Assignment 2: Due Tuesday Jan 29th

- 1. Explain a, n and d glides in 3D crystals using sketches.
- 2. Cubic cells always have a -3 or 3 in the space group label. What is the -3 symmetry element in a cube.
- 3. Sketch the following structures as sections along different heights: (a) *hcp* along the *c* direction and *fcc* along the body diagonal.
- 4. What kind of a unit cell is obtained if one of the axis (the c) of an close packed fcc cell is elongated to give a tetragonal cell. Try and guess the space group. Remember to look for more compact unit cells in the a-b plane as well.
- 5. In addition to normal symmetry operations, Shubnikov has described elements of *color* symmetry. For example, the mirror m' would take a black object and reflect it to a white one as shown below. Sketch 2D objects with the following symmetries: (i) 4mm (ii) 4'm'm' (iii) 2m'm' (iv) 6'.

- 6. Color could represent a physical property such as spin (black = spin up and white = spin down). Can you sketch an object with 3' symmetry. What does this say about spins at the corners of a triangle?
- 7. Calculate the efficiency of packing in the diamond structure. Remember that there are 8 atoms in the cell, and that the atom at (0,0,0) touches the atom at (1/4,1/4,1/4).
- 8. Sketch the following structure in sections, and in "3D", and determine the coordination of each atom (how may neighbors, and at what distance):

 Cu₃Au, Pm-3m, a= 3.74 Å, Cu at (½, ½,0) and Au at (0,0,0)
- 9. Use VESTA to draw all the structures whose data have been presented to you (from α -Po to ...)