Aristeia! Foamcore insert & expansions

Greetings, Aristos! This custom insert for Aristeia! (and expansions) was inspired by other inserts I'd seen online. I wanted to fit the base game fully sleeved, with boards, expansions, and token organization, into the core game box and make it easy to set up and put away. This plan uses foam-core and card-stock (marked with *) to arrange it neatly into the original box. It should fit most expansions fine (depending on if you store terrain inside as well). Foam-core and card-stock (white poster board) can be bought cheaply at your dollar store. I don't use pins and glue, I just go fast and use hot glue on everything - you may not like this approach as it dries very quickly.

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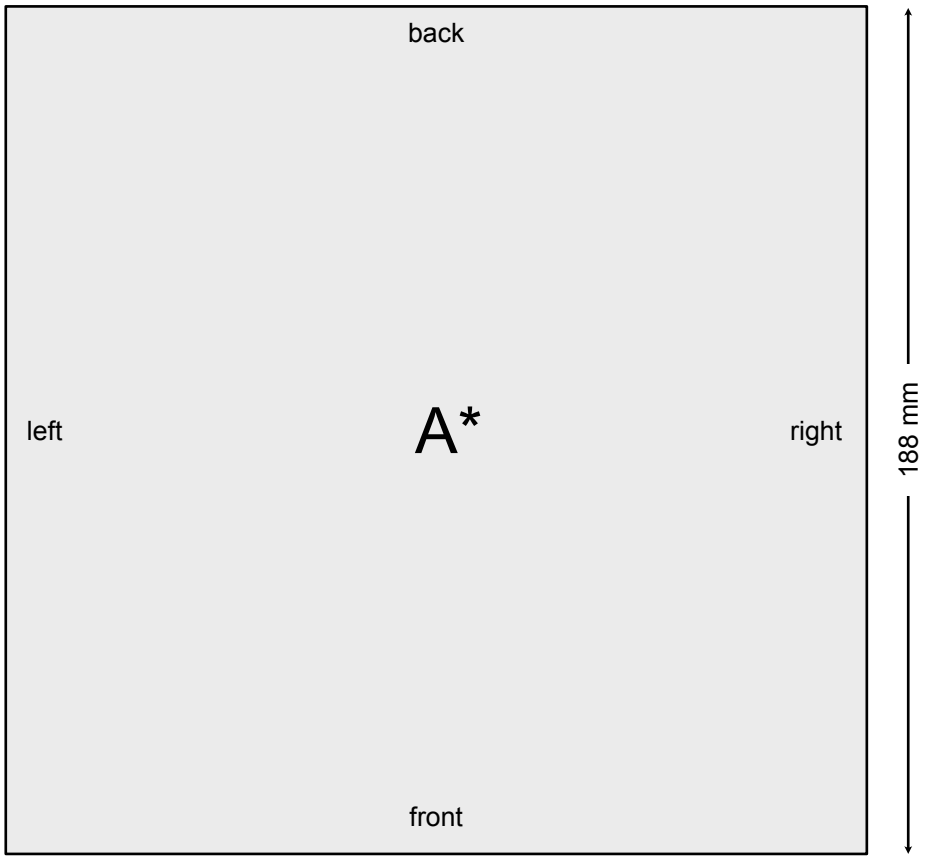
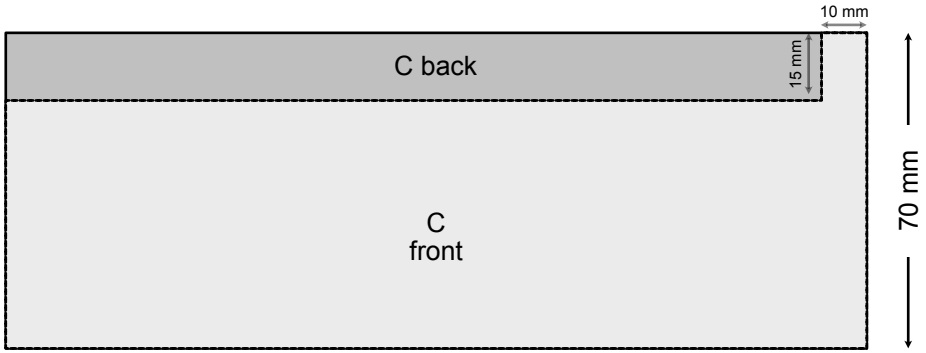
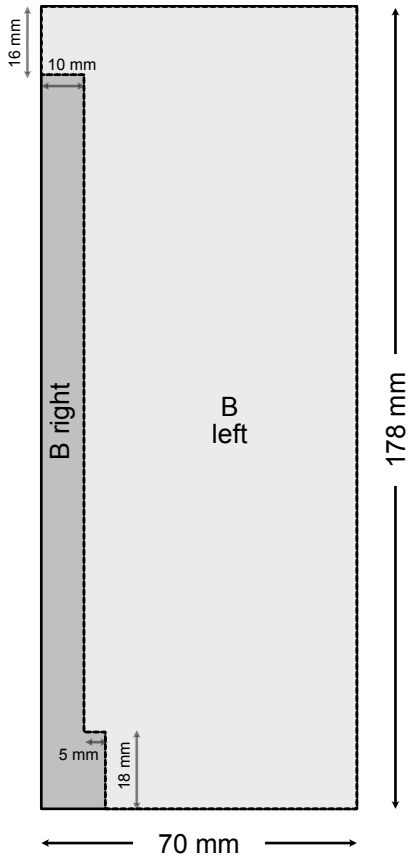
Aristo Storage







Using card-stock*, cut out 1x of part A and using foam-core cut out 2x of parts B & C (left and right sides at 70mm x 178mm and front and back at 70mm x 191mm).

Set aside parts B Right and C Back.

On C Front, cut a notch 15mm down and 10mm from the right side (see diagram).

On B Left, you will cut 10mm down. Then measure 18mm and 5mm deeper (see diagram).

Glue parts C to the card-stock base. Then glue both parts B to base and parts C.

Modification:
If you want to keep your minis from being in a jumbled mess, add magnetic sticky sheets to the base of this box. See *Magnetic Base* section.

Cut one of the sheets 25mm shorter on the width (152mm x 78mm). Place the 2 large sheets next to each other inside bottom of box. Place the 25mm strip in the remaining gap. Then cut a piece that is 25mm x 29mm for the remaining gap. *Note: if using white foam-core, you may want to paint the bottom of the box black to hide any gaps.*

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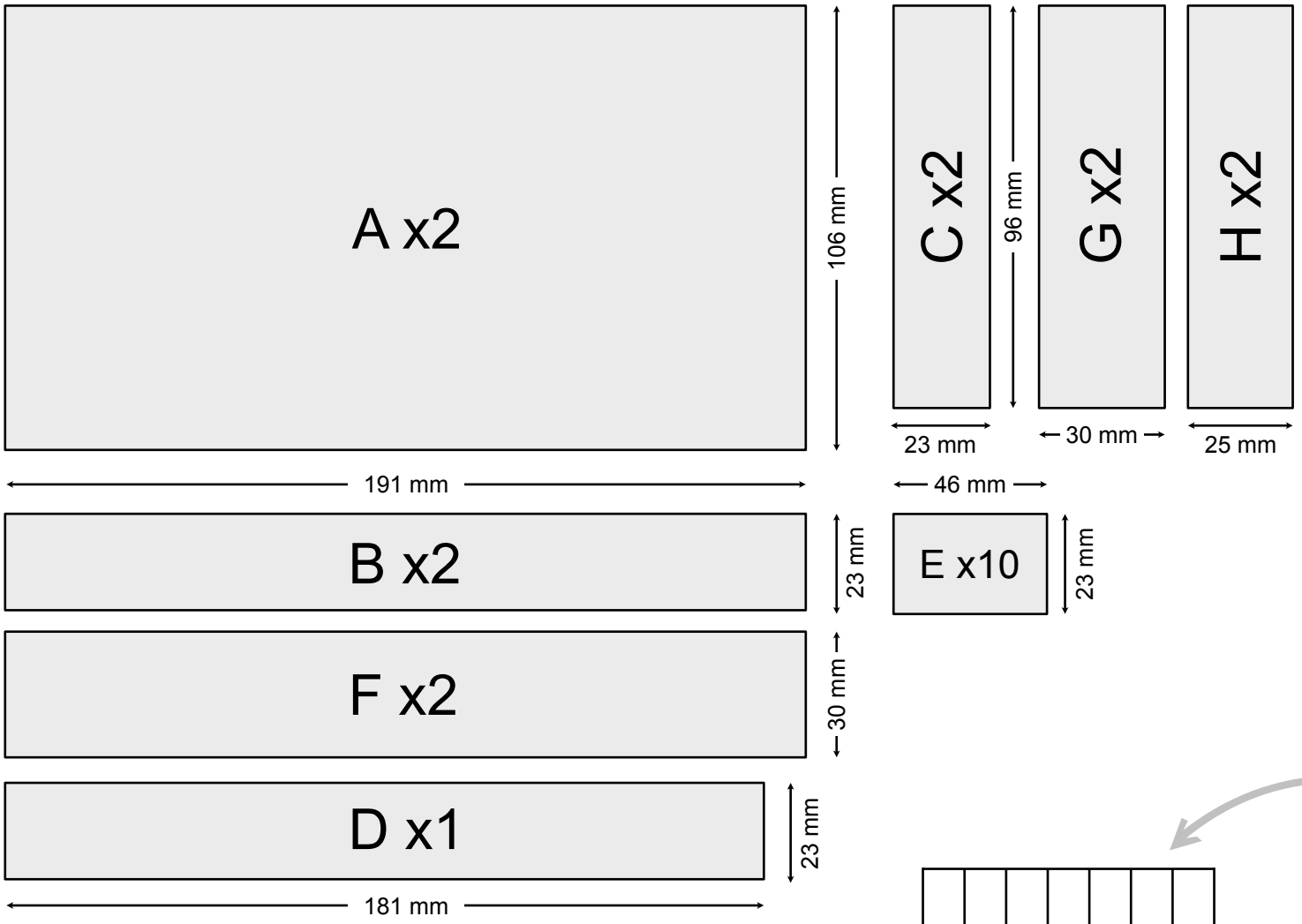

Using foam-core, cut out 2x of parts A, B, C, F, G and H. Cut out 1x of part D and then 10x of part E.

Token Box:
Glue parts B to the long sides of A. Then glue 1 part C to each short end.

Part D is the center divider to split the box into two rows of compartments. Center it up at 53mm on the short sides and glue in place.

The remaining parts E are the row dividers.

For the top row, make light pencil marks every 26mm, starting from inside the side walls. Make them opposite on the center divider, too, so you can align the short dividers on centers. Glue in place.

For the bottom row, do much the same, except make a single, then a double wide, a single, a double wide, and then a single for the remaining four dividers.

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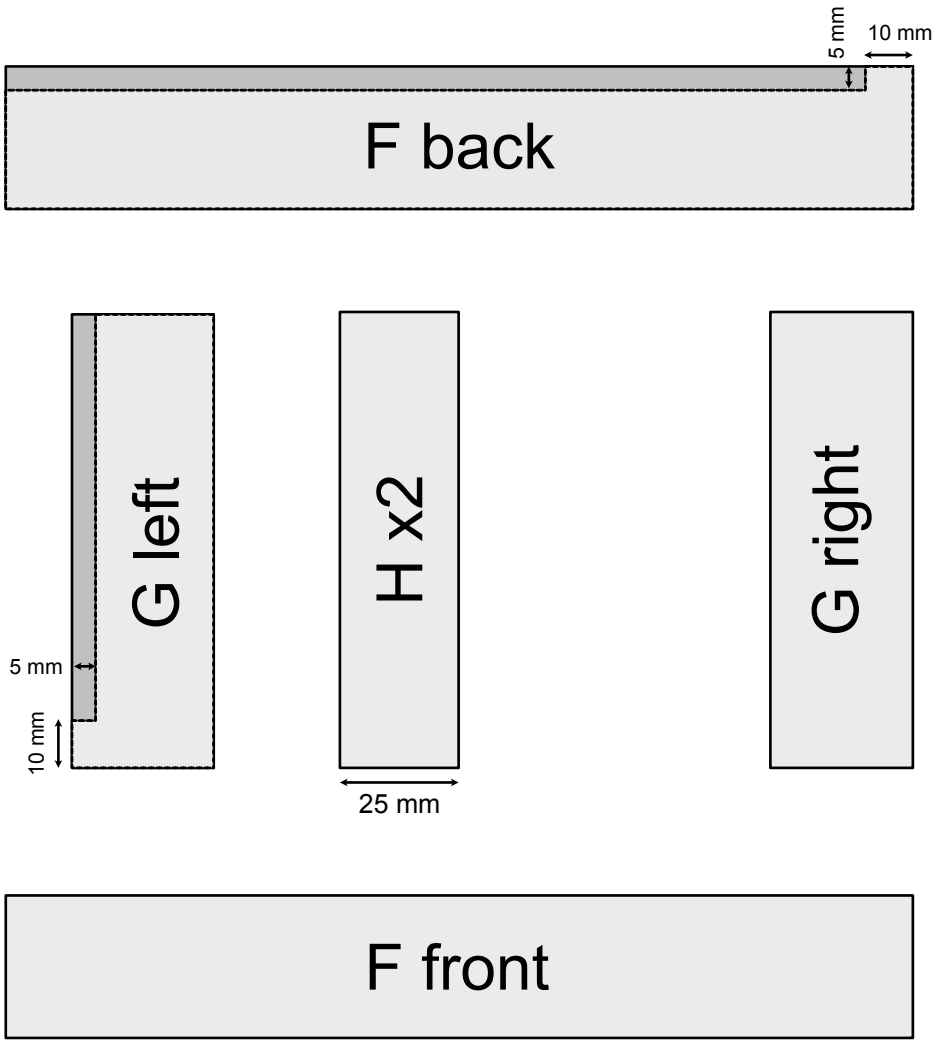


…Everything should already be cut. So make the next box.

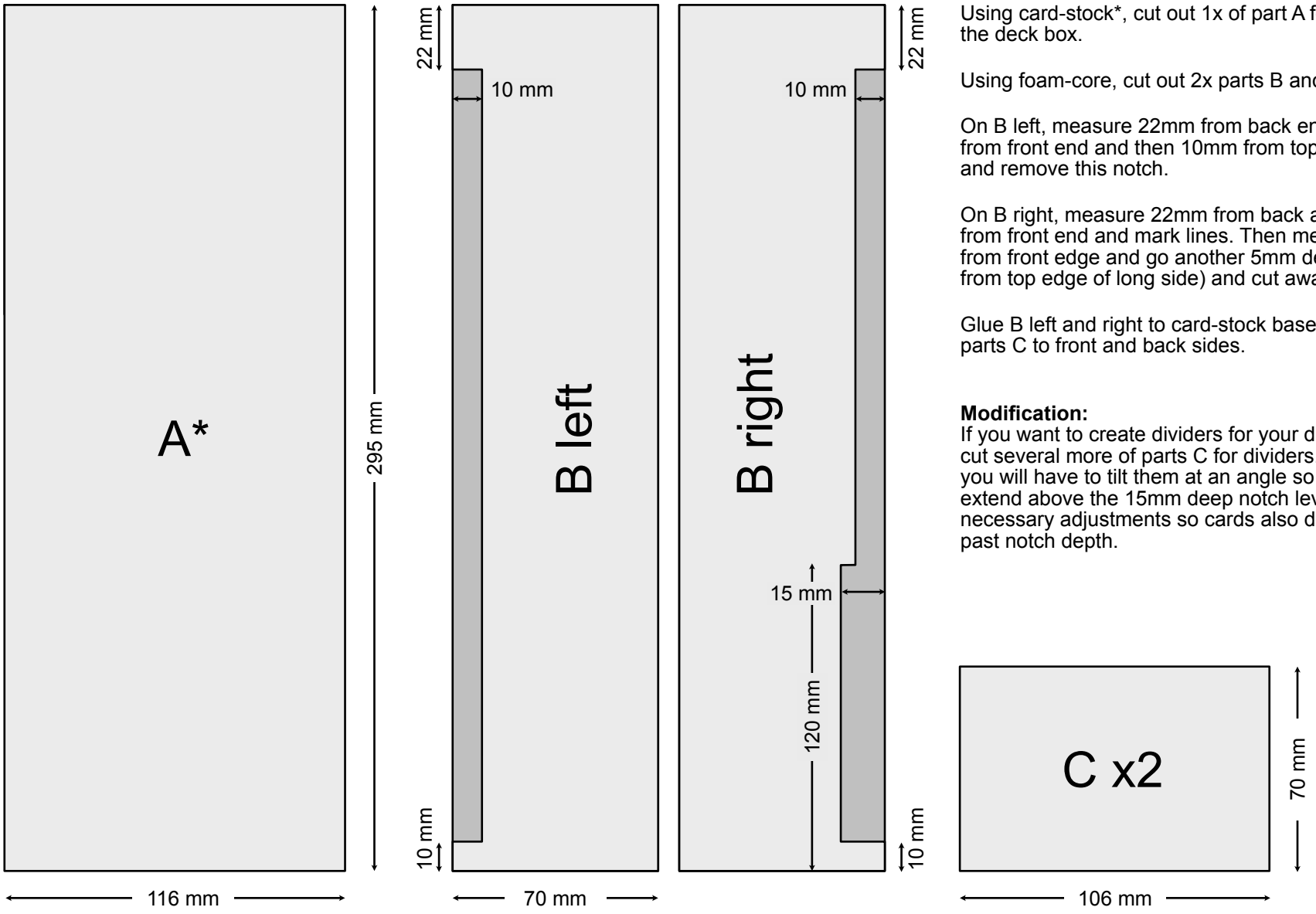
Dice Box:
Set aside 1 each of parts F and G. The others need to be cut for board storage.

Measure 10mm from end and 5mm deep and cut away this notch on both F and G parts (see diagrams).

Glue parts F to the long sides of the remaining part A. Then glue parts G to each short end.

Parts H are your center divider to split the box into three compartments. Center up the H parts at 54mm and 102mm (from left) and glue in place.

deck box & miscellaneous



Using card-stock*, cut out 1x of part A for the base of the deck box.

Using foam-core, cut out 2x parts B and C.

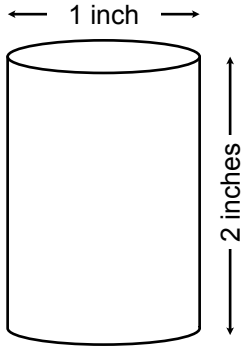
On B left, measure 22mm from back end and 10mm from front end and then 10mm from top side (deep) and remove this notch.

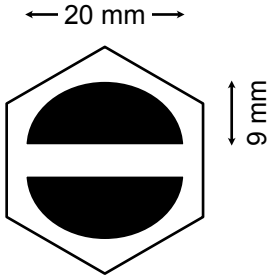
On B right, measure 22mm from back and 10mm from front end and mark lines. Then measure 120mm from front edge and go another 5mm deeper (15mm from top edge of long side) and cut away this notch.

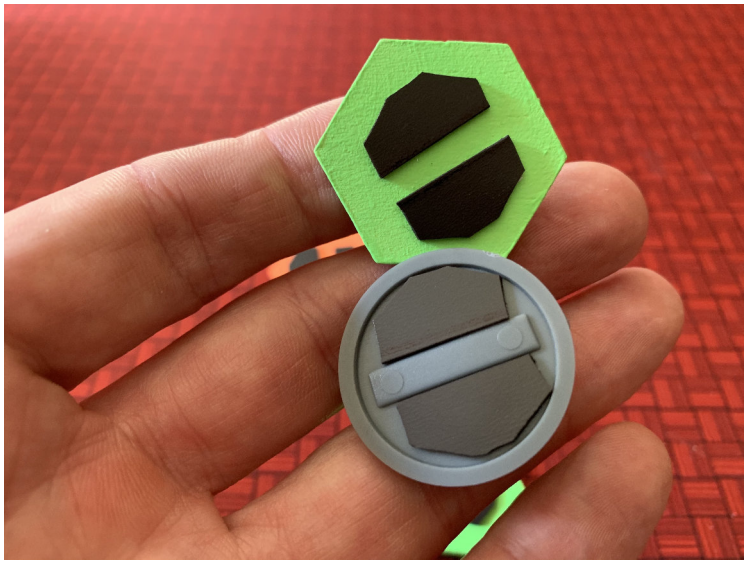
Glue B left and right to card-stock base A. Then glue parts C to front and back sides.

Modification:
If you want to create dividers for your decks, simply cut several more of parts C for dividers. Note that you will have to tilt them at an angle so they do not extend above the 15mm deep notch level. Make the necessary adjustments so cards also do not extend past notch depth.

Simple Obstacles and Magnetic Bases







Blocked Spaces & Obstacles:
A cheap and easy way to create blocks/obstacles is to go to a place like Home Depot and get some **1" diameter wood dowel/rod**. These should come in 4-foot lengths. Get two of them. Measure every 2 inches and cut them down to create pillars. You will need 28 of them. You could also cut 5 more at .75" length for the movable obstacles. Modify, decorate, and paint to your liking.

Magnetic Bases:
You can get a cheap bag of **100 laser cut wooden hex shapes** in 30mm diameter (same size as the hexes in the Hexadome) from Amazon or wherever. Paint 4 of them fluorescent orange and paint 4 of them fluorescent green (*I used **Craftsmart Neon Green** and **Neon Orange** from Michael's*). Apply several coats to make sure they are nice and bright.

***Optional:** screw (or glue) some of these to the bases of your obstacles. Make sure you counter-sink the screws to avoid scratching the Hexadome board.*

Get some **Aleene's Tacky Magnetic Sheets** (4 pcs) from Michael's craft store. These sheets are not 100% covered magnetically, they actually have columns within the sheet. Find and mark the columns before cutting (you could overlay another sheet to 'feel' the width snap in place). Then cut two strips (length-wise worked for me) and snap them to each other. Leaving them stuck to each other, eyeball the width you need for the bottom halves of the bases (20mm x 9mm) and, using a utility scissors, cut them to fit the recesses on the bottom of the bases (they fit perfectly flush!).

***NOTE:** If you don't do this, you greatly risk misalignment and having the magnets repel each other instead of attract once placed.*

Peel the backing off one side and adhere to the base. Repeat for the other half of the base. Leave the corresponding magnets stuck to the halves you just applied. When ready, peel both backings off and center it onto the colored wooden hex base and press firmly. They should be interchangeable, but may need 180º rotation.