This important message is from the instructors of Let's Code Blacksburg!..

Are you interested in 3D Printing, but don't know where to start?
Let's Code Blacskburg! is here to help get you going!..  and since Black Friday is this week.. our Let's Code instructors wanted to get you this info ASAP.

Here are the two things we Let's Code 3D printer geeks can to help you with getting started on 3D printing:

1) A lead on the latest industry best rated printer for UNDER $250 (tell Santa!!)
2) A follow up mid-January "Getting Started with 3D Printing" workshop to help you get going!

## 1) The Current Industry Best Printer* for UNDER $250 (delivered)

* - based on the latest Make: magazine 3D Printer Buying Guide

There's a brand new, very thorough 3D printer review* that just came out by Make: magazine just in time for Christmas. See here for the basic results of their findings: https://makezine.com/comparison/3dprinters/ *

(or get the full review in this month's issue of Make: magazine)

But here's the big leg up Let's Code has for you. While the highest rated printer is listed as the Prusa i3 MK3 (a really great printer, but retailing for $999), our local 3D experts know that there is an even higher quality, all steel clone of the Prusa i3 made for less than 1/3rd that price... delivered! Several of us 3D printer geeks now own this i3 clone printer ourselves and LOVE it. It is the Monoprice rebranded "Maker Select V2" (built for Monoprice by the excellent 3D printer company Wanhao), which regularly sells for just $299 delivered, **PLUS** this week there's a various ongoing deals that will will bring this printer well below $250, and if last year was an indicator.. an even BIGGER discounts the morning of Black Friday (starting at midnight). Here are the two printers to keep an eye on:

https://www.monoprice.com/pages/3d_printers
**V2 $299 (before mark down):**
https://www.monoprice.com/product?p_id=13860
**Plus $399 (before mark down):**
https://www.monoprice.com/Produt?p_id=15711

(V2 is the best bang for the buck! The Plus is a little nicer & a little faster)

Perfect timing for Christmas (and black Friday!)


## 2) More help for you with a January 3D printer workshop!
Several of us LCBB 3D design geeks have been talking on and off about doing a "getting started with 3D design & printing" workshop to cover some of the basics like:
- Getting started with 3D printing
- The tricks, tips, do's and don'ts of 3D printing
- Various types of 3D design software (free & commercial)
- Other necessary/recommended software & tools
- Other useful 3D printing resources

And these latest printer reviews, experience, and Black Friday made us want to let you all know about all this and go ahead and do the workshop in January. Stay tuned on the January workshop… but you probably don't want to wait too long to get one of these thanksgiving week sales on these awesome little 3D printers. After the Black Friday blow out last year, they're were sold out of them until January.

If you have any related questions, go ahead and post them to the LCBB Fbook group and we'll reply there.


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