3D printed furniture connectors

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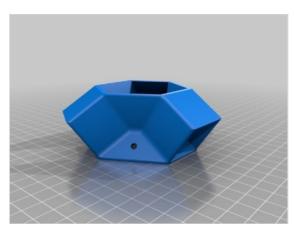
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Different types of furniture connectors are available on this Thingiverse entry.

The most basic one, suitable to construct tables and shelves, is called JONCTION-P_Origin.stl

Below you can view a 3D reconstruction of a simple table built with the furniture connectors. You can also view this object in VR by navigating to <u>this</u> website on your smartphone





Étape 2 - For further discussion and work

According to the European Environmental Bureau, every year, the EU produces around 10 tonnes of furniture waste. Authorities are currently looking into the possibility of reusing this furniture waste to produce new items. Digital fabrication can also help with this issue, and in particular 3D printed furniture connectors are an ideal solution to enable reusing discarded furniture to create new ones. The added value of combining reuse practices and digital fabrication consists in allowing individuals to make their own tables, chairs, etc. without requiring specific machines or tools.

Similarly, it is possible to 3D print plastic bottle connectors to create all sorts of designs, including furniture. One of the most successful projects that tackles this topic is <u>Trussfab</u>.

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