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THE GREAT PYRAMID OF GIZA

◆ The Great Pyramid of Giza is the defining symbol of ancient Egypt and one of the most iconic architectural structures in the world. Much of the story of how and why these 2.3 million blocks of stone were brought together remains a mystery, even after 140 years of modern archaeological excavations. Believed to have been built as a tomb for Khufu, a pharaoh of the Fourth Dynasty, the 146.5 m (481 ft.) tall pyramid took 27 years to construct and would remain the tallest man-made structure in the world for over 3,800 years. This LEGO® Architecture set is a celebration of this extraordinary feat of engineering and architecture and attempts to capture a moment in time when ancient Egyptian civilization was at its pinnacle and the Great Pyramid was nearing completion.

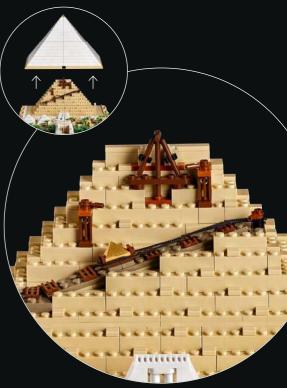


FROM THE DESIGN TEA

Ancient Egypt has always been a fascination of mine, so having the chance to travel back and imagine the Great Pyramid as it might have been in its own time was a pleasure. It was particularly interesting to recreate both a completed Pyramid and another below that is still under construction. It's an unusual feature for a LEGO® Architecture model to be able show how a structure may have been built. This part of the model can also be lifted away from the main model and displayed separately if you wish.

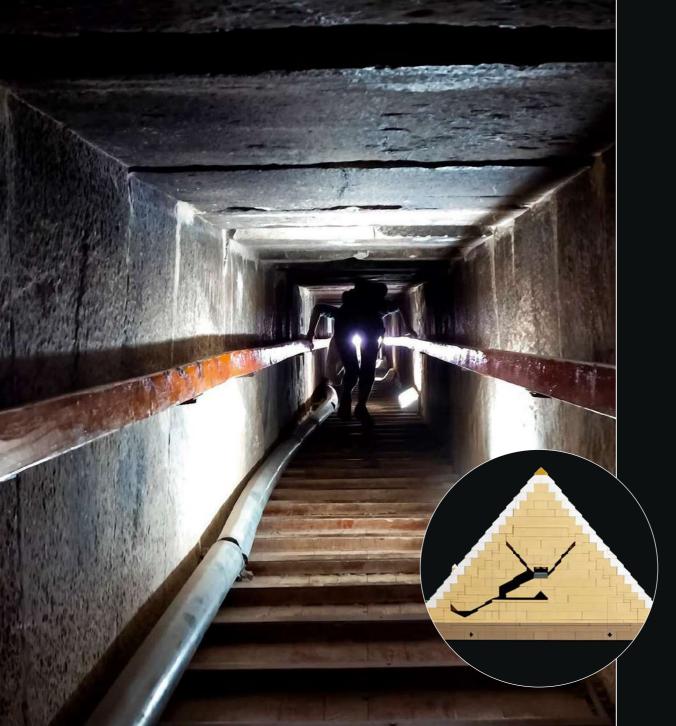
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HOW THE PYRAMID WAS CONSTRUCTED

There are many theories on how the pyramid was constructed. Remove the outer shell to see ramps, ropes and sledges being used to move the massive stone blocks, plus a crane to lift smaller materials.



FEATURES OF THE PYRAMID

INSIDE

A sloping corridor descends through the Pyramid's interior and branches off to the Queen's Chamber and Grand Gallery. A narrow passageway at the end of the Gallery gives access to the King's Chamber. Two air shafts lead away from the chamber, perhaps to allow the Pharaoh's ka (spirit) to travel to the afterlife.



THE CAPSTONE

It is believed the Great Pyramid had a capstone covered in gold to make it shine brilliantly in the sun.



The outer shell of the pyramid was made from white limestone, polished smooth.



THE SMALLER PYRAMIDS

Here are two of the four smaller pyramids, which likely were tombs for Khufu's family. Three remain intact today.

THE OBELISK

Obelisks were likely invented about 150 years after the Great Pyramid was built. One is included here to acknowledge their broader importance in ancient Egypt.





THE SPHINXES

Carvings of Sphinxes may have lined the main approach to the Pyramid.

WORKERS' VILLAGE

Whole villages would be built to house the artisans and labourers working on the Pyramid.





THE HIEROGLYPH NAME PLATE

These hieroglyphs show the Great Pyramid's ancient name, 'Khufu's Horizon'.

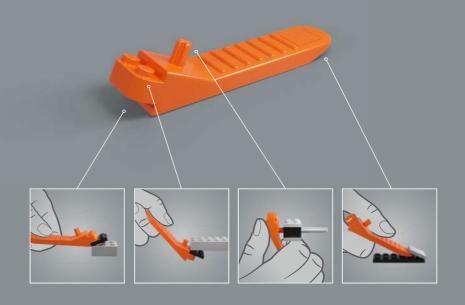
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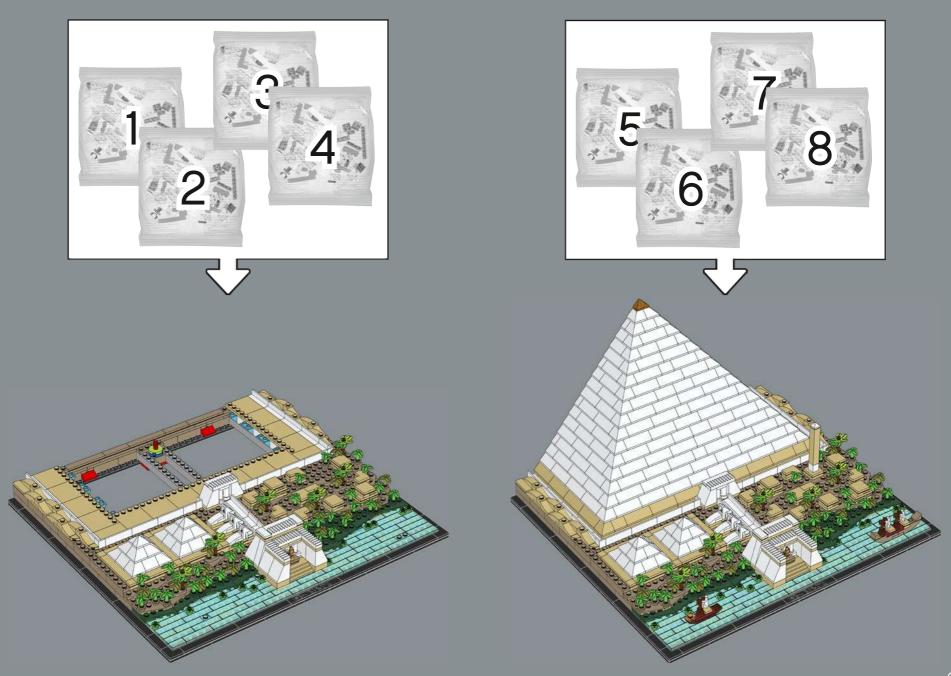
The Valley Temple on the edge of the Nile was where the body of the Pharaoh was received before burial in the Pyramid.

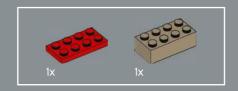
THE FELUCCA

These ancient boats, which typically had a singular triangular sail, ferried people and goods up and down the Nile.





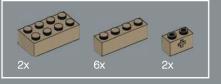


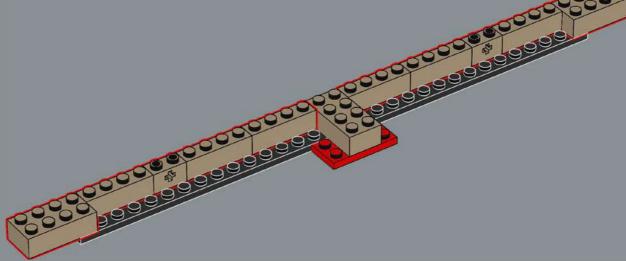


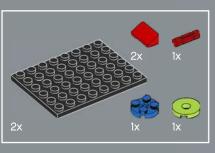




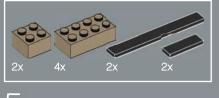
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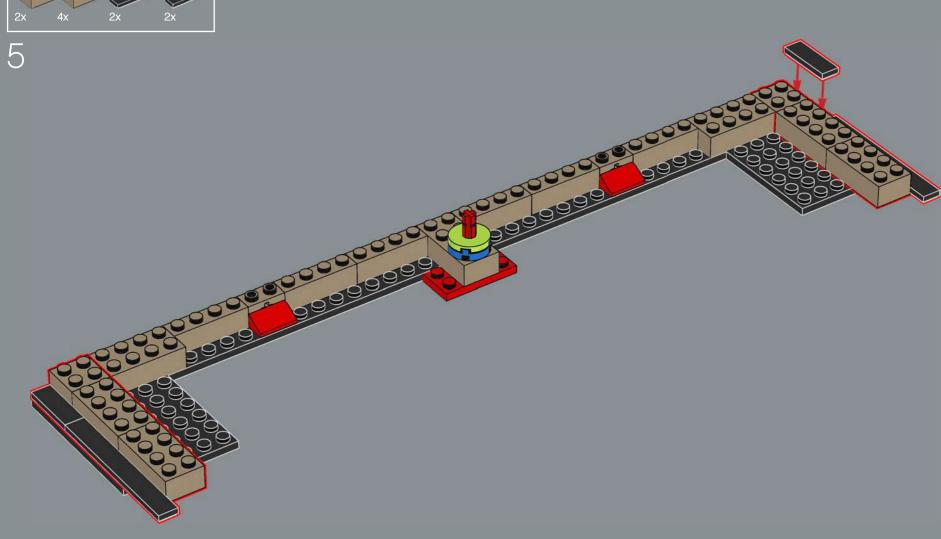


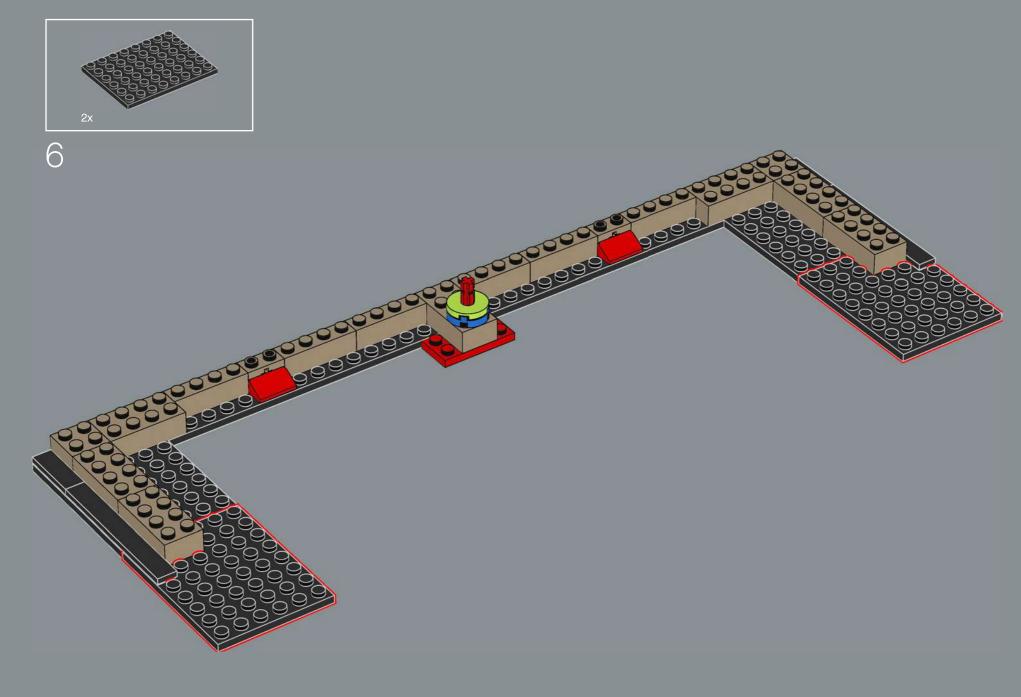


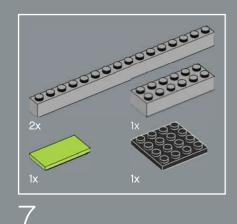


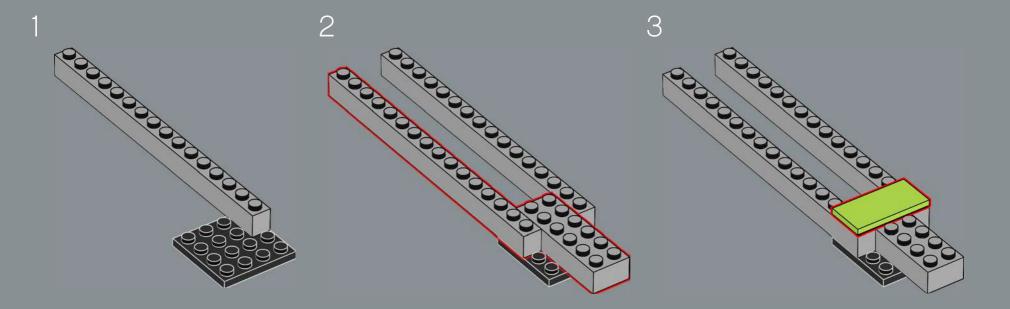


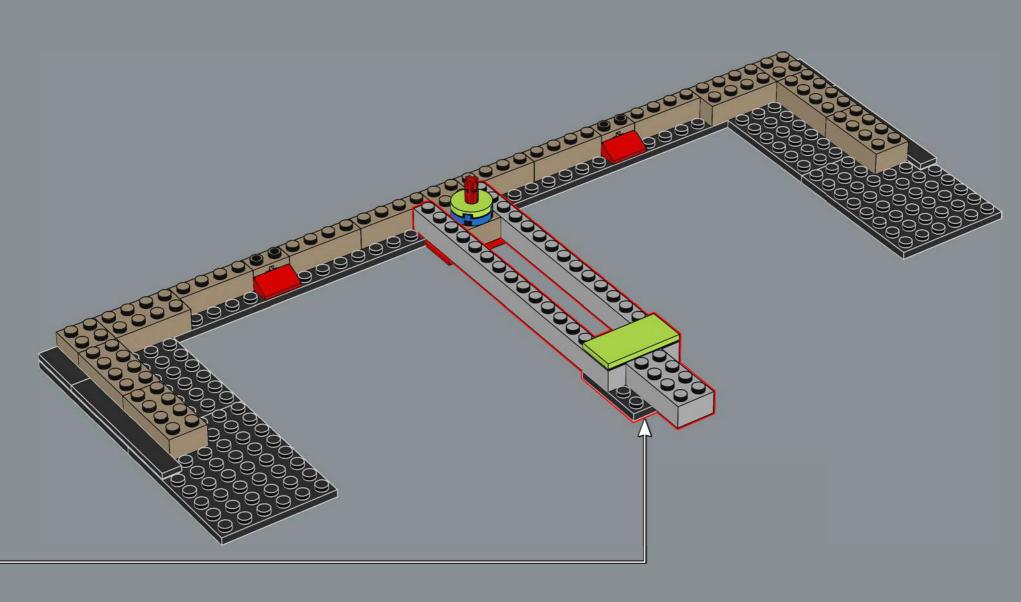


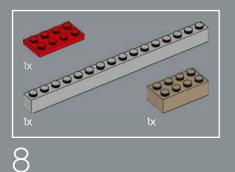


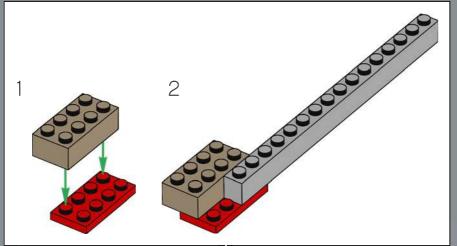


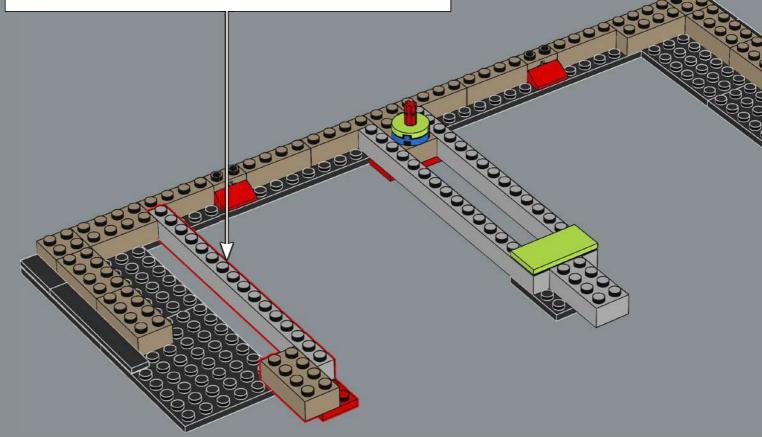


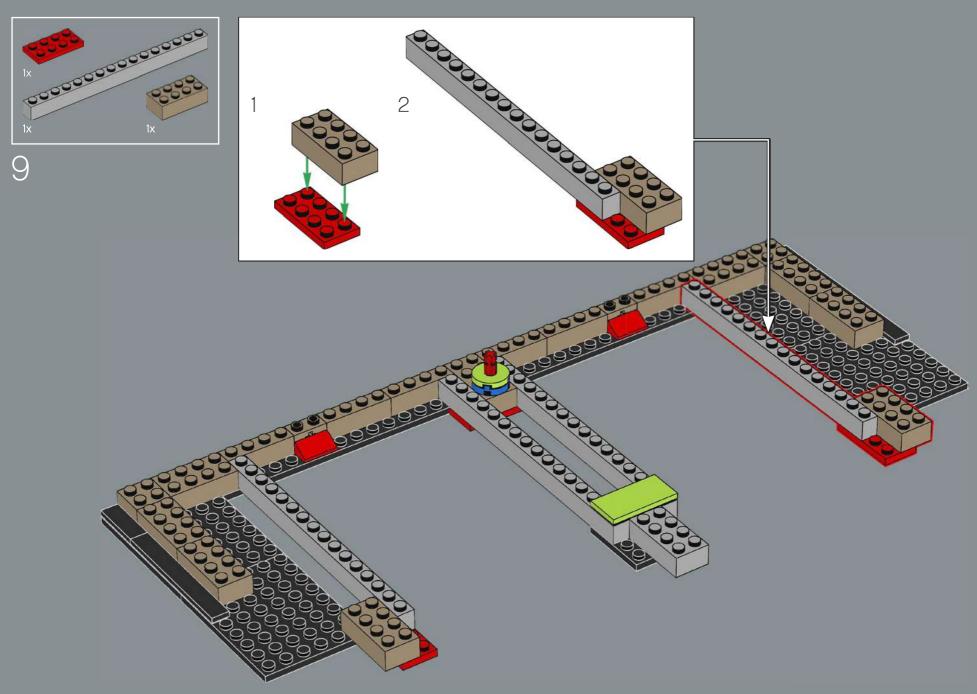


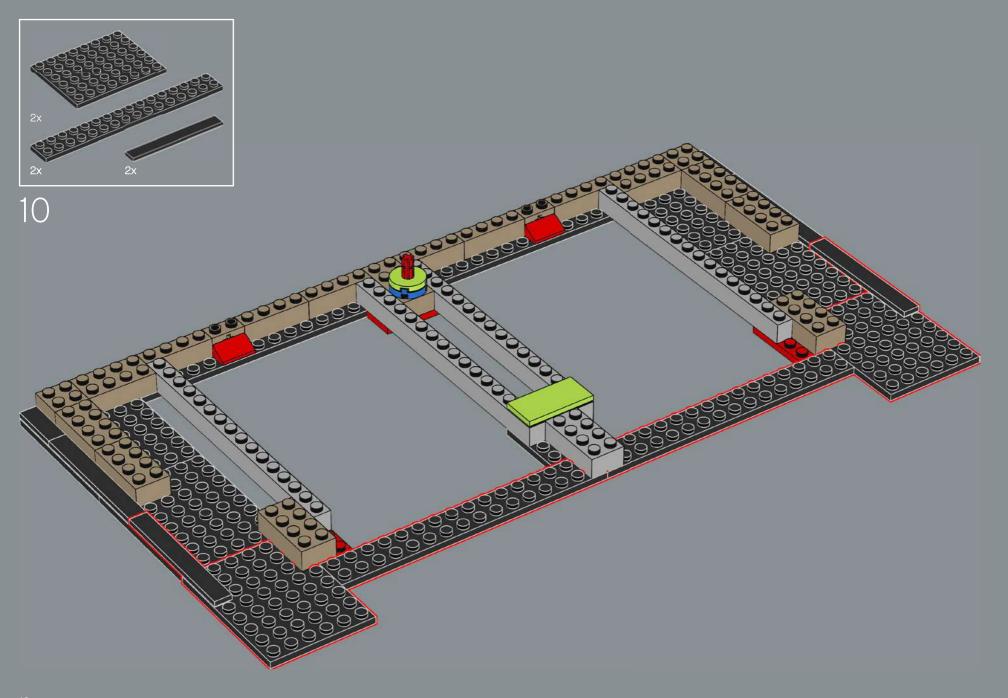


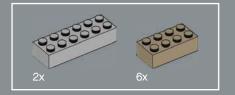


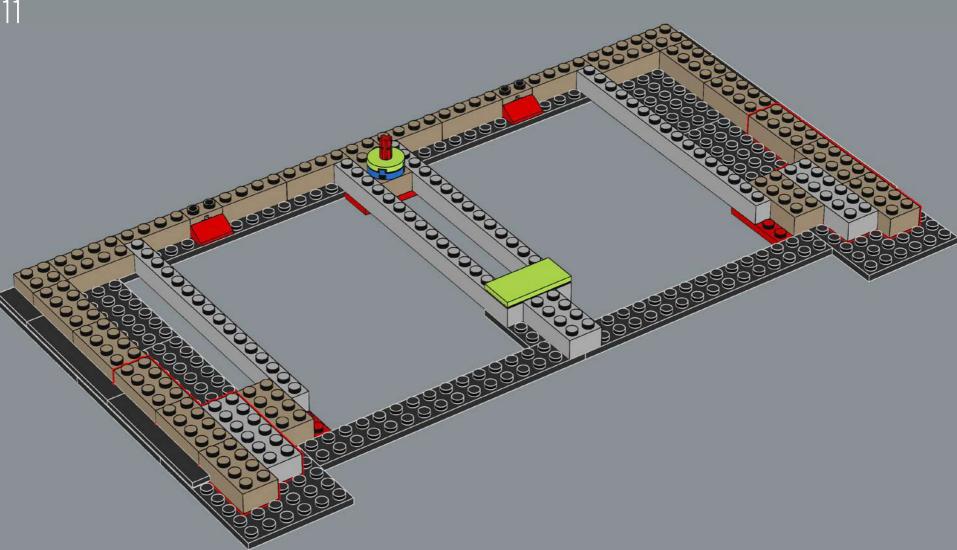


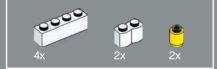


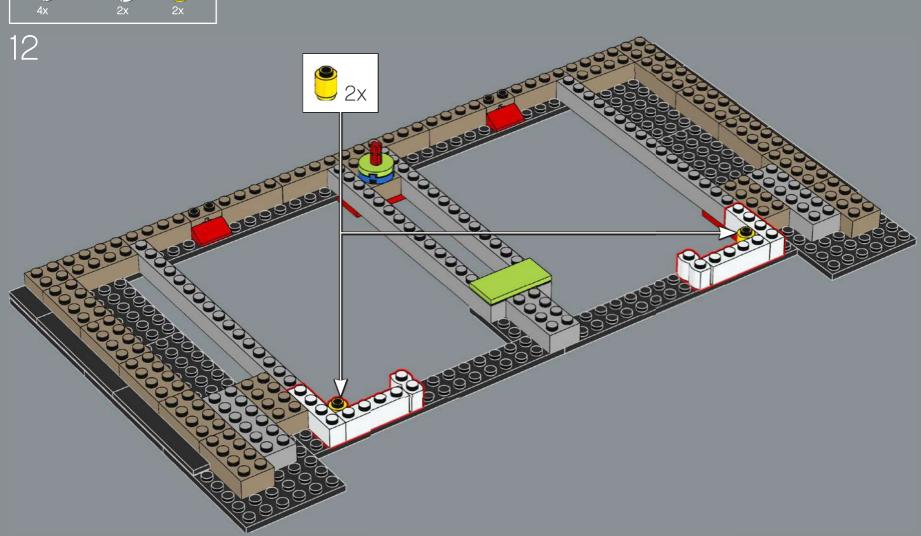


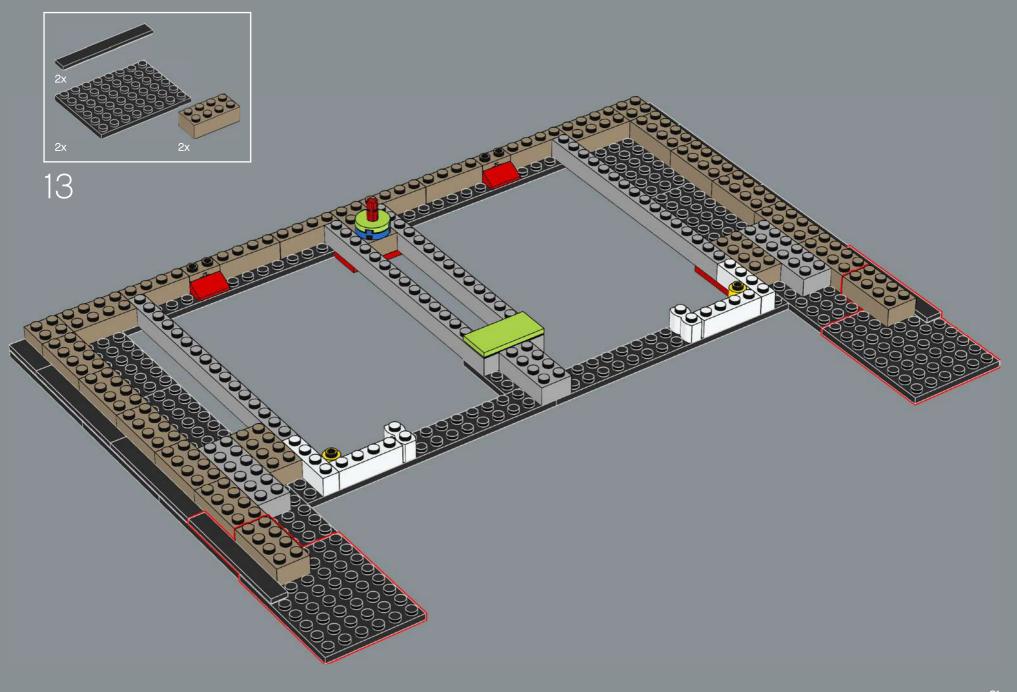


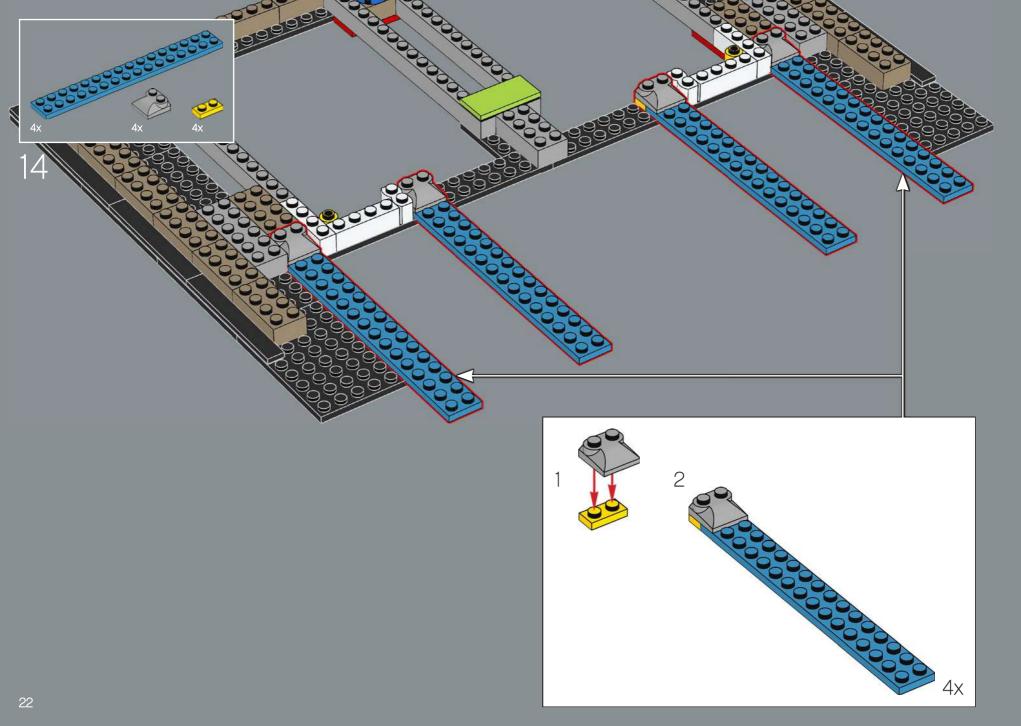


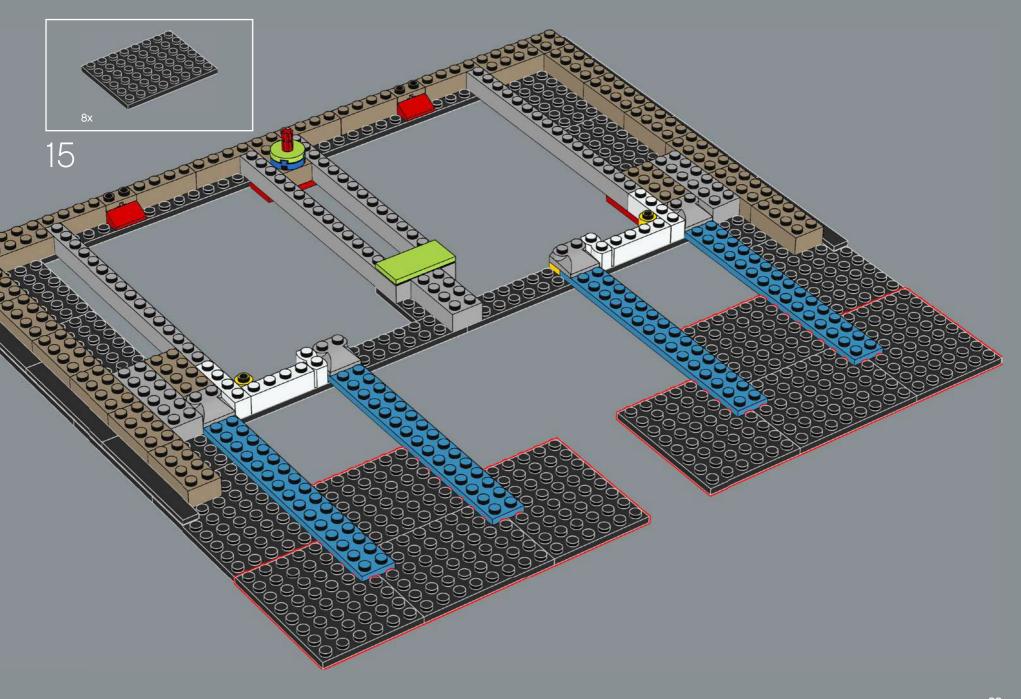


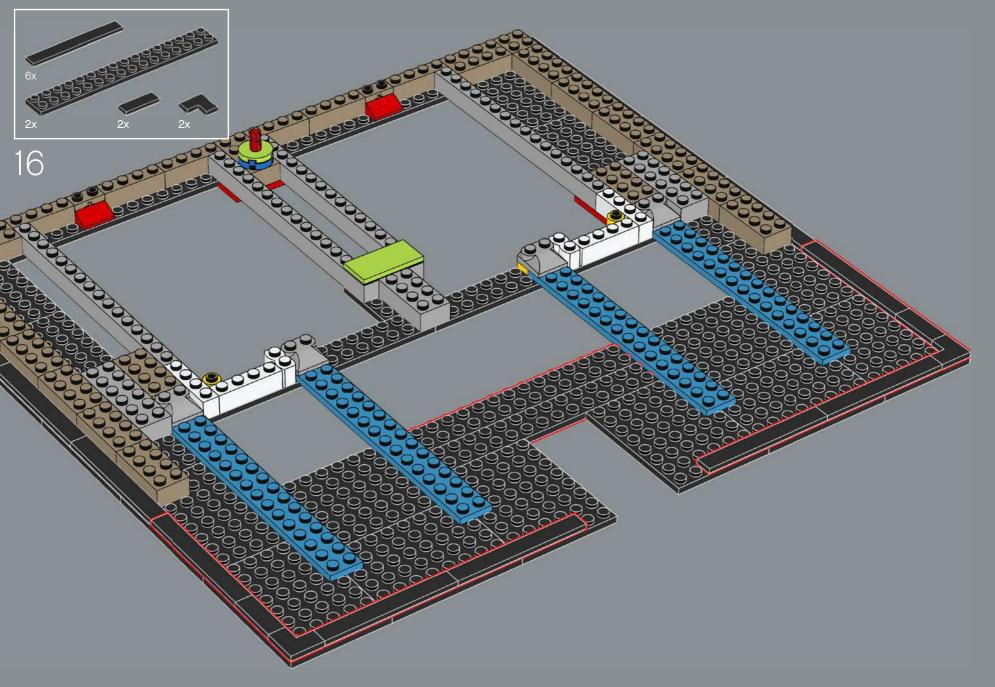


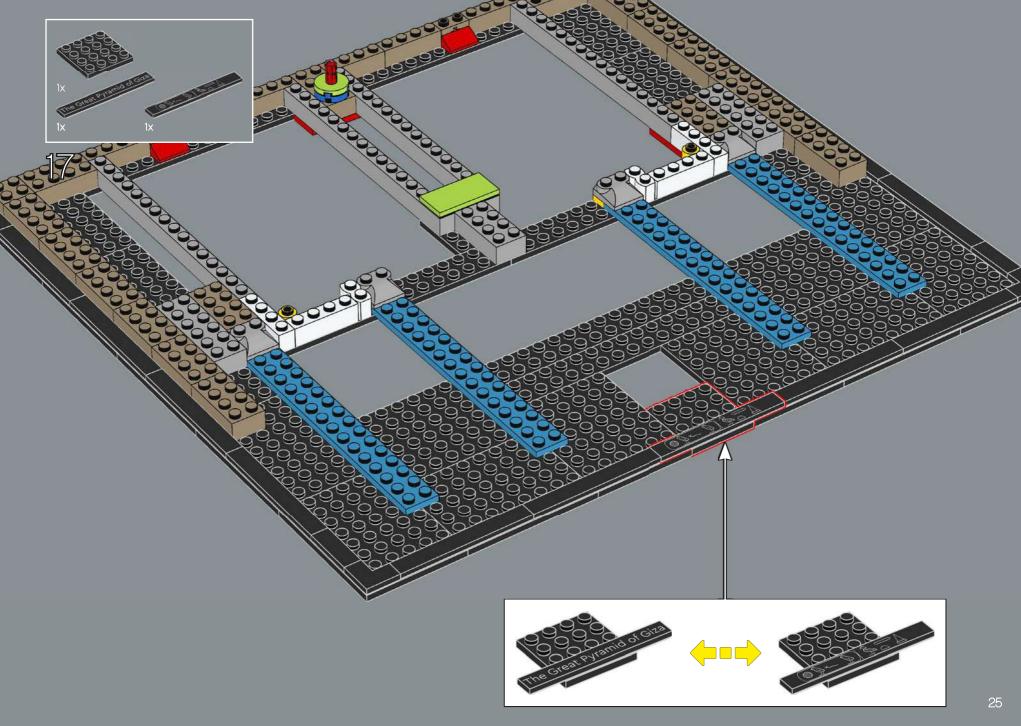


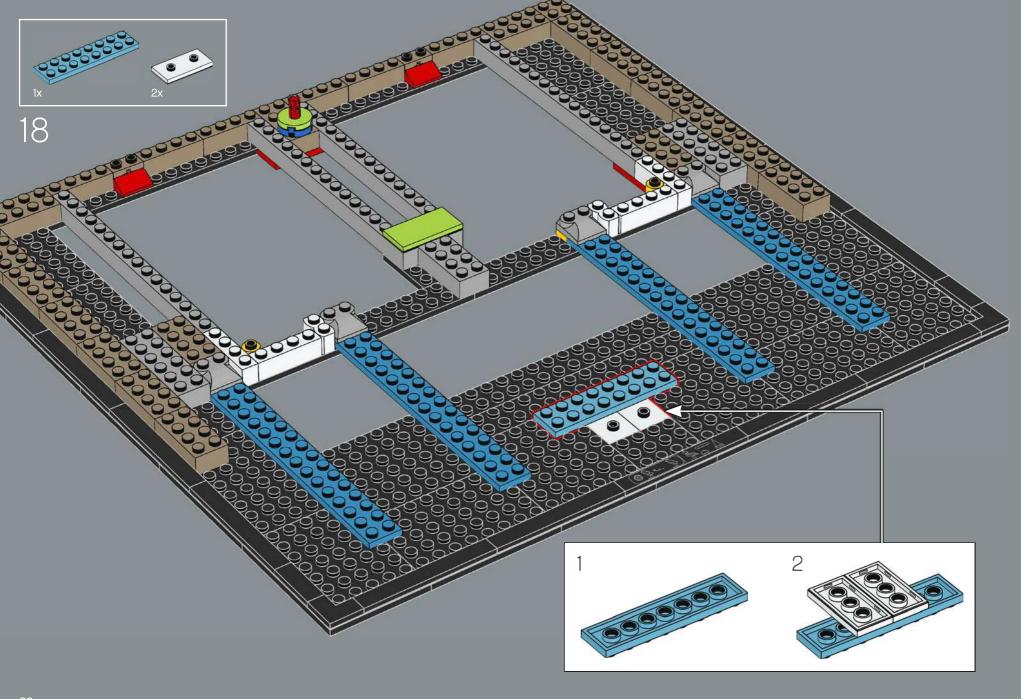


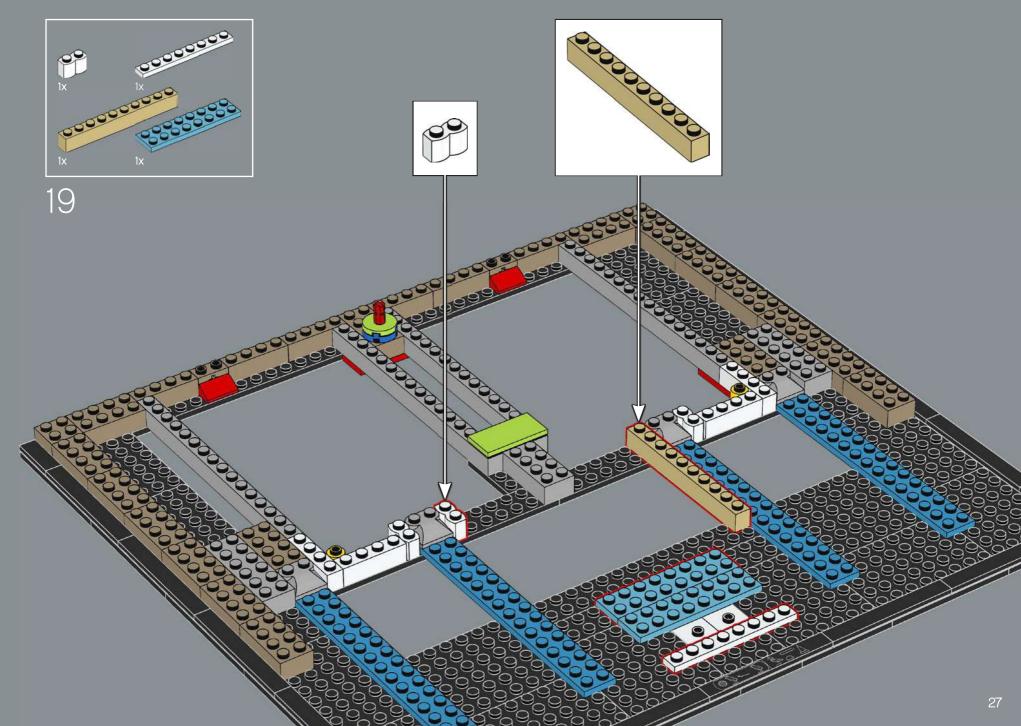


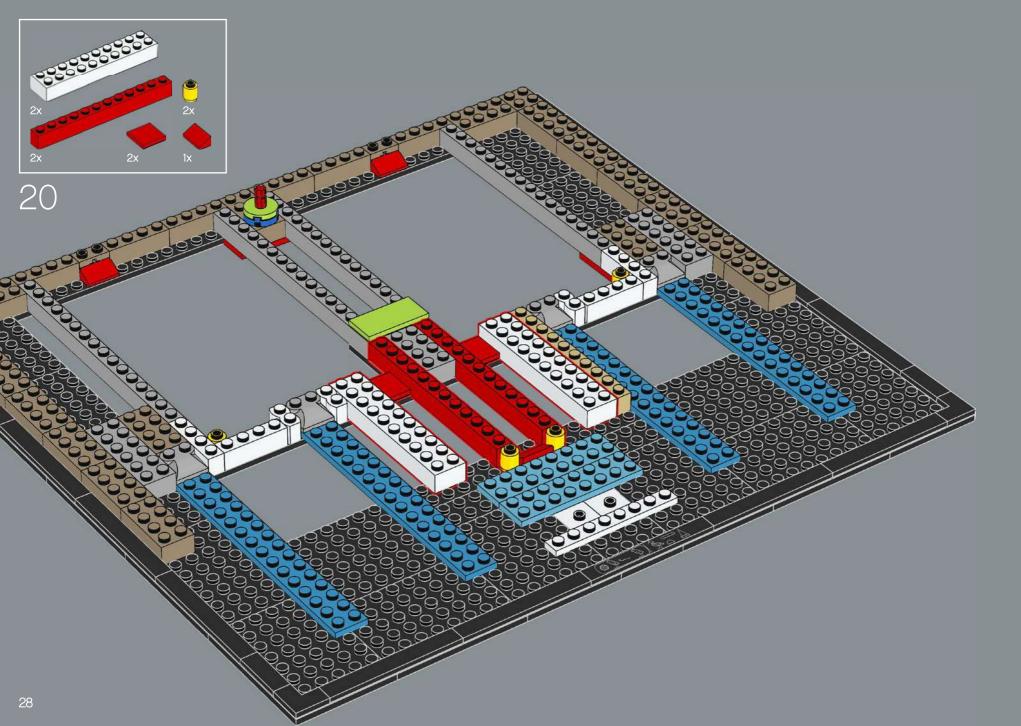


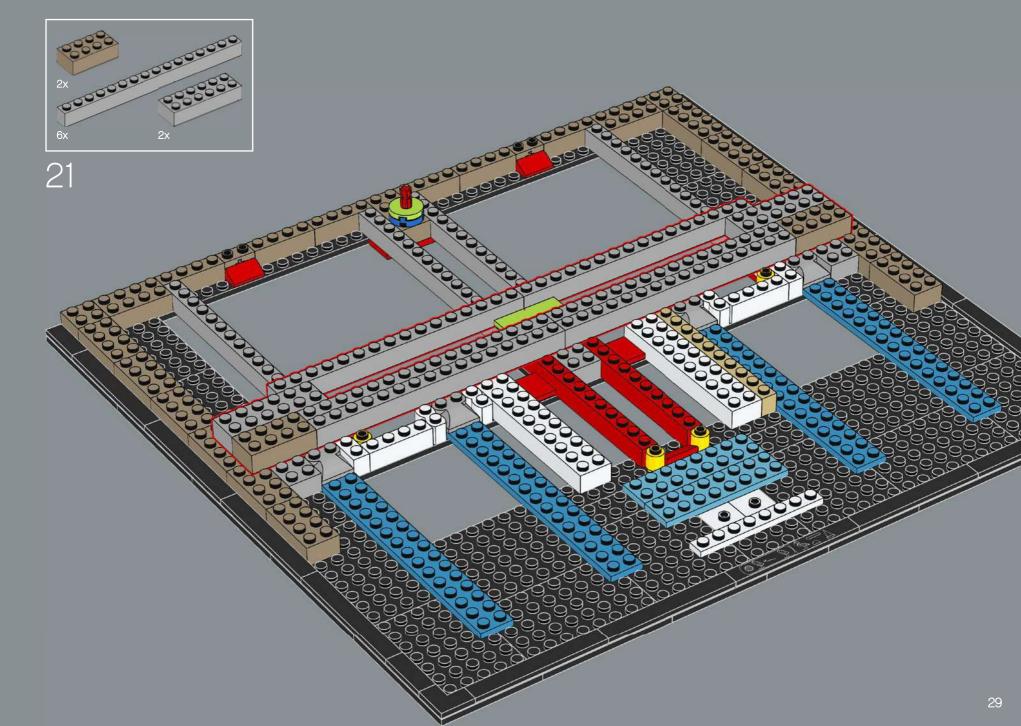


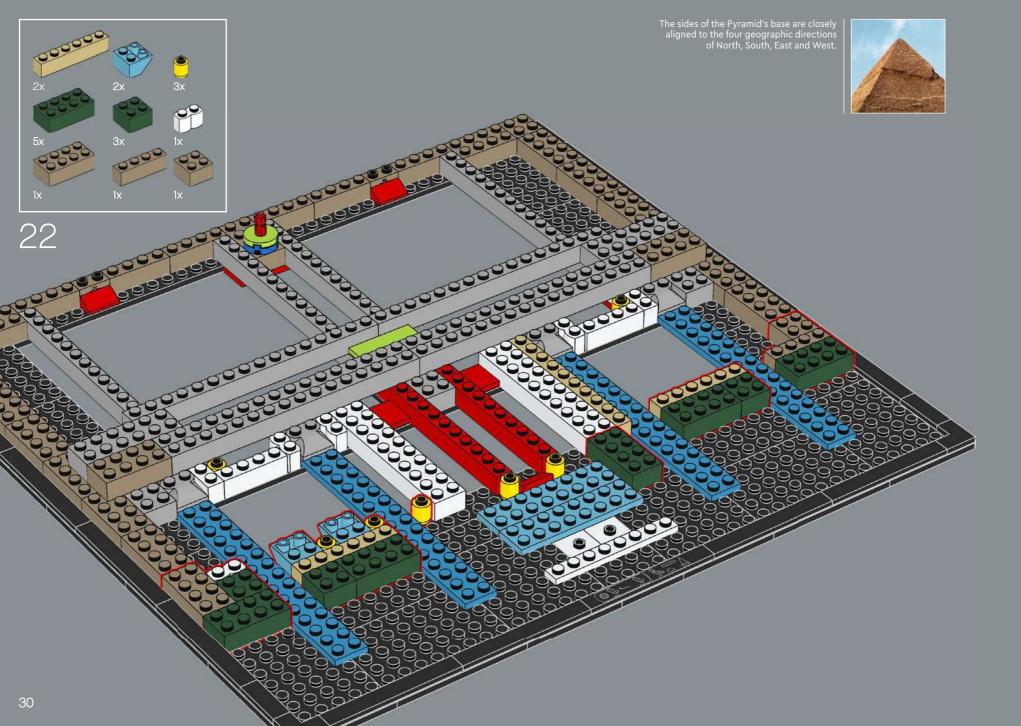




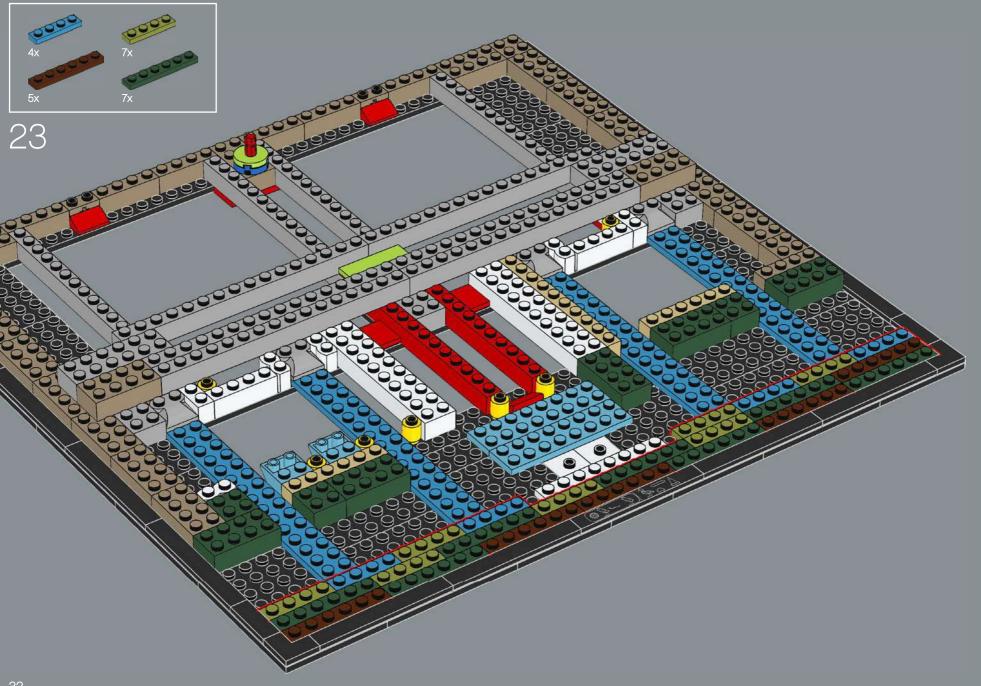


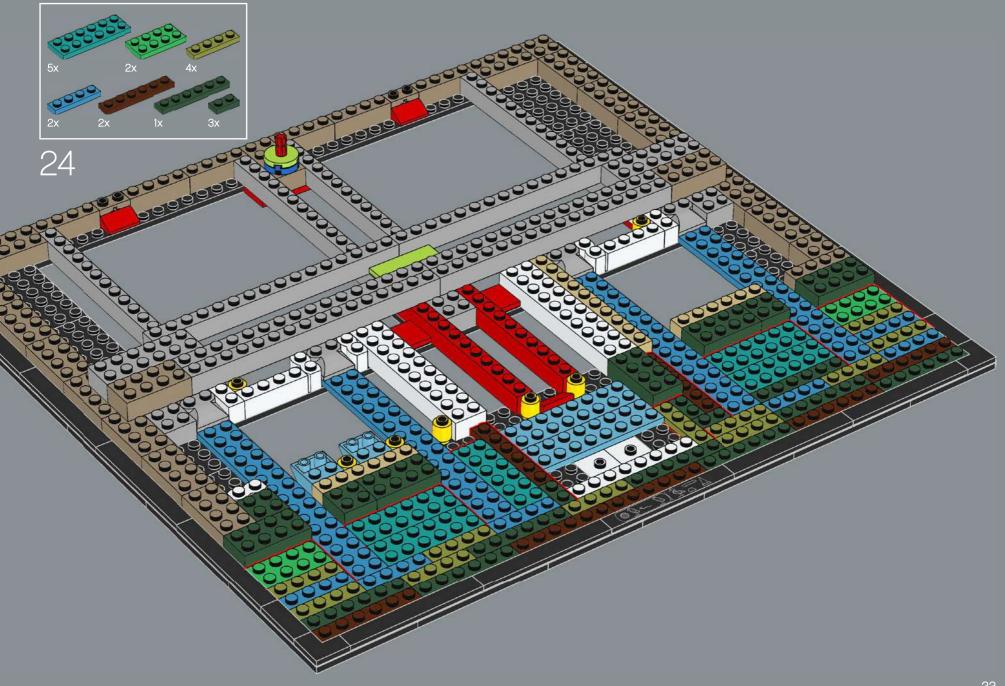


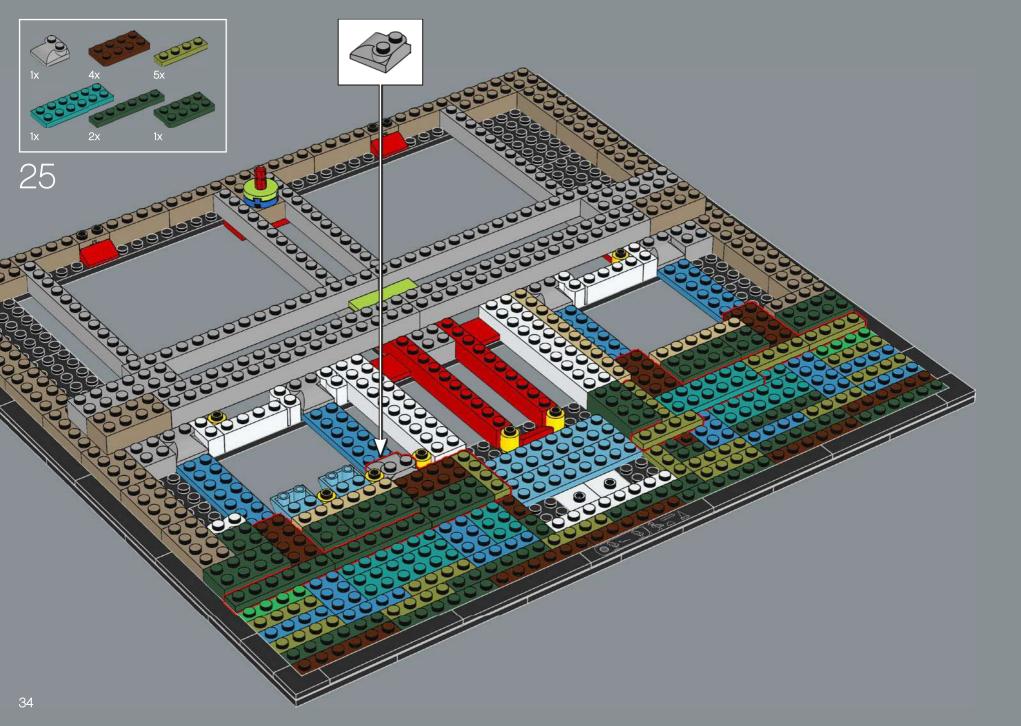


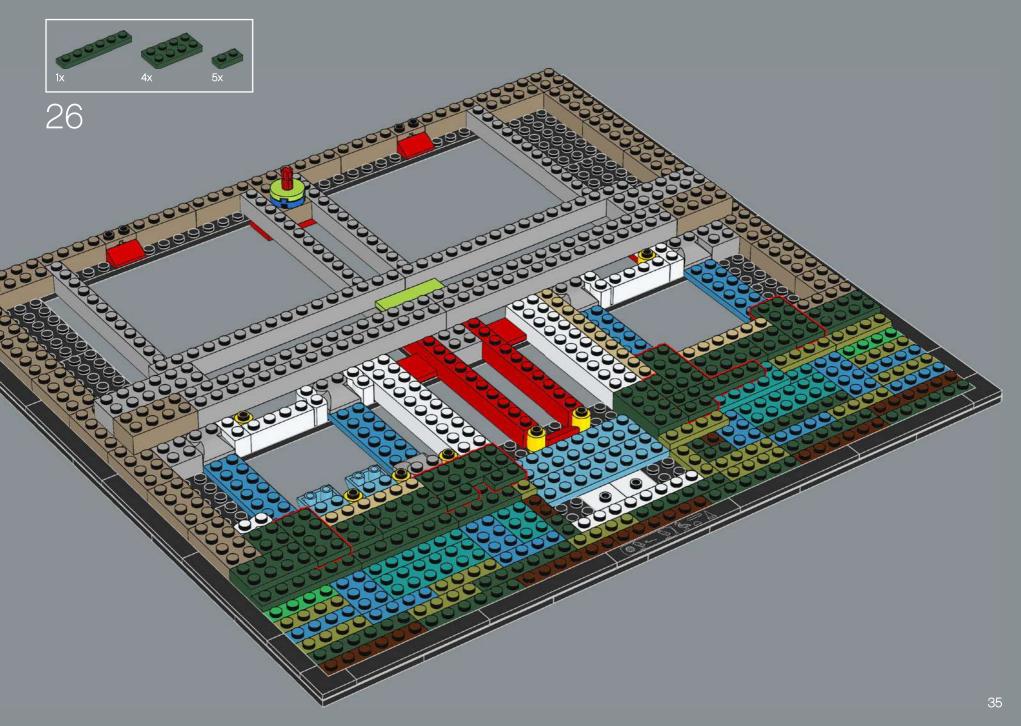


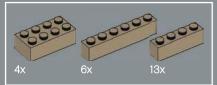


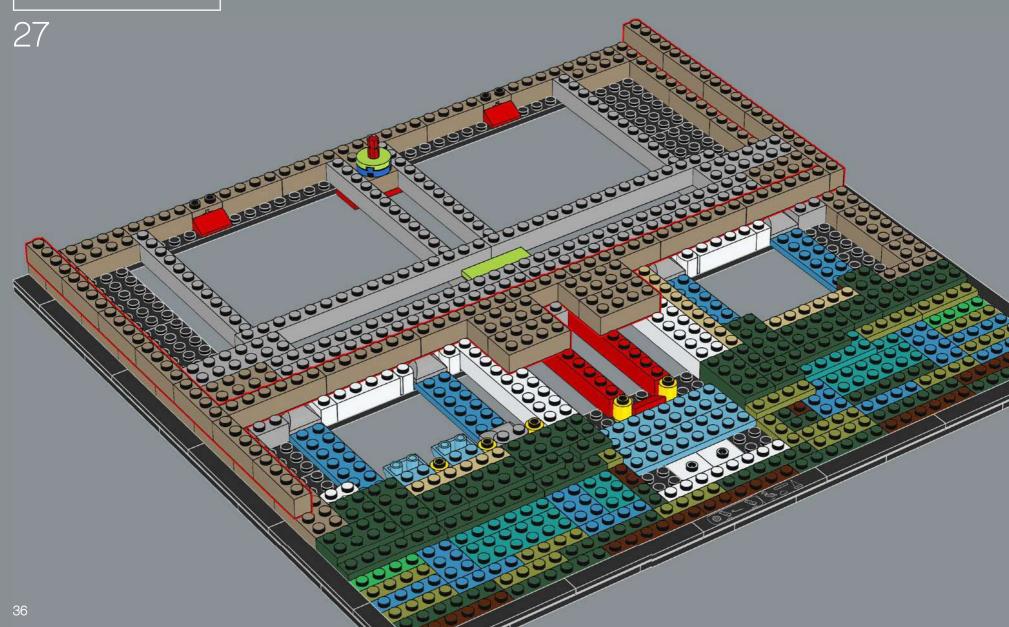


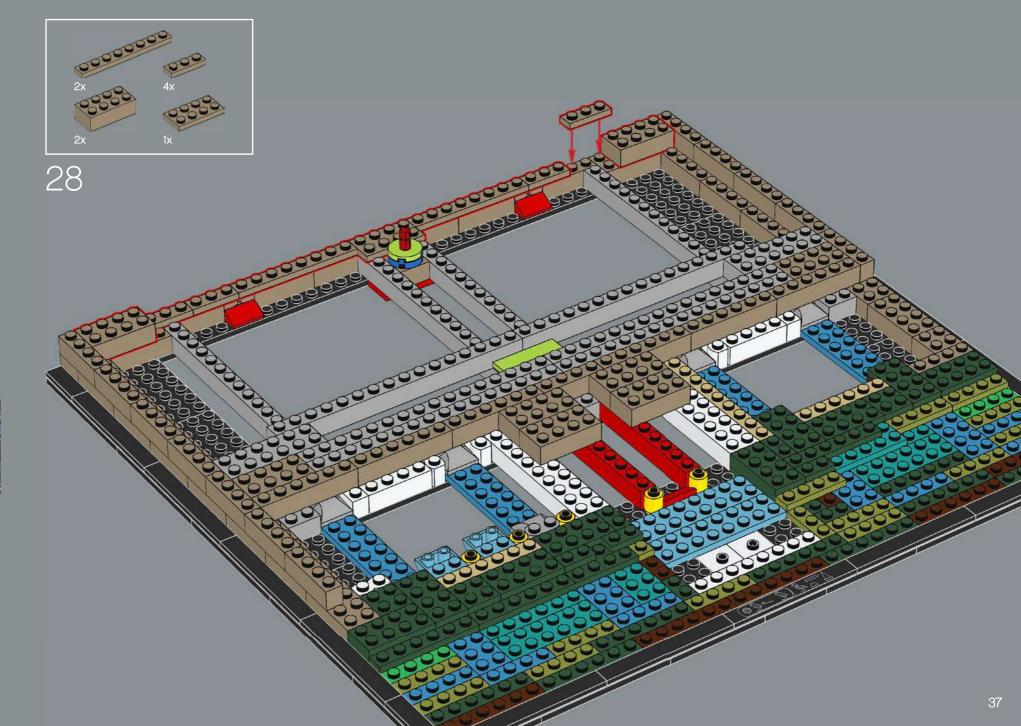


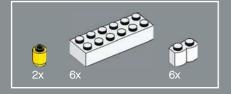


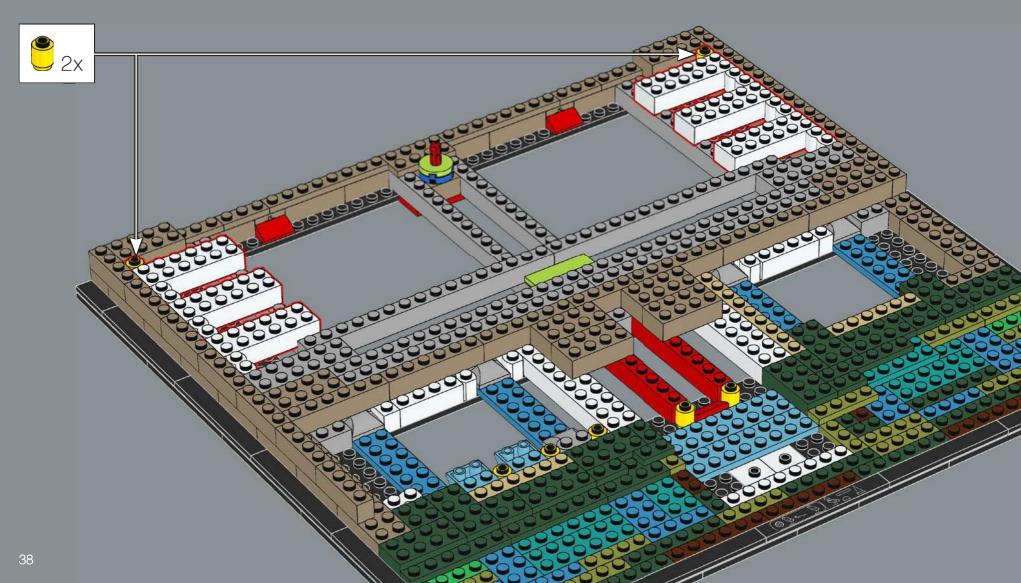


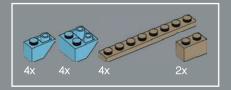


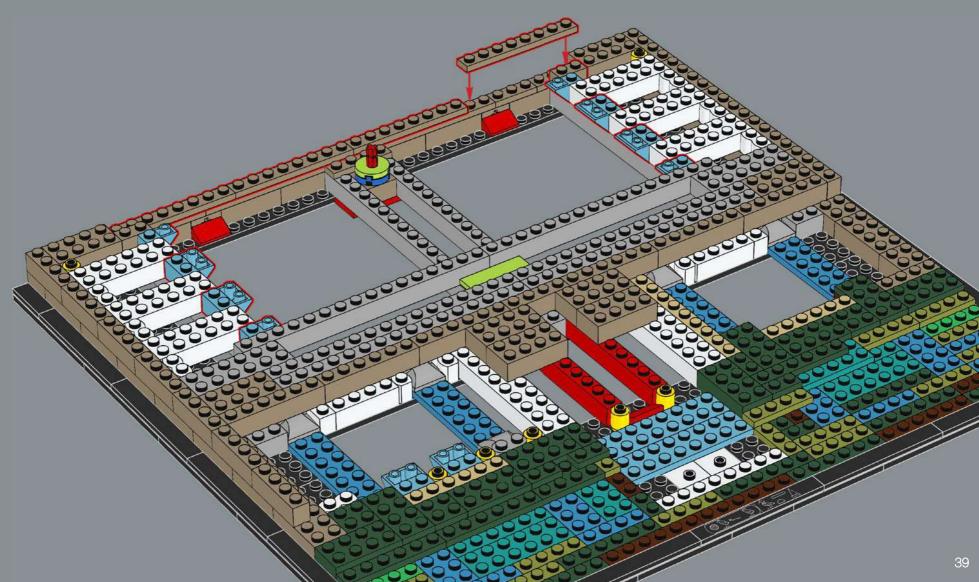


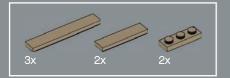


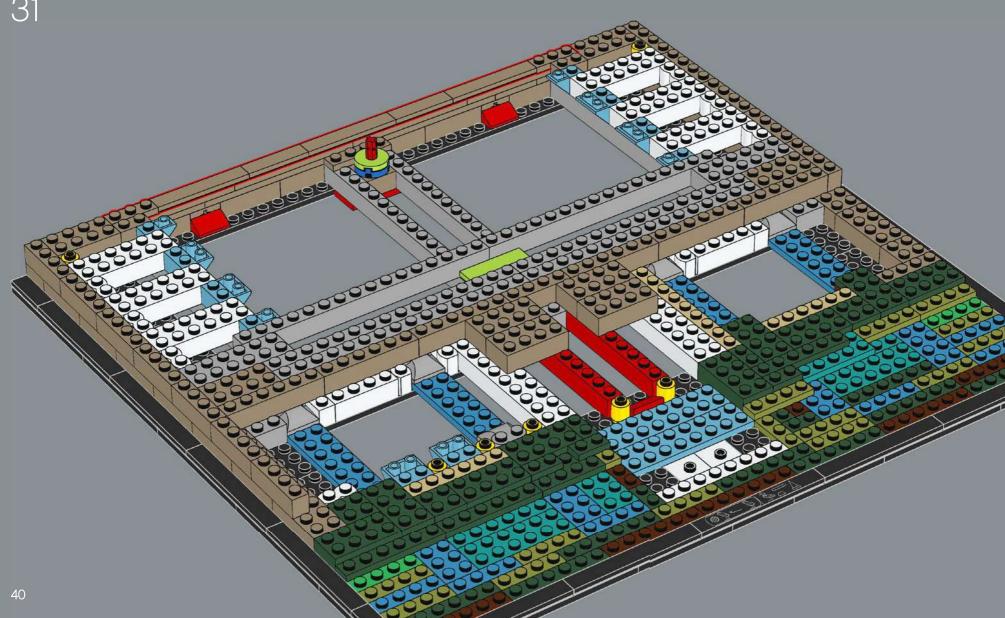


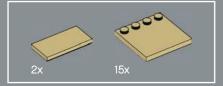


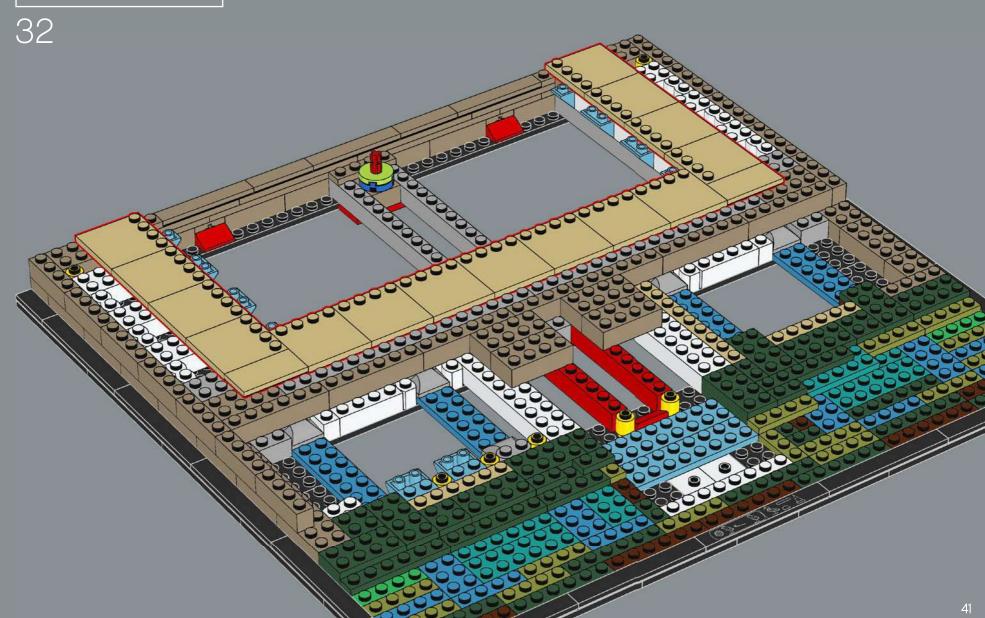


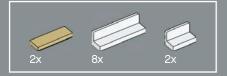


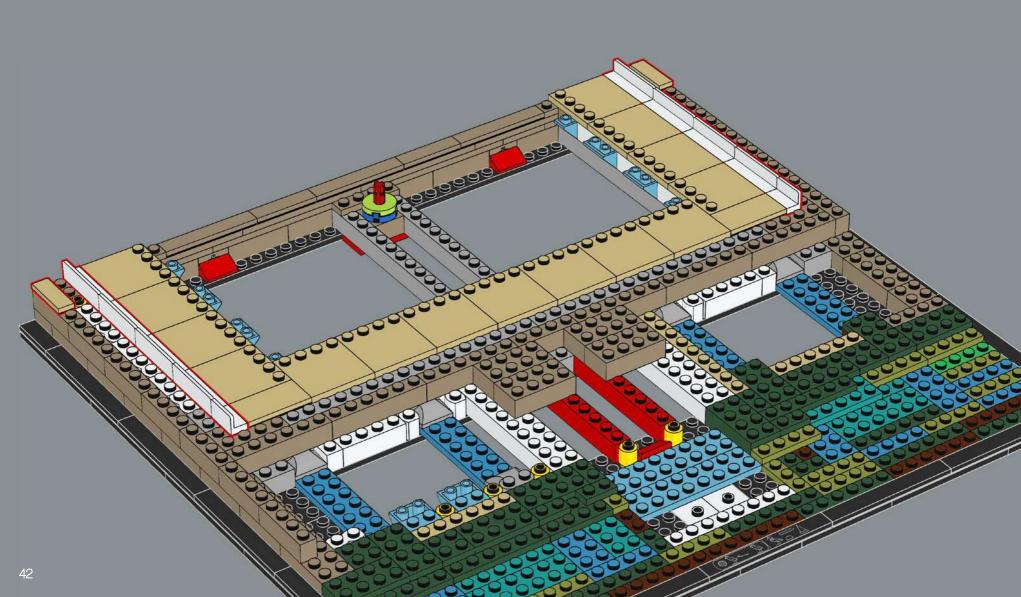


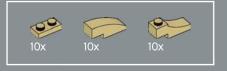








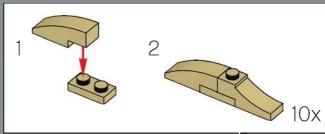


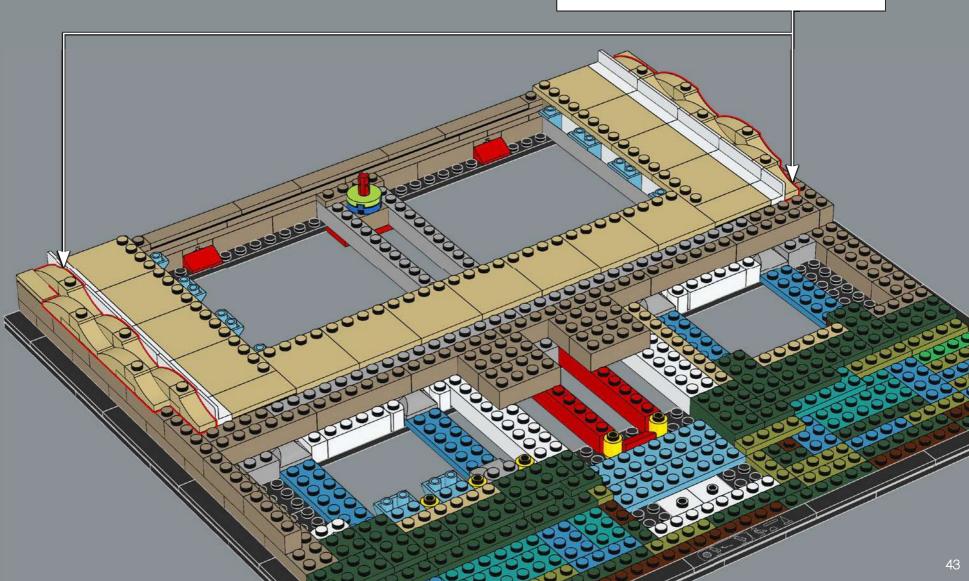


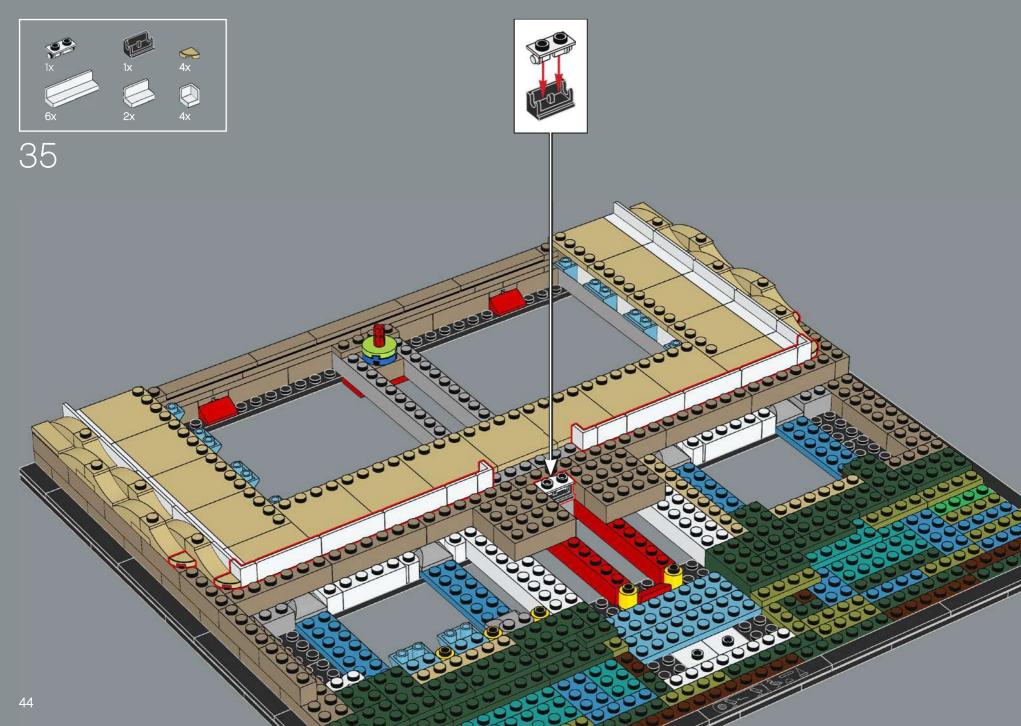


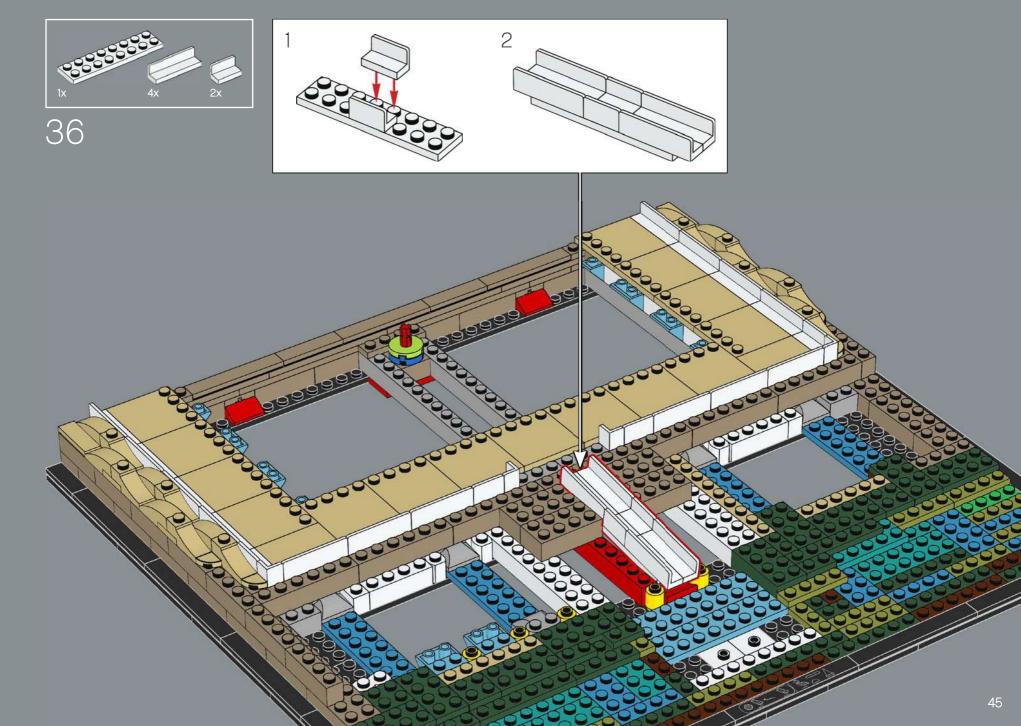
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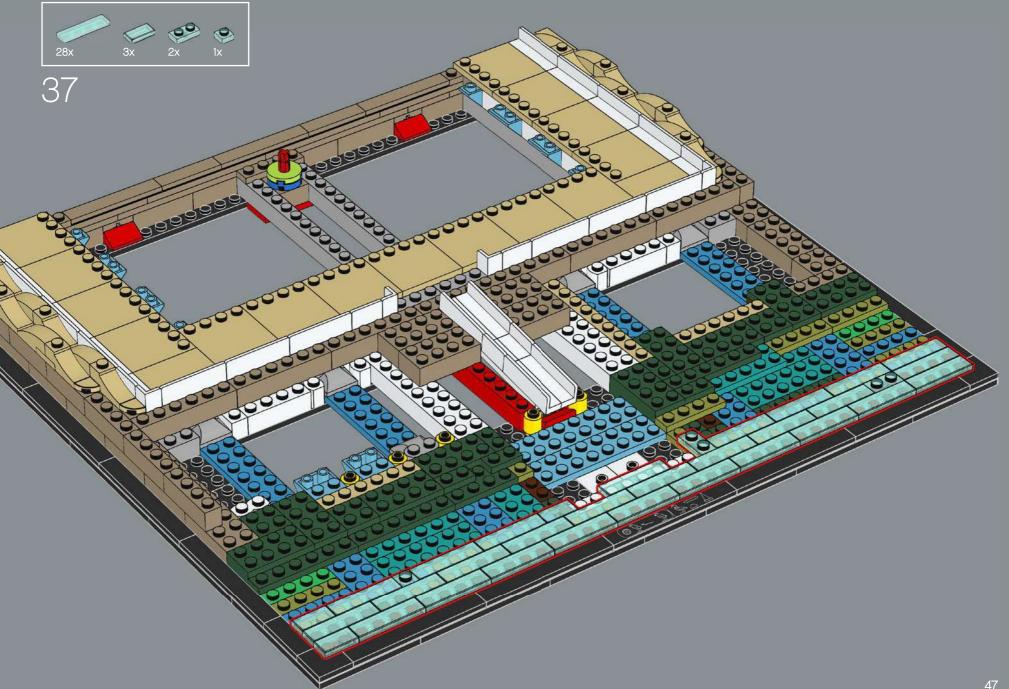


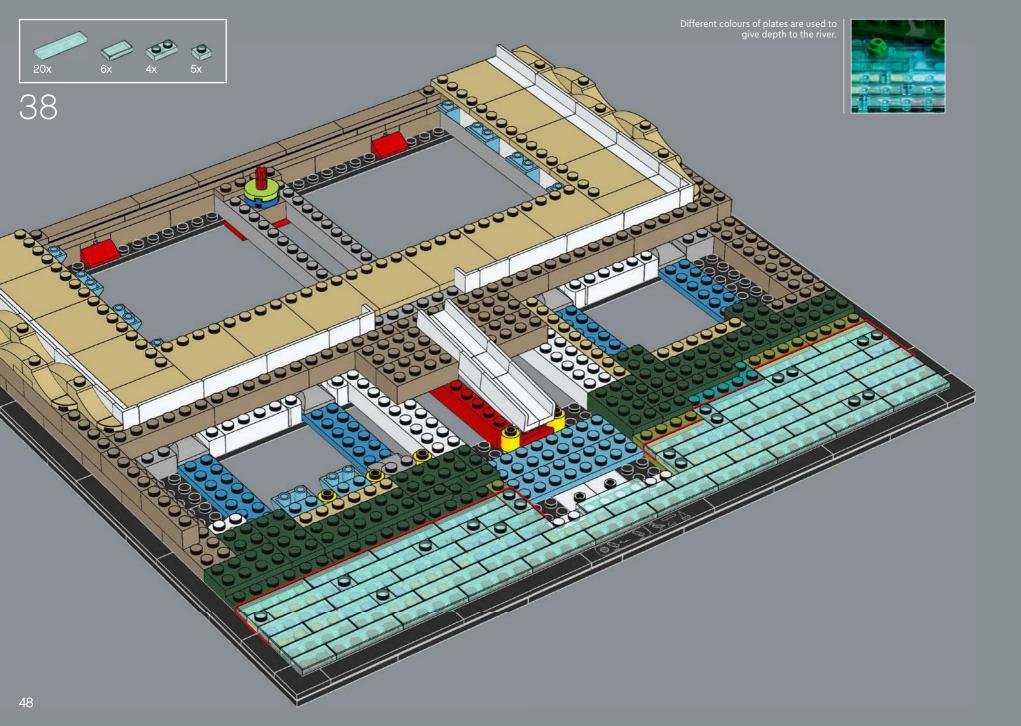


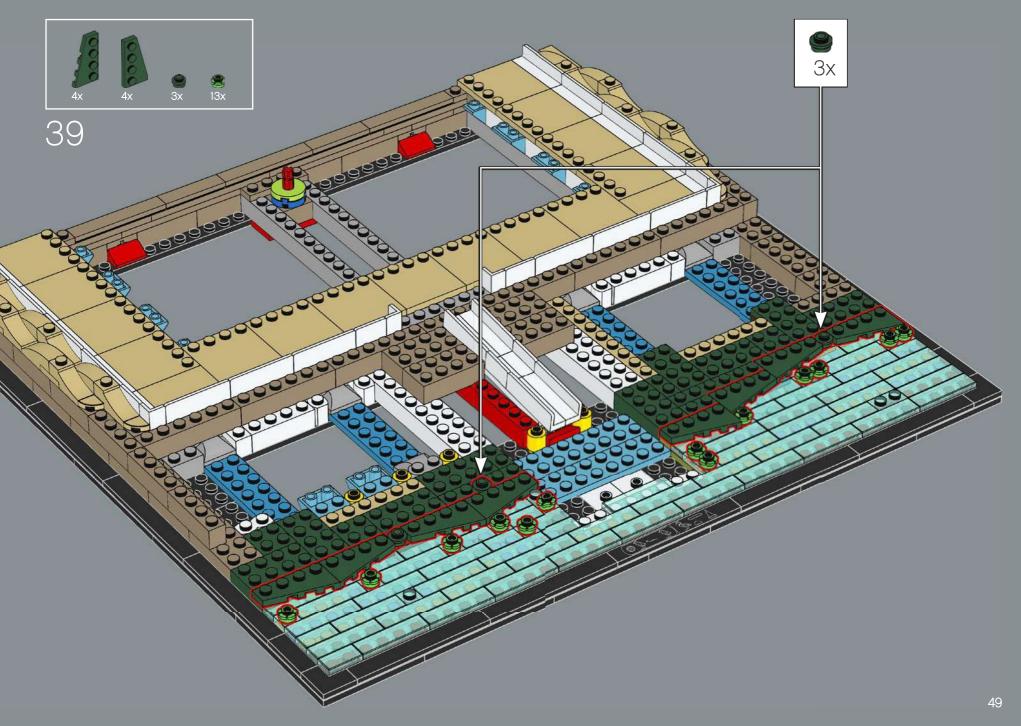


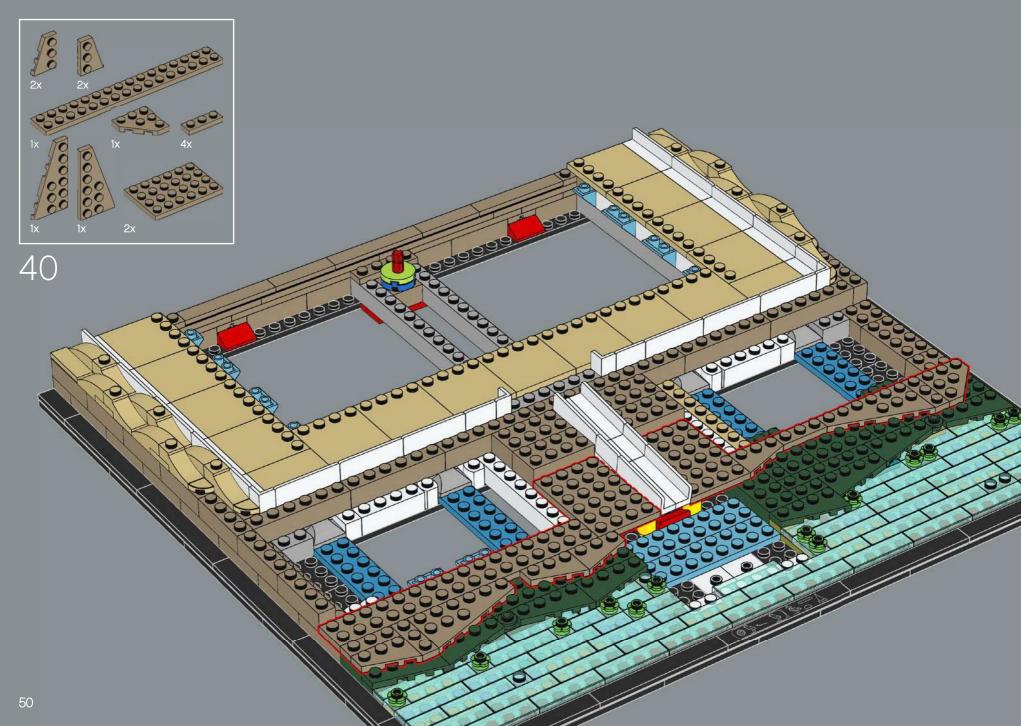


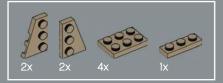


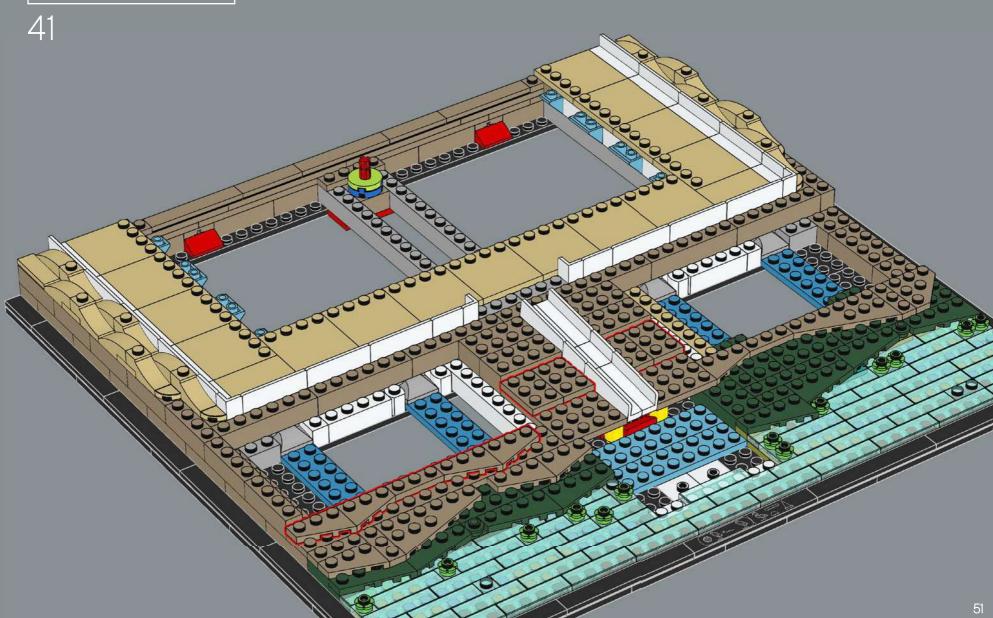




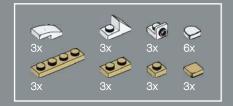


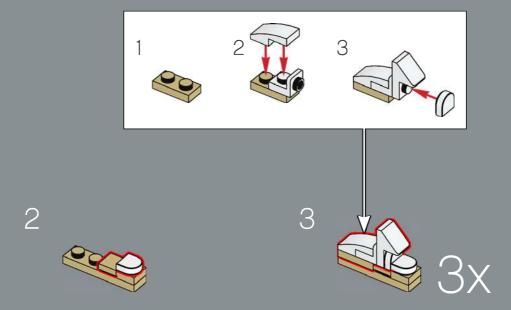


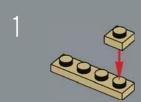


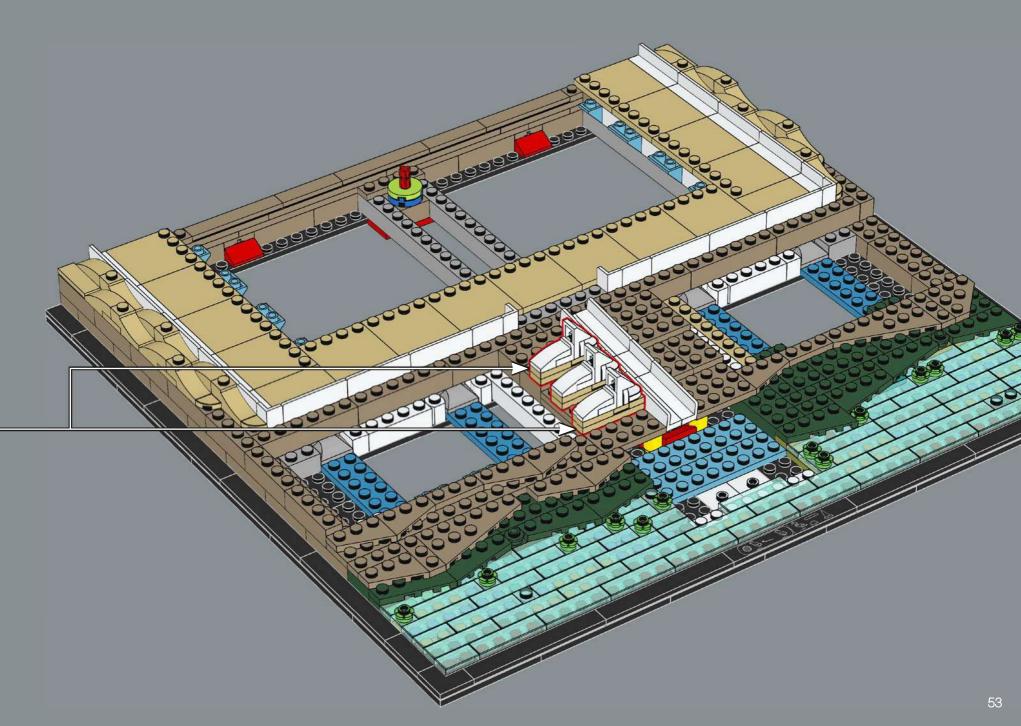




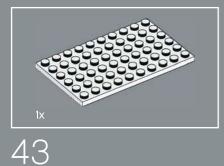


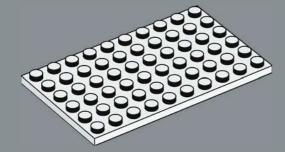


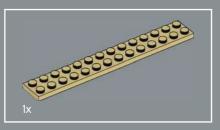


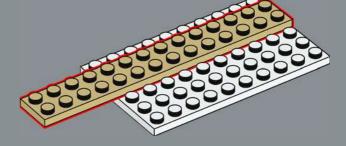


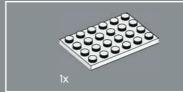


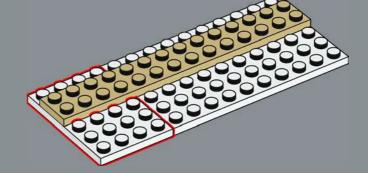


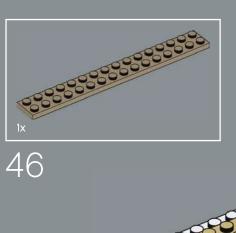


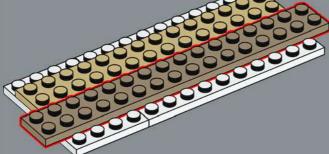


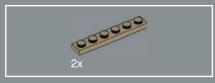


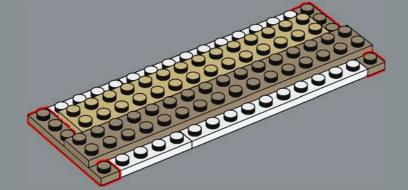


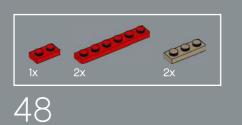


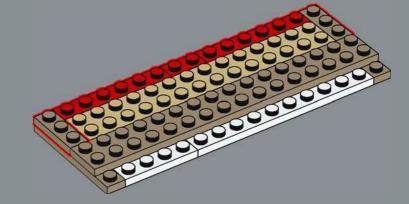


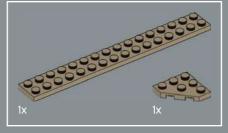


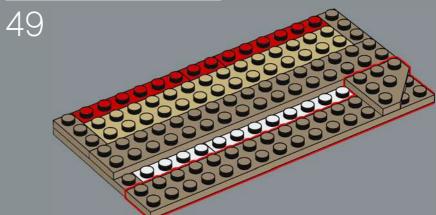


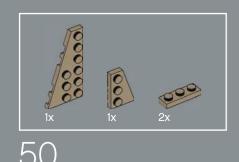


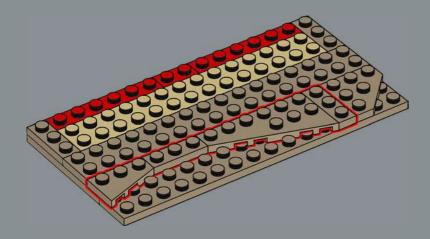


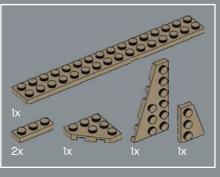


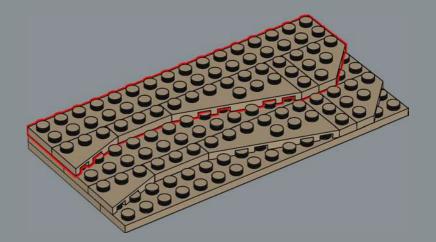


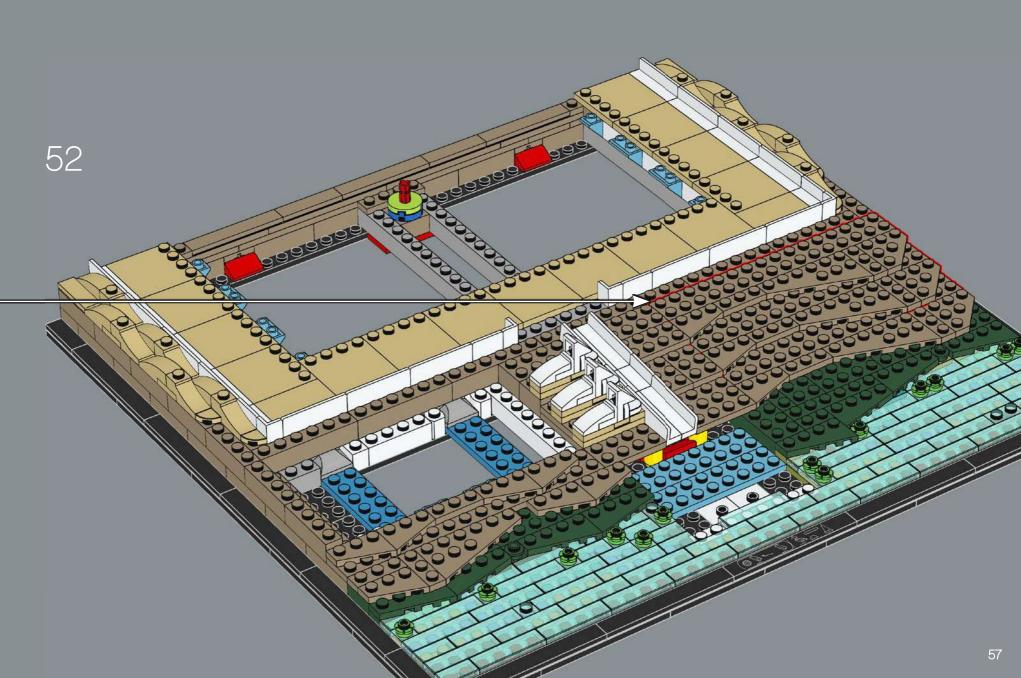


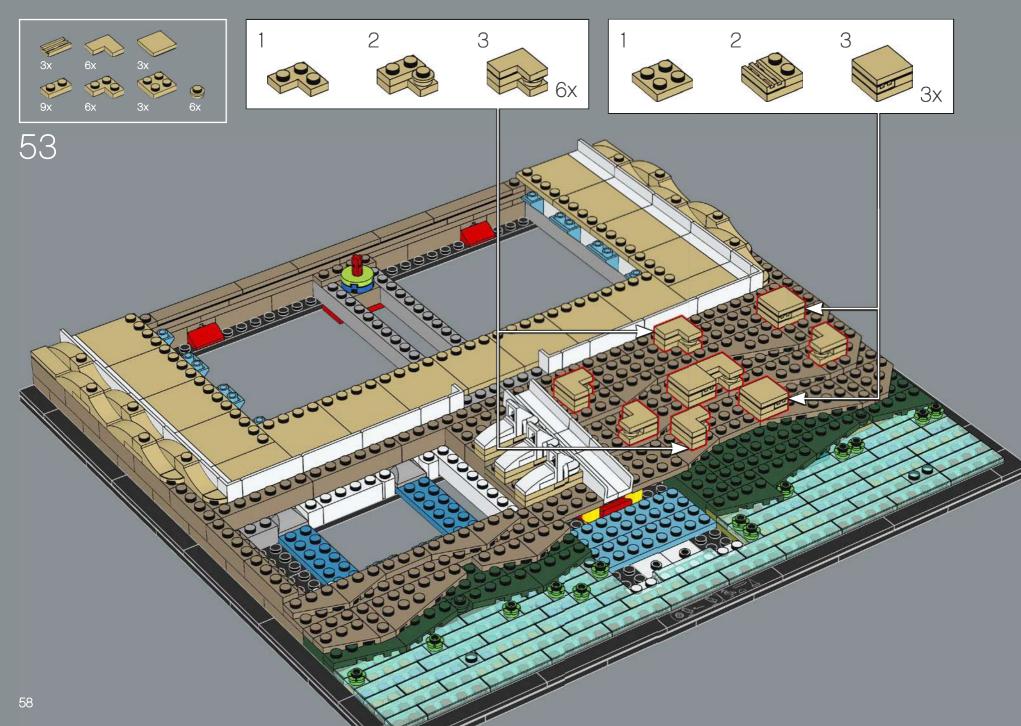


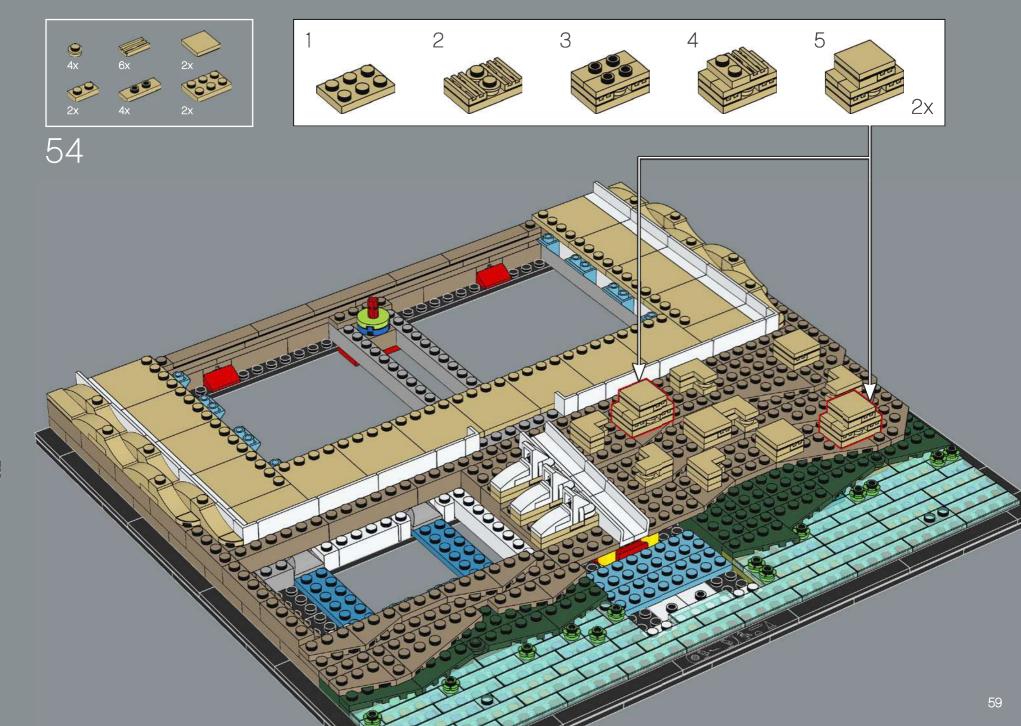




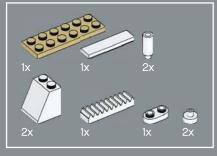


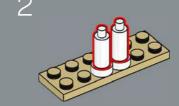


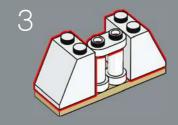


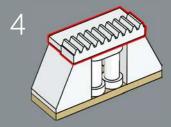


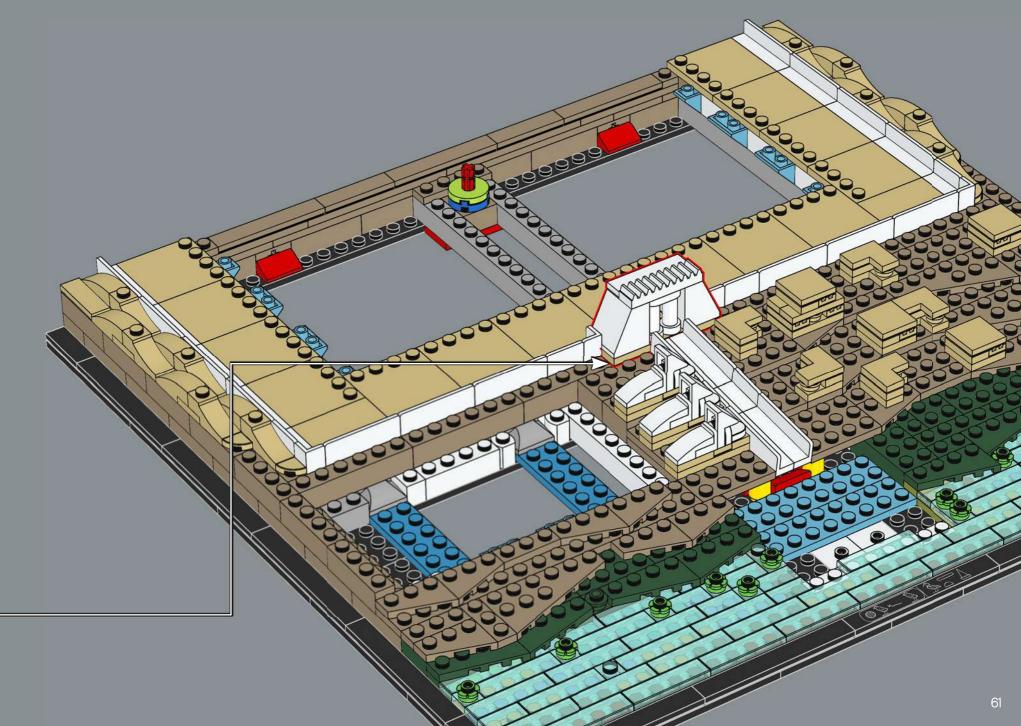


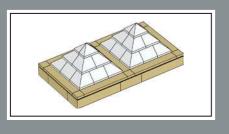


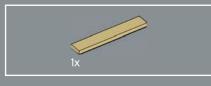




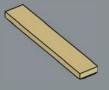




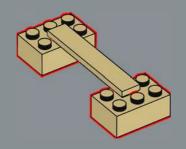


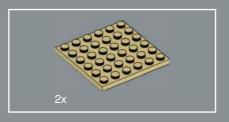


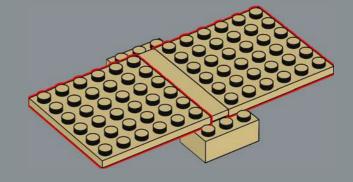


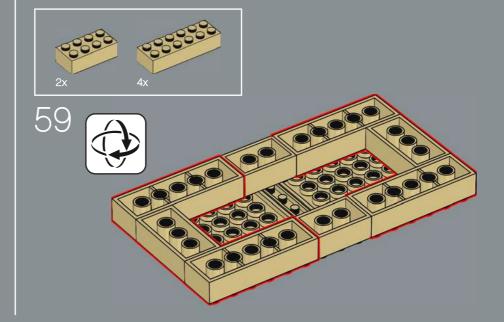


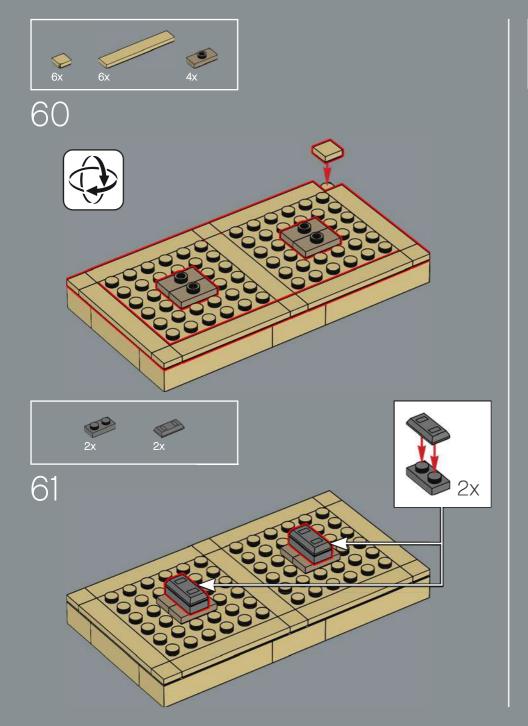


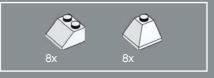


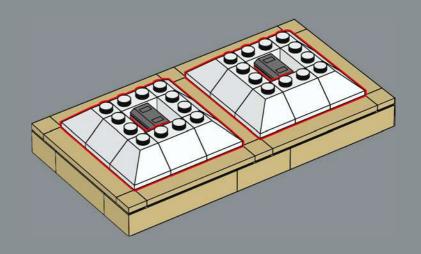


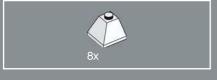


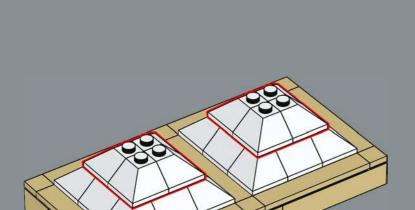




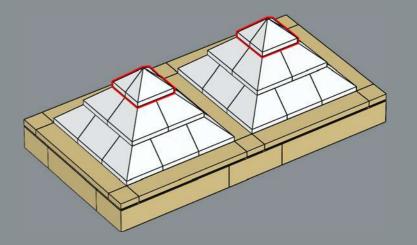


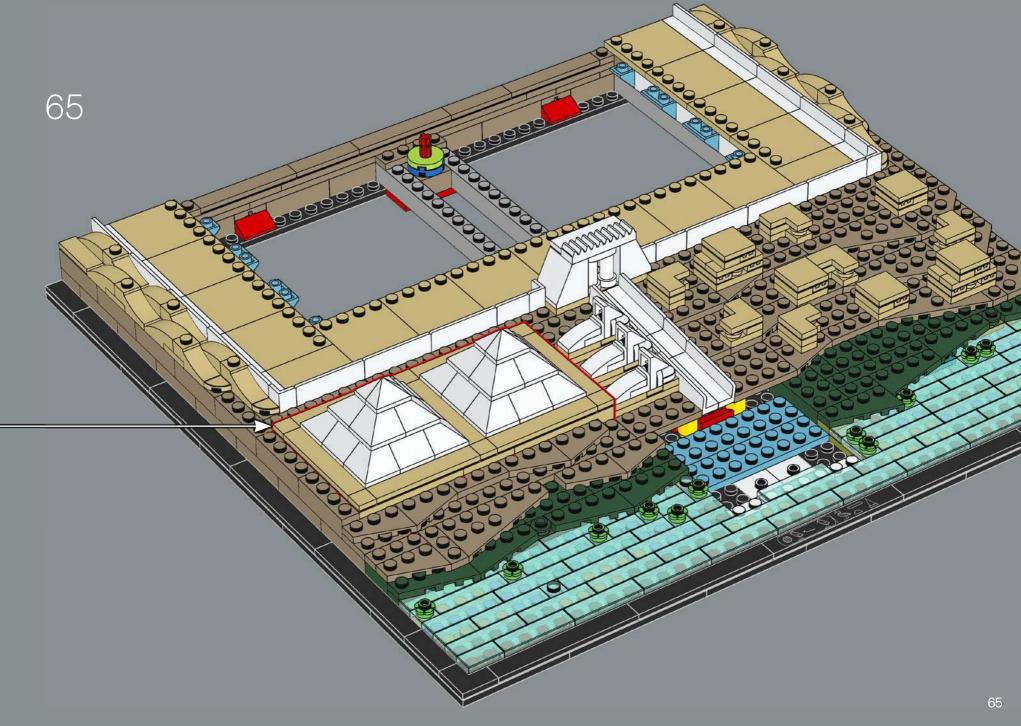






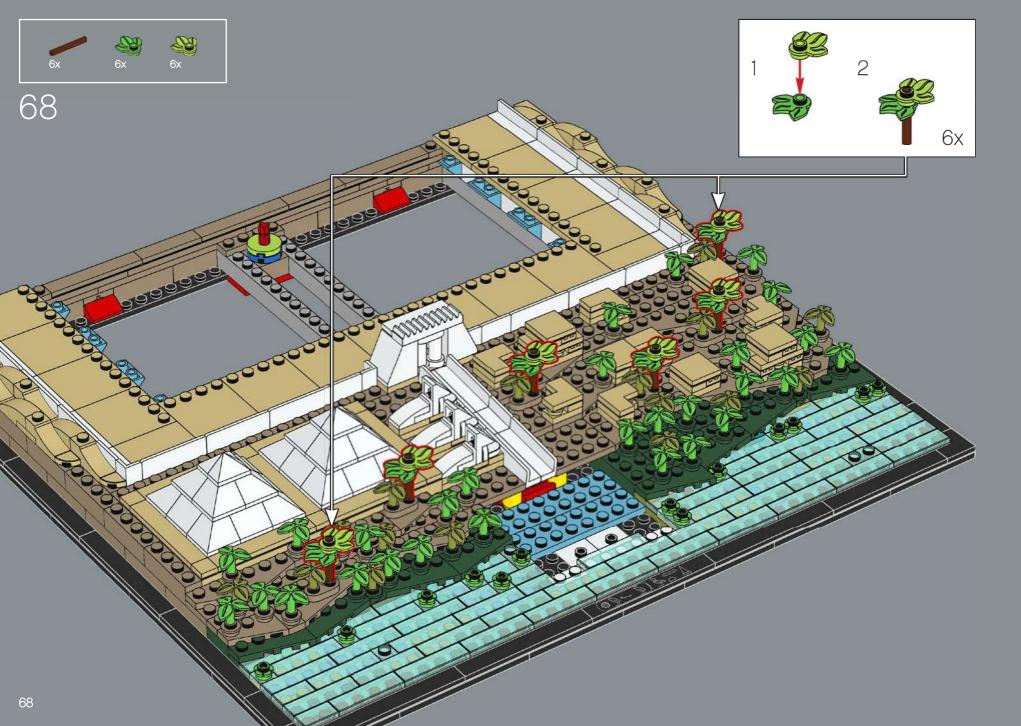


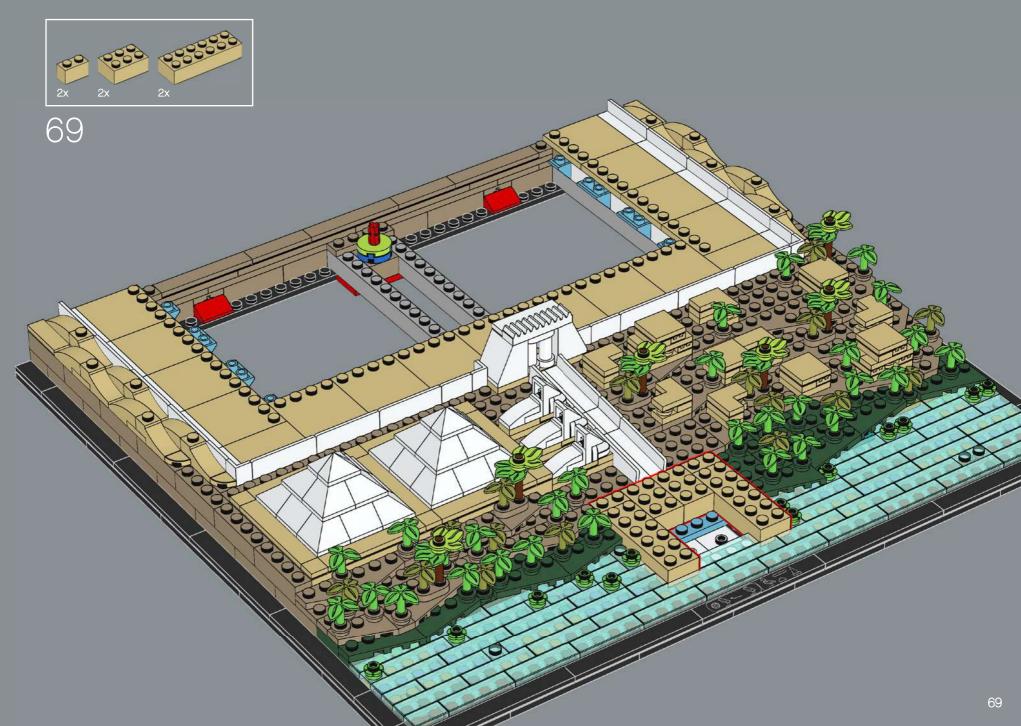


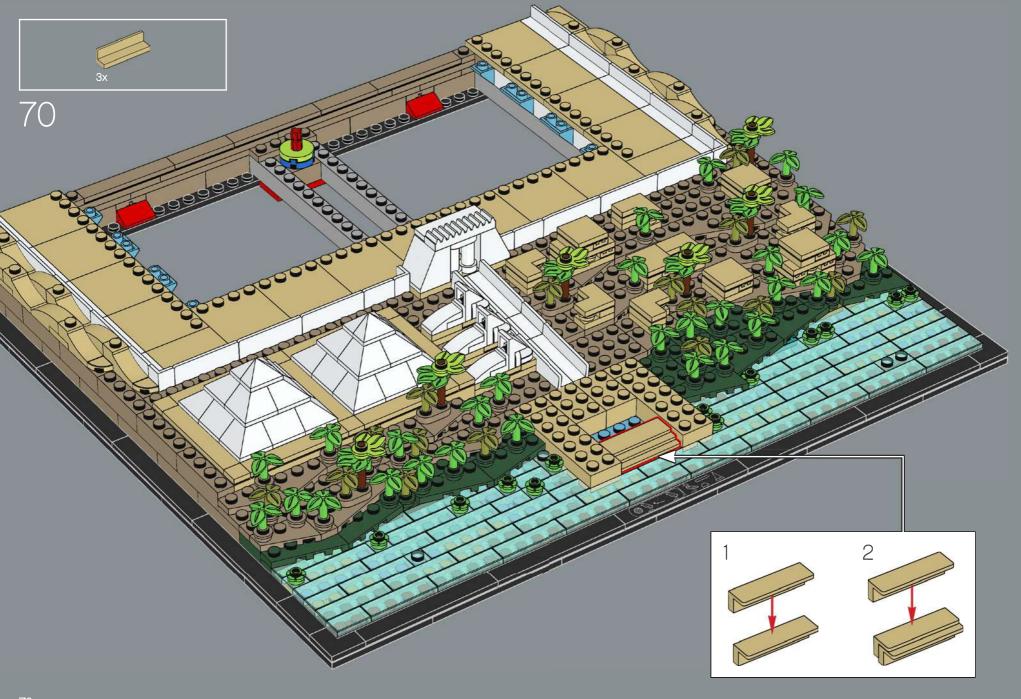


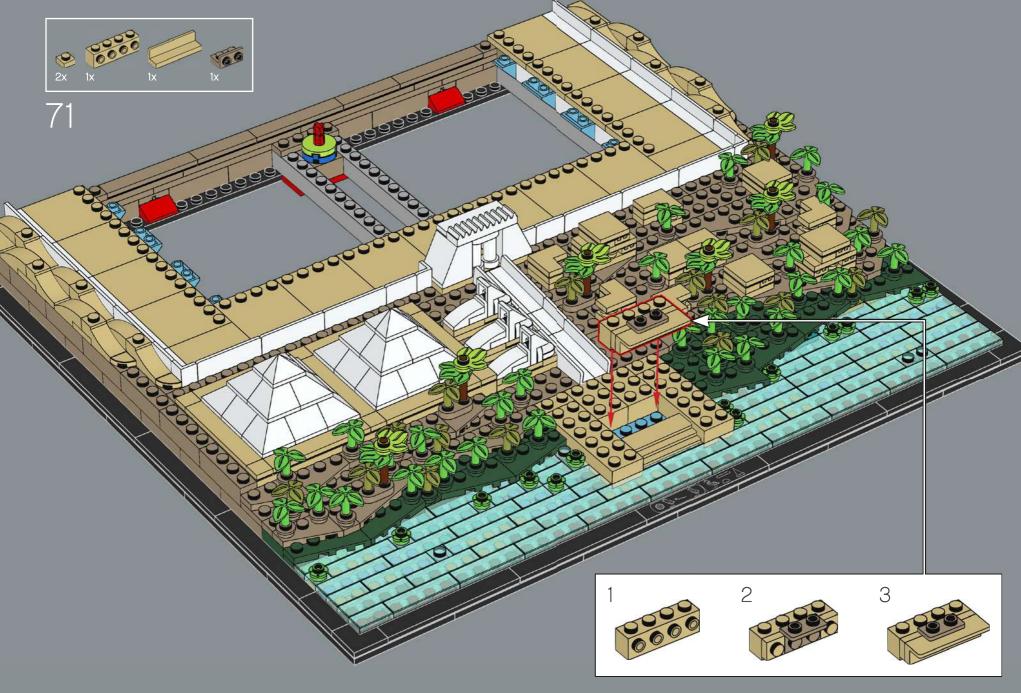




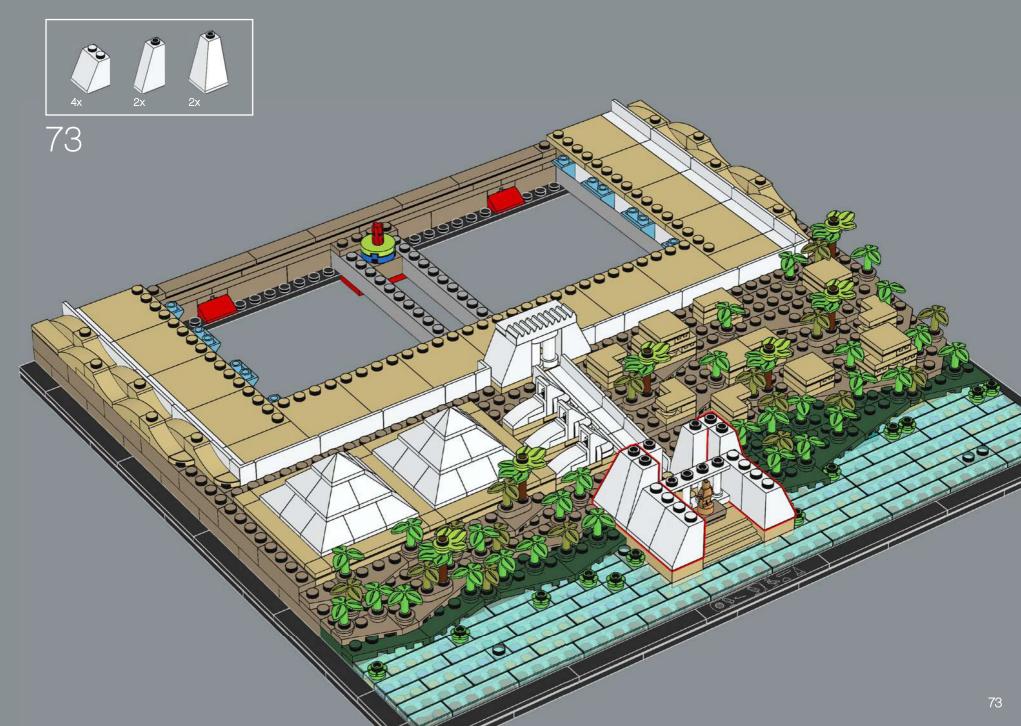






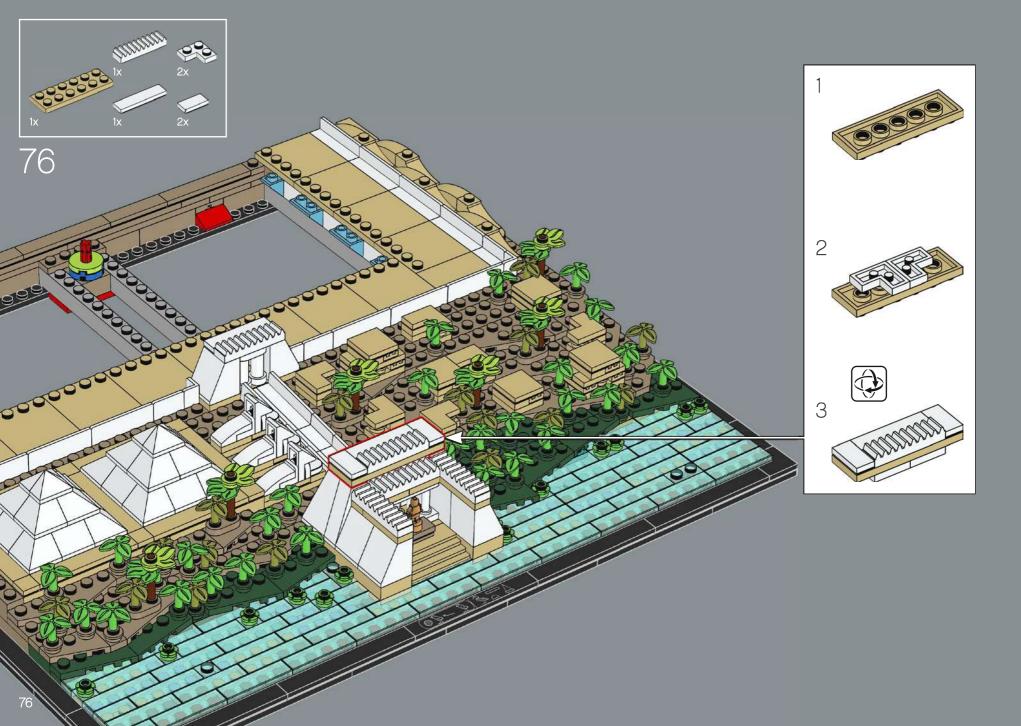




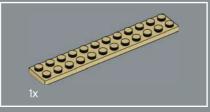


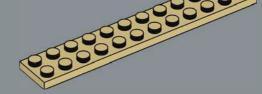




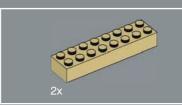


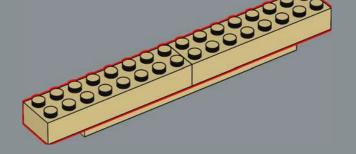


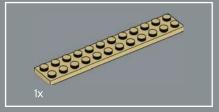


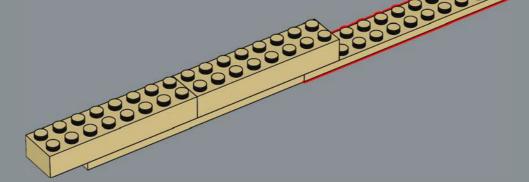


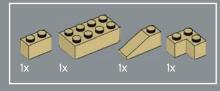


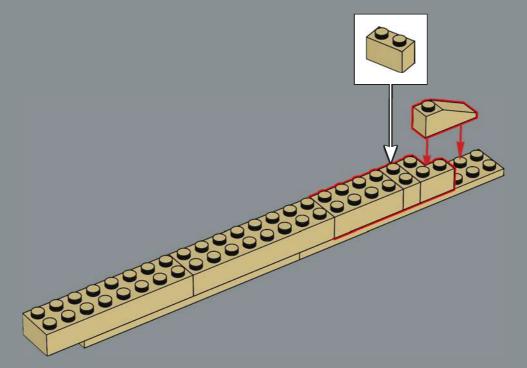


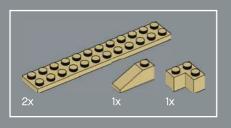


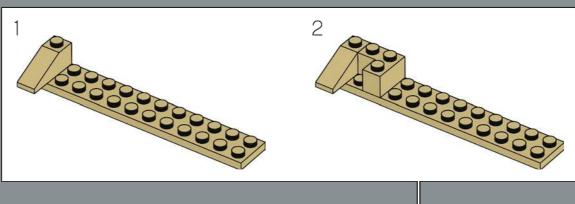


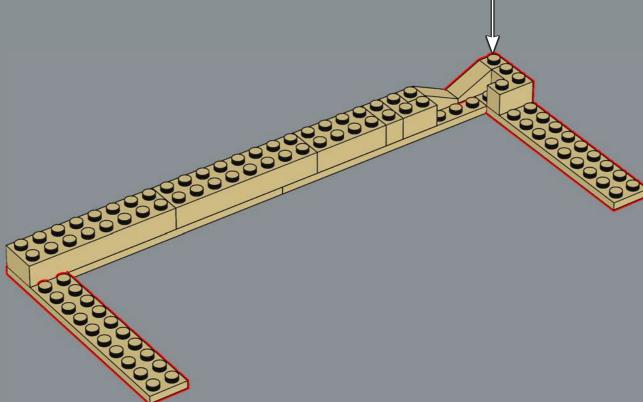




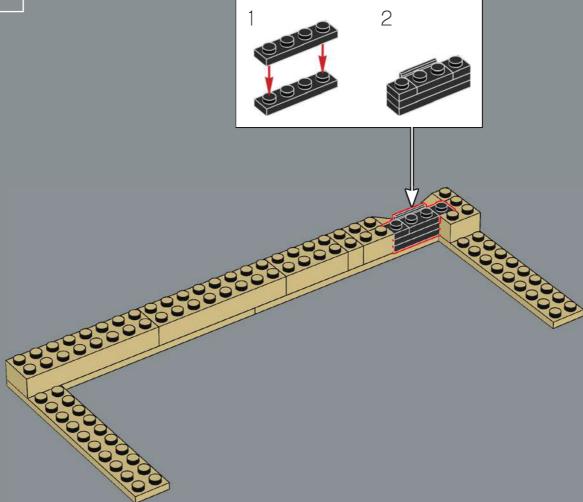


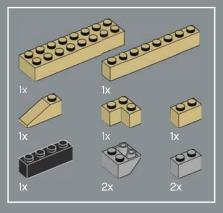


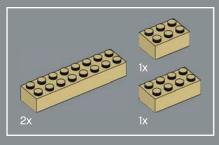


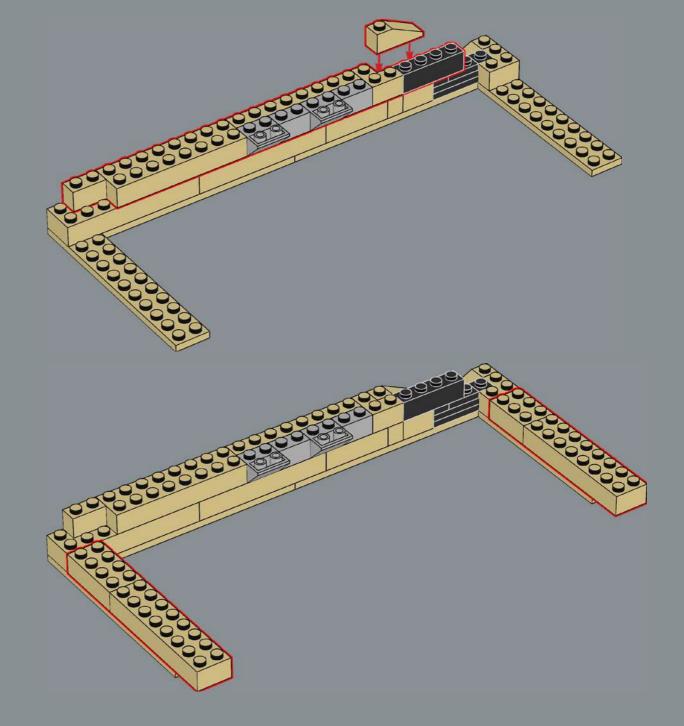


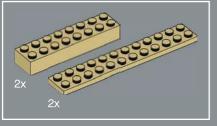


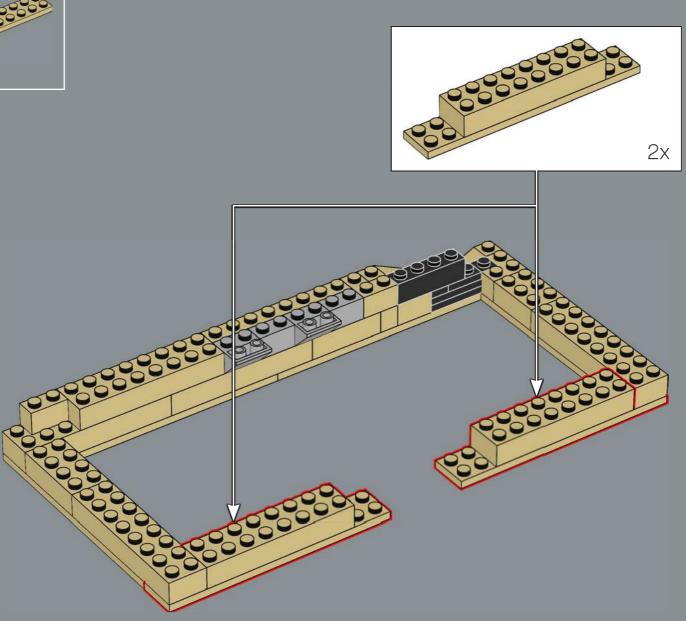


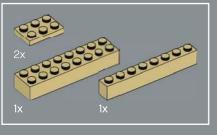


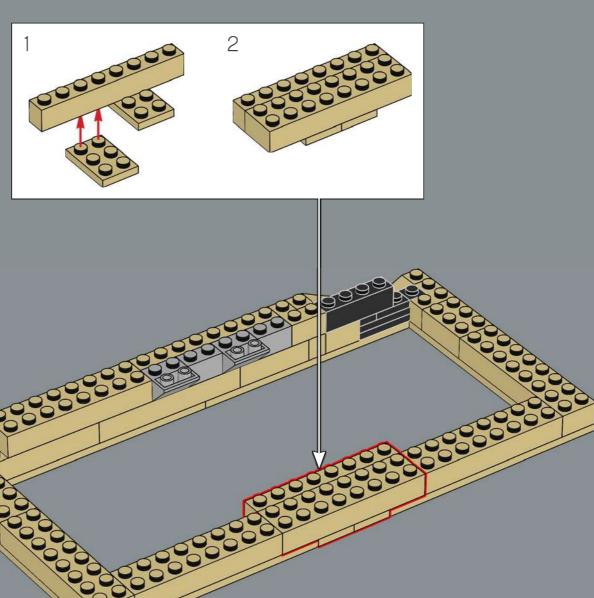


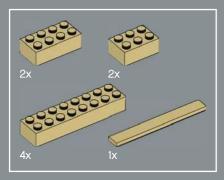






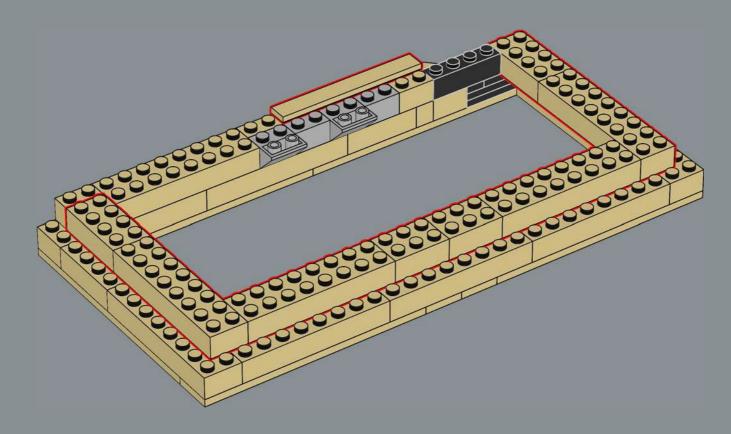


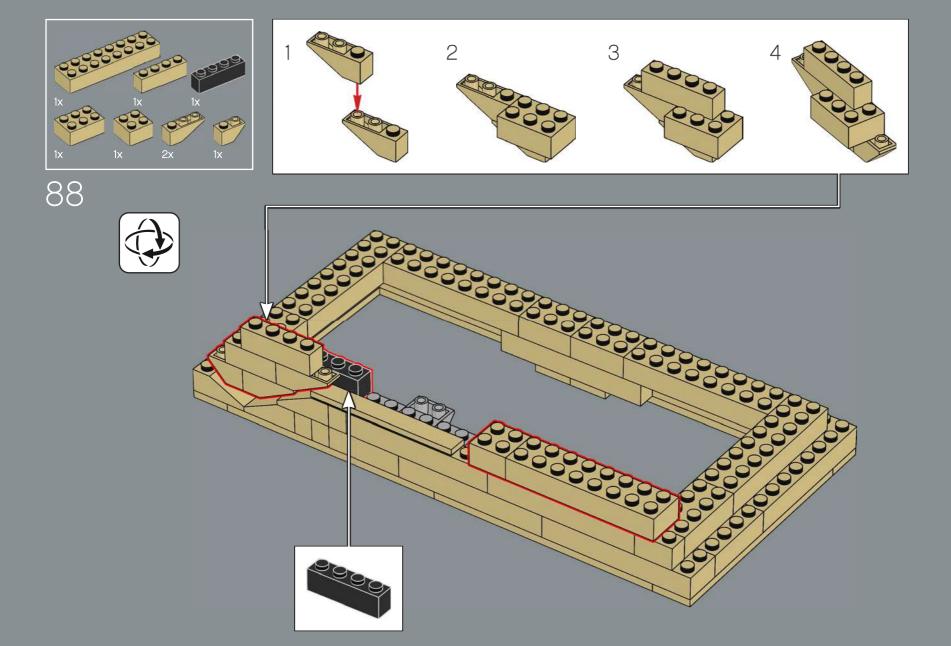


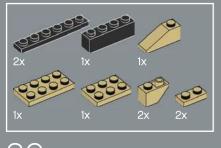


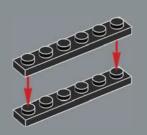


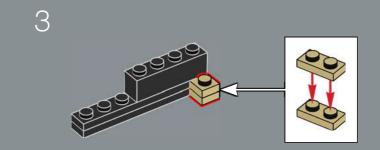
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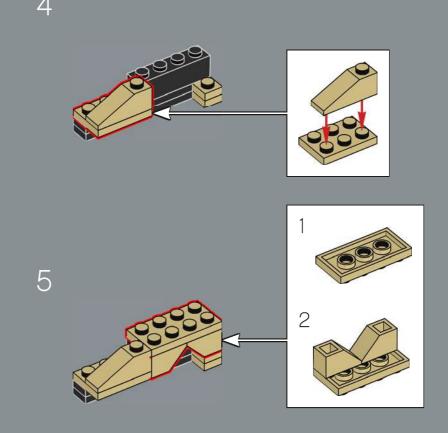


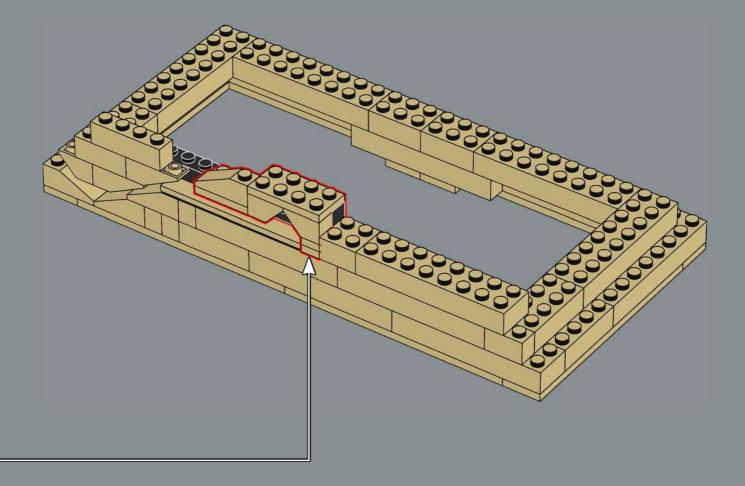


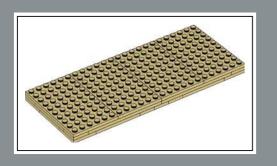


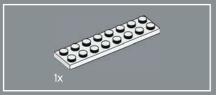




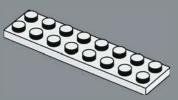




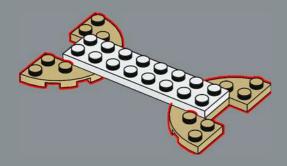


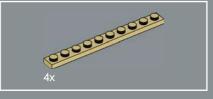


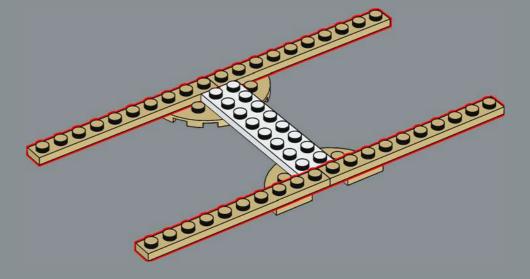


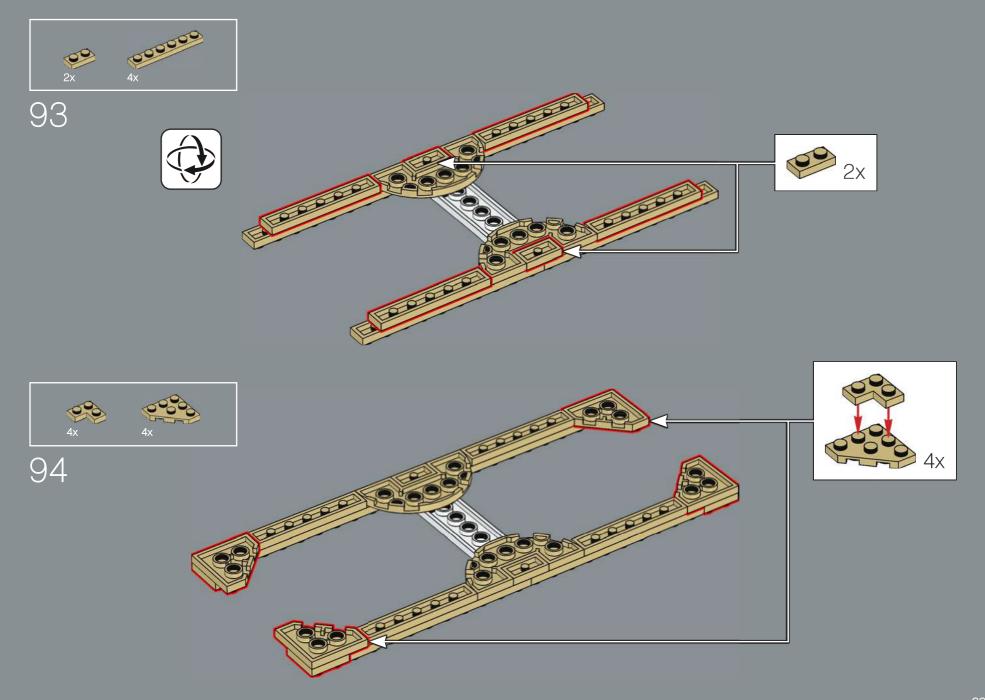


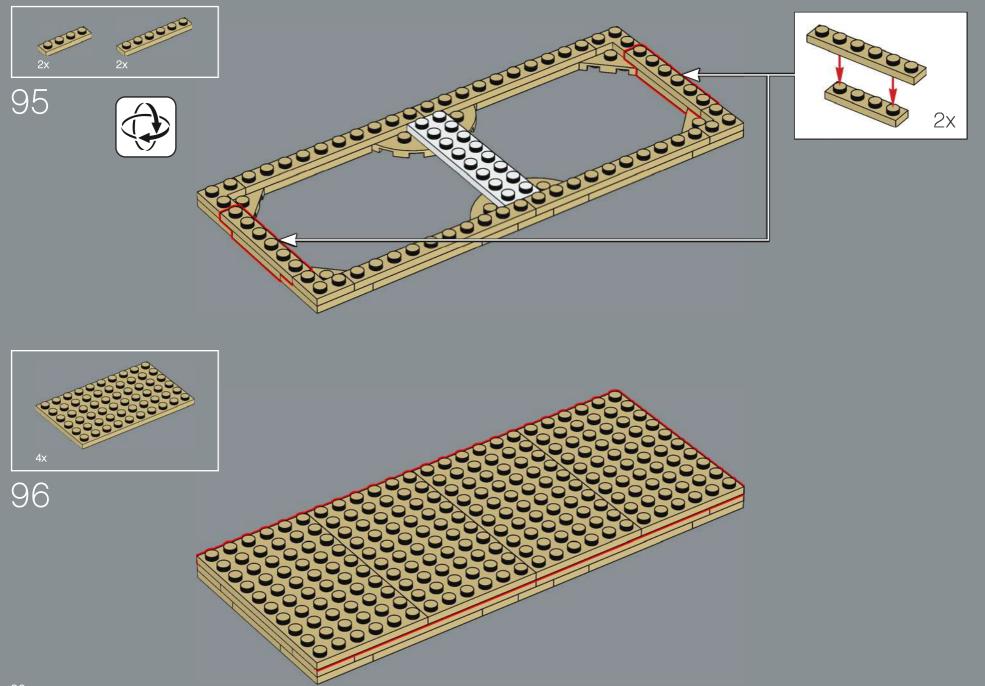


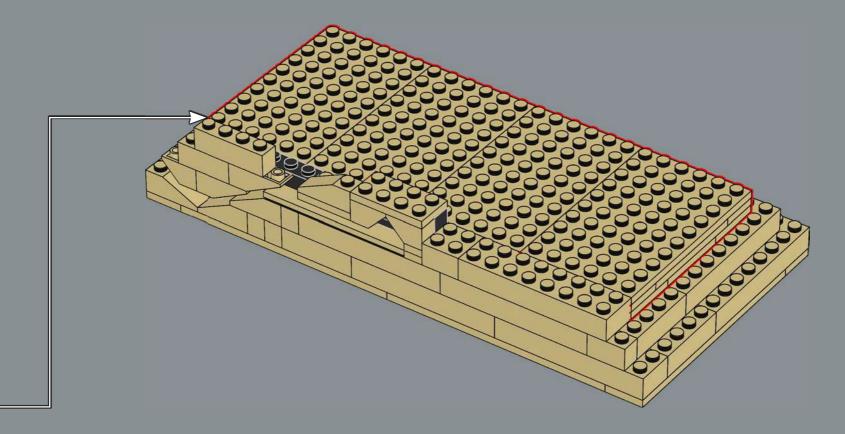


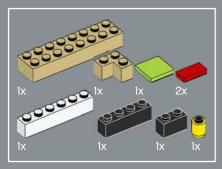


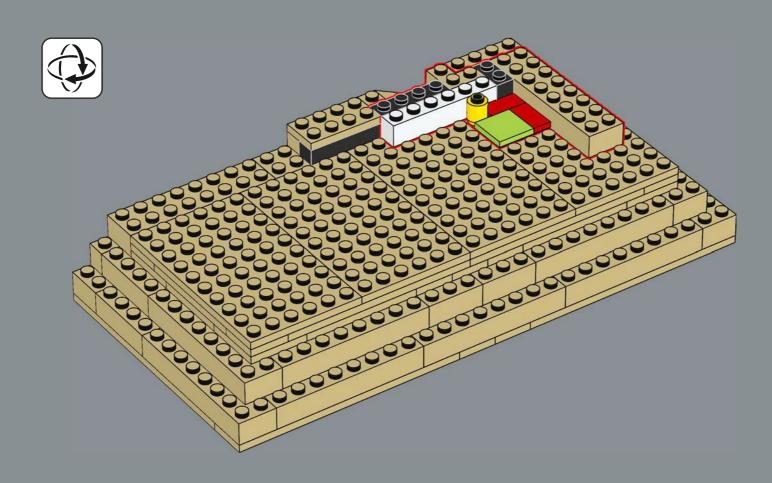


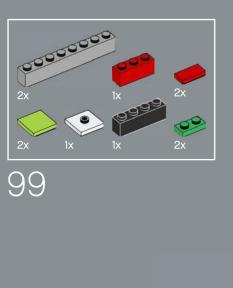


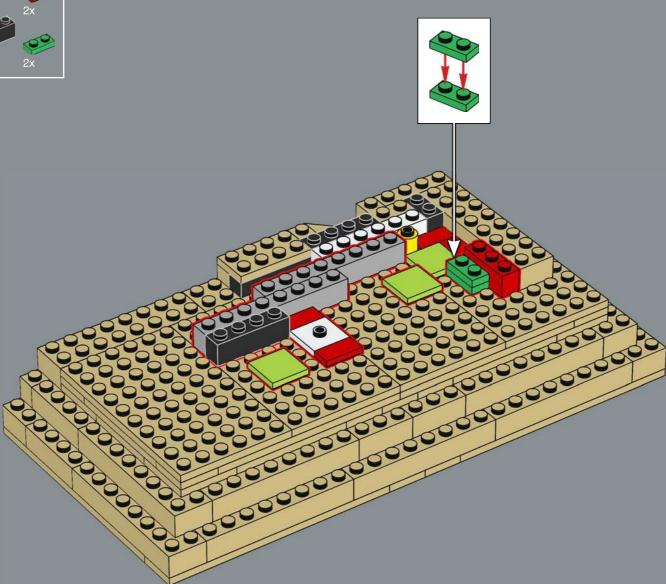


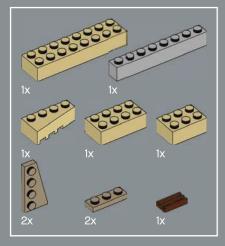


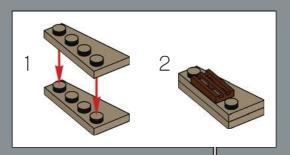


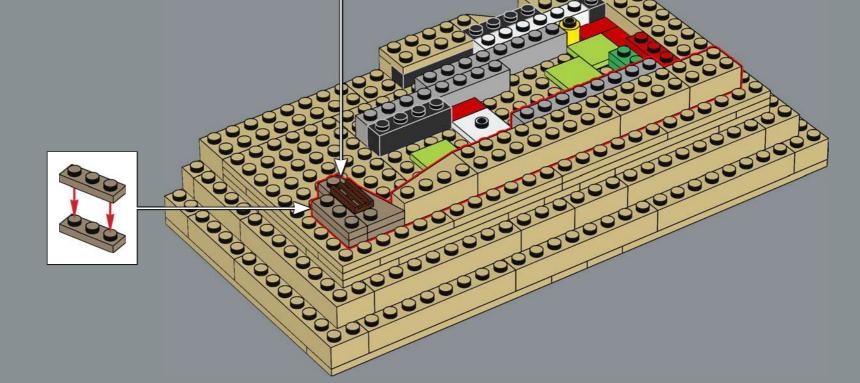


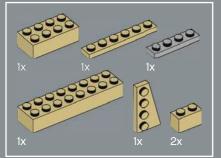


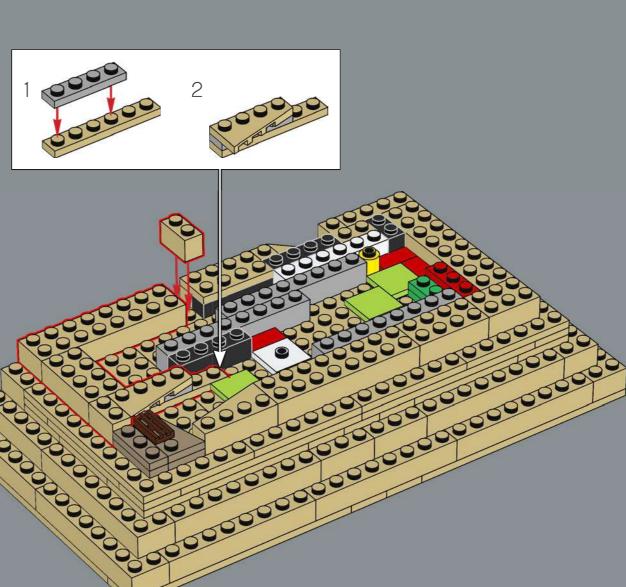


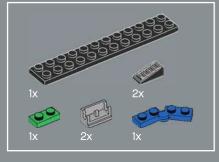


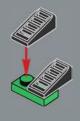


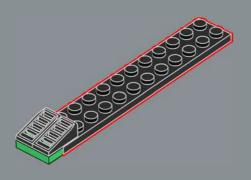


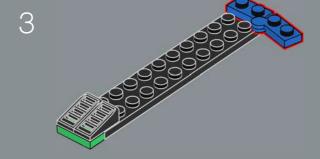


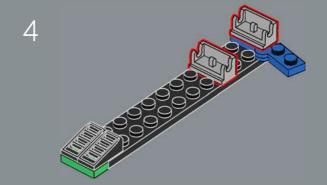


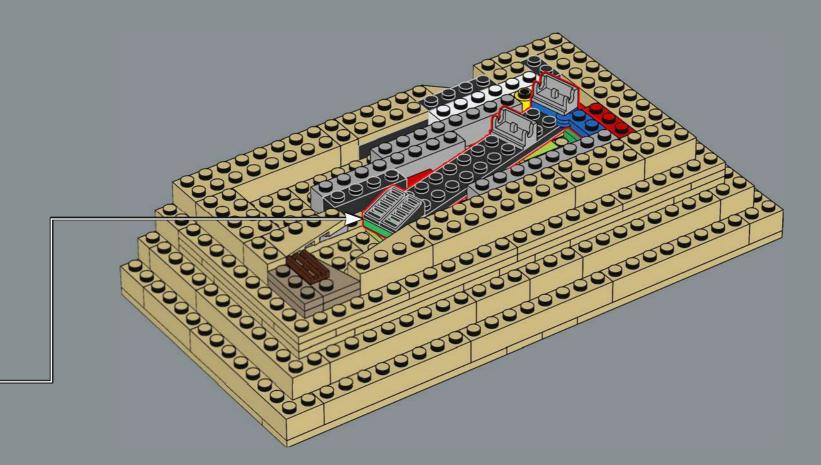


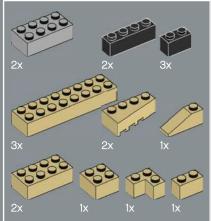


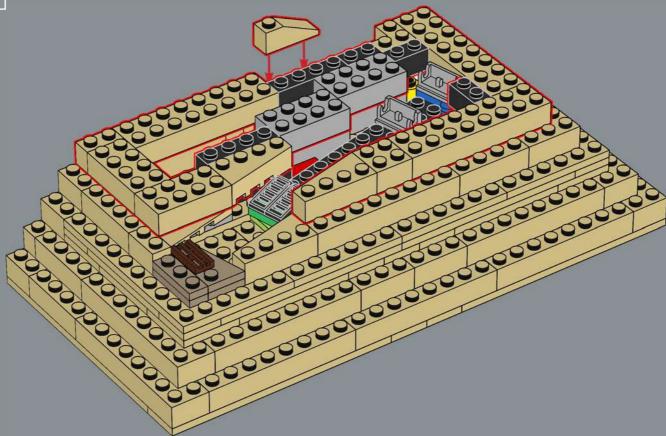


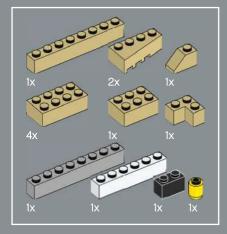


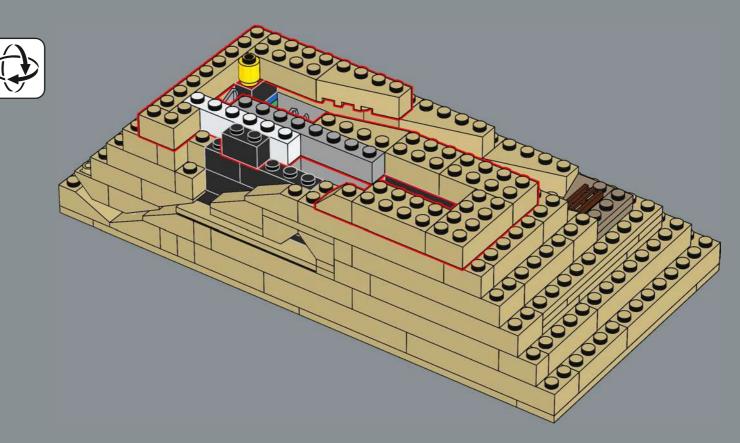


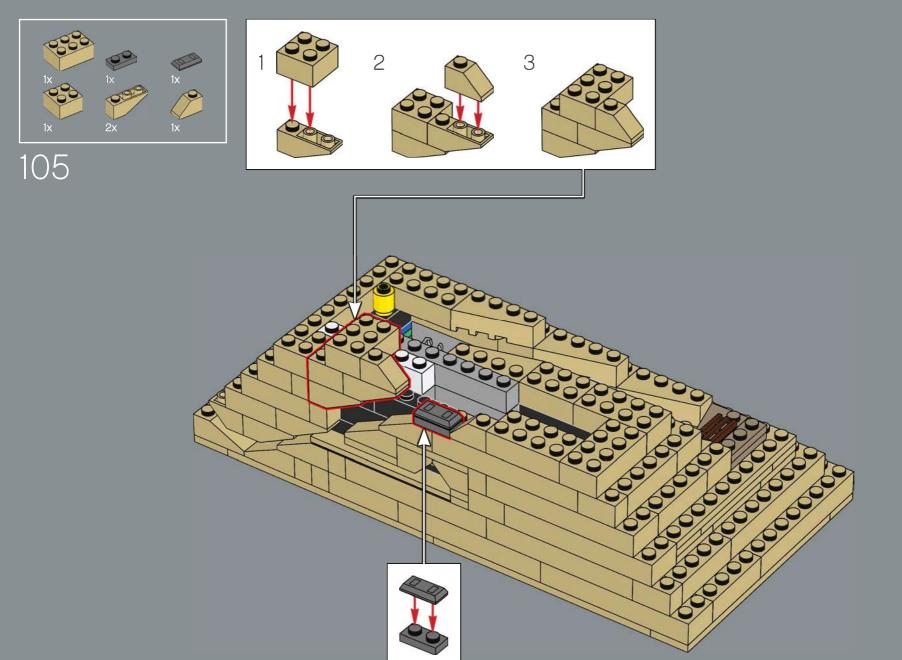


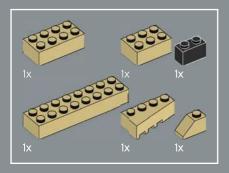


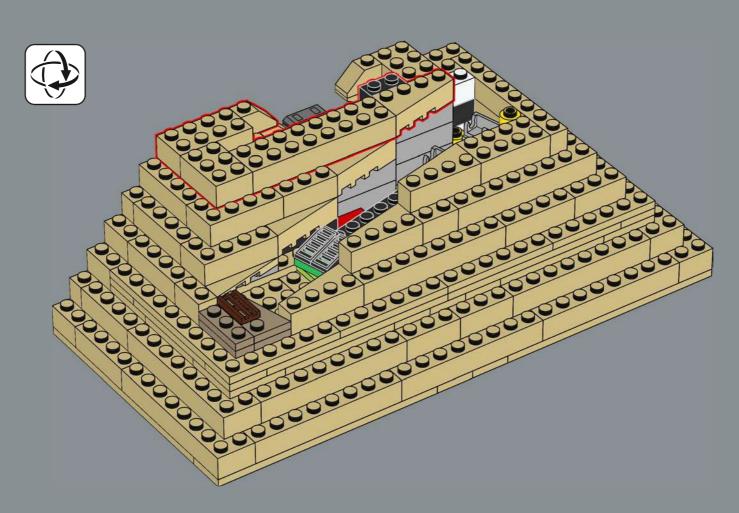


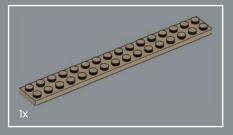


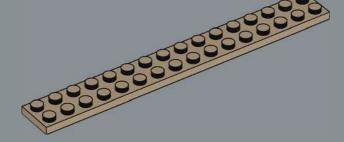




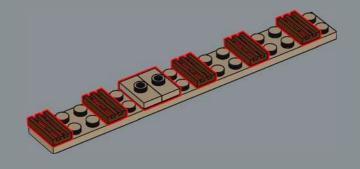


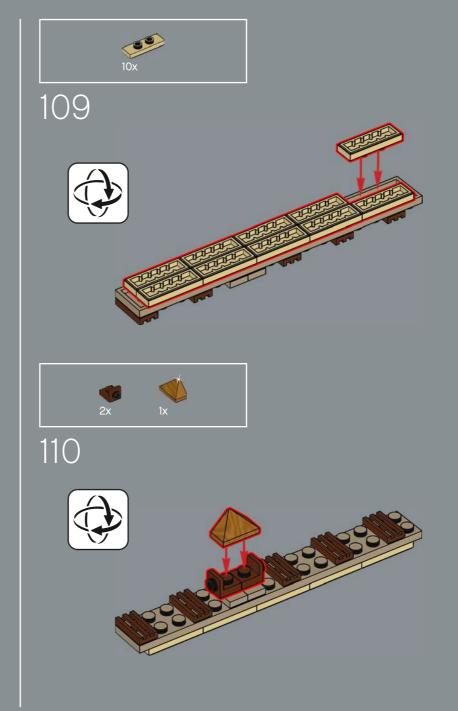


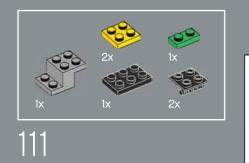


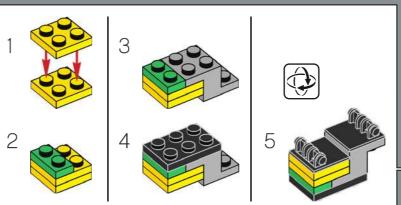


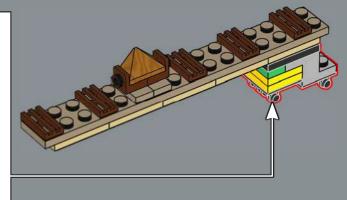


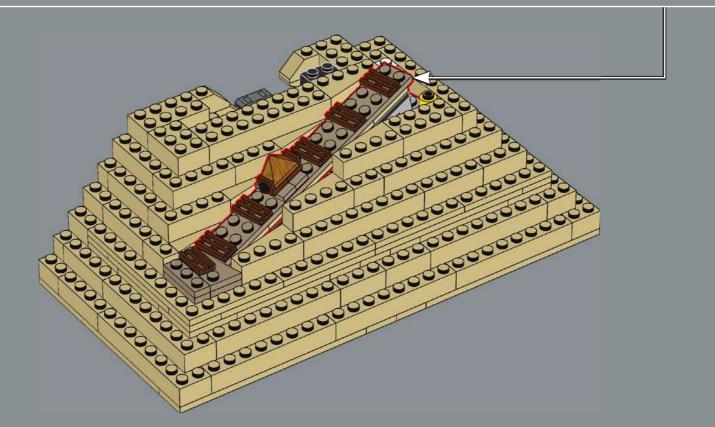


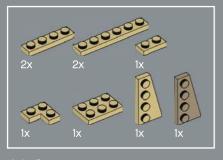


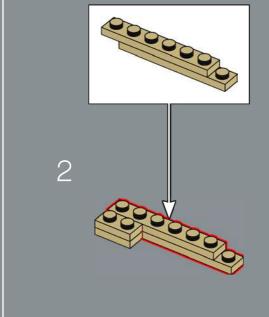


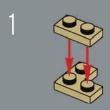


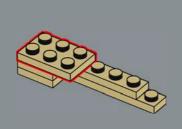


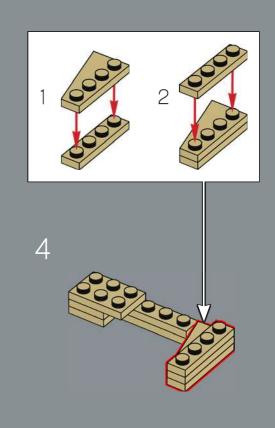


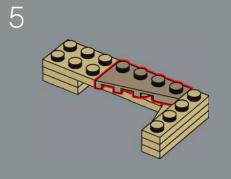


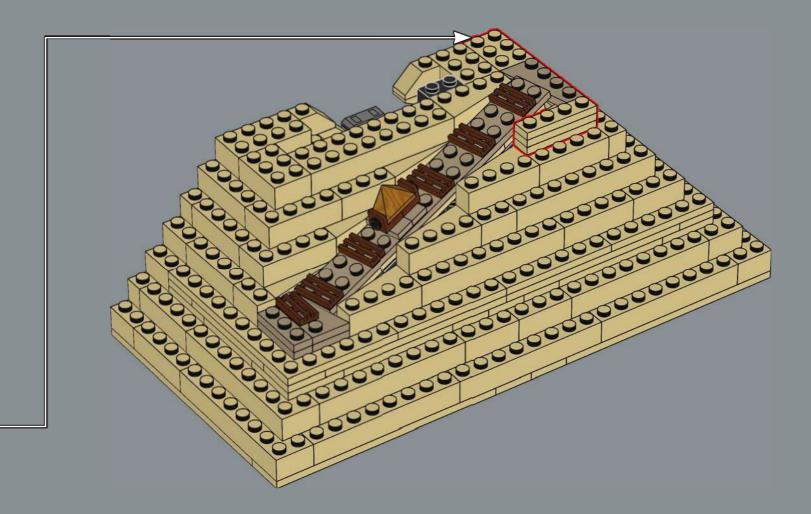


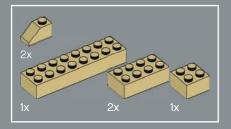


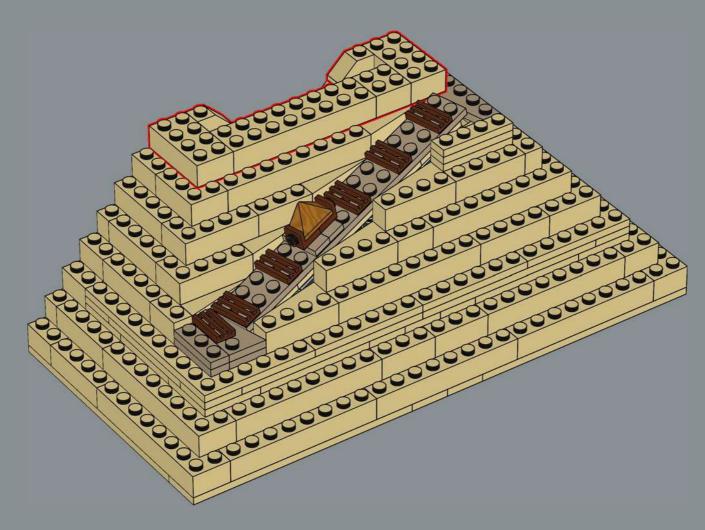




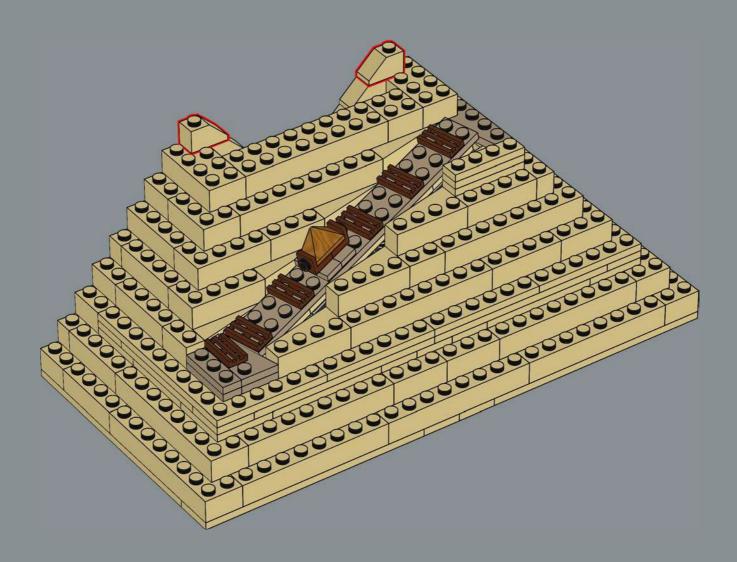






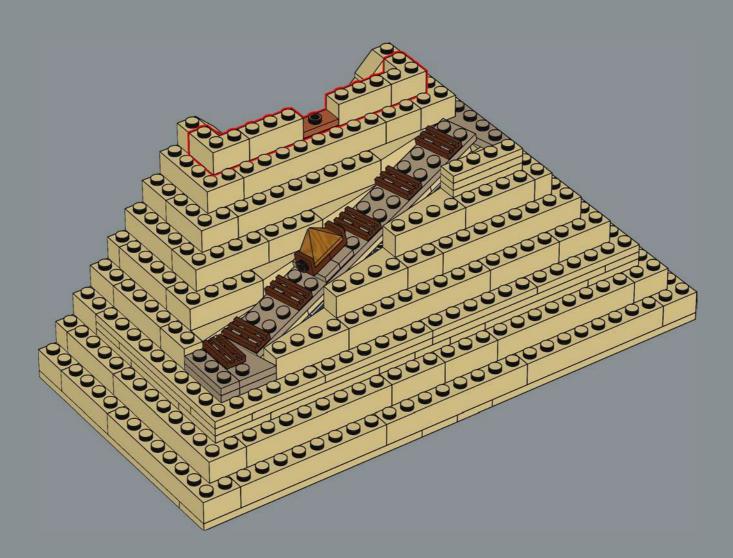




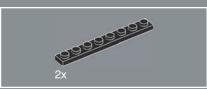


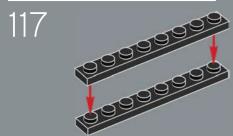


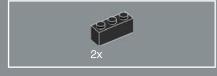


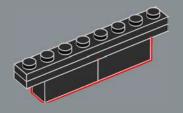




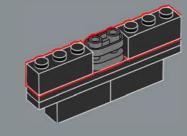


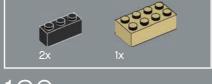


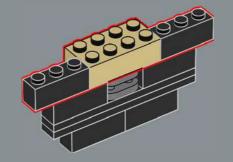


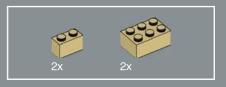


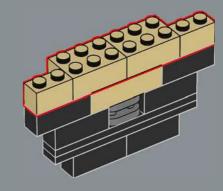


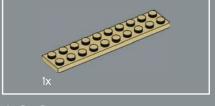




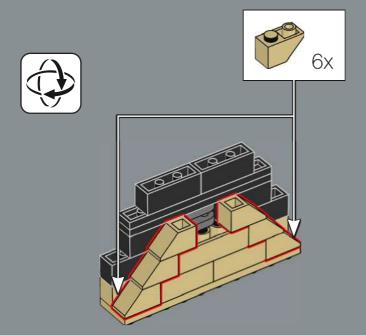




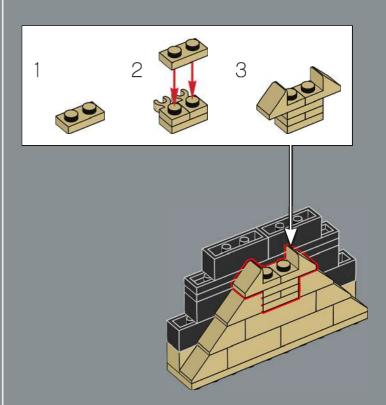


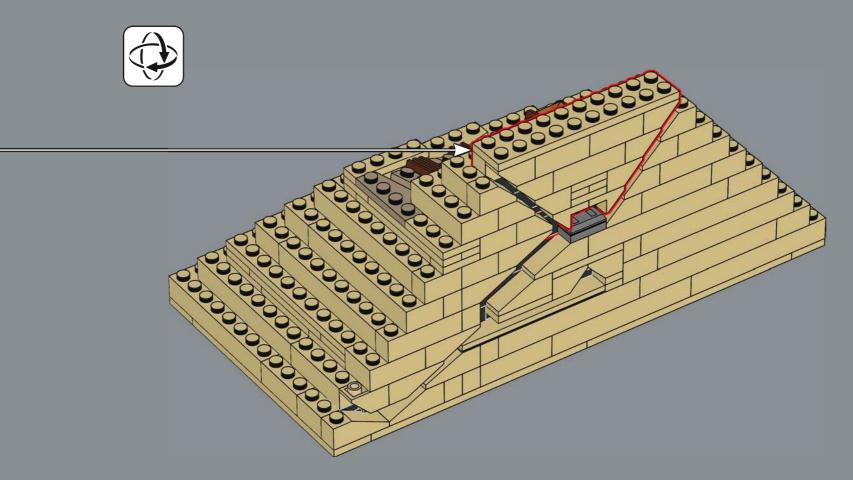


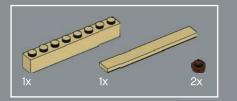


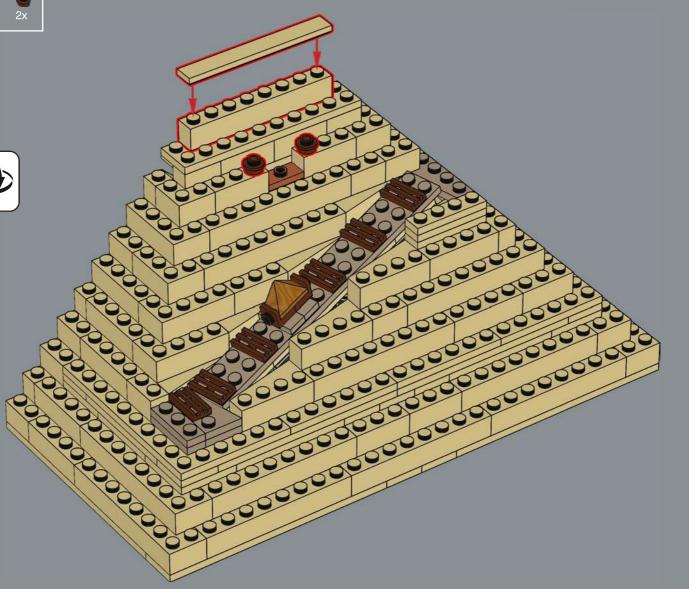




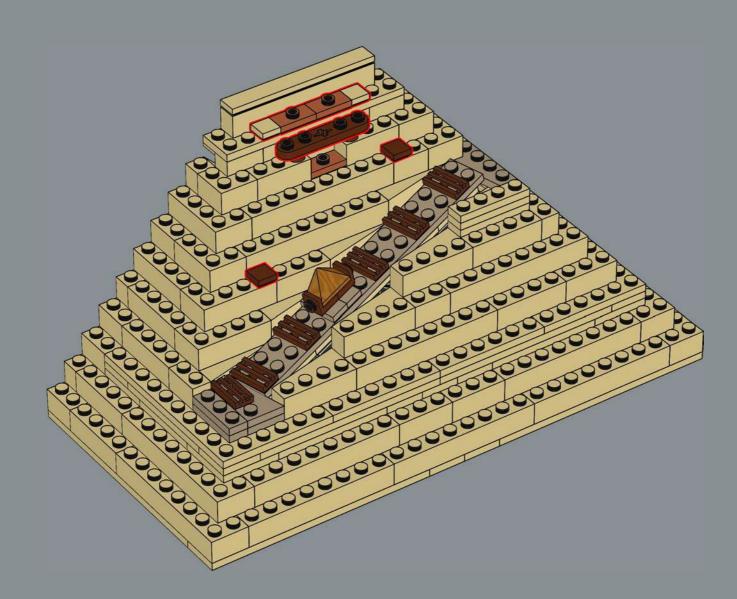




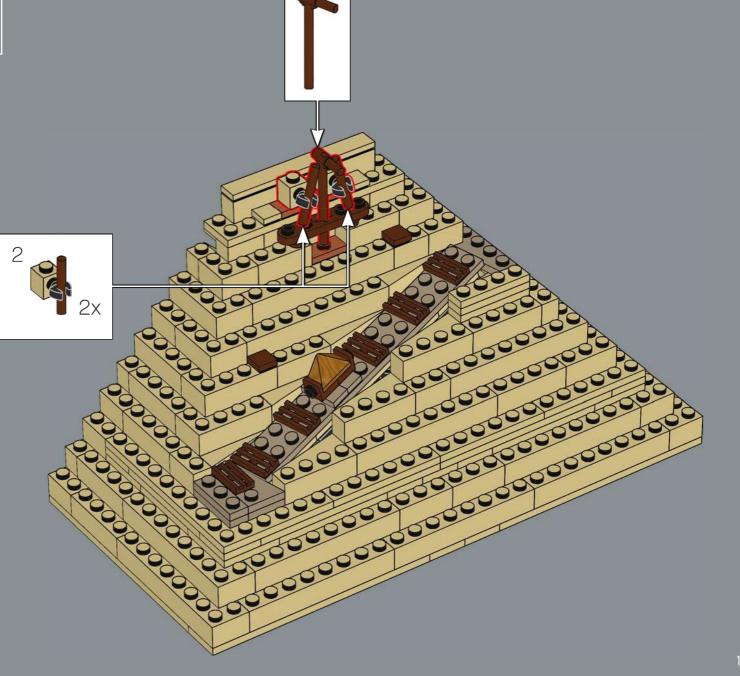






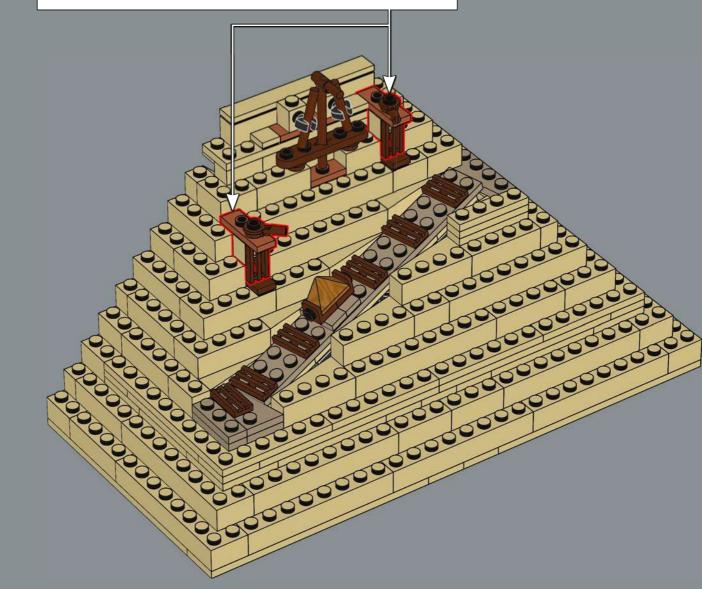




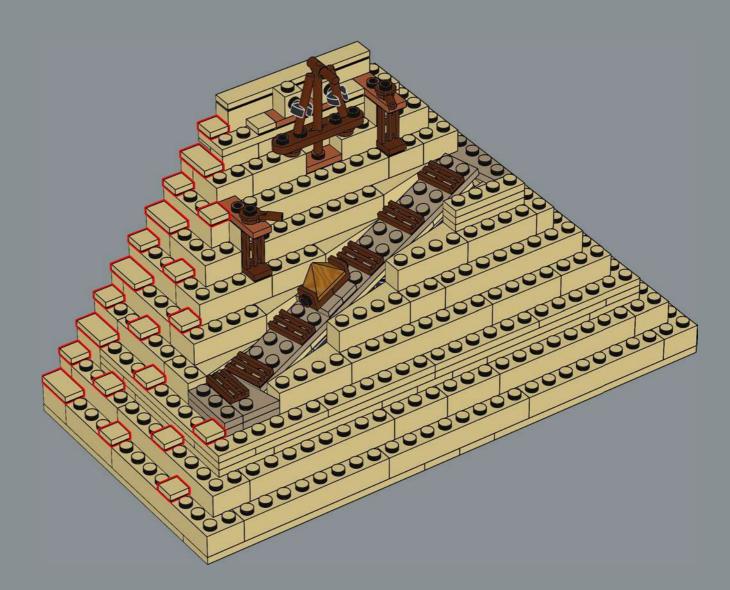




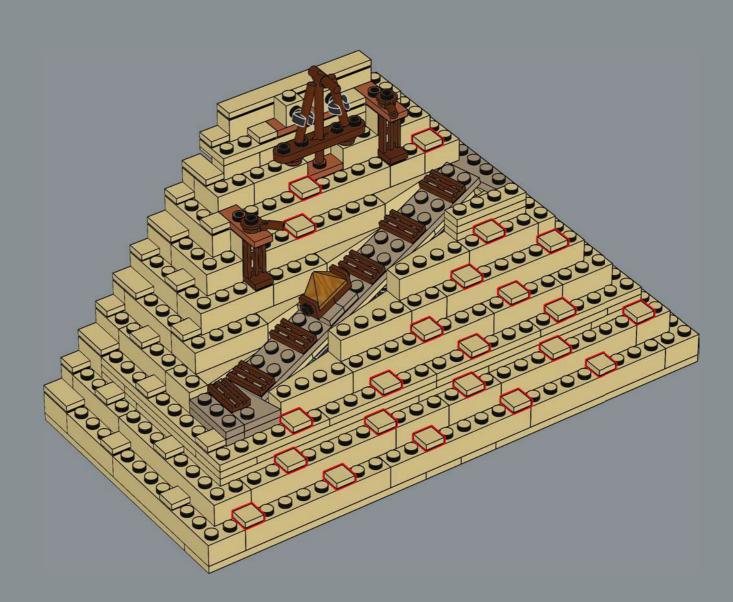




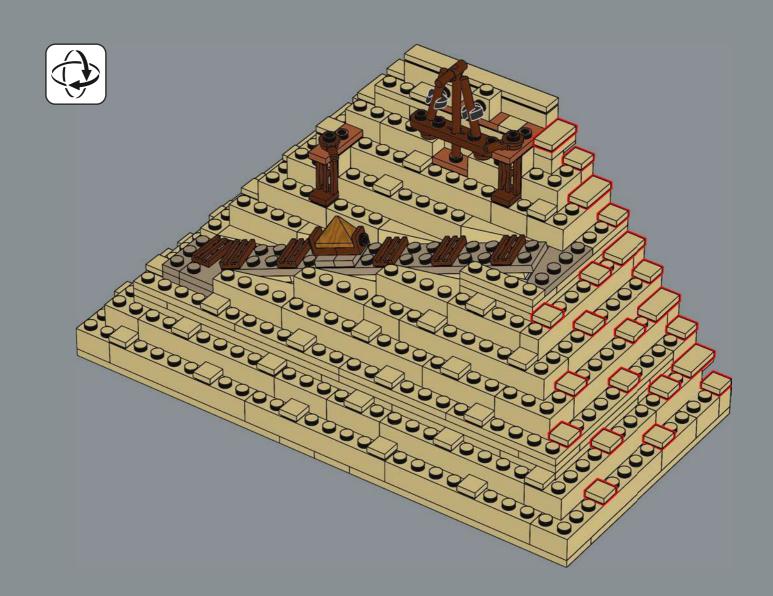


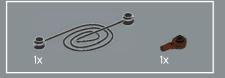


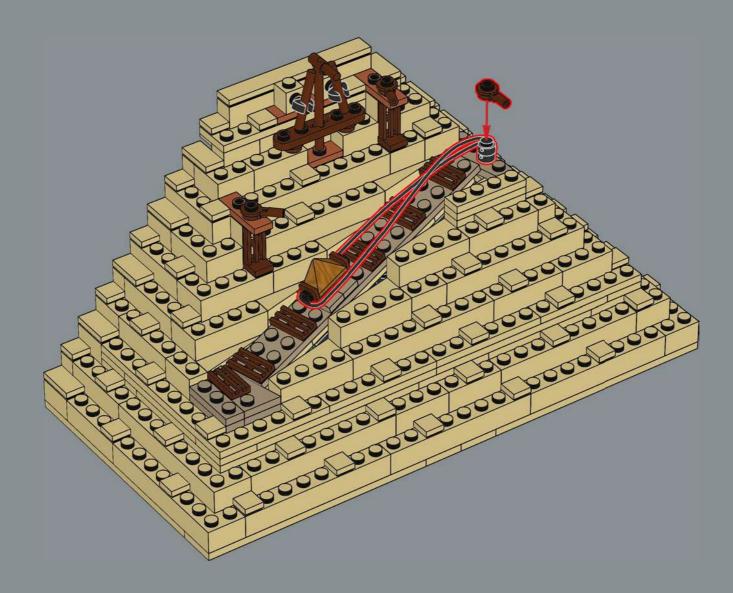




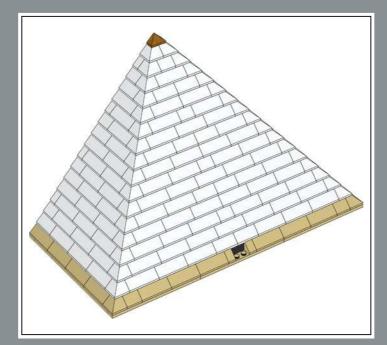




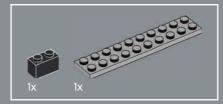


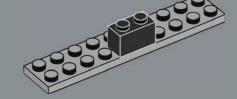




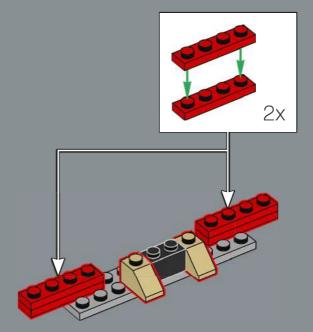


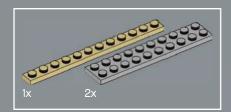


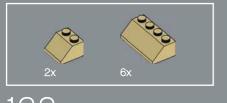


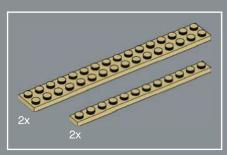


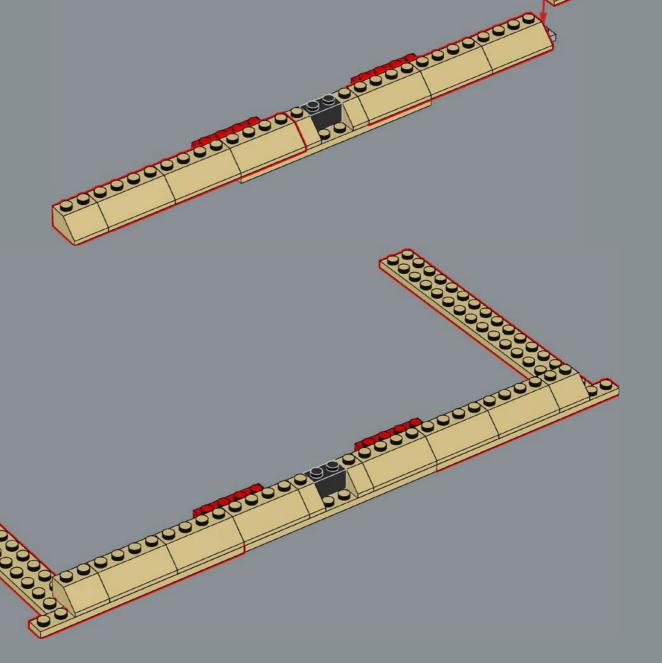


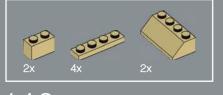


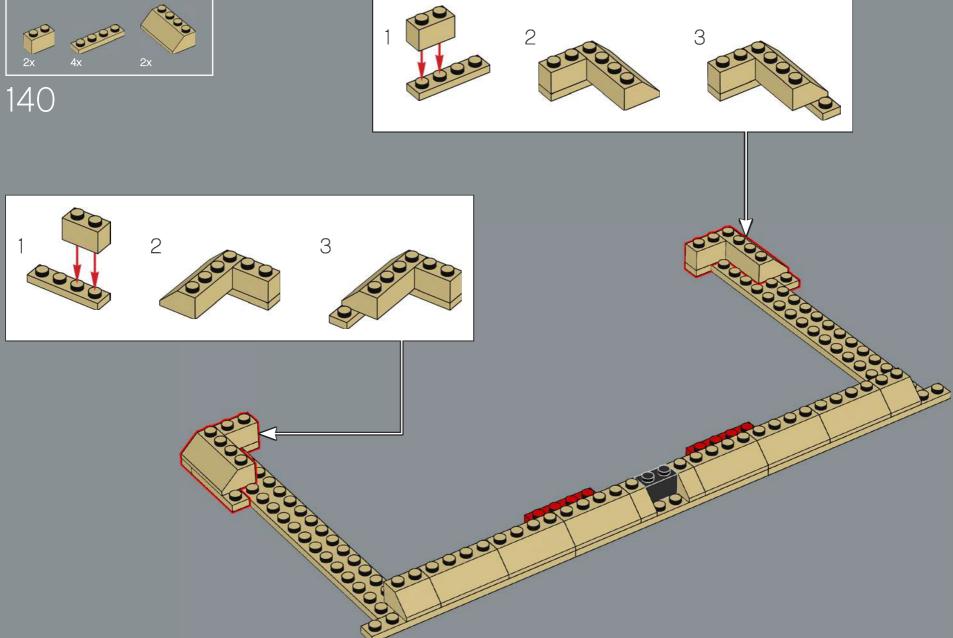


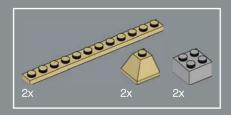


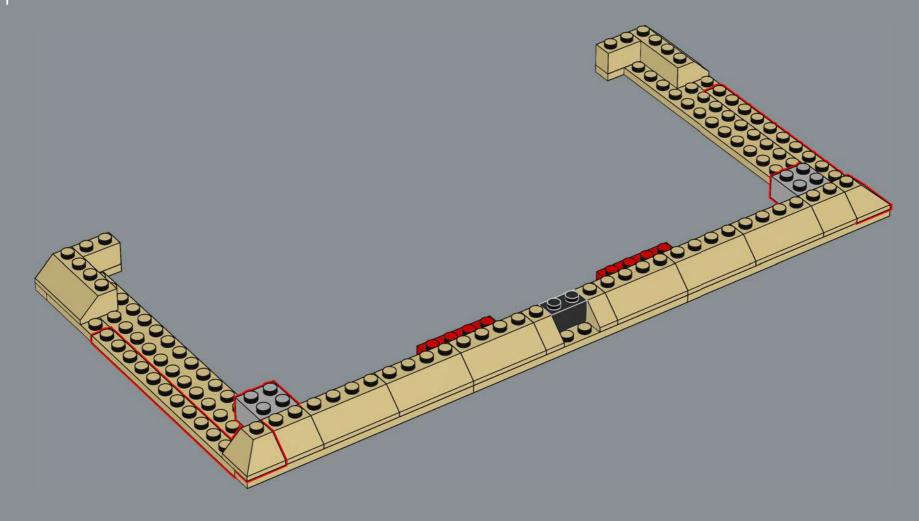


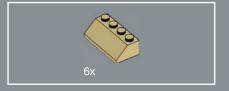


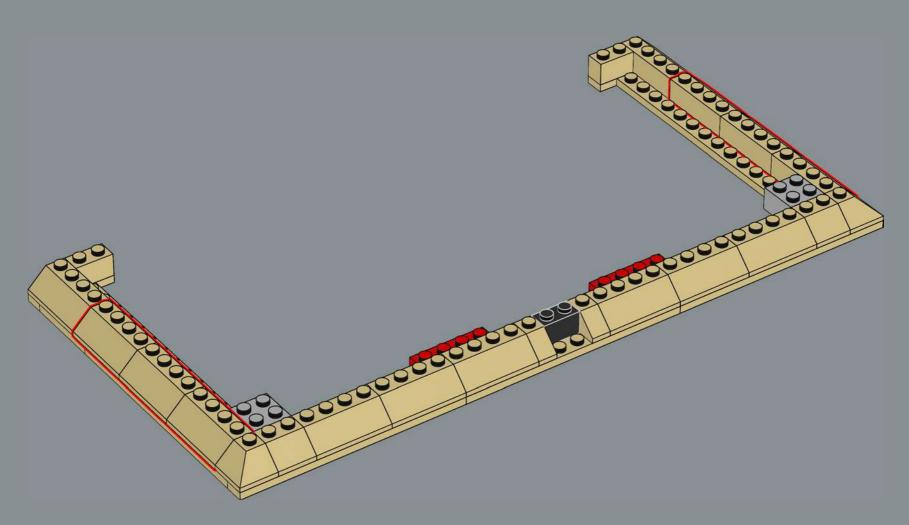


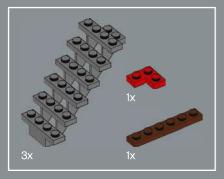








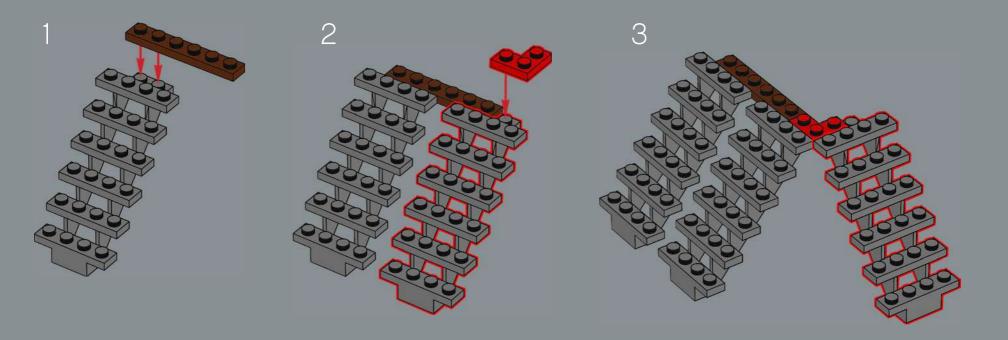


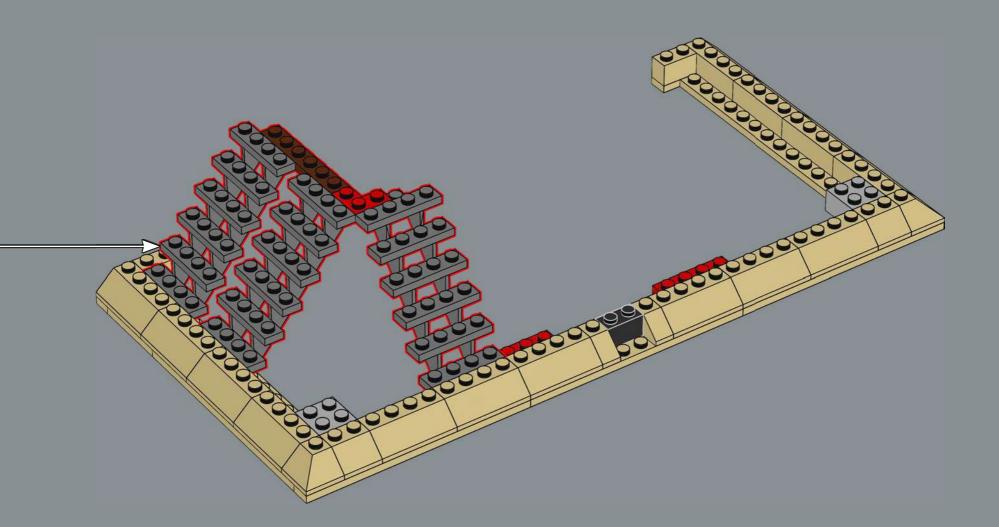


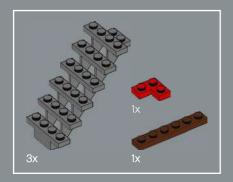
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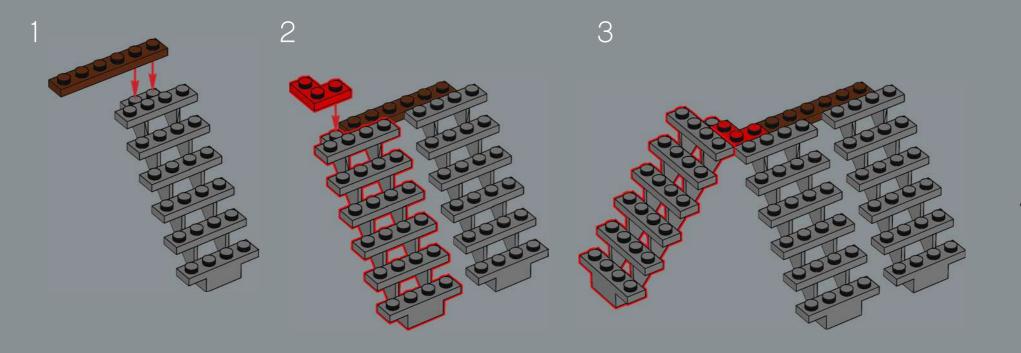


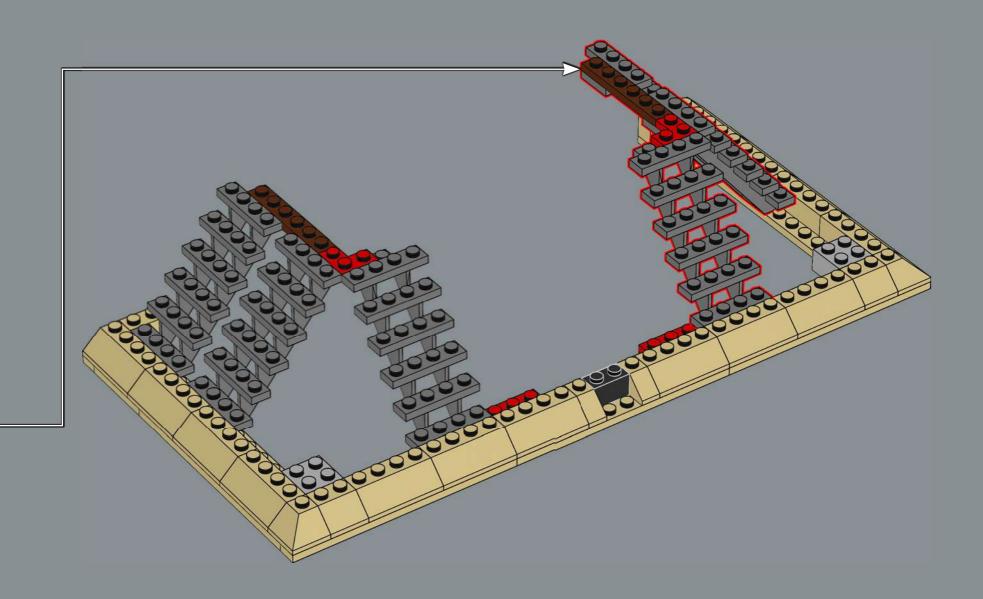
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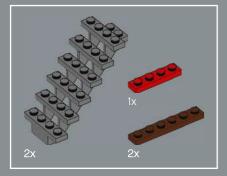


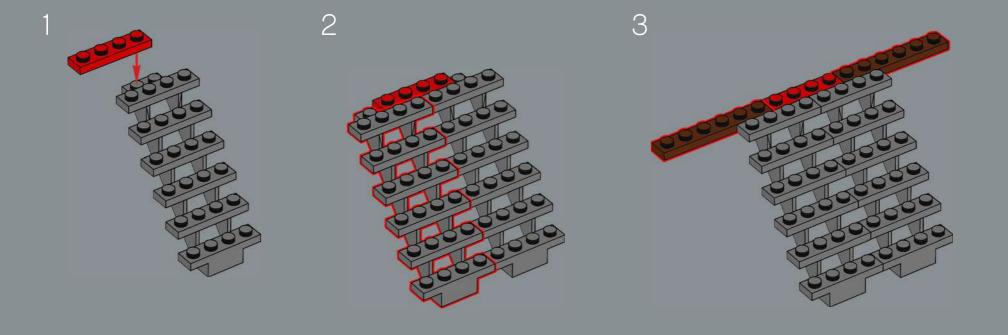


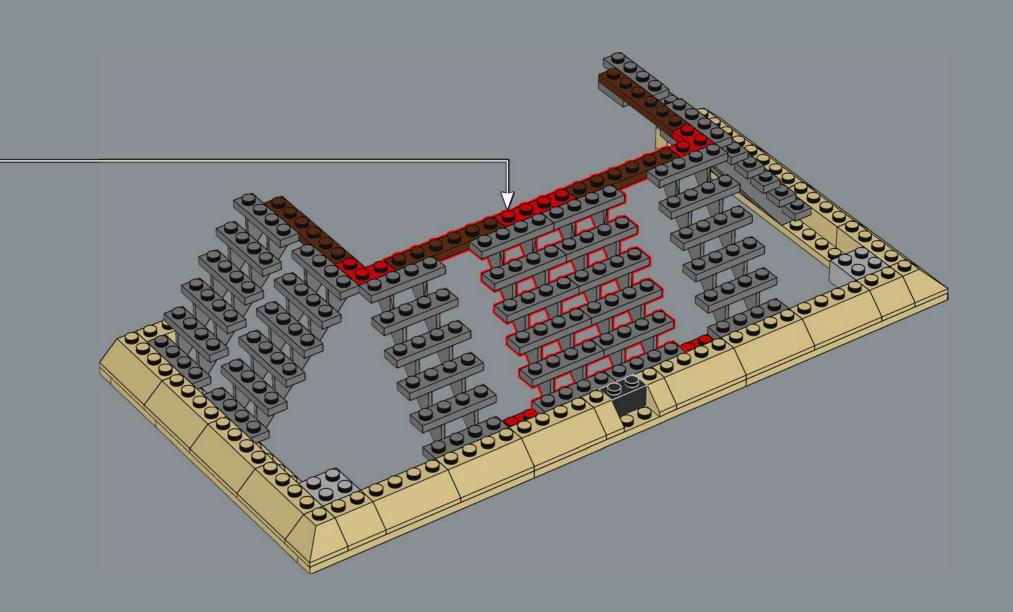


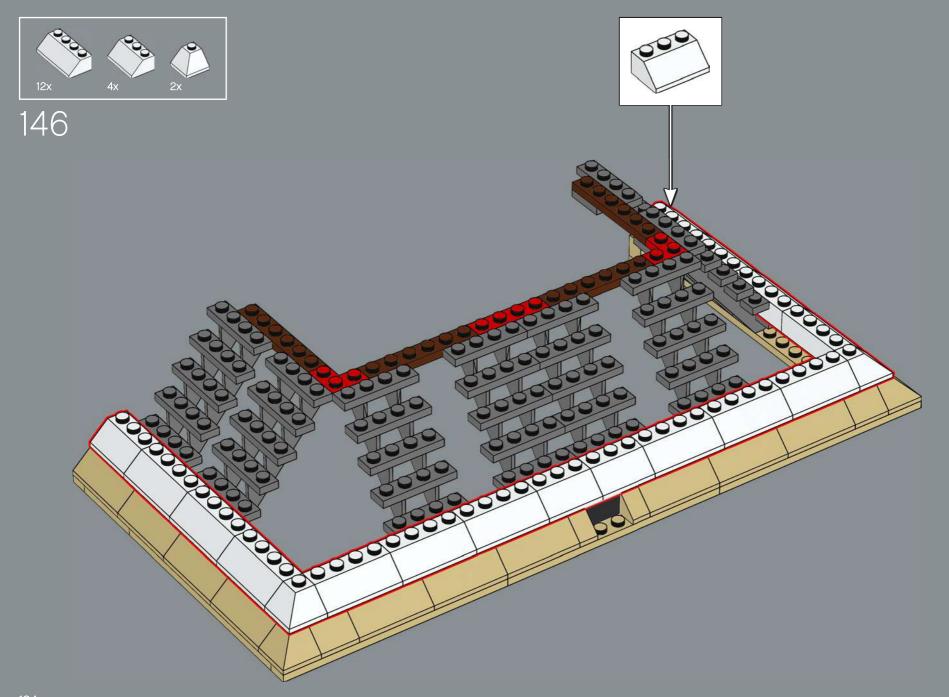




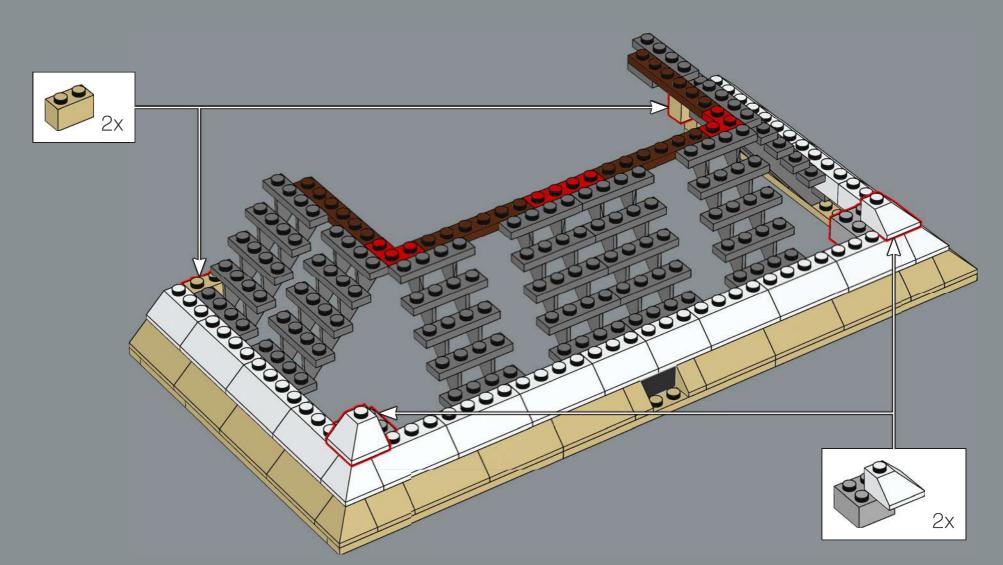


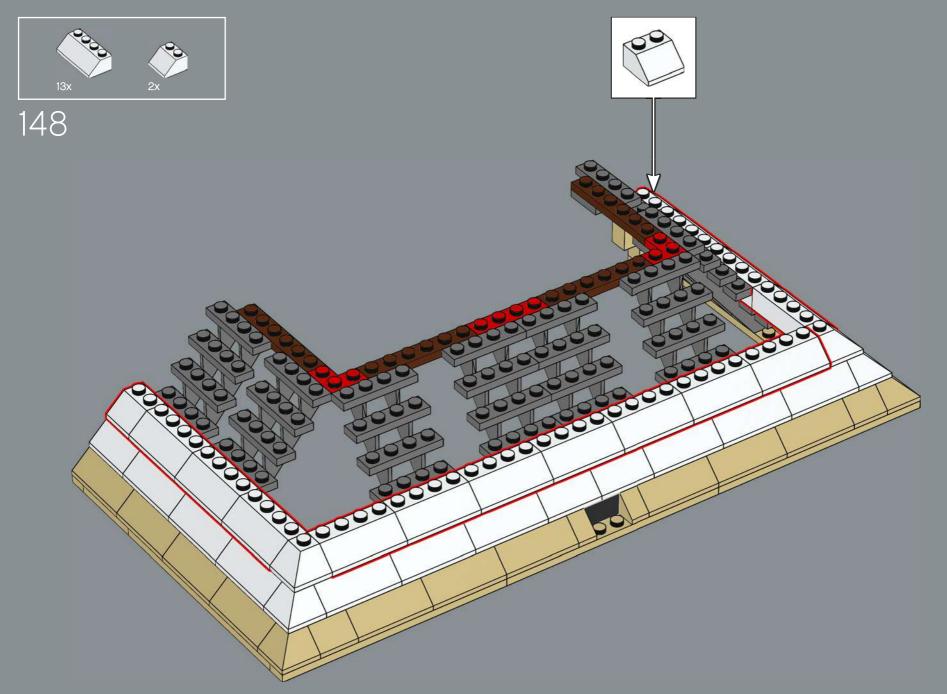




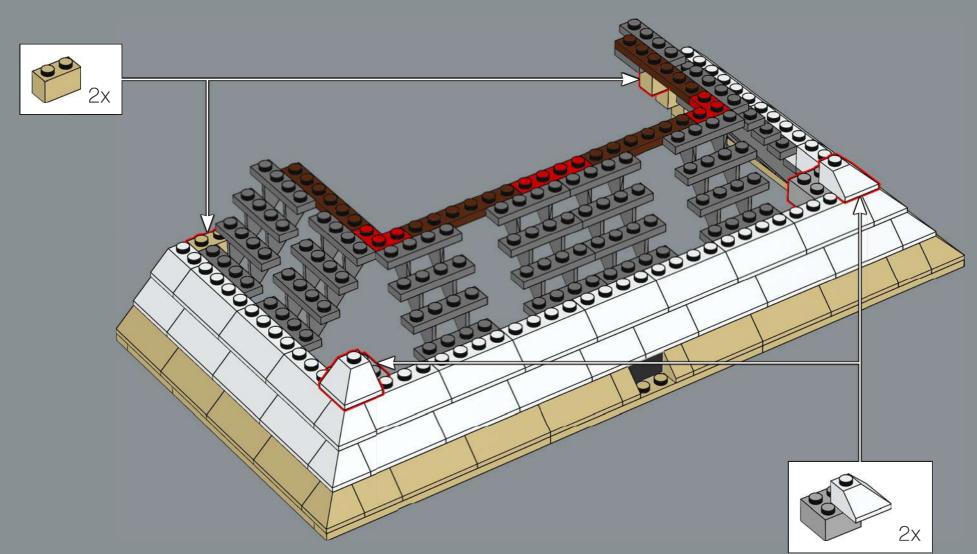


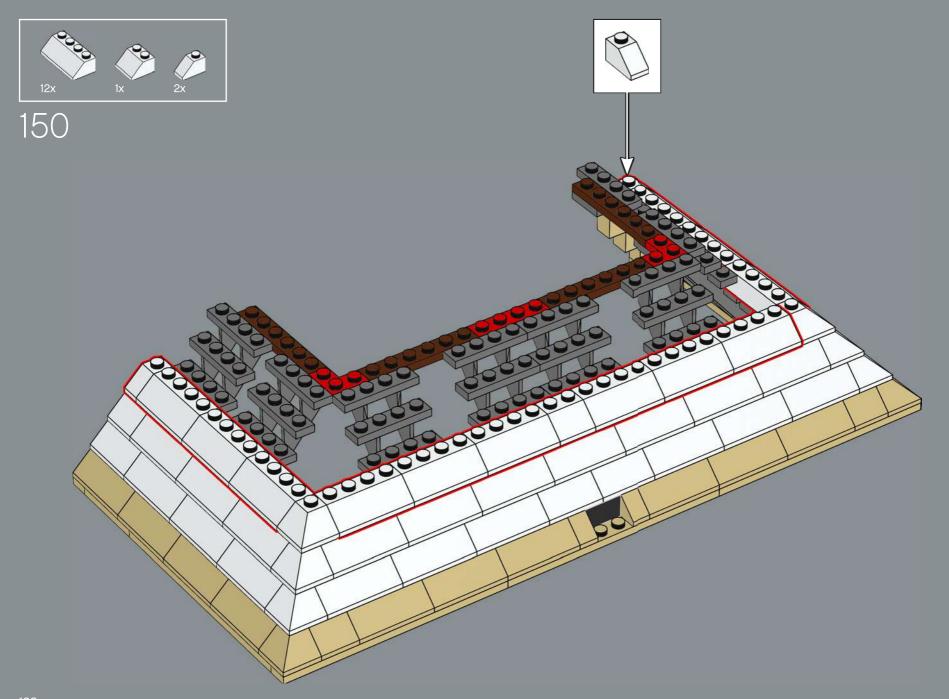


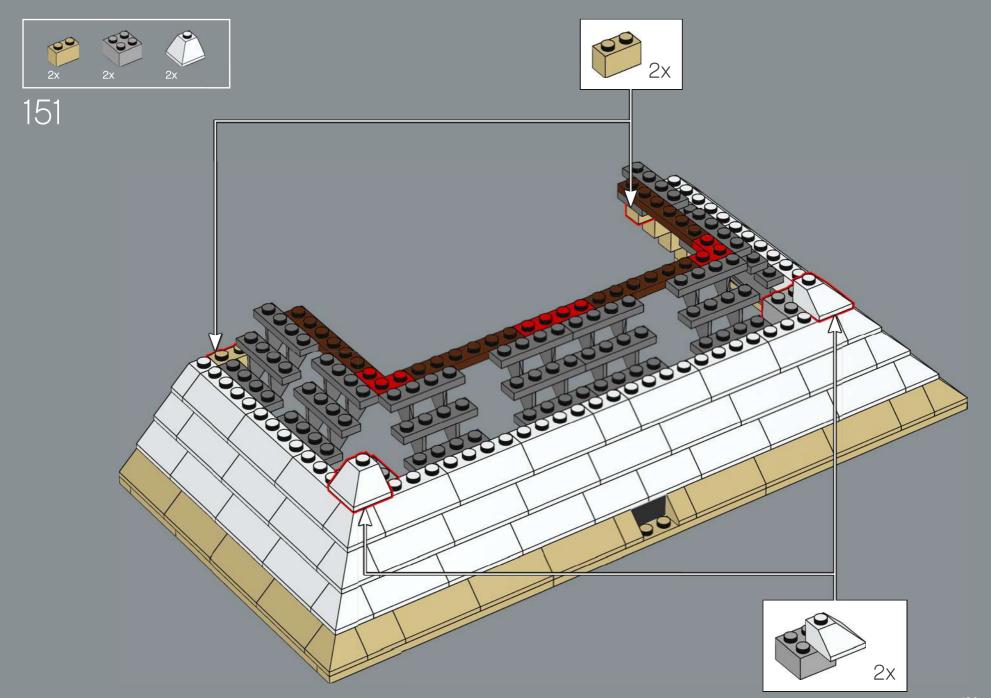


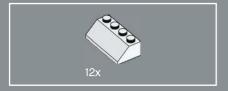


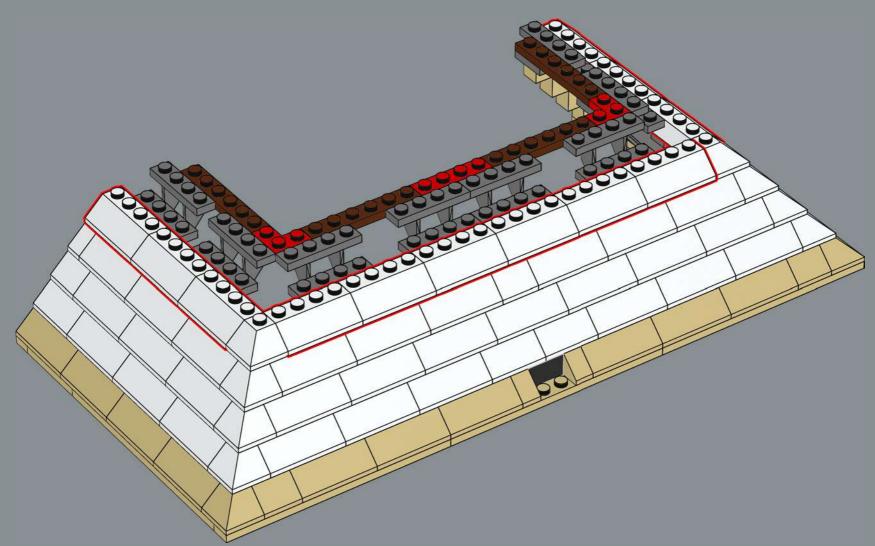


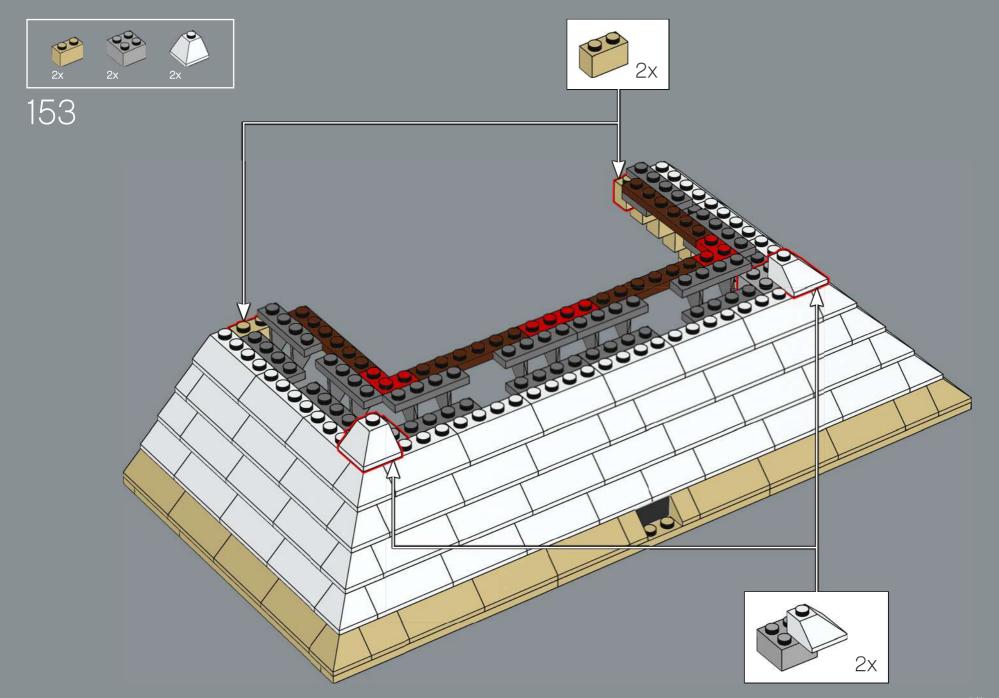


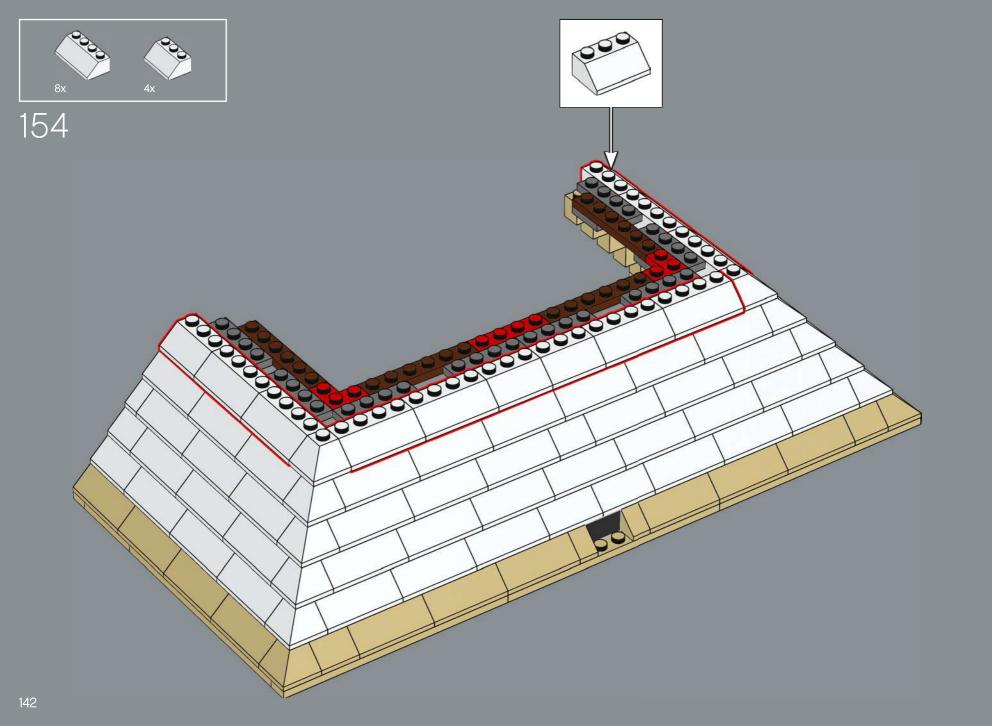




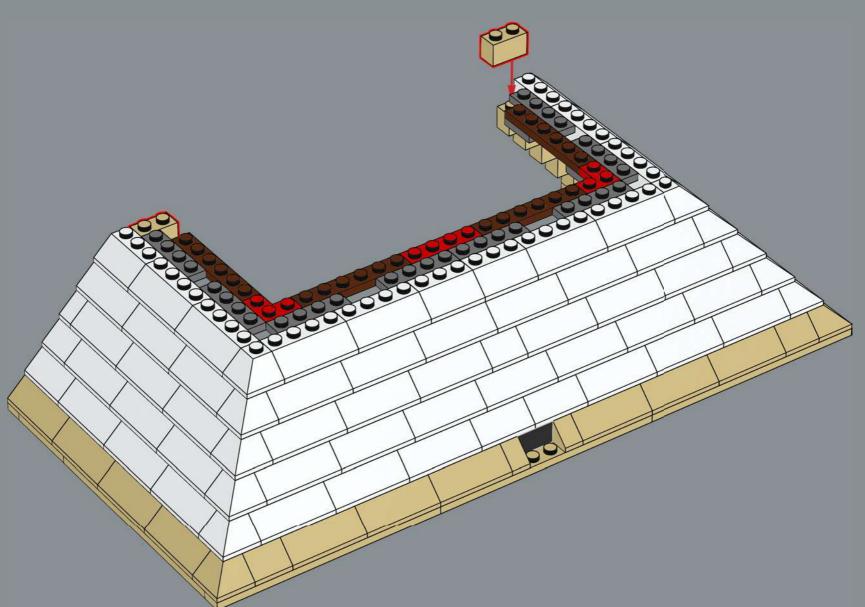




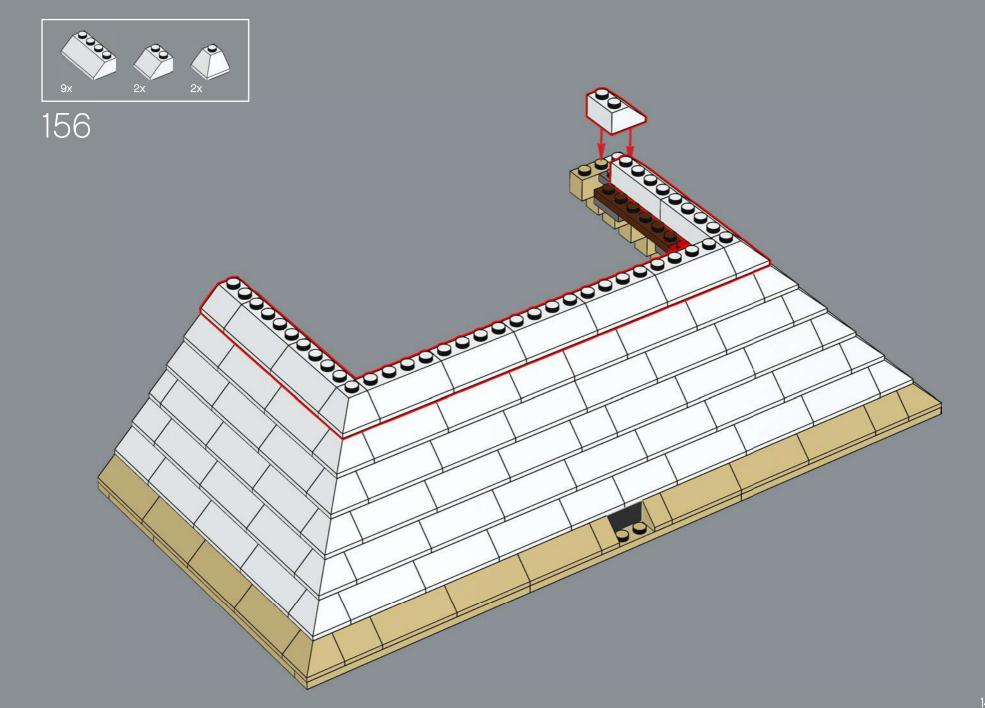


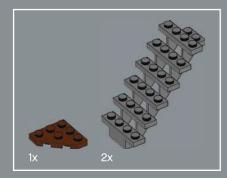


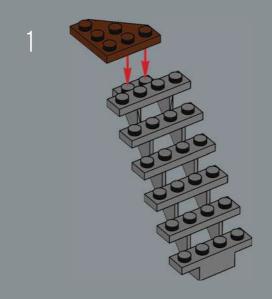


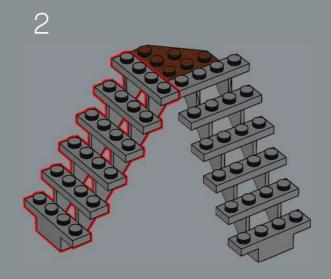


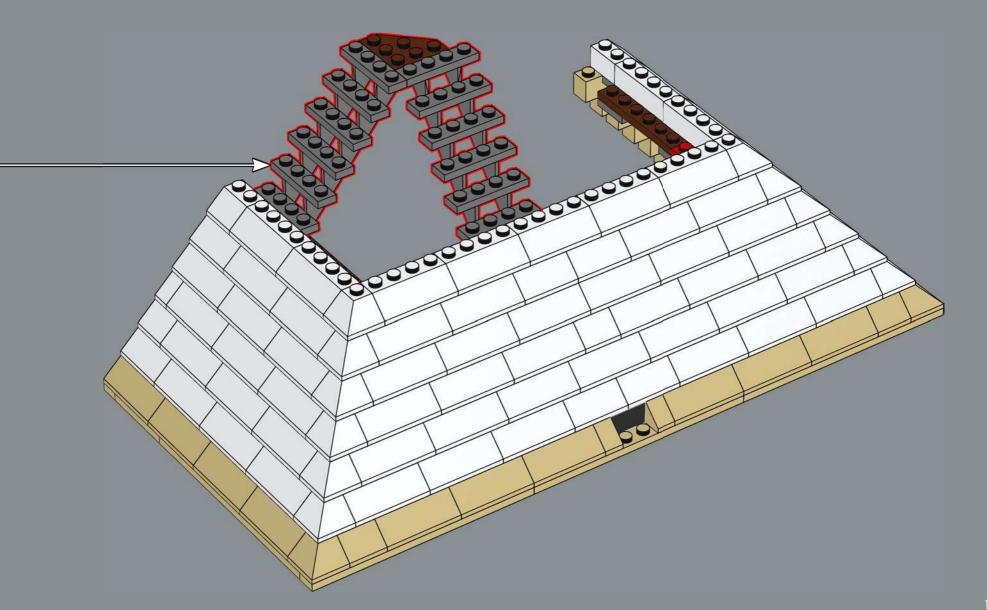


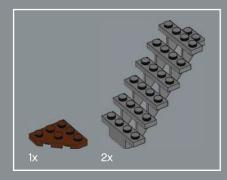


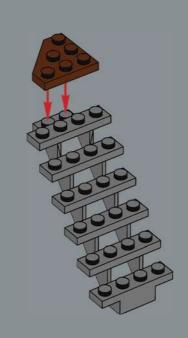


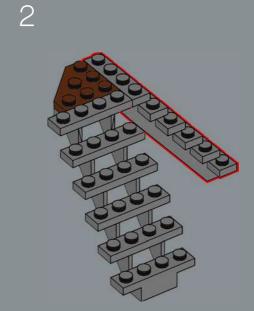


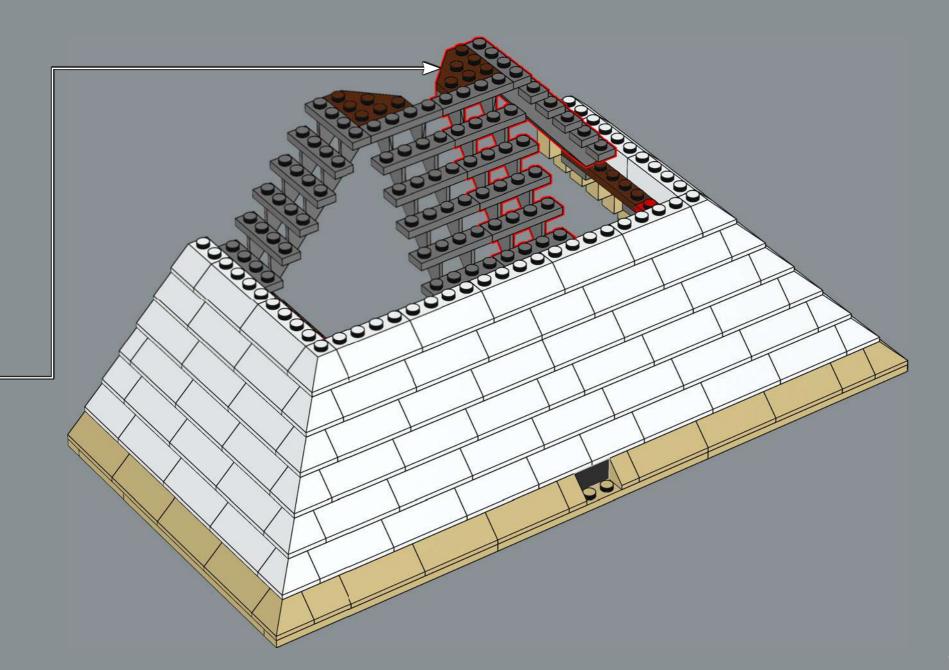


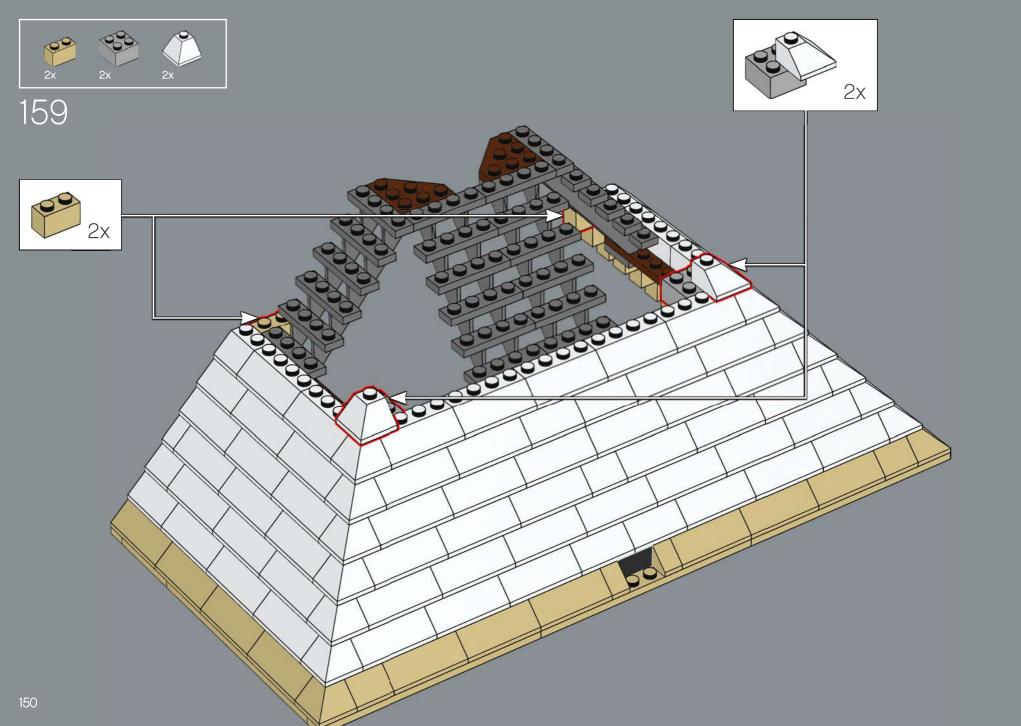


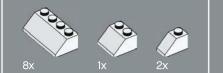






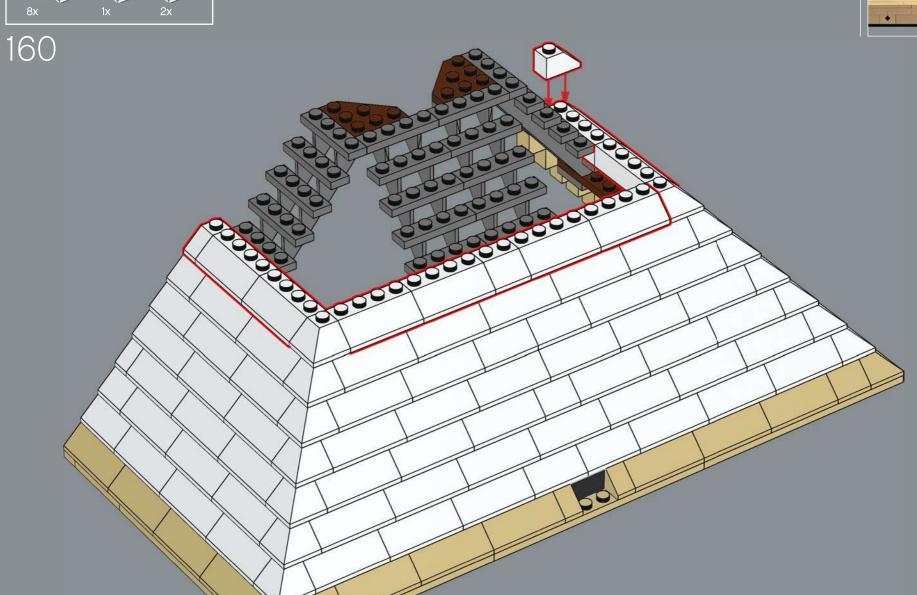


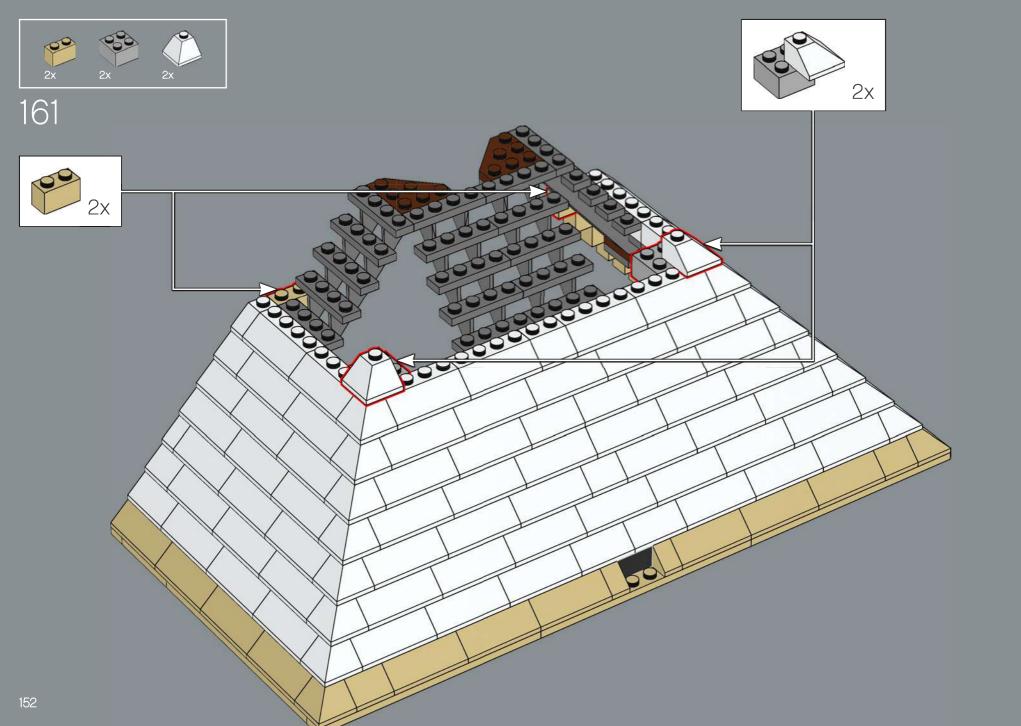


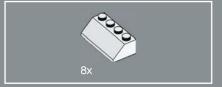


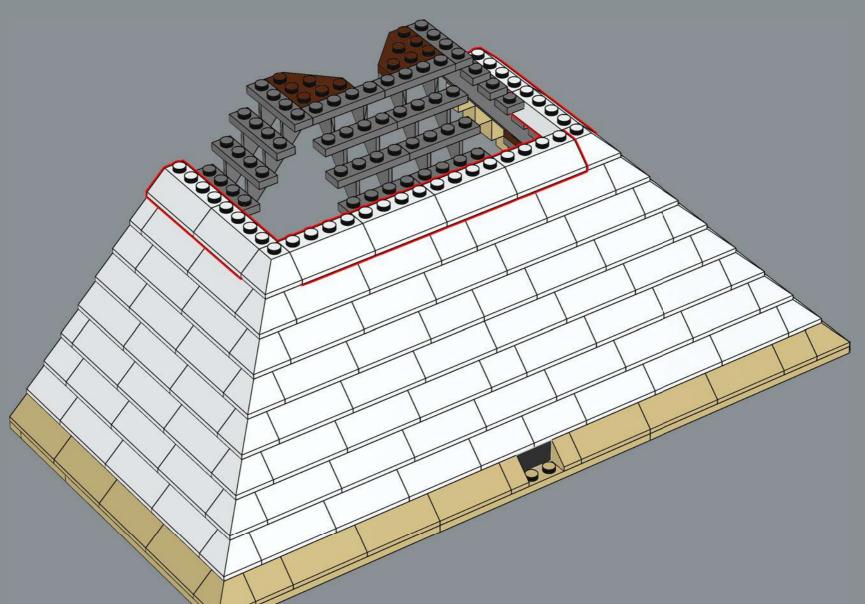
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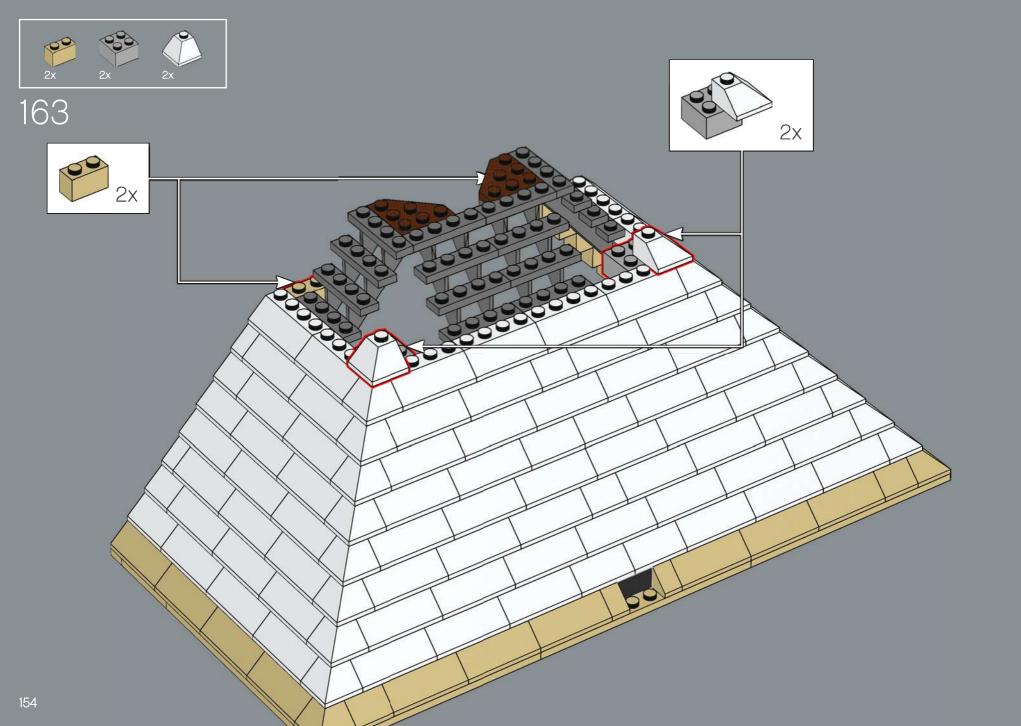


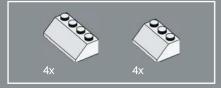


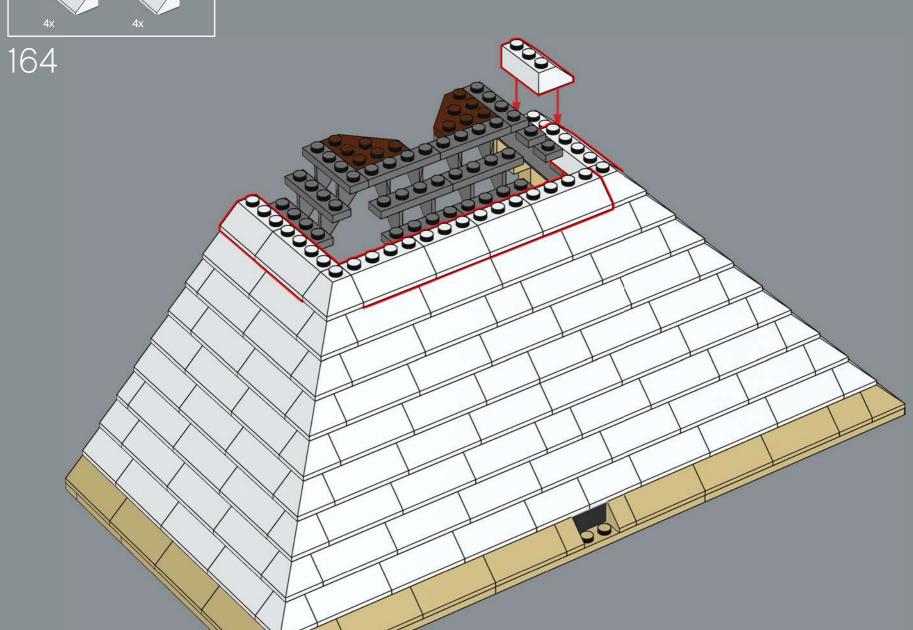


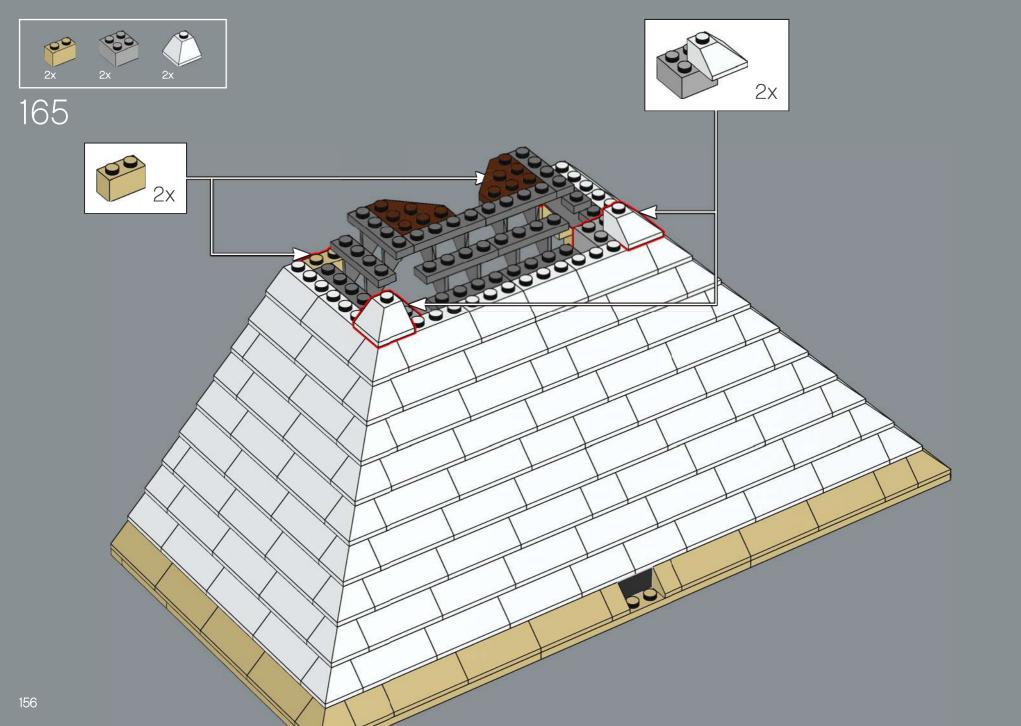


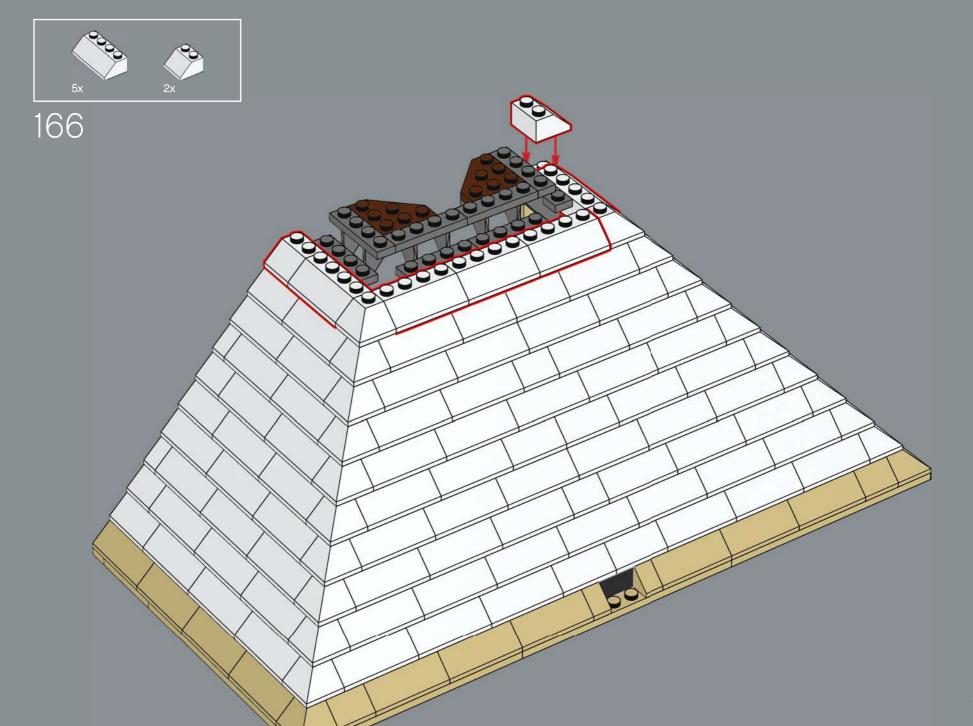


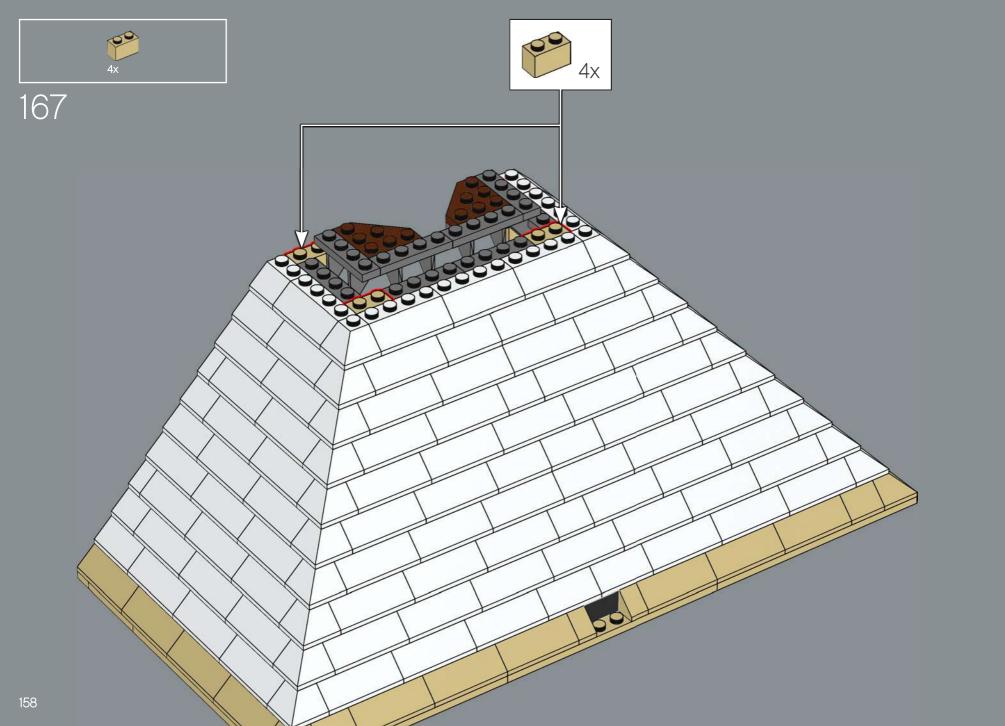


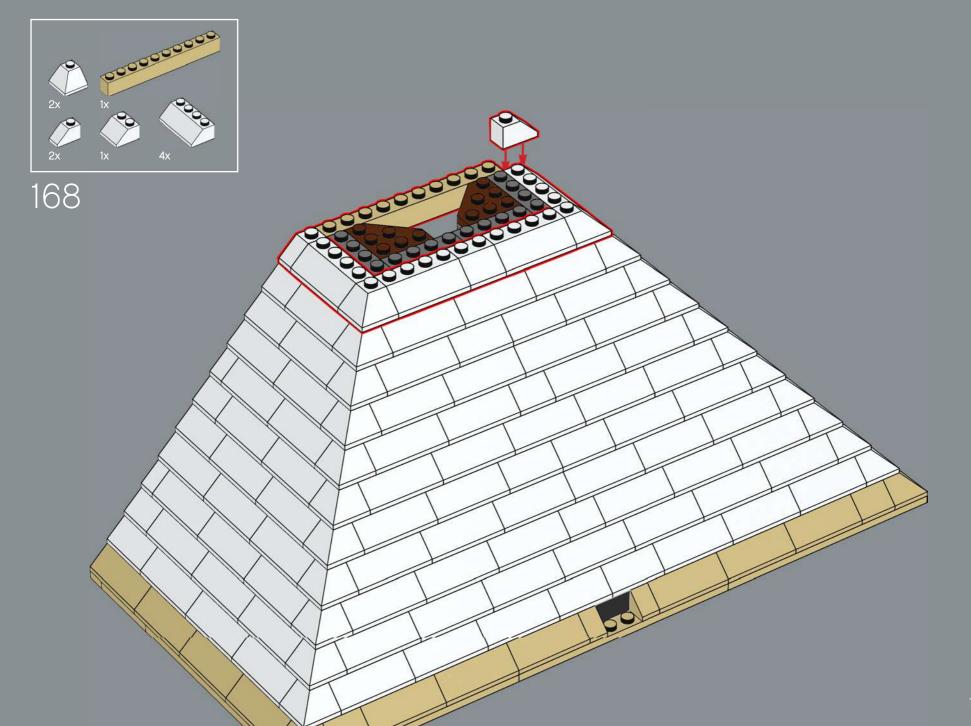


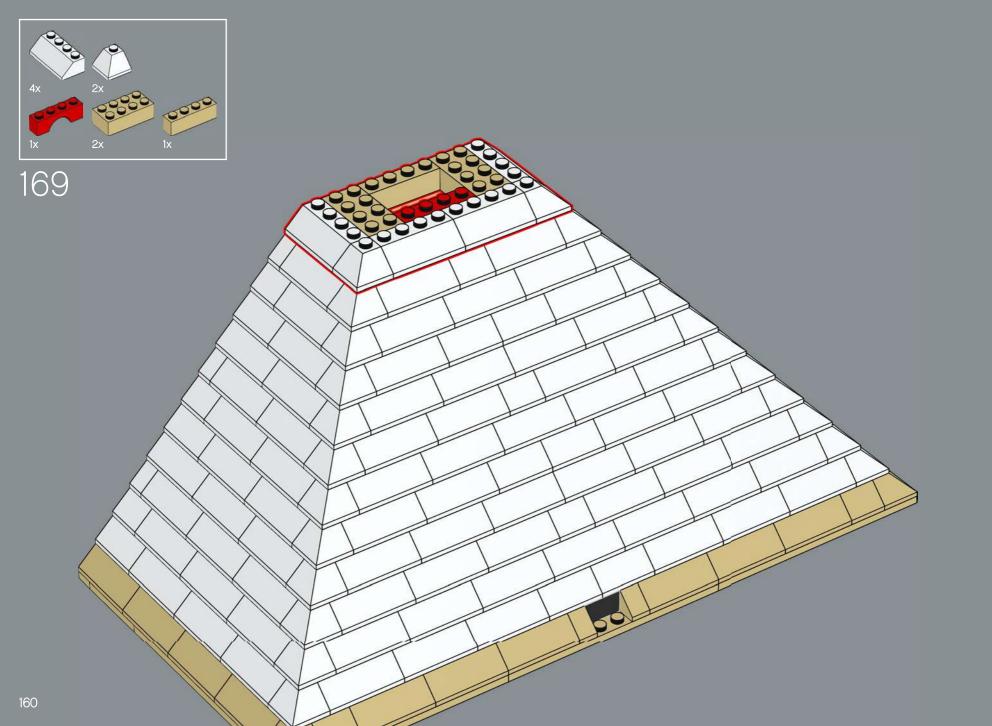




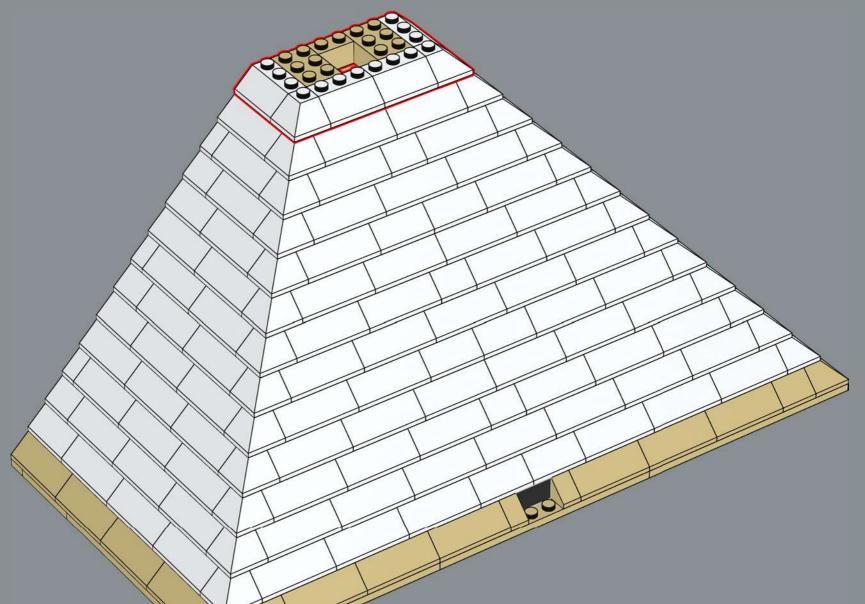


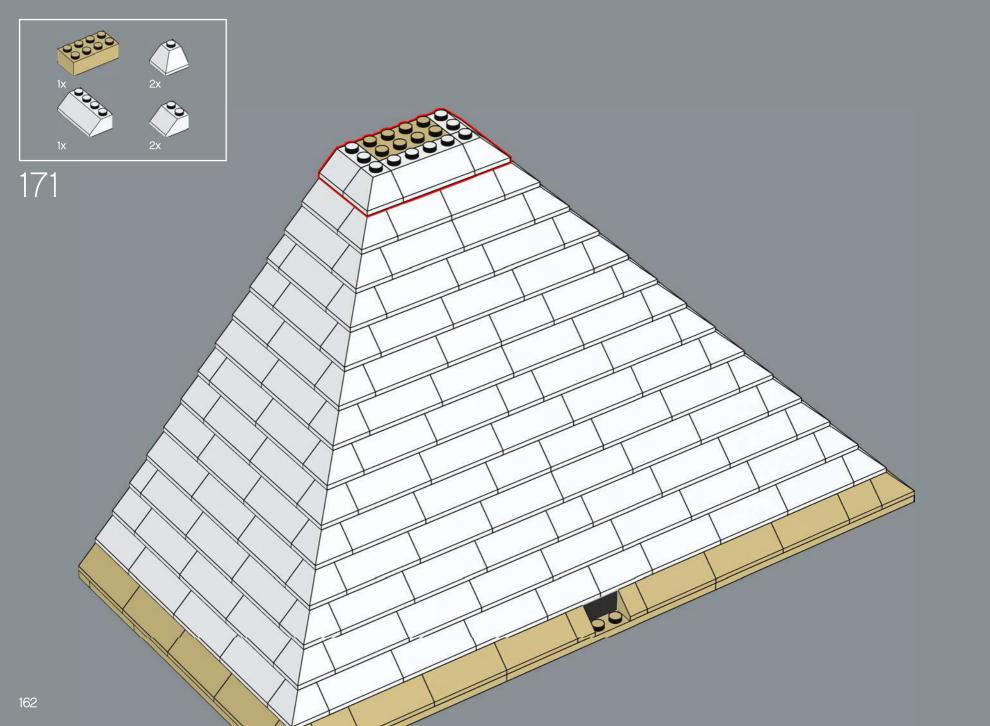


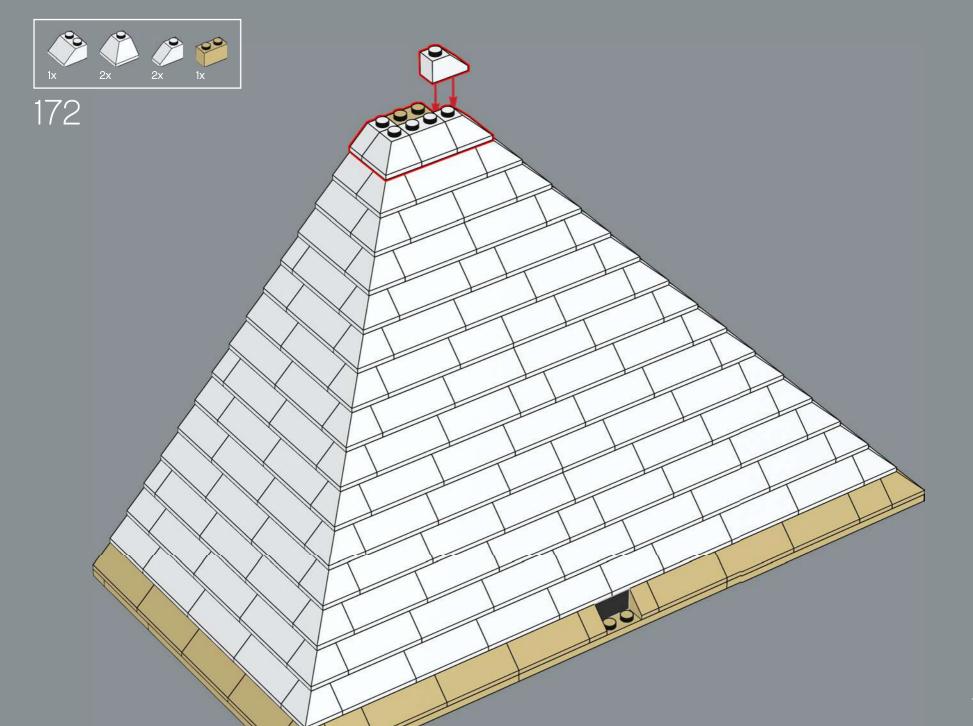


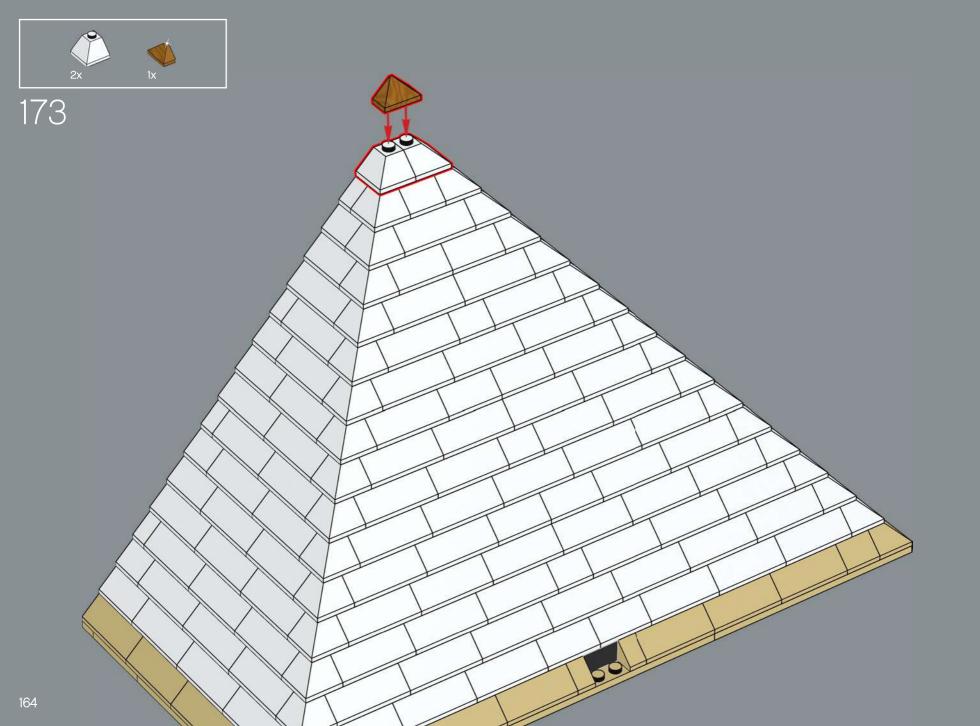


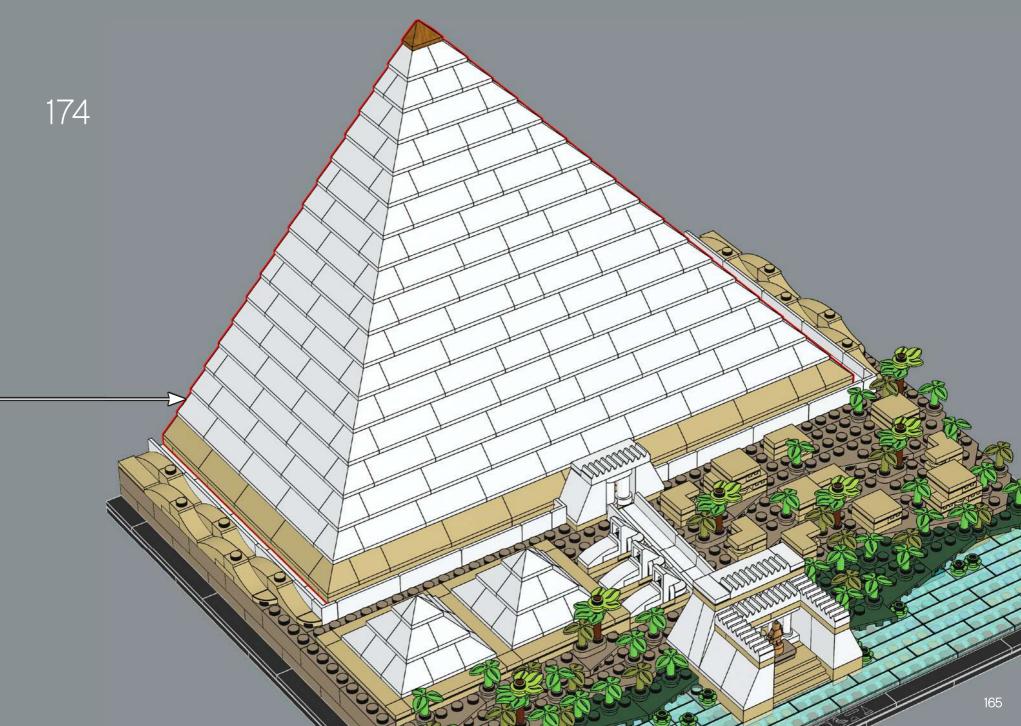


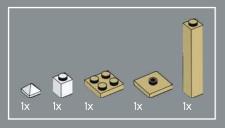


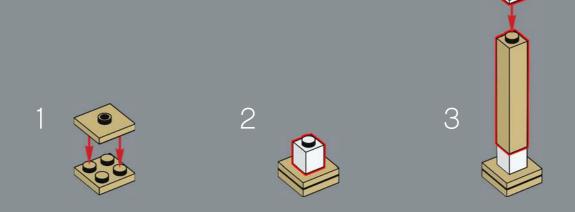










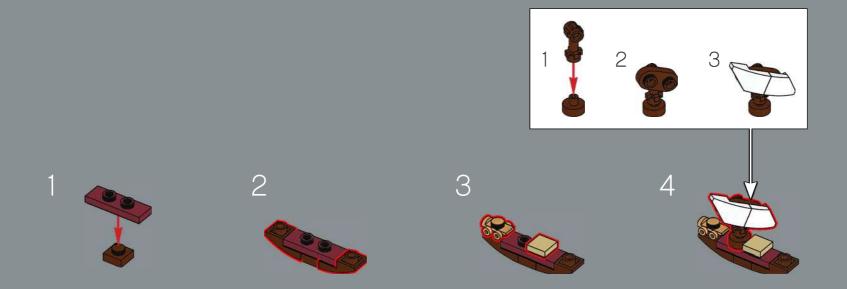




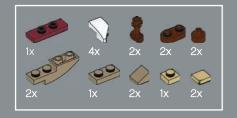


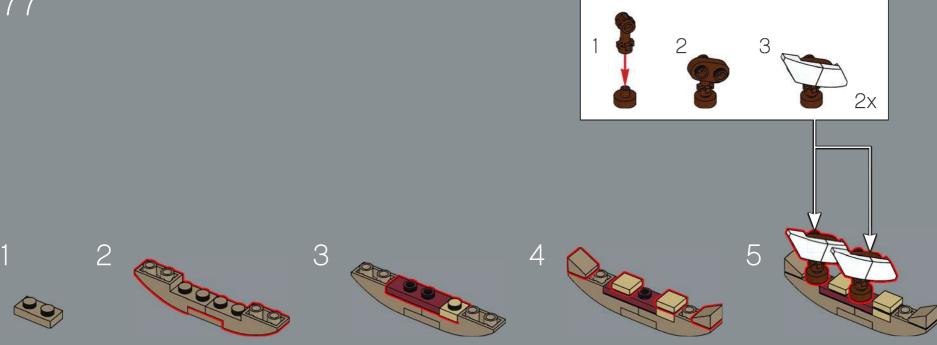
The element forming the golden canopy on the rear of the boat is more commonly seen as a roller skate for LEGO* minifigures.















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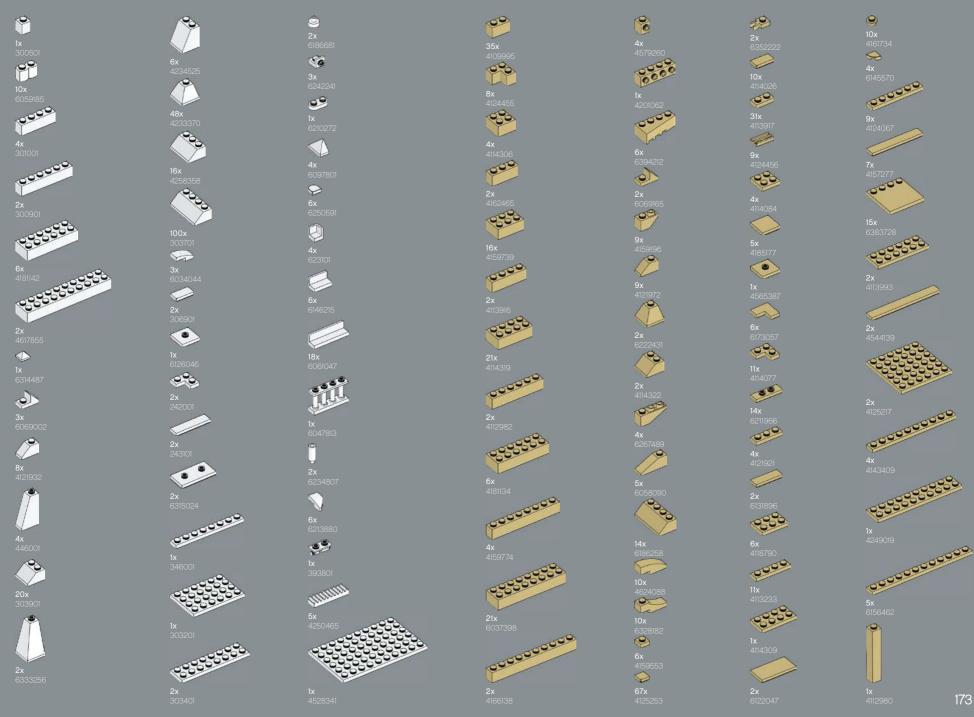
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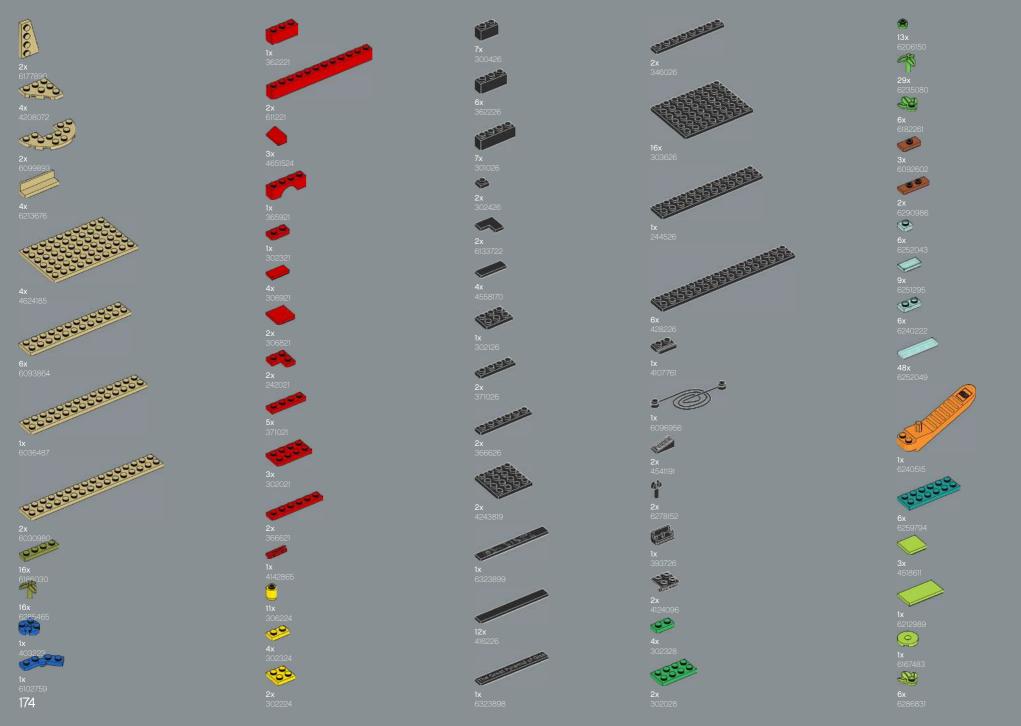
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