3D Printing Tips & Tricks

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Supplies

In addition to filament, there are a lot of supplies that 3D printer owners should buy. Buy hairspray to make the build plate sticky along with super glue, masking tape, sand paper and small clamps for assembling models. Also, buy a variety pack of nozzles and a toolbox to keep everything in.

Modelling

Download free models from sites like Thingiverse, Thangs and Sketchfab. You can also buy models from sites like Cults, CG Trader, Artstation, 3DExport and Threeding.

Find the software that you like the best for 3D modelling and practice it until you can create your own models. Apps like Blender, Sketchup and Autodesk are great for 3D modelling.

Advice

- Save time by printing multiple parts at once.
- Test print large models in small scale.
- Keep your filament clean and dry.
- Keep your nozzle clean and updated.
- Always print from an SD card.
- Check and tighten your printer's hardware.
- Spend time practicing and learning.