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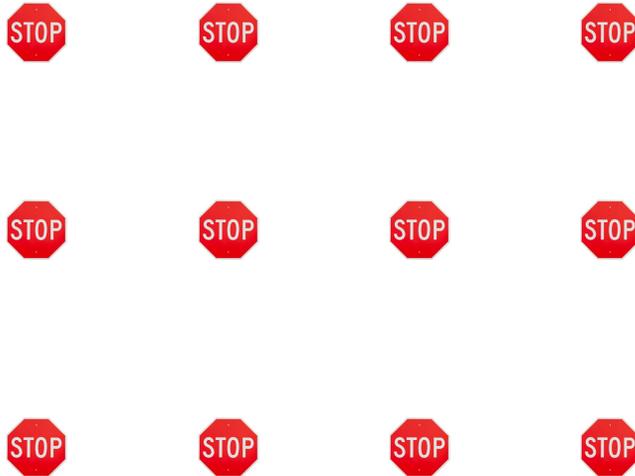


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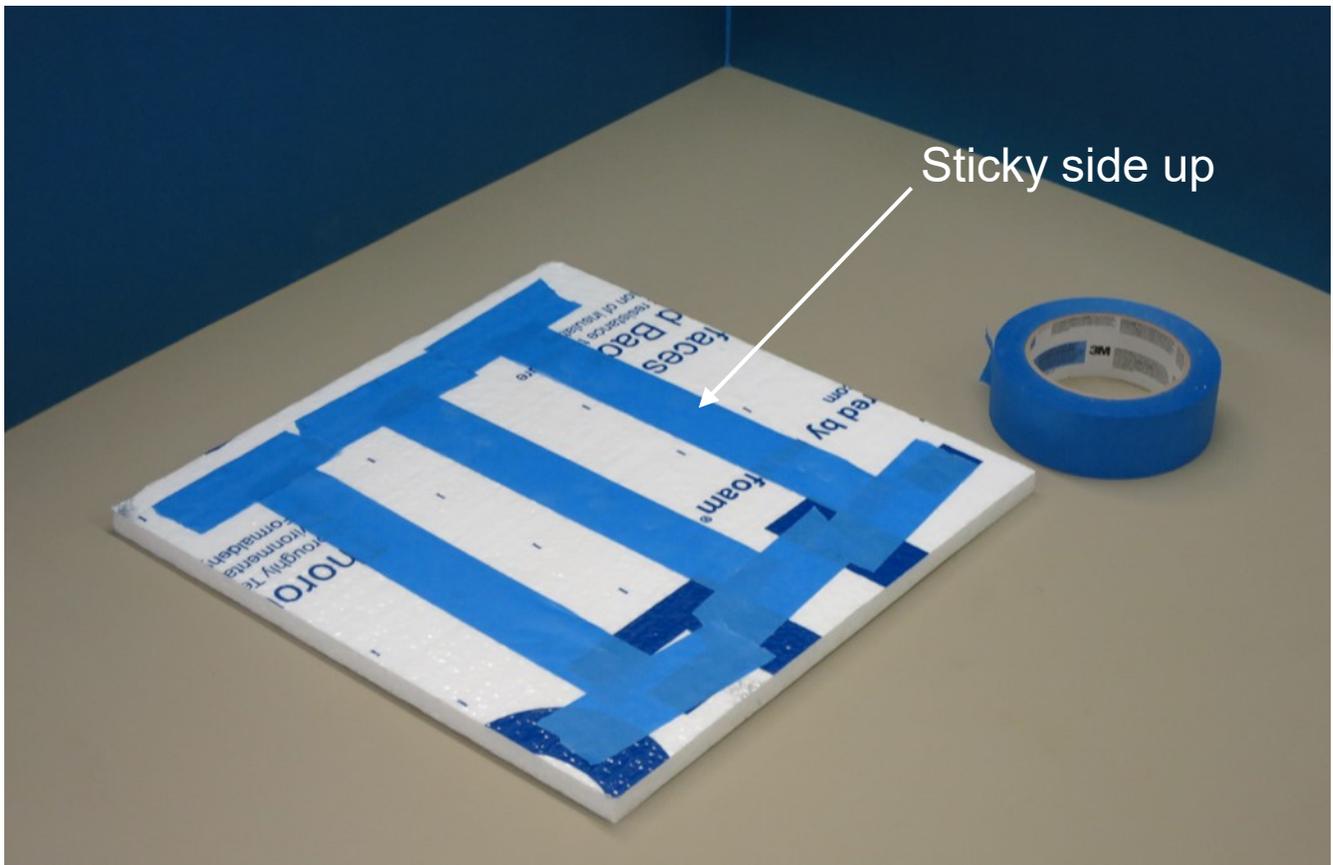
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Print this page on glossy photo paper and carefully cut out each sign with a sharp pair of scissors. I used a pair of tweezers to hold the signs for the last couple of cuts.

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This is my way of painting small, light, plastic parts:

- Cut out a couple pieces of 1/2" foam insulation about 12" wide x 12" long to use as a holder while painting your parts. Lay one of the pieces flat on your workbench.
- Tear off 2 pieces of 1 1/2" blue painters tape about 3" long and tack them to the edge of your workbench.
- Tear off a piece of blue painter's tape about 8" long and place it along the middle of the piece of insulation with the sticky side up. Using one of the short pieces of tape, secure one end of this 8" piece of tape to the insulation. Stretch the 8" piece of tap across the insulation and secure the other end with a short piece of tape. Repeat this process for a as many rows as needed to paint all parts.
- Now, you have a sticky surface to hold your work while you paint..

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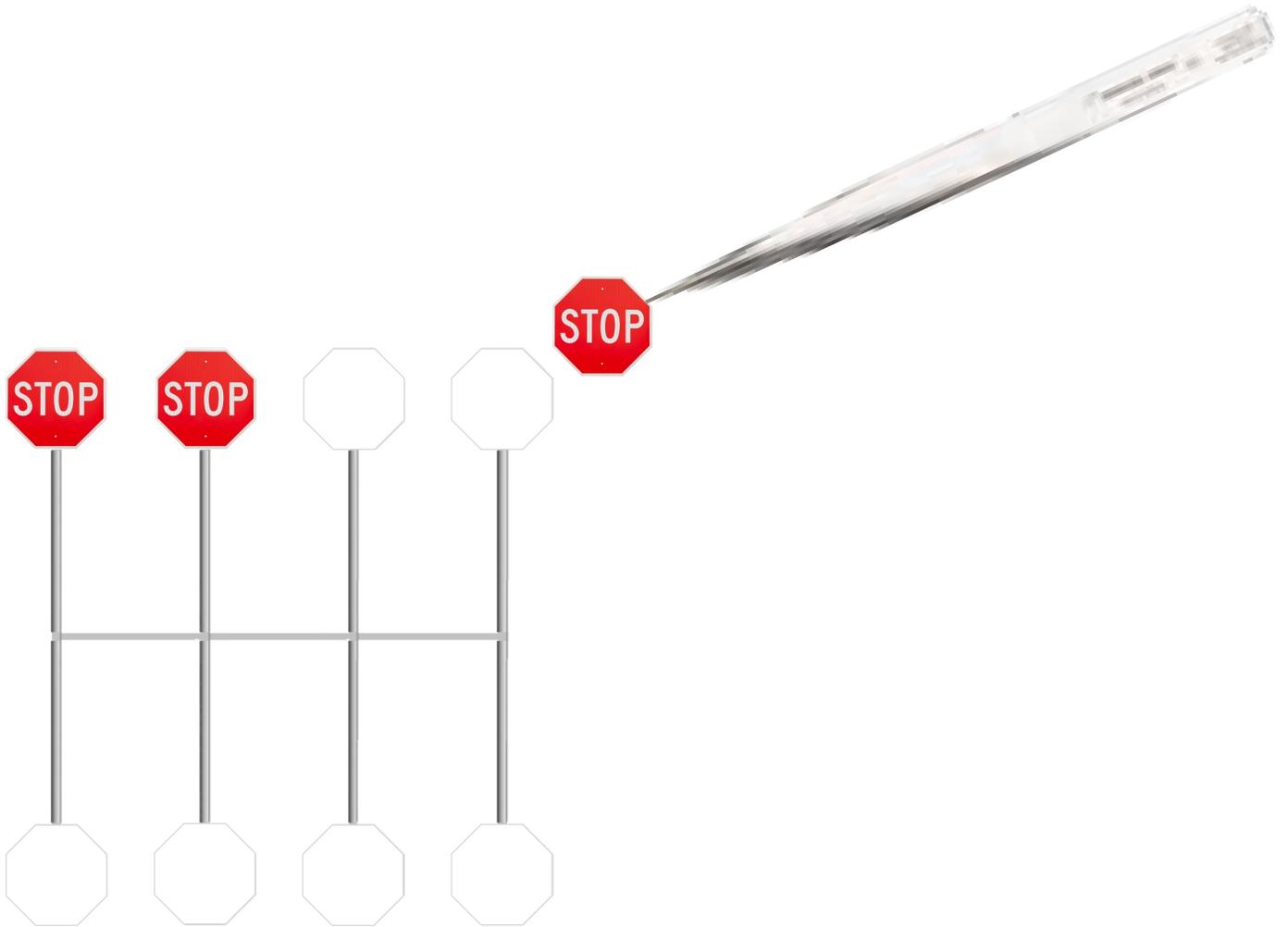
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- Press the sign assembly (Part # SS-001) firmly onto the sticky side of blue painter's tape with the sign faces up and spray with white plastic bonding paint. (I have good luck with Rust-Oleum 2X). Let dry for several hours.
- Replace the tape with fresh tape. Mask off the white stop sign faces and spray the entire assembly an aluminum color of plastic bonding paint. Let dry for several hours.
- Replace the tape, again, with fresh tape. Use 2-rows of tape. Firmly press the sign assembly with the white faces down across both rows of tape. Spray the entire assembly backside with the aluminum color of plastic bonding paint.

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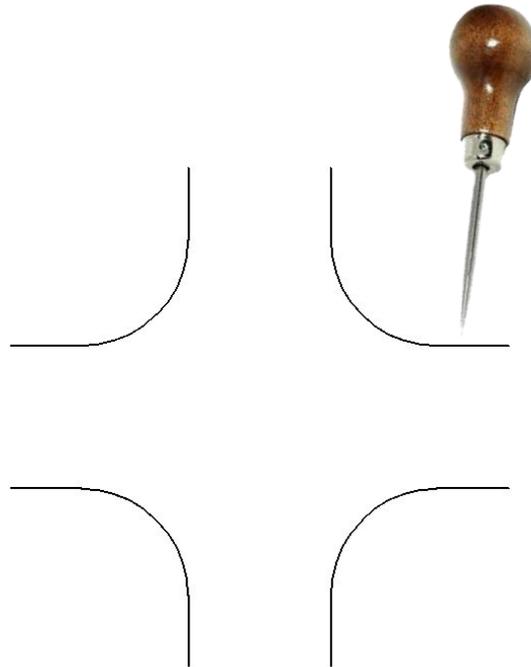
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Swab each stop sign face with a light coat of white glue using a mini-swab. Then install a stop sign cut-out that you made on page 2, aligning each sign with a pair of tweezers.

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At the spot you wish to erect your stop sign, use an awl and the heel of your hand to make a dimple in the surface, deep enough so the sign can stand by itself.

Remove the stop sign, add a small amount of white flu to the bottom of the post, then reinsert the post into the dimple. Align the post to and fro and side to side, so that it is straight up and down.