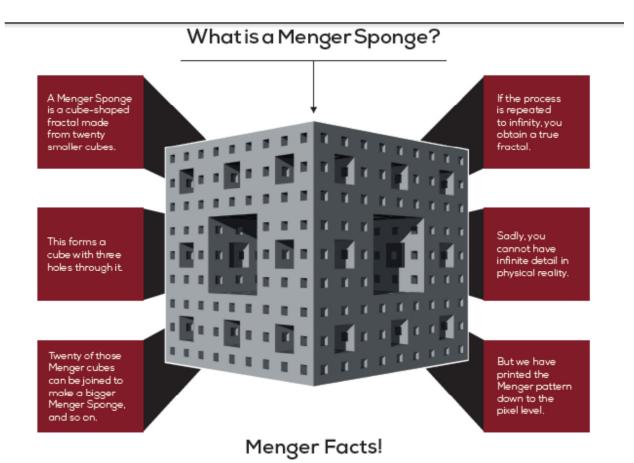
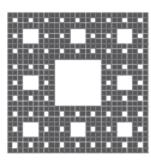
November 10, 2014 Math Club News

During the last week of October, the Math Club collaborated with the National Museum of Mathematics (MoMath) in a distributed effort to build the world's largest Menger Sponge. Brooklyn College is mentioned as one of the participants. See http://mathgrrl.com/hacktastic/ for more details of the project.

See http://www.huffingtonpost.com/tim-chartier/a-million-business-cards_b_6128880.html for more press.



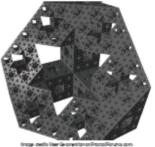


The Sierpinski Carpet is a 2D version of a Menger Sponge

A Menger Sponge can be made by removing each central section all the way down. At each step the volume is reduced by 25,925%. This means that when you've removed infinitely many pieces, the remaining volume must be zero!

However, the surface area is increased each time you remove a section. This means that a true Menger Sponge has no volume but infinite surface area! If you wanted to paint it, you'd never have enough paint to get into all the fiddly corners.

If you cut a slice through a Menger Sponge at just the right angle, you get a beautiful pattern of sk-pointed stars!



Six-pointed star of a sliced Menger Sponge

Building 20 level I cubes at Brooklyn College.





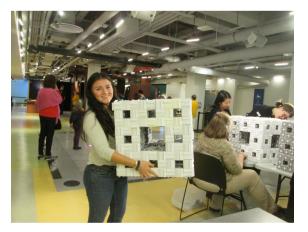






Putting it all together at MoMath







The finished Level II with the outside faces

The Level III Menger Sponge on exhibit at MoMath.

