

## Lesson Plan: #NoyesArtatHome

### Tony Smith: Minimalist Sculpture Project

#### Overview:

Back in the 1960s there was a movement in sculpture which focused only on the elements of art: line, shape, space, **value**, **form**, **texture**, and color. The most well-known sculptors during this time were [Tony Smith](#), [Robert Morris](#), and [Carl Andre](#). The genre they started was called **Minimalism** for its use of basic and abstracted representation of objects.

#### Definitions:

**Value:** How light or dark a color is.

**Form:** A shape that has length, width, and depth.

**Texture:** A visual and sensory pattern that denotes the smoothness or roughness of an object.

#### Project Description:

In this art lesson we will be focused on building 3D shapes out of flat material, emulating the Minimalist sculptors of the 60s and 70s.

#### Supplies:

- Sheet of Bristol board or cereal box board
- Scissors, hobby knife, or box cutter
- Ruler
- Craft glue (i.e. Elmer's)
- Pen or pencil
- Cutting board (optional)

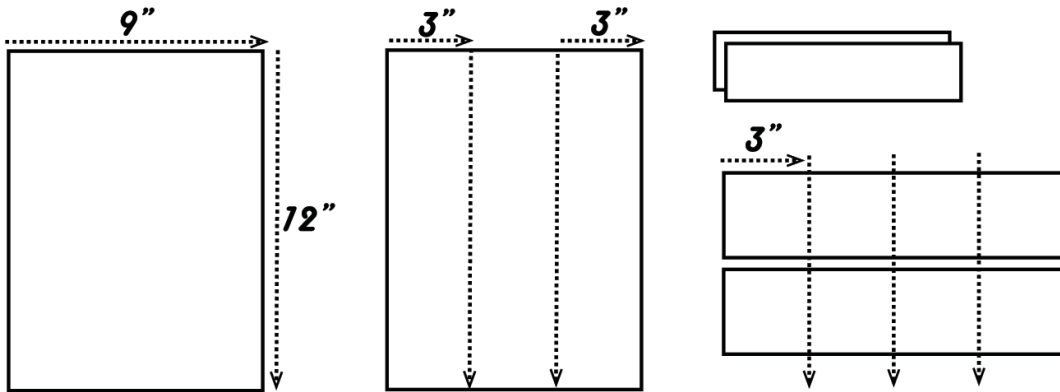


Tony Smith, *Die*, 1962, steel with oiled finish  
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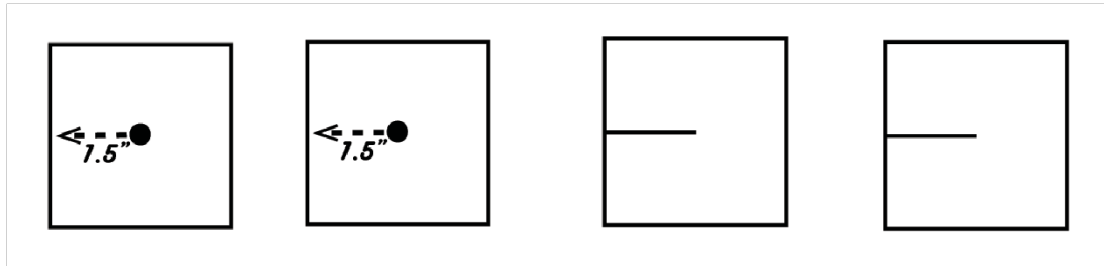
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**Steps: How to create a 3" x 3" x 3" cube based on Tony Smith's Die.**

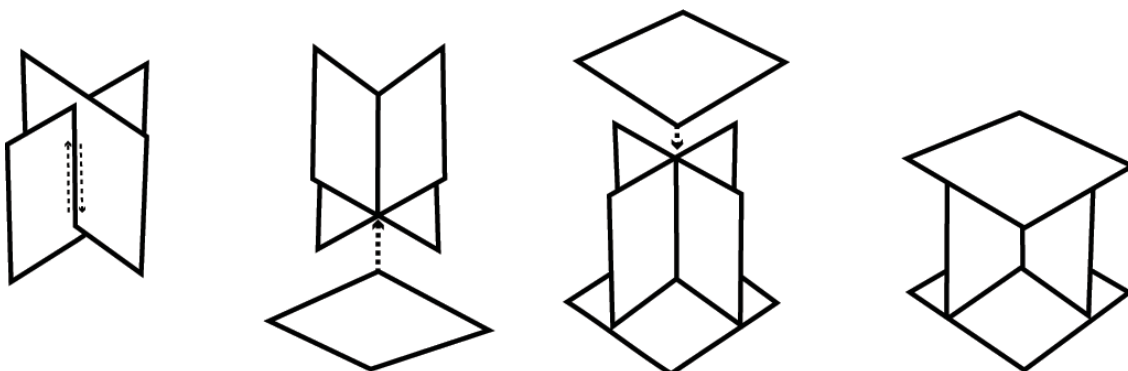
1. Use your ruler and pencil and measure out eight 3-inch squares.
2. Cut out the eight squares.



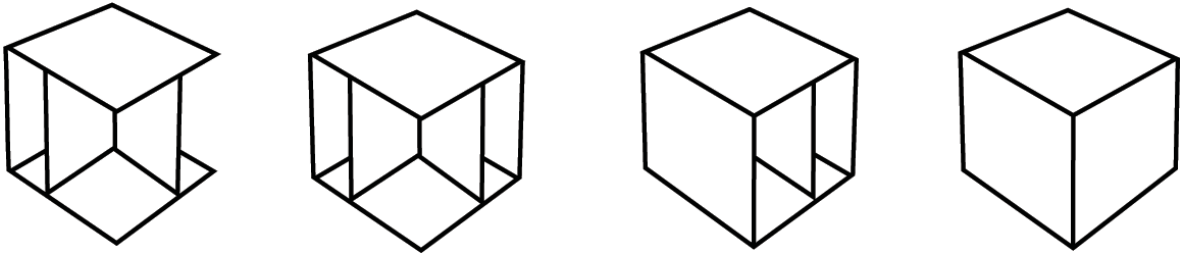
3. Take two of your cut out squares. Measure the whole square and then divide by two to find the midpoint. Make a dot in the center of both squares.
4. Take one of the squares with a dot in the center. Use your ruler to draw a line from the dot to one of the four sides. Repeat for the second dotted square.
5. Cut along the straight line from the center to the edge of each square.



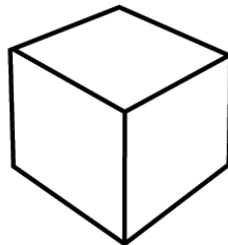
6. Now slide them together making a "+" shape.
7. Glue two squares to the top and bottom of the "+" shape. Wait for the glue to completely dry before moving to the next step.



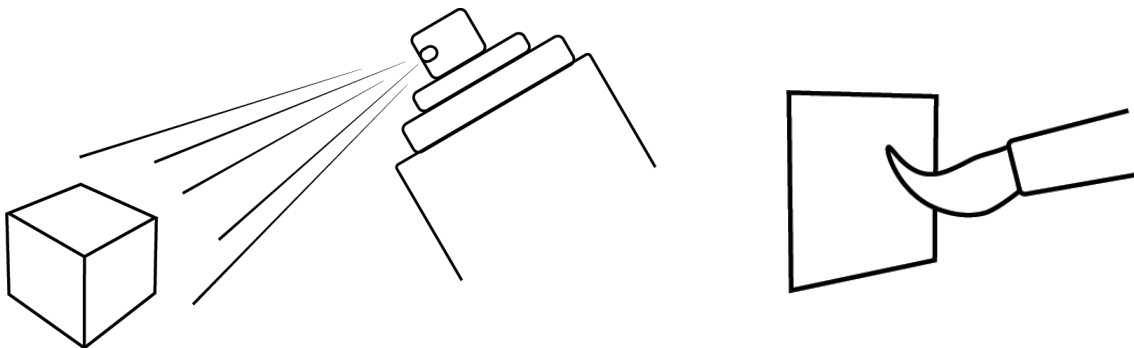
8. Glue the rest of the squares to the outside of the “+” shape.



9. Use glue to close and seal any edges of the cube. Once you let it dry, you are finished your minimalist sculpture!



**Optional:** Spray paint the final product if you want it to be one uniform color, or paint a minimalist pattern on each of the six sides.



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