





Piccolo cnc drawing robot

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 Difficulty **Hard**

 Duration **20 hour(s)**

 Categories **Electronics, Machines & Tools, Robotics**

 Cost **50 EUR (€)**

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Materials

Instructions on how to create a replica of the piccolo robot, including a list of parts, are available [here](#).

Tools

laser cutter, general purpose DIY tools, computer

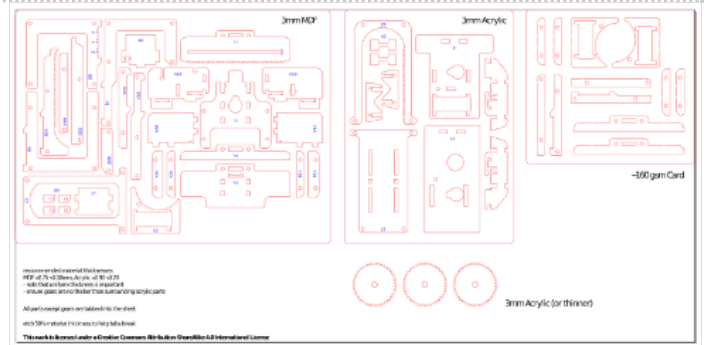
Step 1 - Create your own piccolo robot

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The robot is functional even without the z-axis. Assembling the z-axis is in fact quite complex, and the result is not a lot different than a piccolo robot with only x and y axis.

The design of the piccolo parts is available [here](#) in .svg format, which we believe is the most convenient of all.

Finally, note that, for the laser cutting of the piccolo robot, you may use mdf or another type of wood exclusively. Acrylic is in fact a lot more expensive than wood, and the robot works well even with all parts being made out of mdf or similar material.



Step 2 - Program the piccolo robot

You can program the piccolo robot to have it draw simple shapes (squares, rectangles) or text.

To program the piccolo robot you may use mBlock. Download mBlock [here](#).

On mBlock, the code to control piccolo may look something like this:



Notes and references

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