

## 2 Building Boxes

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## Student Task Statement

Your teacher will give you some supplies.

1. Construct an open-top box from a sheet of paper by cutting out a square from each corner and then folding up the sides.
2. Calculate the volume of your box, and complete the table with your information.

| side length of square cutout (in) | length (in) | width (in) | height (in) | volume of box (in ${ }^{3}$ ) |
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## 3 Building the Biggest Box

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1. The volume $V(x)$ in cubic inches of the open-top box is a function of the side length $x$ in inches of the square cutouts. Make a plan to figure out how to construct the box with the largest volume.

Pause here so your teacher can review your plan.
2. Write an expression for $V(x)$.
3. Use graphing technology to create a graph representing $V(x)$. Approximate the value of $x$ that would allow you to construct an open-top box with the largest volume possible from one piece of paper.

