

I'm not a bot



First, let me say thank you for posting clear, annotated screenshots. This really helps take the guesswork out of understanding your objectives. It looks like you're trying to solve multiple problems with one click. Let me suggest an alternate approach. First, it's clear that you're using Bambu Studio. I recommend loading Orca Slicer on your machine. There's no downside to using both, as they can coexist on the same system since they're based on the same core code. However, as you can see, the drop feature is just one of many quality-of-life enhancements the Orca team has included in their version. It's worth noting that Orca is based on Bambu, and the developers are printer enthusiasts whose sole goal is to enhance the user experience. In other words, they create features they actually want to use, not for commercial purposes. Bambu has borrowed back some of these enhancements, but it appears that Drop may not be one of them.

Getting hung up on technical details is just another object—the only difference is that the object generates data. In your example, I believe I understand what you're trying to do, but it seems like you're attempting two different things that require different approaches. Let's tackle them one by one. Object Falls Back to the Build Plate sealyons: And all of the DROPPING things don't apply when working with standard objects, since Studio doesn't appear to allow you to move a standard object in Z. When I try, it just automatically drops it back down to the plate. This only happens when the object is isolated. If, for example, you want to suspend a part/object above the build plate, it must be part of an assembly. Select the object from the objects menu, and you'll be able to move it independently. In this example, we have a dragon model with a cube primitive that was created as part of the assembly. Note that the cube (the red dot lower right) is the lowest part of the geometry, serving as the build plate anchor.

sealyons: Positioning seems to be screwed up with combined objects (i.e. an object with an associated primitive and/or negative part), since the size of the object is shown as the combined size of the original object and any/all of the combined parts. You are absolutely correct. The slicer calculates the center of mass for the combined size of the "assembly." It sure would be nice if there were an object alignment tool built into the slicer. In fact, I suggested this, and many users voted in favor of it. Sadly, that was back in 2023, and despite 95% yes votes, the response from Bambu Labs has been nothing but crickets. Link to the alignment request poll: Align to grid/align to object So, the only workaround—just like in your example—is to independently create a single instance of the model and perform all necessary operations on that one model. Then, using the Clone tool, recreate the required number of models and use the Auto Arrange tool to realign them onto the build plate. If the model is a pre-arranged grid you acquired elsewhere, you'll need to use the Cut tool to isolate the segment. If the grid has specific spacing requirements, you can use the more granular Arrange Objects tool in the toolbar (Shift-A), which allows you to precisely set object spacing. If row distances differ from column distances, first create the row alignment, then clone that assembly and make a separate alignment using the first set of rows as reference. Clumsy? Yes, but this isn't CAD. In CAD there is a pattern tool that does this very quickly. On the subject of CAD there are many CAD packages out there. I use free versions of OnShape, Fusion360, and FreeCAD. I also see Solidworks for Makers (\$50yr) but I don't recommend that since it's got a very, very steep learning curve and unless you're using it professionally like I am in my day job, there is no advantage. My go-to CAD is OnShape for easy of use and it is much better suited for 3D printing. What's more, it is cloud based so whatever hardware you have is not a factor, only a browser is needed. I have a contemporary desktop computer with an advanced GPU so hardware is not an issue in my case nevertheless, OnShape is just easier to use. This YouTube video is what convinced me. He does a side by side comparison to many CAD programs, all from a bias of a 3D Printer enthusiast. His tutorials are world class. YouTube Teaching Tech is a YouTube channel dedicated to providing quality content that will help expand your technology related skills and knowledge. As a qualified Industrial Designer and Primary/Secondary school teacher, my expertise is very broad. The... Here's an updated version of his beginners video that got me started. Select object on the build plate Right click and choose Copy Switch to another instance of Bambu Studio Right click on the build plate and choose Paste Discussion: This is pretty much the standard copy and paste function found in many applications (Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and various Graphics Programs) Often I'm not sure of the location of .stl for an object I already have on a build plate. To put it on a build plate in another instance of Bambu Studio requires exporting/naming it and then dragging it to the other instance of Bambu Studio. A copy and paste function would really make the process fast and easy. Thanks for an exceptional product!!! 23 Likes Why use another instance of Bambu to do that? You can add another build plate and open your STL there, never leaving a single instance of Bambu Studio. You can then copy and paste between the plates or drag things around to whatever configuration you are needing. 1 Like You are correct! I have multiple projects, each of which has multiple build plates. I regularly have a one off need to do a single print of multiple objects from those different projects. A simple copy and paste function would make it much easier and faster to do that. I do it all the time in Microsoft Office and various graphics programs. There is no reason I should not be able to do the same with Bambu Studio. It's basically a very simple Clone Command. 8 Likes I agree, copy paste should be available. My scenario is I have a single file with many plates as template. I want the templates intact and be able to just copy plate any object on the plate and paste it to another project so that I could print all the object I needed from multiple projects with multiple plates in it. Thanks! 8 Likes I am new and was looking for a Copy function also. I did discover that if you add a plate you can right-click the object and a Clone feature is added in the menu. It will clone the object onto the existing plate and I just closed the added plate. I use the Clone feature all the time. Unfortunately, what you can't do is copy an object from one instance of Bambu Studio to another, you will have to find the original .stl file. 1 Like Was about to write a feature request at GitHub about this, copy-n-paste functionality between different instances of Bambu Studio is a must. My use-case is that I keep different some 3m files as originals and would like to be able to copy into them without having to go via export as STL. Would be really useful if slicing settings for the object was copied/pasted as well. 3 Likes I fully support this feature request! My use case is printing multiple small objects from different 3MF files on a single plate, without having to export the STL's and import them separately. Drag&Drop would also be an option - both Copy and Drag&Drop already exist in Cura and the other popular slicers. 2 Likes Agree that copy/paste between projects would be very nice to have. As Jimisola touched on, probably the easiest way right now is to export the individual object to a by right clicking on the object and then selecting "Export as one STL" which will save that individual object to a STL file. You can then do a "File", "Import" and select the STL to get that object into the other project. It is a few more steps, but does work like a copy/paste. Good Luck! doughtrousvik ming it and then dragging it to the other instance of Bambu Studio. A copy and paste function would really make the process fast and e This is kind of old, but when you do the 2nd plate, does a P15 actually stop when the first plate is done until you tell it to continue onto the 2nd plate? Yes, having every print instance open in it's own sandbox/slicer and not being able to copy/paste a model over seems like a missing essential feature. Every software I can think of always allows copy/paste within itself. Bambu, please implement this! And while you are at it, just allow us to intercept the export/print from Fusion 360 and allow us to "add to existing slicer project". +1 for this. My particular use-case actually comes from MakerWorld - I'd like to be able to "Open in Bambu Studio" on several small one-off parts that might individually take 30-60 minutes to print, and aggregate them into a single build plate in one project, without having to download and store the individual STLs. I agree deeply needed, moreover I don't know why but suddenly fusion always export components to new instance... very painful! This should help you 1 Like I was looking for the copy / paste functionality, and I see it was never implemented. Why? I lowered the "Flushing volumes" multiplier, but poops are still the same size. (I weighed them with a gram scale). How do I actually lower this volume? 1 Like Did you click the recalculate button after changing the multiplier? I like AMS Purge Calibration V2 by CiuF CuiF - MakerWorld for setting up purge volumes to minimize waste. 2 Likes I did, but it didn't make any difference. 3 Likes How to Purge to Object in Bambu Studio Part 1 Yes, I have read and watched all this. I'm trying to reduce the color change flush volume, not put it somewhere else. What I'm calling out here is that changing the volume multiplier has no effect: I observe that by weight the amount flushed is exactly the same. I see this hasn't been the experience of others and I would like to understand why this setting is not working for me. 1 Like Rather than weighing poops, watch the Purging Volumes window and see if the volumes change when you change the multiplier. Ignore my earlier comment about clicking the recalculate button - that's not needed. 1 Like Well it really depends on the print. I've deleted the purge block on some prints and it saves a ton. But when your printing multi color your going to have waist and depending on how many times the AMS has to load and unload colors will make a huge difference. Optimizing the print will really help. Another trick I've heard is on larger prints you can use the infill area as a "poop" and delete it. 1 Like I've read the warning message, but I don't know why. I've read the warning message? Maybe your flushing volume was already at or close to the minimum and Bambu ignores values lower than the minimum flush. Reducing flush volume takes a two-pronged approach in Bambu Studio. You lowered the "Flushing volumes" multiplier, which is great! But, the purge block (the "poop") might still be set to a standard size. Here's how to tackle both: 1- Flushing Multiplier: You're on the right track! Keep experimenting with lowering this value. Aim for around 0.2 while checking for color bleed in your prints. 2- Prime Block Size: Look for settings related to "prime block" or "purge block" size. This block gets extruded before printing to ensure consistent flow. Try reducing its size to something small, like 10mm x 15mm. By adjusting both these settings, you should see a significant reduction in wasted filament during filament changes. 4 Likes Sounds like a solid response. I'm going to try it now. Thank you for the recommendation! There's a lot to learn for us newbies and help is appreciated. 1 Like if you click "recalculate" you are basically clicking "default settings" when you adjust the value in the multiplier, you simply need to press or click anywhere in the flushing volume window and you will see the numbers change, then you just click on "ok" or "verify" or whatever it is in english. It's "beveinsteg" for me. I might just be an idiot here, but if I wanted to lift a object off the bed on the Z-axis, (floating in midair) how would I do it without having it snap back to the bed? I can't seem to find the settings. I don't think it's possible to have an independent object not resting on the build plate. Such an object could never be printed, so the slicer should not allow it. The one time I needed to do this, I made a "keystone" in a really small/thin post the other sat on top of, disappeared when sliced, but the slicer obeyed the geometry and kept it suspended in the air like I wanted. But I think if you load multiple objects as a "single object", the slicer will respect the relative positions of each object relative to a common origin point. So if one part is "above" the other, they'll load that way and the slicer will generate supports to reach the higher part. 2 Likes Neat trick! I'll have to try that. Thanks for the input. I need this constantly. Even though the slicer may not understand the reasoning behind wanting to lift an object off the bed, it is necessary for merging parts. 2 Likes How does this work? I've tried moving an object up and over on top of another object, once I release it, it snaps back to bed inside other object it doesn't, it is a limitation of Bambu Slicer and a royal pain. Even in assembly view, you can move it all around, merge it and once you return, everything is on the plate but merged not where you wanted it. The only workaround I've found is to lay everything on its side, reposition and merge, then stand it back up. It is a pain. Don't understand why raising it is even an option when it won't stay. I regularly print embedded text in my prints. I design my text and lift it so it has thickness (typically, a multiple of the layer height I'm going to print at). Then I position the text where I want it and do a CSG subtract to leave a pocket that the text fits in exactly. Then, I export the lofted text and the primary object as individual STLs. Then, I import them both to the slicer and choose "single object". They they appear on the build plate with their correct relative positions. The primary object resting on the plate and the lofted text somewhere above that. For example, here. The grey and red stuff are separate objects that are not touching the build plate. 1 Like You need raft and supports for that. Also, you need a negative part to be placed between the print and the bed. CRaacer712: I've tried moving an object up and over on top of another object, once I release it, it snaps back to bed inside other object Select at least two object, right click and select merge. In the objects list, move up any object you wish to appear last up the grouped list of objects and any object you wish to be printed first, move down the list. This is important if you have a disc for a coaster (top) and a logo to print first (bottom). Assume I g you are printing upside down (to benefit from the top surface of the build plate). As your model parts are separate objects, you can change their heights to work out the height of all other parts and adjust it based on the air like I wanted. I know just what I'm going to try this on! One extra benefit most do not take advantage is exporting the merge object with all your customisation into its own STL. Imagine you can also do this if you add any modifier to the object, it automatically merges the two and the rules above apply in the same way. 3 Likes Excellent information, thank you! I know just what I'm going to try this on! One extra benefit most do not take advantage is exporting the merge object with all your customisation into its own STL. Imagine you had several objects that were not linked in an initial model. We will use my nut and bolt as an example. 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