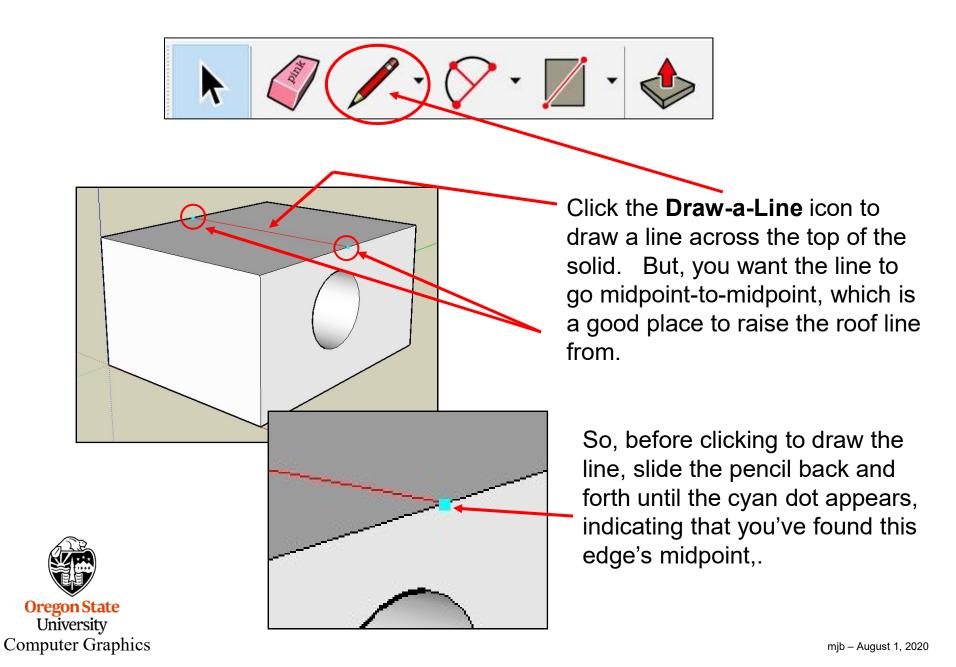






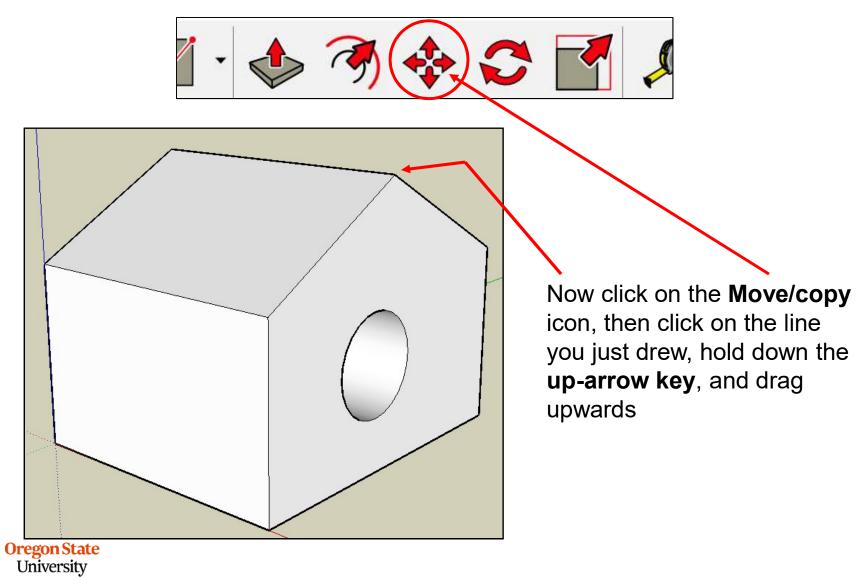


Let's give it a roof

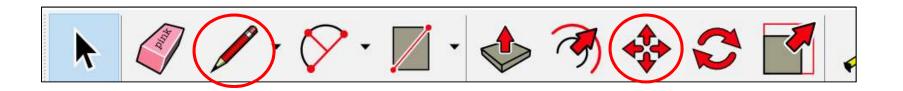


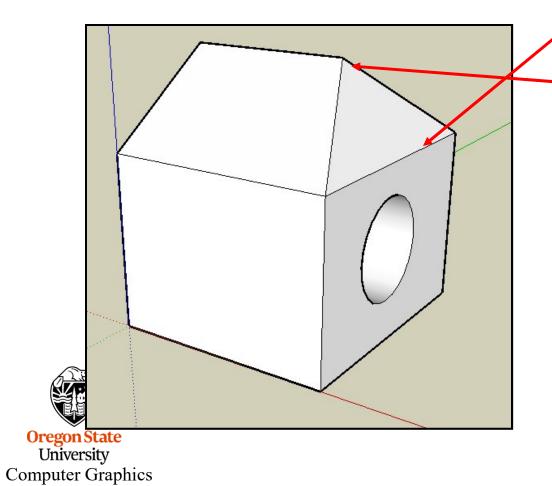
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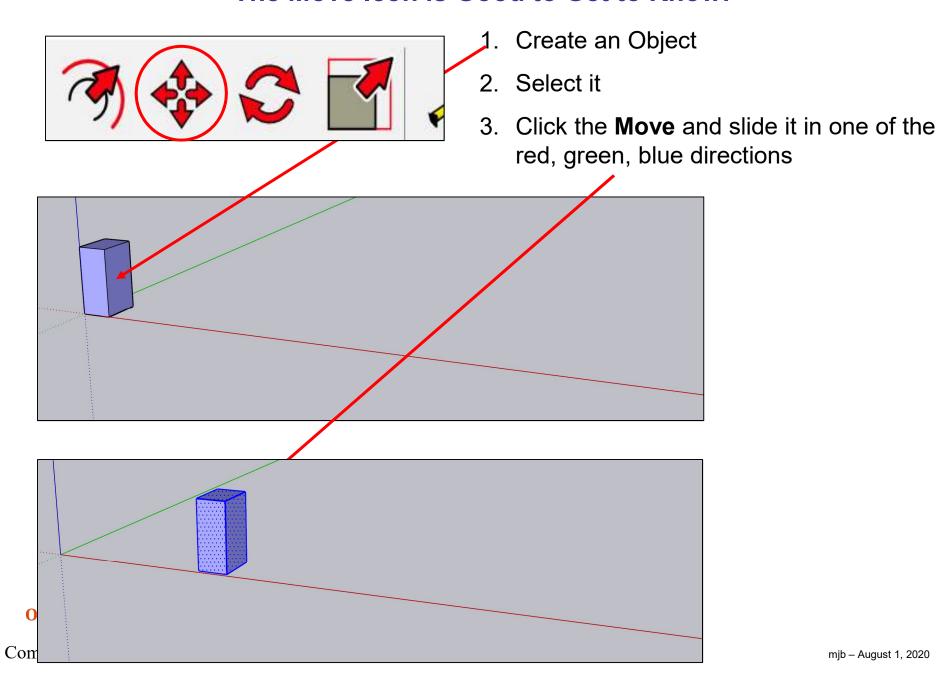
Want to Bevel the edge of the roof?



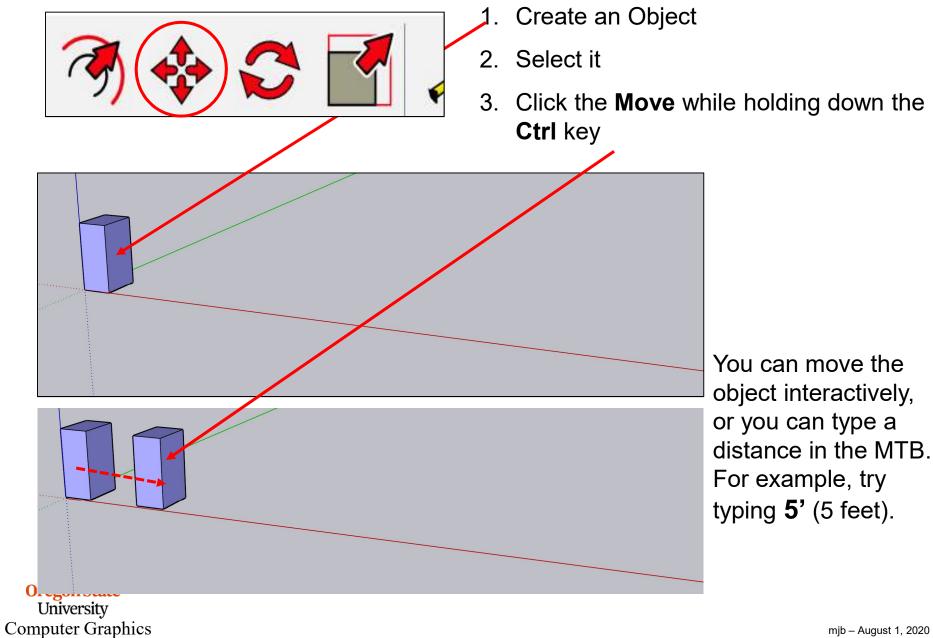


- 1. Draw a line here
- **2. Move** the point at the tip of the roof

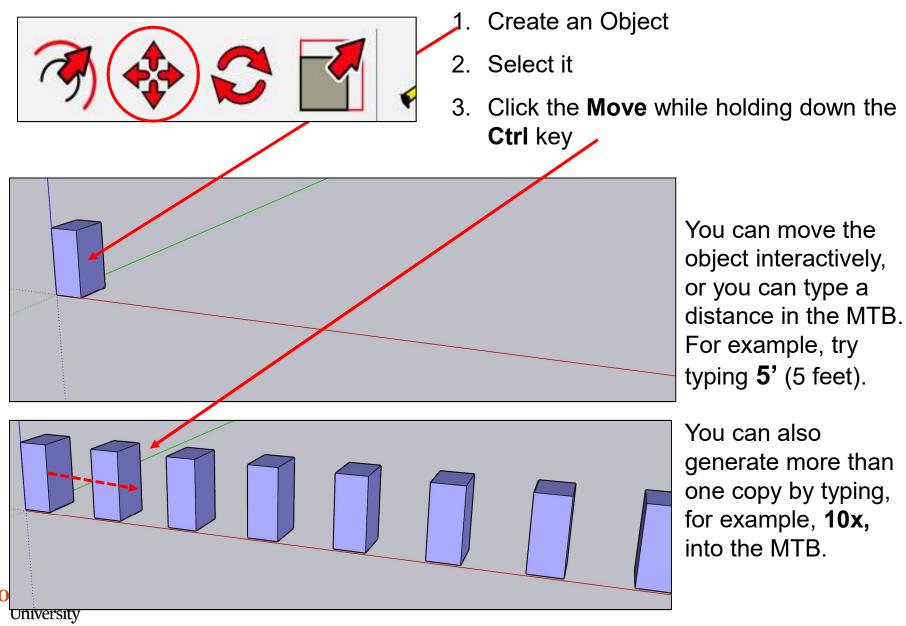
The Move Icon is Good to Get to Know!



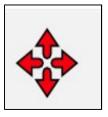
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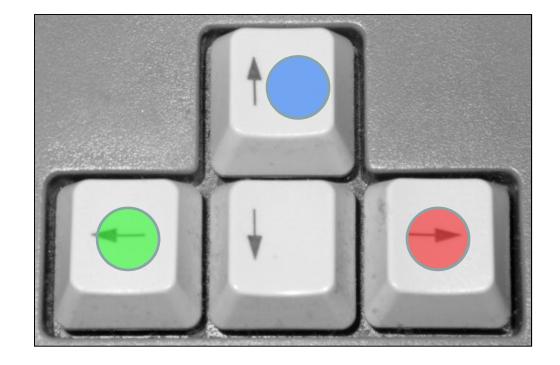


A Move/Copy Trick



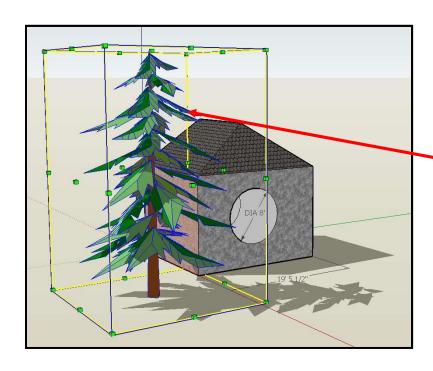
You can get SketchUp to move/copy in one of the three principal directions (red, green, or blue) by moving in that direction. SketchUp's "inference engine" will figure it out. But, you can also…

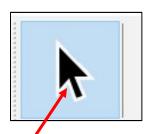
... force the Move/Copy to move along one of the 3 principal directions (red, green, or blue) by holding down one of the arrow keys as follows:



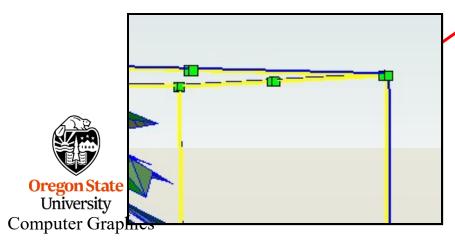


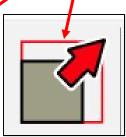
Scaling





- 1. Select the **Select** icon
- 2. Select the object to scale
- 3. Select **Tools**→**Scale** or click the **Scale** icon
 - Grab a grip point and scale the object



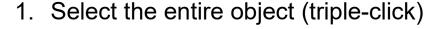


Rotating an Object

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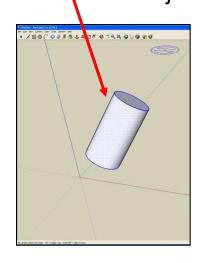
2. Click on the Rotate Tool

3. Click the **Protractor** onto the object

4. If necessary, hit arrow keys to change the Protractor direction

 Rotate the Protractor with the mouse to align it with something (e.g., a key point) -- click when ready.

Rotate the object. Click when done.



Once you've started rotating, you can also type in an exact angle into the Measurement Toolbar (MTB)

A Rotation Trick

We want to rotate this group by 180° (i.e., we want to flip it over). To do this, we want the rotation protractor to be vertical.

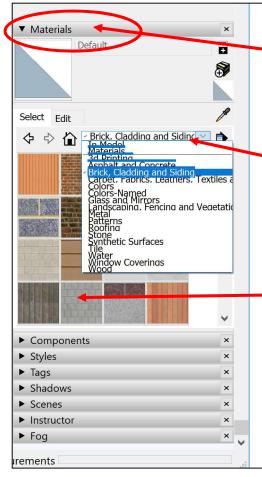
But we can't get this, because the inference engine can only find a horizontal surface to latch onto

So we move over to another object that has vertical walls, or we make a dummy box, and get the inference engine to latch the protractor onto a vertical surface, and hold down the Shift Key to lock it

We then proceed to use the protractor on the original object.

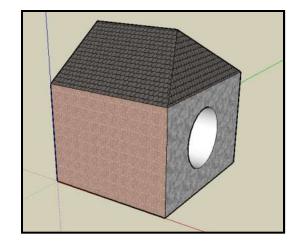
Now rotate that object 180°, and then delete the dummy box





Click Materials

- 1. Click on a category
- 2. Click on a specific color or pattern
- 3. Click on the surface(s) you want to apply it to.



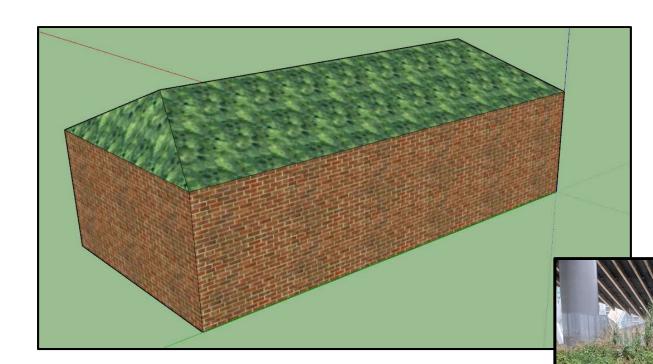


Pure colors are considered Materials too



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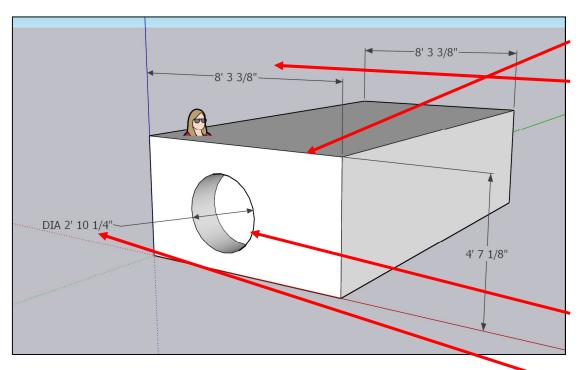


But, who would ever think to do that?!

Well, the Vancouver (British Columbia)
Convention Center would!



Click Tools→Dimensions

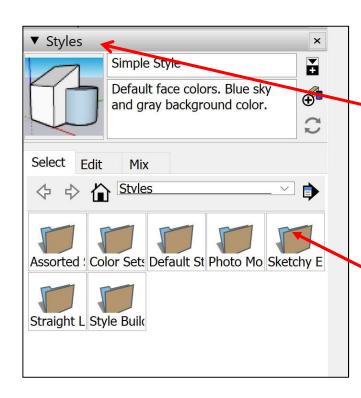


- 1. Click on an edge
- 2. Drag where you want the dimension to be drawn

Dimensions are useful if you are giving your design to someone so that they can build it

- 1. Click on the circumference of a circle
- 2. Drag where you want the dimension to be drawn

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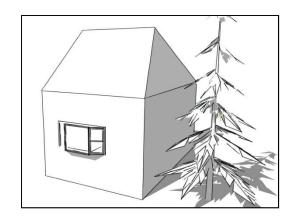


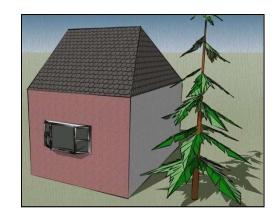
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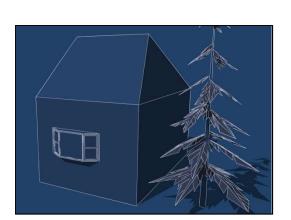
Each one of these will bring up several more styles to experiment with



Try Some of the Assorted Styles – They're Fun!







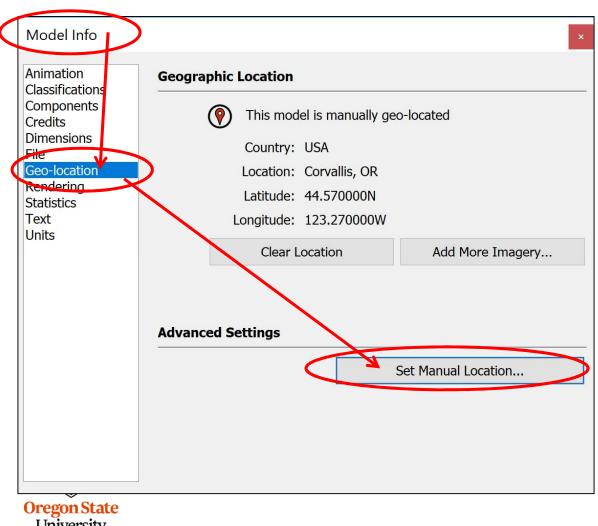






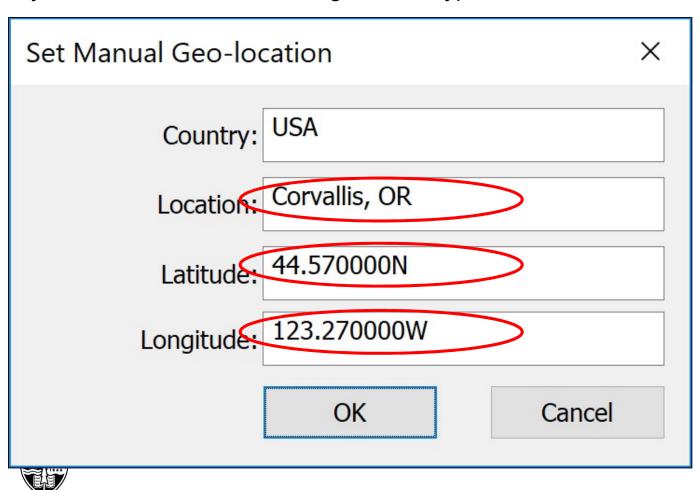
Setting Shadows in SketchUp

Window→Model Info→Geo-location→Set Manual Location



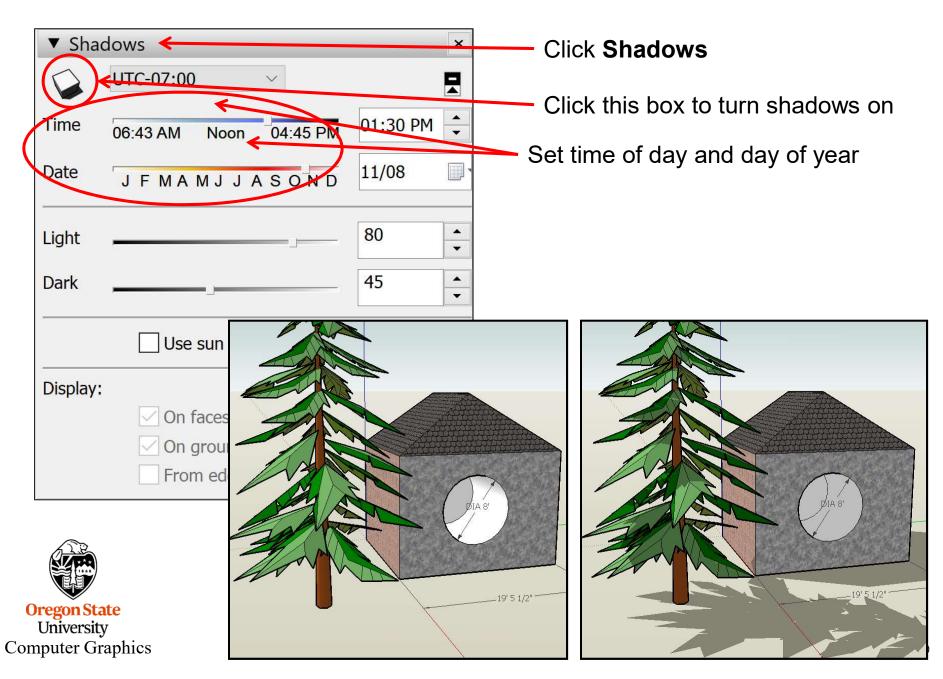
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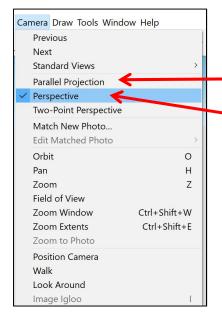
If you live in the Corvallis, Oregon area, type these values:



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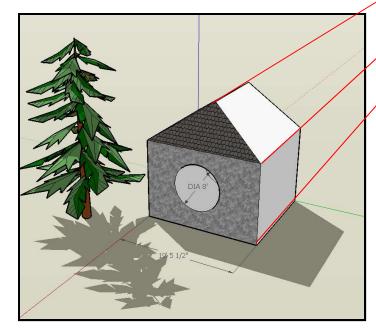




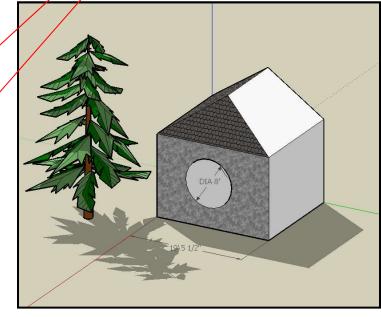
Projections

Click Camera→Parallel Projection
Click Camera→Perspective

In perspective, things get smaller as they get farther away, which is more realistic. In parallel, they don't. But parallel helps you see if front and back faces line up. "Vanishing Point"







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Parallel

Exporting an Image File

Click File→Export →2D Graphic

Your image can be exported in one of 4 formats:

- 1. **BMP**
- 2. JPEG Web browsers all know about this format
- 3. TIF
- 4. PNG
- 5. PDF

You would do this, for example, to email someone an image of your scene, to import it into a document, or to put it on your website

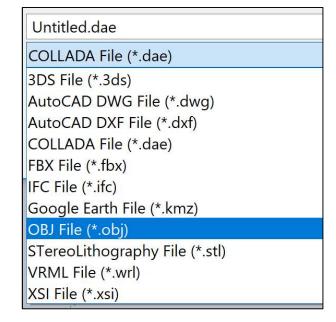


Exporting a 3D Object

Click File→Export →3D Model

Your image can be exported in one of 11 formats. The ones you really care about are:

- 1. OBJ as close to a universal 3D file format that there is
- 2. STL used for 3D printing
- 3. DAE Collada format, compatible with many artist programs
- 4. 3DS compatible with AutoDesk's 3D Studio Max

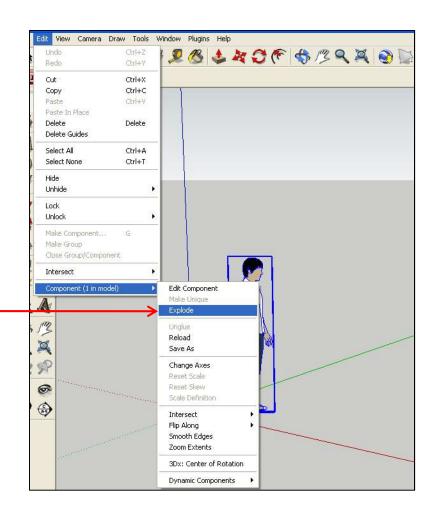




Changing the Person's Clothing

The person in the default scene is a SketchUp "Component", that is, he is a group of geometry collected together. To change his clothing, you need to first break, or "Explode", the collection apart.

Even easier, right-click on the person and select Explode from the pop-up menu.





After that, you can click on **Materials** and re-color or repattern the clothing

Creating Groups

Sometimes you would like to collect several pieces of geometry together and be able to treat them as a single unit. This is called a SketchUp **Group**.

Create a SketchUp Group by first clicking on the **Select** icon.



Then, click on the first object you want in the Group. It will turn blue.

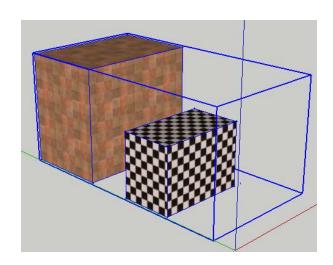
Then, hold down the **Shift** key and click on all other objects you want in the group. They will also turn blue. If you select the wrong item, just click it again to un-select it.

You can select many things at once by creating a rectangle around all of them with the Select cursor.

When you are done, right-click and select **Make Group** from the pop-up menu.

To ungroup the objects, right click on them and select **Explode** from the pop-up menu.





Hiding Geometry

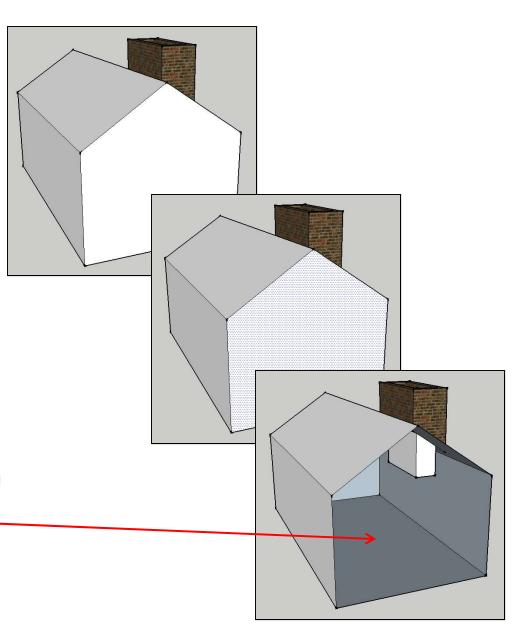
Sometimes it would be nice to temporarily eliminate some geometry so that you could see inside something. This is referred to as **Hiding**.

To hide one or more pieces of geometry, select all of them as if you were about to create a group.

Then, right-click and select **Hide** from the pop-up menu. The selected objects look like they are gone, but they aren't. They're just hidden.

This is useful for putting things into an object (such as furniture) or for editing the object (as is needed here).





Un-Hiding Geometry

There are two ways to bring back hidden geometry.

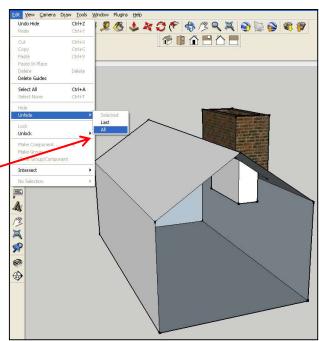
The first is to select **Edit**→**Unhide**→**All**, like this:

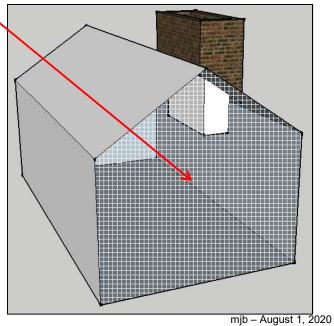
The second is to select

View→Hidden Geometry. This will

make hidden geometry show up like this:
From there, you can right-click on it and select Unhide from the pop-up menu.







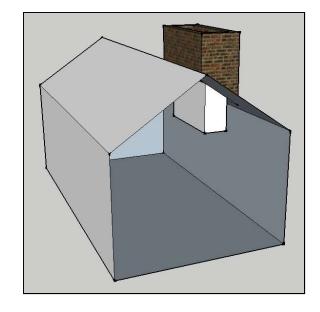
Eliminating Geometry

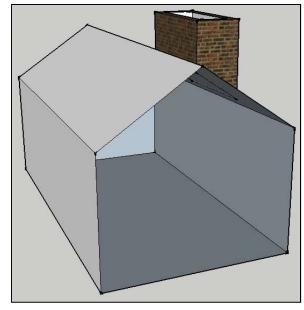
Sometimes extruding geometry results in it existing places it shouldn't.

To eliminate any geometry, take the **Eraser** tool and click on the edges of the geometry you want to eliminate.



As soon as an edge of a surface has been eliminated, the surface will disappear too.

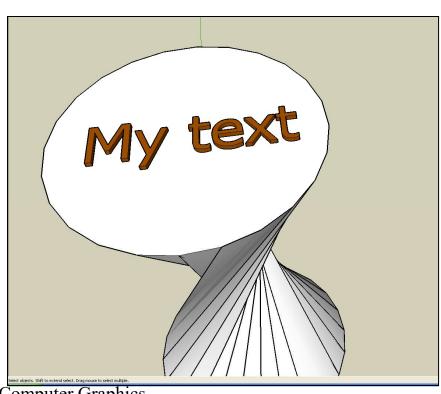






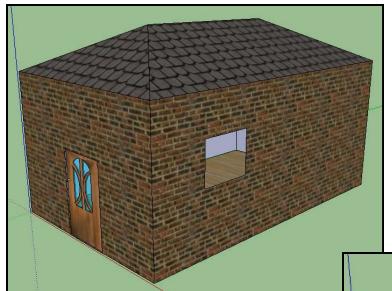
Adding 3D Text

- 1. Click on **Tools**→**3D Text**
- 2. Type the text into the dialog box
- 3. Make any text settings you want
- 4. Place the text by clicking on an object



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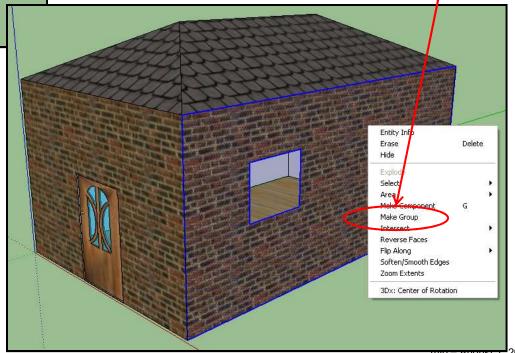
Start with a model. "Boxy" models with flat faces work best.

For each face:

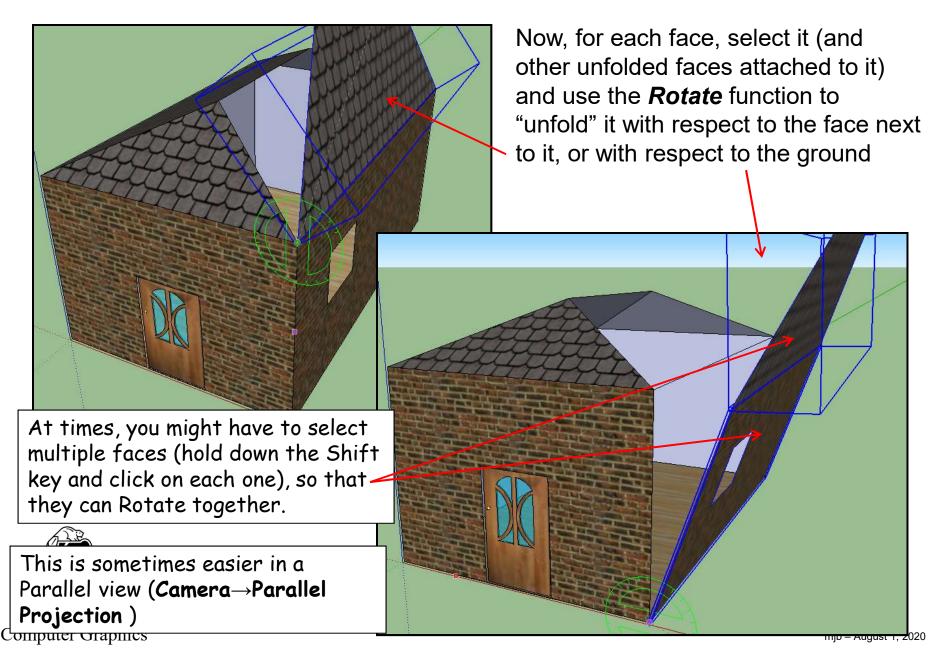
- 1. Select the face and its edges by doubleclicking on the face
- 2. Right-click the mouse to bring up the menu and select *Make Group*

By doing this for each face, you are separating each face and its edges from the rest of the model so they can be rotated independently.

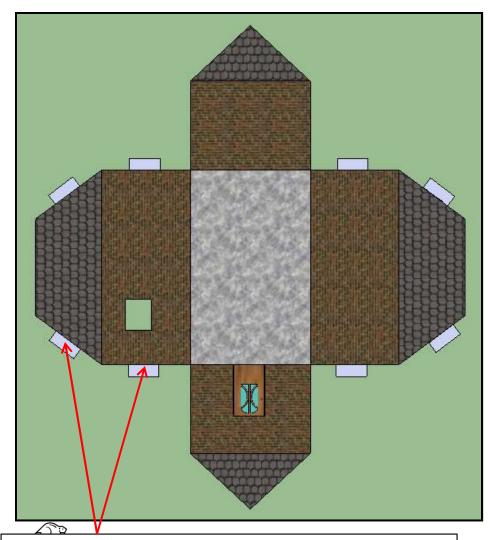




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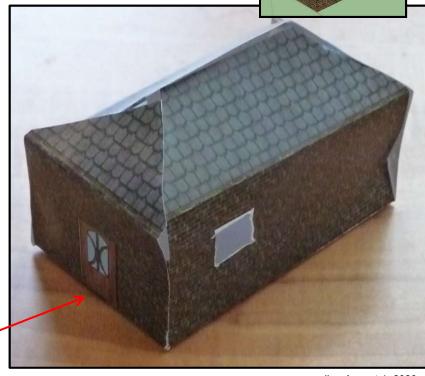
An Interesting Use for Rotation -- Building a Real Model from Paper!



These tabs were added to make the object easier to glue together.

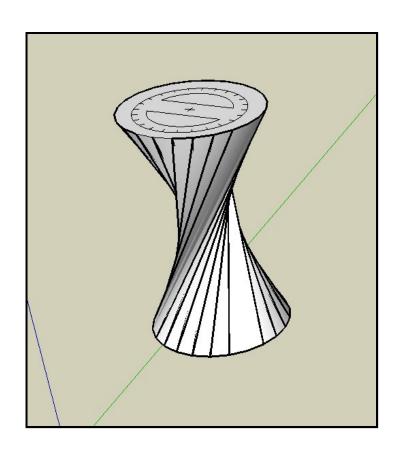
This was a pretty sloppy job, but you get the point...

Print the unfolded scene from the bottom view (you might have to select all faces and rotate them over together), and then fold them up into a real object.



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Rotating a Face

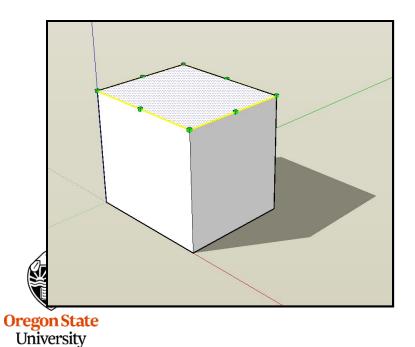


Strange as it may seem, you can also rotate just a face. Follow the same procedure, but select only the face.

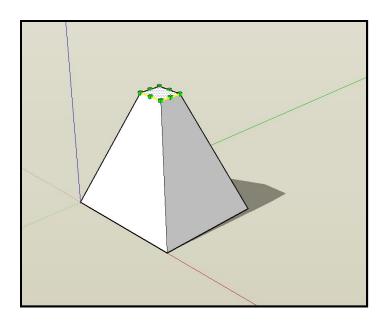


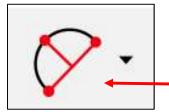
You can also scale a face

- 1. Select a face
- 2. Select Tools→Scale
- 3. Move the grips with the mouse
- 4. Hold down the **Control key** if you want scaling about the object's center



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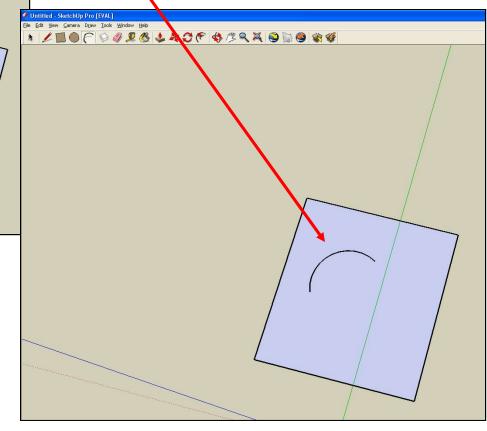


Drawing an Arc

1. Click on the Arc Tool

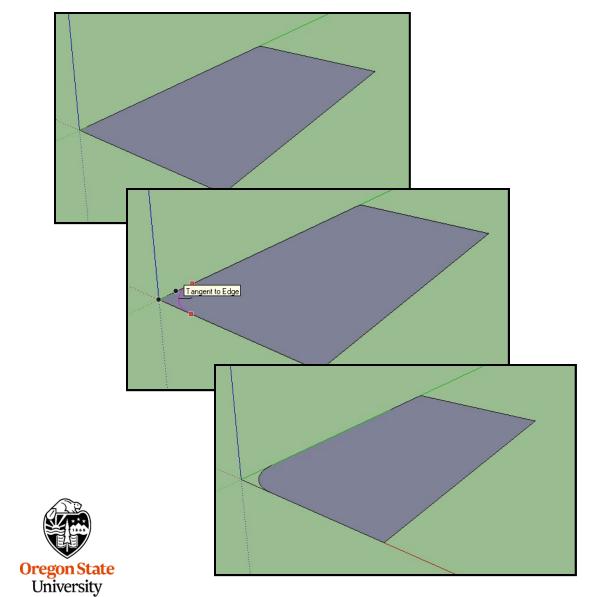
2. Select two points for the chord

3. Select a third point that shows SketchUp where to "bulge" the arc

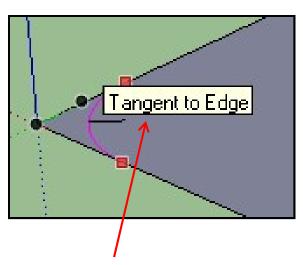




Arcs are Often used to Round Corners

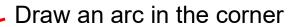


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- 1. Click on both edges surrounding a corner. The line will turn purple when you are the same distance from the corner.
- 2. When you place the third point, the inference engine will also tell you when the arc is tangent to (aligned with) the edges.

Want to create Crown Molding?

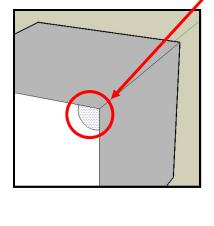


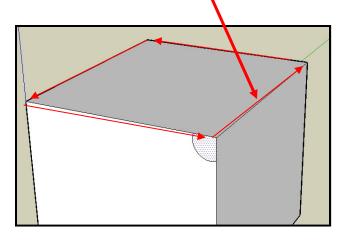
Click Tools→Follow Me

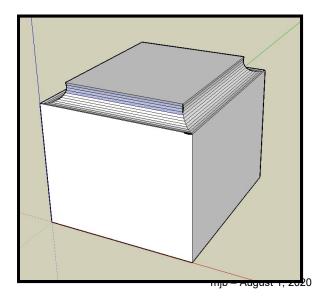
Click on the arc area



With th eleft button still down, move the cursor along the perimeter – don't click again until you are done with the full path







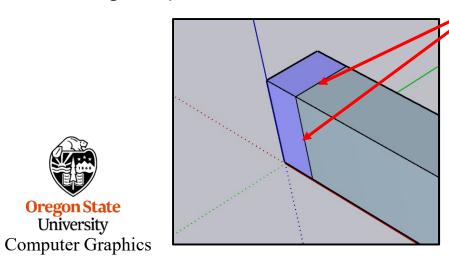


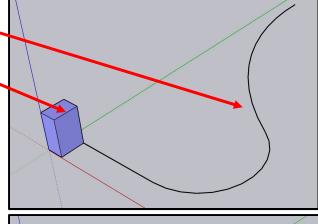
Another use for Follow Me – Extruding a Surface

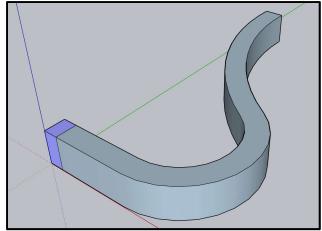
- 1. Create an object
- 2. Draw a line and some arcs from one corner of the object
- 3. Select Follow Me

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- 4. Click on one face of the object and, with the left mouse button still down, slide the cursor along the curve
- 5. Using the pink eraser, erase the connecting lines





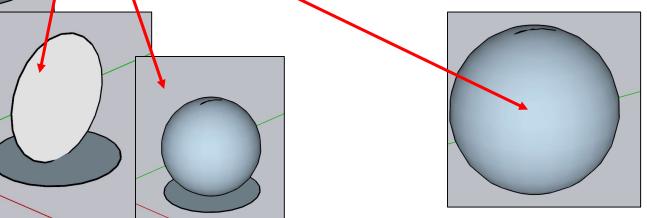


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Another use for Follow Me – make a Sphere

- 1. Create a circle
- 2. Copy the circle using the Move Tool with the Control key held down
- 3. Rotate the upper circle 90°
- 4. Move the upper circle so that its bottom is at the lower circle's center
- 5. Select the lower circle, select Tools→Follow Me,\ and then select the upper circle
- 6. Delete the lower circle



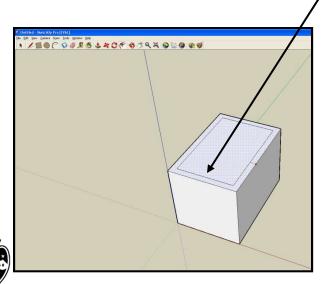


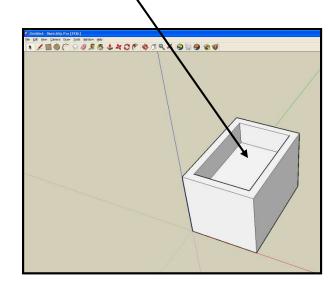
Offsetting a Surface



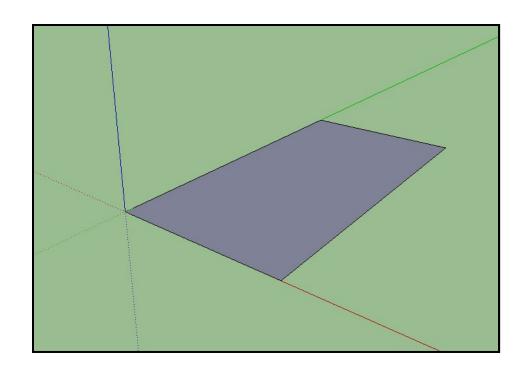


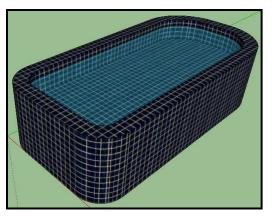
- 2. Select the surface to offset on
- 3. Move the mouse to show how much to offset click when ready
- 4. This only creates offset edges you need to use the Push-Pull Tool to do something with it.





Combining Several Techniques: Making a Swimming Pool

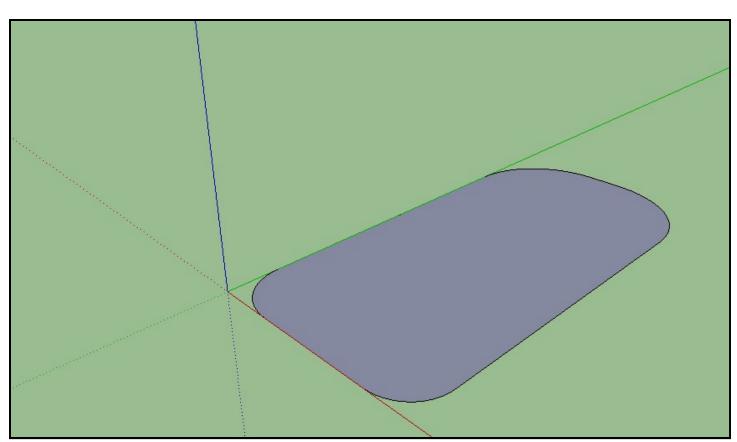




Start by creating a rectangle on the floor

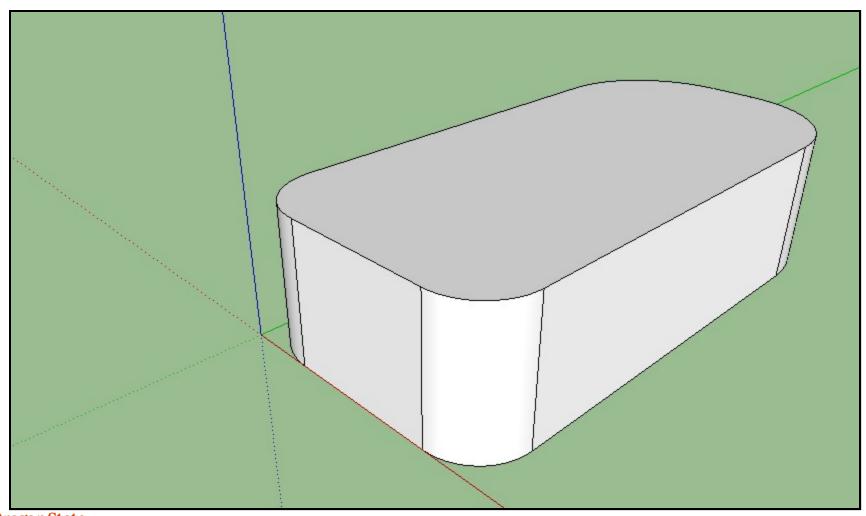


Use the Arc Tool and the Erase Tool to Create 4 Arcs to Round the Corners



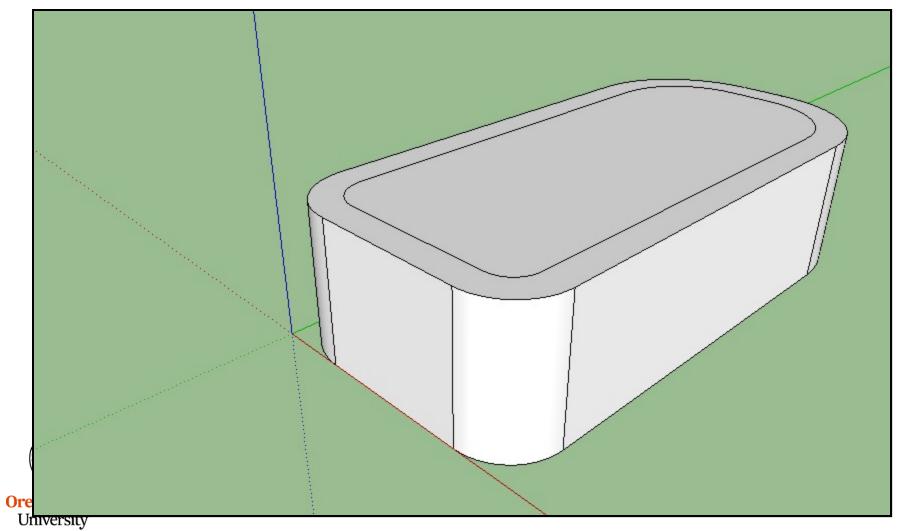


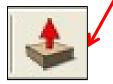
Use the Push/Pull Tool to Lift it into 3D

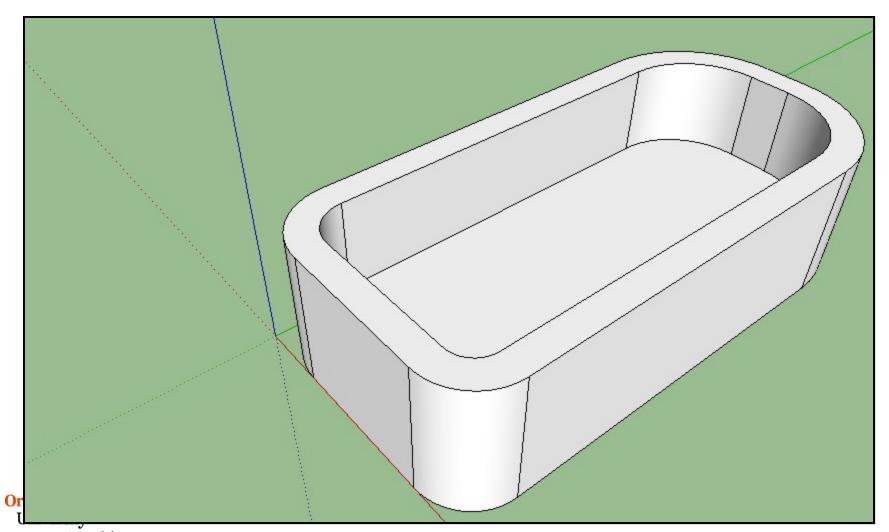


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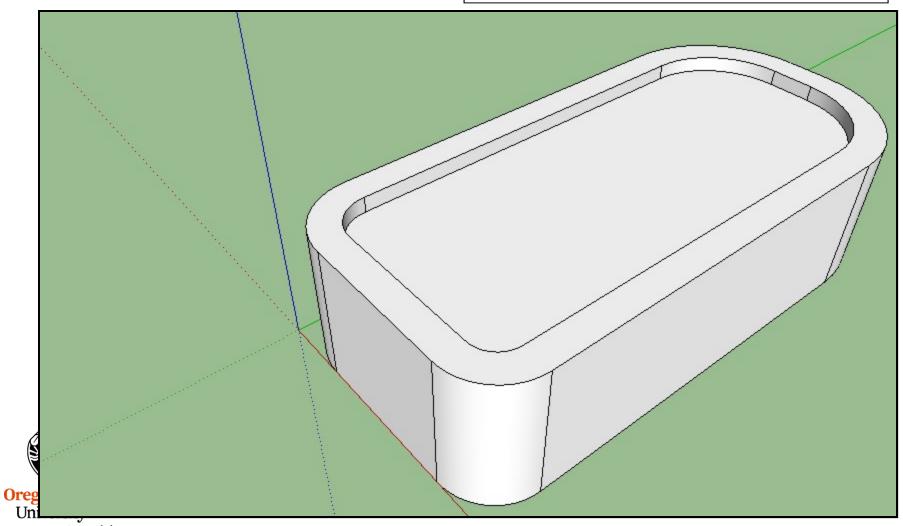




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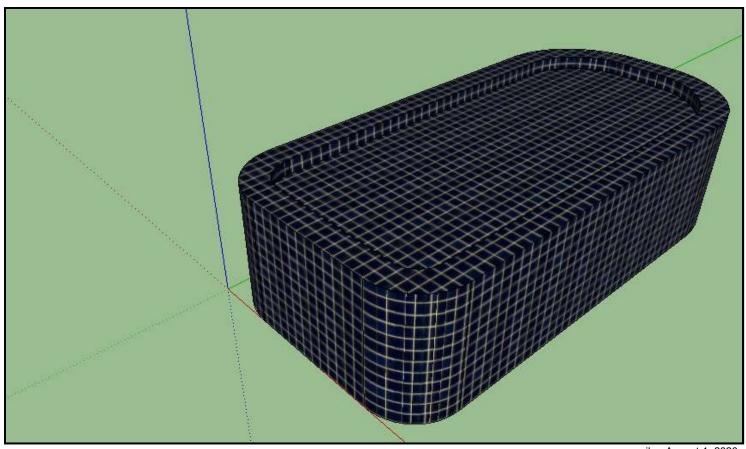
Use the Move Tool with the Control Key Pressed, to Copy the Floor of the Pool and Raise it Up

This will become the water surface

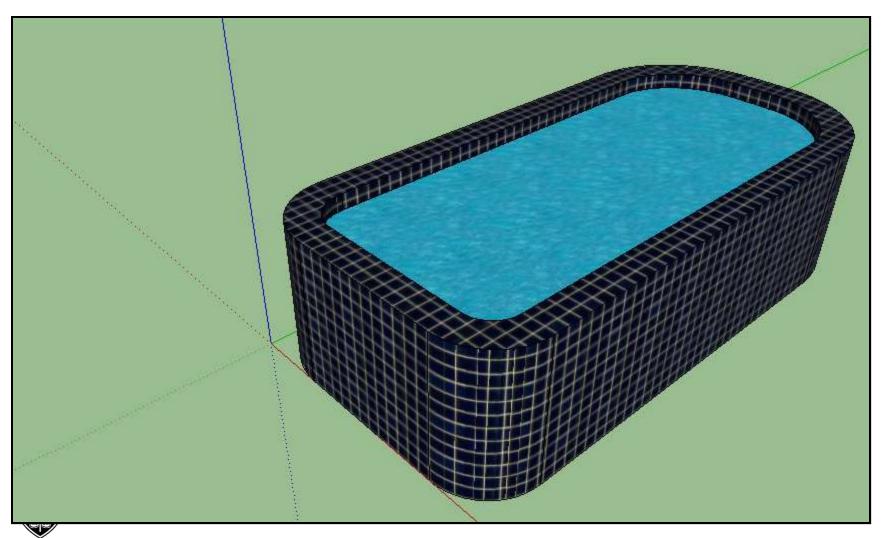


If you hold down the *Control Key* when adding the tile pattern, it will apply it to all surfaces, not just one. This saves you a lot of time.

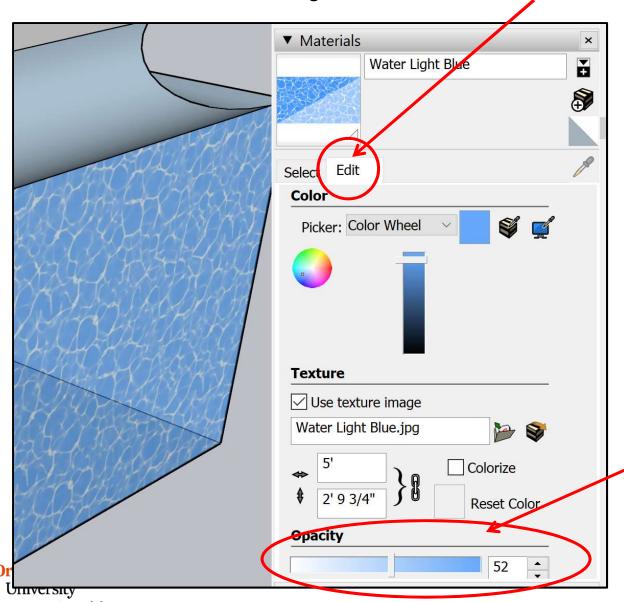
This isn't right - the top surface of the water is currently tile instead. We'll fix this next.



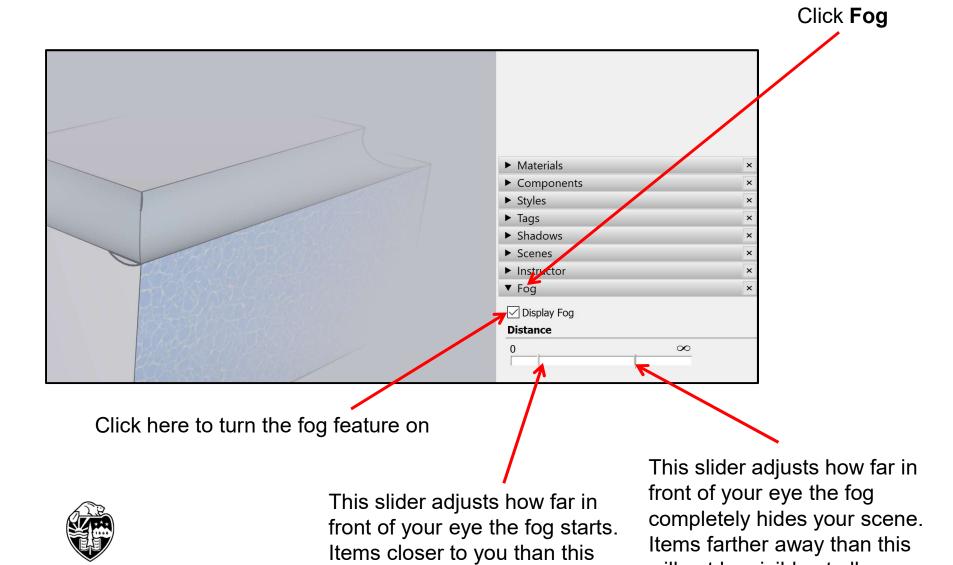




In the Materials→Water dialog box, click on the Edit tab.



Then lower the Opacity until the water surface looks properly translucent.



will not be fogged at all.

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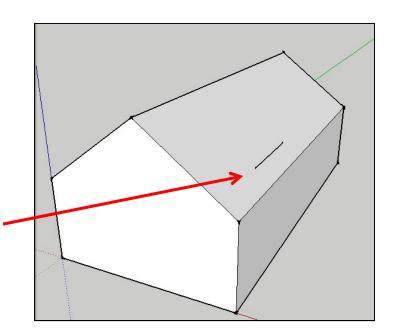


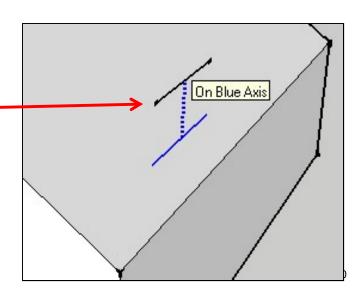


- 1. Draw a line along the roof using the pencil tool. SketchUp's inference engine will try to force it to be parallel to an axis. Let it do that.
- 2. Select the line you just drew. Use the **Move/Copy** icon with the Control Key held down to lift it up in the air. (The Control key will force it to do a Copy.) Wiggle it a little bit until you get the phrase "On Blue Axis" to appear. This indicates that you are lifting it straight up.







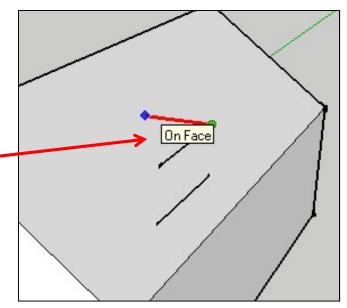


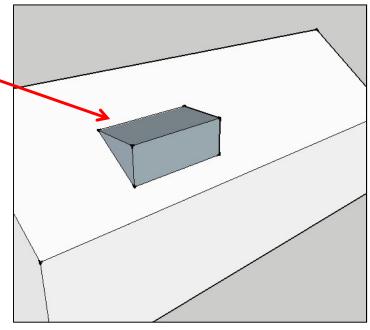


- 3. Draw lines using the pencil tool from the ends of this new line to the face of the roof. SketchUp will tell you when you are there. Be sure the line is a color (red in this case) to indicate that you are parallel to an axis.
- 4. Using the pencil tool, connect up all the points to form edges. You should have 9 lines in all. (Don't forget to look at the back of the chimney.) SketchUp will turn the edges into faces as you complete them. There should be 4 faces in all.











Use the Push/Pull tool to lift the top surface.

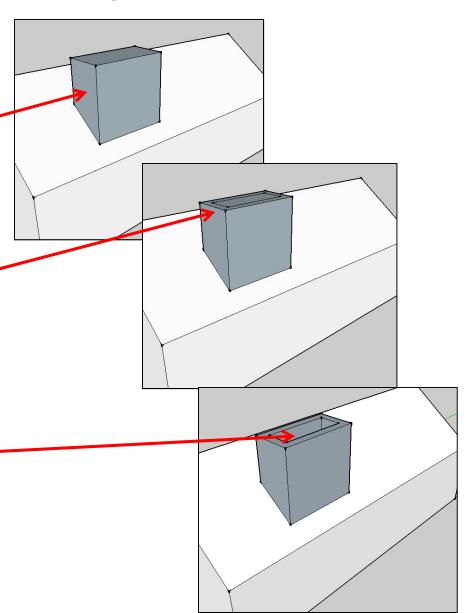


6. Use the Offset tool to make an inner surface on that top surface.

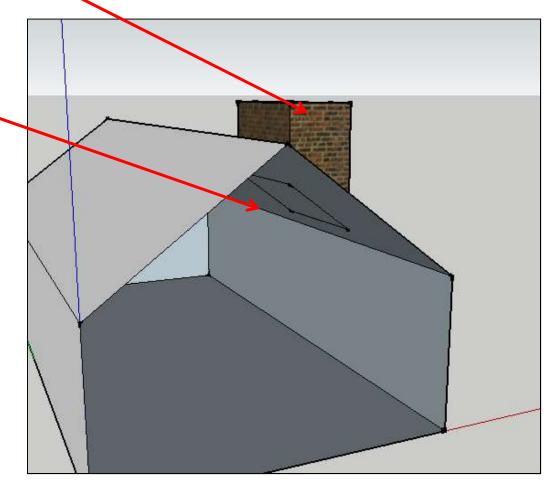


7. Use the Push/Pull tool to push that inner surface down.





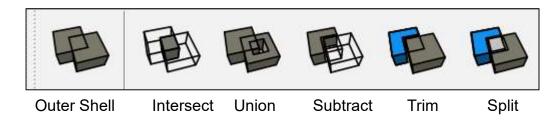
- 8. Add whatever **Material** decoration you want
- 9. Get rid of the excess chimney under the roof by hiding an end face and erasing those edges.
- 10. Unhide the end face when you are done



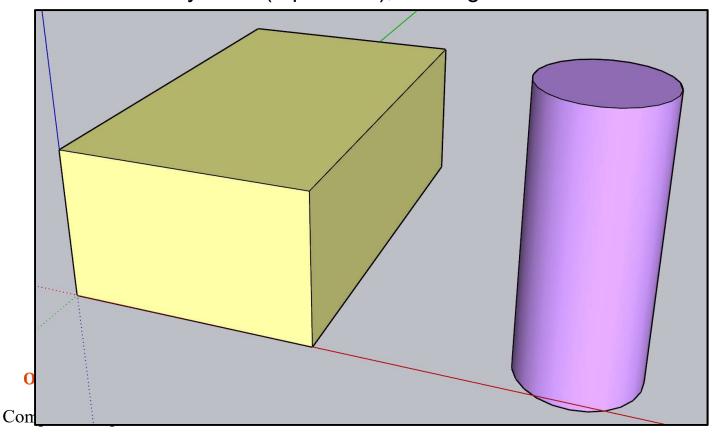


Solid Tools

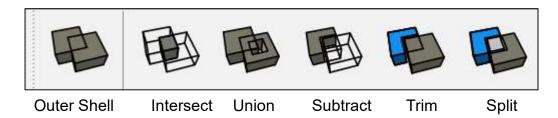
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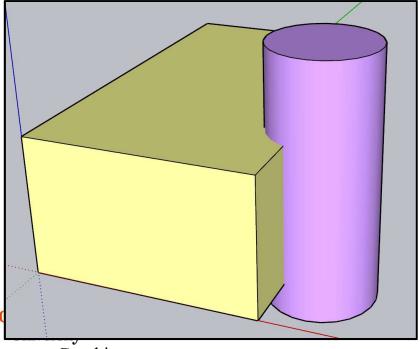
- 1. Start with two objects
- 2. Select the box (triple-click), then right-click and select Make Group
- 3. Select the cylinder (triple-click), then right-click and select Make Group



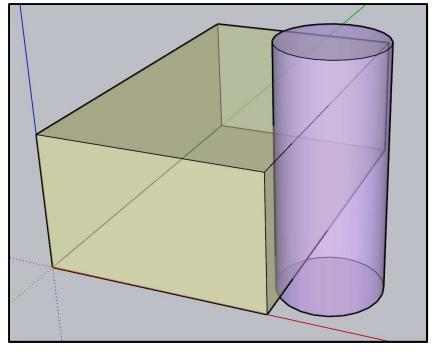
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Overlap them in 3D:



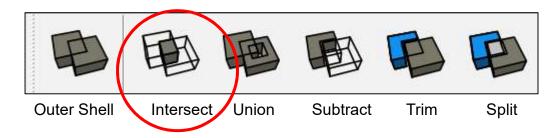
View→Face Style→X-ray:



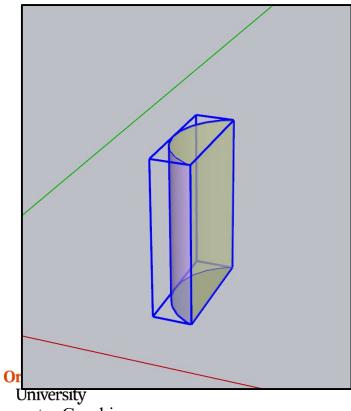
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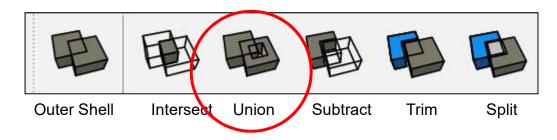
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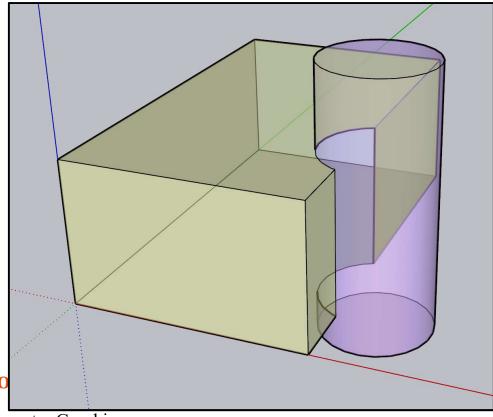
Select them both, then select **Intersect**:



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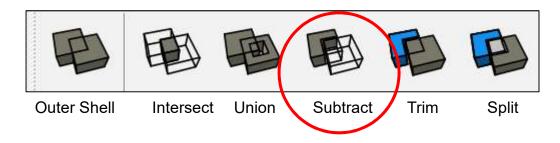


Select them both, then select **Union**:

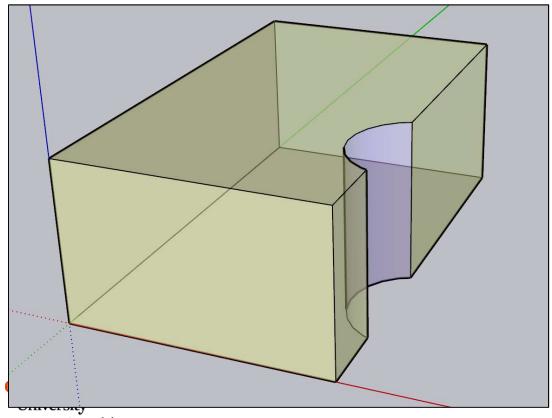


Solid Tools

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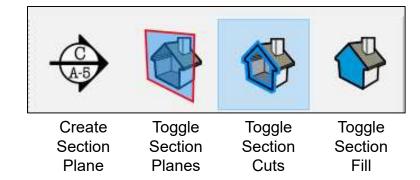


Select the cylinder, then select **Subtract**, then select the box:

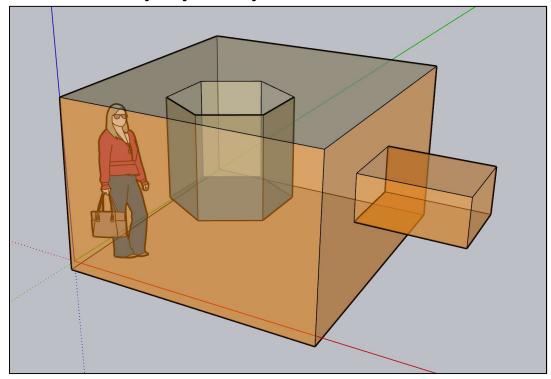


Section Planes

View→**Toolbars**→**Section**

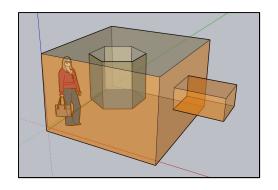


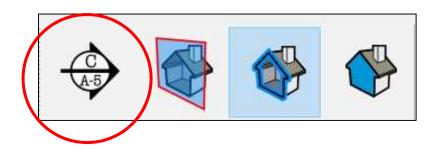
Start with something like this (shown here in X-ray style so you can see what is inside it)

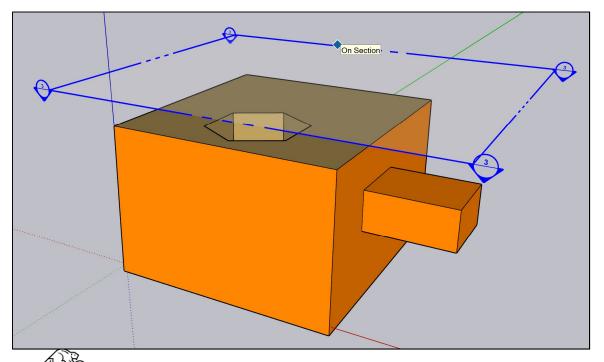




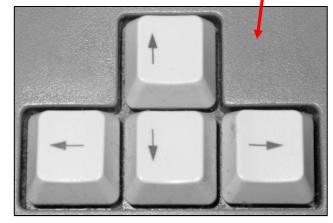
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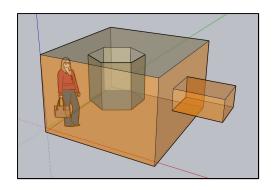


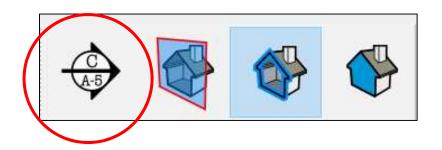


You can use the **arrow keys** to change the orientation of the section plane

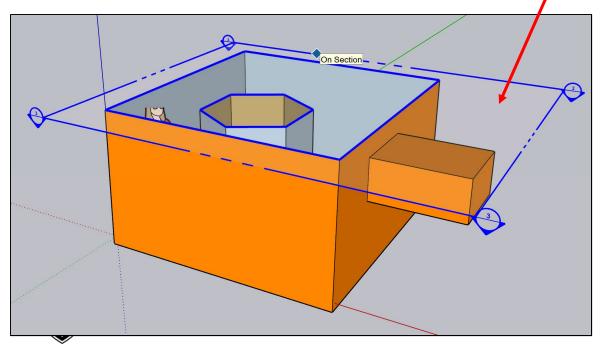


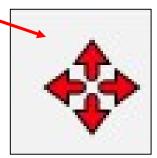
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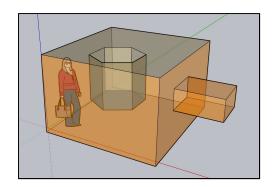


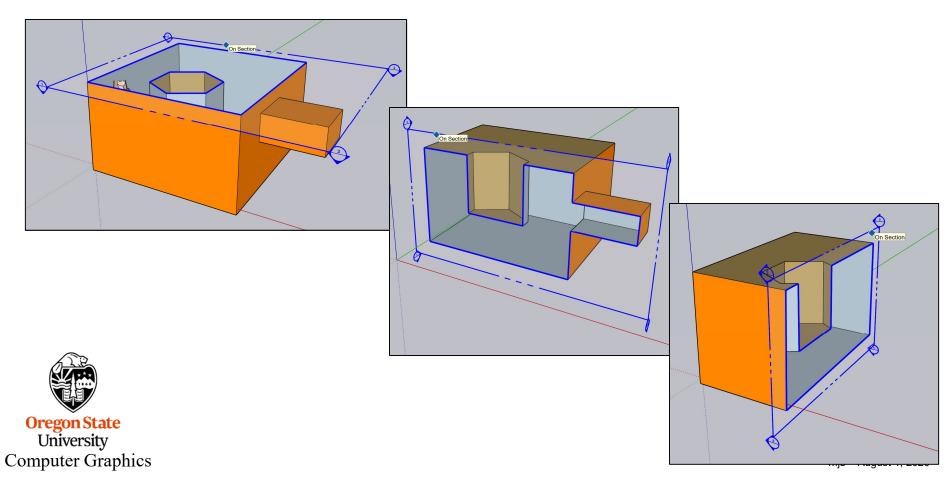
Use the **Move** icon to move the section plane down into the object





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Creating a Flying Animation

To create an animation:

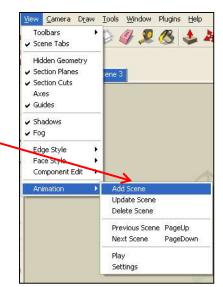
- 1. Create a view of the scene
- 2. Select View→Animation→Add Scene
- 3. Create a different view
- 4. Select View→Animation→Add Scene
- 5. . . .

To play the full animation:

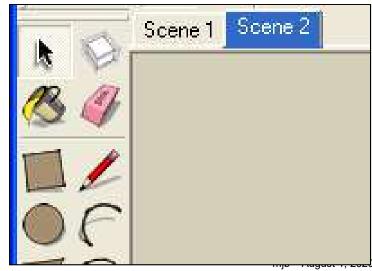
- 1. Select View→Animation→Play
- 2. Pause or stop the scene with these buttons



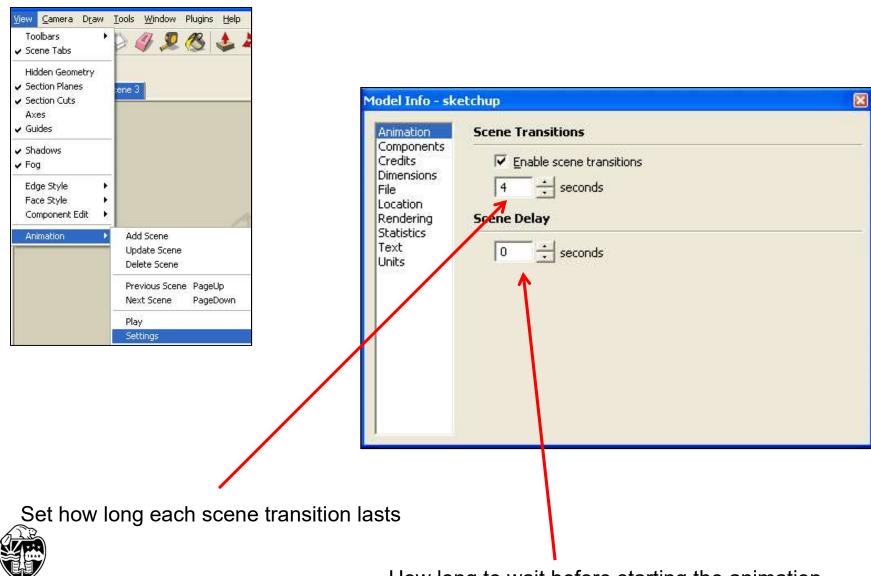




As you add scenes, SketchUp will list them. You can click on any of them to get back to that view.



Animation Settings



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How long to wait before starting the animation

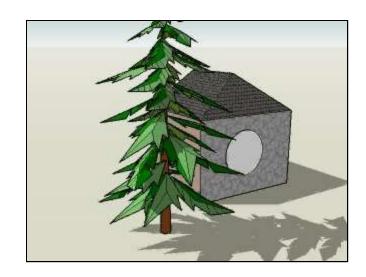
Exporting Your Animation

To save an animation to a file:

- 1. Select **File**→**Export**→**Animation**
- 2. Save as an MP4 file

To play the animation file:

Double-click on your MP4 file

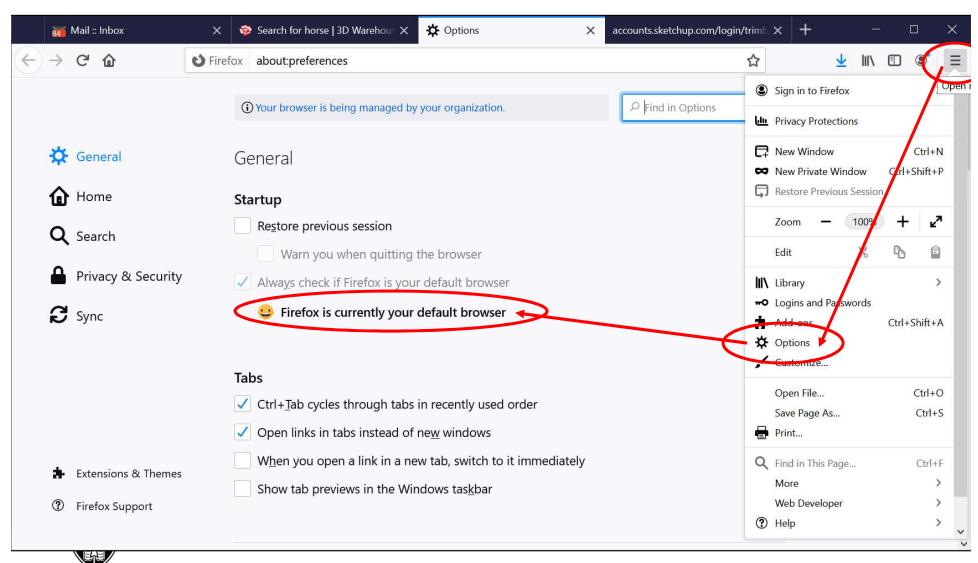


To import your animation into PowerPoint:

- 1. Select Insert→Video→Video on My PC
- 2. Double-click on the image when editing the slide
- 3. Click on the image in Slide Show mode



Be Sure that Internet Explorer is not your Default Browser (I like FireFox)



Logging into the 3D Warehouse

Click 3D Warehouse

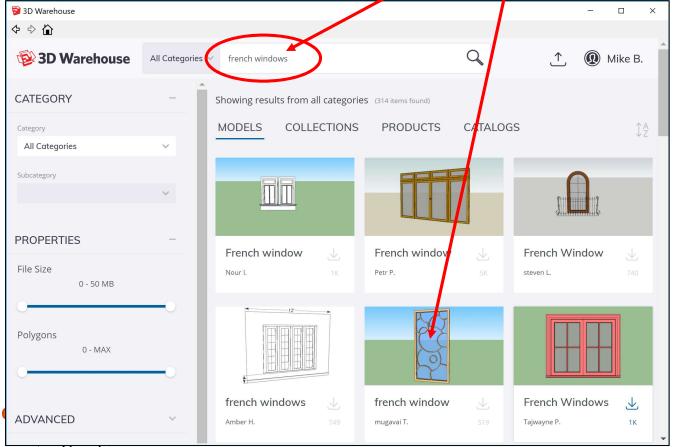




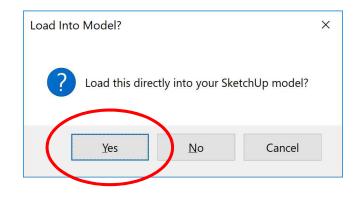


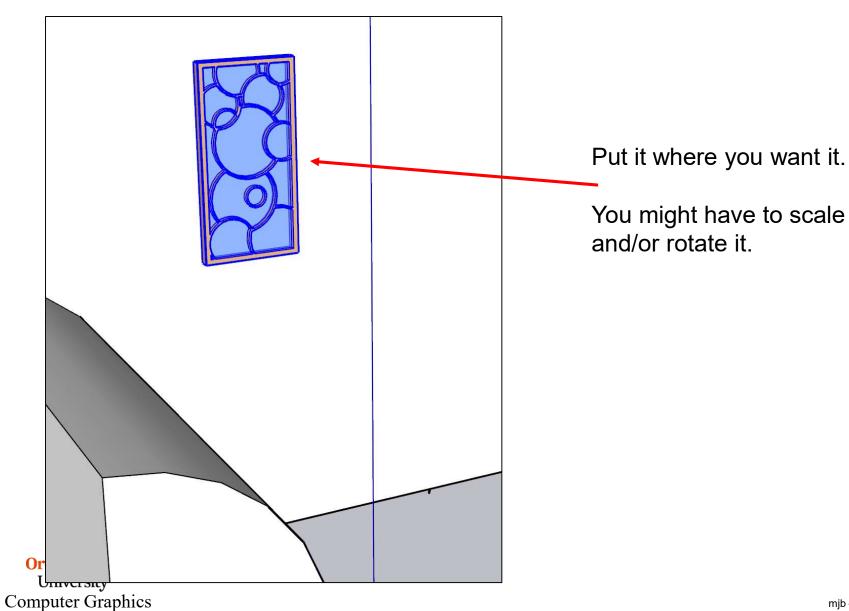
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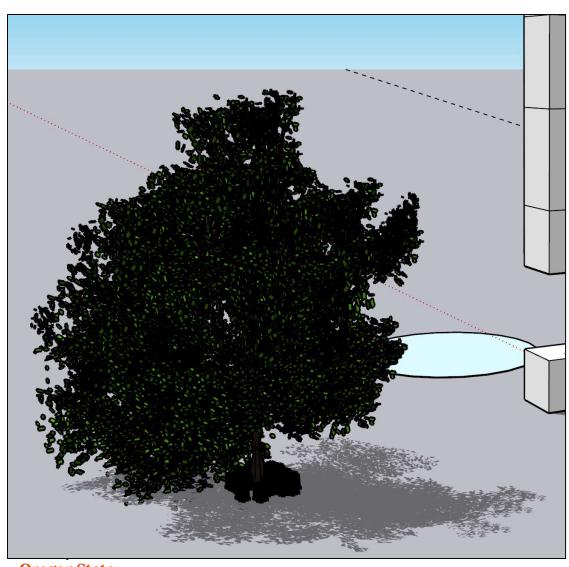
Type what you hope to find Click on the one you'd like











But, be careful!

Too much scene detail will

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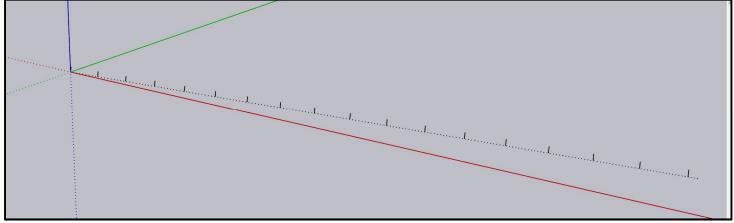


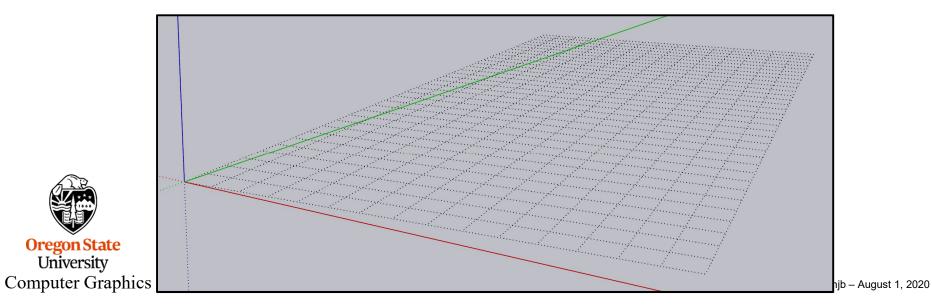
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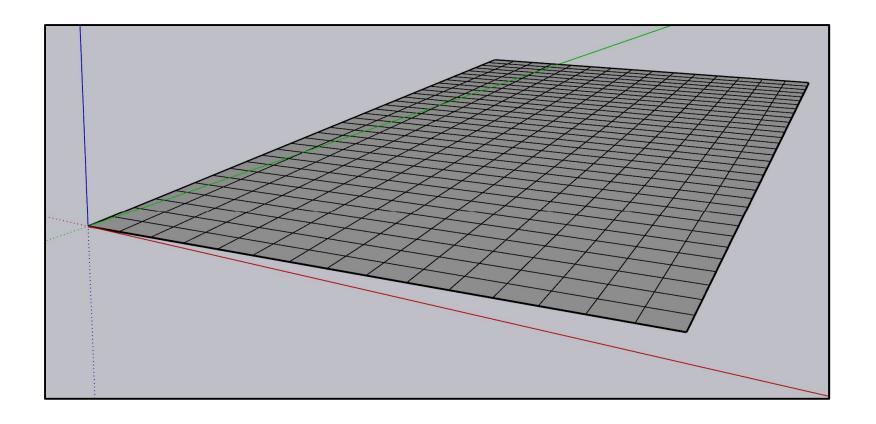
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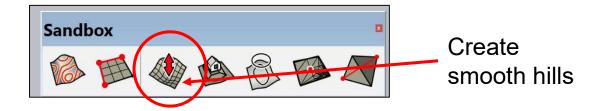
Create a Sandbox grid

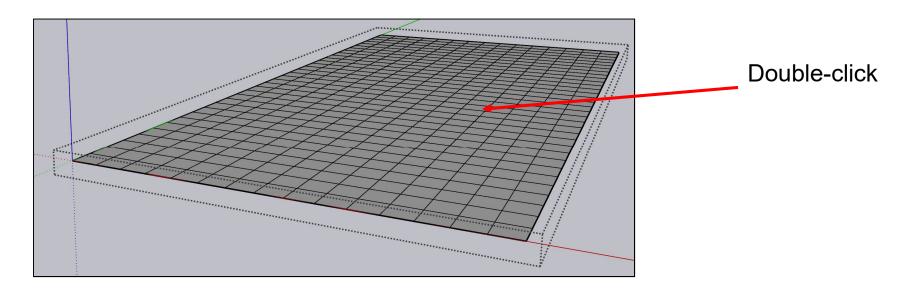








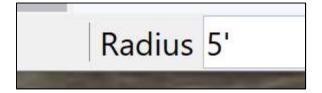


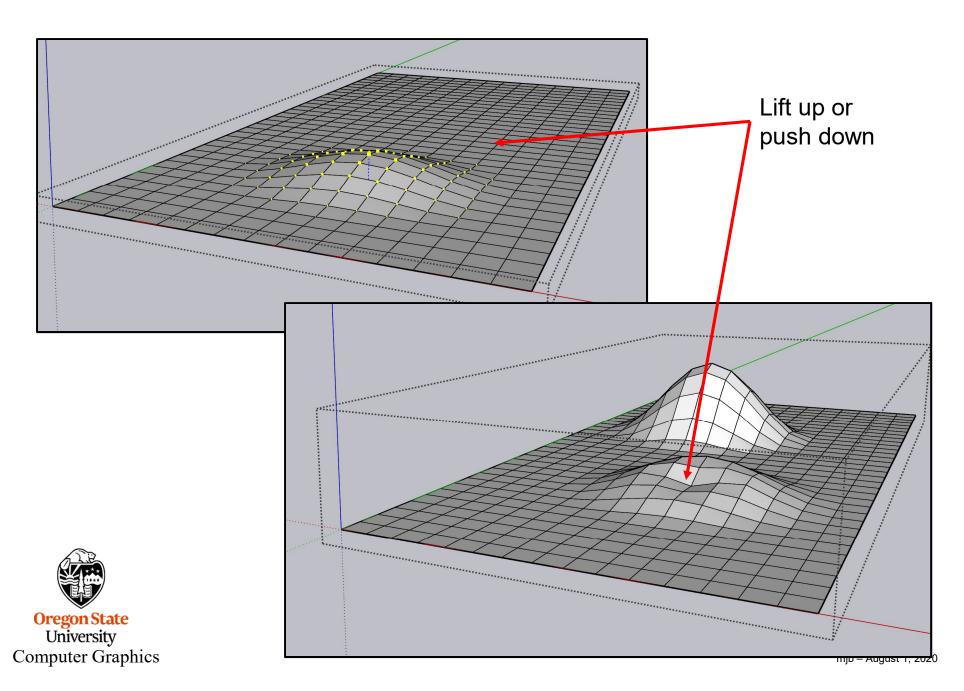


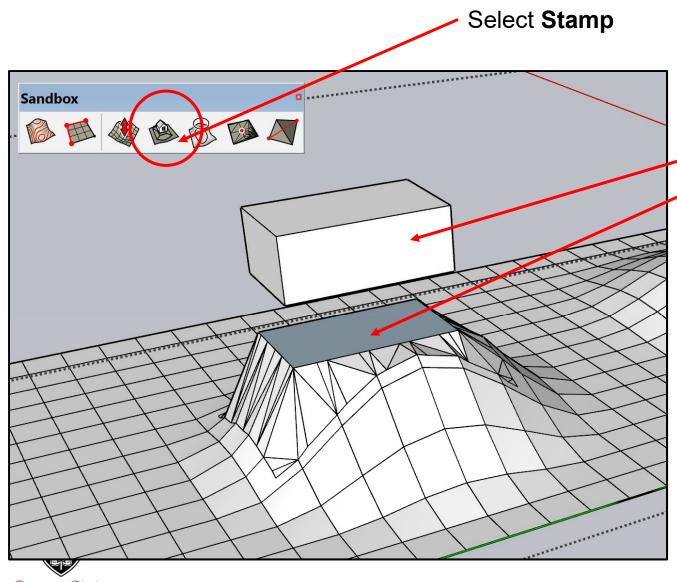
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Radius 3'

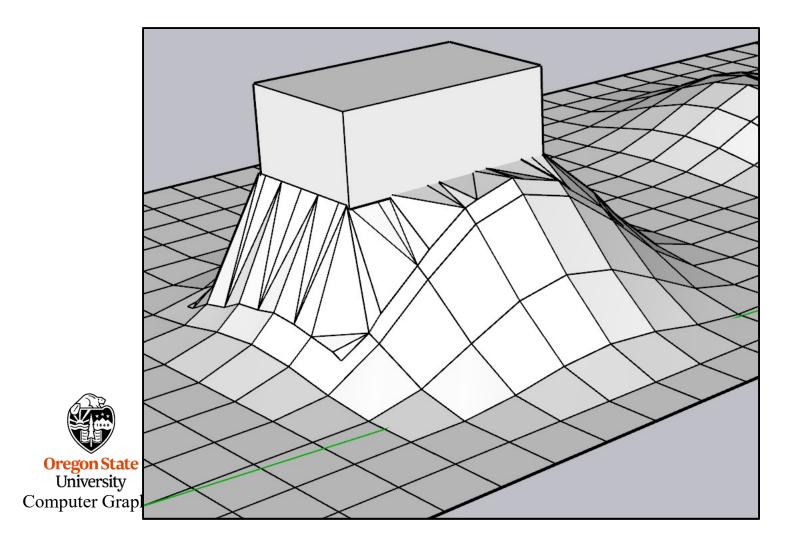




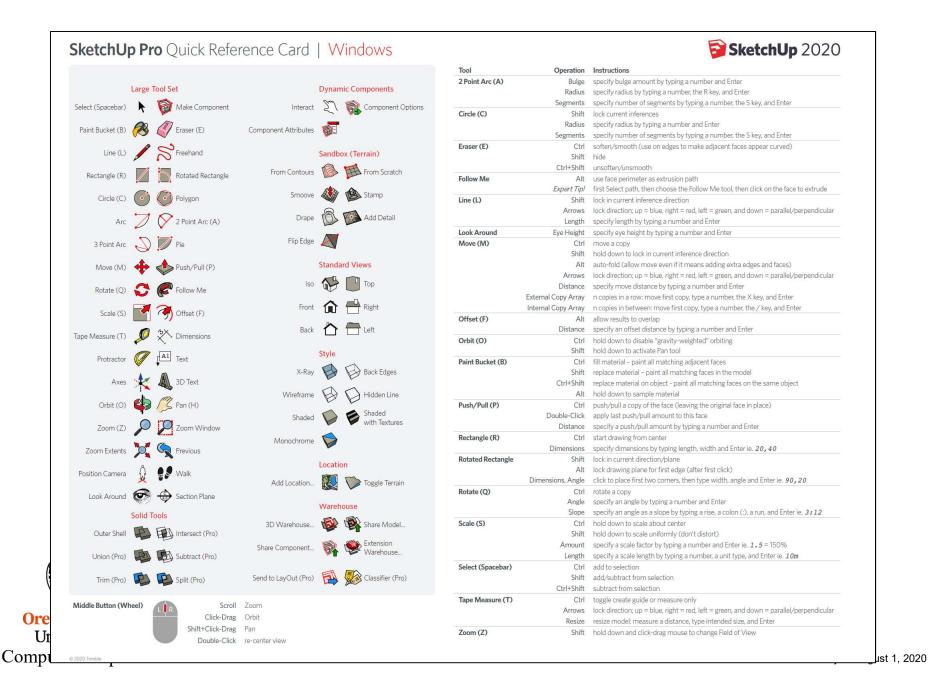


Hover a 3D object over the terrain to create a flat area to place that object down on

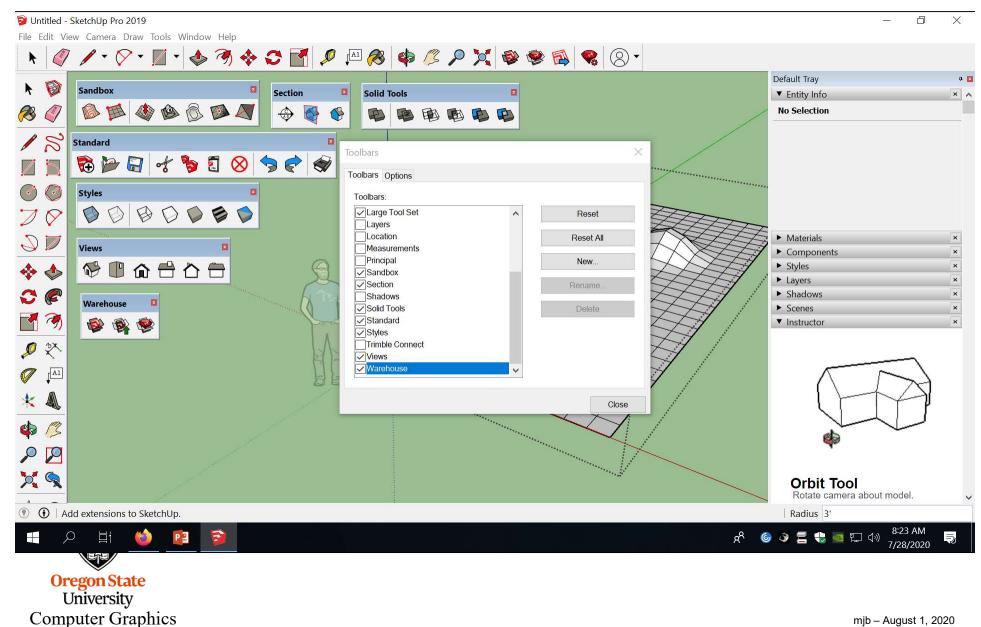
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SketchUp Quick Reference Card



Lots of Menus are Available

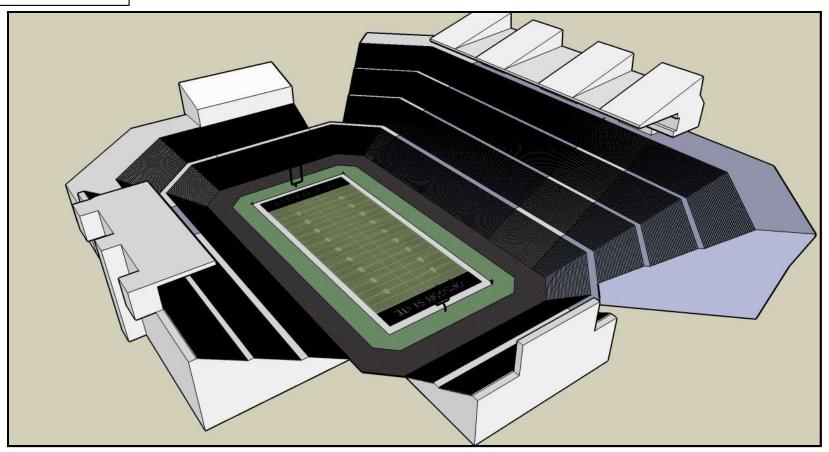


SketchUp Examples That Some of My OSU Students Did!



Other Examples

Hassan Sinky

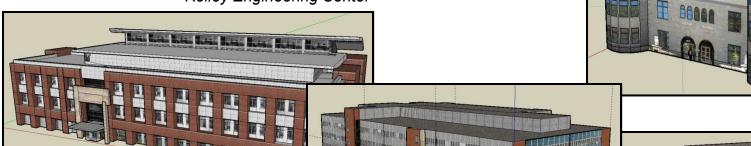


OSU's Reser Stadium



Kris Hemenway Chris Wasco Oliver Forral

Kelley Engineering Center

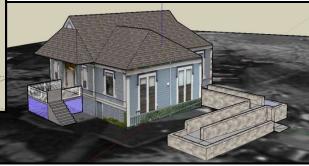


Kearney Hall

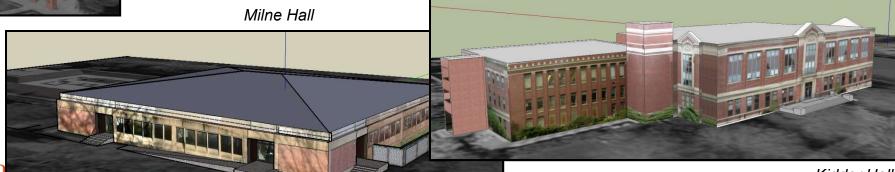


Clock Tower

Weniger Hall



Women's Center



Kidder Hall

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Using SketchUp!

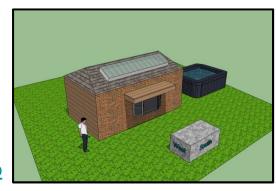




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