

Assign4.2-Slicing an STL File for 3d-Printing

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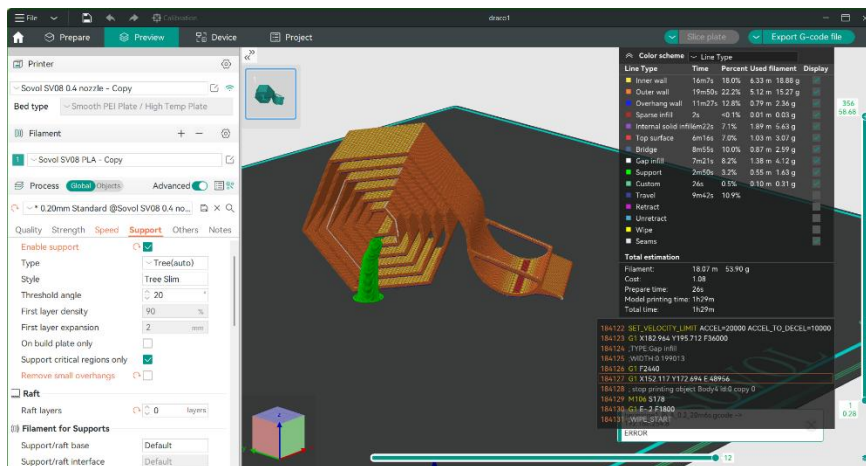
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For this project, I decided to tap into my final for this class and slice an important component from my design. This piece is the torsion spring in which will be the centerpiece. This spring needs to be able to launch a dice, but not too far. We don't want to hit anyone in the eye. I also would like for it to last a while without breaking.

In the example below, I decided to try slicing at the angle I would place a die at. On my machine, I can get better details if the numbers are not directly on the build plate so tree supports are my best option. In this case however, I would not recommend printing in this orientation. There is not much contact with the base plate and this spring will essentially jiggle as it is being printed, seriously affecting our quality and strength.



For the best quality and strength for our torsion spring, we will slice it on its side. This gives a better footprint to contact the build-plate with and will now move the layer lines down the length of the spring, resulting in a much stronger part. This will also prevent the spring from jiggling with the motions of the printer. There is still a small bridging section that my printer can handle but I would rather go ahead and support it. As it is the only component of my part that needs support, I opted to paint in a manual support just to make sure that it's the only place that orca-slicer tries to generate them. I'm actually very happy with this design and it works even better than expected.

