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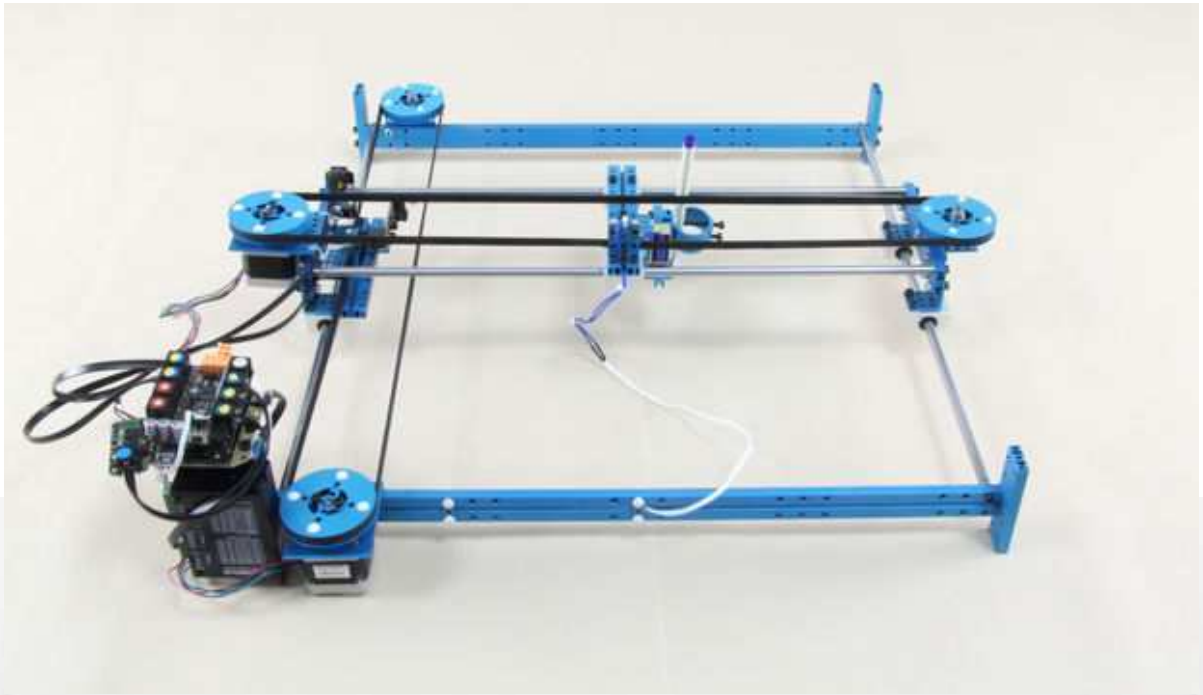

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Introduction

Last month, I made a XY-plotter by Makeblock and use it to built a Drawing Robot.

This Drawing Robot was built with two Linear Motion Shaft D8x480mm, two Long Beam0824, the timing belt, two stepper motors, two stepper motor driver, and a micro-controller Arduino. You can send a picture from the phone or you can take a picture by the phone and then send it to the robot by Bluetooth. After that the robot will draw what you send.

The instruction will show you how to build a XY-plotter.

For the program process, please visit the user guide (http://forum.makeblock.cc/t/the-user-guide-and-troubleshooting-of-xy-plotter/462). It contains both the turtorials of how to use Android app to control XY-plotter, and how to use Gcode to control XY-plotter.


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If you have any question about it, pleas visit the troubleshooting of XY-plotter (http://forum.makeblock.cc/t/the-user-guide-and-troubleshooting-of-xy-plotter/462/2)to help yourself. Or you can just post your question on the forum (http://forum.makeblock.cc/), I will give a response in minutes.

Now let's start!

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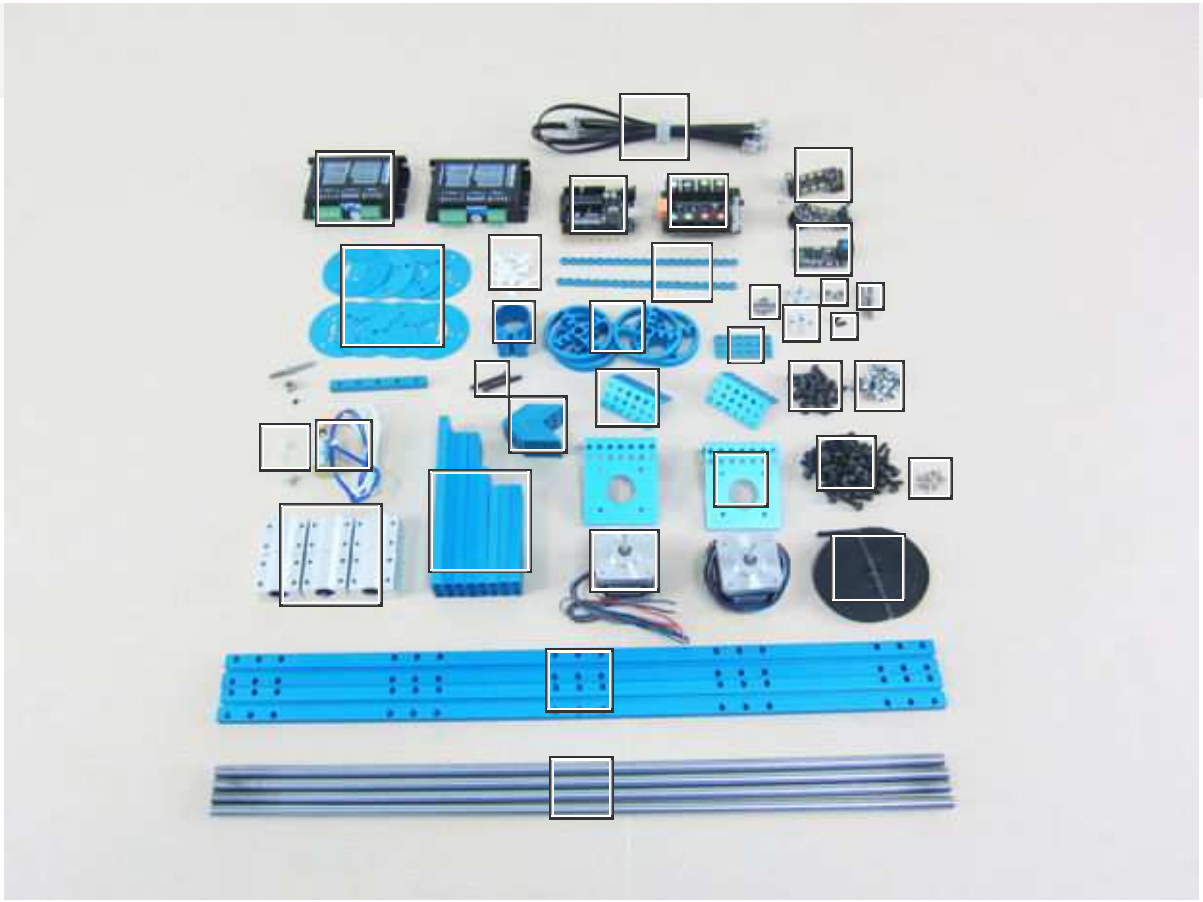

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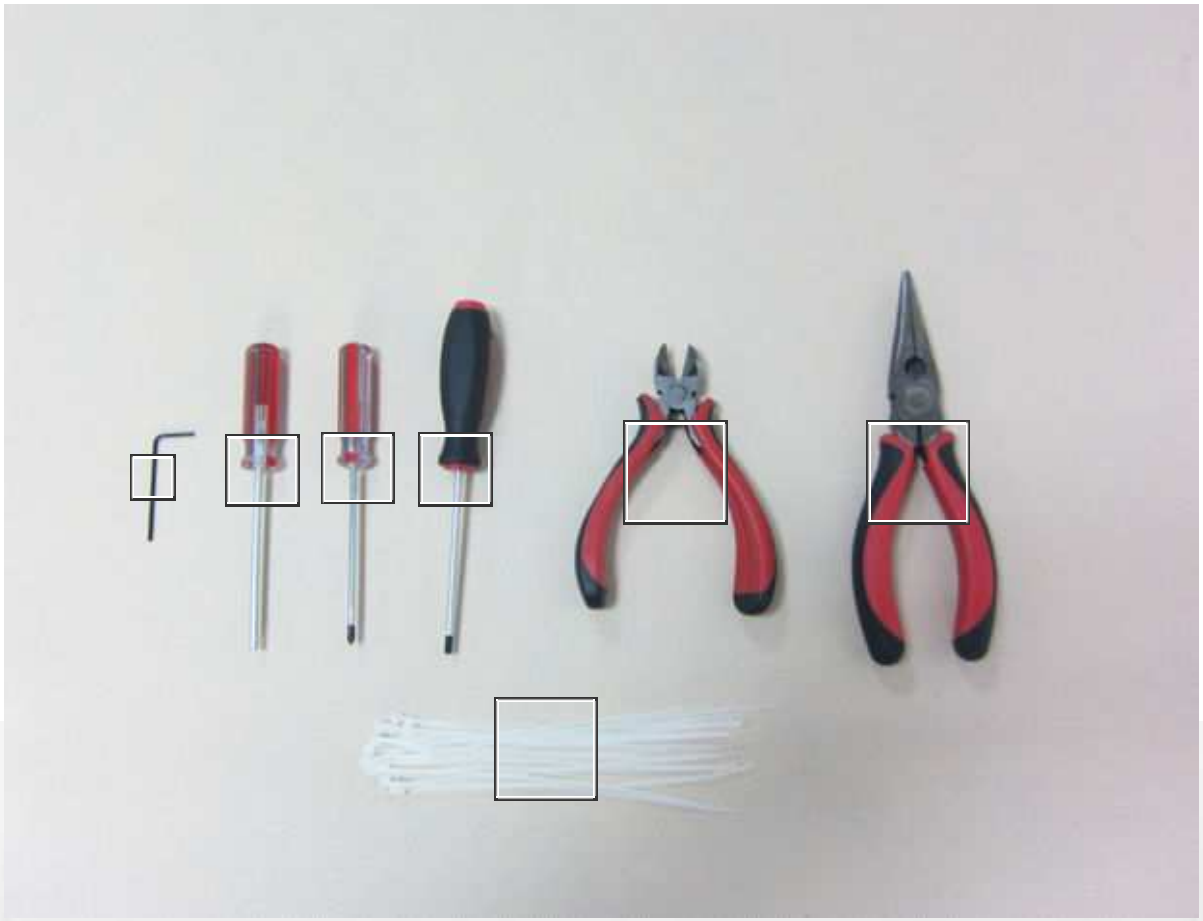
Materials List:

4 × Linear Motion Shaft D8x480
6 × Linear Motion Slide Unit 8mm
2 × Beam 0824-496
1 × Beam 0824-144
3 × Beam 0824-128
1 × Beam 0824-96
3 × Beam 0824-80
1 × Beam 0808-80
1 × General Bracket

2 × Bracket 3x6
11 × Bracket 3x3
1 × Plate 3×6
2 × Stepper Motor Bracket
4 × Timing Pulley 90T
8 × Timing Pulley Slice 90T
1 × Open-end Timing Belt (3m)
2 × Link Rod
2 × Shaft Connector-4
3 × Threaded Shaft 4x31mm
3 × Shaft Collar 4mm
4 × Flange Bearing 4x8x3mm
8 × Headless Set Screw M3x5
15 × Countersunk Screw M3×8
20 × Plastic Rivet 4120
25 × Plastic Ring 4x7x2mm
5 × Plastic Ring 4x7x1mm
30 × Screw M4×8
55 × Screw M4×14
2 × Screw M4×30
40 × Nylon Lock Nut M4
10 × Nylon Cable Ties

Electronic Modules List:
1 × Arduino
1 × Acrylic Arduino Bracket
1 × Me-BaseShield
1 × Solenoid - 12v
2 × Stepper Motor
2 × Stepper motor driver
1 × Me-Bluetooth modules
2 × Me-Limit Switch
3 × 6P6C RJ11 cable-20cm
2 × 6P6C RJ11 cable-50cm

Step 2: Tools



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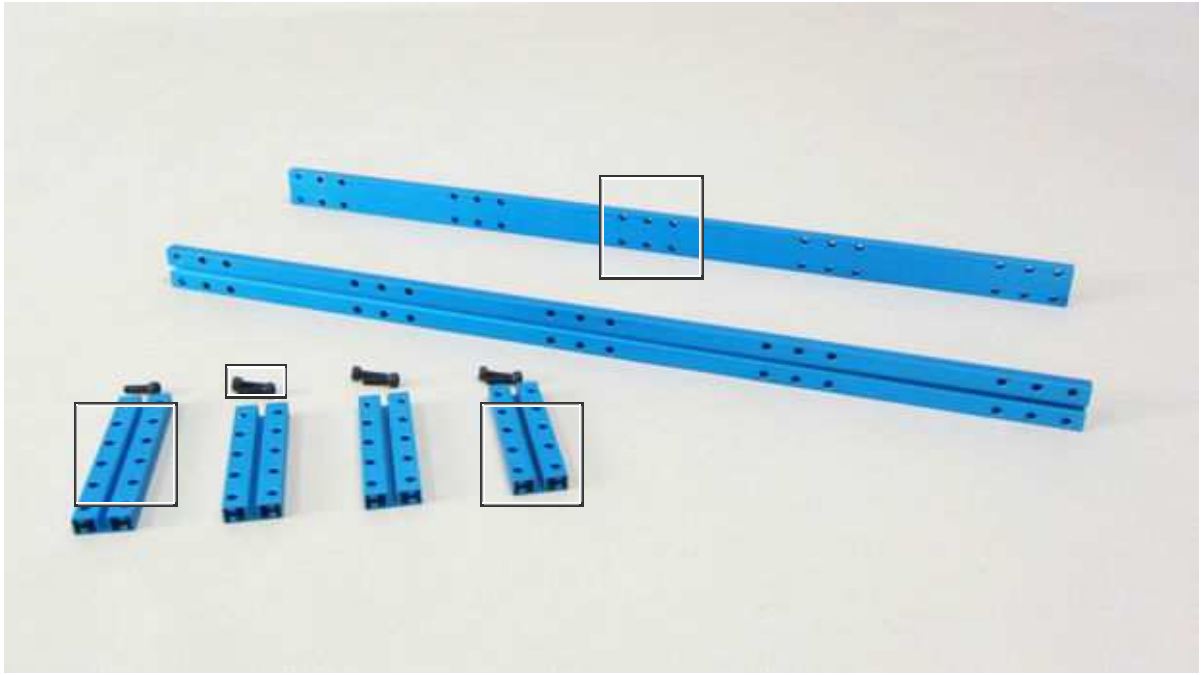
Tools
1.5mm Hexagonal Screwdriver
3mm Hexagonal Screwdriver
Cross Screwdriver
Slotted Screwdriver
Pliers
Nylon CableTies

Step 3: Make the Holder



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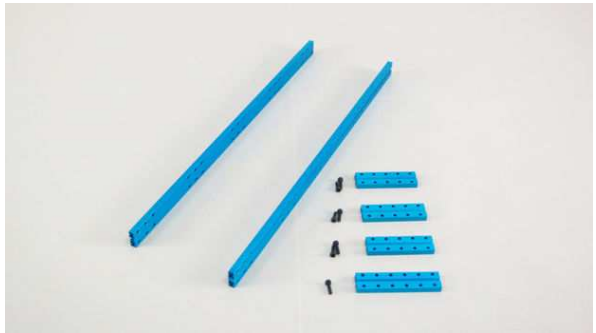

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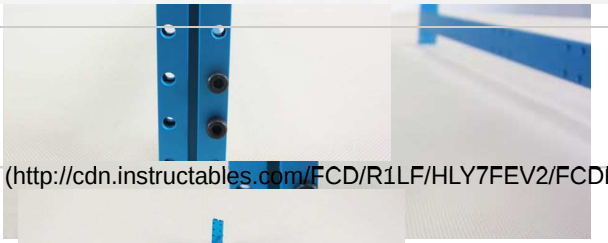

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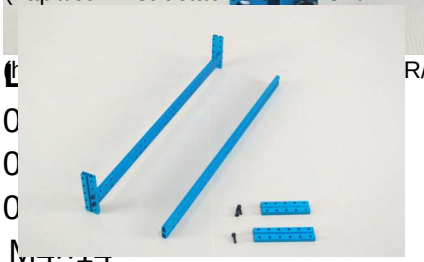

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Materials L

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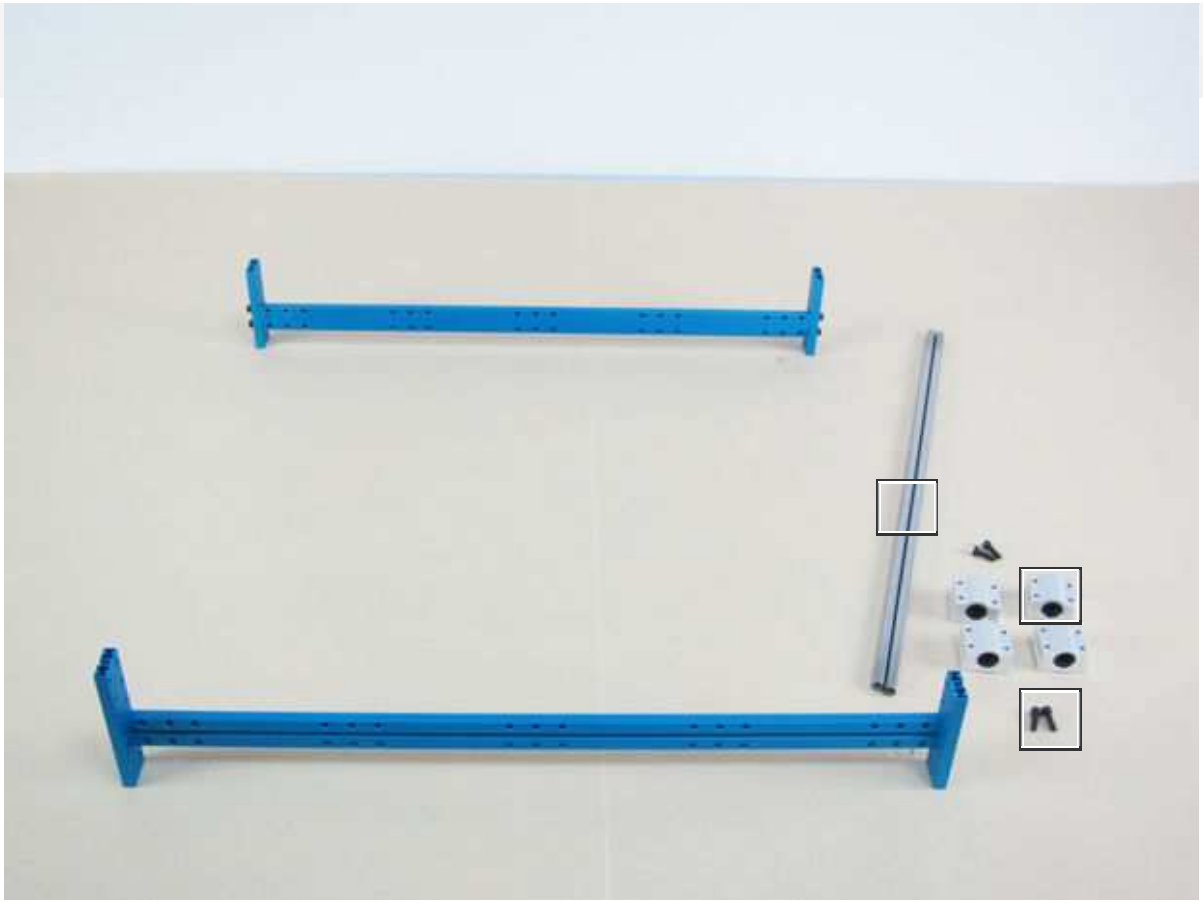
2 × Beam 0
1 × Beam 0
3 × Beam 0
7 × Screw M

Procedure:

1. Install the first Beam 0824-80 on Beam 0824-496 by using 2 Screw M4×14.
2. Install the second Beam 0824-80 on Beam 0824-496 with 2 Screw M4×14.
3. Install the third Beam 0824-80 on another Beam 0824-496 with 2 Screw M4×14.
4. Install the Beam 0824-96 on Beam 0824-496 with 1 Screw M4×14.

Step 4: Build the Frame



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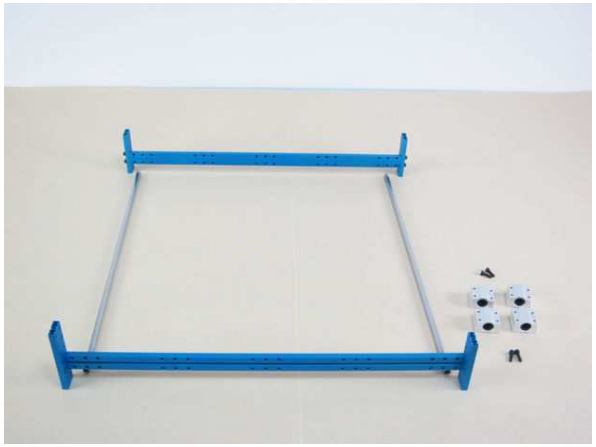

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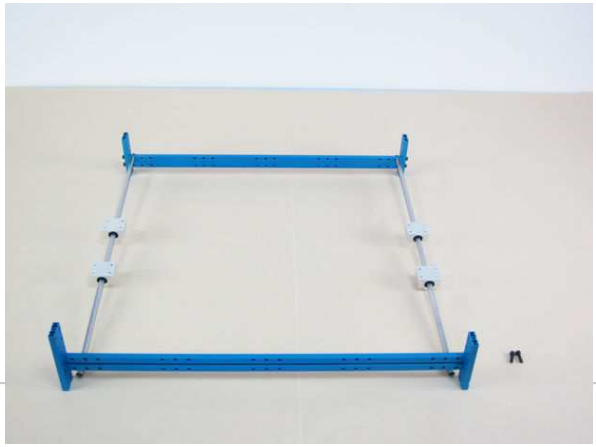

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Materials

2 × Linear

4 × Linear

4 × Screw

Procedure

1. Install th eam 0824-496 by using 2 Screw M4×

2. Install 2 Linear Motion Shaft D8x480.

3. Install th other Beam 0824-496 with 2 Screw M4×14.

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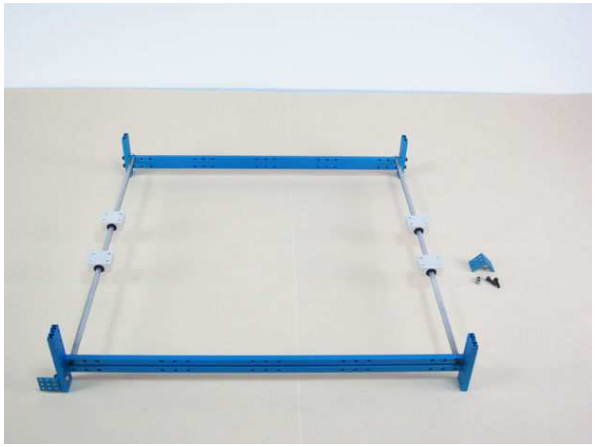

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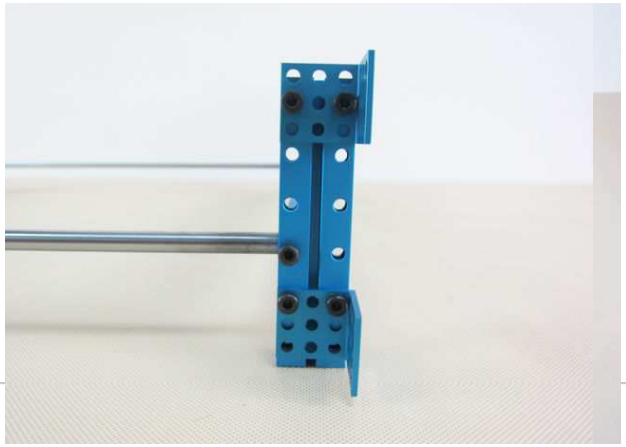

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Materials L

2 × Bracket

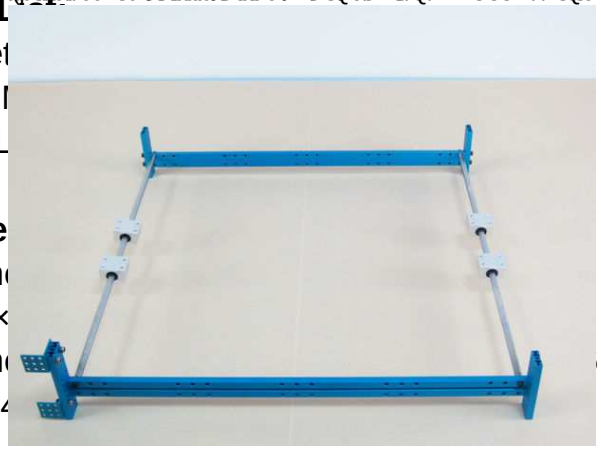
4 × Screw M

3 × Nylon L

Procedure

1. Install th Beam 0824-496 by using 2 Screw M4×

2. Install th on Beam 0824-496 by using 2 Screw M4



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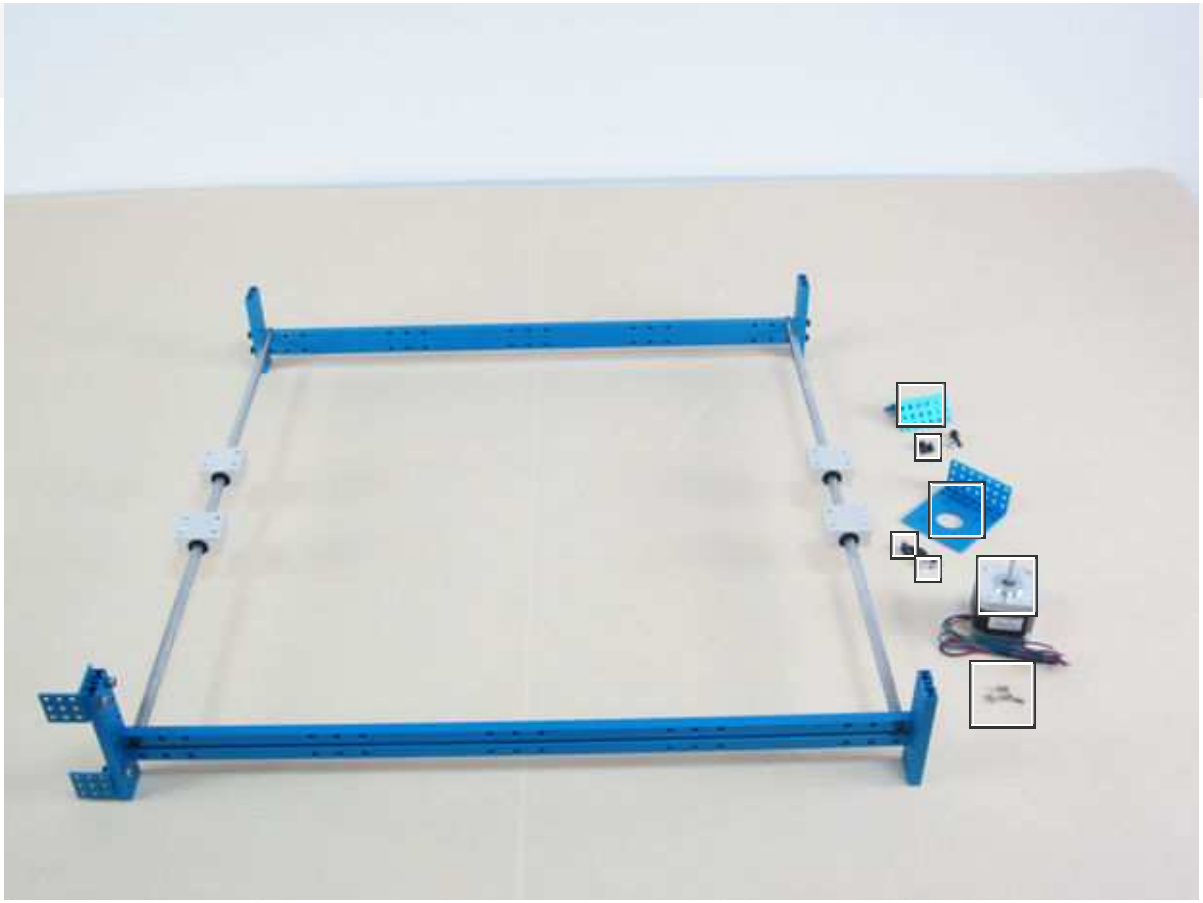

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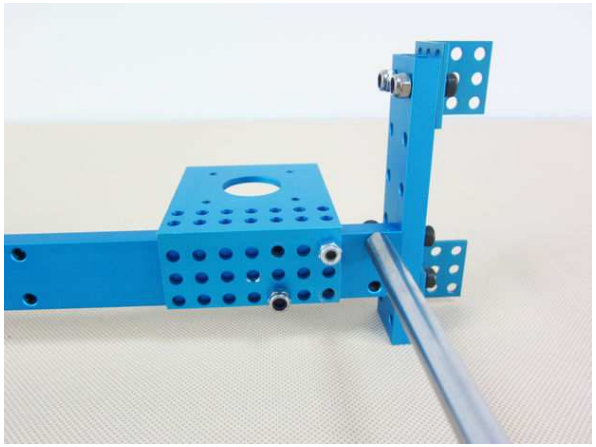

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Materials

1 × Brack

1 × Stepp

4 × Count

2 × Screw M4×8

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3 × Screw

3 × Nylon

1 × Steppe

Procedure

1. Install th on Beam 0824-496 by using 2 Screw M4×14 and 2 Nylon Lock Nut M4.

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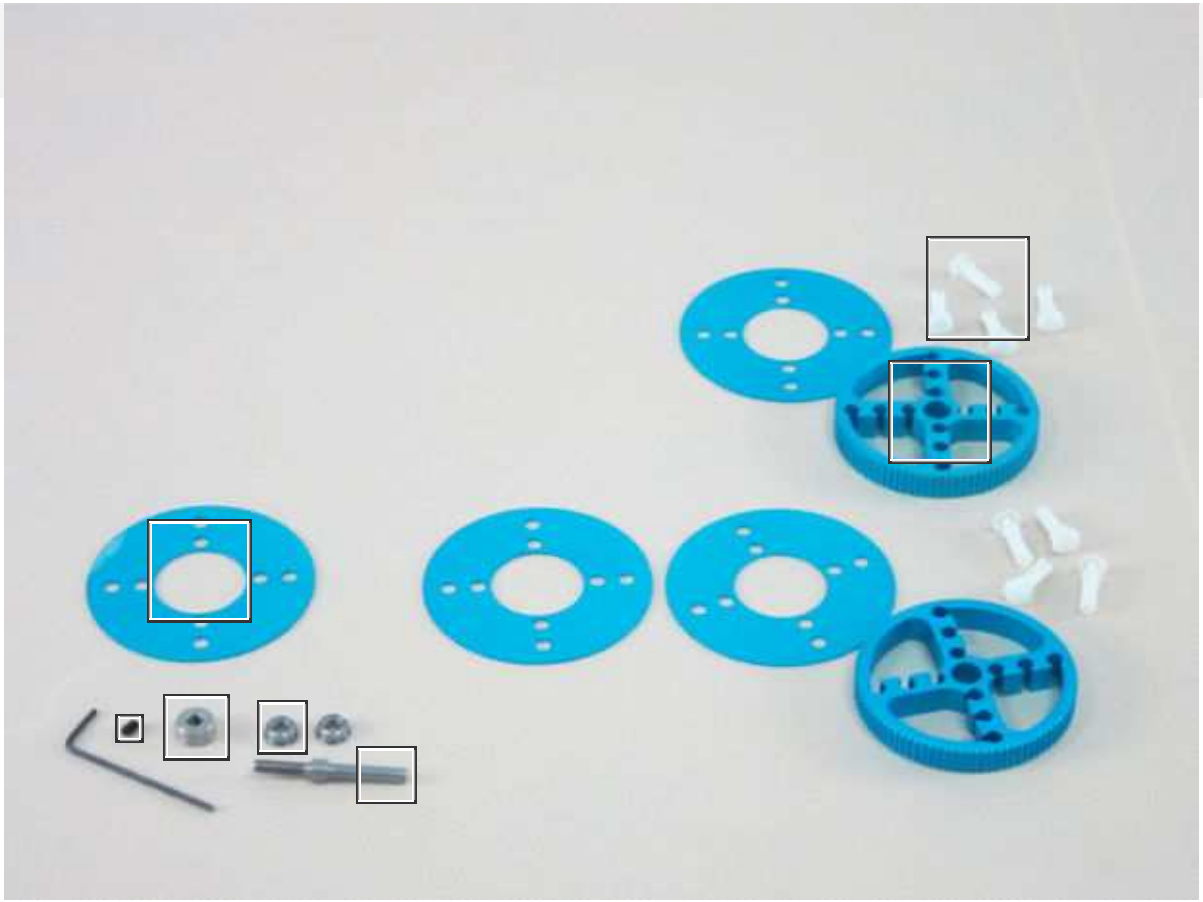
2. Install the Stepper Motor to Stepper Motor Bracket with 4 Countersunk Screw M3×8.
3. Install the Bracket 3x6 on Beam 0824-496 by using 2 Screw M4×8, 1 Screw M4×14 and 1 Nylon Lock Nut M4.



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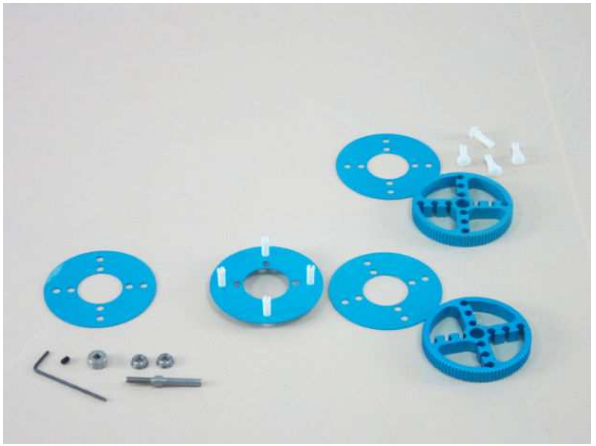

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Materials

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4 × Timing

8 × Timing

2 × Thread

2 × Shaft Collar 4mm

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2 × Headles

4 × Flange

16 × Plastic

Procedure

1. Insert 4 P e holes on the Timing Pulley Slice 90T.
2. Put a Timing Pulley 90T on the Timing Pulley Slice 90T.

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3. Put another Timing Pulley Slice 90T on the Timing Pulley 90T and Press the Plastic Rivet R4120 to make them together.
4. Do the same as step1 to 3 discribe to make another Timing Pulley.
5. Insert the Threaded Shaft 4×31mm into the Flange Bearing 4×8×3mm.
6. Insert the Threaded Shaft 4×31mm with the Flange Bearing 4×8×3mm into the Timing Pulley 90T.
7. Insert the other Flange Bearing 4×8×3mm into the Timing Pulley 90T.
8. Put the Shaft Collar 4mm on the Threaded Shaft 4×31mm and insert a Headless Screw M3×5 into the Shaft Collar 4mm.
9. Do the same as step 1 to 8 discribe to make another two Timing Pulley.

Step 8: Add Timing Pulley

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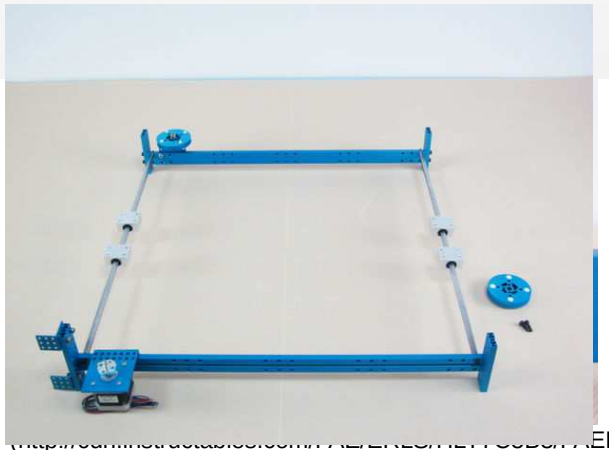

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Materials L

1 × Shaft C

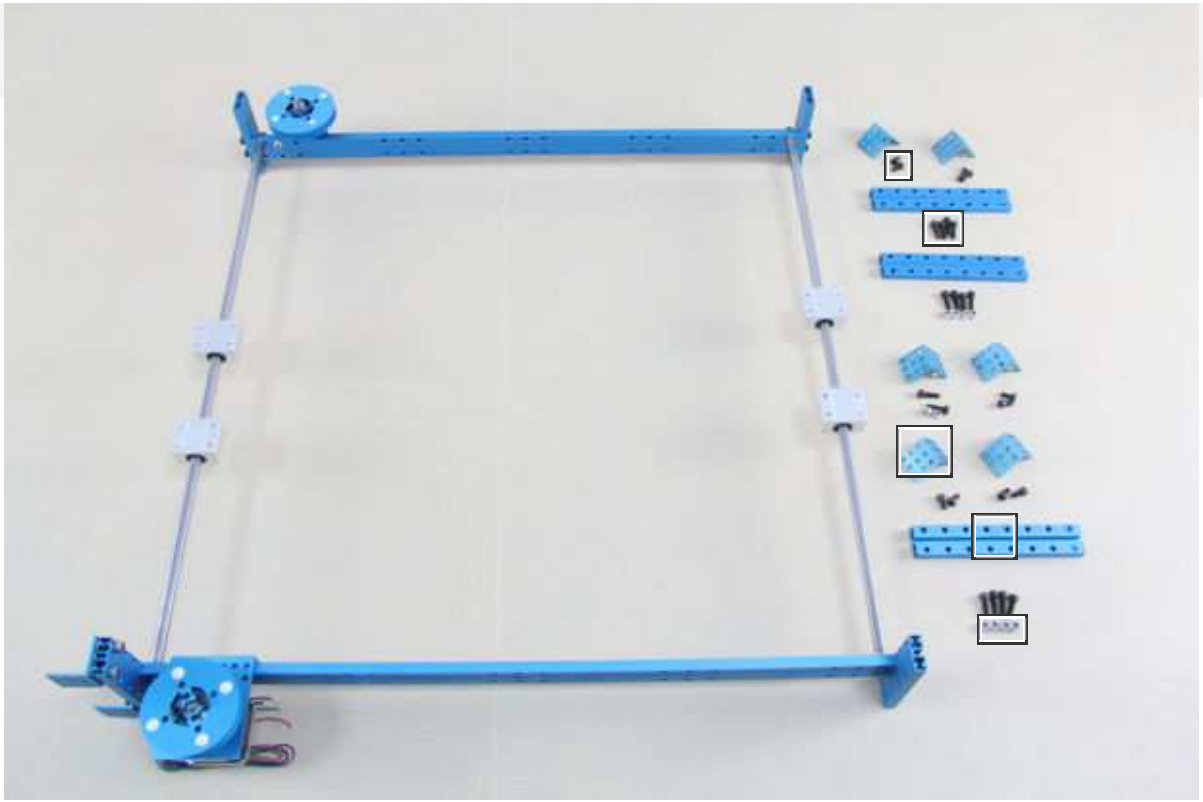
1 × Headles

2 × Screw M

1 × Nylon L

Procedure

1. Install the Nylon Lock Nut M4.
2. Insert a Headless Screw M3×5 into the Shaft Connector-4 and install the Shaft Connector-4 to the Stepper Motor.
3. Install the Driving Pulley on the Shaft Connector-4 with 2 Screw M4×14.



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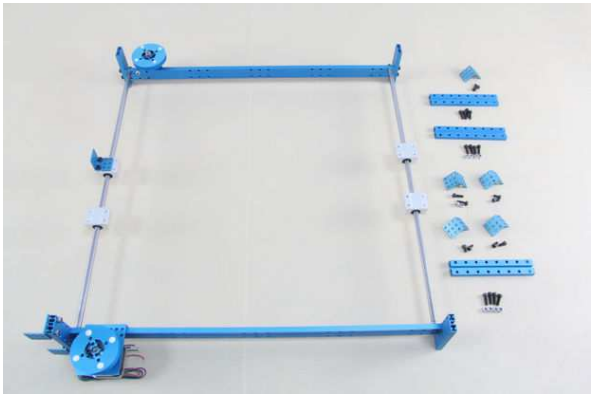

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Materials l

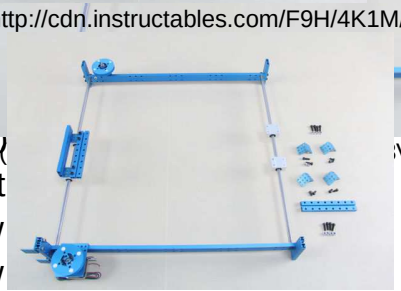
3 × Beam 0

6 × Bracket

10 × Screw

14 × Screw

10 × Nylo



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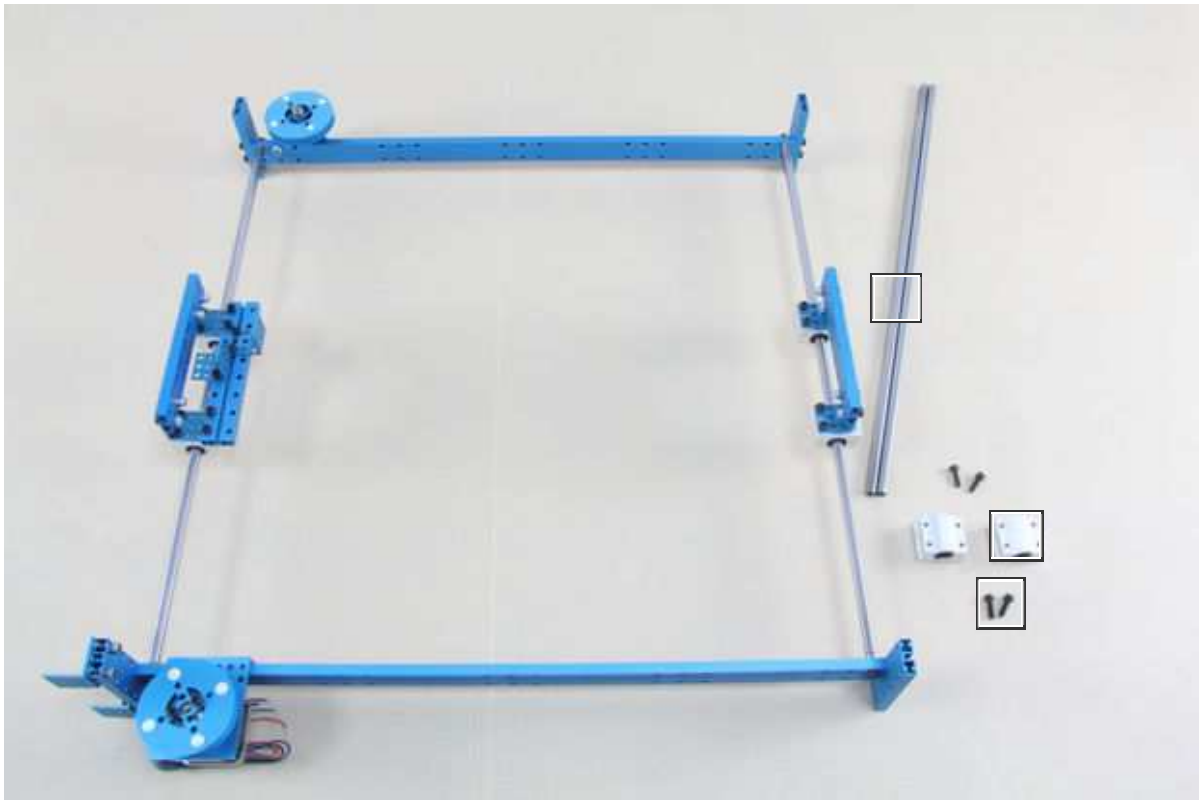
1. Install t inear Motion Slide Unit 8mm with 2 Screw M4×8.
2. Install t n another Linear Motion Slide Unit 8mm at the same side with 2 Screw M4×8.
3. Install the first Beam 0824-128 on the two Linear Motion Slide Unit 8mm with Bracket 3x3 by using 4 Screw M4×14.
4. Install the second Beam 0824-128 on the Bracket 3x3 by using 4 Screw M4×14 and 4 Nylon Lock Nut M4.
5. Install the third Bracket 3x3 on the first Beam 0824-128 with 2 Screw M4×8.
6. Install the fourth Bracket 3x3 on the first Beam 0824-128 with 2 Screw M4×8 and 2 Nylon Lock Nut M4.
7. Install the fifth and the sixth Bracket 3x3 on 2 Linear Motion Slide Unit 8mm with 4 Screw M4×8.
8. Install the third Beam 0824-128 on the fifth and sixth Bracket 3x3 by using 4 Screw M4×14 and 4 Nylon Lock Nut M4.

Step 10: Add Linear Motion Shaft



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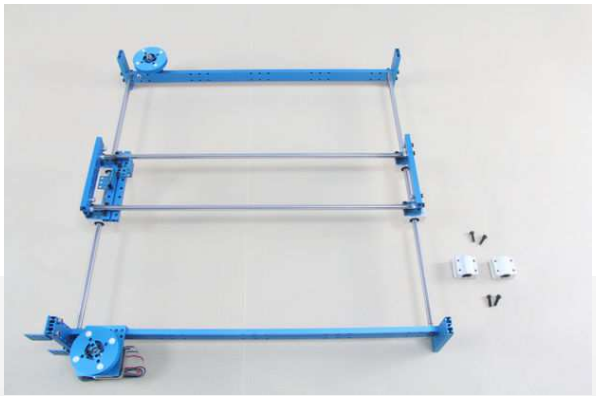

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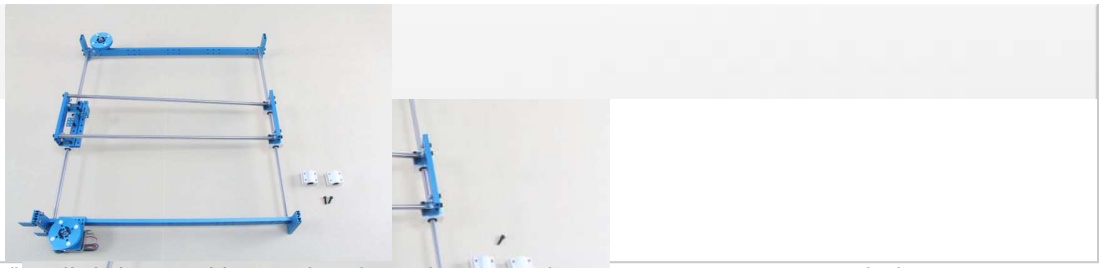

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Materials I

2 × Linear

2 × Linear

4 × Screw

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Procedure

1. Install th t D8x480 on Beam 0824-128 with 1 Screw M4×14.
2. Install th Shaft D8x480 on the same Beam 0824-128 with 1 Scr
3. Install 2 3mm on each Linear Motion Shaft D8x480.
4. Install the Linear Motion Shaft D8x480s to Beam 0824-128 on the other side with 2 Screw M4×14.

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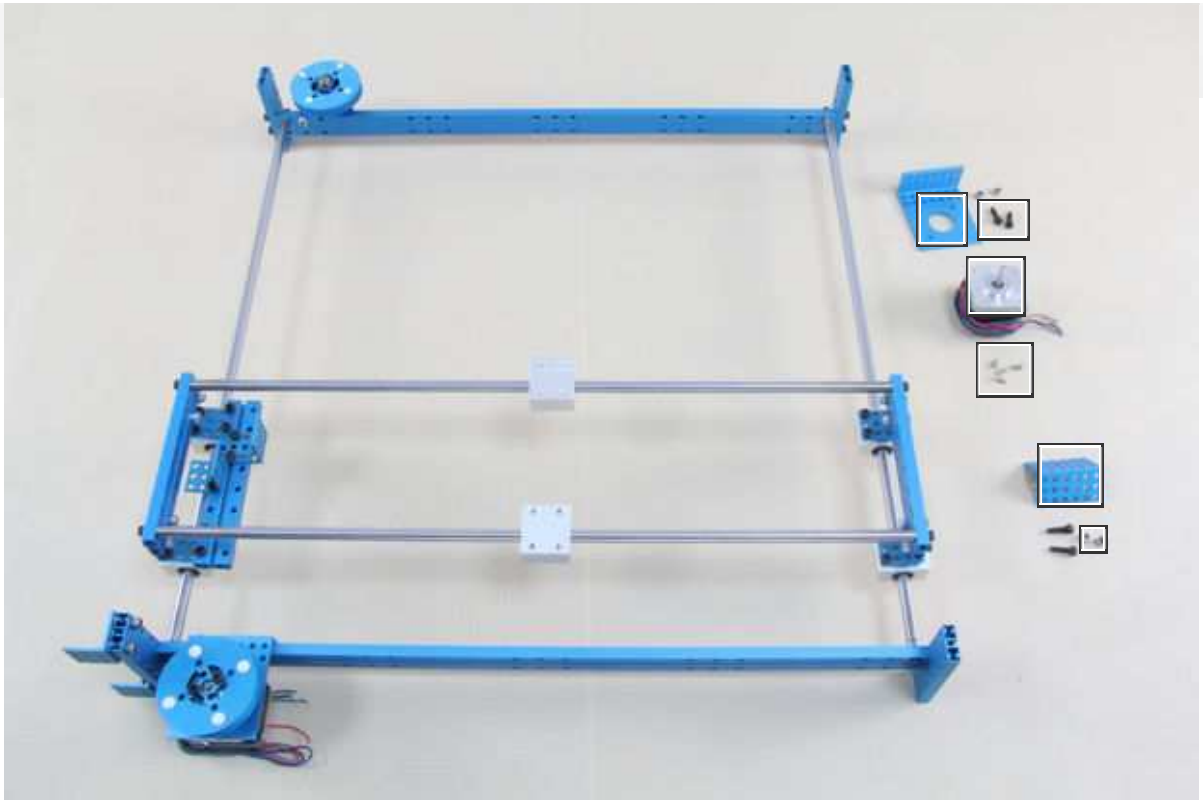

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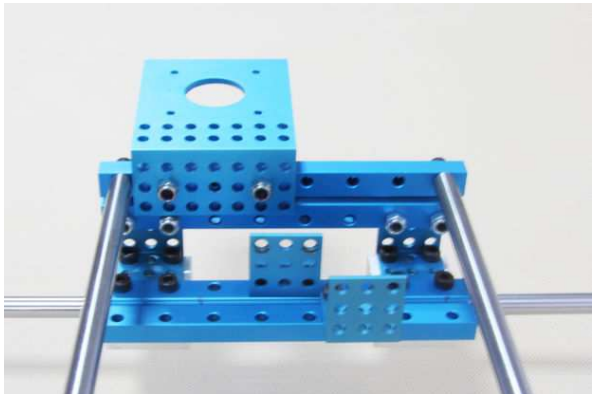

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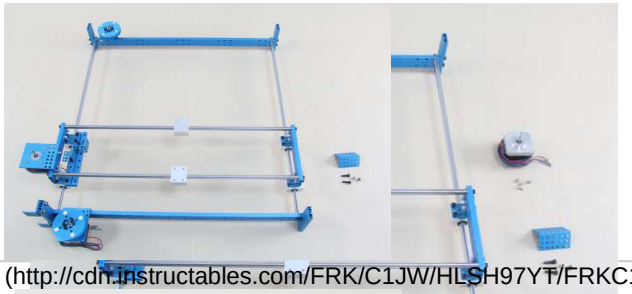

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1 × Bracke

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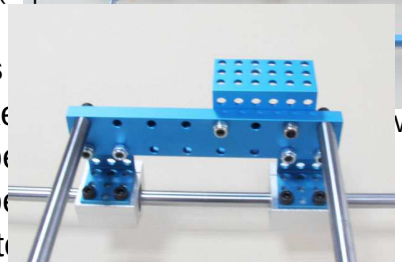
4 × Count

4 × Screw

4 × Nylon



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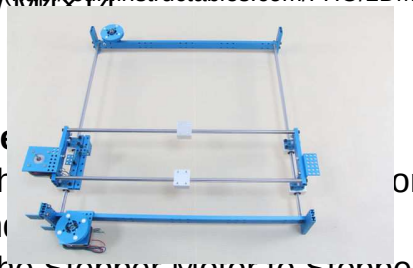

Procedure

1. Install th on Beam 0824-496 by using 2 Screw M4×14 an

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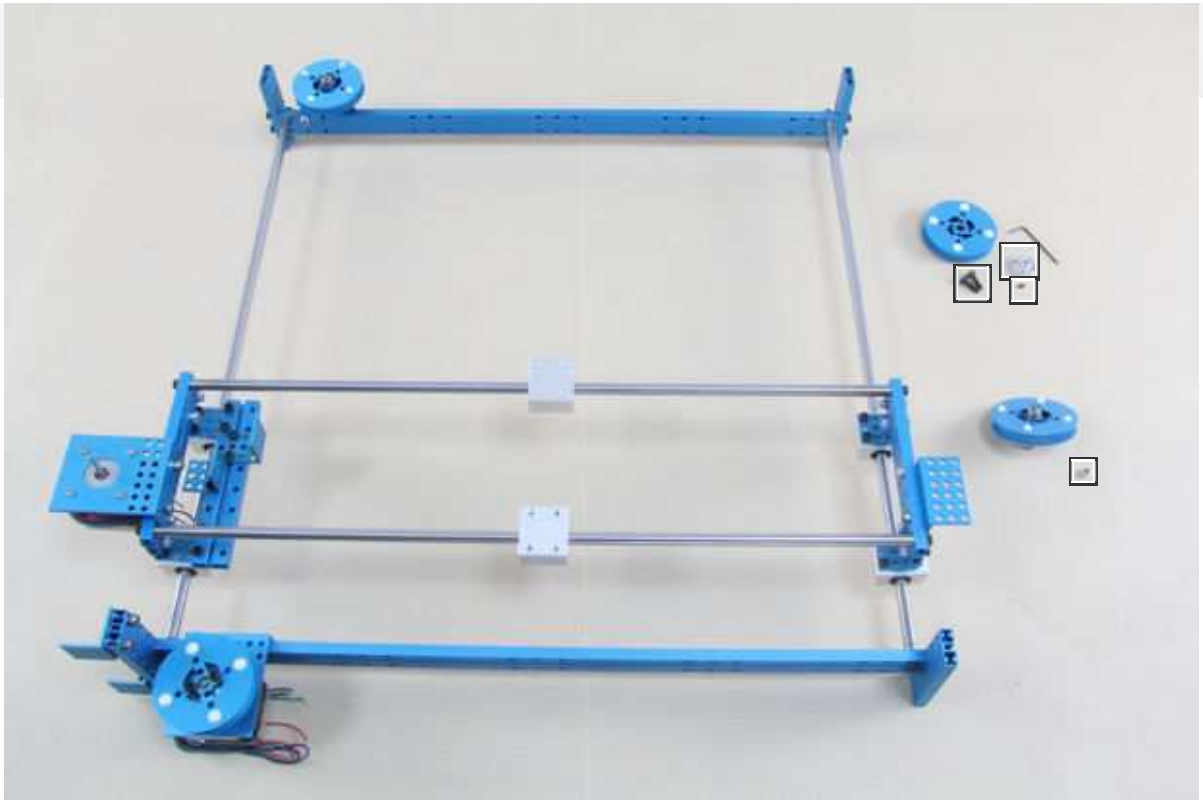
2. Install the Stepper Motor to Stepper Motor Bracket with 4 Countersunk Screw M3×8.

3. Install the Bracket 3x6 on Beam 0824-496 by using 2 Screw M4×8, 1 Screw M4×14 and 1 Nylon Lock Nut M4.

Step 12: Add Timing Pulley



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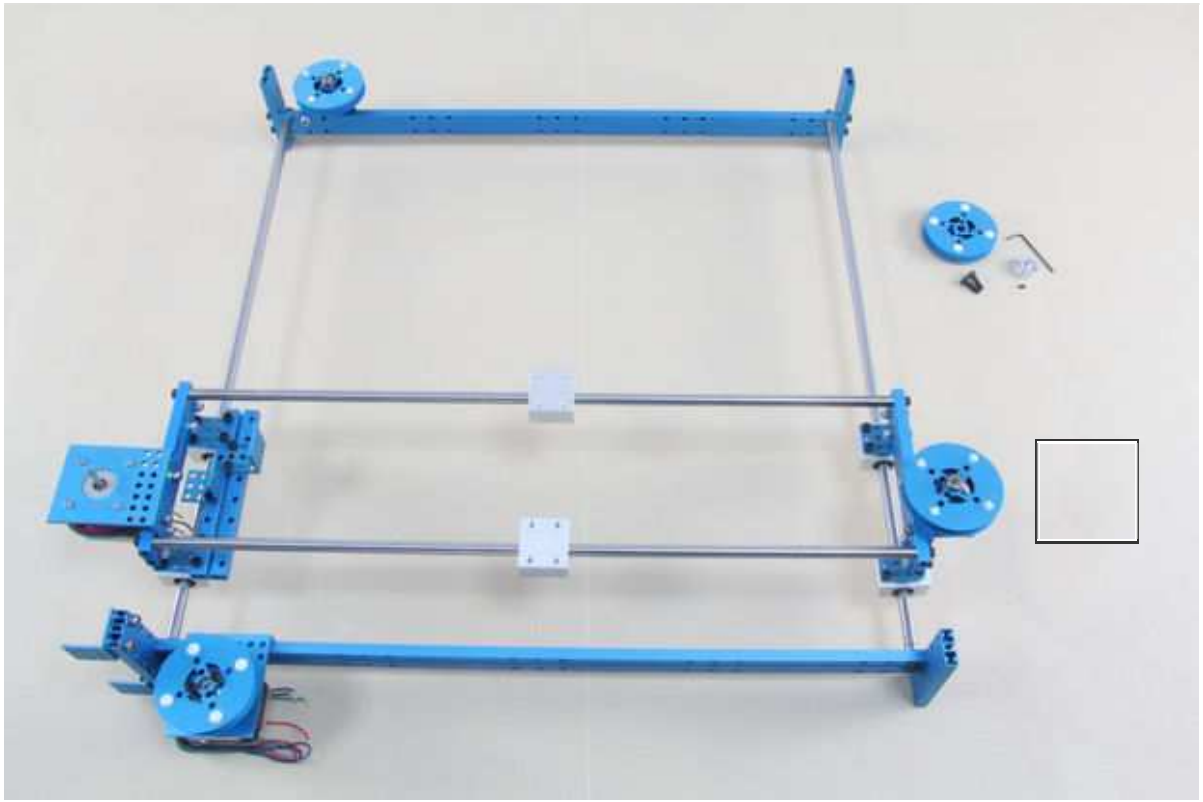

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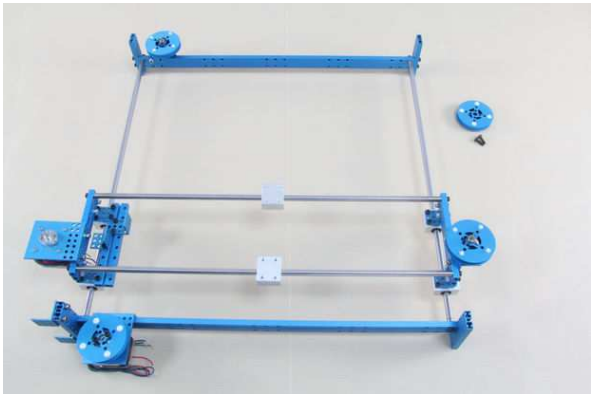

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Materials List:

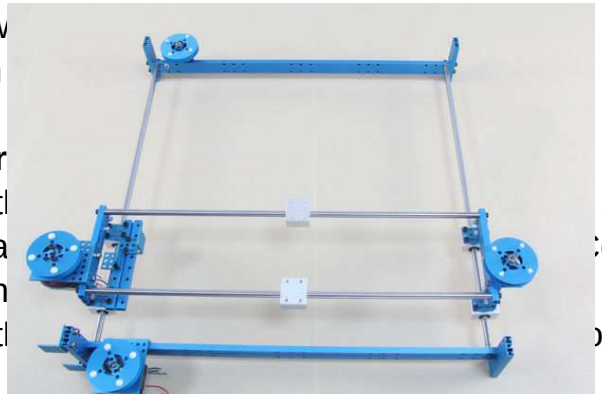
1 × Shaft Connector-4

1 × Headless Set Screw M3x5

2 × Screw
1 × Nylon

Procedur

1. Install t a Nylon Lock Nut M4.
2. Insert a onnector-4 and install the Shaft Con
3. Install t r-4 with 2 Screw M4×14.



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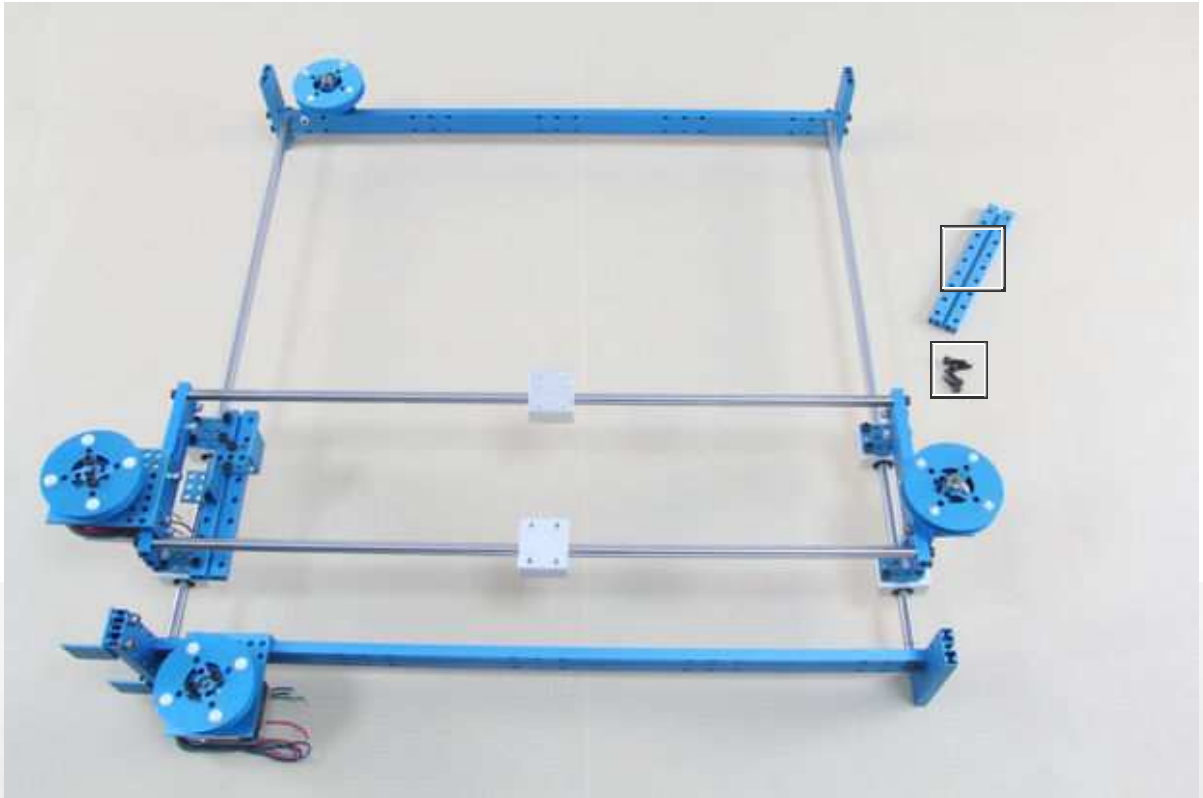
Step 13: Add Drawing Mechanism Holder



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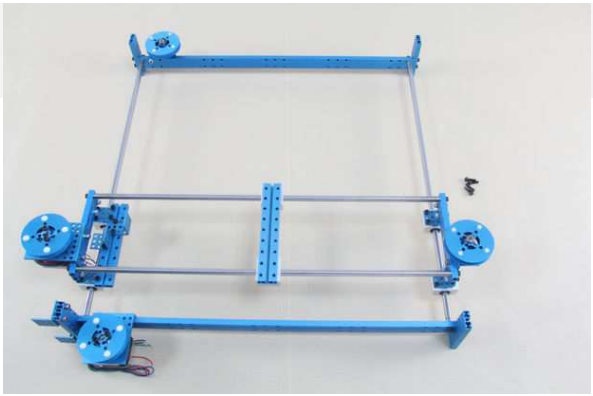

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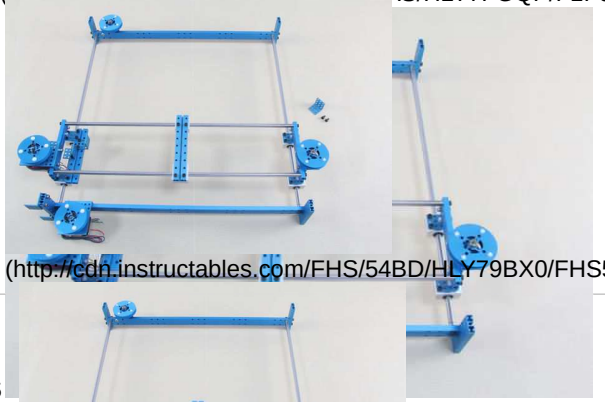

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Materials

1 × Beam (

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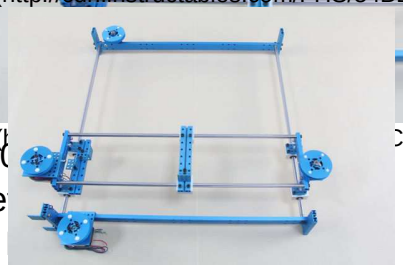
1 × Bracke

2 × Screw



4 × Screw M2×12

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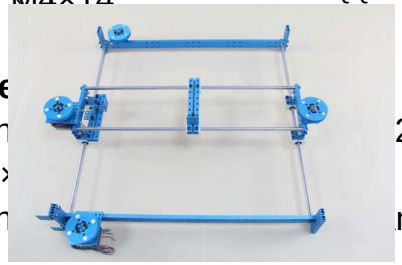
Procedure

1. Install th 2 Linear Motion Slide Unit 8mm with 4 Screw M4×

2. Install th m 0824-128 with 2 Screw M4×8.



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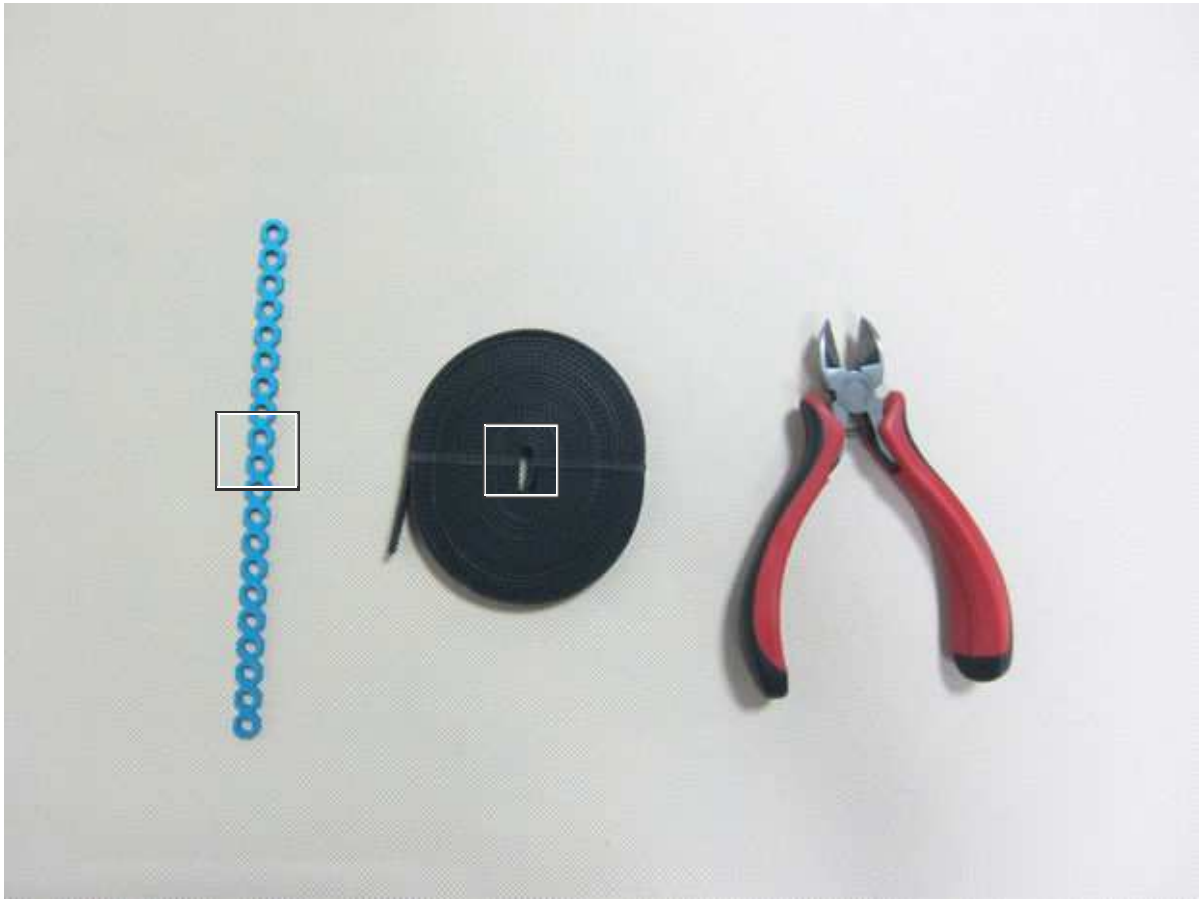
Step 14: Add Timing Belt



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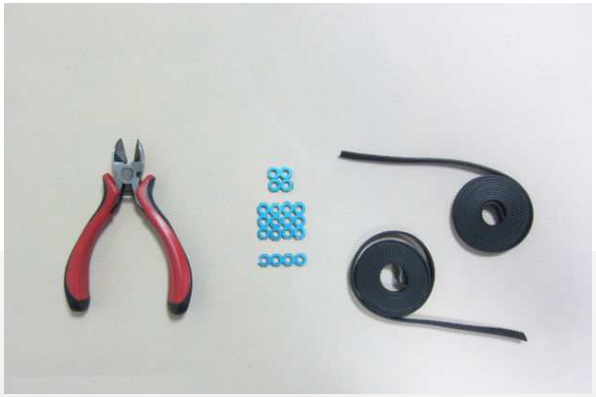

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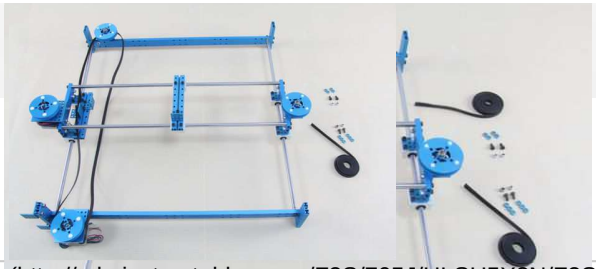

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Materials

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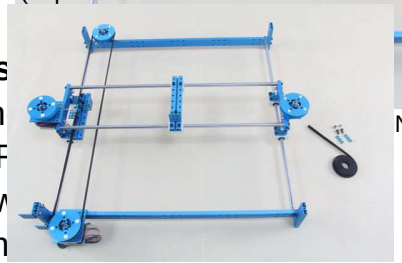

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1 × Link F

4 × Screw

4 × Nylon

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Procedure

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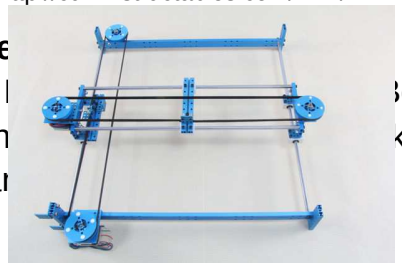

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2. Install th

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3. Install ar

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Step 15: Build the Drawing Mechanism

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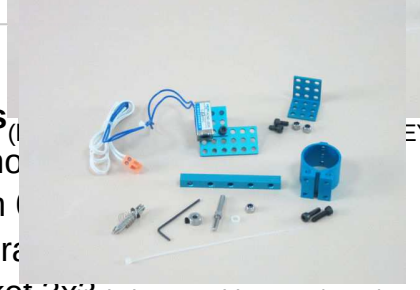

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1 × Solenoid - 12v

1 × Beam (

1 × Genera

2 × Bracket 3x3

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1 × Plate 3

1 × Thread

1 × Shaft (

1 × Headle

2 × Counte

2 × Plastic

2 × Plastic

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3 × Screw M4×8

2 × Screw M4×14

4 × Nylon Lock Nut M4

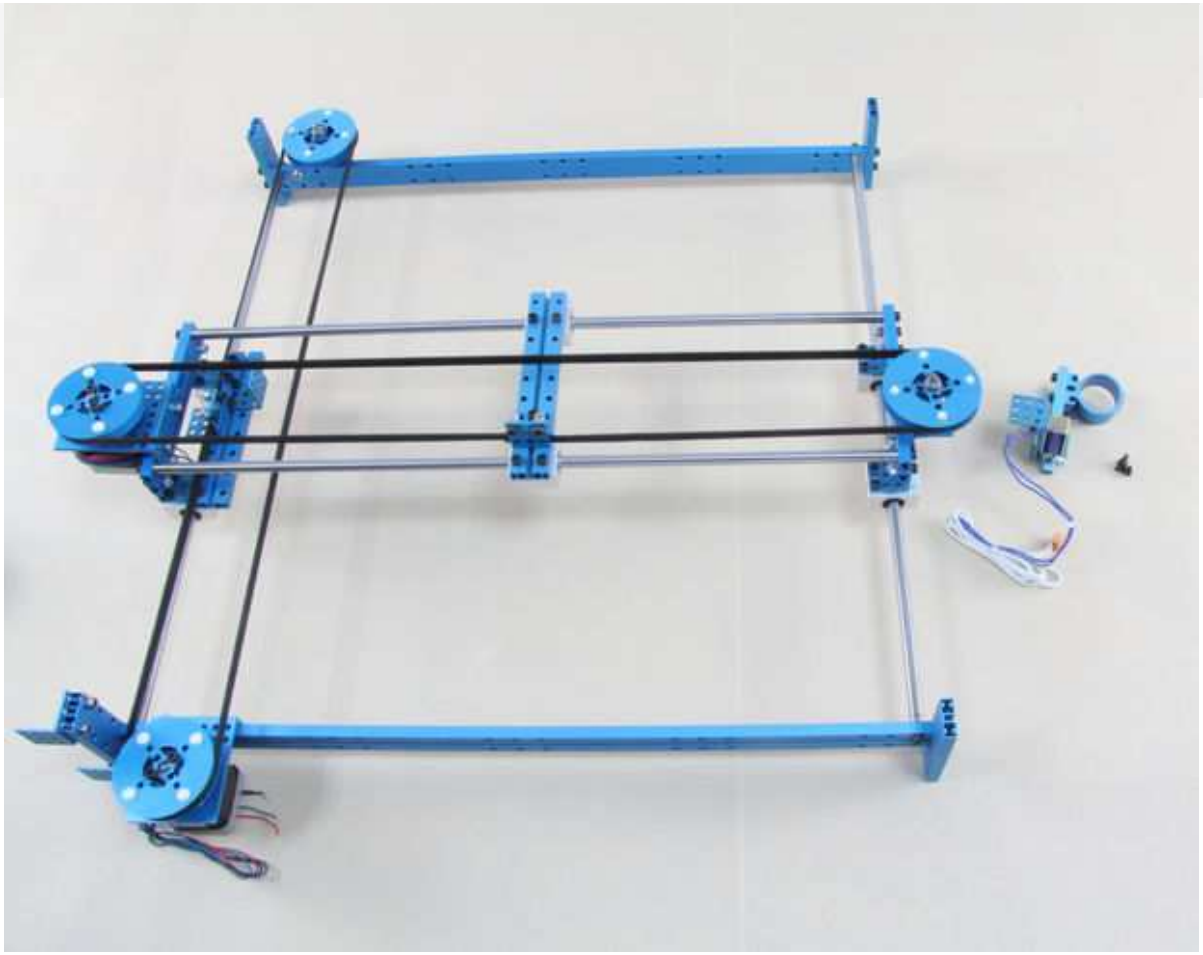
1 × Nylon Cable Ties

Procedure:

1. Install the Solenoid - 12v on the first Bracket 3x3 with a Countersunk Screw M3×8, a Plastic Ring 4x7x2mm and a Plastic Ring 4x7x1mm.
2. Install the Plate 3×6 on the first Bracket 3x3 and the Solenoid - 12v with a Countersunk Screw M3×8 and a Plastic Ring 4x7x1mm.
3. Install the first Bracket 3x3 on the Plate 3×6 with a Screw M4×8 and a Nylon Lock Nut M4.

4. Insert the Threaded Shaft 4x31mm into the Beam 0808-80.
5. Put the Shaft Collar 4mm on the Threaded Shaft 4×31mm and insert a Headless Screw M3×5 into the Shaft Collar 4mm.
6. Install a Plastic Ring 4x7x2mm on the Threaded Shaft 4×31mm.
7. Insert the Threaded Shaft 4×31mm with the Beam 0808-80 into the hole of the Plate 3×6.
8. Install the Threaded Shaft 4×31mm with the Beam 0808-80 to the Plate 3×6 with a Nylon Lock Nut M4.
9. Install the Beam 0808-80 to the Solenoid - 12v by using a Nylon Cable Ties.
10. Install the second Bracket 3x3 on the Plate 3×6 with 2 Screw M4×8 and 2 Nylon Lock Nut M4.
11. Install the General Bracket to the Beam 0808-80 with 2 Screw M4×14.

Step 16: Add Drawing Mechanism



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Materials

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2× Screw M

2 × Screw

Procedure

1. Install th 44 by using 2 Screw M4×8.
2. Insert 2

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Step 17: Add Electronic Modules

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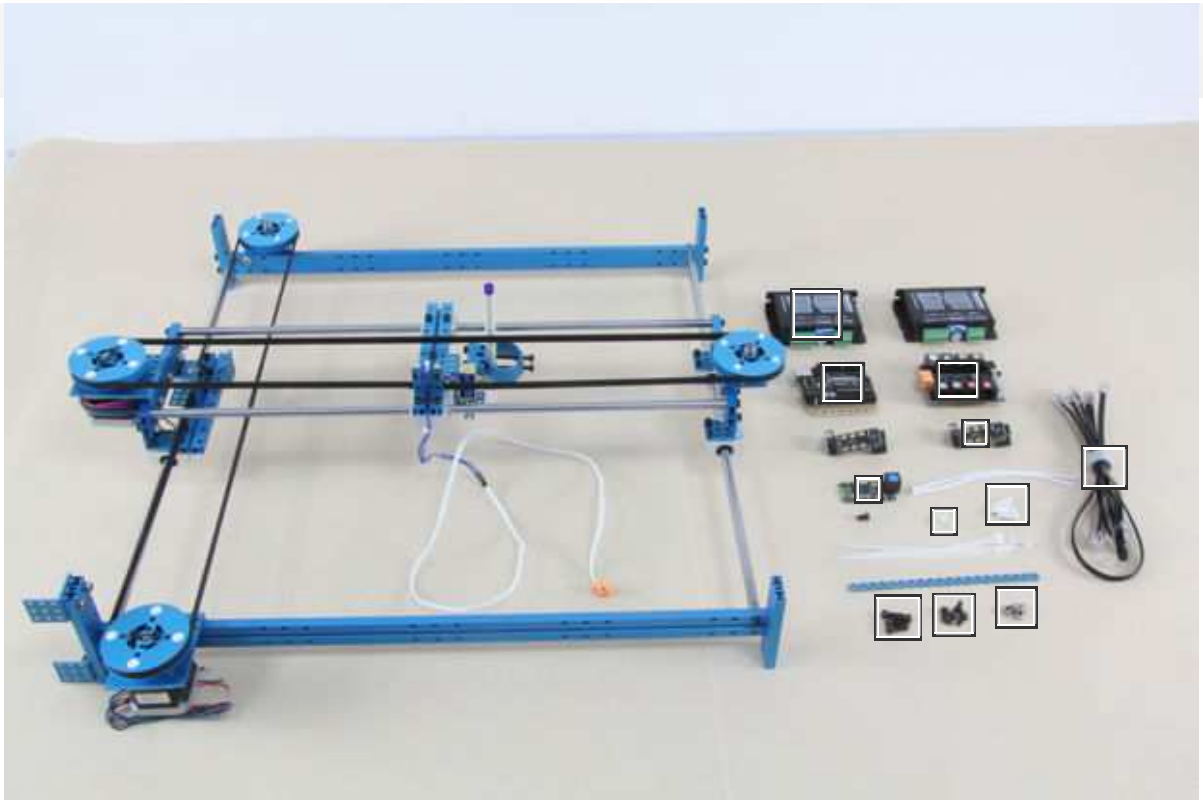

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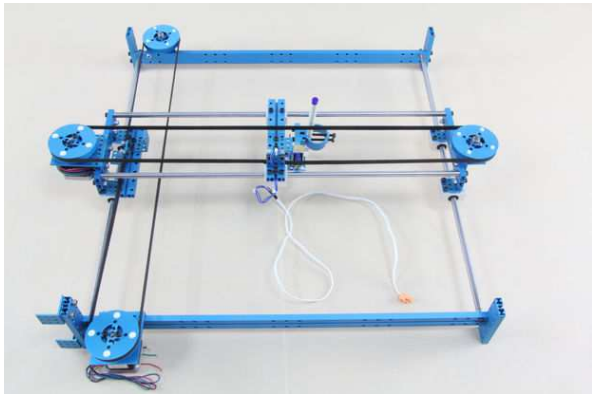

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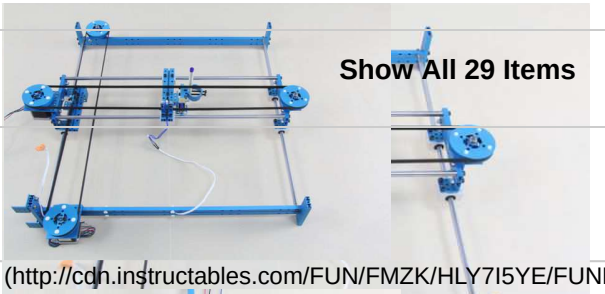

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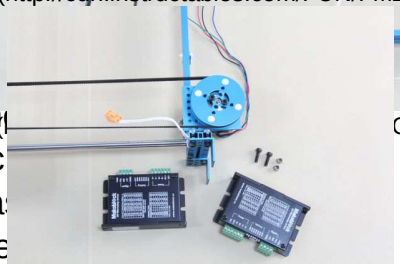

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Materials

1 × Arduin
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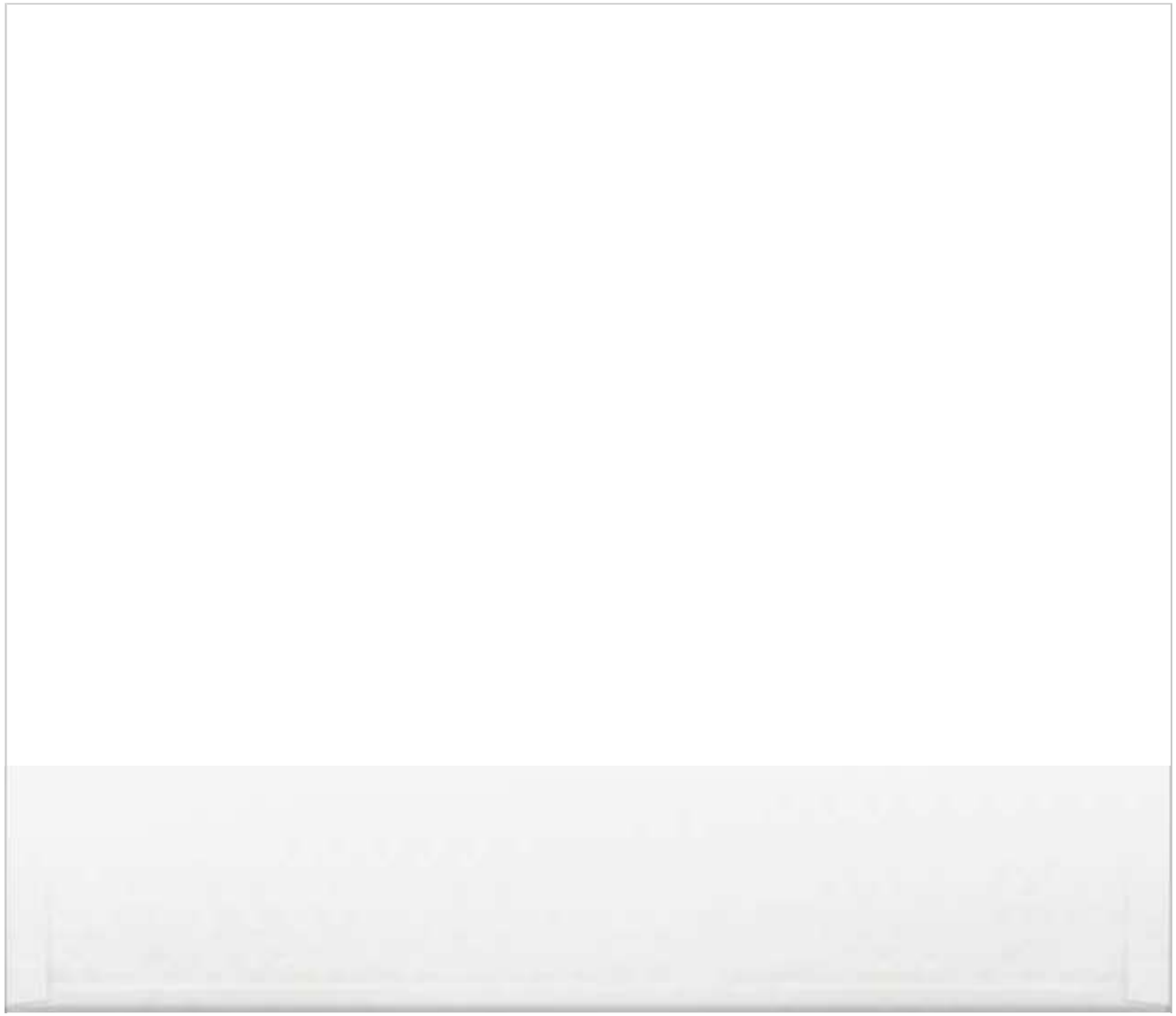
1 × Acrylic
1 × Me-Ba
2 × Steppe
1 × Me-B
2 × Me-Li
3 × 6P6C
2 × 6P6C
4 × Plasti
6 × Plasti
1 × Link Cou
4 × Screw M4×8
4 × Screw M4×14
4 × Nylon Lock Nut M4
8 × Nylon Cable Ties

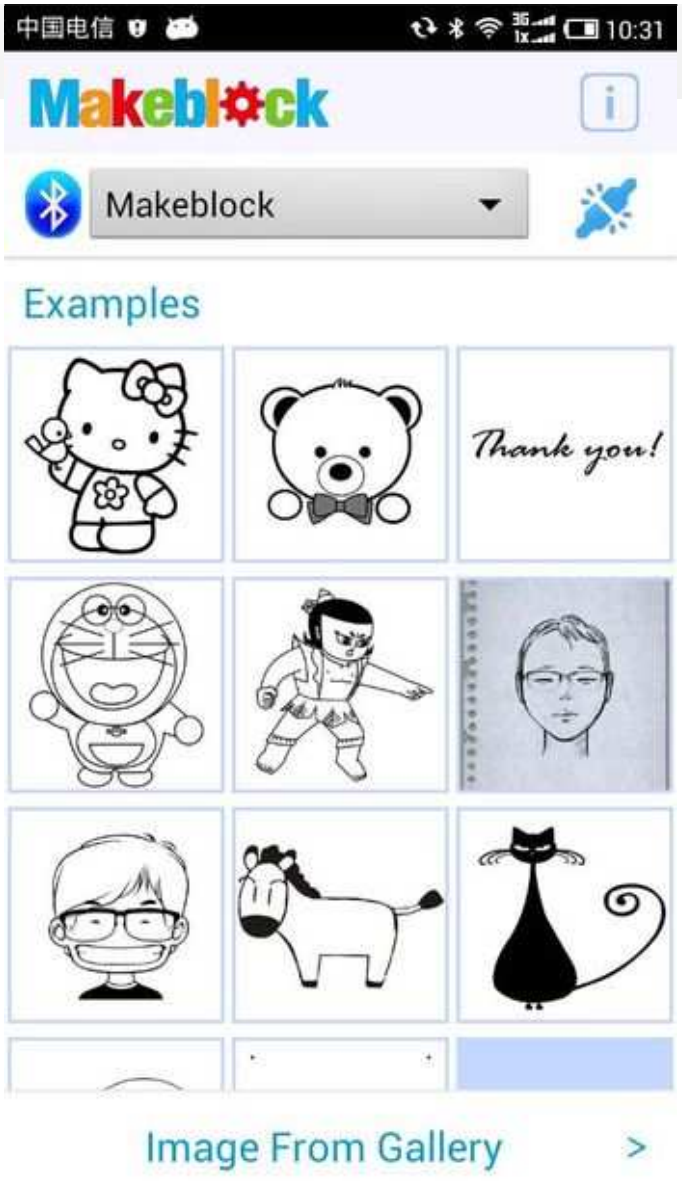
Procedure:

1. Install 2 to the Bracket 3×3 on Beam 0824-96 with 2 Screw M4×14 and 2 Nylon Lock Nut M4.
2. Install Meduino on Beam 0824-96 with 2 Screw M4×14 and 6 Plastic Ring 4x7x2mm.
3. Plug Me-Base ShIeld in Meduino.
4. Intall Me-Bluetooth.
5. Connect the first Me-Limit Switch on the Beam 0824-128 with 2 Screw M4×8.
6. Connect the second Me-Limit Switch on the Bracket 3×3 with 2 Screw M4×8

and 2 Nylon Cable Ties.
7. Connect the stepper motors to the stepper motor driver connector.
8. Connect all the electronic modules with Me-Base Shield.

Step 18: XY-Plotter Application for Android





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See more details about the codes and app for Android here (http://forum.makeblock.cc/t/xy-plotter-application-for-andoid/228). It would tell you how to run the XY-plotter by Android app.

That's all. Have fun!

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philspitler (/member/philspitler/) 6 days ago Reply (CHGMOUGI1CC0ATX)

(/member/philspitler/)

Is there a Processing App that will allow me to send images to to the plotter?

It seems like the Processing sketch is just for gCode and the Android App can send images.

I would love to have Processing send images from my laptop.

Any ideas?

Thanks.

Phil

davidvanderstel (/member/davidvanderstel/)

(/member/davidvanderstelt/)

Is it possible to use the adafruit Motor Shield (http://www.adafruit.com/products/81) instead of the Me-baseboard + stepperdrivers for this project? Thank you!

1 month ago Reply (CR8QHF1I097XEU7)

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link- (/member/link-/) 7 months ago Reply (CI18P7LHSE95BUC)

(/member/link-/)

i made the plotter but i have a problem with the rods and the sliders seem to be sticking and not moving well so my image gets messed up. can someone please help?

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kavish007 (/member/kavish007/) link- 2 months ago Reply (CTNV9JOHYTNUQV3)

(/member/kavish007/)

Hey, I am planning to make xy plotter . Were you successful in making this .

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cyclopedia (/member/cyclopedia/) 2 months ago Reply (CYX1DONHYHGIK6W)

(/member/cyclopedia/)

Hi
i was making the x-y plotter with other parts(acrylic etc.). its design is somewhat different. but the stepper motors are the same. will this code work for it?

luis.gonzalez.9809672 (/member/luis.gonzalez.9809672/) 2 months ago Reply (CY3M9KBHY3Z8W6T)

(/member/luis.gonzalez.9809672/)

how much load can I put over the moving car?

sammccants (/member/sammccants/) 7 months ago Reply (CJLCGJVHS9Y7ZTP)

(/member/sammccants/)

Hello! I managed to get it put together as instructed with a few minor hiccups, but now that it's all assembled I tried to use it with GCode and nothing happened, aside from the me-limit switches blinking. has anyone else had this issue?

jlp6k (/member/jlp6k/) 9 months ago Reply (CEGFOEEHQJDT05N)

(/member/jlp6k/)

I just started to assemble the kit and I have an issue on step 10. My assembly looks exactly as in pictures but the Y shafts seems to be too short.

I have double-checked everything... any advice from the community?

partyzan (/member/partyzan/) jlp6k 8 months ago Reply (CFP4W9SHQVLC54R)

(/member/partyzan/)

I have the exact same issue, the only solution I can think of is moving the brackets forward to compensate but I still don't understand why it is different from the instructable :/

pyrokidd89 (/member/pyrokidd89/) 10 months ago Reply (C70JL56HOTJ2E5S)

(/member/pyrokidd89/)

what is the resolution of the plotter?

avtech (/member/avtech/) 1 year ago Reply (CDWWBS6HN386S7I)

(/member/avtech/)

Any Chance of an iOS app?

indream (/member/indream/) avtech

(/member/indream/)

iphone needs the BLE or Wifi module for communication.this project can only support bluetooth 2.0, Maybe makeblock will be add the BLE module or WIFI module

11 months ago Reply (CL583DAHO238IV9)

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eumorpurgo (/member/eumorpurgo/) 1 year ago Reply (CDCD3J9HMKLNDEG)

(/member/eumorpurgo/)

Hello!
i finished to build the xy plotter, now where do i find the source code and the APP to send picture from a Android smart phone?
thank you
eugenia

indream (/member/indream/) eumorpurgo 11 months ago Reply (CSIA68LHO238IV4)

(/member/indream/)

http://forum.makeblock.cc/t/xy-plotter-using-gcode-interpreter/256
or http://forum.makeblock.cc/t/xy-plotter-application-for-andoid/228/

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alegiaco (/member/alegiaco/) 1 year ago Reply (C2G1GW9HMMF4Y78)

(/member/alegiaco/)

Hei, I would buy it, but without the software is USELESS. Where is the code?

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indream (/member/indream/) alegiaco

(/member/indream/)

http://forum.makeblo/t/xy-plotter-using-gcode-interpreter/256 or http://forum.makeblo/t/xy-plotter-application-for-andoid/228/

11 months ago Reply (CW8QFQPHO238IV1)

(/member/Hiram/)

Hiram (/member/Hiram/) 1 year ago Reply (CG9C8ODHMK7F7SC)

Hello. I'm not a programmer at all and I wonder if I buy the electronic kit + mechanics, accompanying programs are sufficient to operate the robot who paints? I have also a Windows PC? thank you

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(/member/askjerry/)

askjerry (/member/askjerry/) 1 year ago Reply (CYWU5QZHLZRS2XK)

I have seen the **Makeblock** before on other projects...

MUSIC (http://www.instructables.com/id/Making-Music-with-Makeblock/)
ROBOT #1 (http://www.instructables.com/id/A-New-Way-to-Make-an-Aluminium-Alloy-Robot/)
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It looks like a very useful building system... it started out this year (Jan 2013) as a kickstarter (http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/1397854503/makeblock-next-generation-of-construct-platform)... glad to see that it got a good start.

It also looks like they have the plotter on sale as a kit for **$152** now. CLICK HERE (http://makeblock.cc/xy-plotter-kit/) But they also show a second plotter kit... not sure of the difference... perhaps larger. CLICK HERE (http://makeblock.cc/xy-plotter-e-kit/) (**$216**)

mathieulj (/member/mathieulj/) askjerry 1 year ago Reply (C6O0VROHM8DBPZ0)

First kit doesnt come with the electronics. The second one does.

(/member/mathieulj/)

orpheus567 (/member/orpheus567/) 1 year ago Reply (C0WTZ3JHM8DD3O9)

Nice work...:-)

(/member/orpheus567/)

Is this ship to world wide? because makeblock.cc site can't find my country distributors....

Edgar (/member/Edgar/) 1 year ago Reply (CC1GN7JHM7PC0PB)

A neat Instructable, and a great idea, Makeblock, very good prices, congratulations, and good luck!
Went to my Blog:
http://faz-voce-mesmo.blogspot.pt/2013/09/cnc-um-livro-uma-cortadora-laser-open.html

(/member/Edgar/)

muh1967 (/member/muh1967/) 1 year ago Reply (CW0SG1RHM768H7O)

Hi , very interest, can I buy this project project completely (included H/w and S/W), especially the software must be open source, please. thanks for reply.

(/member/muh1967/)

scci (/member/scci/) 1 year ago Reply (C22ROPPHM7PBN1E)

I wanted to do this with my 3d printer, then I realized i'm turning a 3d printer into a 2d printer with less accuracy, limited colors, limited usability, but with a larger print space. Cool project though

(/member/scci/)

saravananeceait1 (/member/saravananeceait1/) 1 year ago Reply (CAWPTA6HLZRDEBT)

(/member/saravananeceait1/)

it will be very good materials, i have more ideas for the way of this materials,i really excatted

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elabz (/member/elabz/) 1 year ago Reply (CQ5Y7P1HLZRDCNB)

(/member/elabz/)

I thought the commonly accepted name for a "*drawing robot*" is *plotter*, no? :)

tootall1121 (/member/tootall1121/) 1 year ago Reply (C1ILJQ7HLZRVJTQ)

(/member/tootall1121/)

Seems like this stuff is a modern day version of the old Erector sets. Cool device, but there needs to be a quick and easy way to get it to draw whatever you want. Most people won't want to write code and such, but will want the freedom to make it draw anything, at any time. Same with 3D printers, they're not worth much to the average joe until we can easily get it to make whatever.

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pcarew (/member/pcarew/) 1 year ago Reply (CFC4231HLZRVIOS)

(/member/pcarew/)

Can you position / align the head with the corner/edge of the papaer?
What is the drawing resolution?

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alegiaco (/member/alegiaco/) 1 year ago Reply (C9GYM97HLZRH3JU)

(/member/alegiaco/)

very interesting.
Could you post also the source code for the Arduino?
And for the client pc side, what do you use? Processing? something else?
Can you post the source code?
Thanks.

(/member/Makerworks/)

Makerworks (/member/Makerworks/) (author) alegiaco 1 year ago Reply (CO0XHSLHLZRO8HF)

We are correcting the source code now, and the picture is sending from a Android smart phone by an APP. We will release them soon.

pcarew (/member/pcarew/) Makerworks 1 year ago Reply (CWVXLJSHLZRVIKU)

Where will you release these?
Thanks

(/member/pcarew/)

(/member/DoctorWoo/)

DoctorWoo (/member/DoctorWoo/) 1 year ago Reply (C73T8HOHLZRWBKM)

It looks like the parts may be 3D printed. Do you guys have plans (or already have them up somewhere) to release the STL files for them?

(/member/Makerworks/)

Makerworks (/member/Makerworks/) (author) DoctorWoo 1 year ago Reply (CNW217HHLZRO8HW)

The 3D printer may be a plan project. And we will release the STL files soon.

pcarew (/member/pcarew/) Makerworks 1 year ago Reply (CYBBY5JHLZRVIKL)

Where/what website will you release or make these available on?
Thanks

(/member/pcarew/)

Kelticfox (/member/Kelticfox/)

What size paper does this go up to?

1 year ago Reply (C5ZVL6OHM33VOMX)

(/member
/Kelticfox/)

TDaddy (/member/TDaddy/) 1 year ago Reply (CRXX82WHLZRS26S)

Where's the sketch?

(/member
/TDaddy/)

Alabalcho (/member/Alabalcho/) 1 year ago Reply (C597HHHHLZRESK2)

What is the accuracy / repeatability of the setup? Will it be enough to make it into e.g. a laser cutter?

(/member
/Alabalcho/)

Makerworks (/member/Makerworks/) (author) Alabalcho 1 year ago Reply (CL3QQVHHM33VMPU)

Yes, it can be enough to make it into a laser cutter if you change the pen to a laser head.

(/member
/Makerworks/)

EoinM17 (/member/EoinM17/) 1 year ago Reply (C91BCELHLZRWMST)

this could probably be modified into a vinyl cutter by putting a cnc vinyl cutter bit like in this instructable http://www.instructables.com/id/DIY-CNC-Graphics-cutter-hack/
a (http://www.instructables.com/id/DIY-CNC-Graphics-cutter-hack/)nd a small electric lock or servo to lift the cutter and lower it

(/member
/EoinM17/)

Makerworks (/member/Makerworks/) (author) EoinM17

It's a good idea to modified this to a vinyl cutter. Thanks for your

suggestion. 1 year ago Reply (C04HFQ5HM33VMPK)

(/member
/Makerworks/)

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tbeltrami (/member/tbeltrami/) 1 year ago Reply (CQD44UXHLZRUVU7)

What is the total cost of the project?

(/member
/tbeltrami/)

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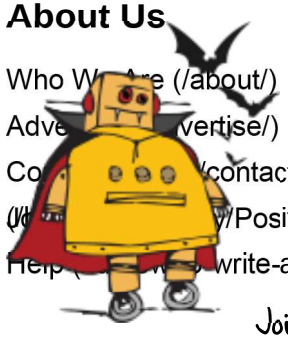

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