

Proposal for Origami Balls at Alchemy festival 2009
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I would like to make 3 large Origami Electra Icosidodecahedrons aka origami balls that people at the festival can roll around, get inside of and play with. These balls will not be sturdy enough for people to ride inside of sadly however I'm sure people will have fun rolling them around. Here is where I learned to make much smaller versions: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M3MEZunaypg&feature=related>. The ones I am planning to make will be approximately 5' tall. I am going to make them out of 30 individual 4' x 4' corrugated cardboard pads. Since they will be made of cardboard they will be burnable. So I do not expect to be taking these home with me. When I get the material to make them I will make the individual pieces at home and assemble them at the festival. This means I will be folding and painting the cardboard units at home. I might enlist the help of anyone I can trick into helping me fold cardboard. :P I will be transporting these origami units via car.

I will be ordering cardboard from Uline as they are the only place (that I could find) with large square cardboard pads. Most places don't carry cardboard pads larger than 18" x 20". Unfortunately Uline only sells their cardboard in bundles of 25. So in order to make my 3 balls I will need to get 100 pieces of cardboard. This will leave me with a few extra pieces, with the extra cardboard, I will most likely make a smaller ball (2' x 2') if I have time after making the other 3 balls. Of the 3 balls I would like one of them to stay under the big tent. The other 2 would be free to roll around the grounds.

When it comes to burning the balls I would like to be the one to do it, since I am making them. I would prefer if other people did not do it unless I specifically gifted them the privilege to burn a ball. I know for certain I would like one to be burned with the effigy or possibly afterwards when the fire has burned down a bit.

As for a timeline, as soon as I receive funds for this project I will order the cardboard from uline. It will take a day to ship to my house. After that I will begin folding cardboard until there is no more cardboard to fold. After that I will paint the individual pieces and make them ready for transport. Once the festival begins I will put the units together to create the balls. I need to assemble the balls at the festival because they will be too big to transport if I assembled them at home. Hence the fact that the balls will be burned at the festival. Once I put the balls together and glue them there is no way to take them apart short of cutting them apart (which would leave no way to put them back together).

Items needed:

- Uline Large Corrugated Pad (Model #: S-355, Size: 48"x48") www.uline.com

Cost per pad (100+) = \$1.57

Shipping cost = \$50.85 (set cost)

(3 balls) = 100 pads x \$1.57 = \$157.00 + \$50.85 (shipping) = \$207.85

- Spray paint/adhesive = \$150 (\$50 per ball)

I would like to add \$50 to each balls cost for painting and adhesive. Yes, I like to glue the units together to make sure none of the balls fall apart, since I'm sure the balls will get lots of wear and tear at the festival.

So my final total is going to be:

\$207.85 (cardboard) + \$150 (paint and adhesive) = **\$357.85**

Hopefully this is in depth enough about what I would like to do for Alchemy this year. If I left anything out please feel free to contact me at kteitsch@gmail.com for more information. I can't wait to show my idea at the Art Fundraiser in June. See you then!