# Boxed Frame for RepRap Prusa i3 

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This is a very simple boxed frame for the Reprap Prusa i3 3D printer, optimized for manual construction. It is based on nine small boards of with 12 mm thickness and 88 mm width. Three of the boards (left and right stand walls and bottom plate) stabilize the Y -axis. The remaining six boards (left and rigbt side and front walls, front top and top plate) consititue the frame for the $\mathrm{X}-\mathrm{Z}$ plane. While most of the boards are joined with wodd screws, the Y -axis part is mounted to the $\mathrm{X}-\mathrm{Z}$ plane part by meands of M 4 machine screws, so that the two parts can easily be separated for transport.
This document contains actual size sawing and drilling guides for each of the boards. Print pages 3-11 without any scaling(!) and cut out the boards guides. As the longer boards don't fit on an A4 sheet, these are printed in two parts which have to be glued or taped together.

The Y -axis part is assuming a standard rod configuration, i.e. M 10 long threaded rods at 20 mm center height (touching base plate!), M8 short threaded rods at 10 mm and 30 mm (cut-out slots in stand walls!) center height and M8 smooth rods.



Boxed Frame

| Board | Count | $L \times W \times H$ (mm) | $A\left(\mathrm{~m}^{2}\right)$ | Screws | Comment |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Stand walls | 2 | $250 \times 88 \times 12$ | 0.0440 | 4*4×35 wood screws | $10 \times 55 \mathrm{~mm}$ slot |
| Side walls | 2 | $450 \times 88 \times 12$ | 0.0792 | 6*M4×30 + nuts | 20 mm cable hole |
| Front walls | 2 | $374 \times 88 \times 12$ | 0.0658 | 8*4×35 wood screws | 20 mm cable hole |
|  |  |  |  | $2 * 4 \times 25+2 * 4 \times 16$ | Z-mounts |
| Front top | 1 | $450 \times 88 \times 12$ | 0.0396 | $3 * 4 \times 35,4 * 4 \times 25$ wood |  |
|  |  |  |  | $2 * 4 \times 25+2 * 4 \times 16$ | Z-mounts |
| Top plate | 1 | $450 \times 88 \times 12$ | 0.0396 | $2 * 4 * 25+4 * 4 \times 25$ wood |  |
| Bottom plate | 1 | $250 \times 88 \times 12$ | . 0220 | $16 * 4 \times 20$ wood screws | Lift 3mm above ground!!! |
| Summary: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Boards | 4 | $450 \times 88 \times 12$ | 0.1584 |  |  |
|  | 3 | $250 \times 88 \times 12$ | 0.0660 |  |  |
|  | 2 | $374 \times 88 \times 12$ | 0.0658 |  |  |
|  |  |  | 0.2902 |  | Total area |
| Screws: | 17 |  |  | $4 \times 35$ wood screws | T20 |
|  | 10 |  |  | $4 \times 25$ wood screws | T20, Z-mounts side |
|  | 16 |  |  | $4 \times 20$ wood screws | T20, for Y-rod clamps |
|  | 4 |  |  | $4 \times 16$ wood screws | T20, Z-mounts front |
|  | 6 |  |  | M $4 \times 30$ metall screws | connect Y -assembly with $\mathrm{X} / \mathrm{Z}$ assembly |
| Nuts: | 6 |  |  | M4 nuts | Nylock! |
| Washers: | 12 |  |  | M4 washers |  |

## Rods and Y-Frame

| Rods: | Count: | Diameter: | Length: | Comment: |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | :--- |
| Smooth $X$ | 2 | 8 mm | 460 mm |  |
| Smooth Z | 2 | 8 mm | 395 mm |  |
| Threaded Z | 2 | M5 | 385 mm |  |
| Short threaded $Y$ | 3 | M 8 | 215 mm | front and lower read rod |
|  | 1 | M8 | 300 mm | upper rear rod, connects to stand walls |
| Long threaded Y | 2 | M10 | $400 \mathrm{~mm}+X$ |  |
| Long smooth Y | 2 | 8 mm | $370 \mathrm{~mm}+X$ |  |
| M5 nuts | 2 |  |  | Z-axis (brass?) |
| M8 nuts | 28 |  |  |  |
| M8 washers | 22 | 16 mm |  |  |
| M8 washers | 4 | 30 mm |  |  |
| M10 washers | 8 | 20 mm |  |  |










FRONT TOP left




FRONT TOP right




