Assembling the Astrolabe

The astrolabe is downloaded in five (5) separate pieces: The main parts are the front and the back, glued back to back (if you received the astrolabe as part of the AstroFest at the Rio Tinto Alcan Planetarium in Montreal on Saturday, May 7, 2022, the pieces were not glued, to allow you to place them, if desired, on a wooden or plastic plate, or stronger cardboard, or to have them plastified); the short rule and the long alidade; and the black rete or "spider."



Folding the Alidade

Once the pieces are downloaded and cut, you must fold the alidade as follows, and make small holes where the black dots are.



Fully Assembled—Front

Fully Assembled—Back

The rete or spider, the ruler, and the alidade must be able to turn freely.