#  CAD <br> Articulated <br> Butterfly <br> Project 



Reference to Aligning, Flip direction, Move direction, and Rotate direction.
Always be in the "home view" when doing any of these!!!


Aligning:


Flip or Mirror and Move:


Rotate:


## Articulated Butterfly:

## Head:

Bring in a Cylinder, located in Basic Shapes on the right 2 shapes down.
From now on this will be called the Head.
Change the dimensions to $10 \mathrm{~mm} X$ direction, $10 \mathrm{~mm} Y$ direction, and 8 mm Z direction.


## Body:

Bring in a Box, located in Basic Shapes on the left 2 shapes down.
From now on this will be called the Body.
Change the dimensions to $8 \mathrm{~mm} X$ direction, 22mm Y direction, and $8 \mathrm{~mm} Z$ direction.


Align Head and Body
centered in X direction, back of $Y$ direction, and bottom of $Z$ direction.


Move Body (Must be in home view for this to work!) move forward in negative Y direction 9 mm
Hint: Select Body and push down arrow key 9 times.


Group Head and Body
From now on this will be called the Body.


## Tail:

Bring in a Cylinder, located in Basic Shapes on the right 2 shapes down.
From now on this will be called the Tail.
Change the dimensions to $8 \mathrm{~mm} X$ direction, $18 \mathrm{~mm} Y$ direction, and 8 mm Z direction.

Align Tail and Body
centered in X direction, front of $Y$ direction, and bottom of $Z$ direction.


Move Body (Must be in home view for this to work!) move back in positive Y direction 15 mm
Hint: Select Body and push up arrow key 15 times.
Or hold down shift and push up arrow 1 time and release shift and push up arrow 5 times.


After


Group Tail and Body
From now on this will be called the Body.
Set the body off to the side for now.

## Top Wing Section:

Bring in a Box, located in Basic Shapes on the left 2 shapes down.
From now on this will be called the Top Wing Section.
Change the dimensions to
26 mm X direction,
53mm Y direction, and 8 mm Z direction.


## Top Wing Section Tip:

Bring in a Cylinder, located in Basic Shapes on the right 2 shapes down.
From now on this will be called the Top Wing Section Tip.
Change the dimensions to $26 \mathrm{~mm} X$ direction,
26mm Y direction, and 8 mm Z direction.

centered in X direction, back in Y direction, and bottom of $Z$ direction.


Move Top Wing Section (Must be in home view for this to work!) move forward in negative $Y$ direction 13 mm
Hint: Select Top Wing Section and push down arrow key 13 times.
Or hold down shift and push down arrow 1 time and release shift and push down arrow 3 times.

Before


After


Group Top Wing Section and Top Wing Section Tip From now on this will be called the Top Wing Section

Set the Top Wing Section off to the side for now.

## Bottom Wing Section:

Bring in a Box, located in Basic Shapes on the left 2 shapes down.
From now on this will be called the Bottom Wing Section.
Change the dimensions to $20 \mathrm{~mm} X$ direction, 20mm Y direction, and 8 mm Z direction.


## Bottom Wing Section Tip:

Bring in a Cylinder, located in Basic Shapes on the right 2 shapes down. From now on this will be called the Bottom Wing Section Tip.

Change the dimensions to $20 \mathrm{~mm} X$ direction, 20mm Y direction, and $8 \mathrm{~mm} Z$ direction.

centered in X direction, centered in Y direction, and centered of $Z$ direction.


Move Bottom Wing Section (Must be in home view for this to work!) move left in negative $X$ direction 10 mm
Hint: Select Bottom Wing Section and push left arrow key 10 times.
Or hold down shift and push left arrow 1 time.


Group Bottom Wing Section and Bottom Wing Section Tip
From now on this will be called the Bottom Wing Section

## Align Top Wing Section and Bottom Wing Section

Left in $X$ direction,
Forward in Y direction, and Bottom of $Z$ direction.


Move Bottom Wing Section (Must be in home view for this to work!)
move right in positive $X$ direction 26 mm
Hint: Select Bottom Wing Section and push right arrow key 26 times.
Or hold down shift and push right arrow 2 time and release shift and push right arrow 6 times.


Group Top Wing Section and Bottom Wing Section
From now on this will be called the Wing Section

## Curved Wing Section:

Bring in a MetaFillet, located in All, (things in All move each time that TinkerCad adds items to All), this was last seen on page 11, on the bottom left.
From now on this will be called the Curved Wing Section.
Change the dimensions to 20 mm X direction,
30mm Y direction, and $8 \mathrm{~mm} Z$ direction.


Rotate the Curved Wing Section clockwise180 degrees in XY plane.

Before


After

centered in X direction, centered in Y direction, and bottom of $Z$ direction.


Move Wing Section (Must be in home view for this to work!)
move left in negative $X$ direction 8 mm and
move forward in negative Y direction 2 mm


After


Group Wing Section and Curved Wing Section
From now on this will be called the Right Wing

Rotate the Right Wing clockwise 67.5 degrees in XY plane.

## Before



After


## Duplicate Right Wing

Flip Right Wing in x direction.

## Before



After


From now on this new flipped part will be called the Left Wing

Move Left Wing (Must be in home view for this to work!) move left in negative $X$ direction 60 mm

Before


Group Right Wing and Left Wing
From now on this will be called the Wings

Align Wings and Body centered in $X$ direction, centered in Y direction, and bottom of $Z$ direction.


Move Body (Must be in home view for this to work!)
move back in positive Y direction 3 mm

After


Group Wings and Body
From now on this will be called the Butterfly
Congratulation! You have built the Butterfly.
Set the Butterfly off to the side.
The next section will show you how to construction the joints for the butterfly.

## Hinge Assembly:

## Hinge Box:

Bring in a Box, located in Basic Shapes on the left 2 shapes down.
From now on this will be called the Hinge Box.
Change the dimensions to
$7 \mathrm{~mm} \times$ direction,
$6 \mathrm{~mm} Y$ direction, and 8 mm Z direction.


## Hinge Box Cutout:

Bring in a Box, located in Basic Shapes on the right 2 shapes down.
From now on this will be called the Hinge Box Cutout.
Change the dimensions to $6 \mathrm{~mm} X$ direction, $4 \mathrm{~mm} Y$ direction, and 8 mm Z direction.


Change Hinge Box Cutout to Hole by selecting Hinge Box Cutout and typing "h".
left in X direction, centered in $Y$ direction, and bottom of $Z$ direction.


Group Hinge Box and Hinge Box Cutout
From now on this will be called the Hinge Box

## Pin:

Bring in a Cylinder, located in Basic Shapes on the right 2 shapes down.
From now on this will be called the Pin.
Change the dimensions to $3 \mathrm{~mm} X$ direction, 3 mm Y direction, and $6 \mathrm{~mm} Z$ direction.


Rotate the Pin clockwise 90 degrees in YZ plane.

Before


After

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Align Hinge Box and Pin
centered in $X$ direction, centered in Y direction, and centered of $Z$ direction.


Group Hinge Box and Pin
From now on this will be called the Hinge Box

## Pin Cutout:

Bring in a Cylinder, located in Basic Shapes on the right 2 shapes down.
From now on this will be called the Pin Cutout.
Change the dimensions to $2 \mathrm{~mm} X$ direction, 2 mm Y direction, and $6 \mathrm{~mm} Z$ direction.


Rotate the Pin Cutout clockwise 90 degrees in YZ plane.

Before


After


Change Pin Cutout to Hole by selecting Pin Cutout and typing "h".

## Align Hinge Box and Pin Cutout

centered in X direction, centered in Y direction, and centered of $Z$ direction.


Group Hinge Box and Pin Cutout
From now on this will be called the Hinge Box


This is the basic Hinge Box, which later you will change to a Hole and put your hinges in. This can be applied to many different designs.

The next part is custom to what you are adding the hinge to.

## Bottom Box Cutout:

Bring in a Box, located in Basic Shapes on the left 2 shapes down.
From now on this will be called the Bottom Box Cutout.

Change the dimensions to 1 mm X direction, 50mm Y direction, and $8 \mathrm{~mm} Z$ direction.


Align Hinge Box and Bottom Box Cutout
left in X direction, back in $Y$ direction, and bottom of $Z$ direction.


Move Bottom Box Cutout (Must be in home view for this to work!) move forward in negative $Y$ direction 5 mm


Group Hinge Box and Bottom Box Cutout From now on this will be called the Hinge Box

## Top Box Cutout:

Bring in a Box, located in Basic Shapes on the left 2 shapes down.
From now on this will be called the Top Box Cutout.
Change the dimensions to $1 \mathrm{~mm} X$ direction, 20mm Y direction, and $8 \mathrm{~mm} Z$ direction.


Align Hinge Box and Top Box Cutout
left in X direction, back in Y direction, and bottom of $Z$ direction.


Move Bottom Box Cutout (Must be in home view for this to work!) move forward in negative $Y$ direction 19 mm

Before


Group Hinge Box and Bottom Box Cutout From now on this will be called the Hinge Box


## DuplicateHinge Box

Move Hinge Box (Must be in home view for this to work!) move right in positive $X$ direction 13 mm and move back in positive Y direction 3 mm


## Duplicate Hinge Box 2 more times

When you immediately do duplicate after a move or rotate then TinkerCAD will do the duplicate and the action from the last object moved or rotated.

You should see this after:


Group all 4 Hinge Boxes
From now on this will be called the Right Hinge Box Set

Flip Right Hinge Box Set in X direction.

## Before



After


From now on this new flipped part will be called the Left Hinge Box Set
Move Left Hinge Box Set (Must be in home view for this to work!) move left in negative $X$ direction 60 mm

Before


After


Group Left Hinge Box set and Right Hinge Box Set From now on this will be called the Hinge Box Set
centered in $X$ direction, centered in Y direction, and bottom of $Z$ direction.


Change Hinge Box Set to Hole by selecting Hinge Box Set and typing "h".

Group Hinge Box Set and Butterfly
From now on this will be called the Butterfly

## Right Antenna:

Bring in a Box, located in Basic Shapes on the left 2 shapes down.
From now on this will be called the Right Antenna.
Change the dimensions to $2 \mathrm{~mm} X$ direction, 20mm Y direction, and $8 \mathrm{~mm} Z$ direction.


Rotate the Right Antenna clockwise 22.5 degrees in XY plane.

Before


After


## Duplicate Right Antenna

Flip Right Antenna in X direction.

Before


After


From now on this new flipped part will be called the Left Antenna.

Move Left Antenna (Must be in home view for this to work!) move left in negative $X$ direction 10mm

Before


After


Group Left Antenna and Right Antenna
From now on this will be called the Antennas

## Align Antennas and Butterfly

centered in X direction, back in $Y$ direction, and bottom of $Z$ direction.


Before After

Group Antennas and Butterfly
From now on this will be called the Articulated Butterfly
Congratulation! You have built the Articulated Butterfly.
Print the butterfly.
Removed butterfly and gently bend each hinge.
Each hinge may be somewhat stuck but should be able to bend and move with some effort.
Enjoy and have fun playing with your butterfly.

Advanced students continue to the next page...


Advanced Students project:

Add the four hinges as shown on your own.


Good Luck and have fun.

