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Welcome back to Hogwarts™

"Help will always be given
at Hogwarts to those who ask for it."
Albus Dumbledore ™

Begin a magical journey with this detailed replica of the iconic Hogwarts™ Castle.

Explore the prestigious school of witchcraft and wizardry. Experience a microscale LEGO® model built from over 6,000 pieces and packed with authentic details for a rewarding building experience. Discover the intricately designed chambers, towers, classrooms and many other hidden features depicting scenes from the Harry Potter™ series and recreate the movies' pivotal moments of magic and adventure. The set also contains 27 microfigures including Harry, Hermione and Ron, in addition to a spellbinding assortment of iconic accessories and artefacts.

There's magic in the details...

Transforming Movie Moments into LEGO® Scenes

Translating the magical onscreen locations into a LEGO® model in microscale was an exciting design challenge. To represent the key architectural structures, iconic silhouettes and details in tiny bricks, whilst retaining the unforgettable look and feel of the movies, was not an easy task.

In the Great Hall, many elements including the tables, fire pits and house banners had to be scaled to fit into the model.

Recreating the iconic Wizard's Chess game in the small space available in the model meant halving the proportions of the chessboard. By making this compromise, there was also room to have the base of another tower in the model.

In the movie series, Professor Snape™ says that students in his Potions class were there to 'learn the subtle science and exact art of potion making'. Therefore, our version of the classroom had to be filled with all the equipment that witches and wizards would need, including multiple shelves of potions, classroom desks featuring small cauldrons and gold scripture detailing on the walls.

We hope fans enjoy building their Hogwarts™ moments and that these small details bring the model to life and help the story live on.

The Four Founders

Hogwarts™ School of Witchcraft and Wizardry was founded by Godric Gryffindor, Helga Hufflepuff, Salazar Slytherin and Rowena Ravenclaw in the 10th Century. Each of the four founders then created their own house at the school. For many years, all was well amongst the founders. However, a rift appeared when Salazar Slytherin suggested that only pupils from 'pureblood', magical families were eligible to attend Hogwarts.

Godric Gryffindor

Godric valued courage and was known for his own bravery and skills as an accomplished dueler. Godric was the original owner of the Sorting Hat and also The Sword of Gryffindor that would present itself to any true Gryffindor™ in a moment of need.

Helga Hufflepuff

Helga strongly believed in justice and loyalty, values on which the Hufflepuff™ house stands. She was particularly gifted at food-related charms and was the talent behind many traditional Hogwarts recipes. Helga's portrait can be seen in the Hufflepuff common room, toasting her students with her golden cup that was passed down to her descendants for centuries.

Salazar Slytherin

Salazar was a highly talented wizard as one of the first recorded Parselmouths and an accomplished Legilimens. He was also a notorious champion of pureblood supremacy and his hostile nature to Muggle-borns created a great divide and led to his departure from the school. Before he left, he built a secret room inside the castle with a great statue of himself and a monster inside that only he could control.

Rowena Ravenclaw

Above all else, Rowena Ravenclaw valued intelligence and was regarded as one of the greatest witches of her age. Rowena also wore a diadem that was said to grant wisdom to the wearer. Legend has it that a broken heart contributed to her early demise. Her daughter Helena (the Grey Lady) became the Ravenclaw house ghost.

Microfigures

Harry Potter™, Ron Weasley™, Hermione Granger™, Draco Malfoy™, Albus Dumbledore™, Professor McGonagall™, Severus Snape™, Remus Lupin, Professor Dolores Umbridge™, Argus Filch, Gryffindor students, Hufflepuff students, Slytherin students, Ravenclaw students, Lord Voldemort™, Bellatrix Lestrange, Chess pieces, Statue of the Hogwarts Architect, Dementors.

About the LEGO® Design Team

The project team for this model consisted of Model Designers, Graphic Designers, Element Designers, the Marketing Team, Building Instructions Developers, a Model Coach (who assessed if the model was designed correctly) and a Design Lead (who has the overview of the full project), amongst others.

From left to right/top-down:
Charlotte Fey - Project Manager
Hélène Desprets - Marketing Manager
Pia Elisabeth Jungdal - Master Data Specialist
Susan Due - Building Instruction Specialist
Connie Bork - Model Coach
Joel Baker - Concept Designer
Justin Ramsden – Model Designer
Andrew Hugh Seenan - Design Manager
Michael Vibede Vanting
- Senior Marketing Manager
Crystal Marie Fontan - Graphic Designer

Justin Ramsden – LEGO® Model Designer:

"It has been a few years since the last LEGO® Hogwarts™ Castle was released. Even at its microscale, this is the eighth and largest Hogwarts Castle LEGO model to date. Another LEGO designer, Joel Baker designed a sketch model of the castle, so this was the starting point. I took over with the challenge of making that sketch into a model for fans. My design approach focused on capturing the essence of Hogwarts; its iconic silhouette, the exciting feeling of going back to school and starting a new adventure. I wanted to recreate all the iconic locations from the castle and moments from the movie series in 'micro-detail', including the moving staircases, the Whomping Willow™, Professor Lupin's Boggart lesson in the Defence Against the Dark Arts classroom and the Basilisk encounter in the Chamber of Secrets.

For this model, we also managed to develop three new LEGO building elements that helped to further capture the fantastic architectural detail of Hogwarts. I was very excited to include these two new window arch elements and a half cone piece into the model as I am not only very eager to see how the fans will use the elements in new and exciting ways but, I can't wait to see the new building opportunities that they bring to the LEGO building system.

As a LEGO® model designer, you can either work digitally or just get on your hands and knees and start building! The latter is how I approach it, making iteration after iteration until I get to the final product. During the design process, I tend to keep as many of the previous sketches of the castle as I can, so that I can see the physical progression from concept to finished model. Many of these sketch models have very unusual colour schemes, as I tend to use interesting colours when I build with whatever bricks are closest to hand!

One detail that LEGO fans may not notice is that the piece count of the Hogwarts™ Castle is 6,020 elements. This is personally significant for me because it is the set number of a classic LEGO Castle model that I had when I was five years old - a small model that co-incidentally featured a wizard. It was this set, amongst others, which inspired me to become a LEGO designer.

Furthermore, as 2018 is the 60th anniversary of the LEGO brick, I hid the iconic 2x4 red brick in as many places as I could."

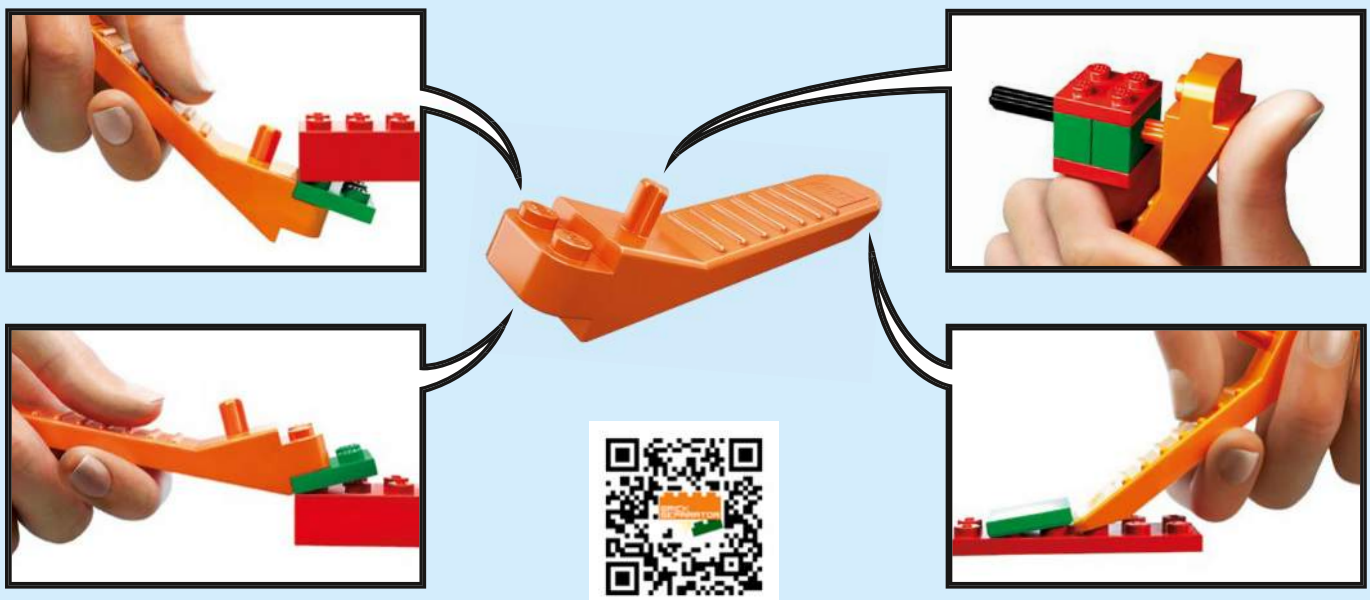
Crystal Marie Fontan – LEGO Graphic Designer:

"I worked closely with Justin and fellow LEGO Graphic Designer Djordje Djordjevic (with support from other graphic designers), in creating all the characters for the model, as well as the stickers and decorated elements.

Generally, with the stickers for models, less is more. Stickers are also important to bring in that layer of magic and storytelling from the Harry Potter™ series. For example, small details such as depicting the door to the Room of Requirement or the keys in the flying key room can only be achieved via stickers at this scale. Stickers are also where all the magical secrets get embedded in the model!

This was a great project to work on because I am such a big fan of the Harry Potter series; it's like working in a magical universe. I really want other fans to enjoy the models, stickers and decorations that we have created for them!"

Godric Gryffindor Helga Hufflepuff Salazar Slytherin Rowena Ravenclaw



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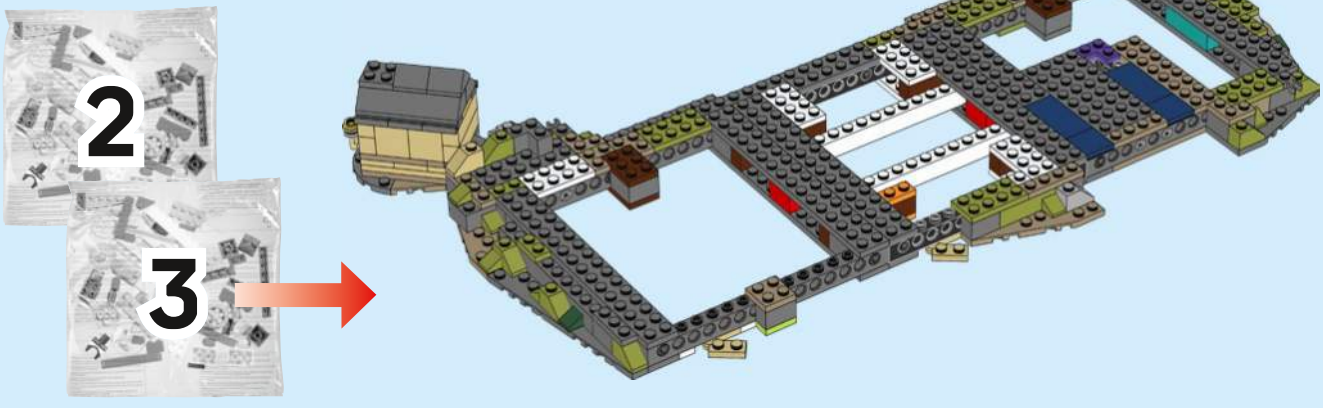
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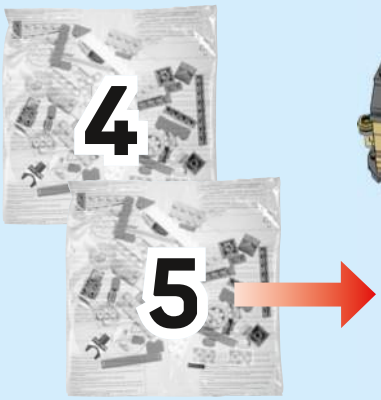
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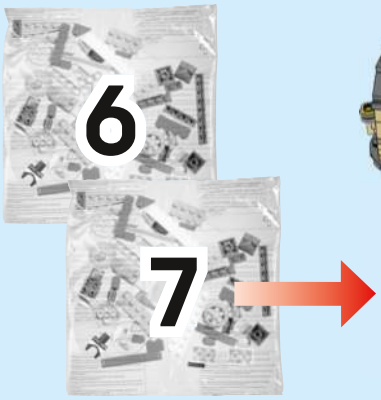
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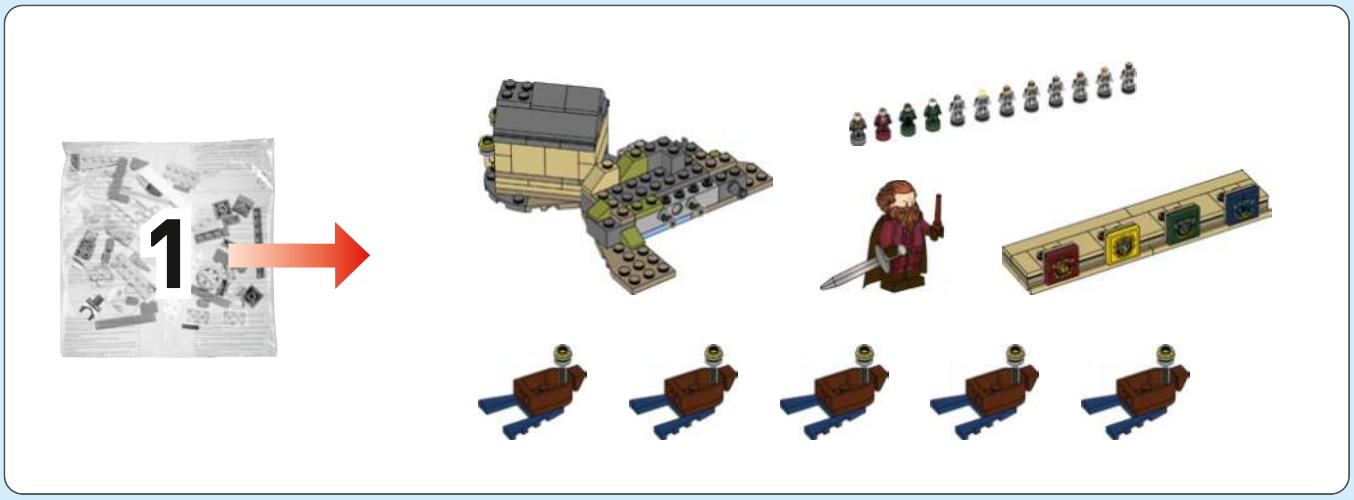
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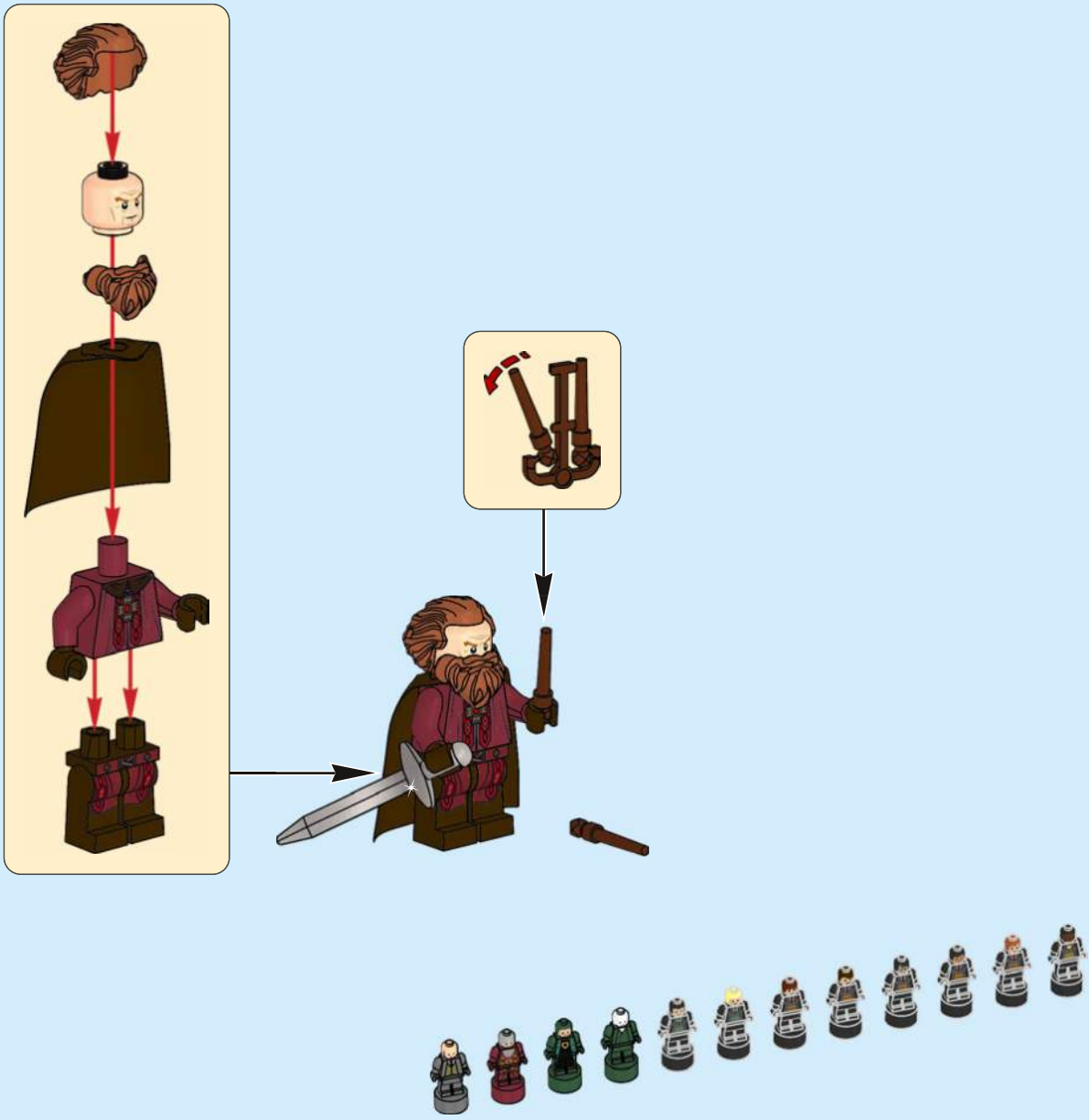

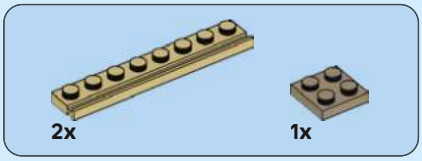

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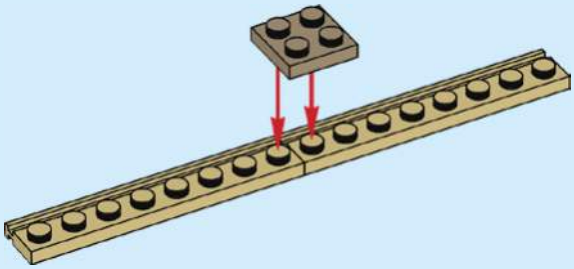

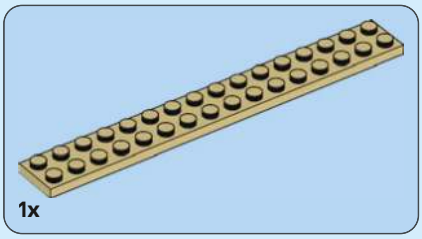

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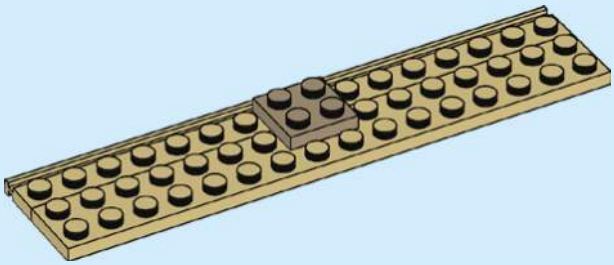

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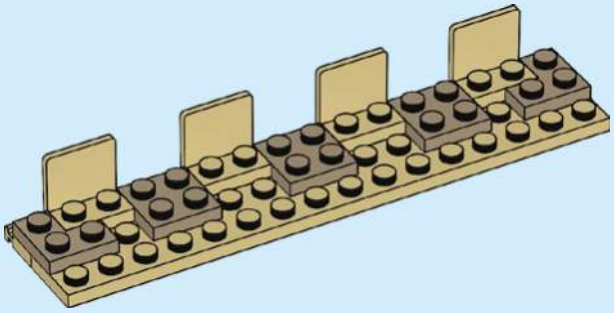

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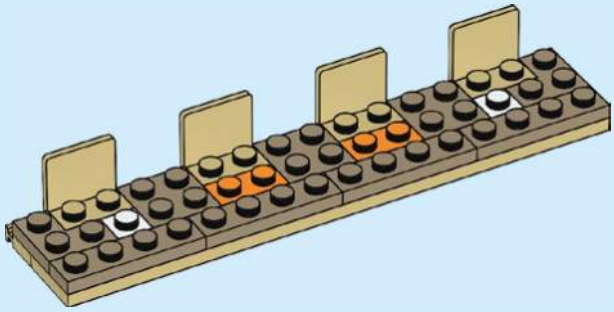

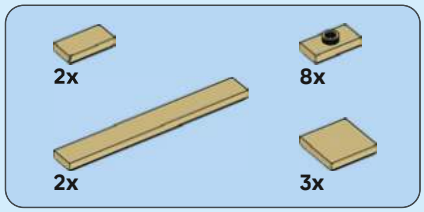

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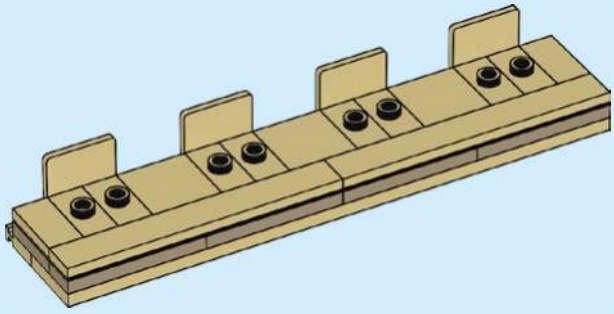

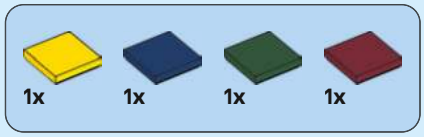

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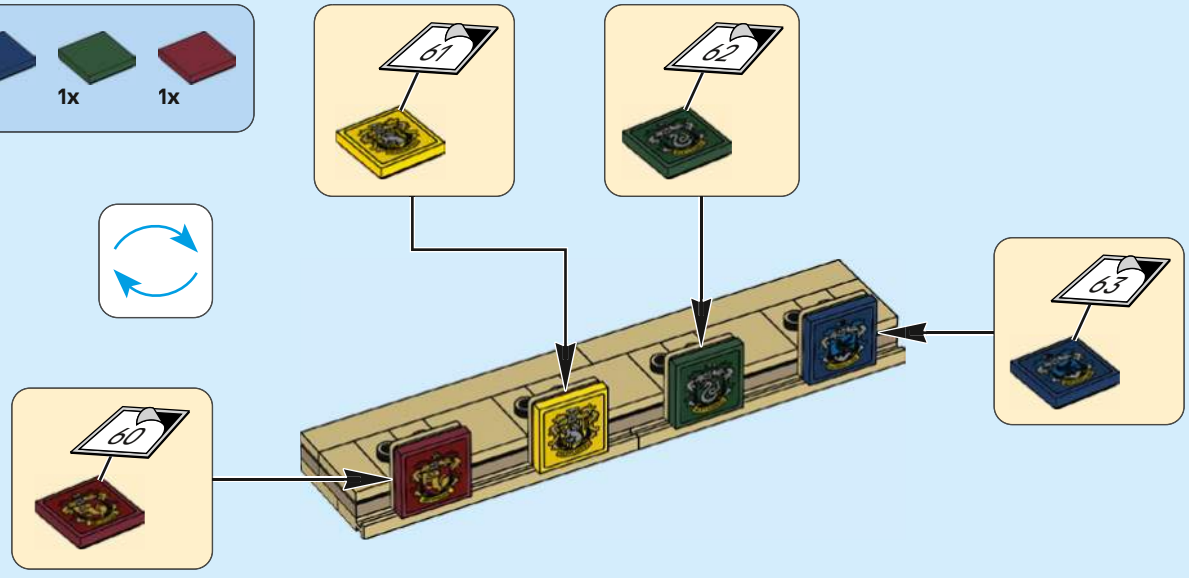

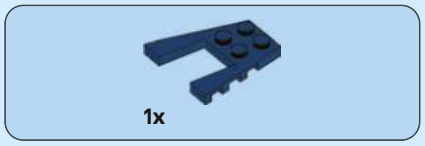

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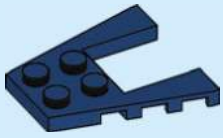

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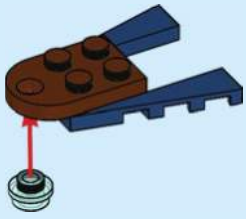

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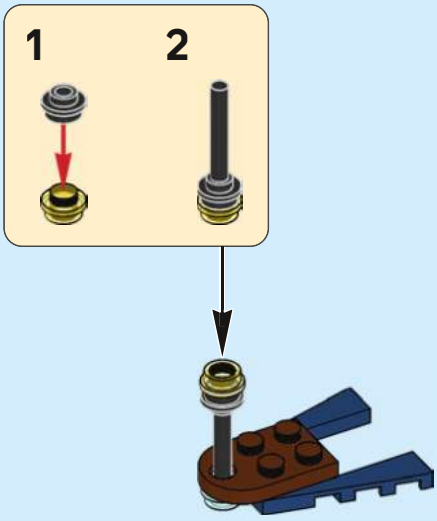

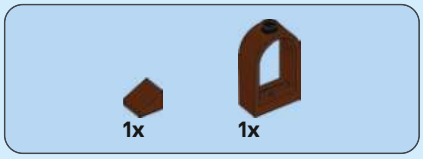

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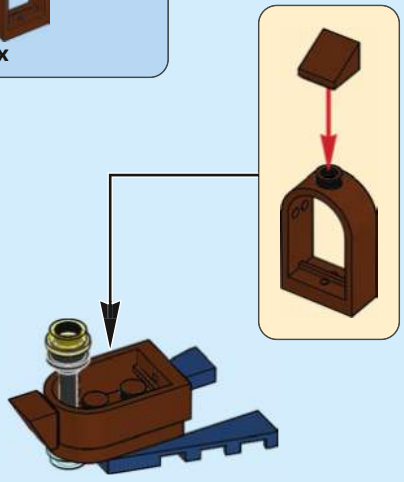

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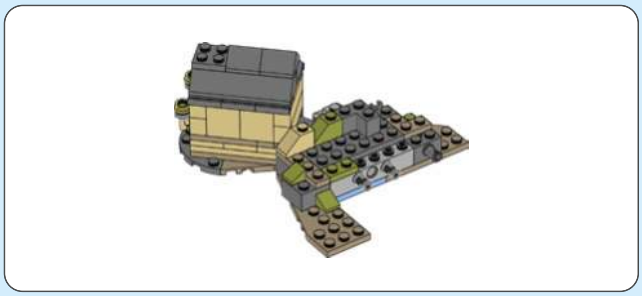

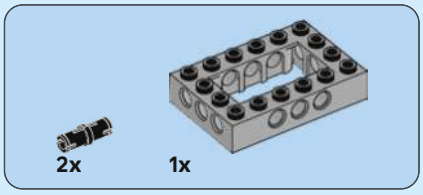

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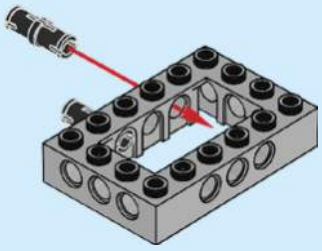

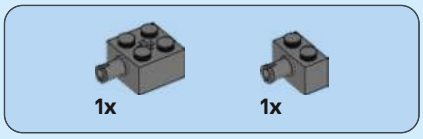

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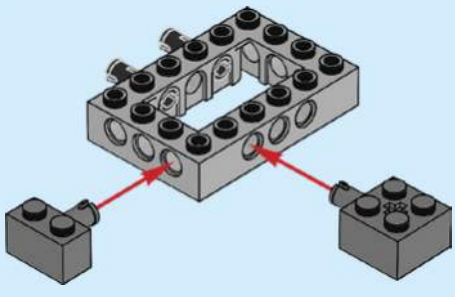

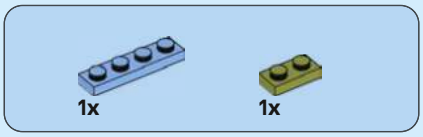

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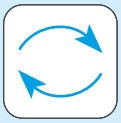

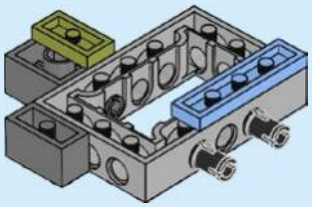

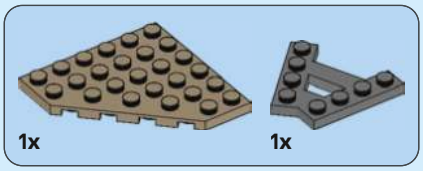

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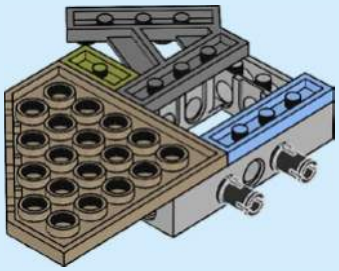

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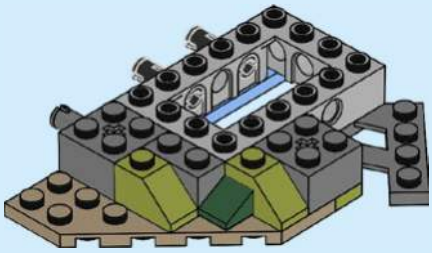

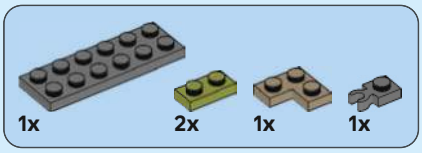

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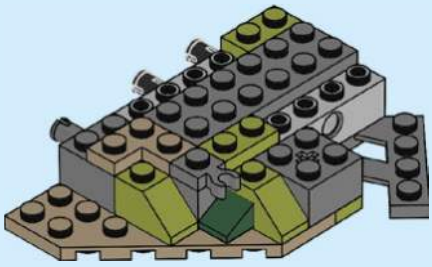

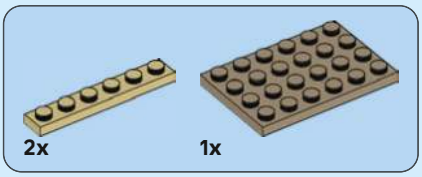

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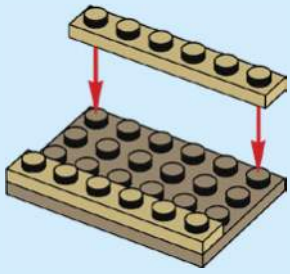

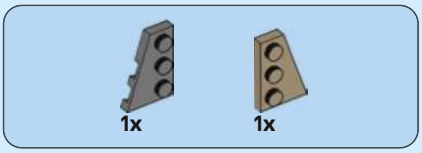

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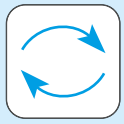

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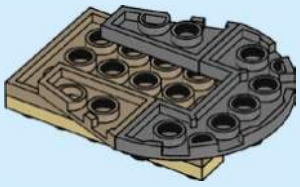

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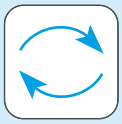

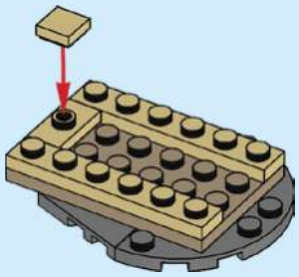

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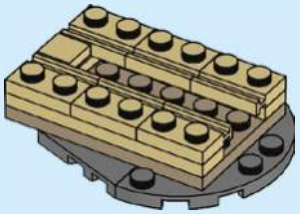

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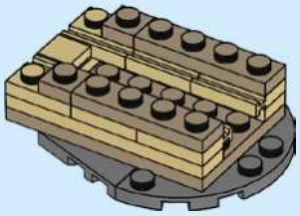

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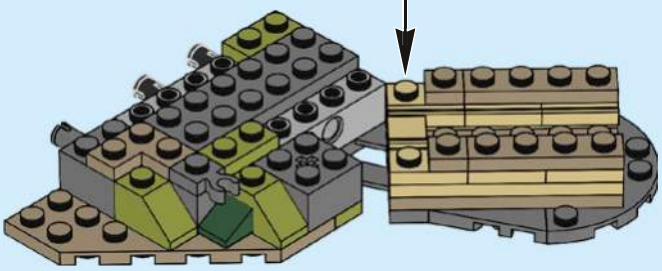

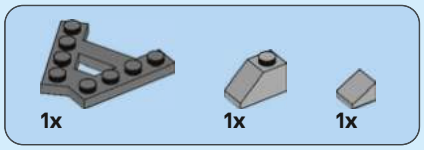

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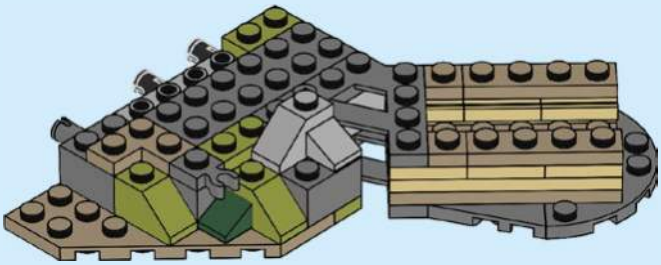

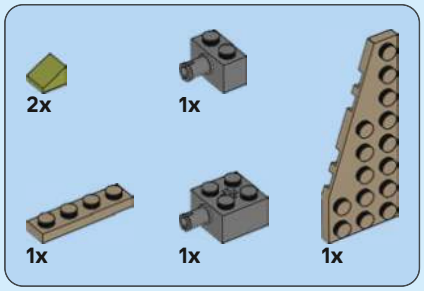

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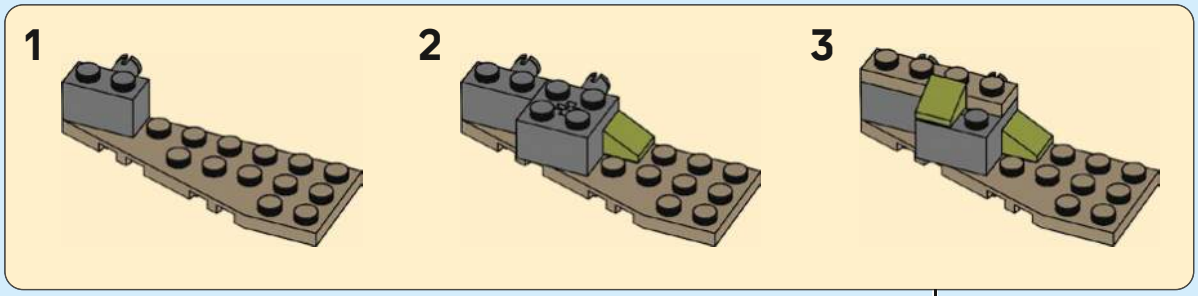

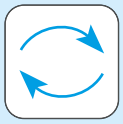

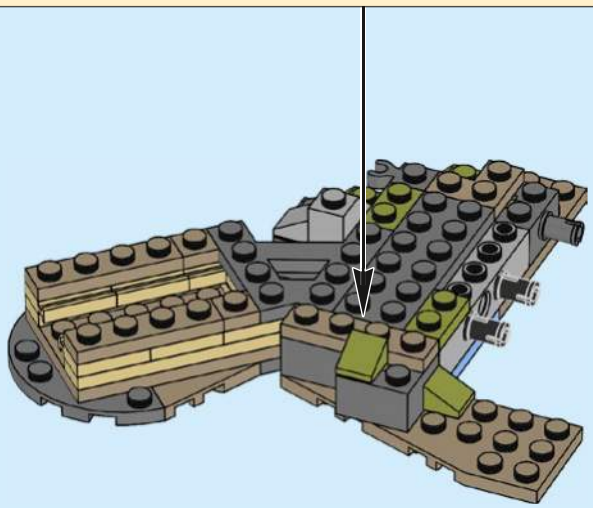

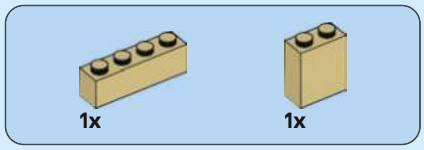

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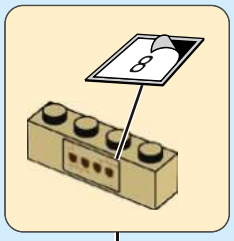

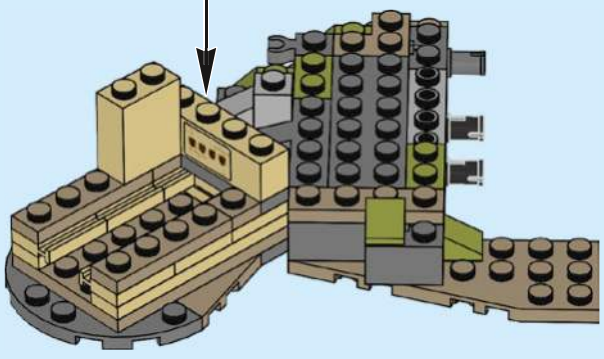

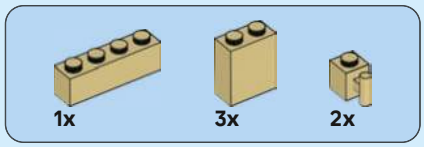

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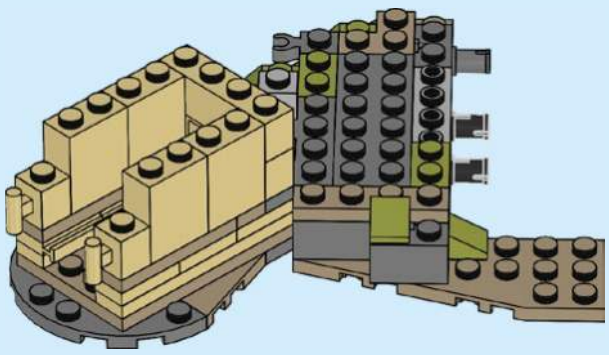

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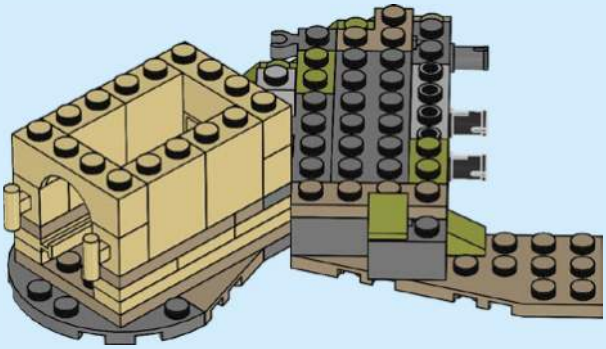

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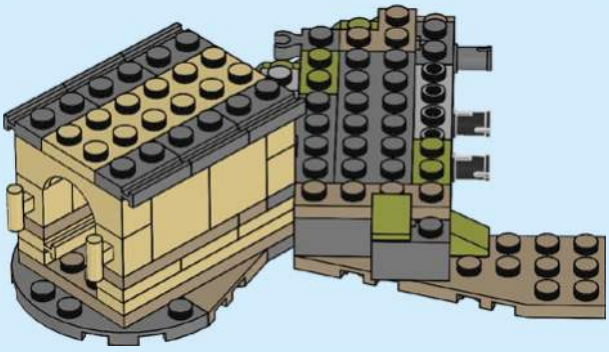

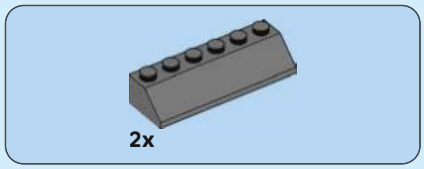

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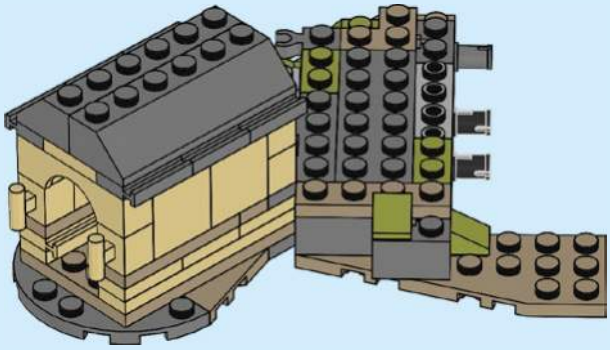

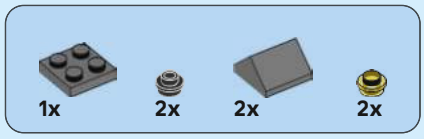

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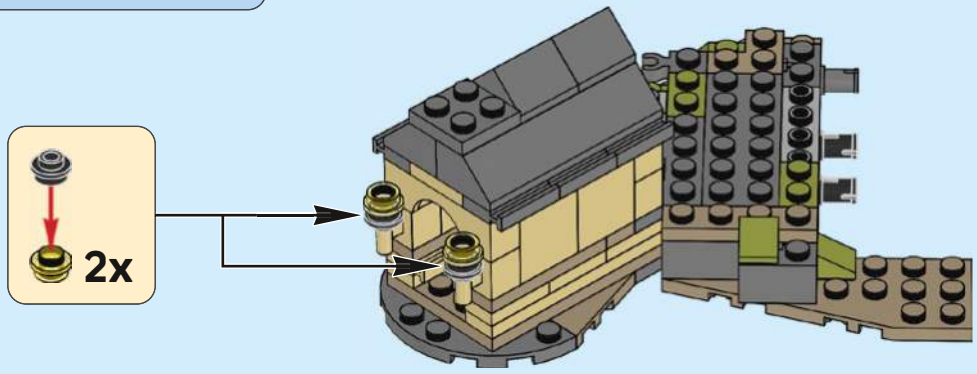

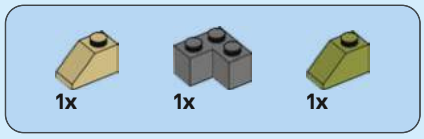

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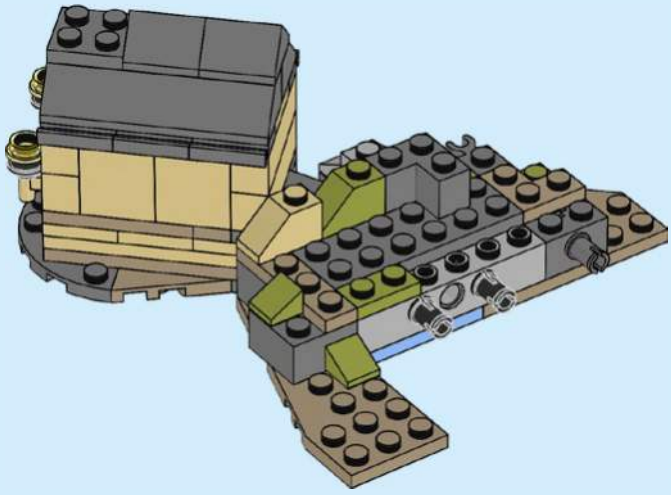

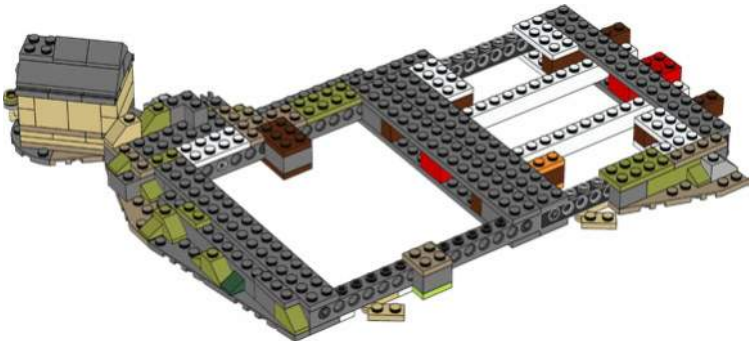

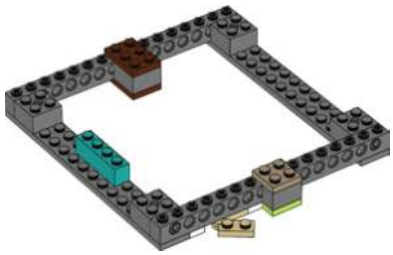

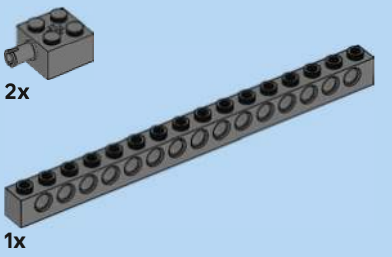

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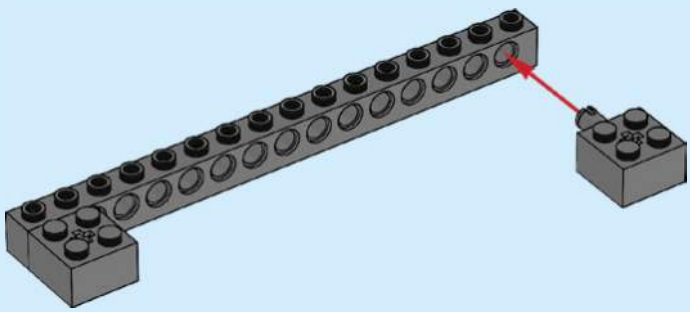

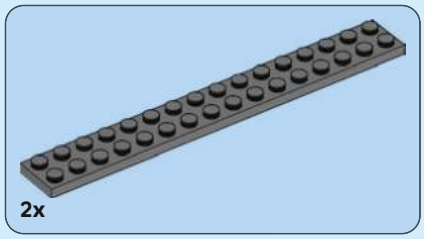

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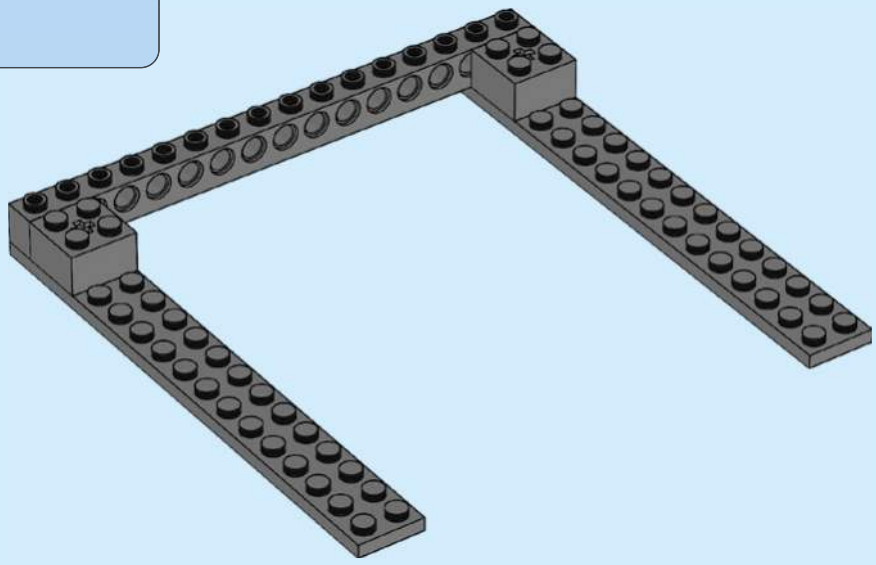

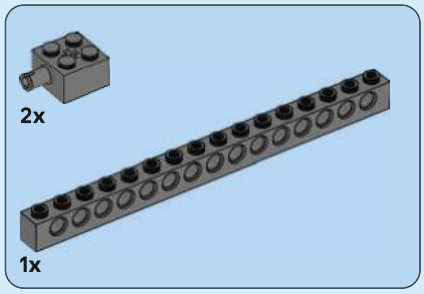

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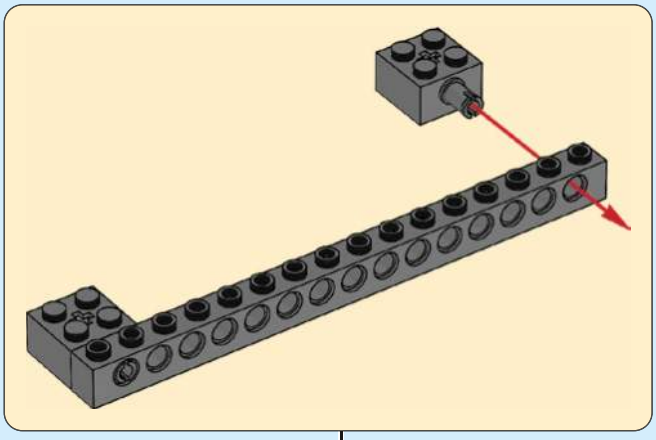

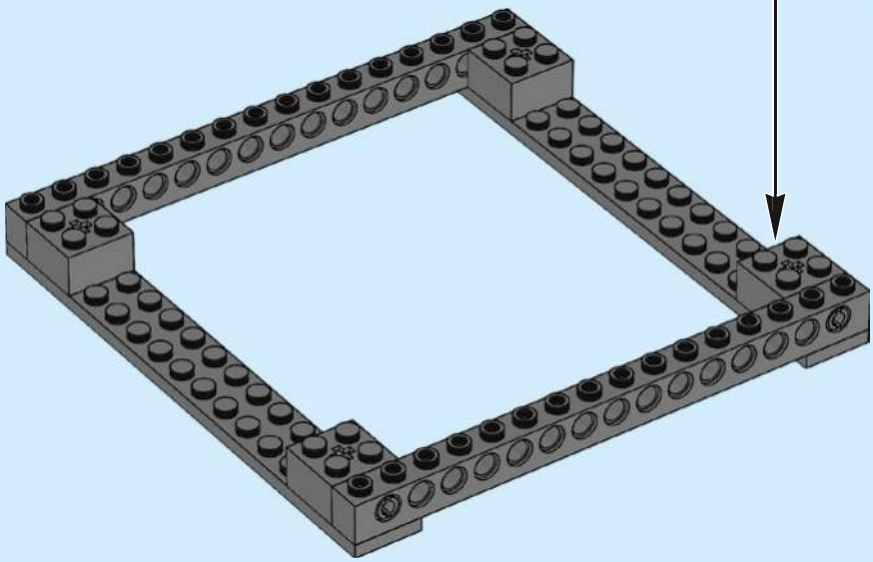

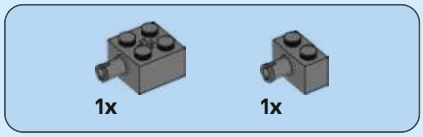

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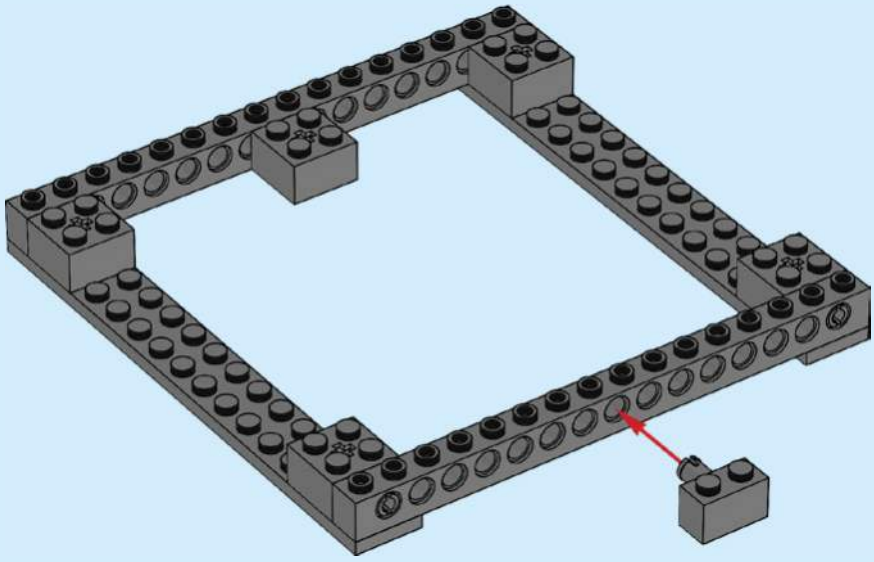

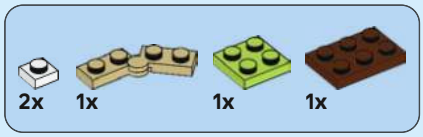

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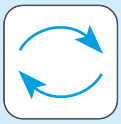

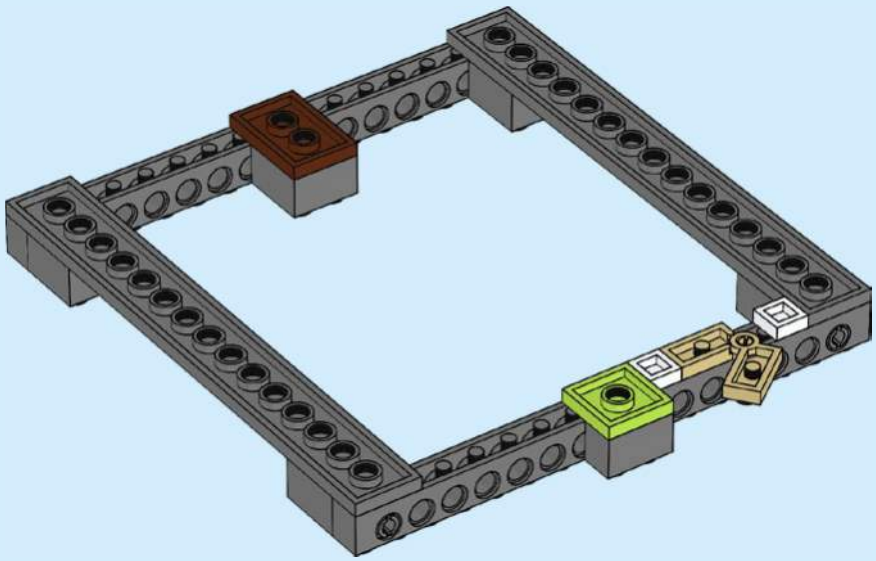

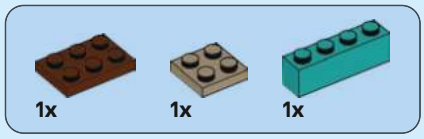

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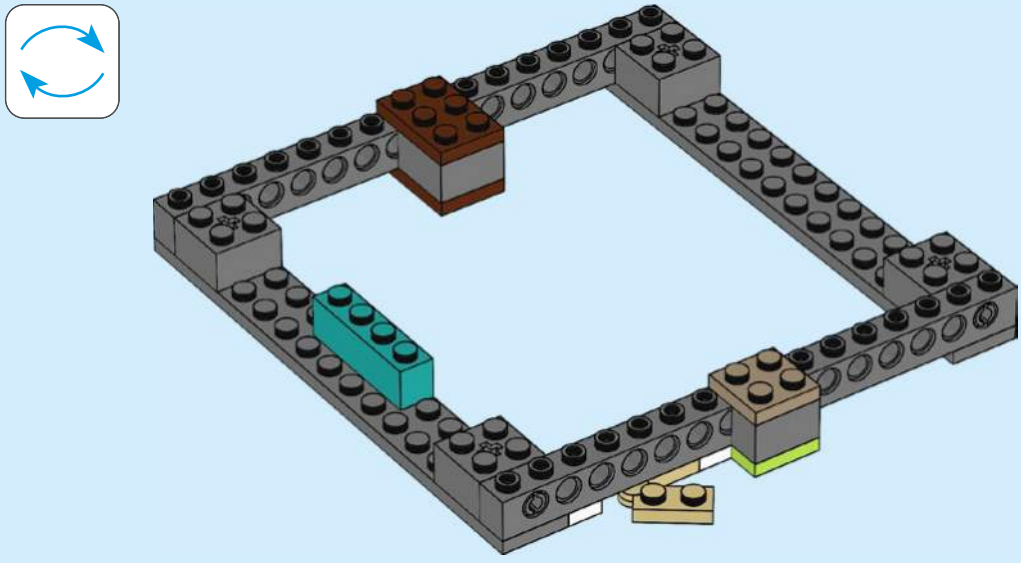

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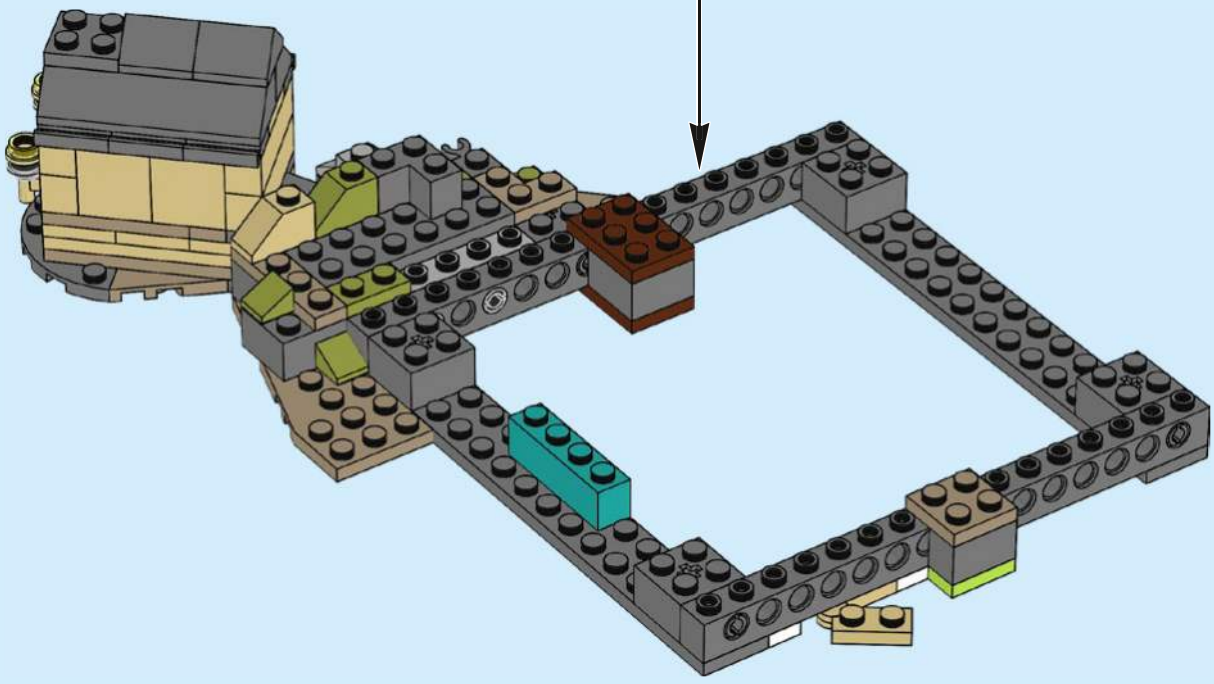

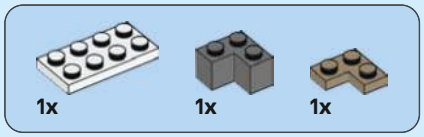

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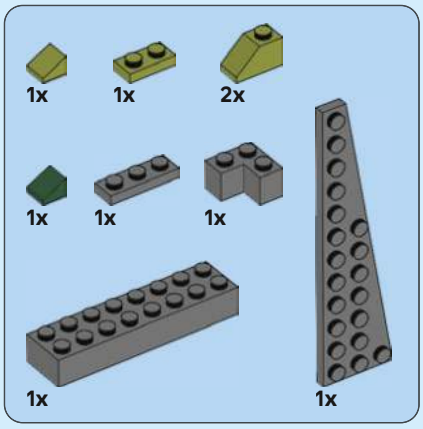

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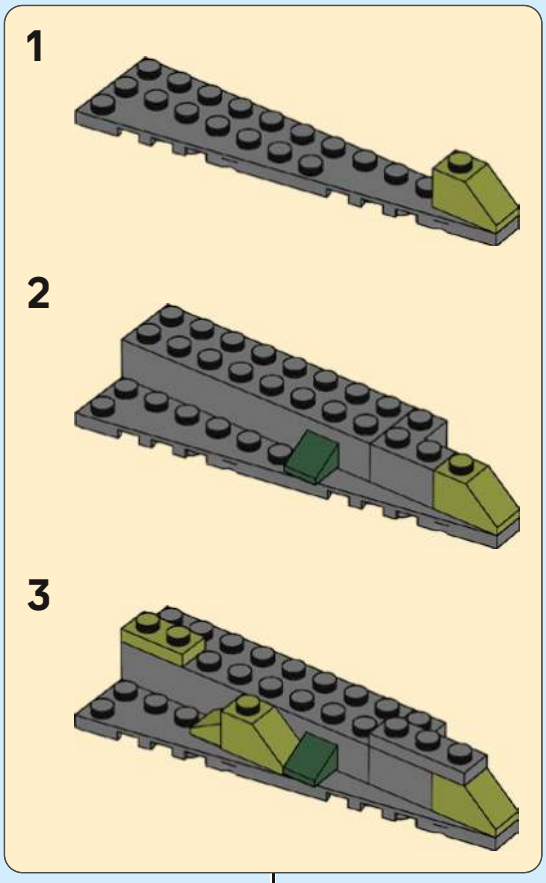

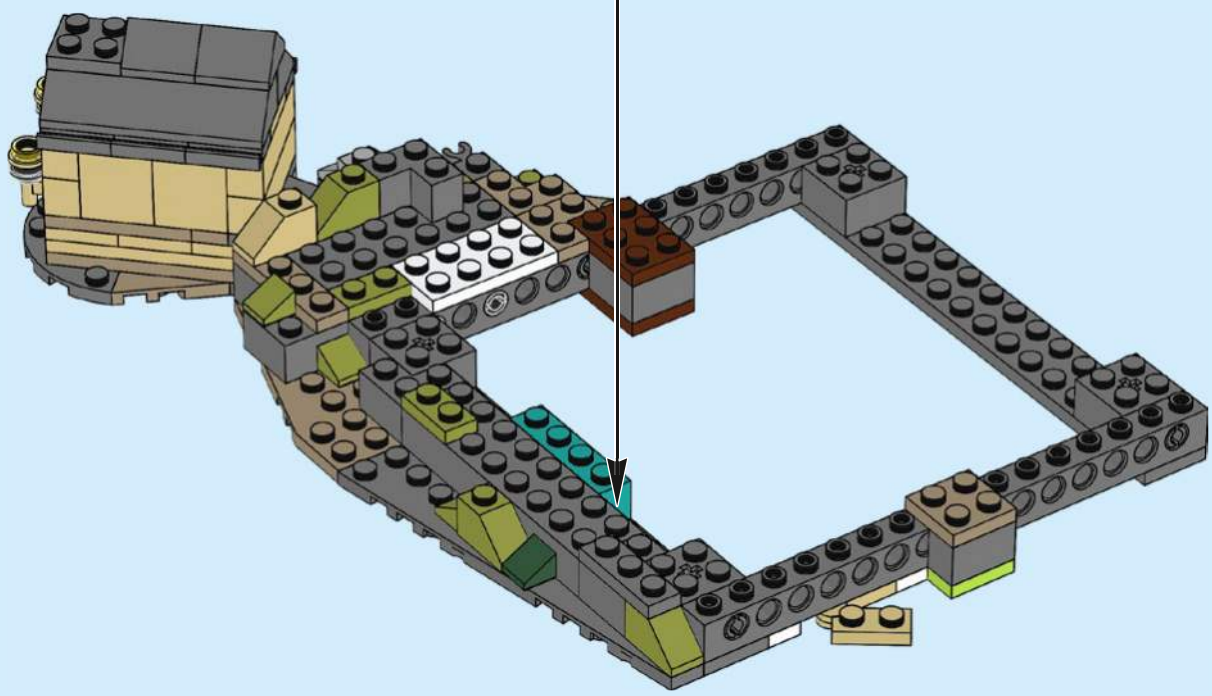

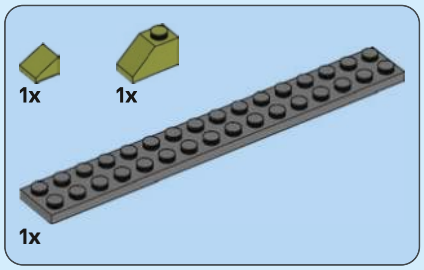

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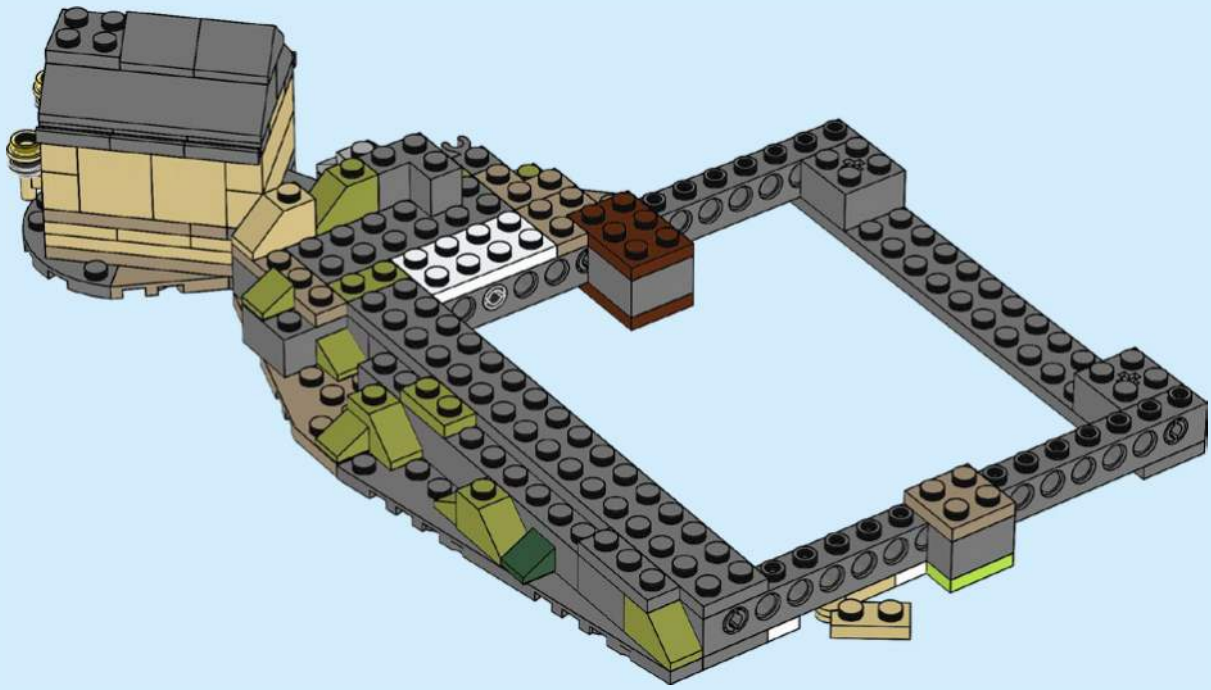

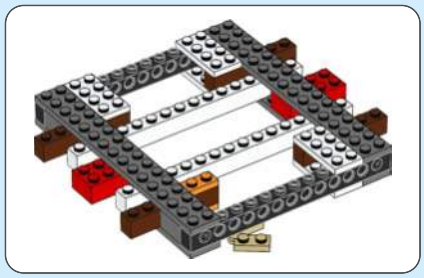

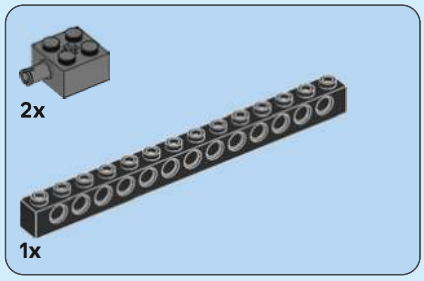

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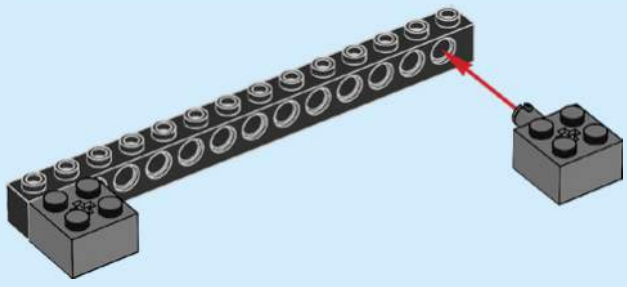

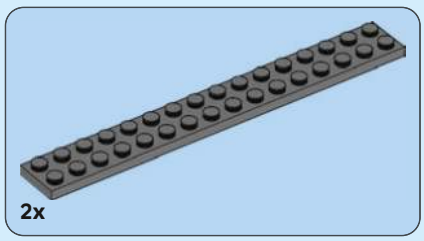

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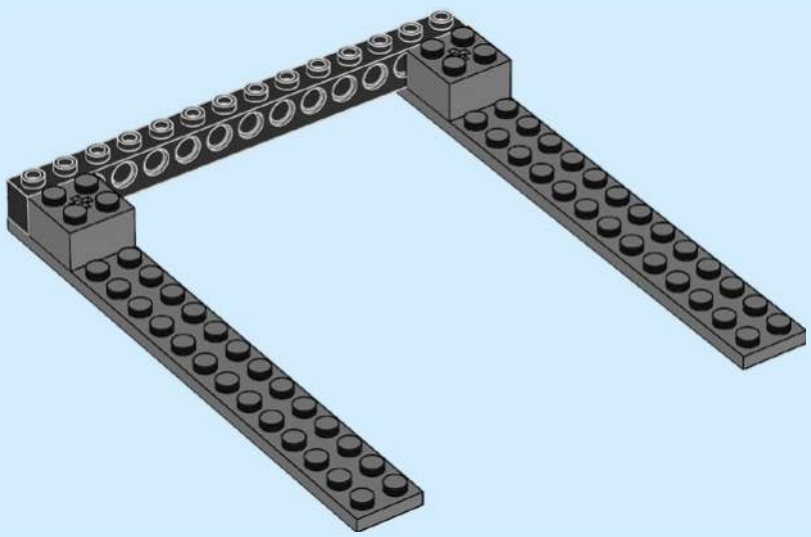

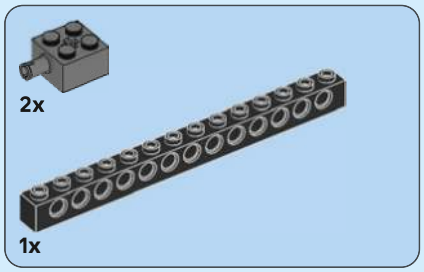

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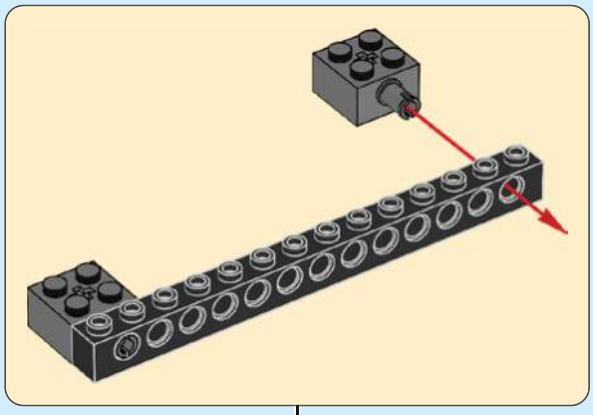

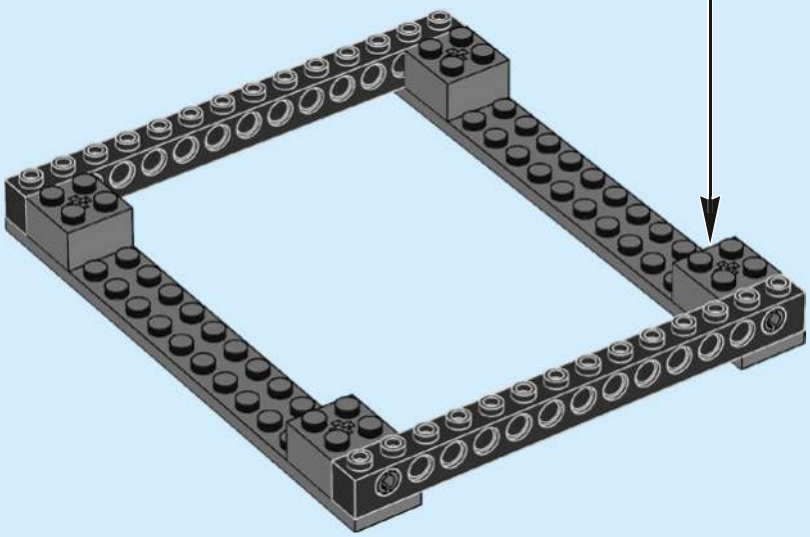

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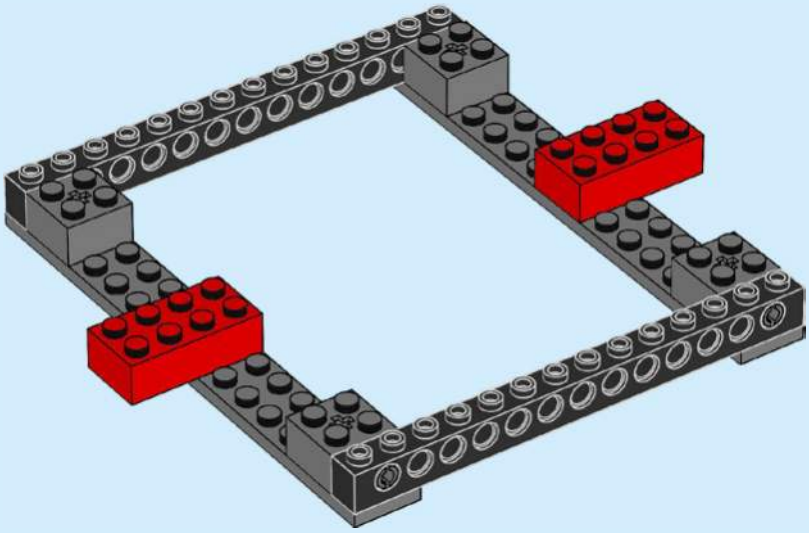

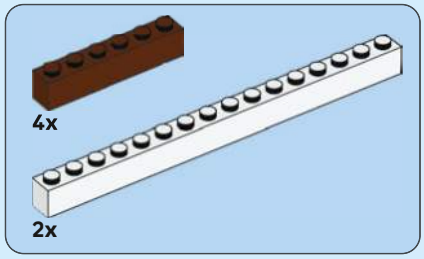

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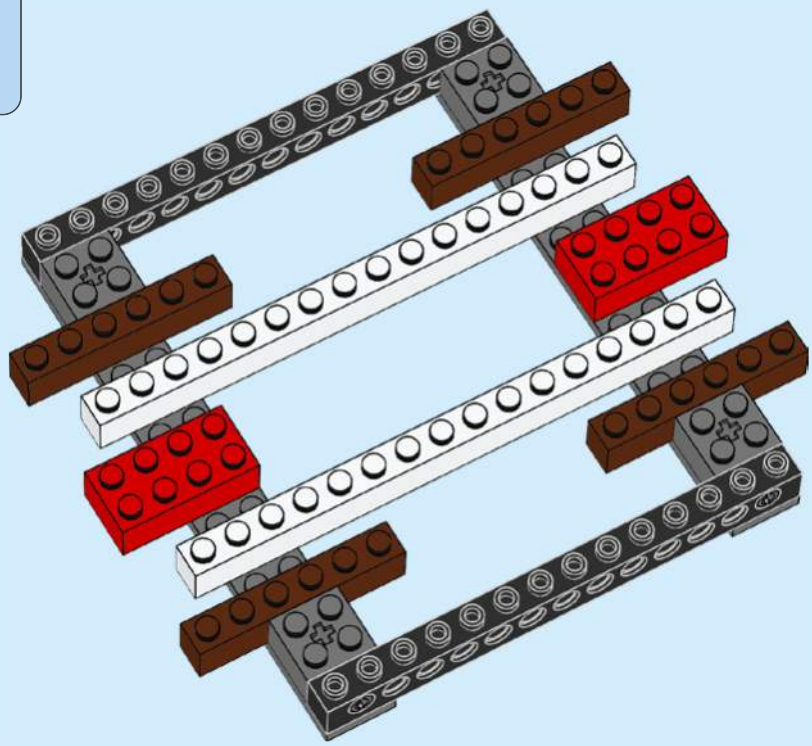

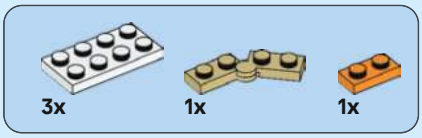

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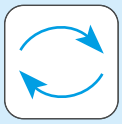

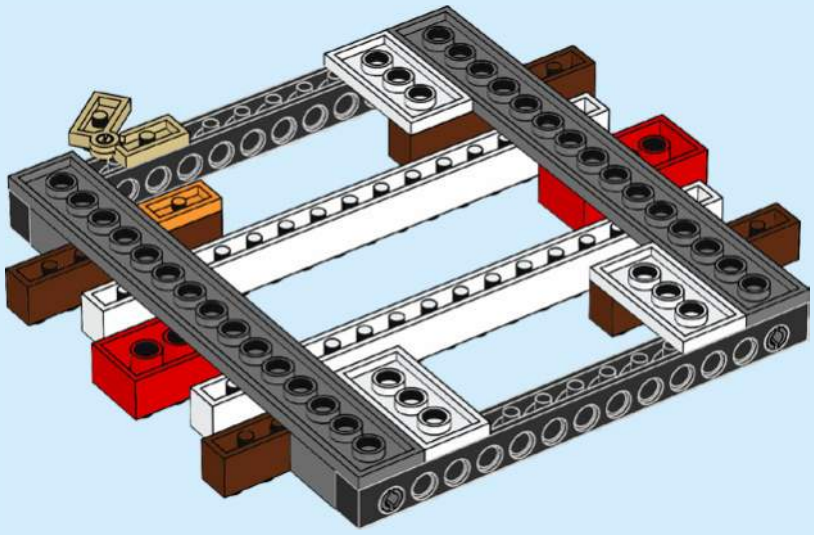

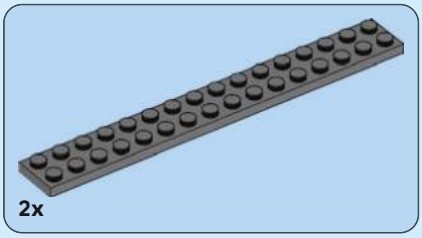

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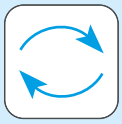

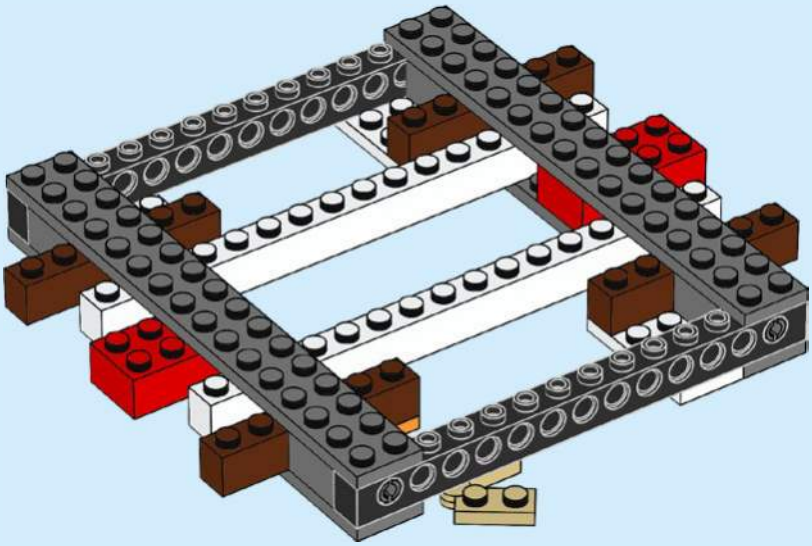

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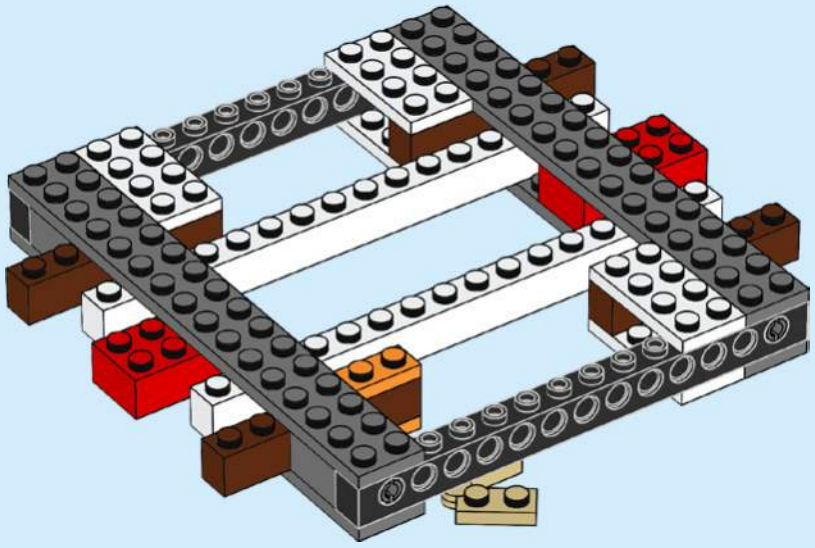

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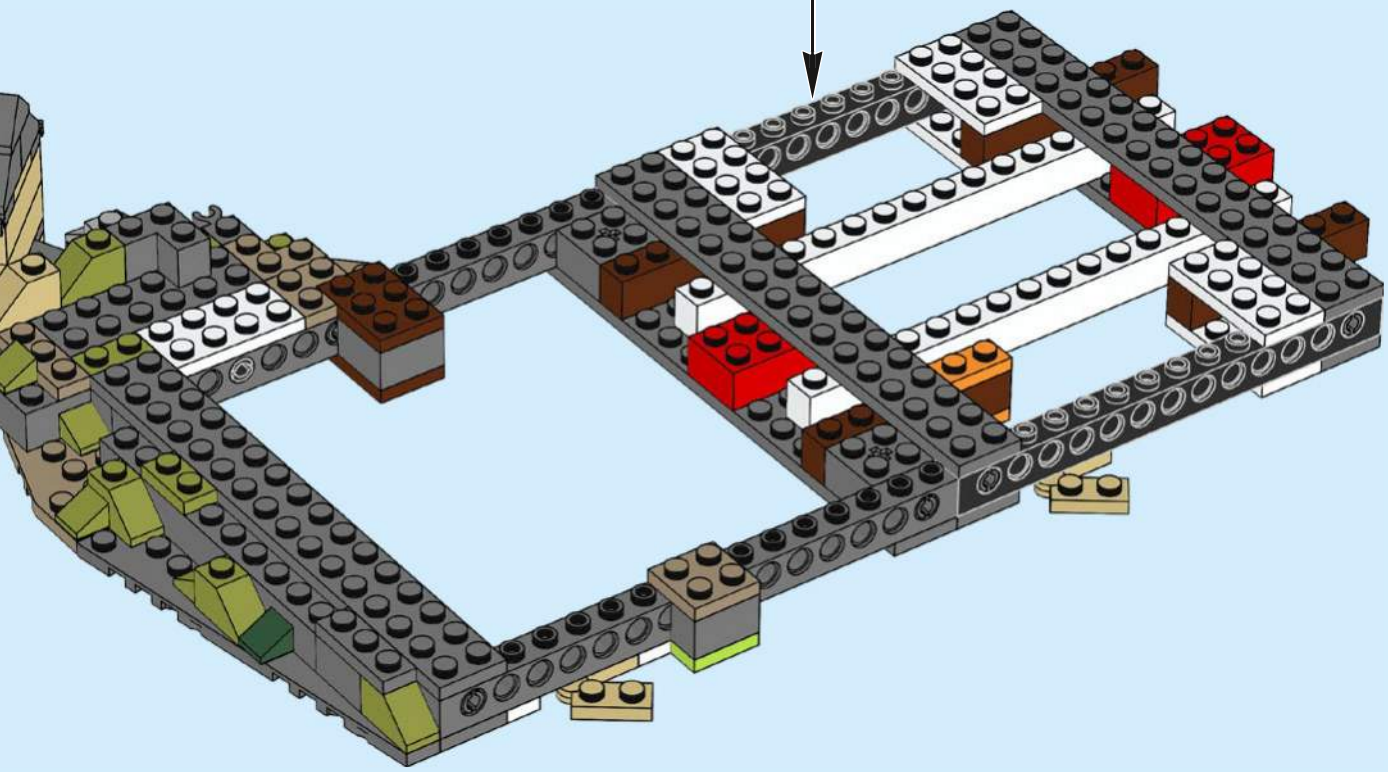

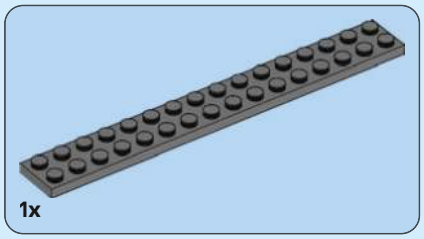

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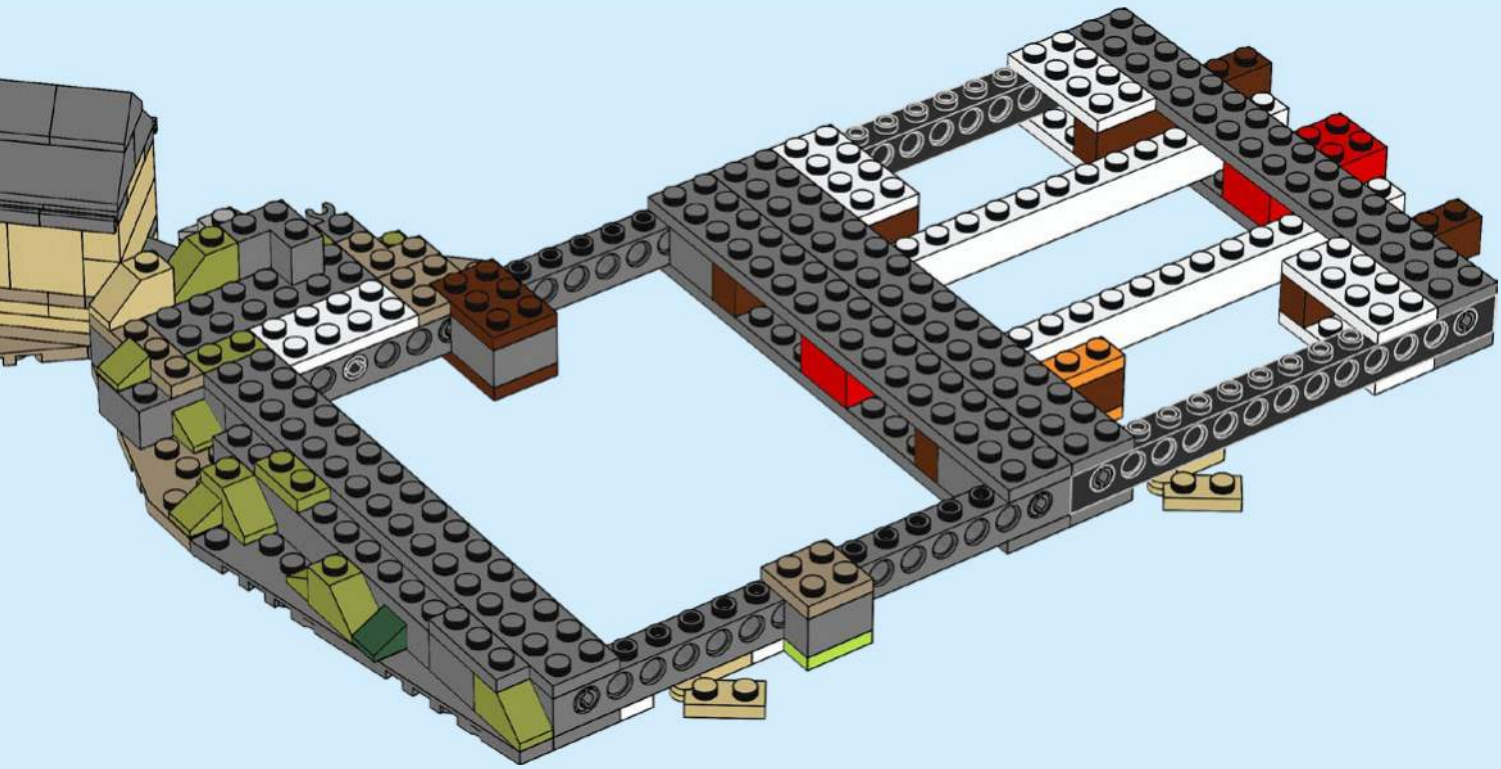

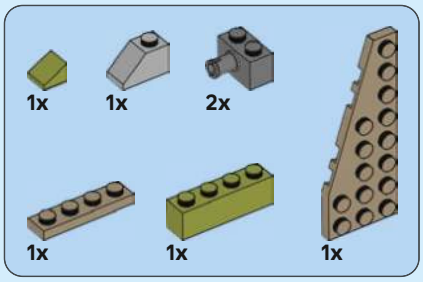

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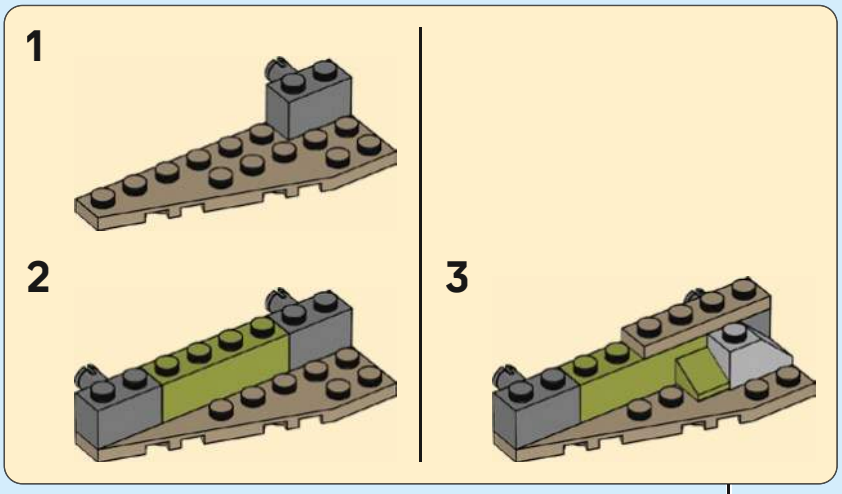

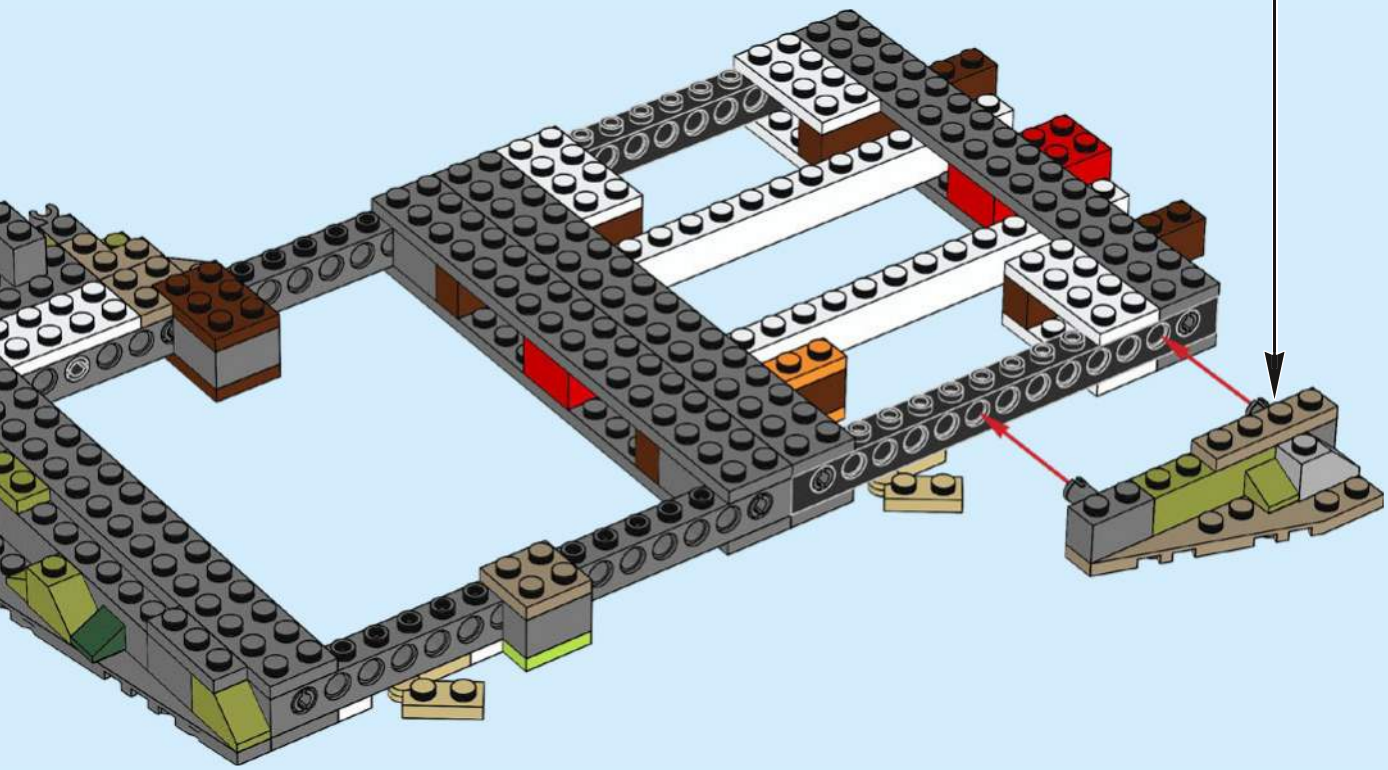

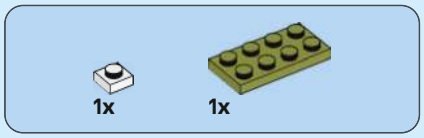

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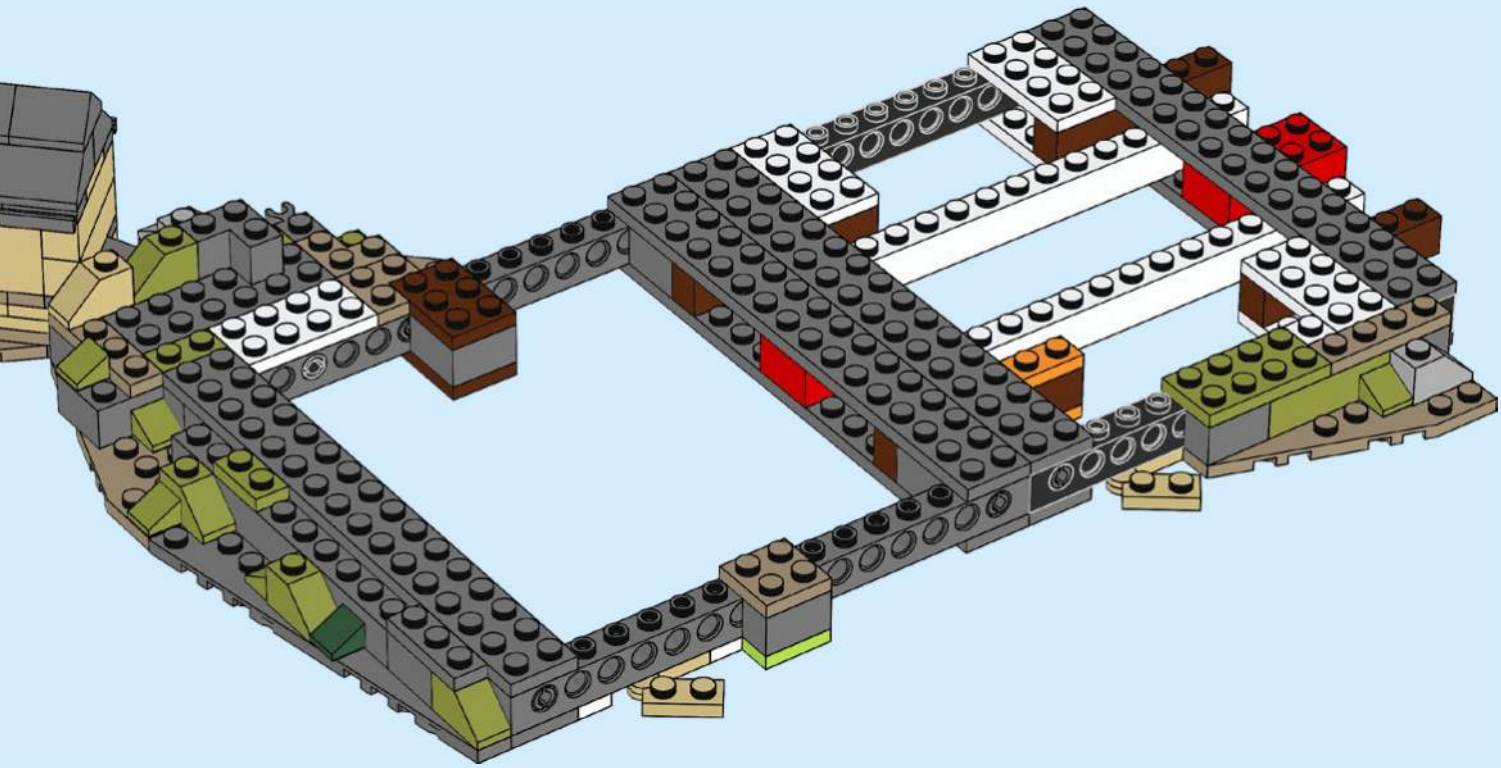

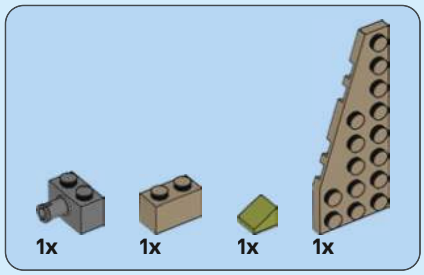

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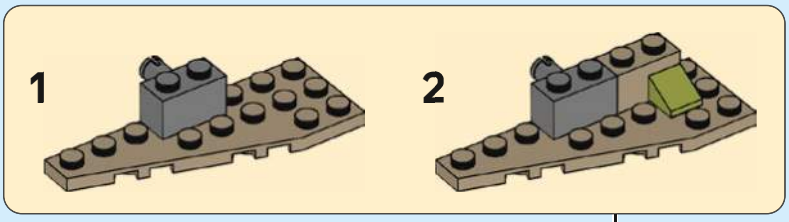

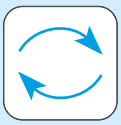

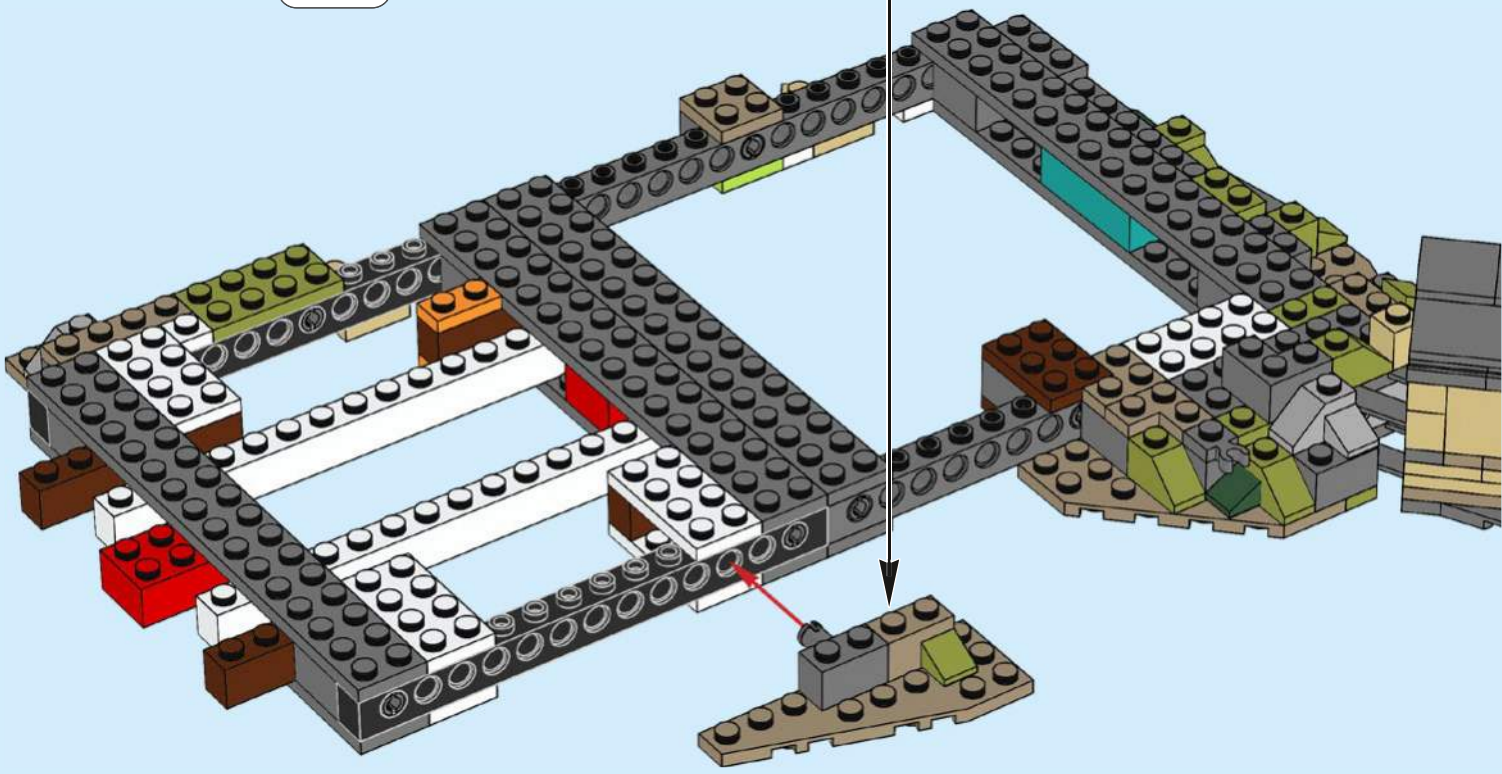

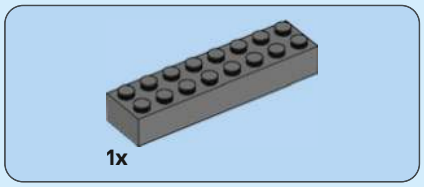

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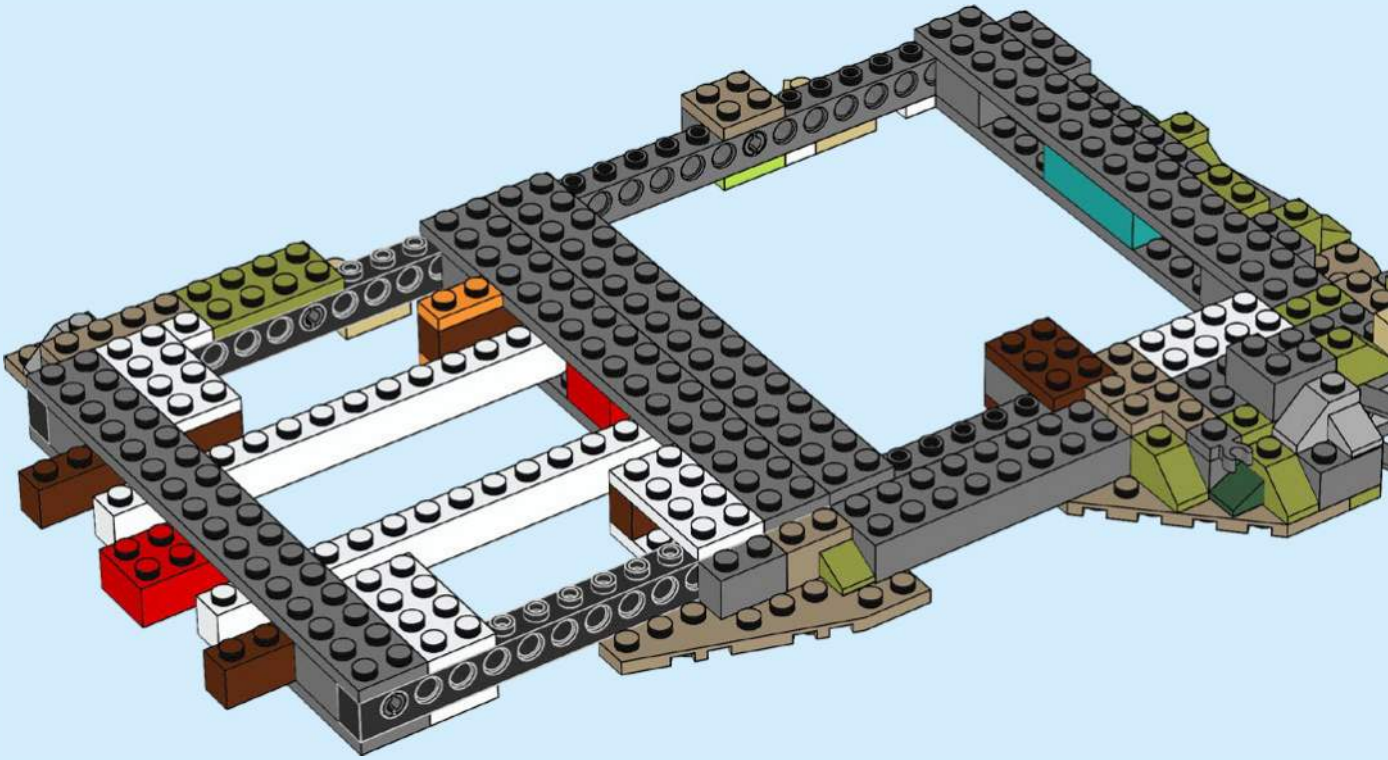

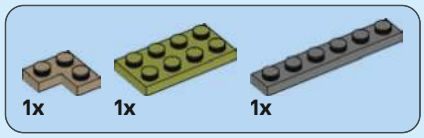

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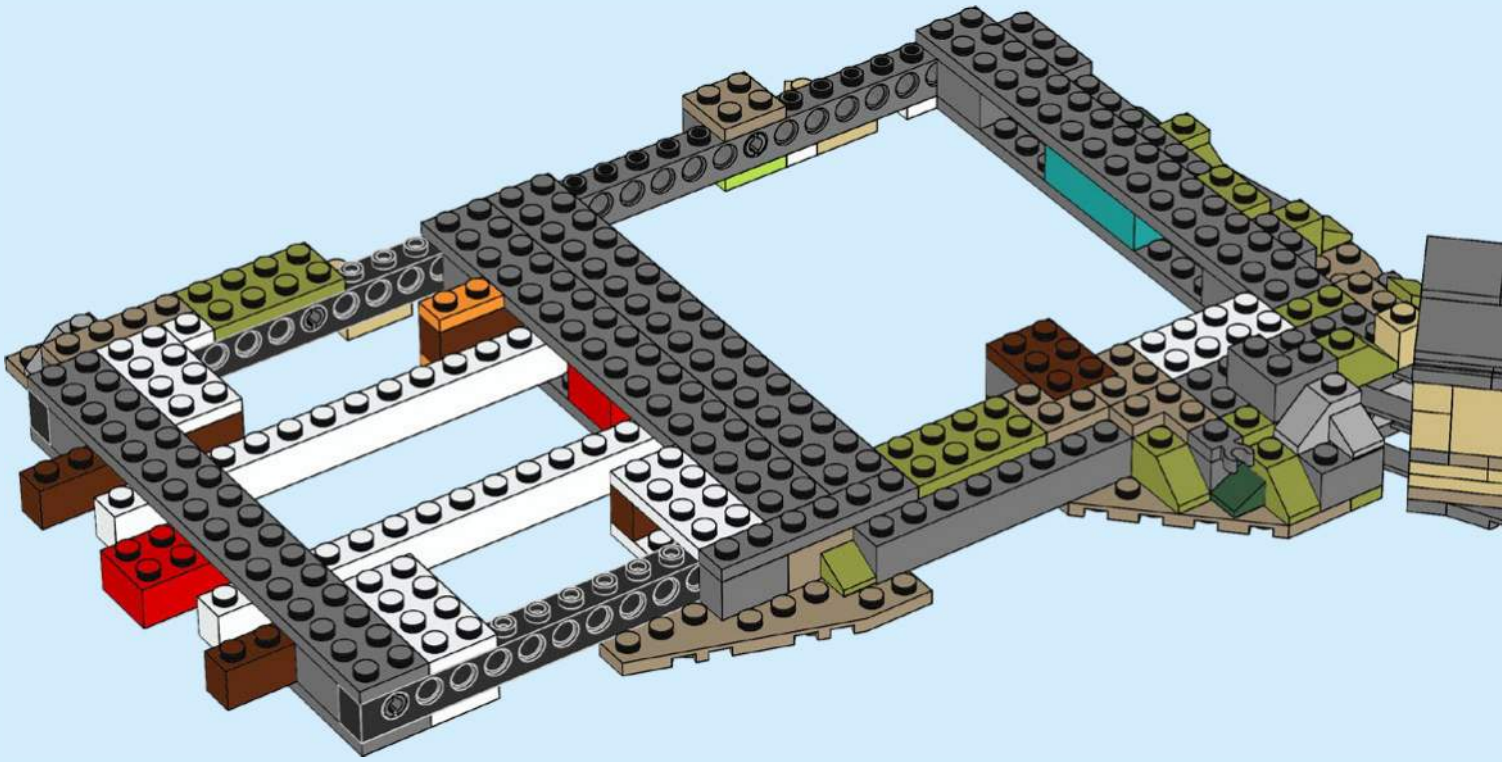

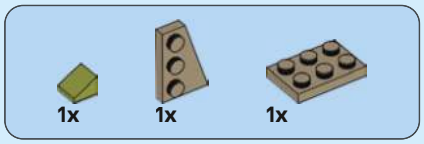

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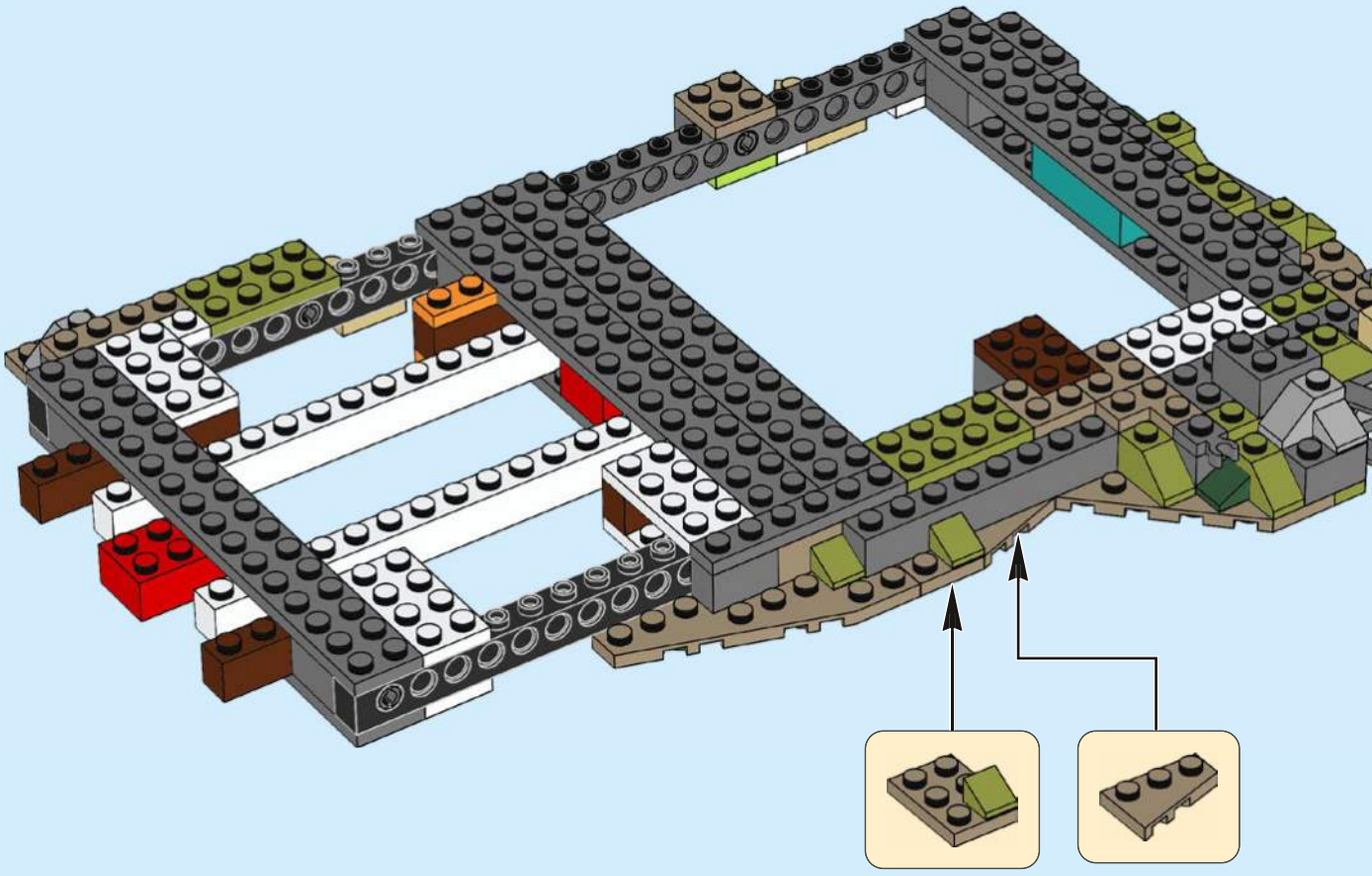

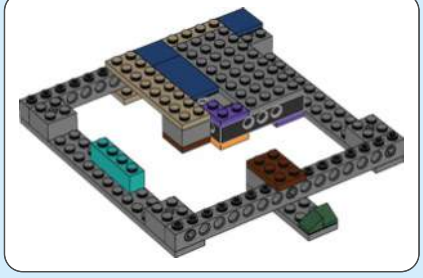

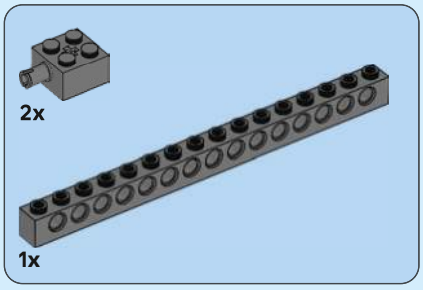

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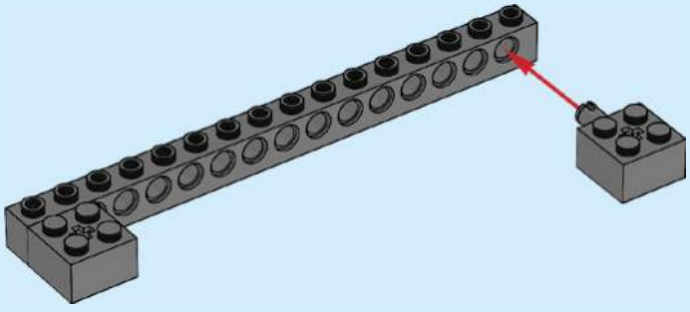

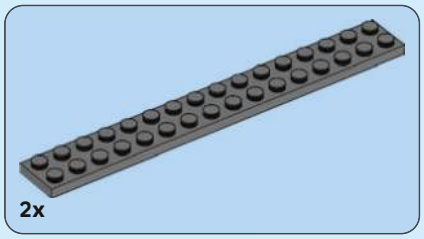

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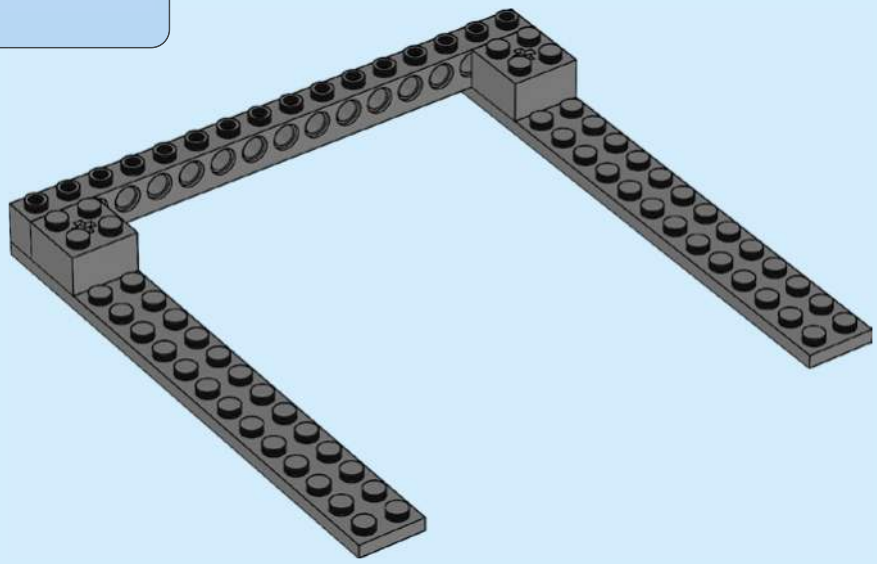

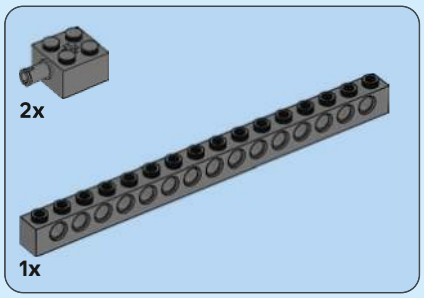

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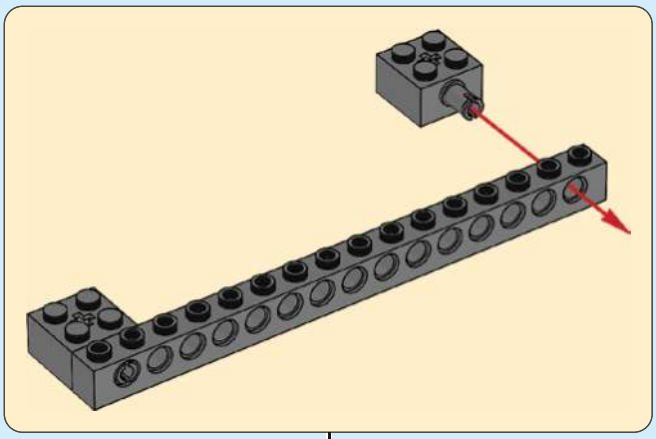

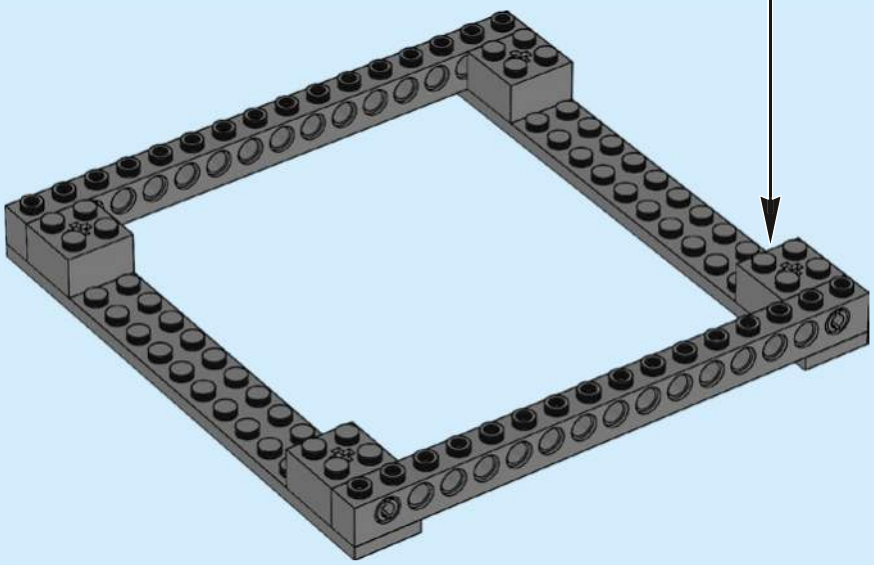

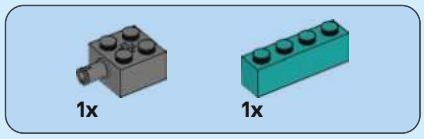

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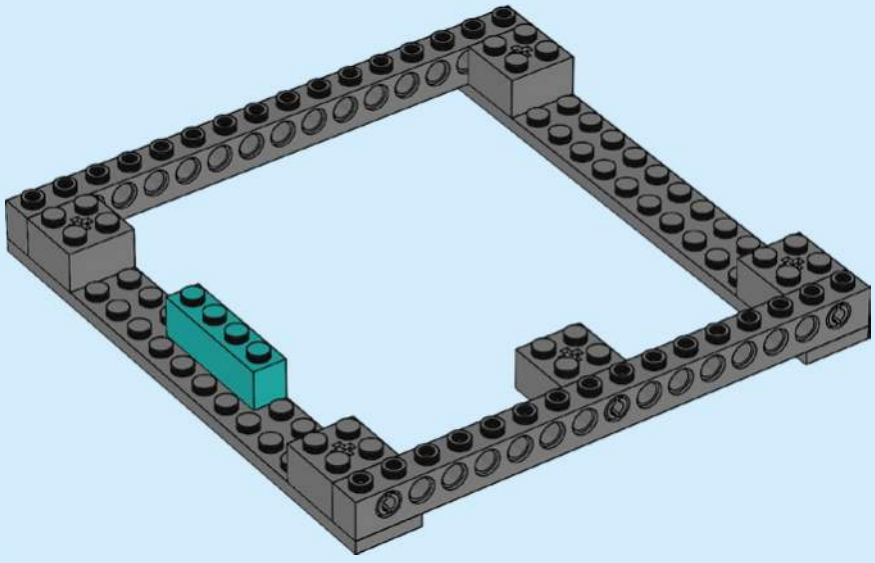

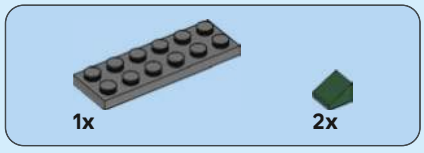

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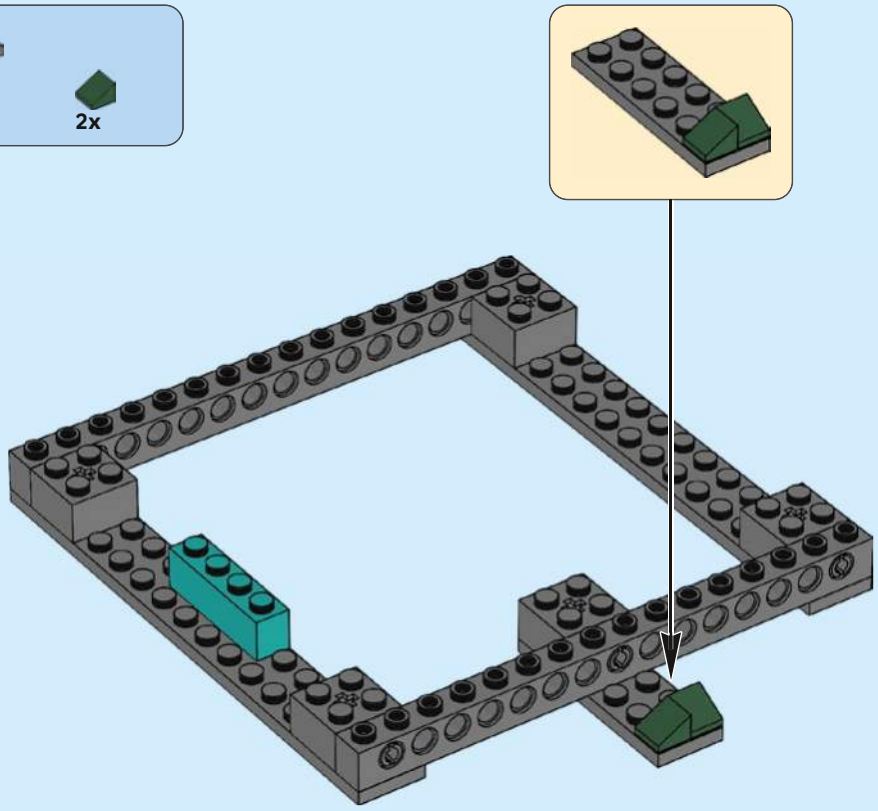

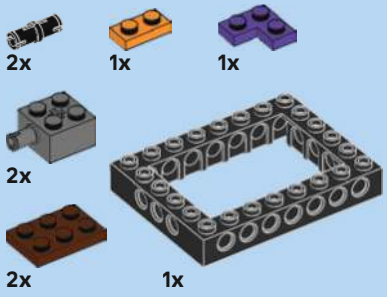

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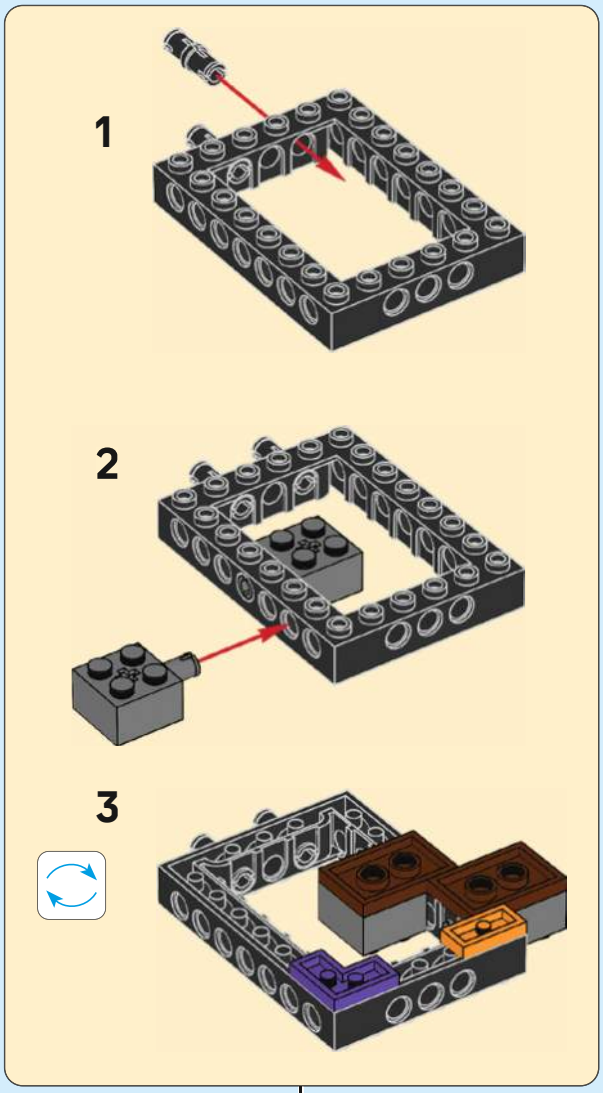

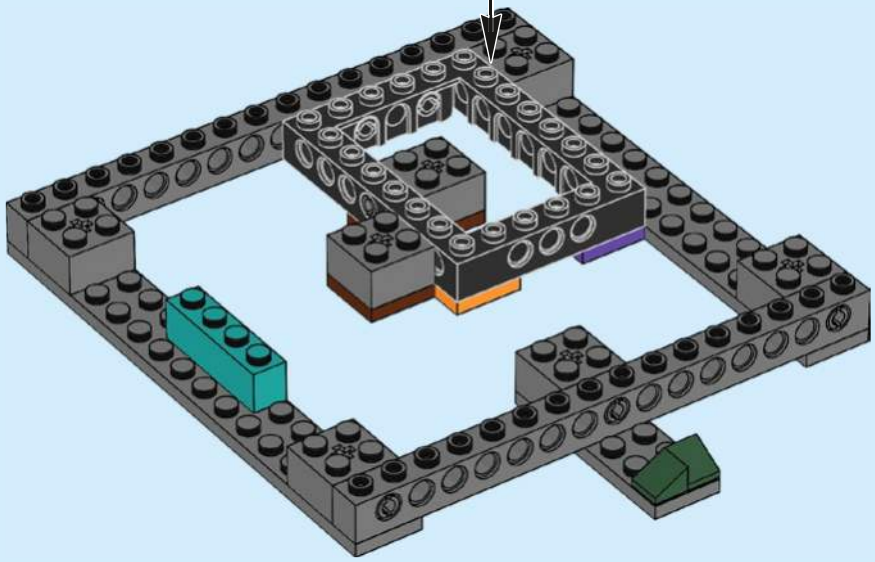

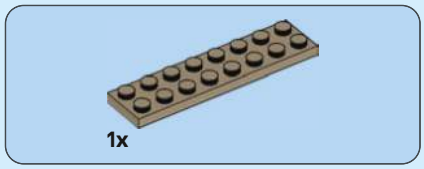

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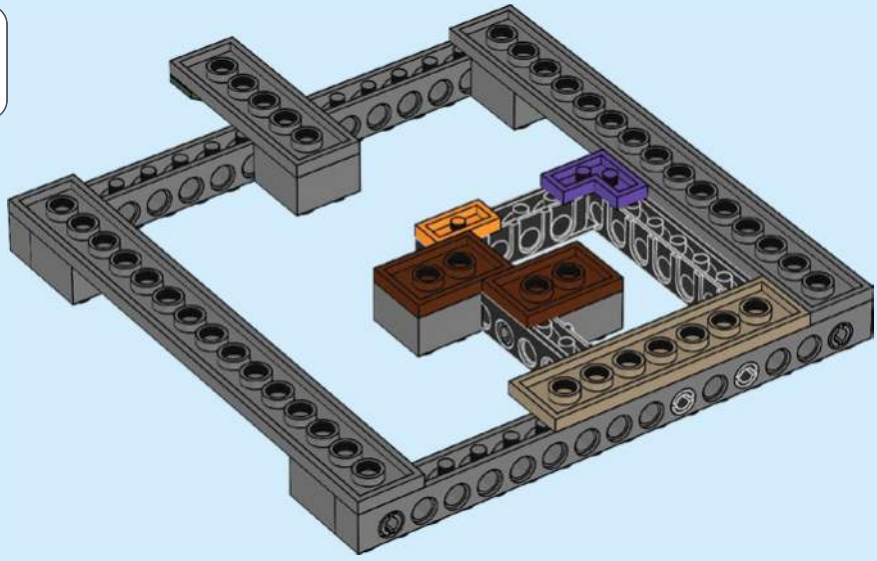

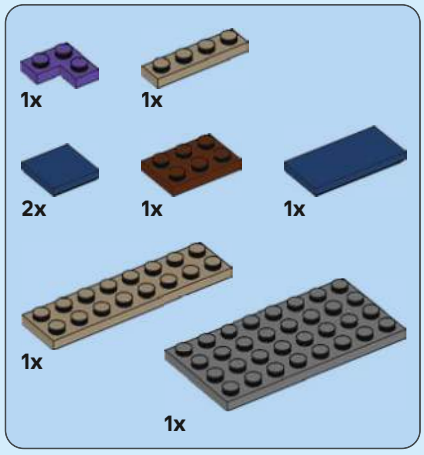

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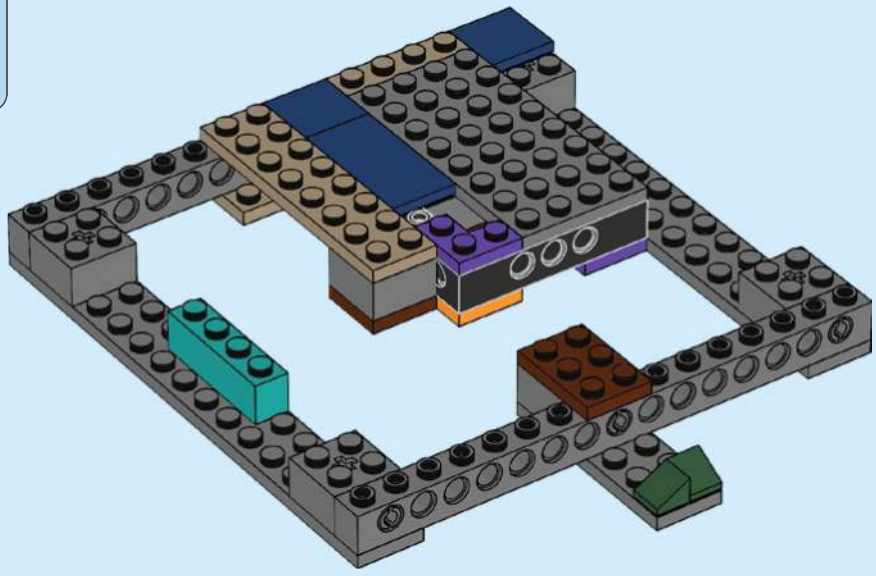

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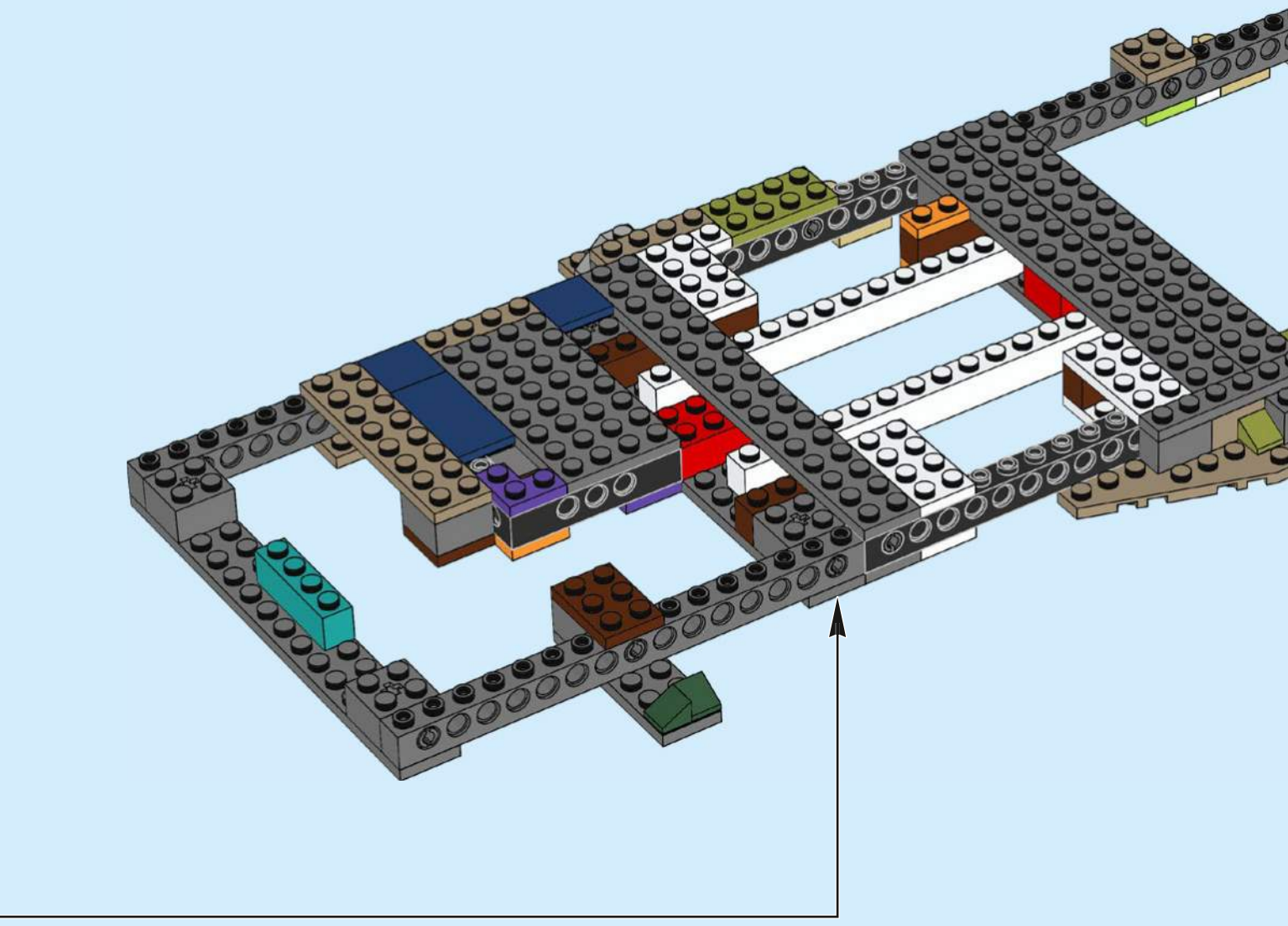

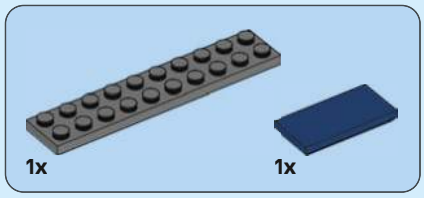

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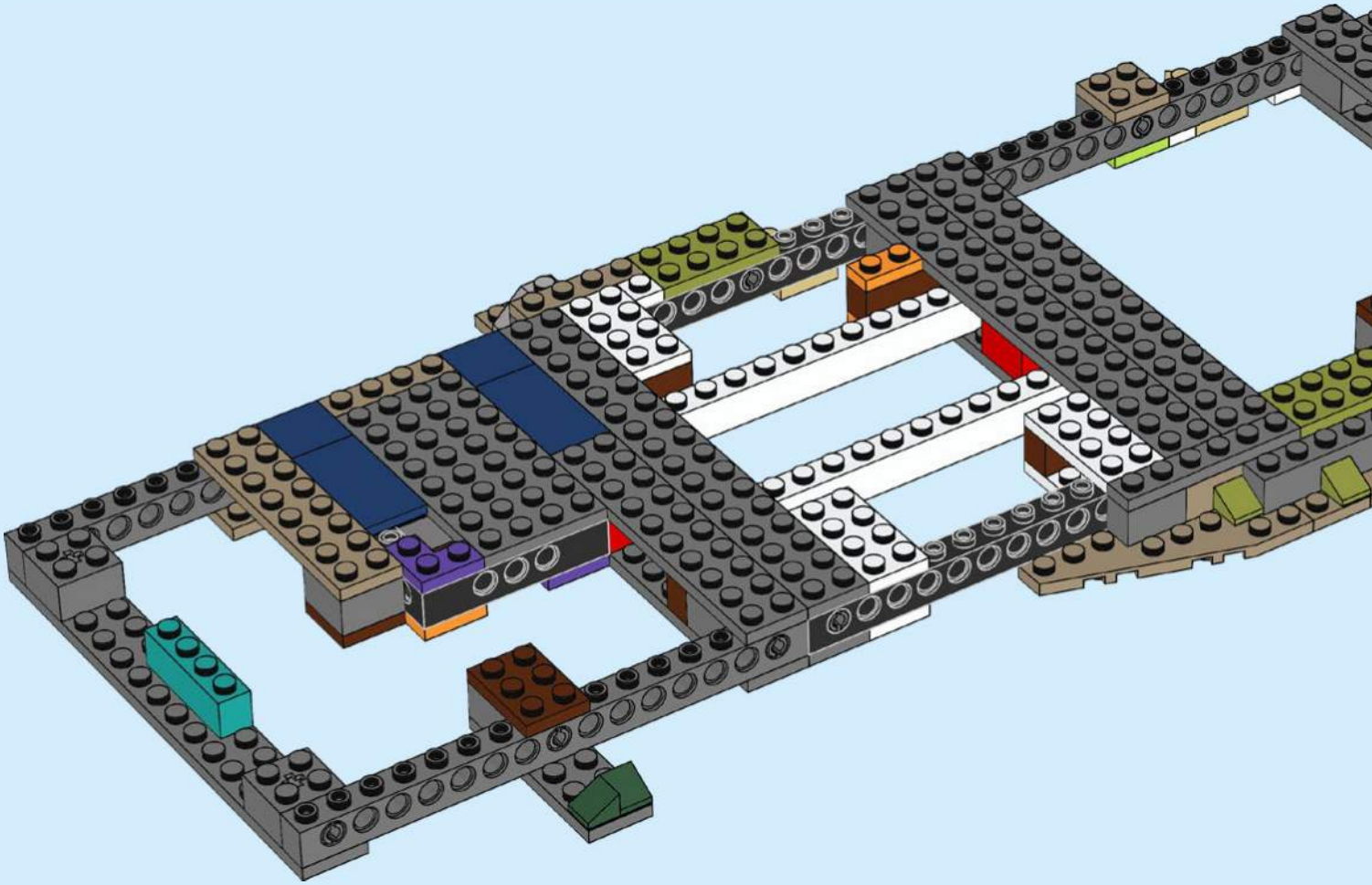

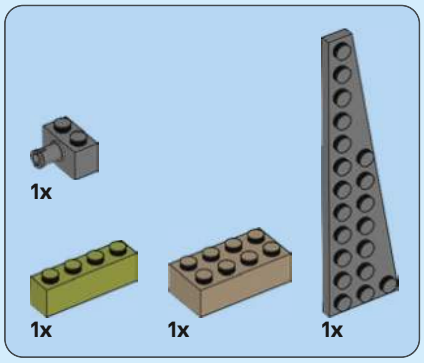

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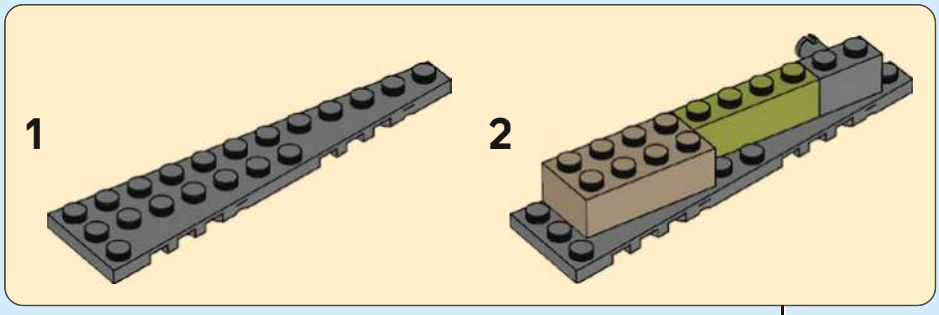

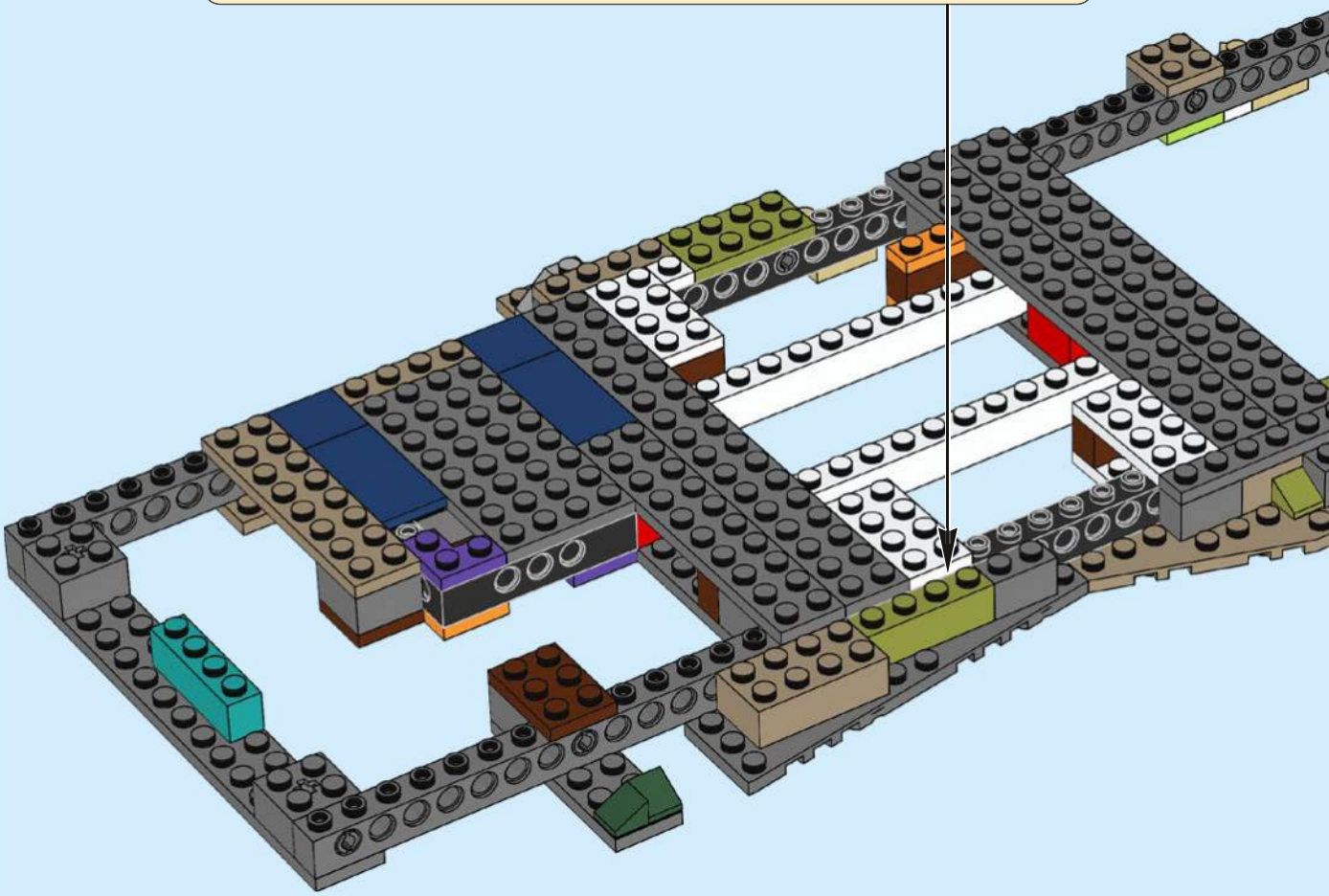

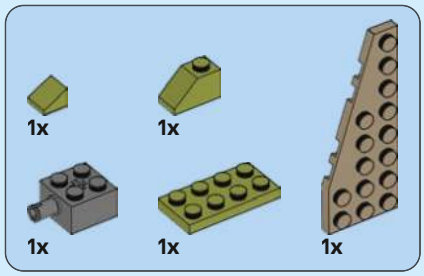

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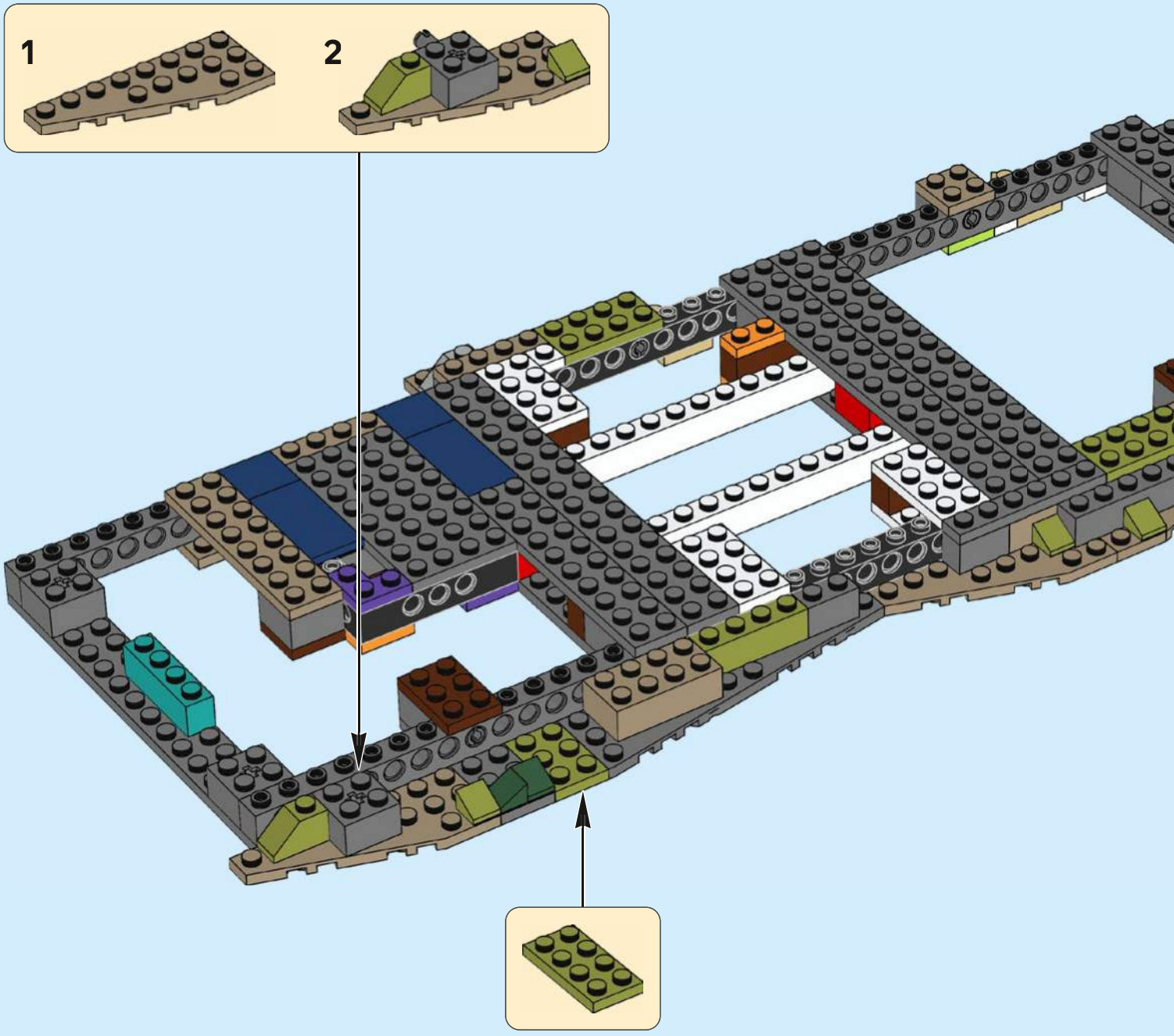

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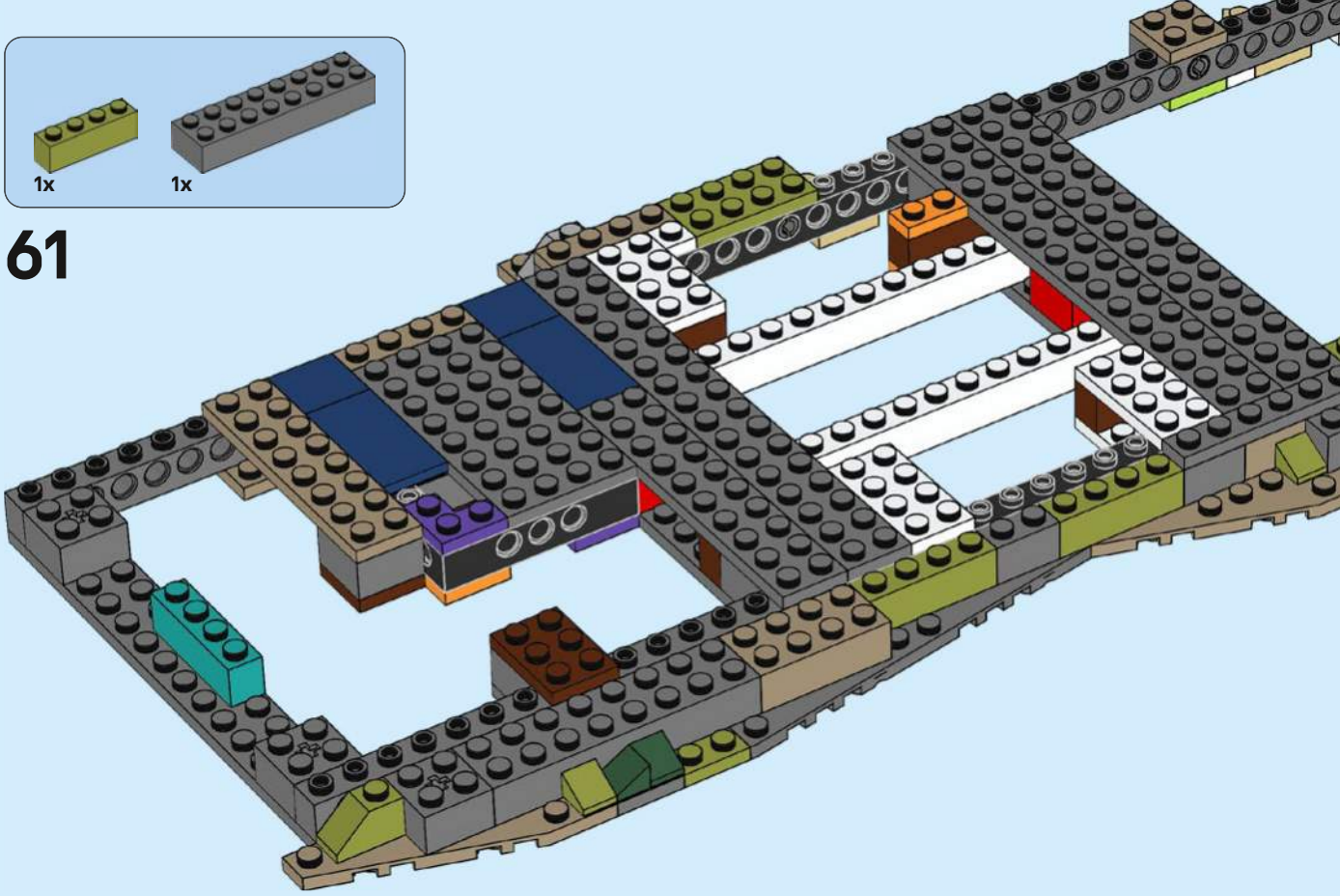

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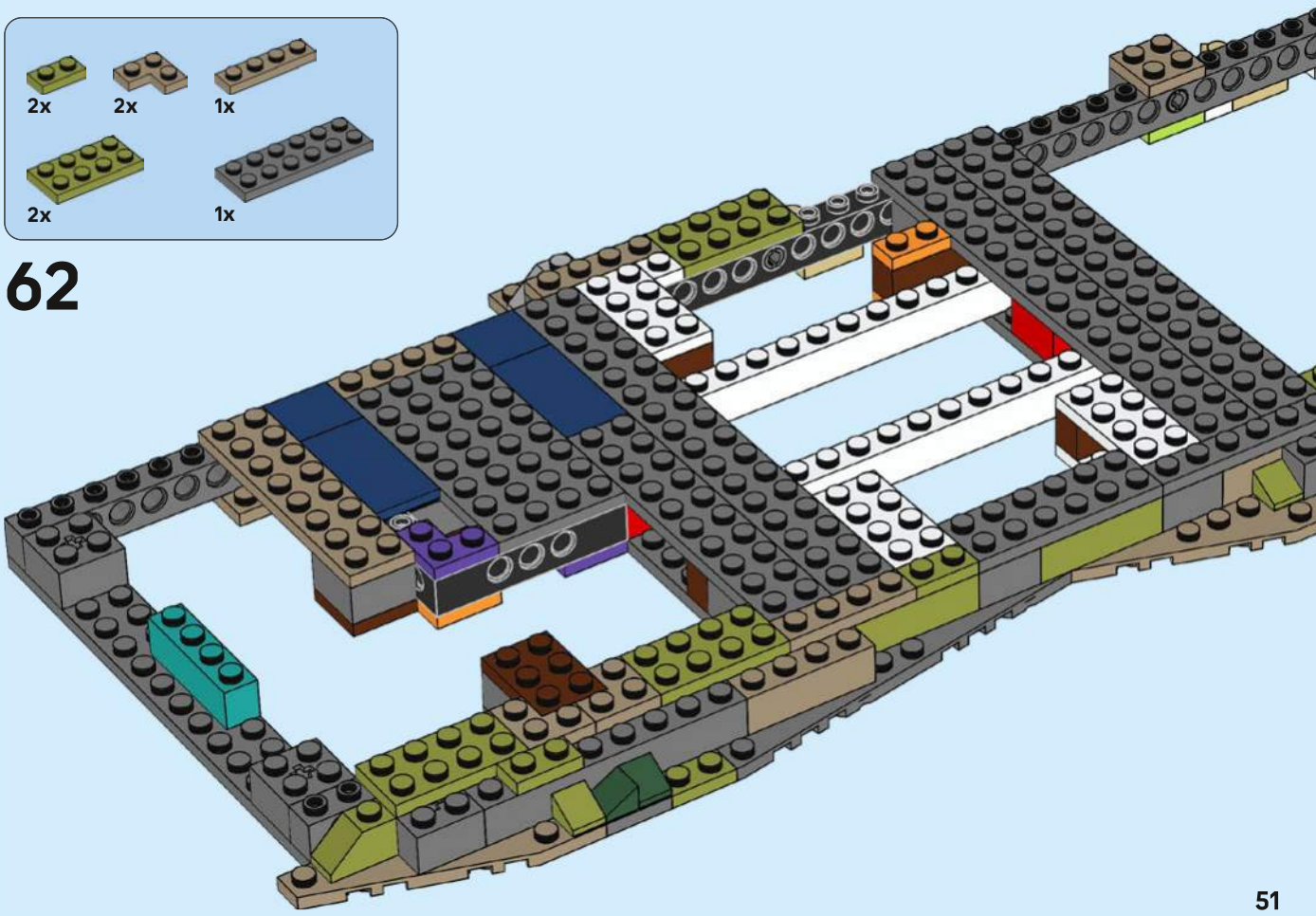

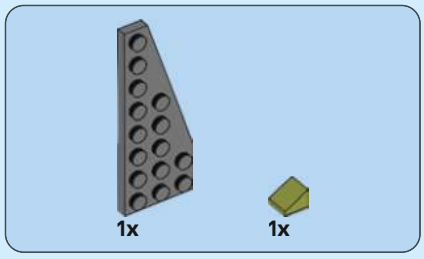

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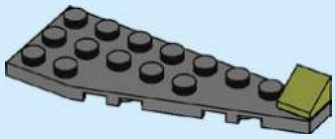

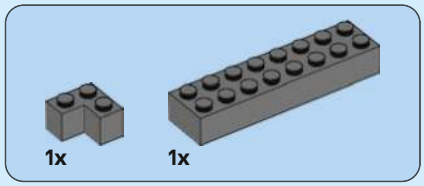

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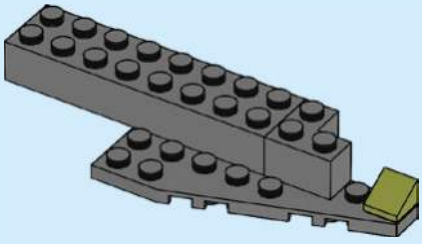

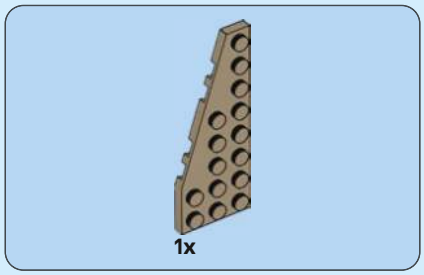

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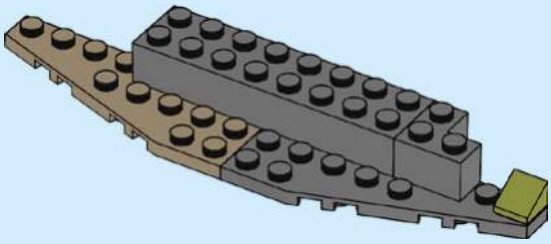

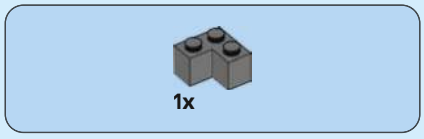

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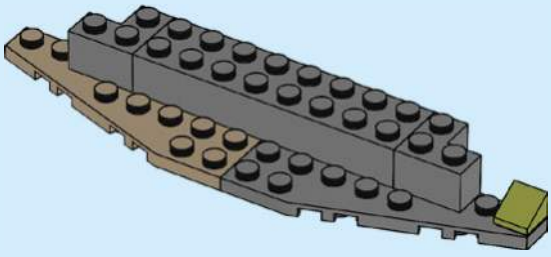

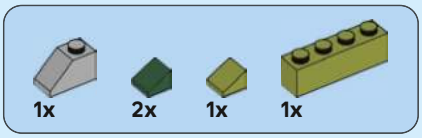

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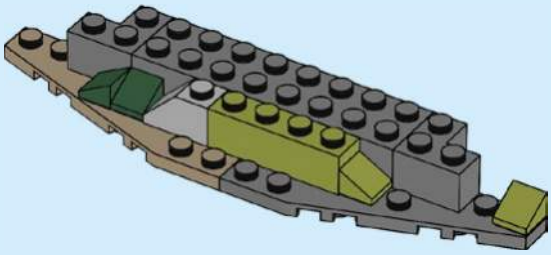

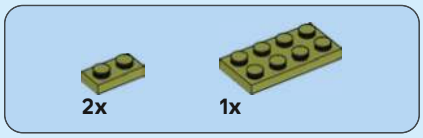

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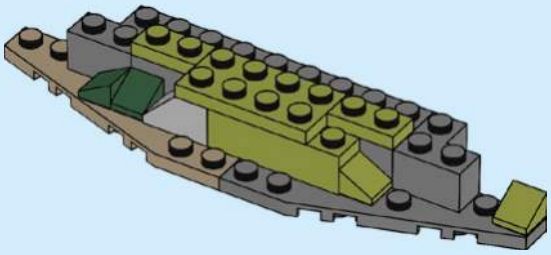

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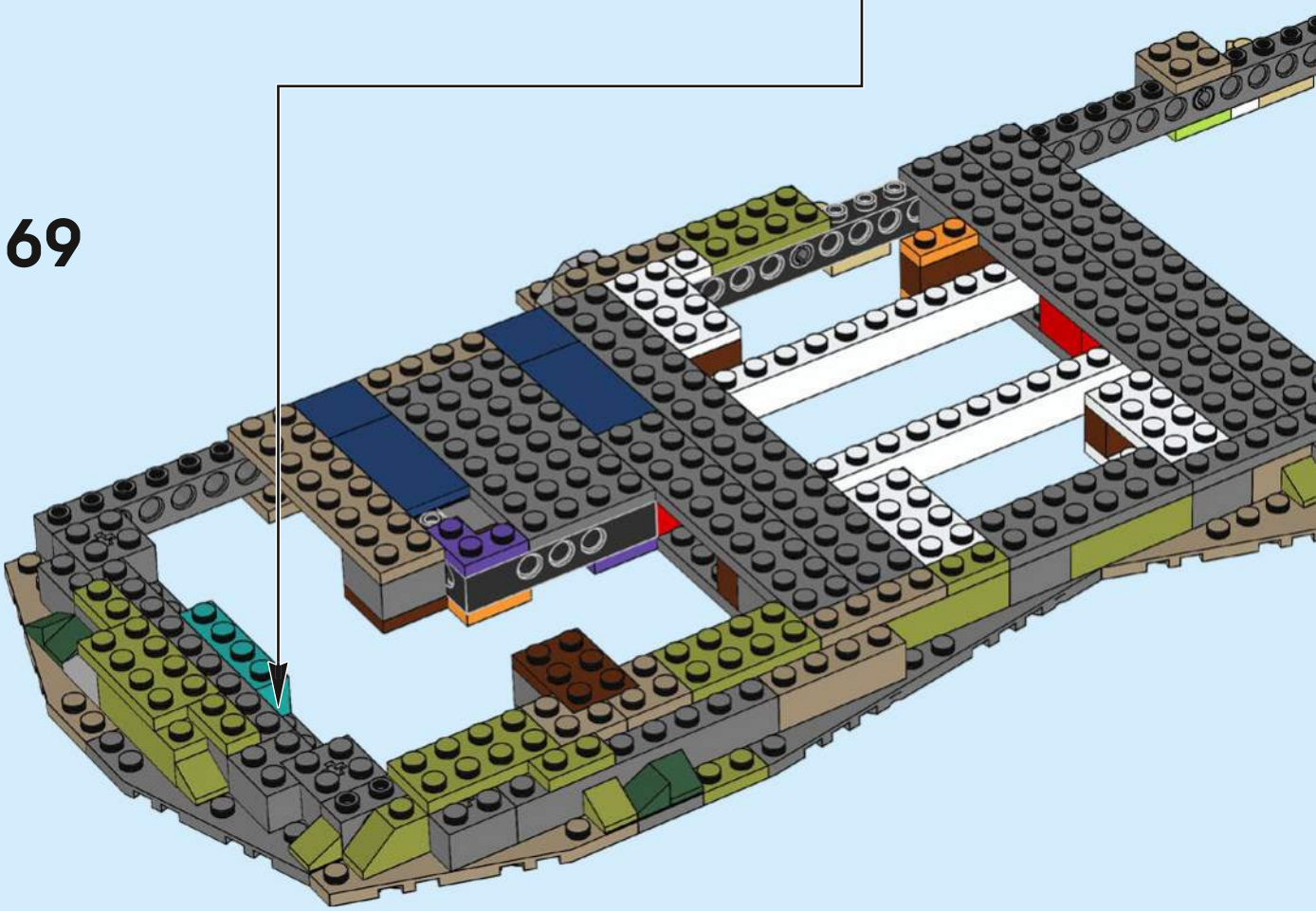

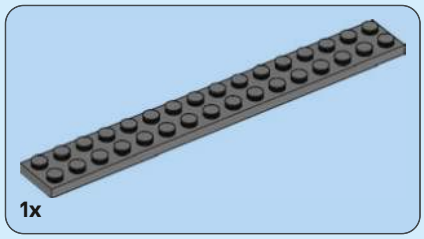

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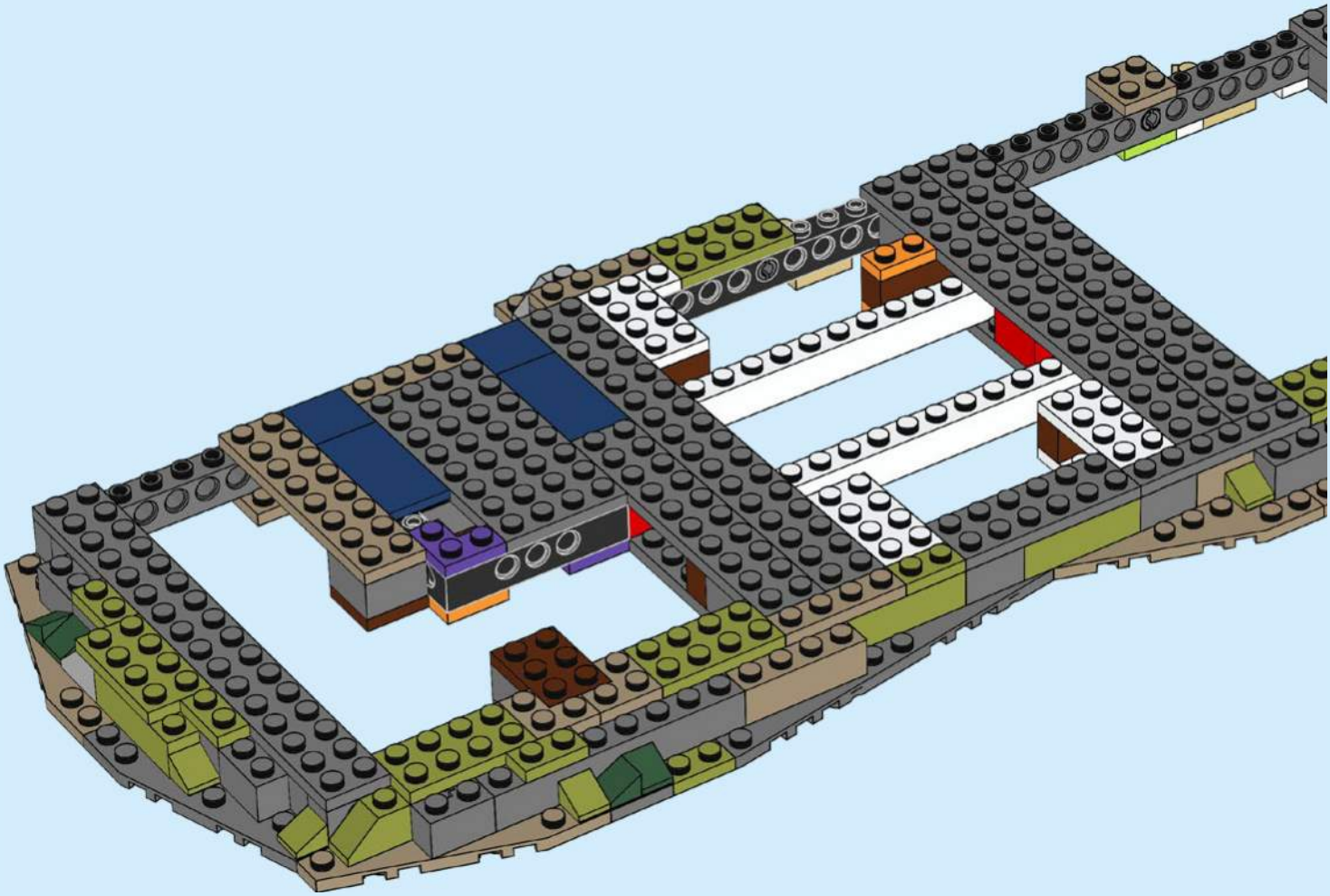

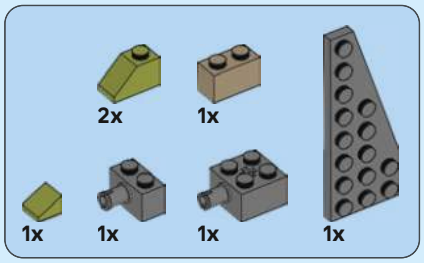

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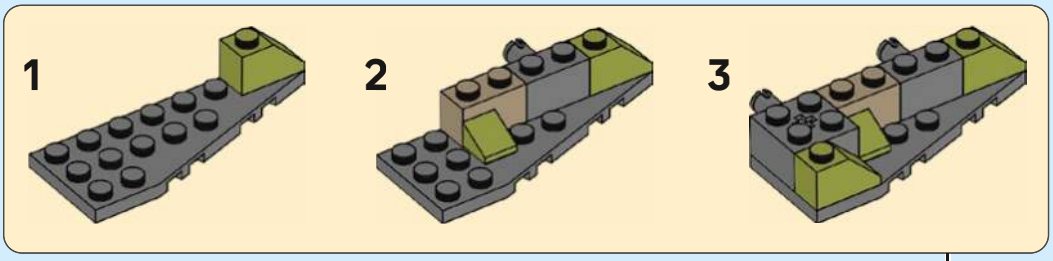

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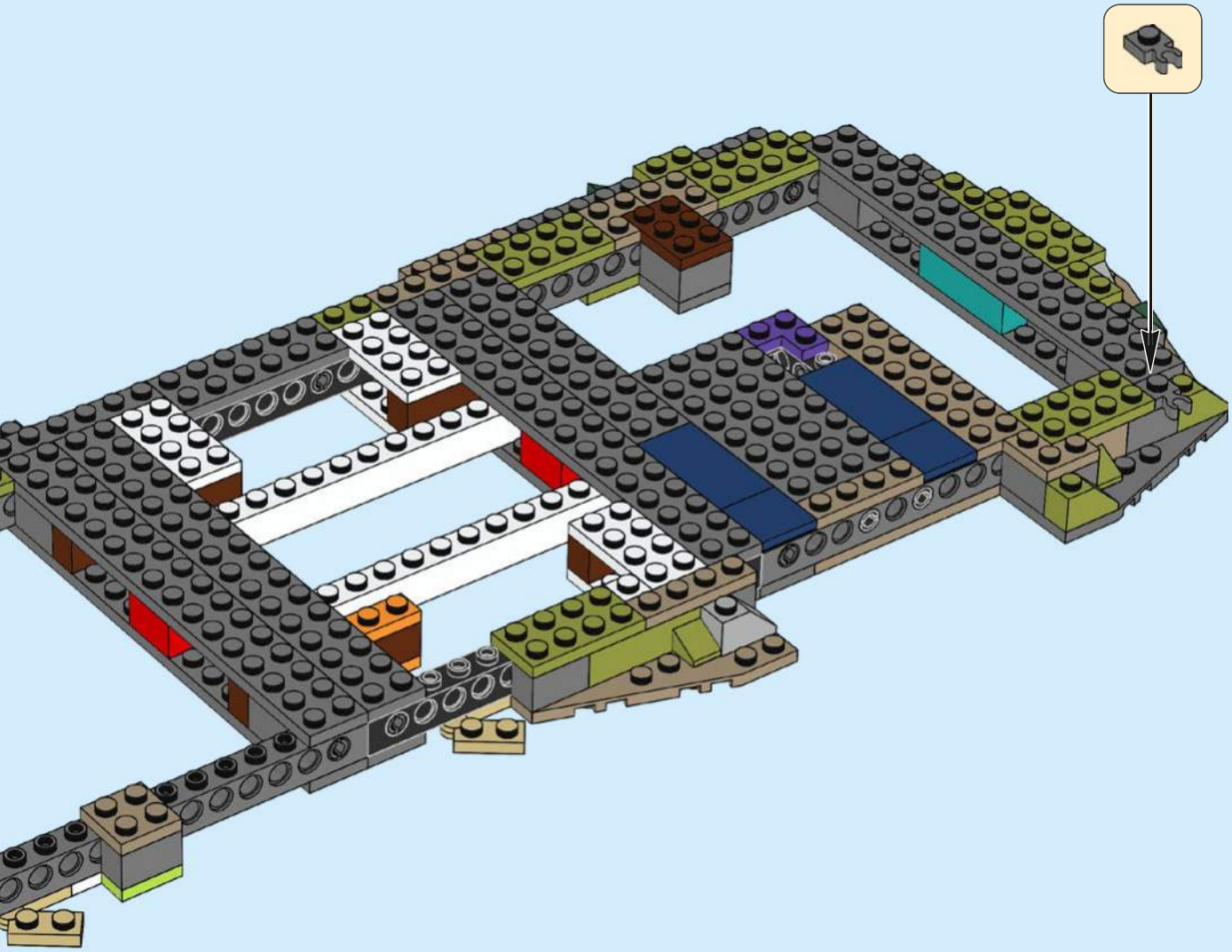

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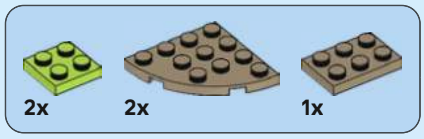

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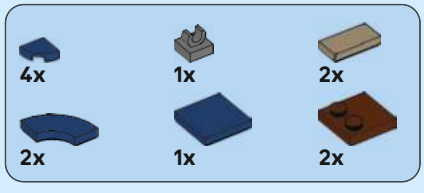

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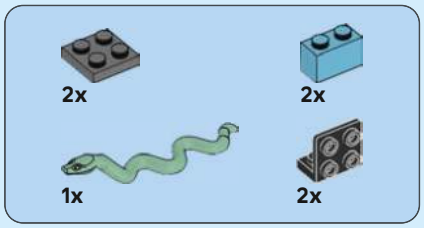

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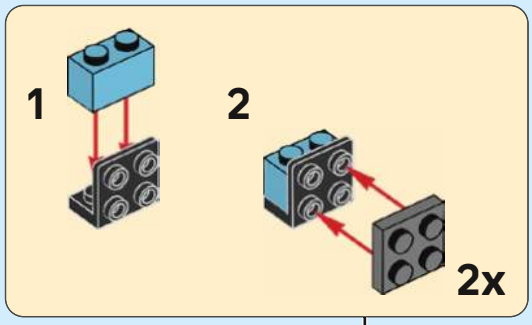

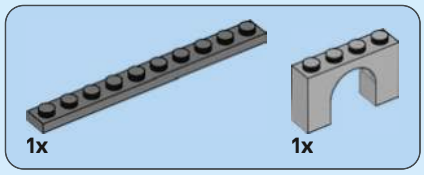

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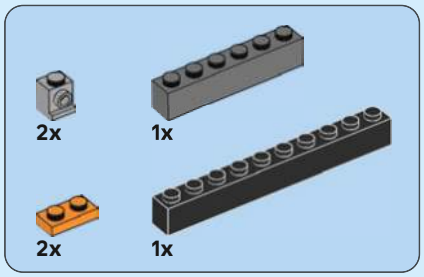

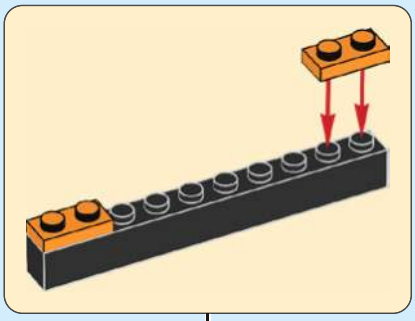

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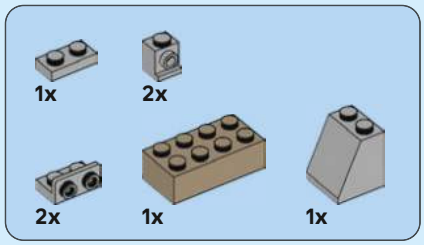

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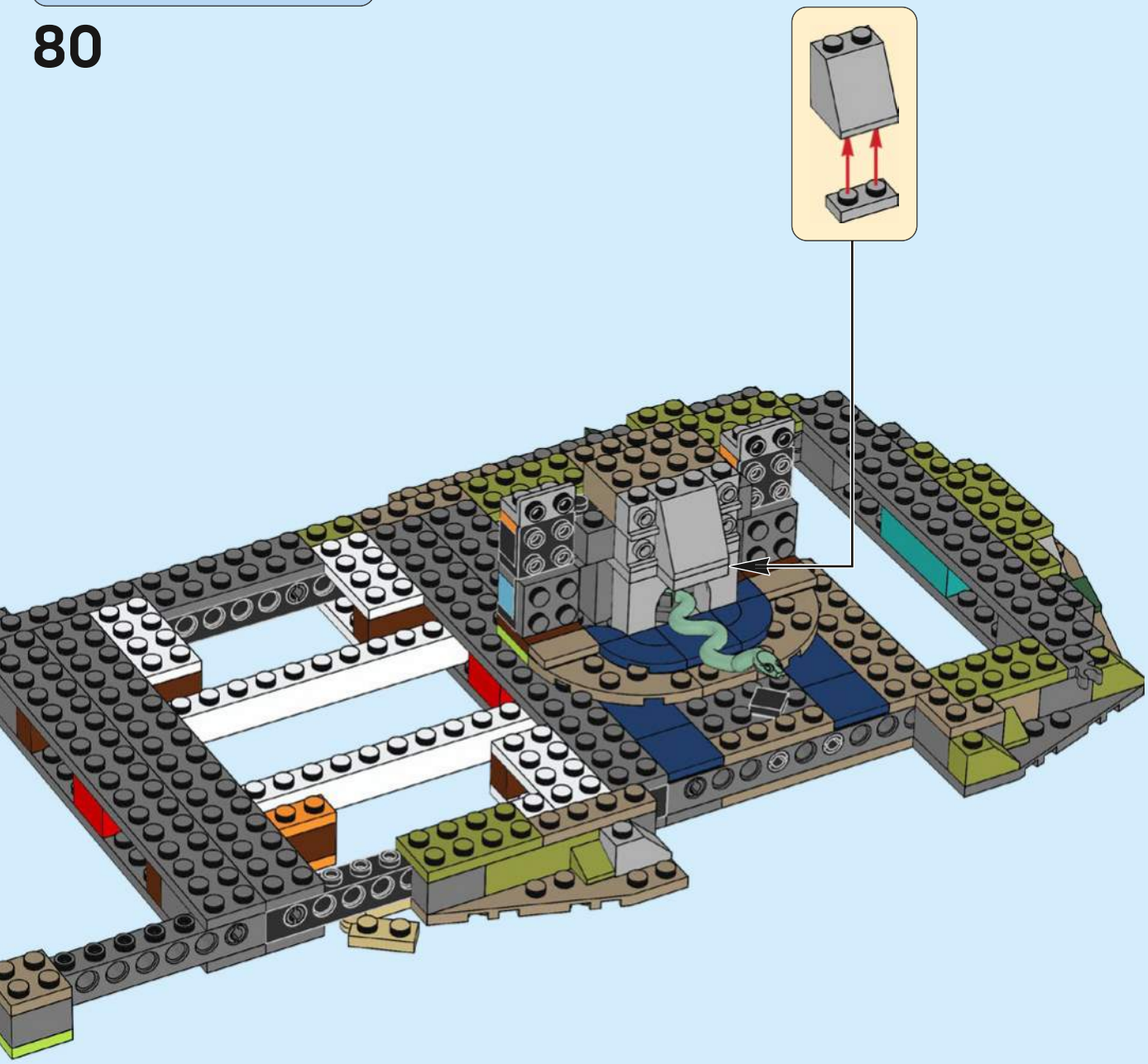

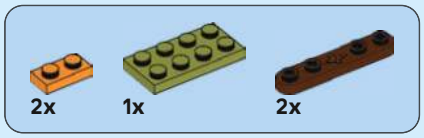

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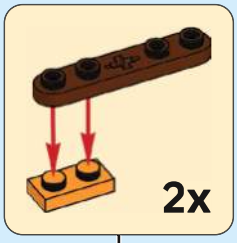

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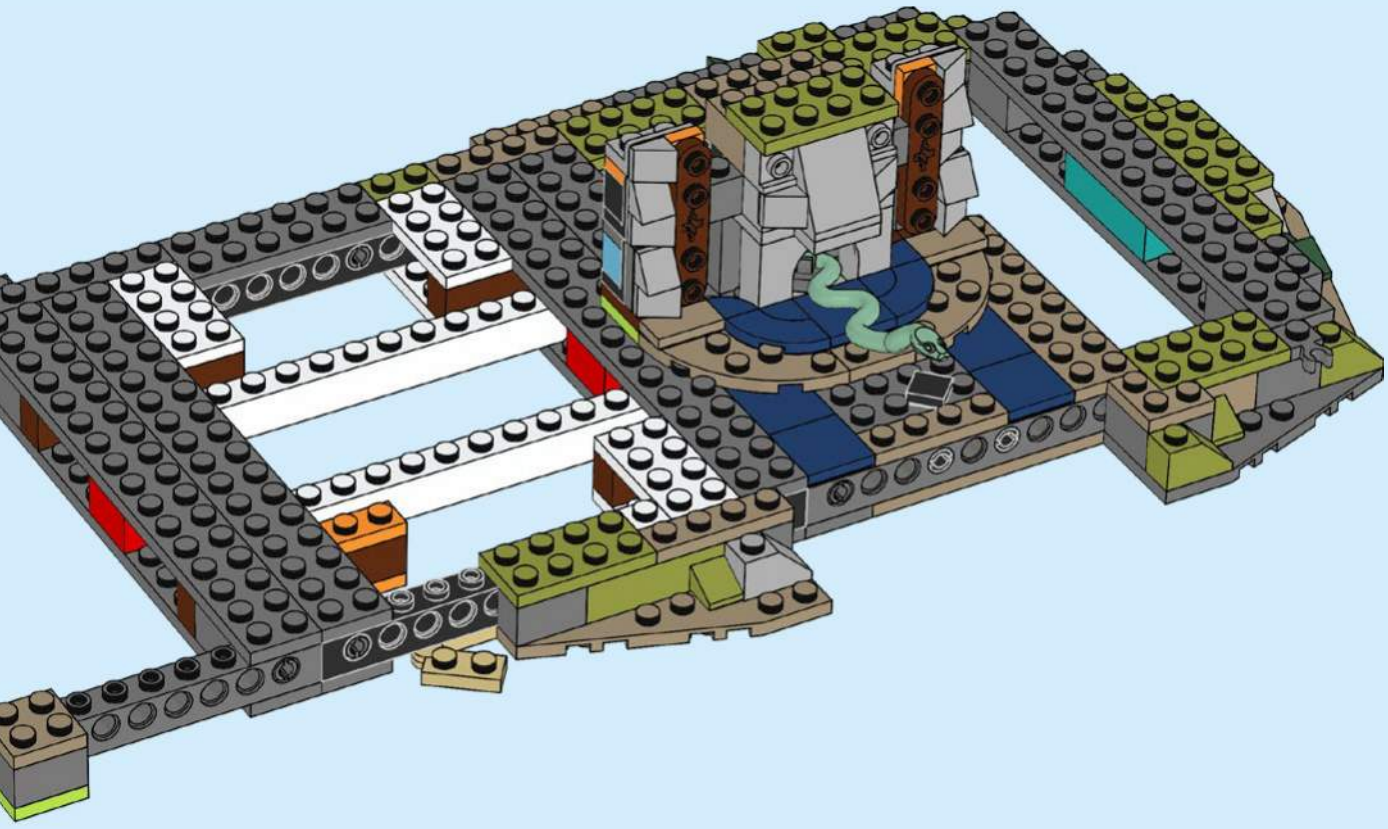

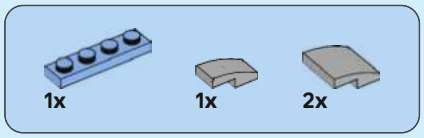

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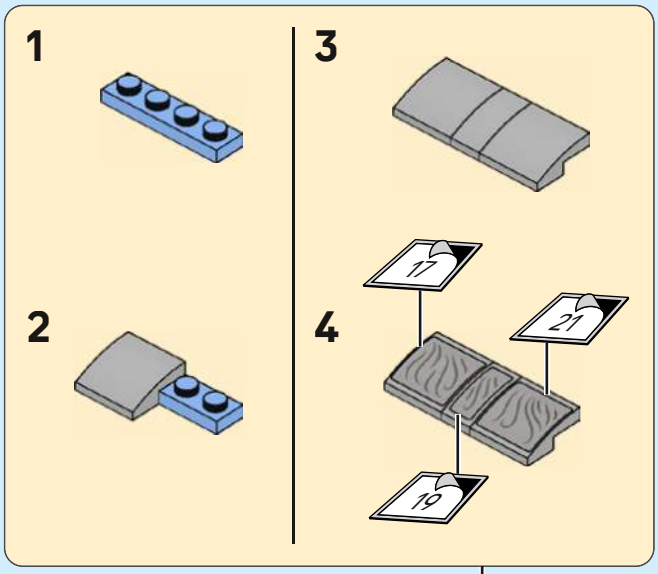

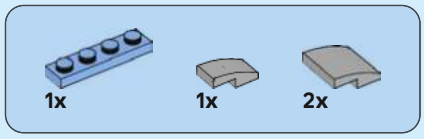

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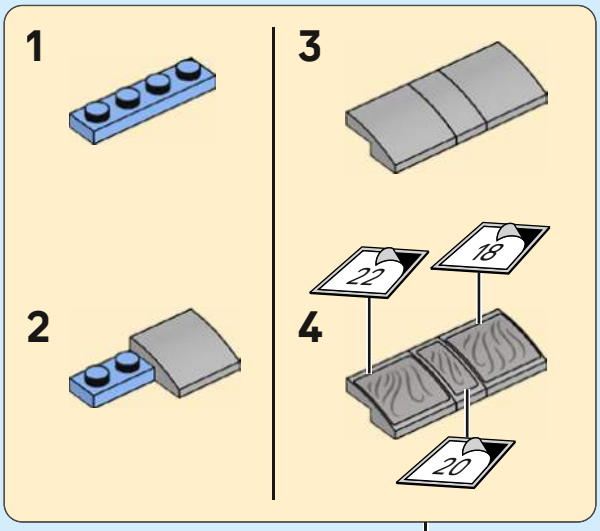

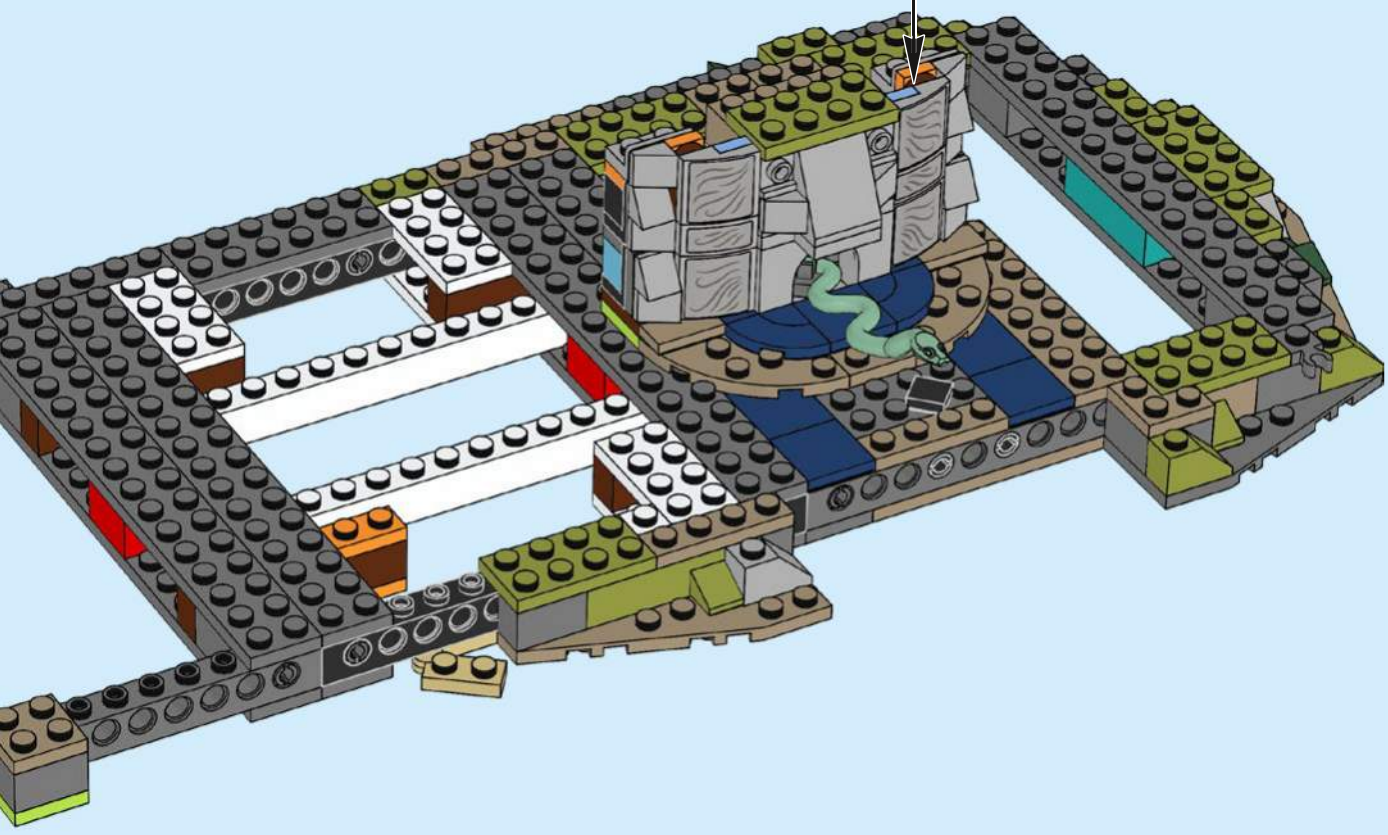

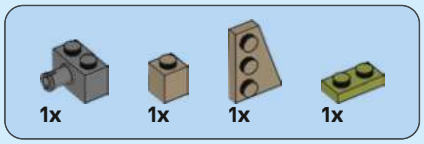

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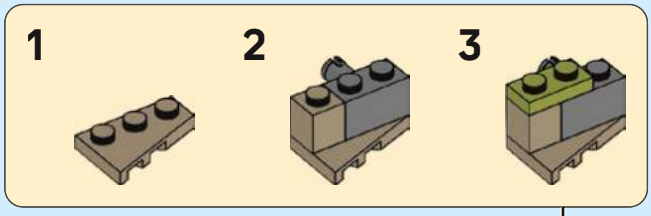

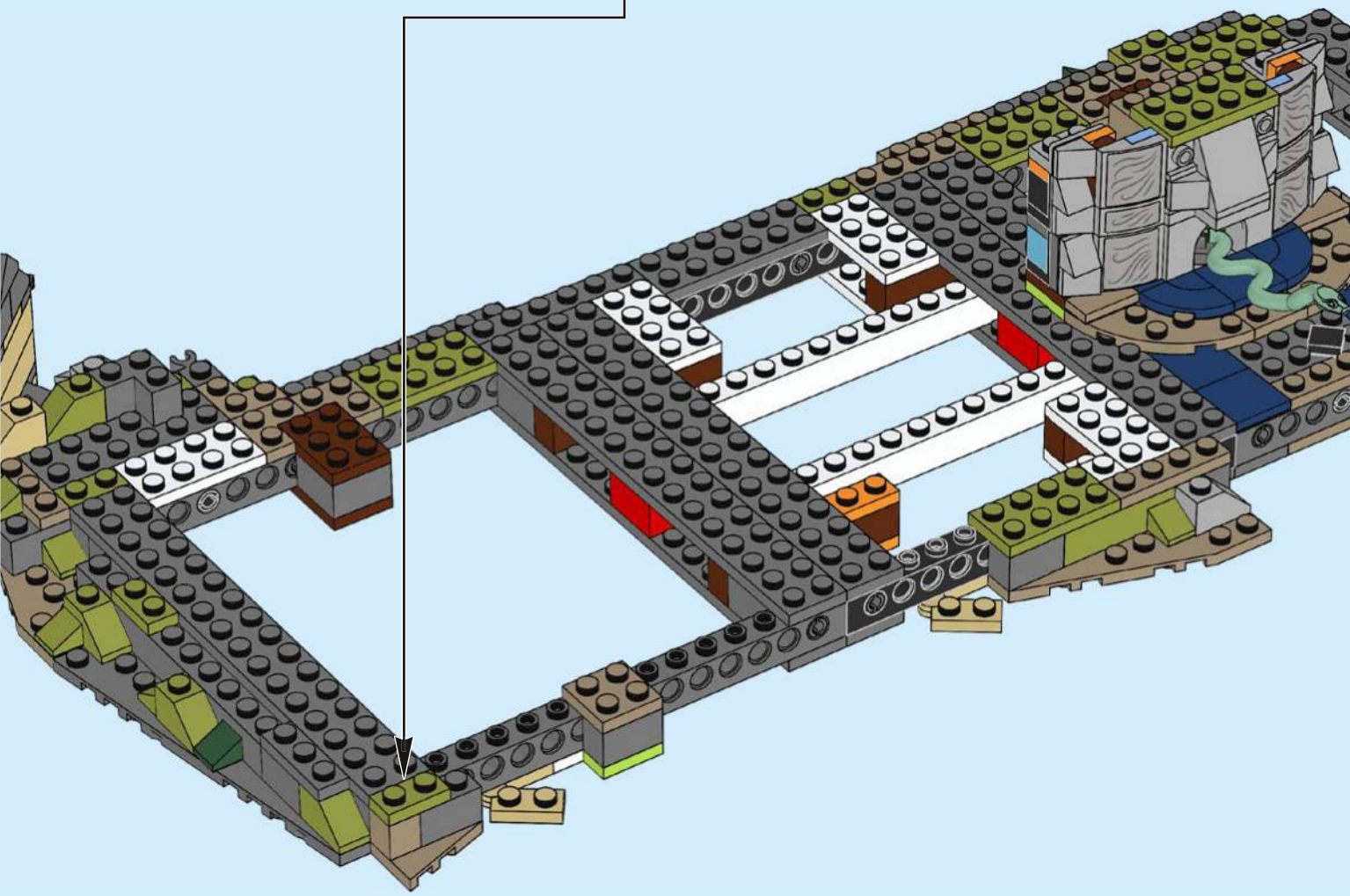

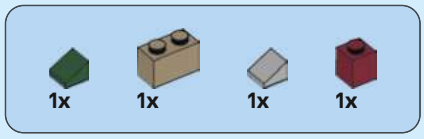

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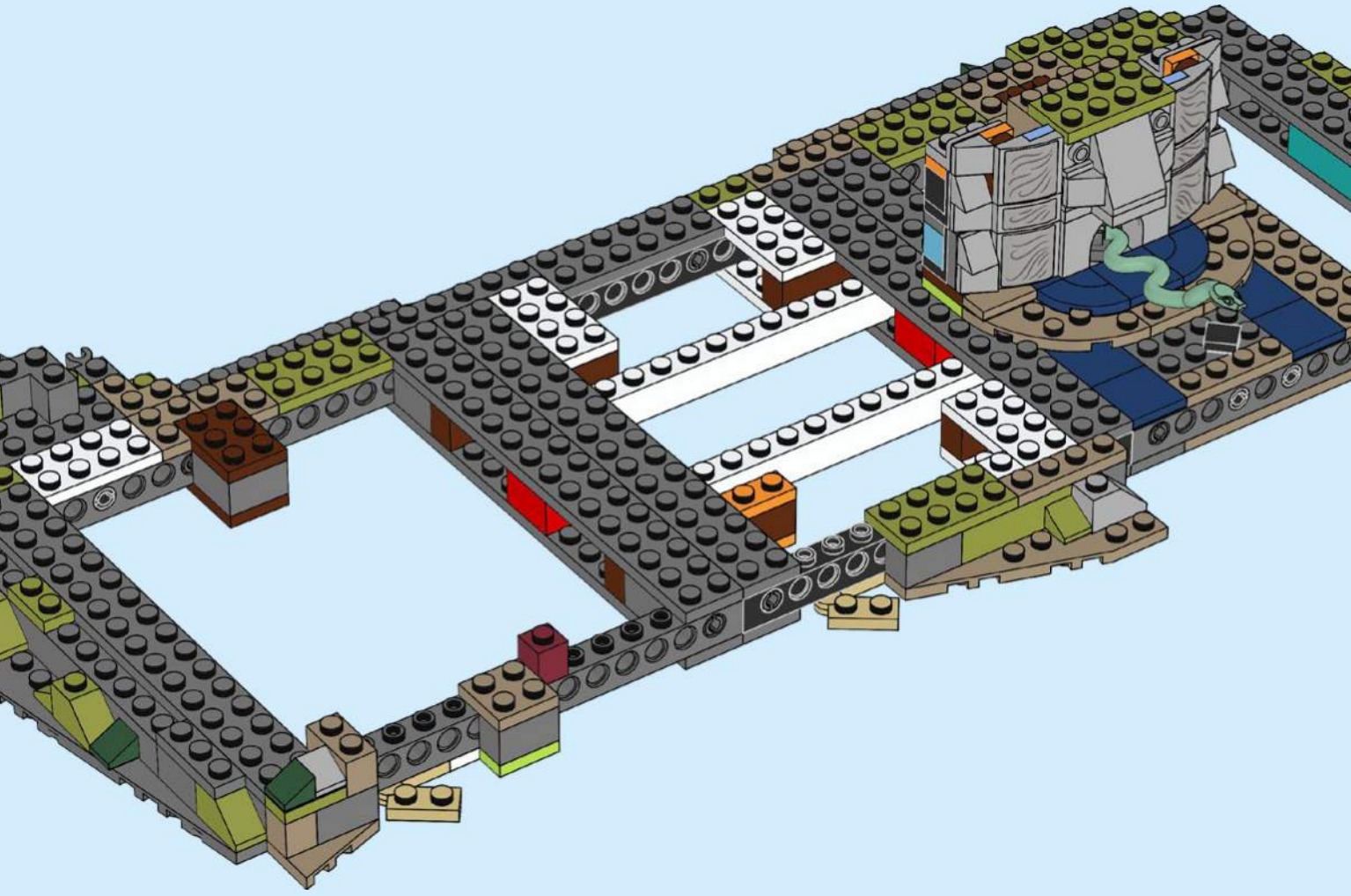

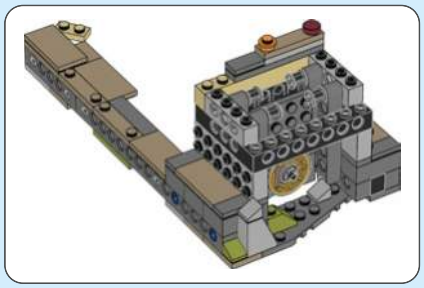

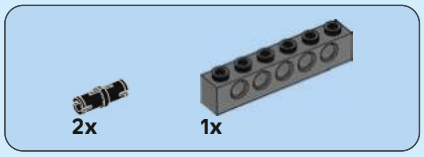

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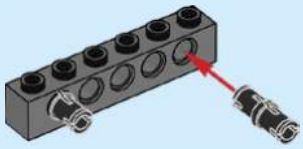

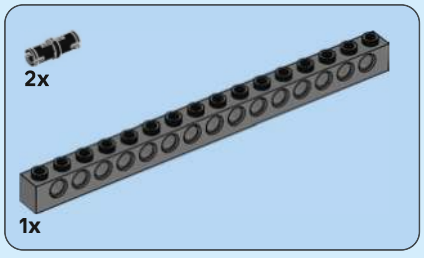

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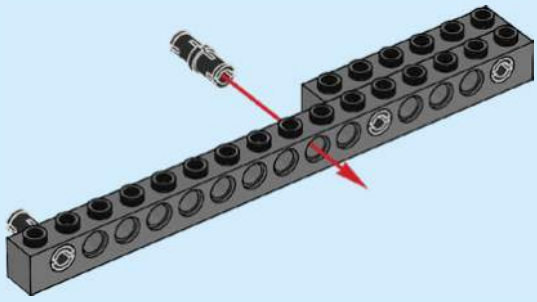

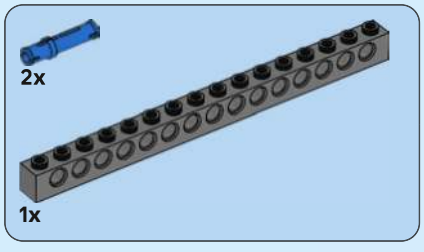

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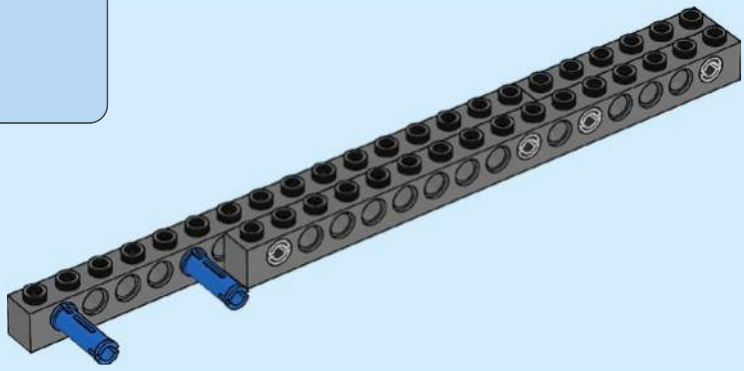

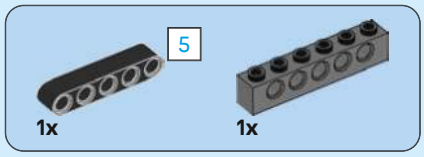

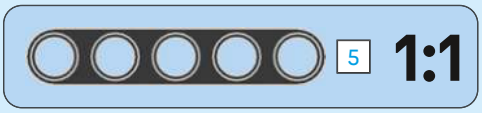

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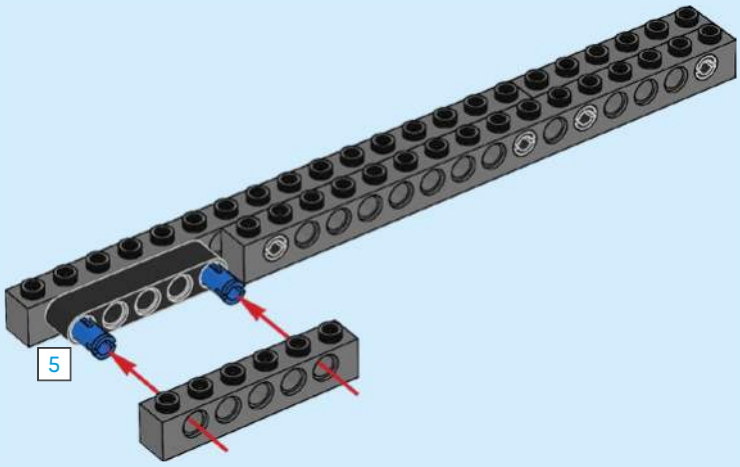

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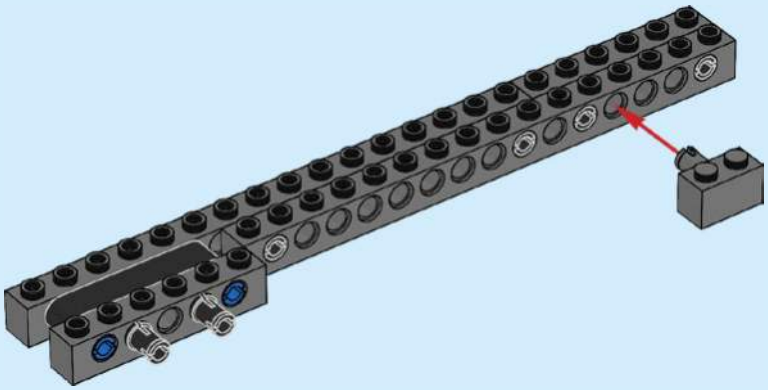

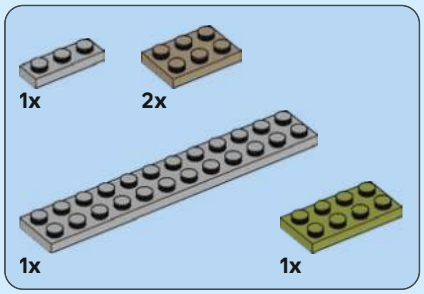

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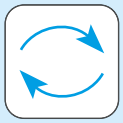

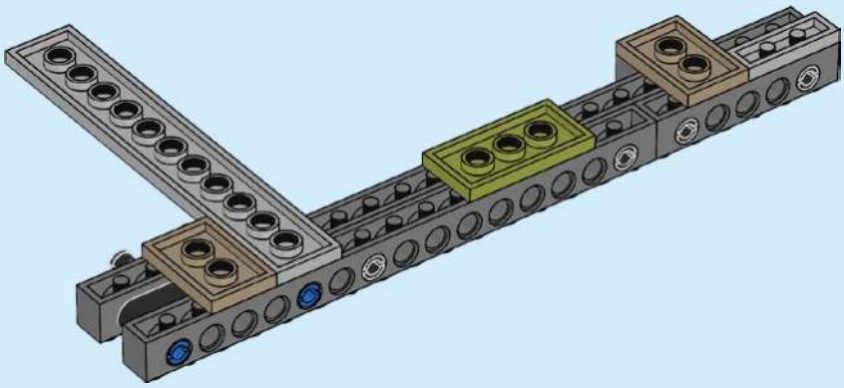

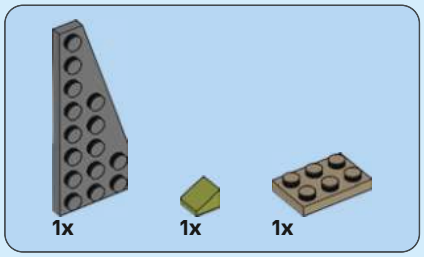

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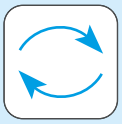

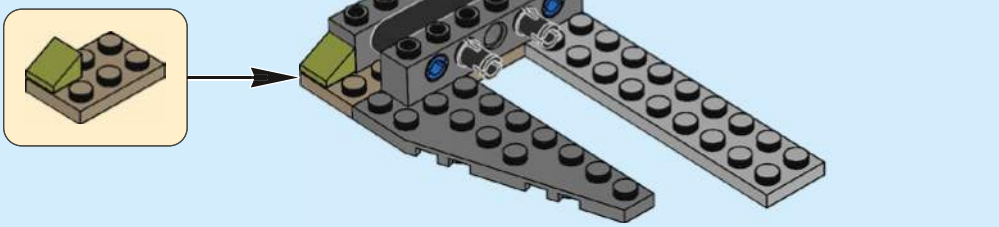

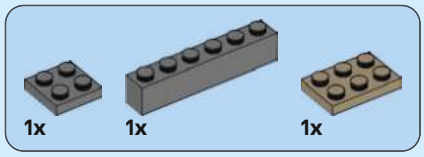

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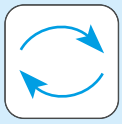

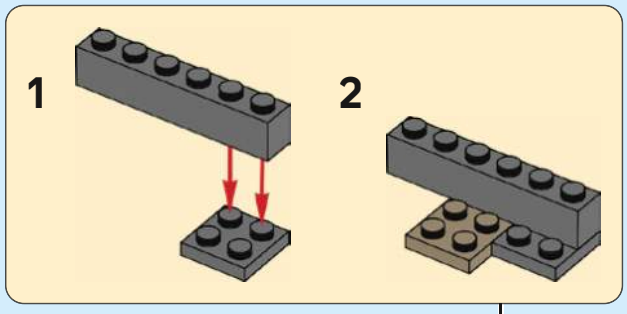

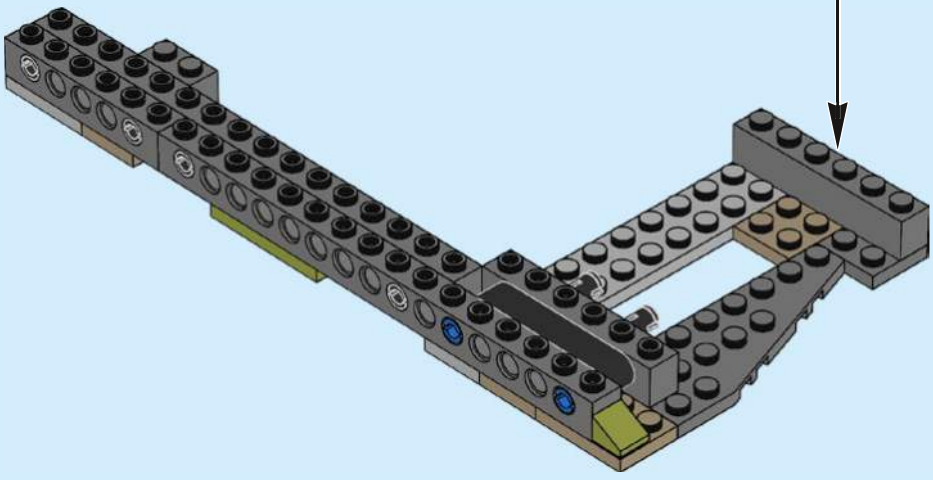

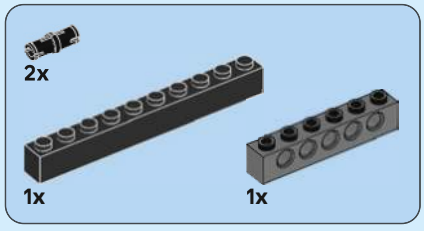

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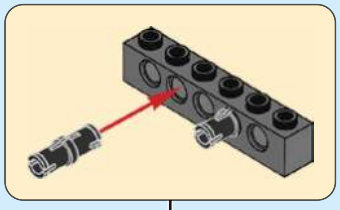

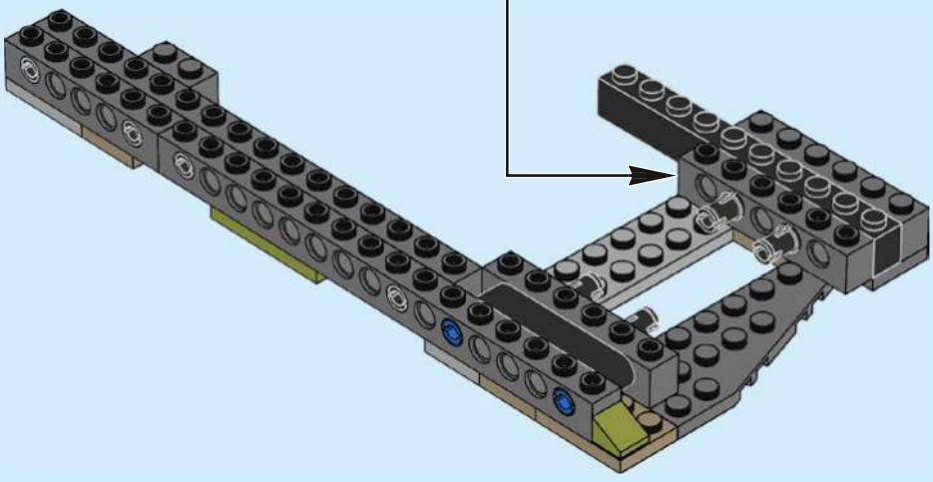

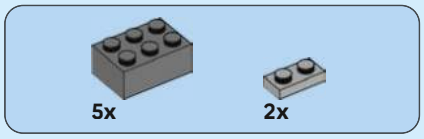

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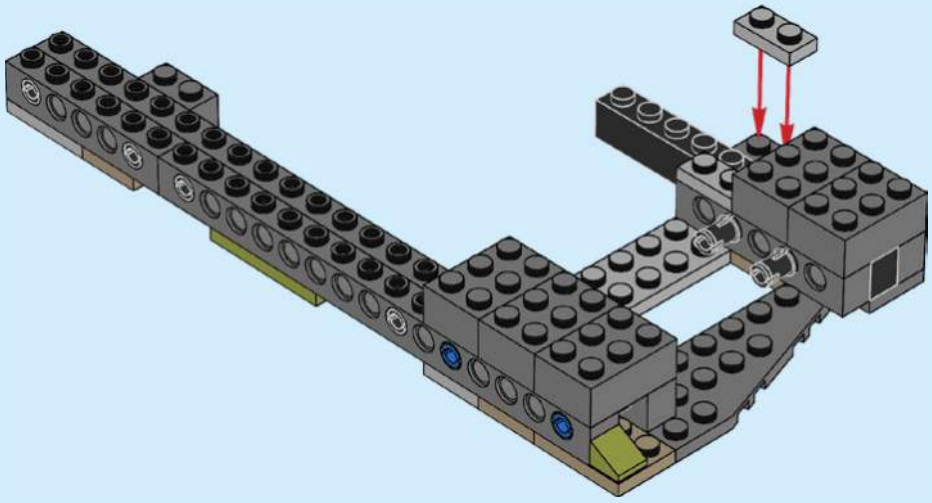

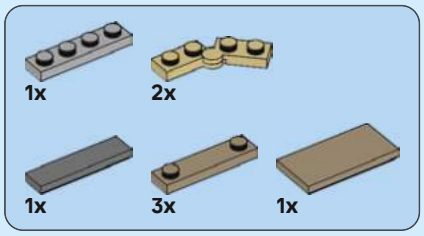

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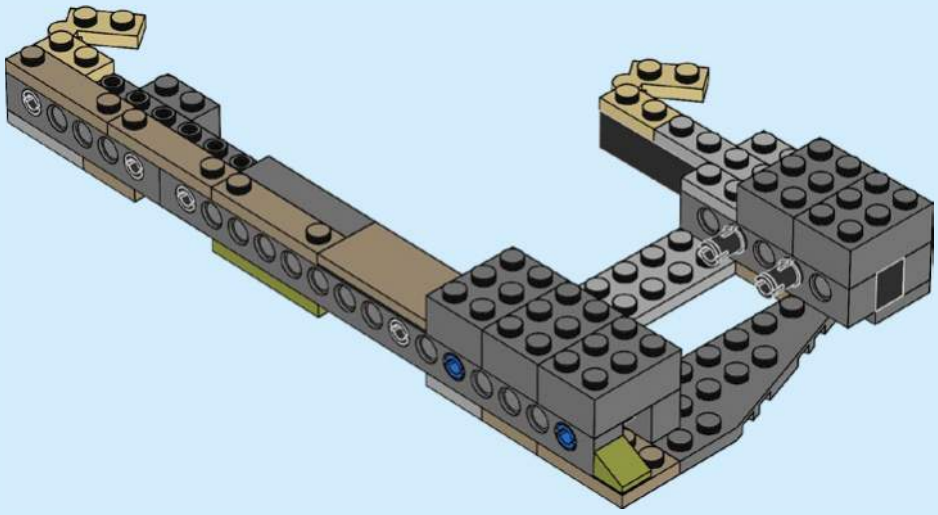

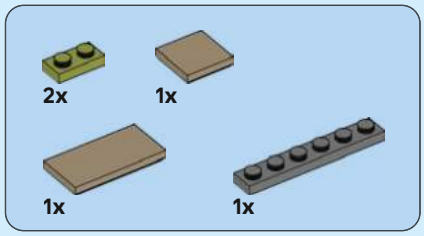

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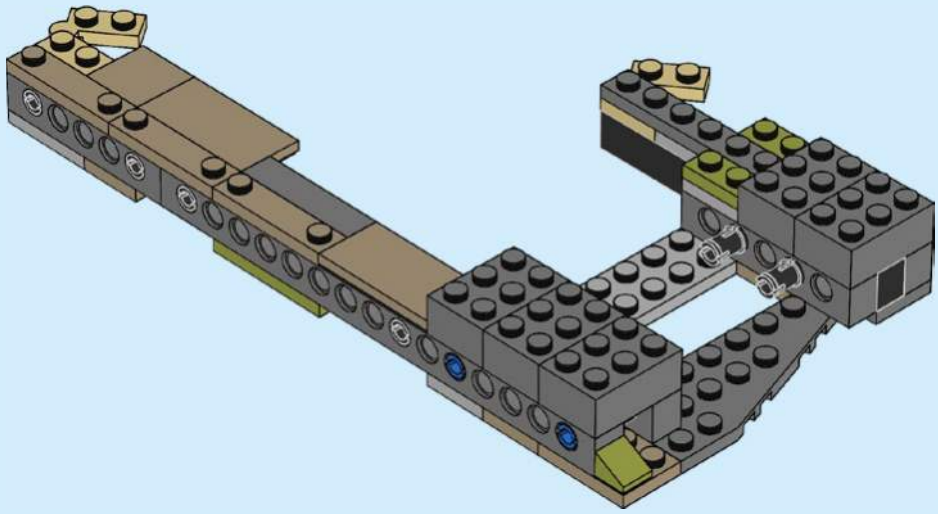

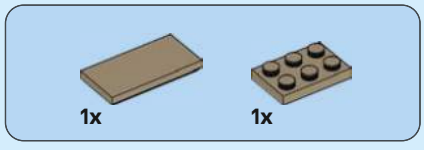

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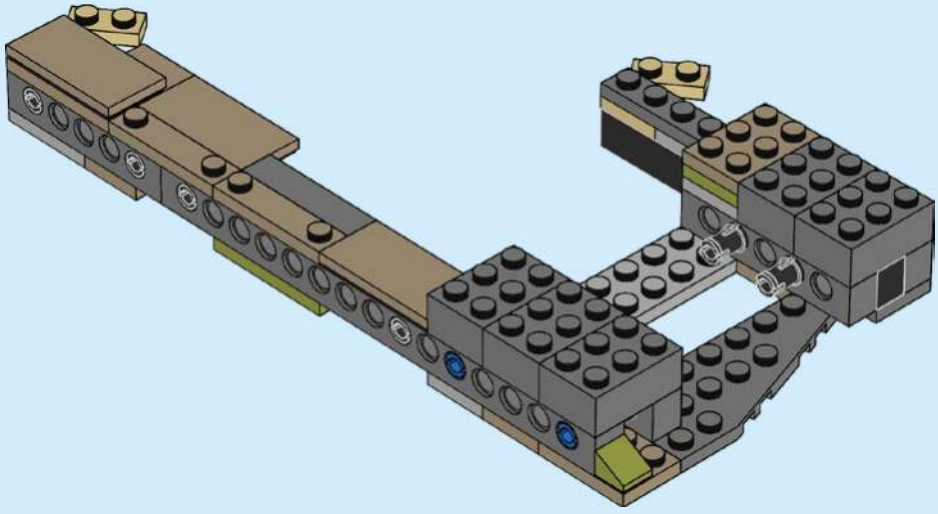

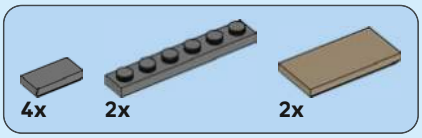

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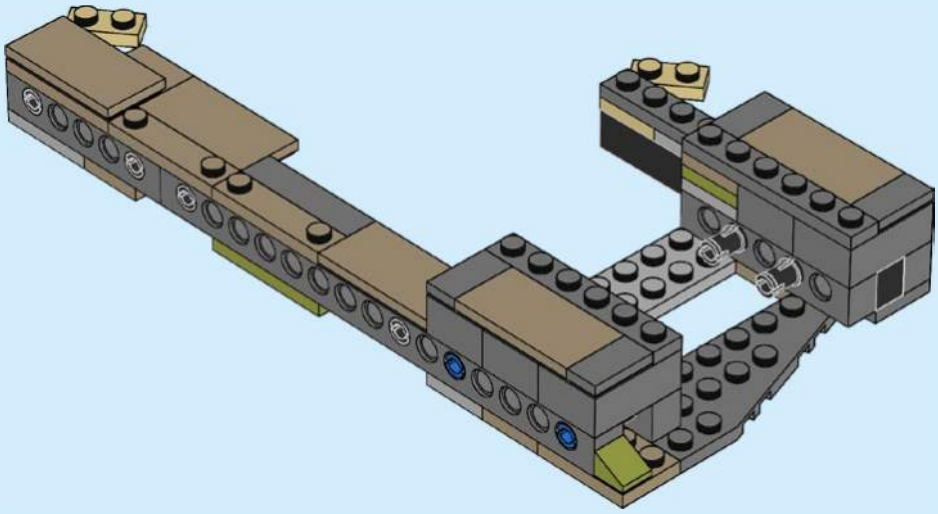

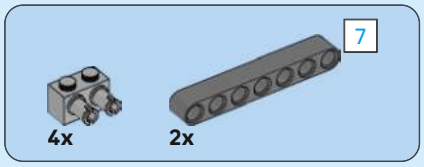

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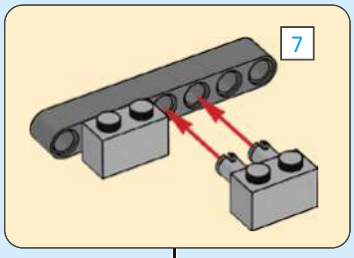

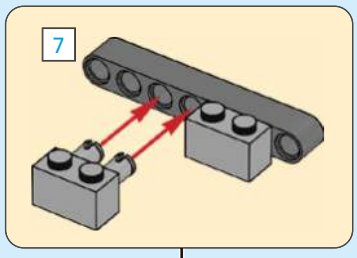

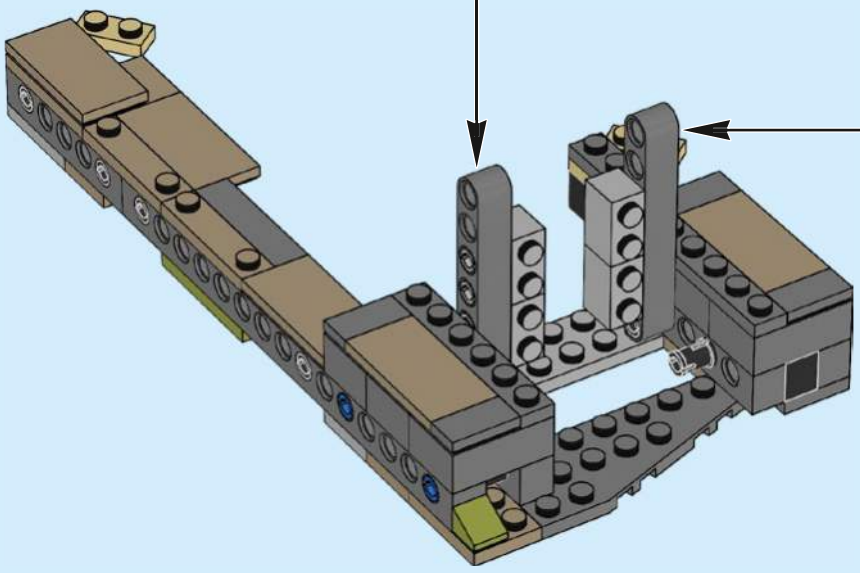

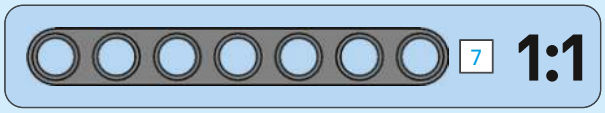

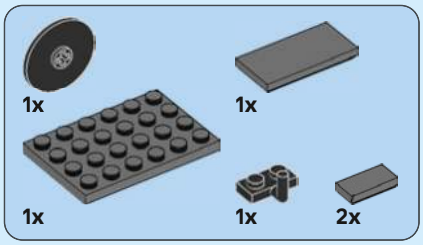

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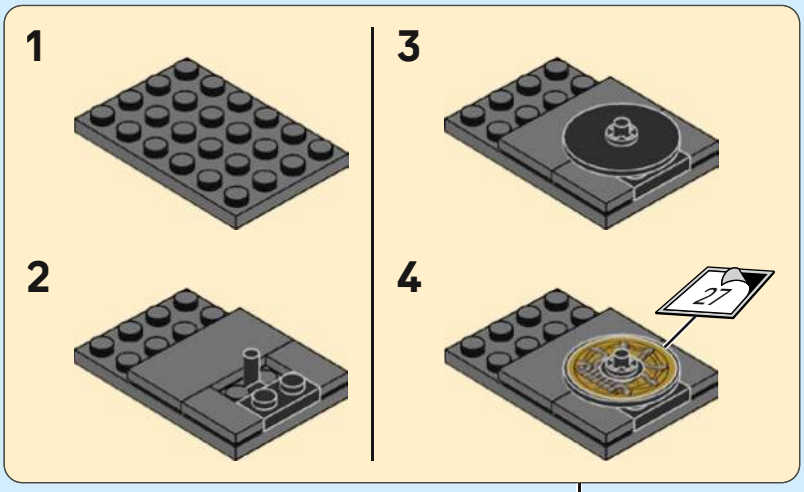

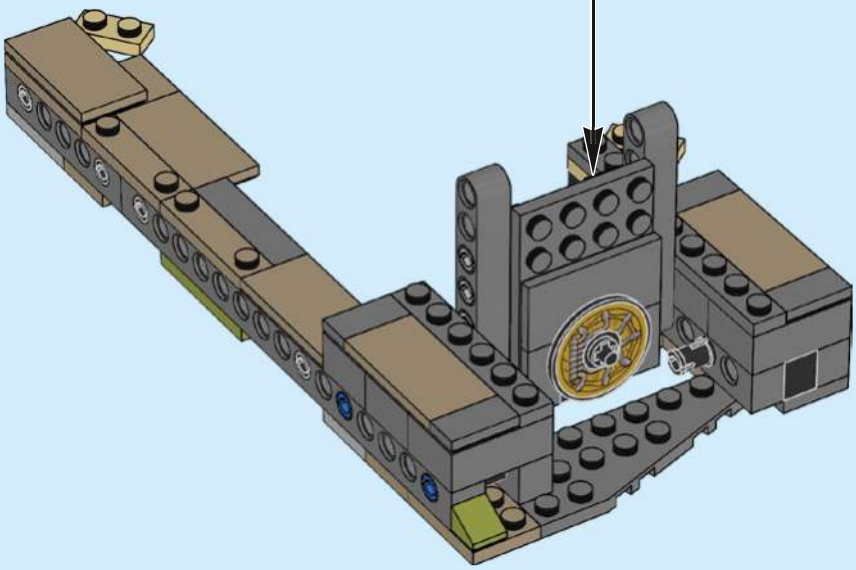

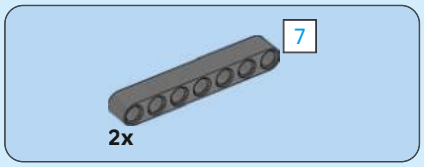

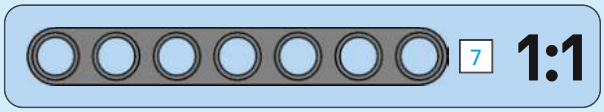

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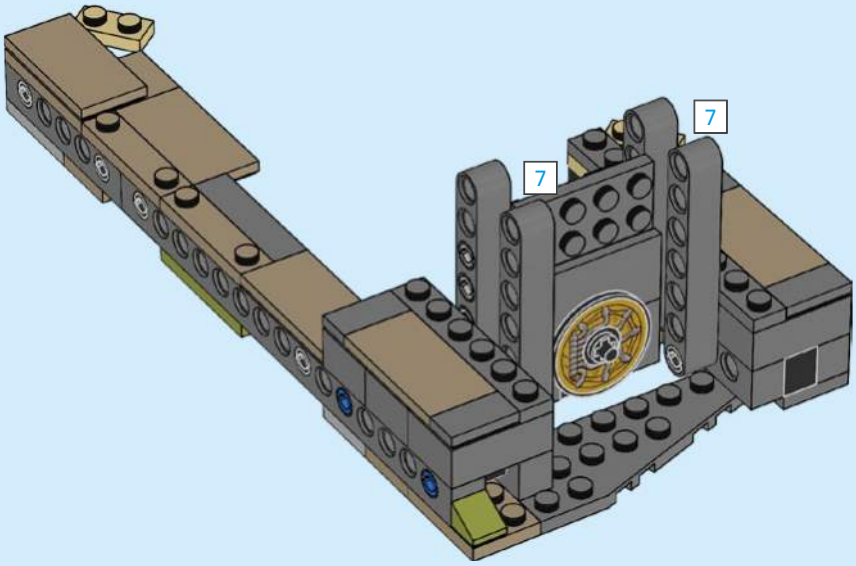

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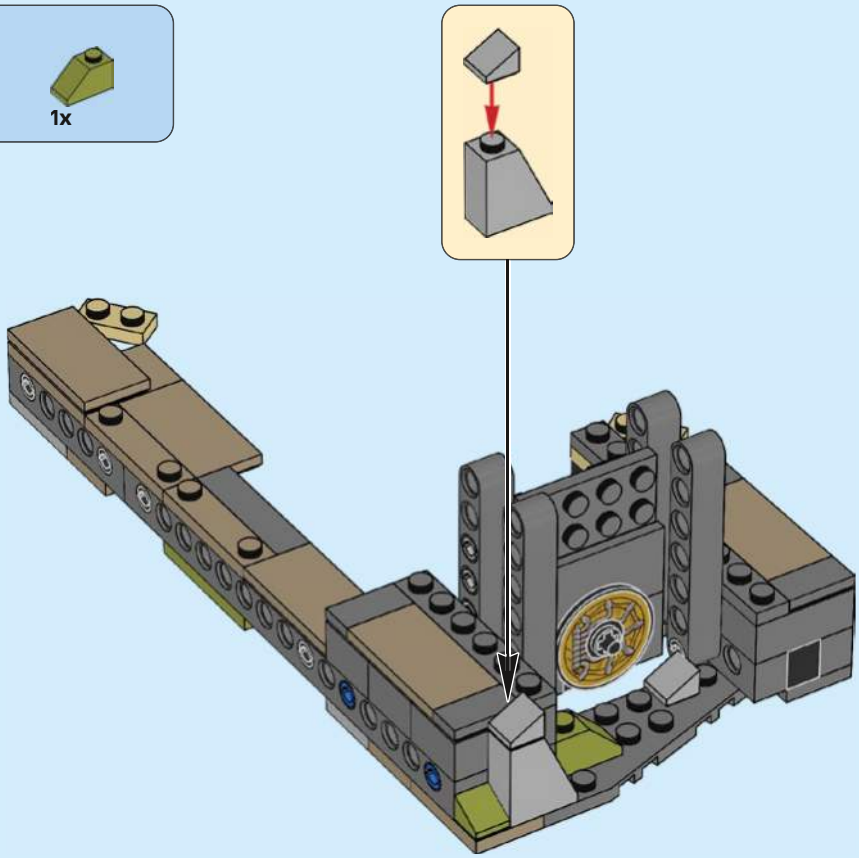

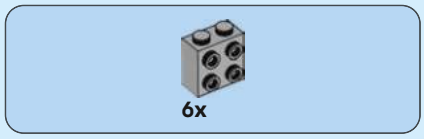

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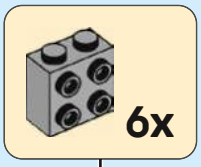

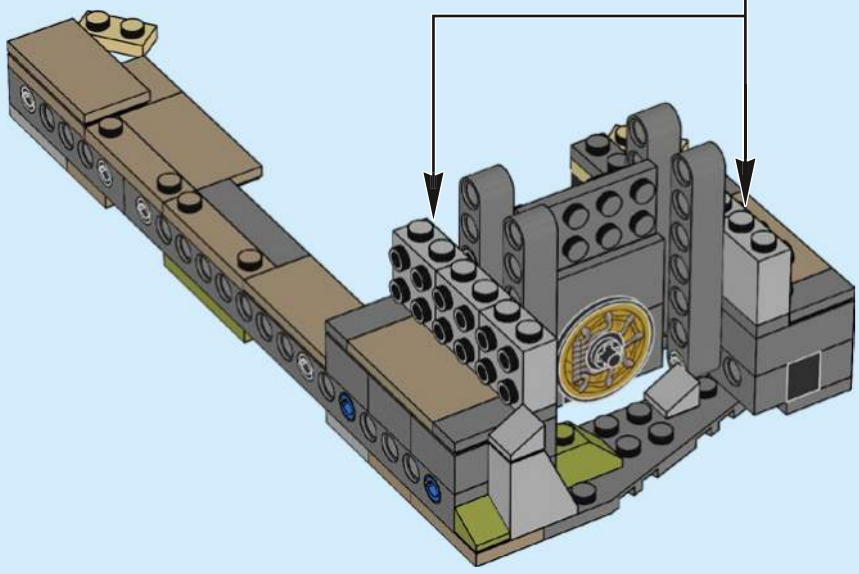

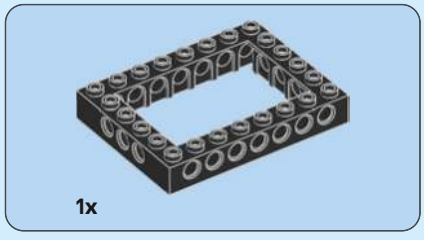

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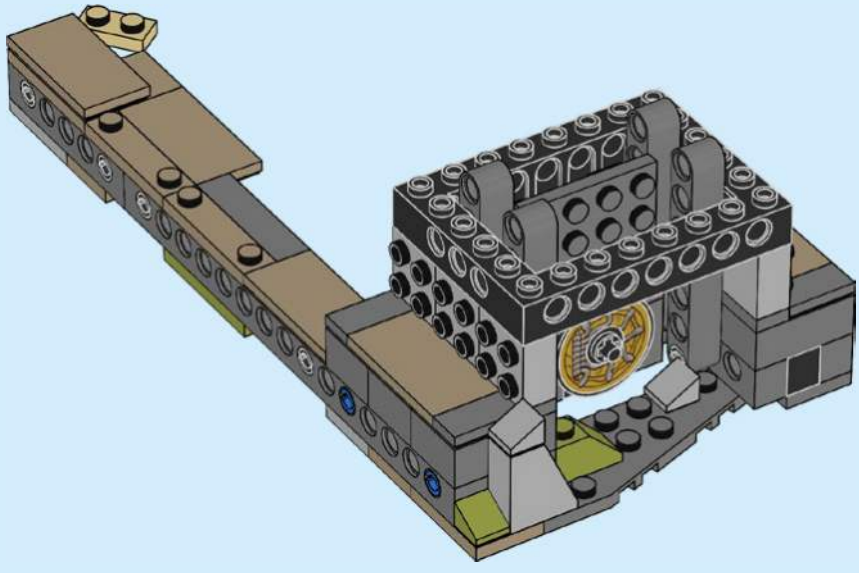

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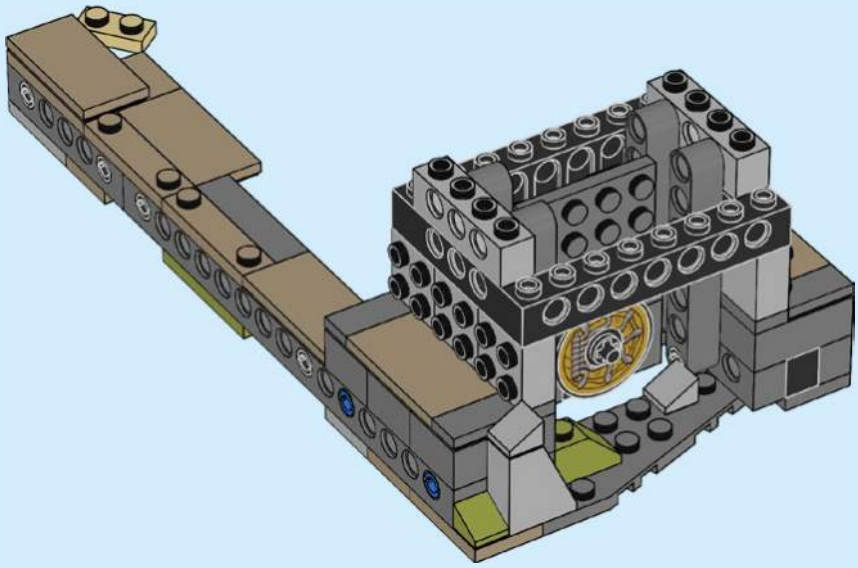

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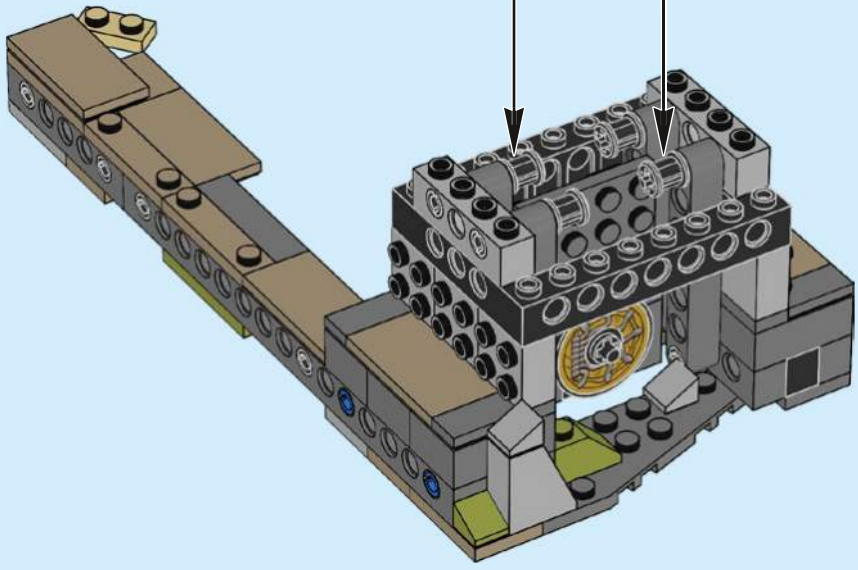

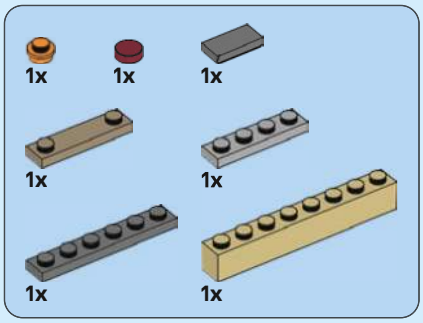

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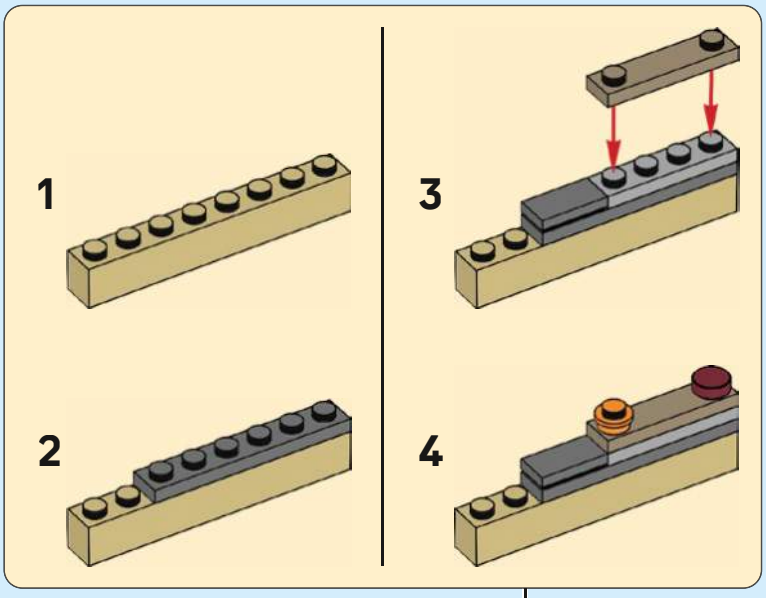

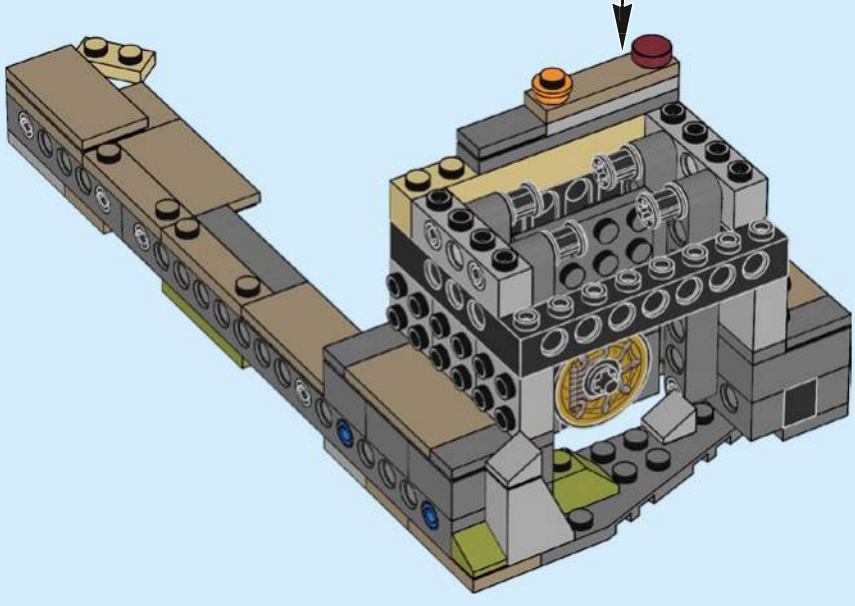

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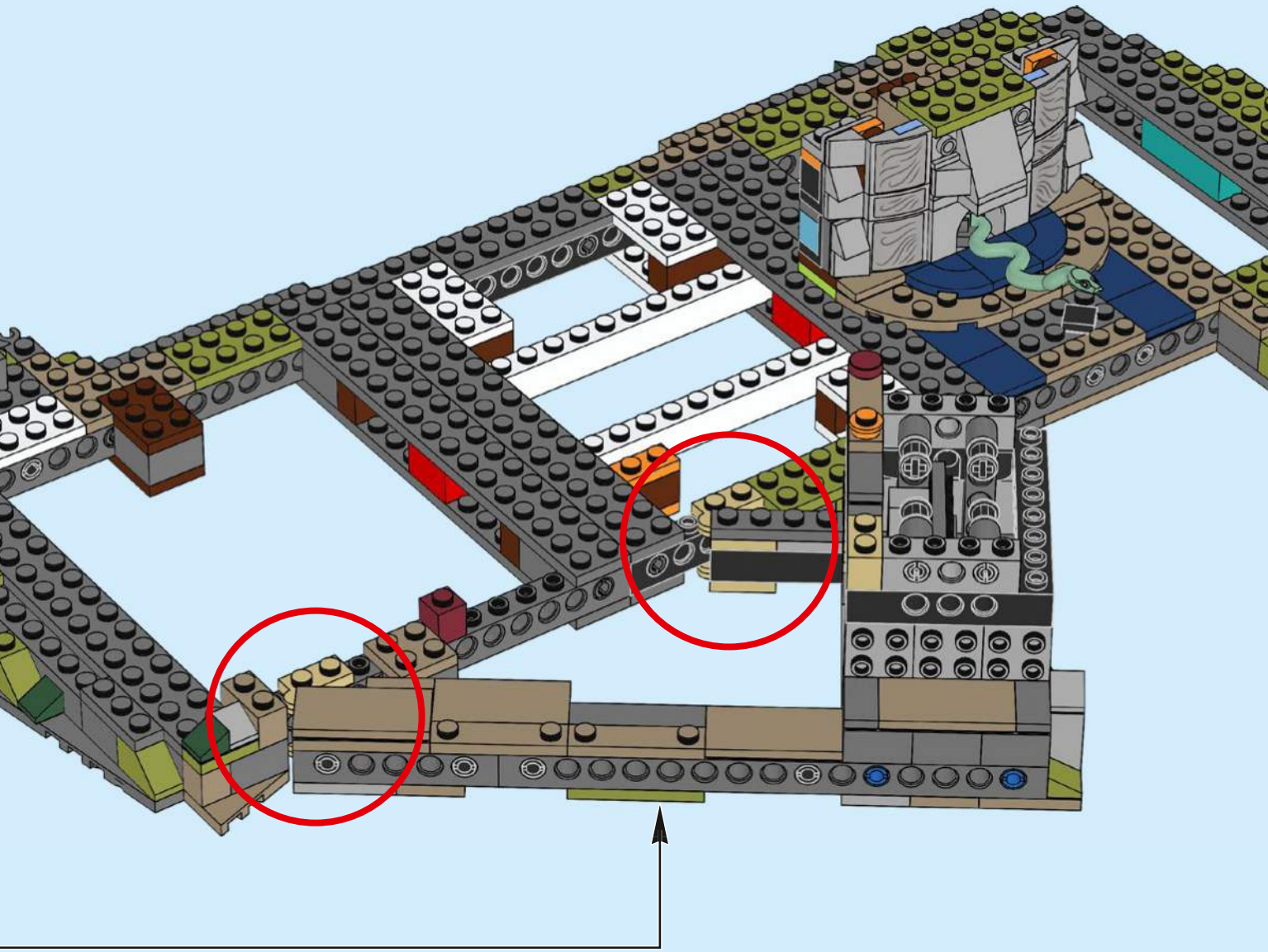

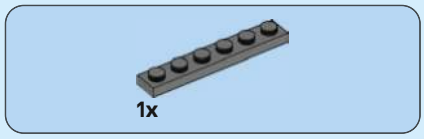

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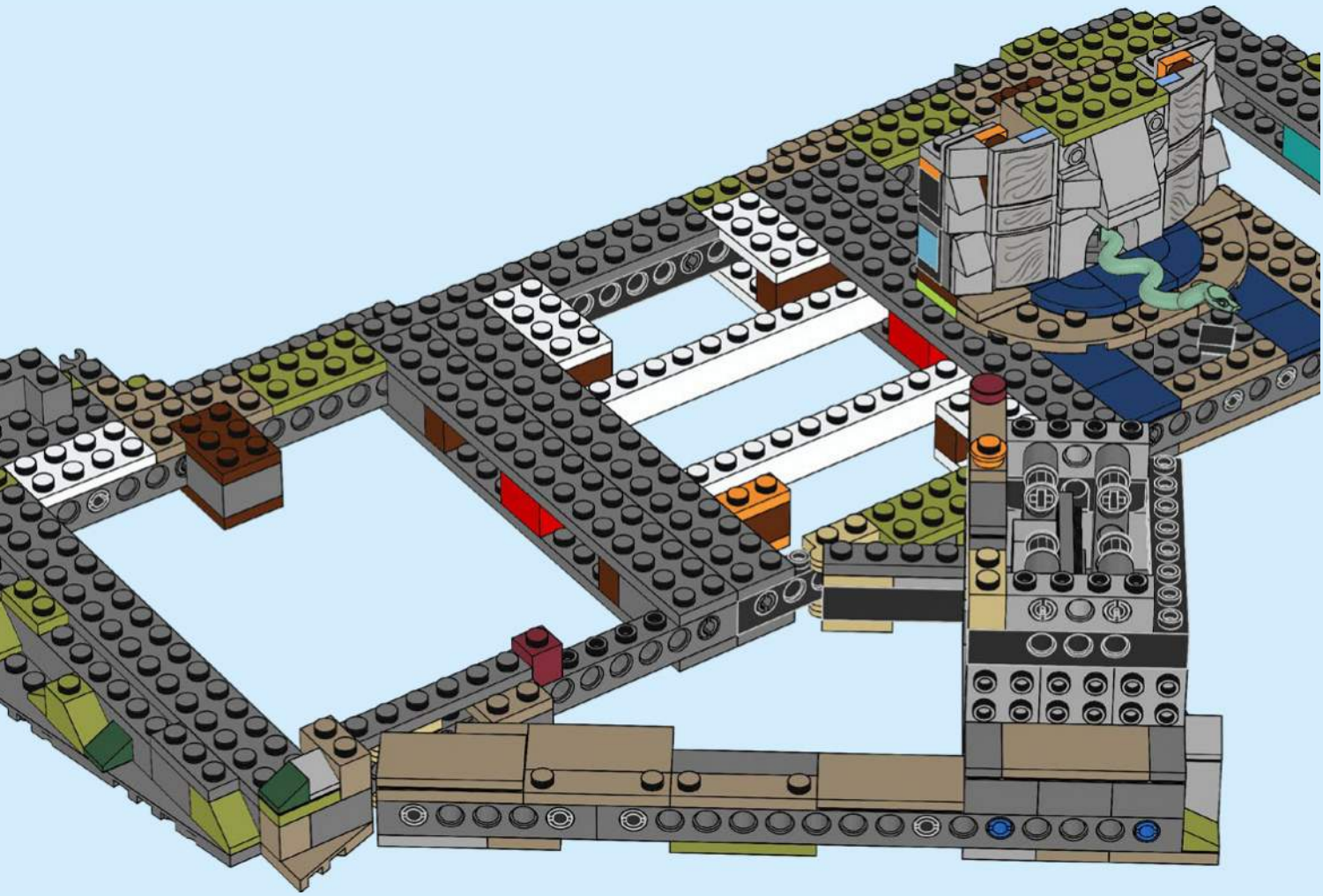

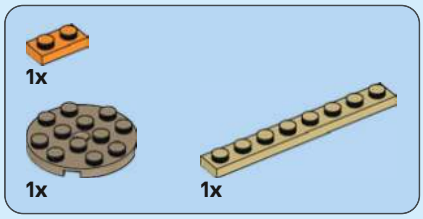

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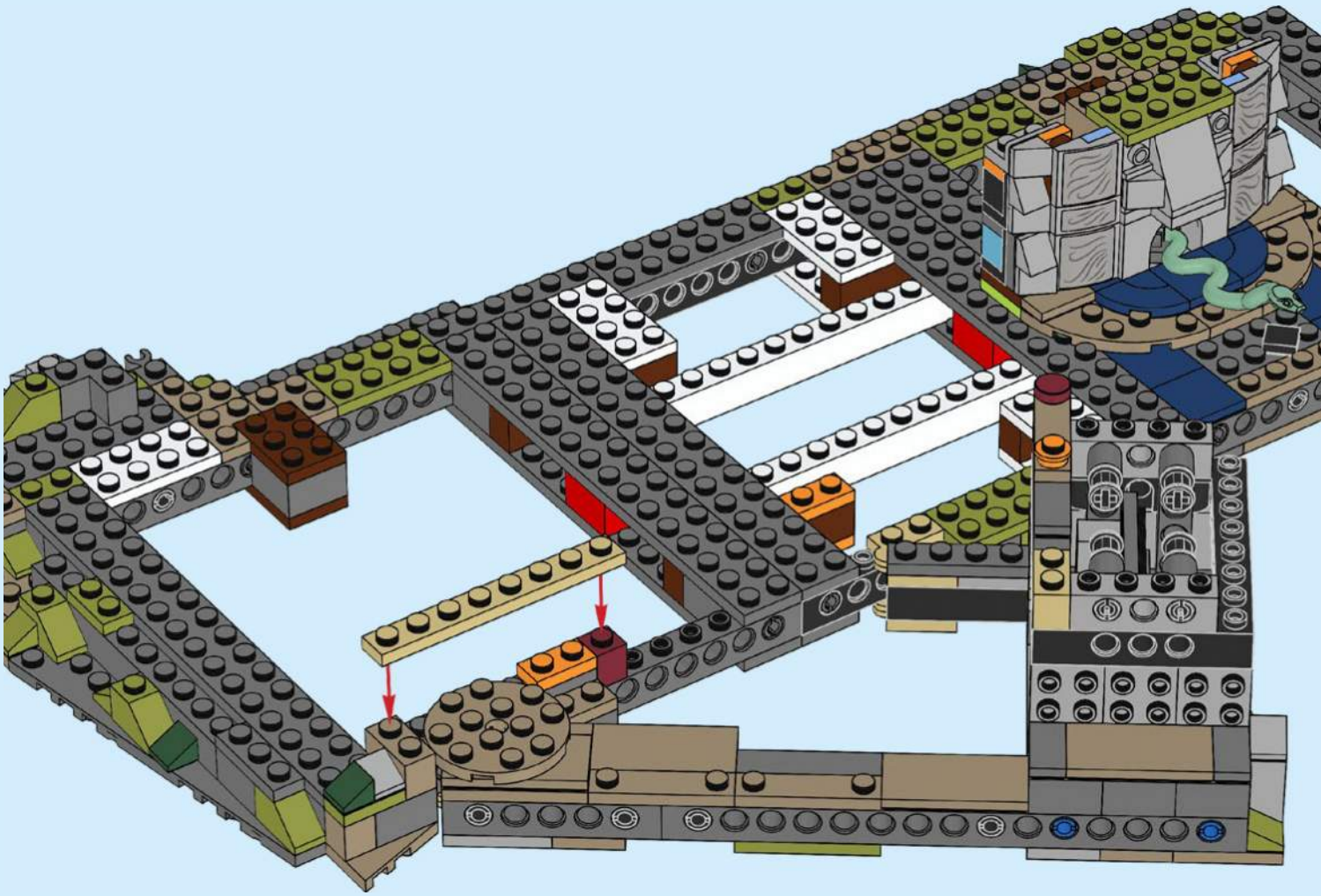

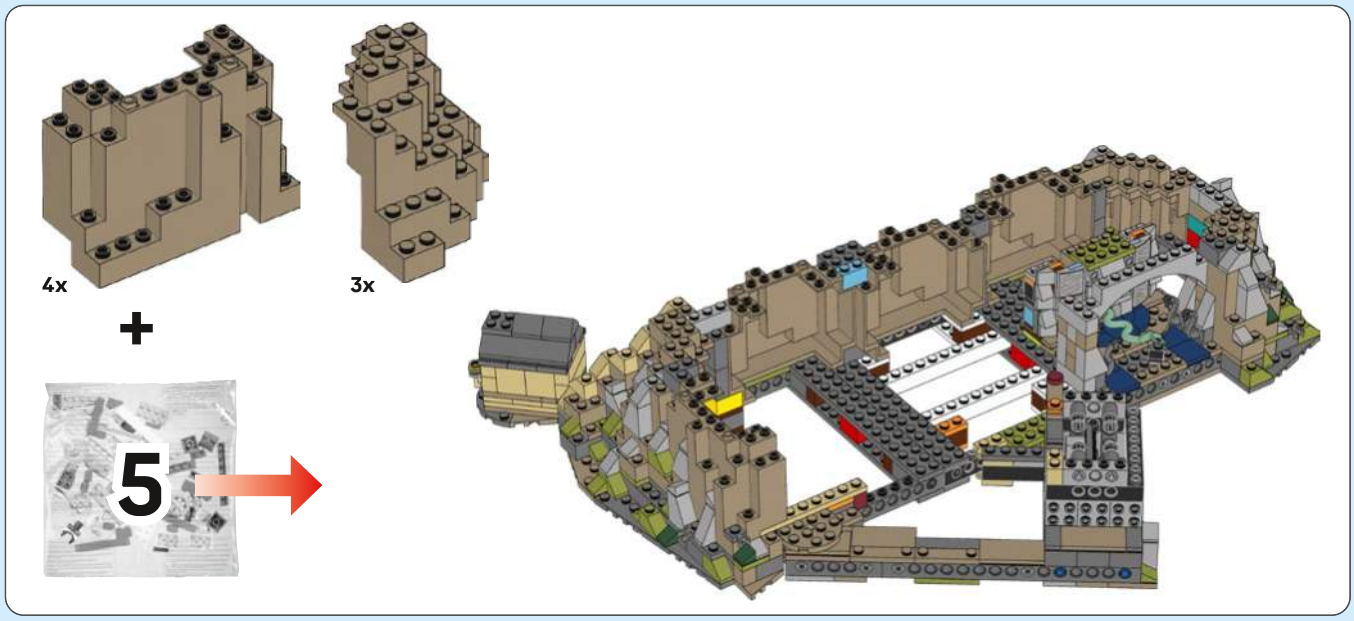

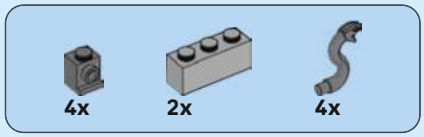

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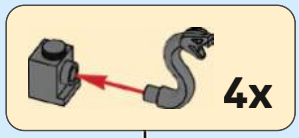

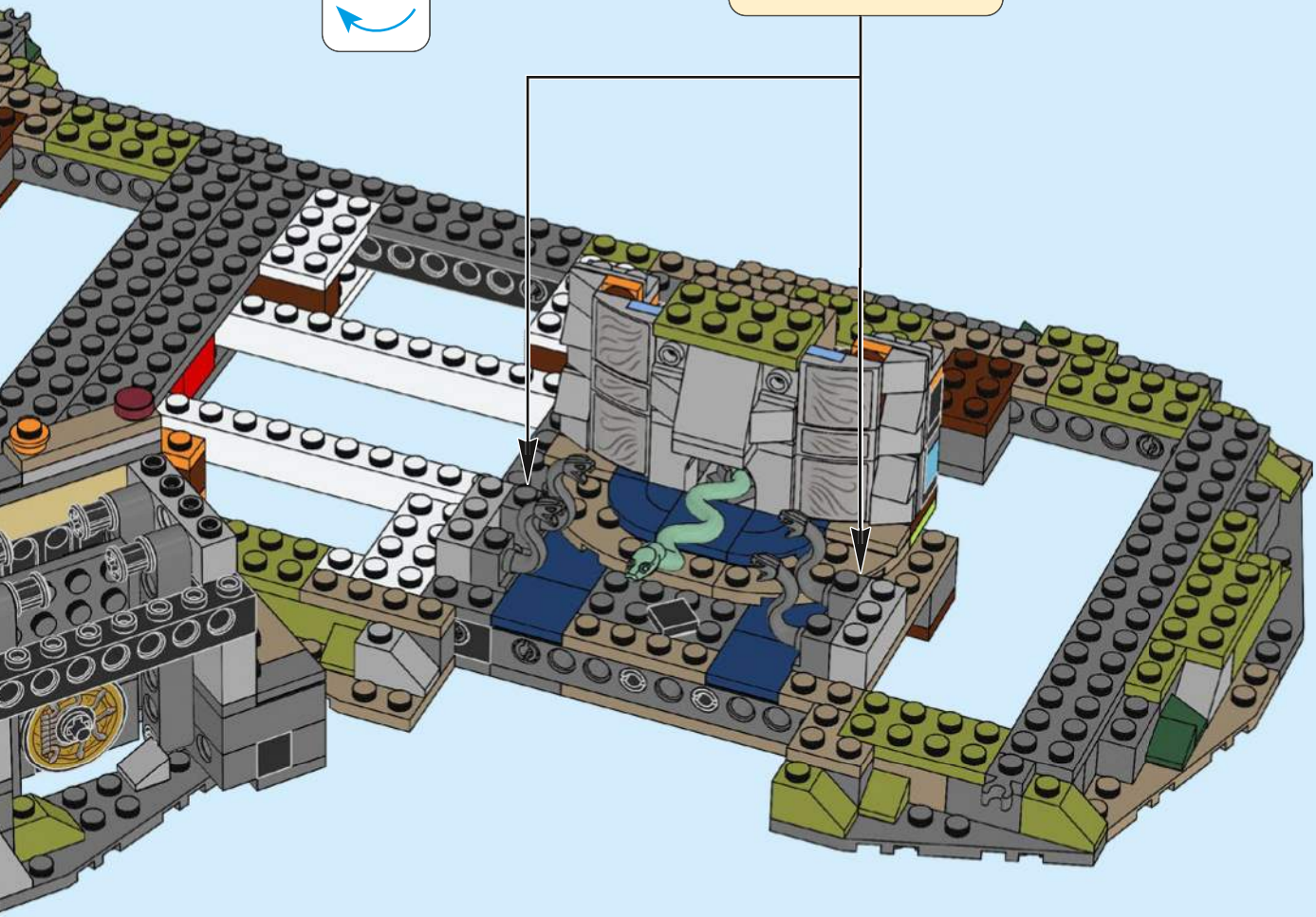

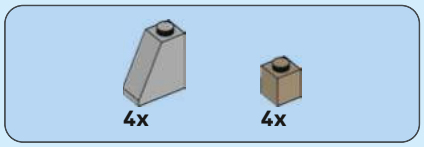

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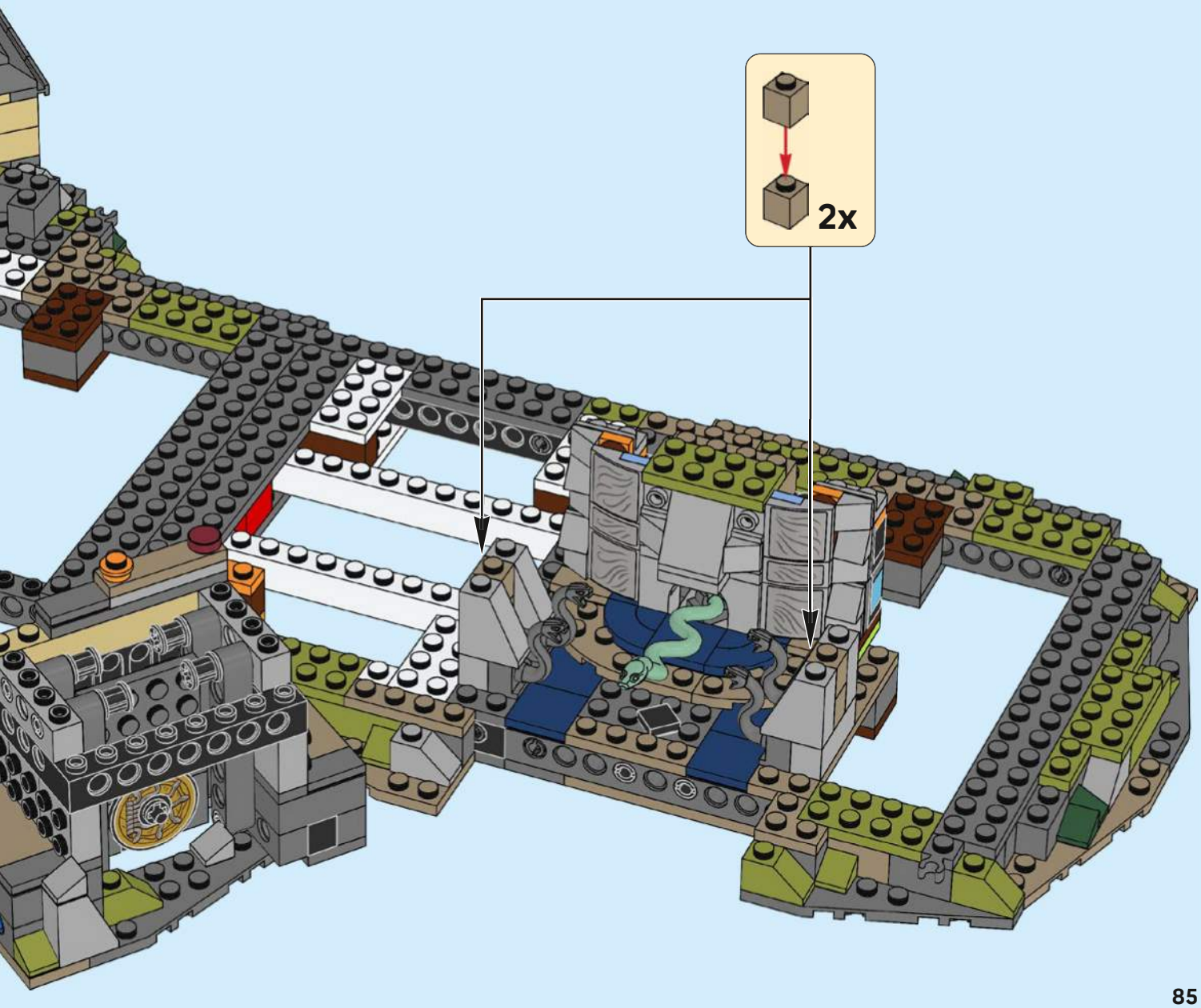

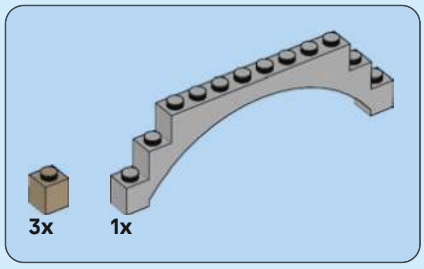

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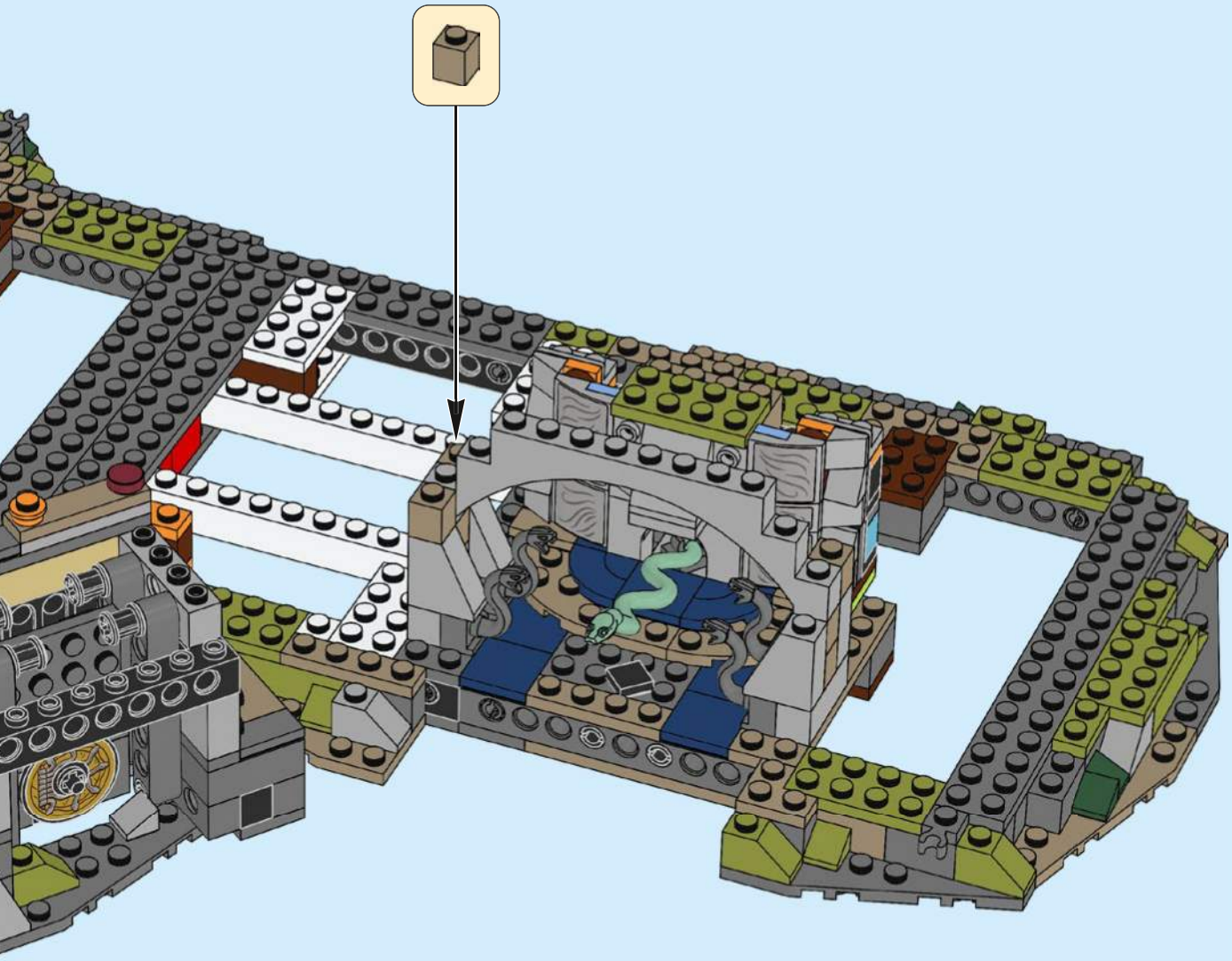

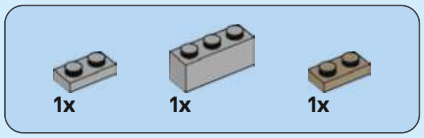

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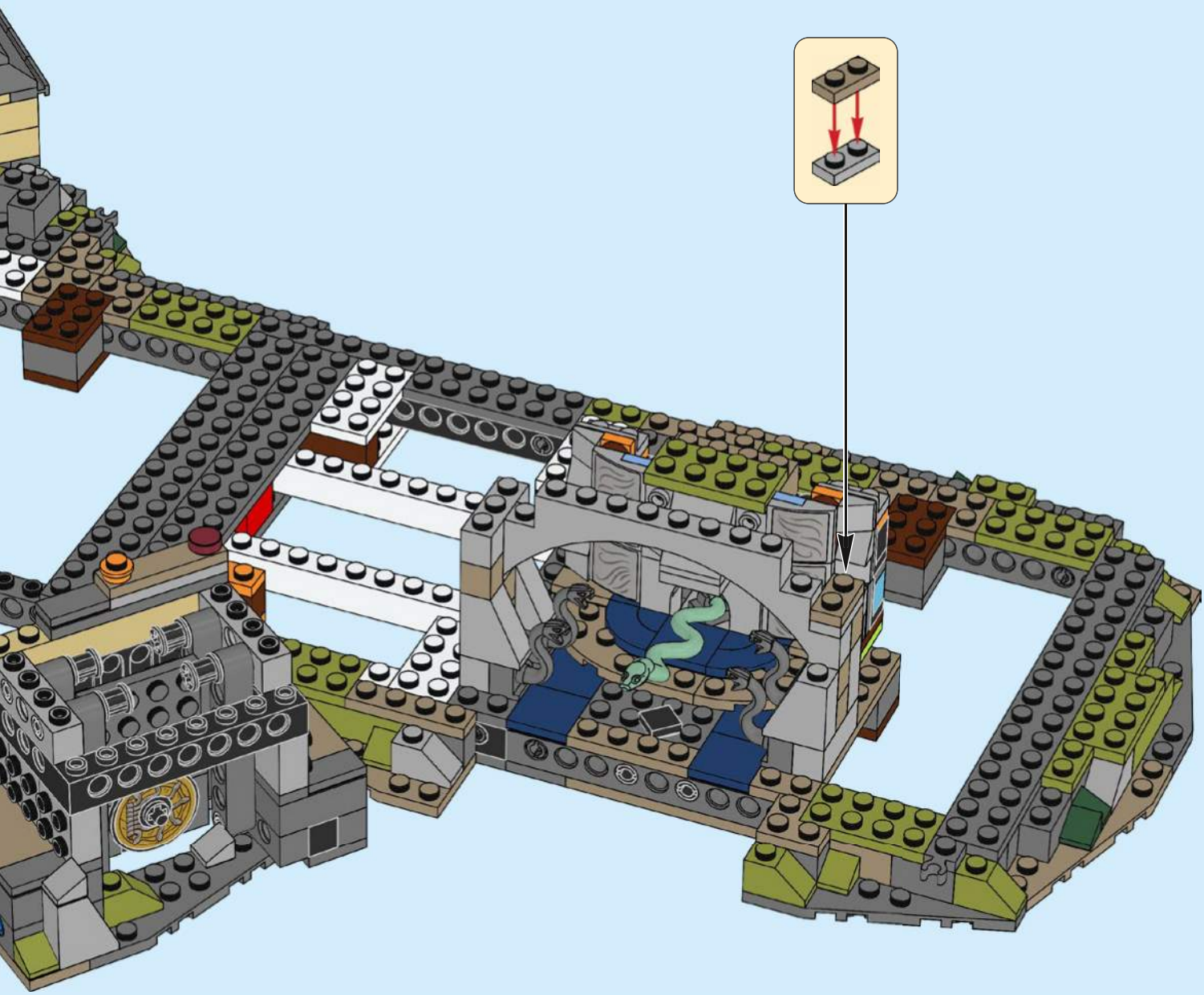

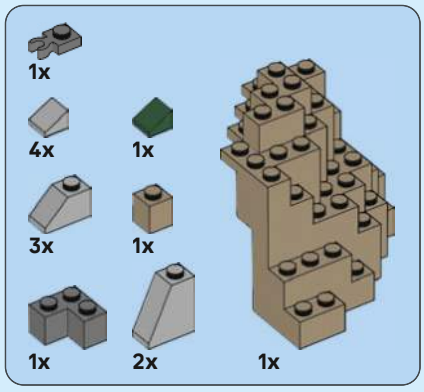

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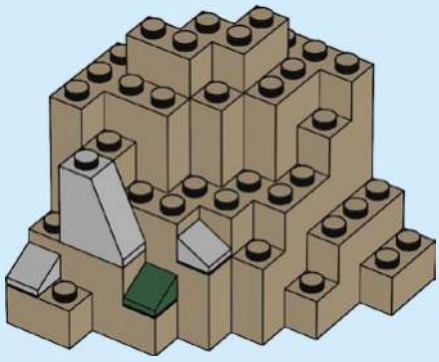

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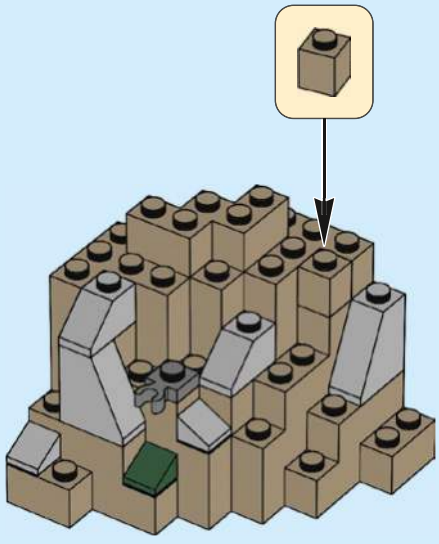

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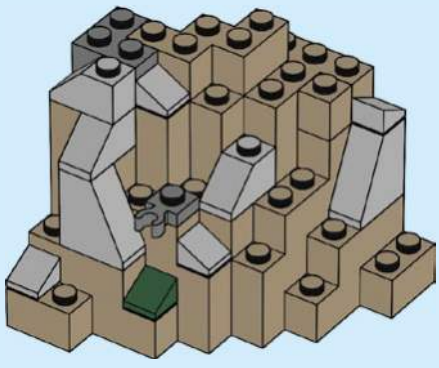

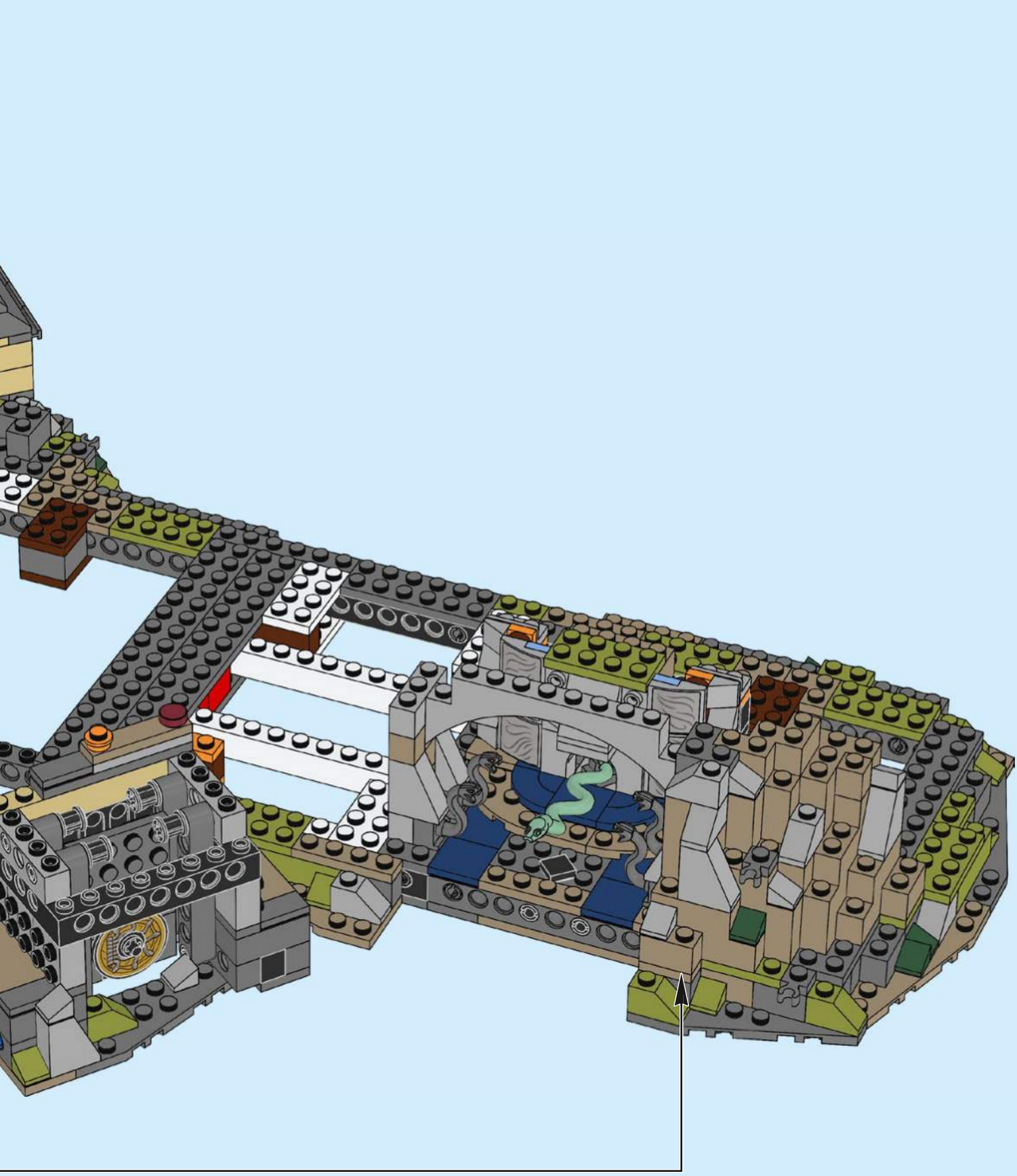

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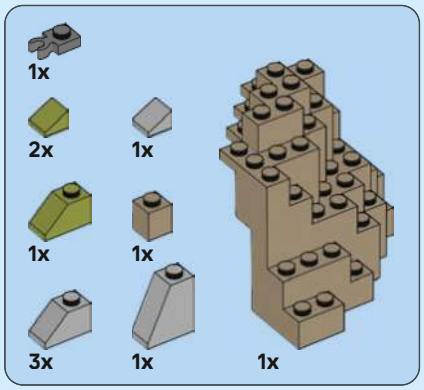

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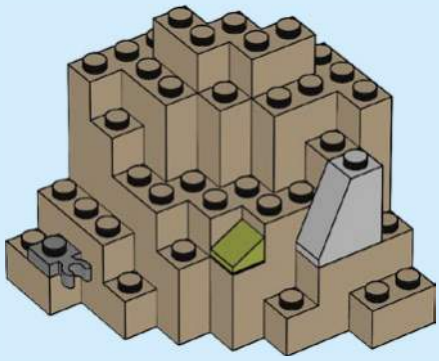

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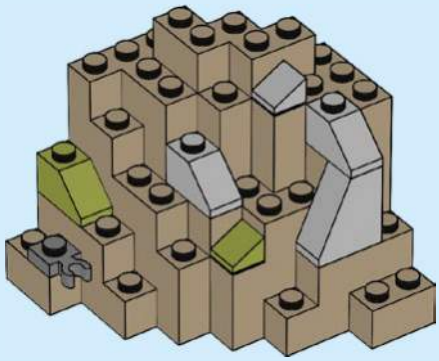

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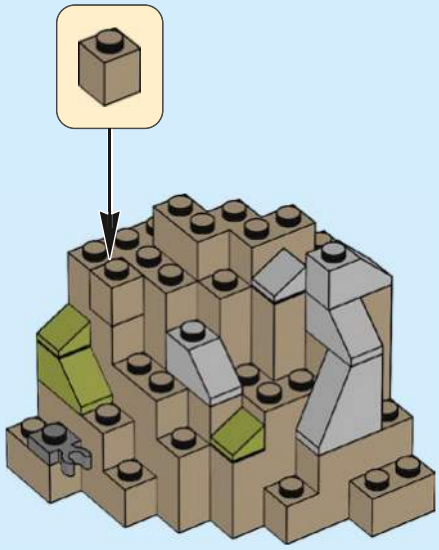

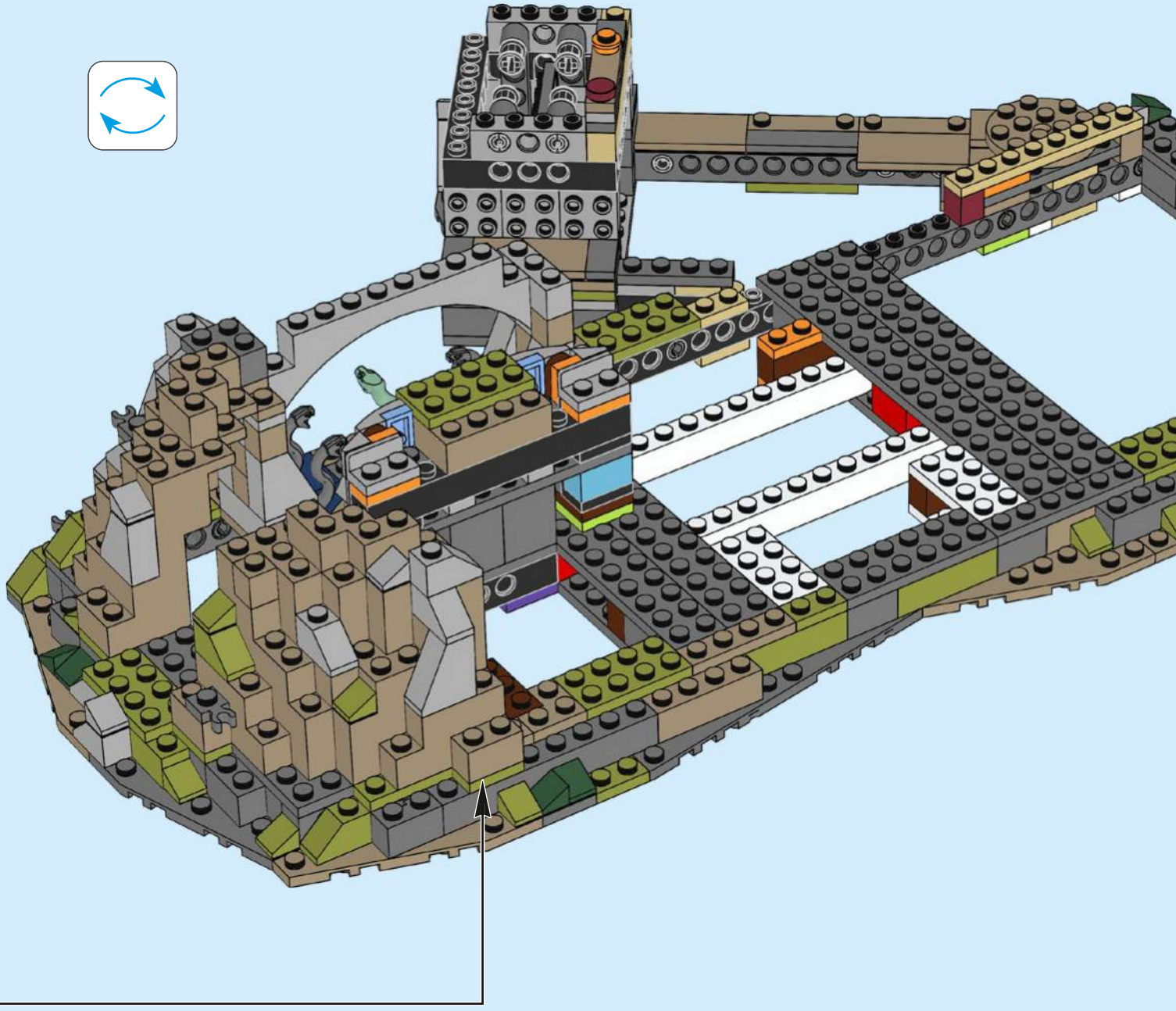

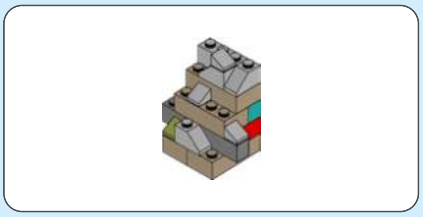

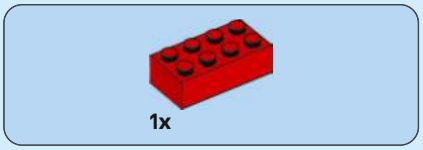

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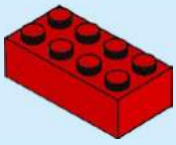

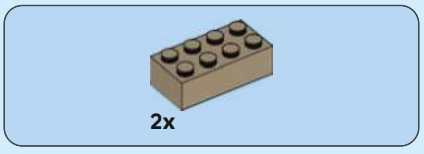

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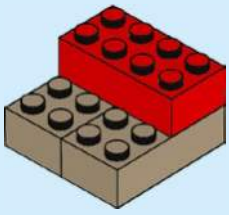

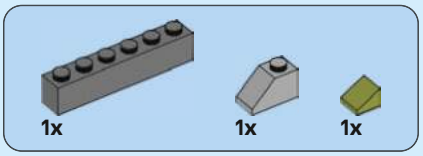

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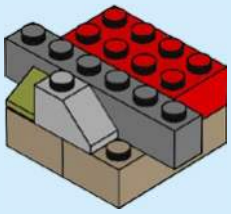

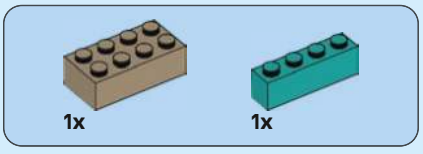

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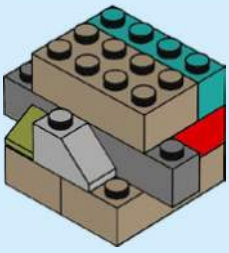

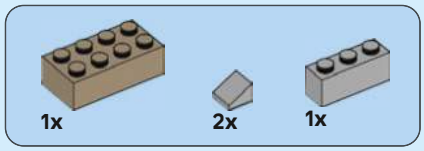

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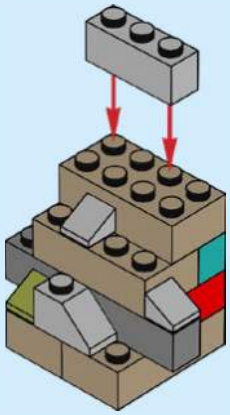

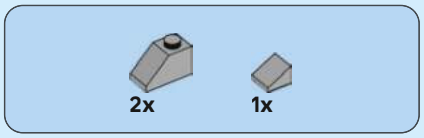

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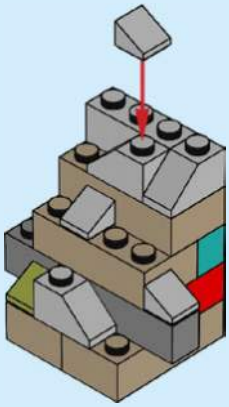

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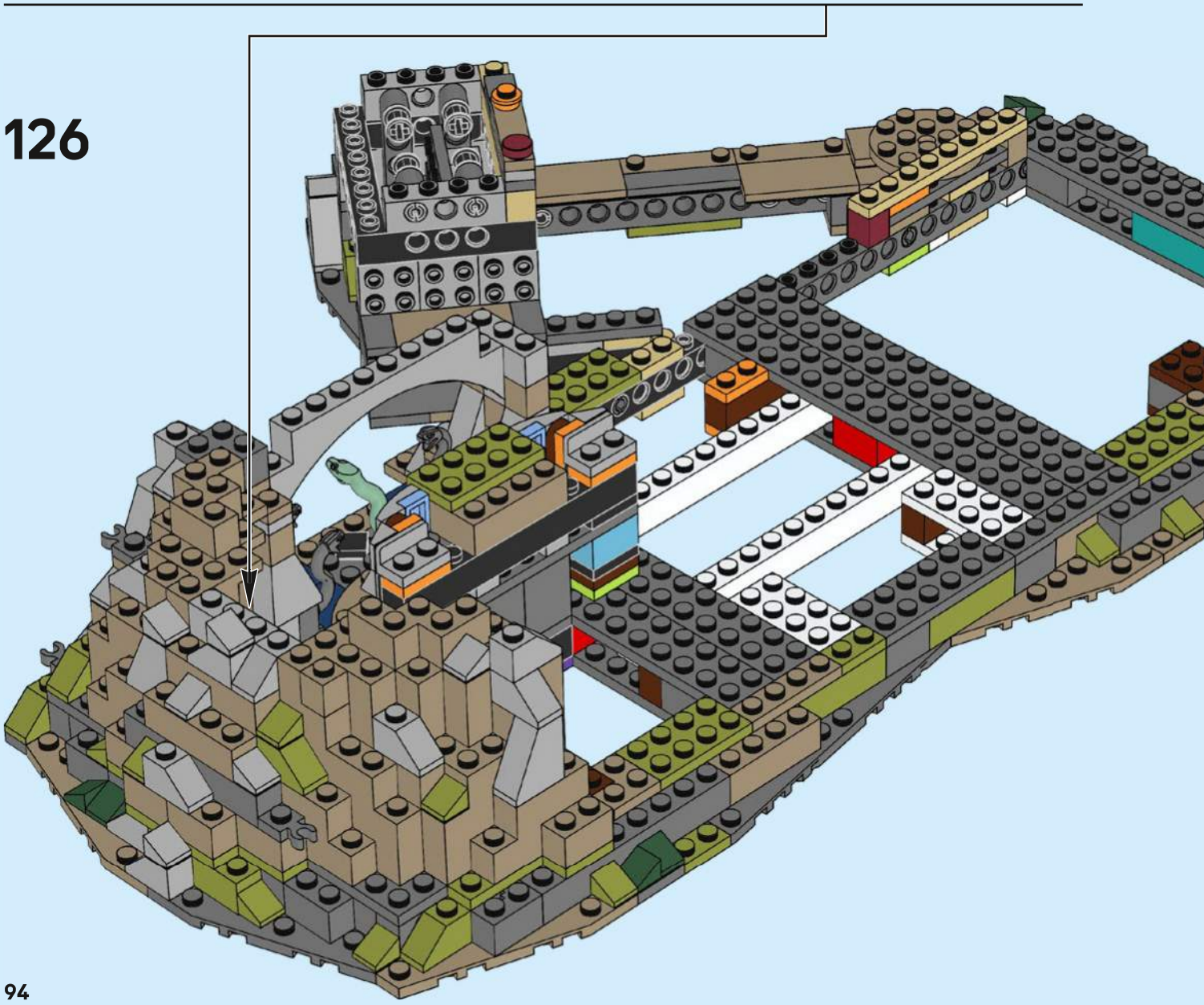

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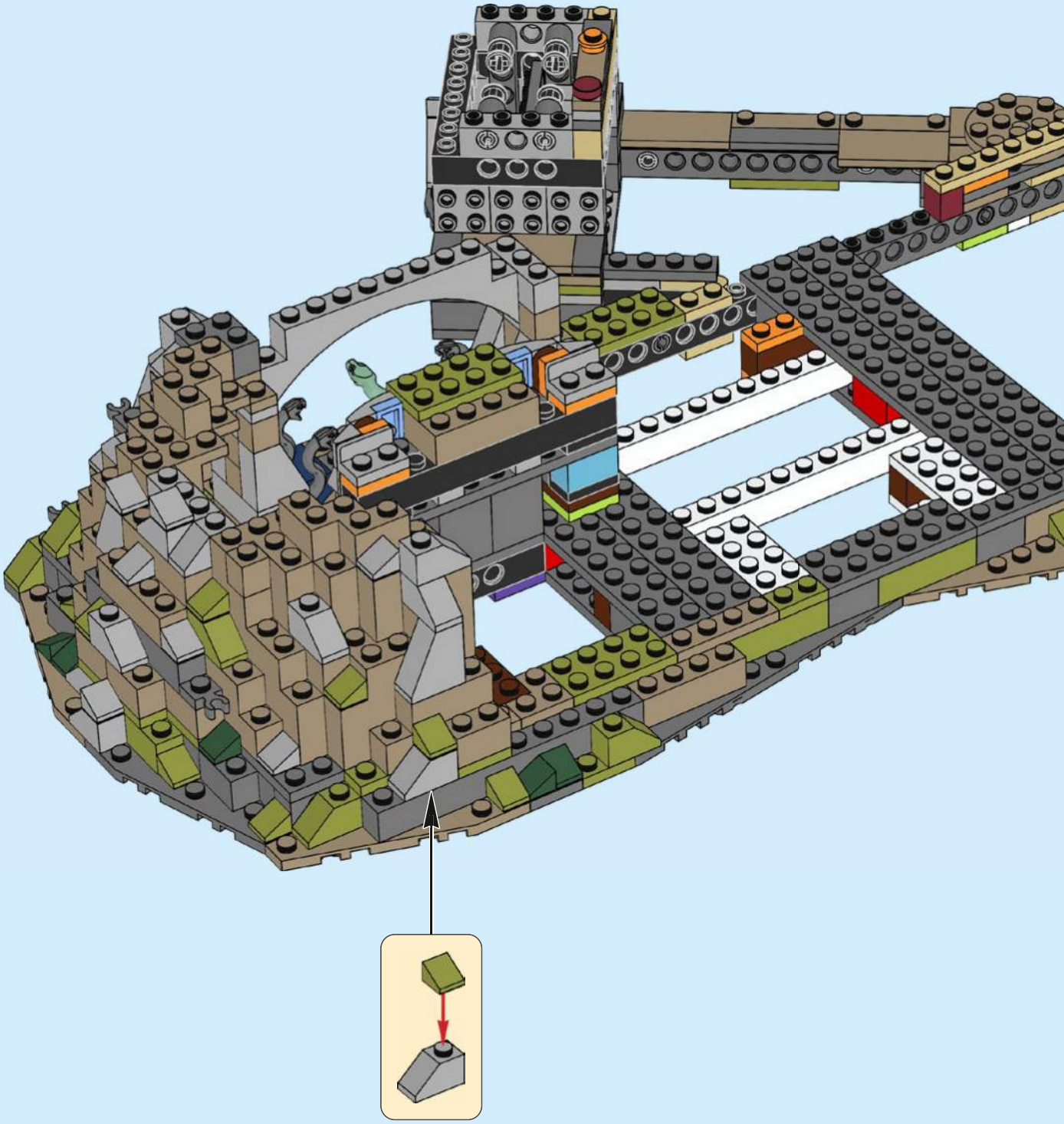

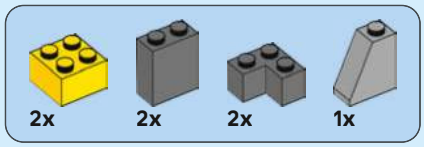

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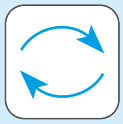

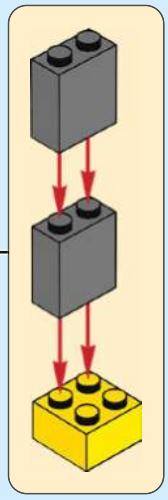

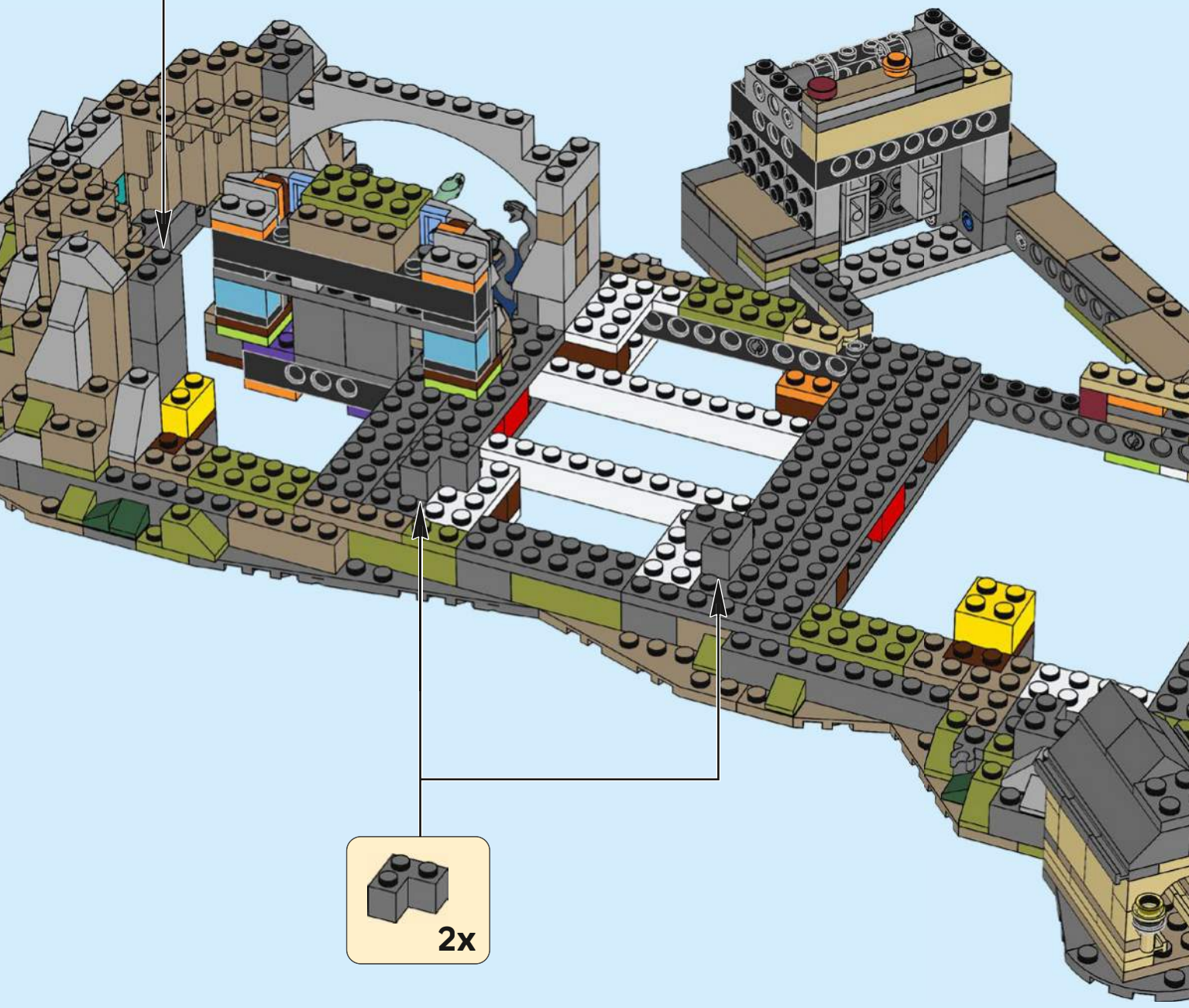

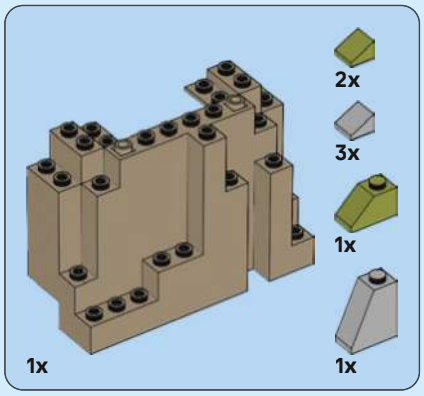

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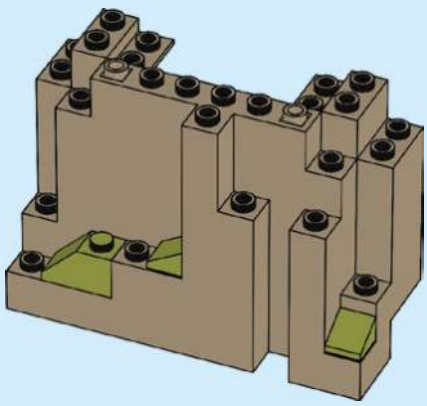

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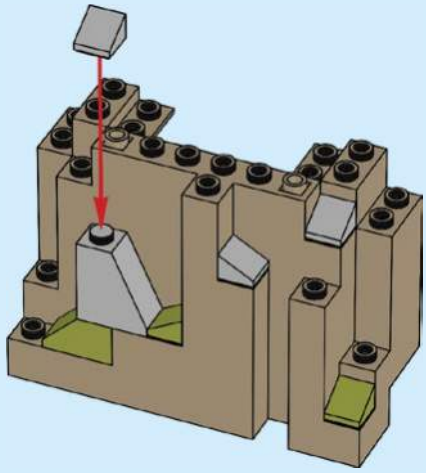

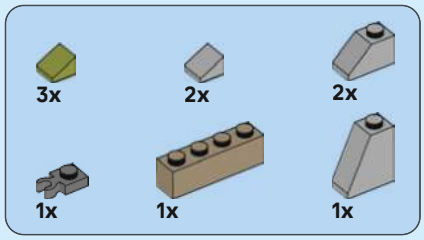

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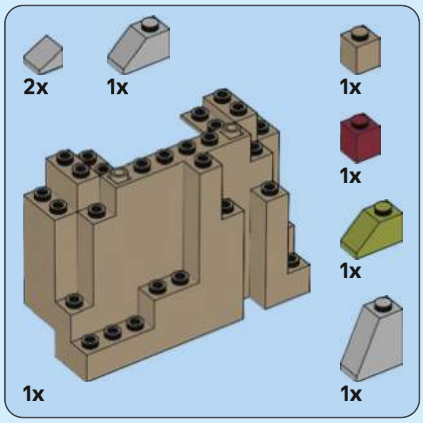

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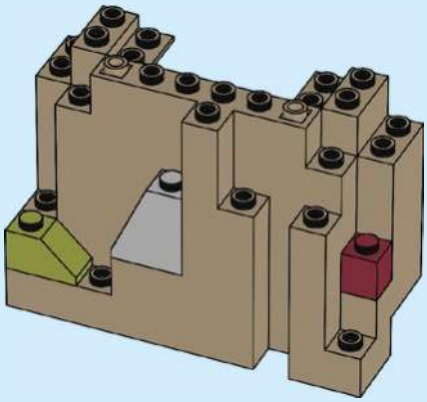

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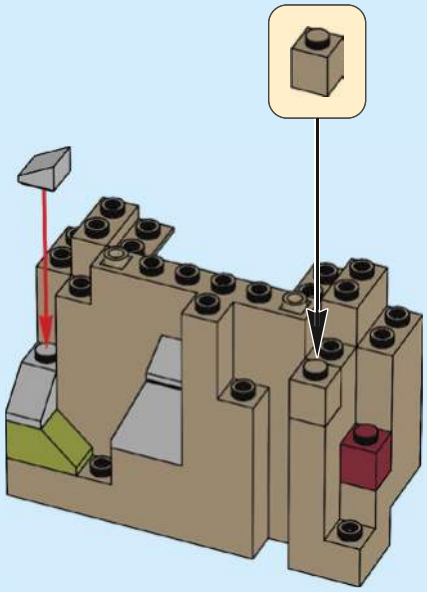

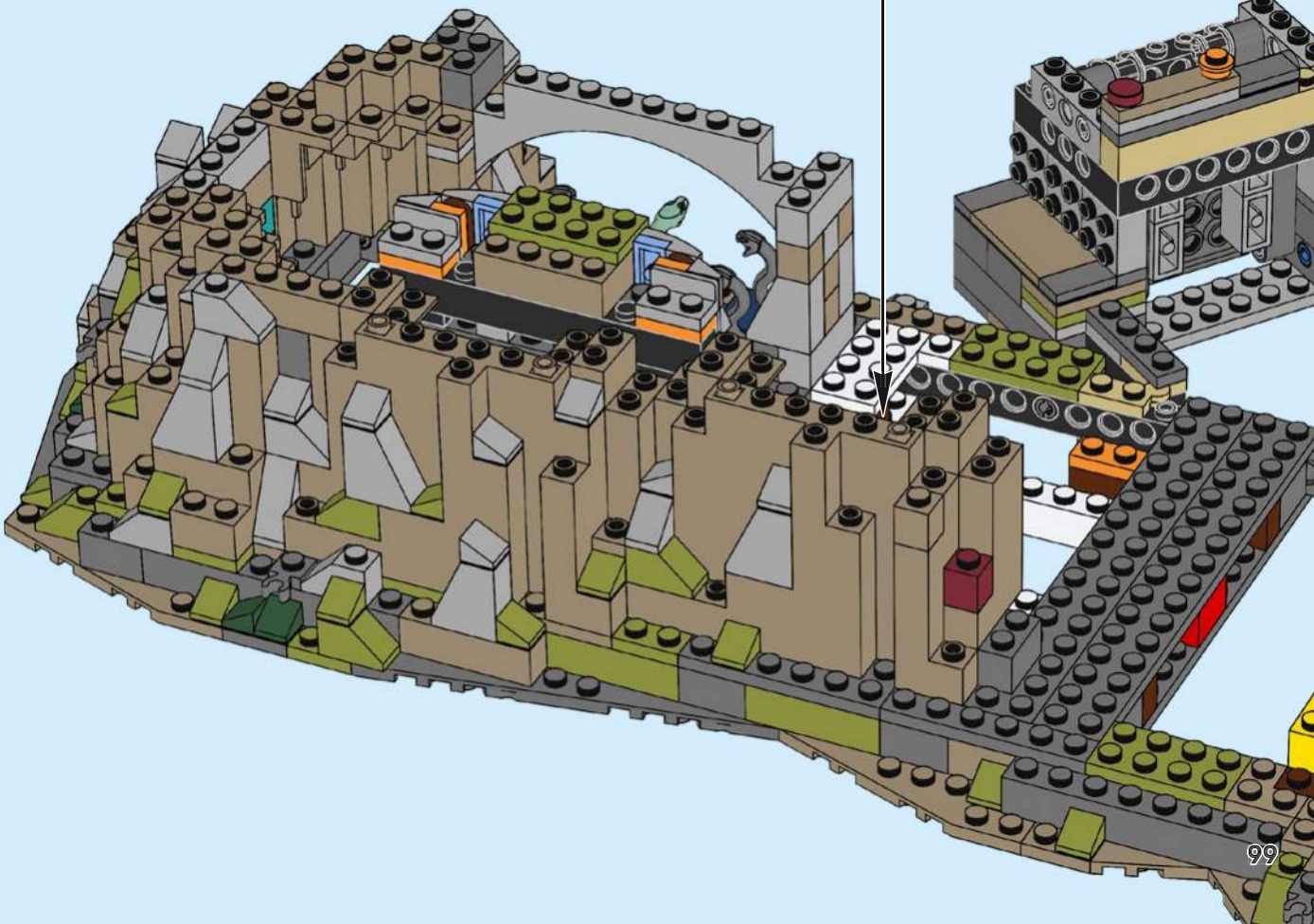

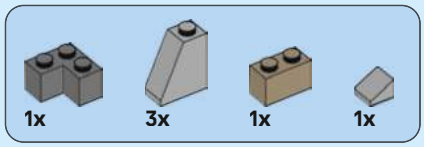

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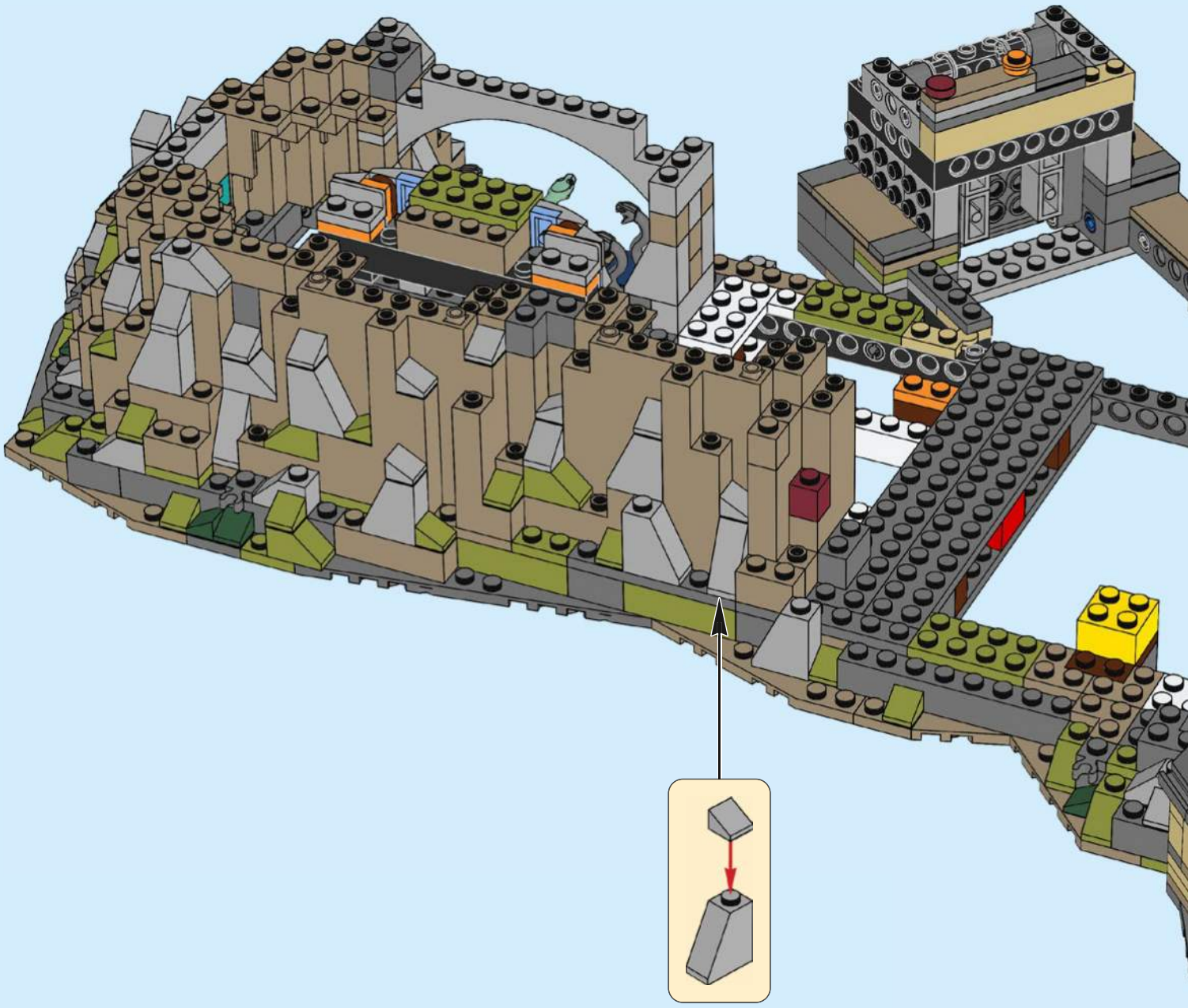

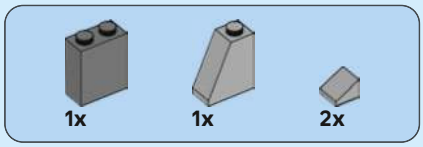

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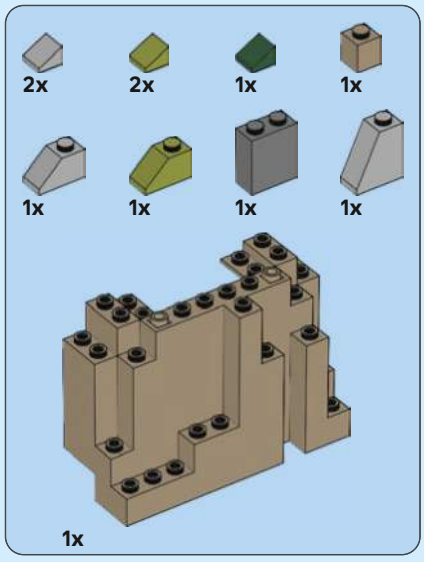

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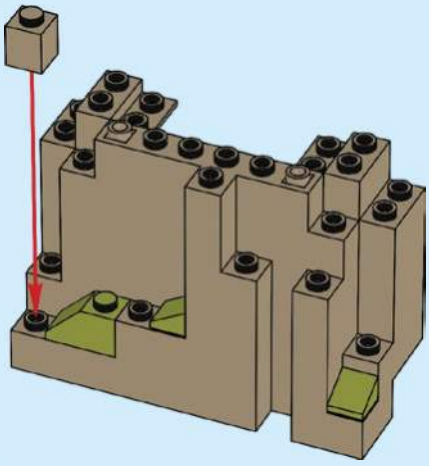

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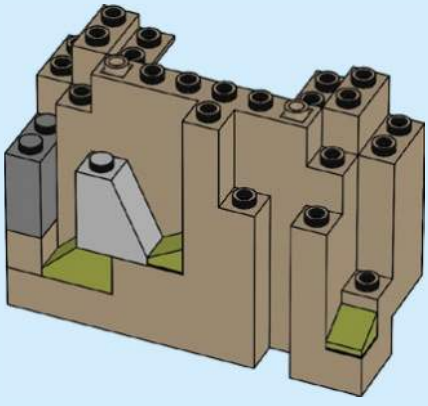

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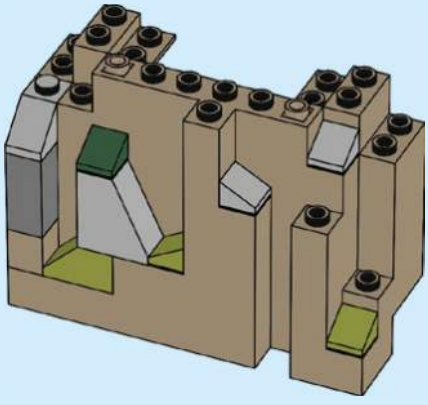

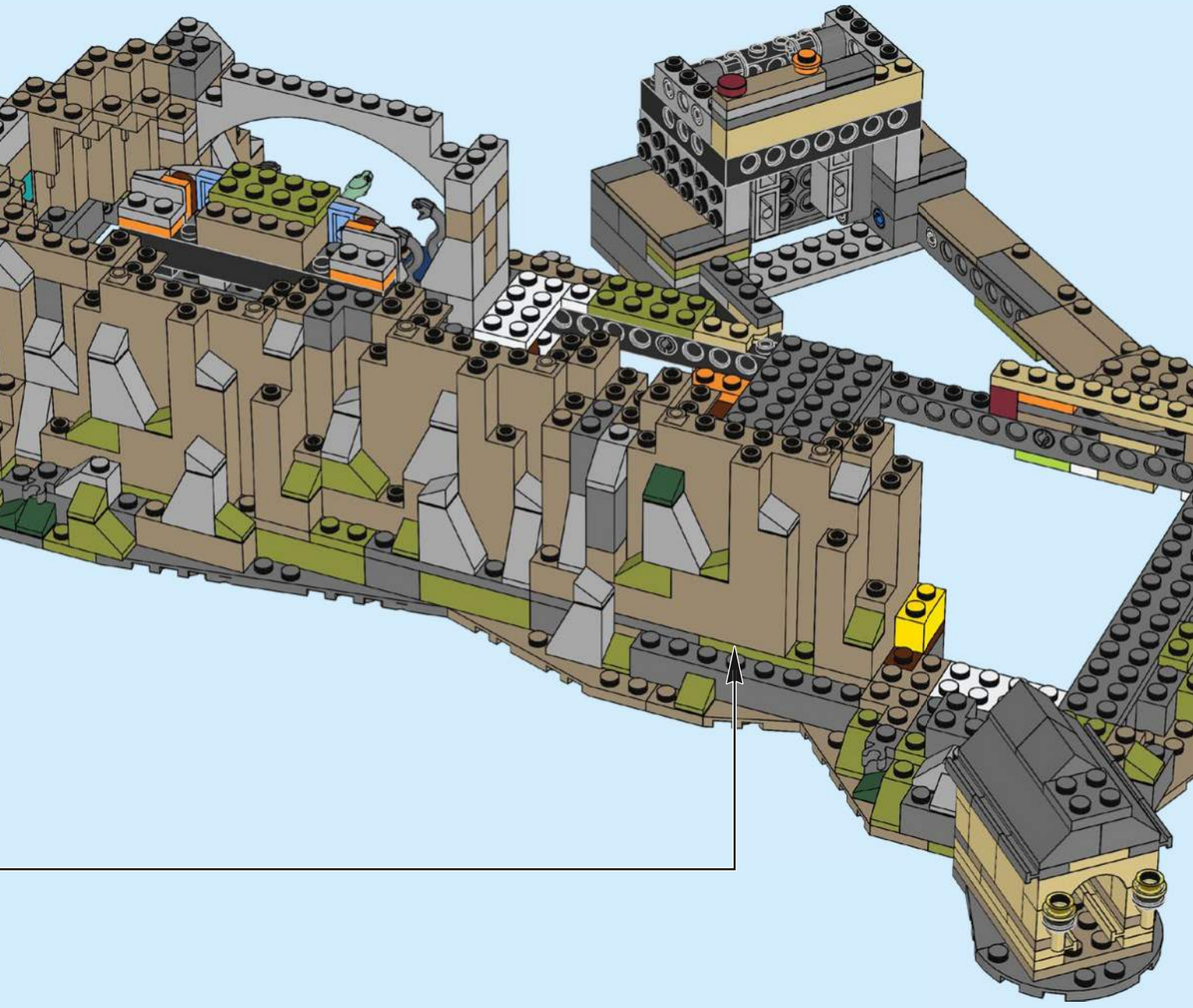

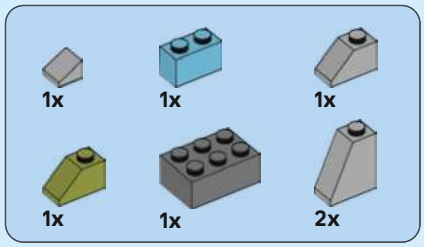

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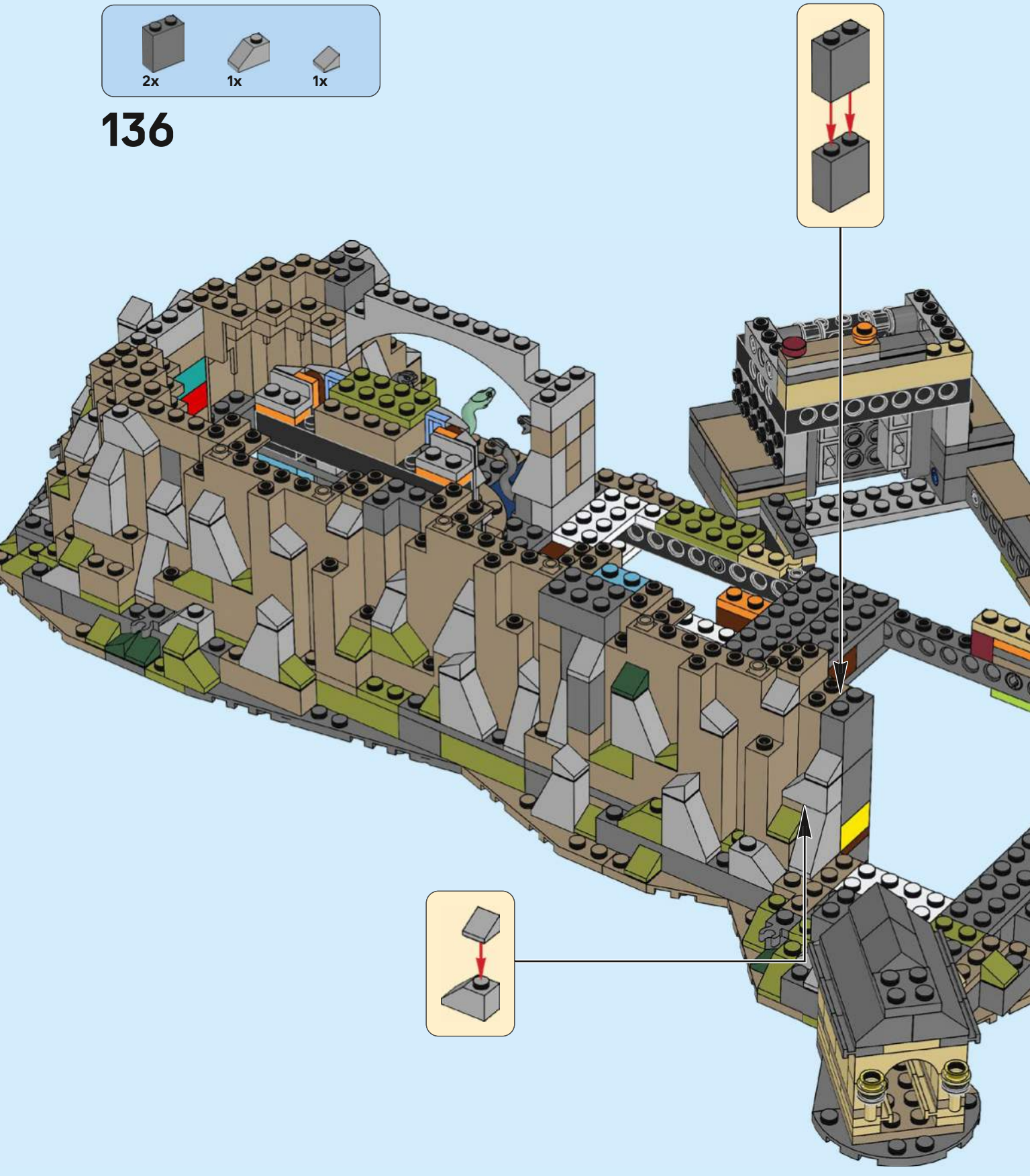

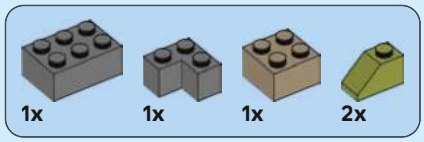

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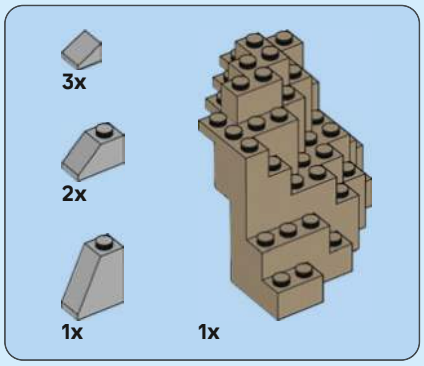

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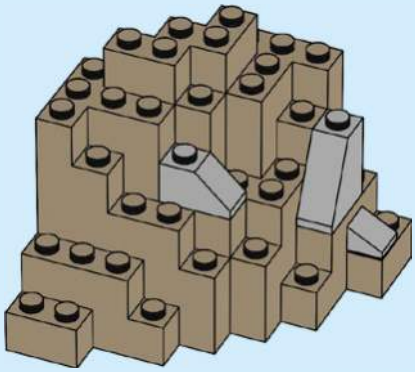

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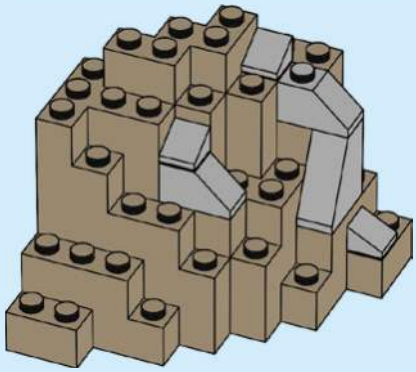

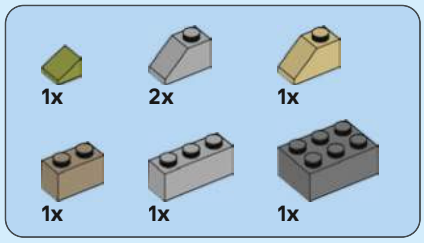

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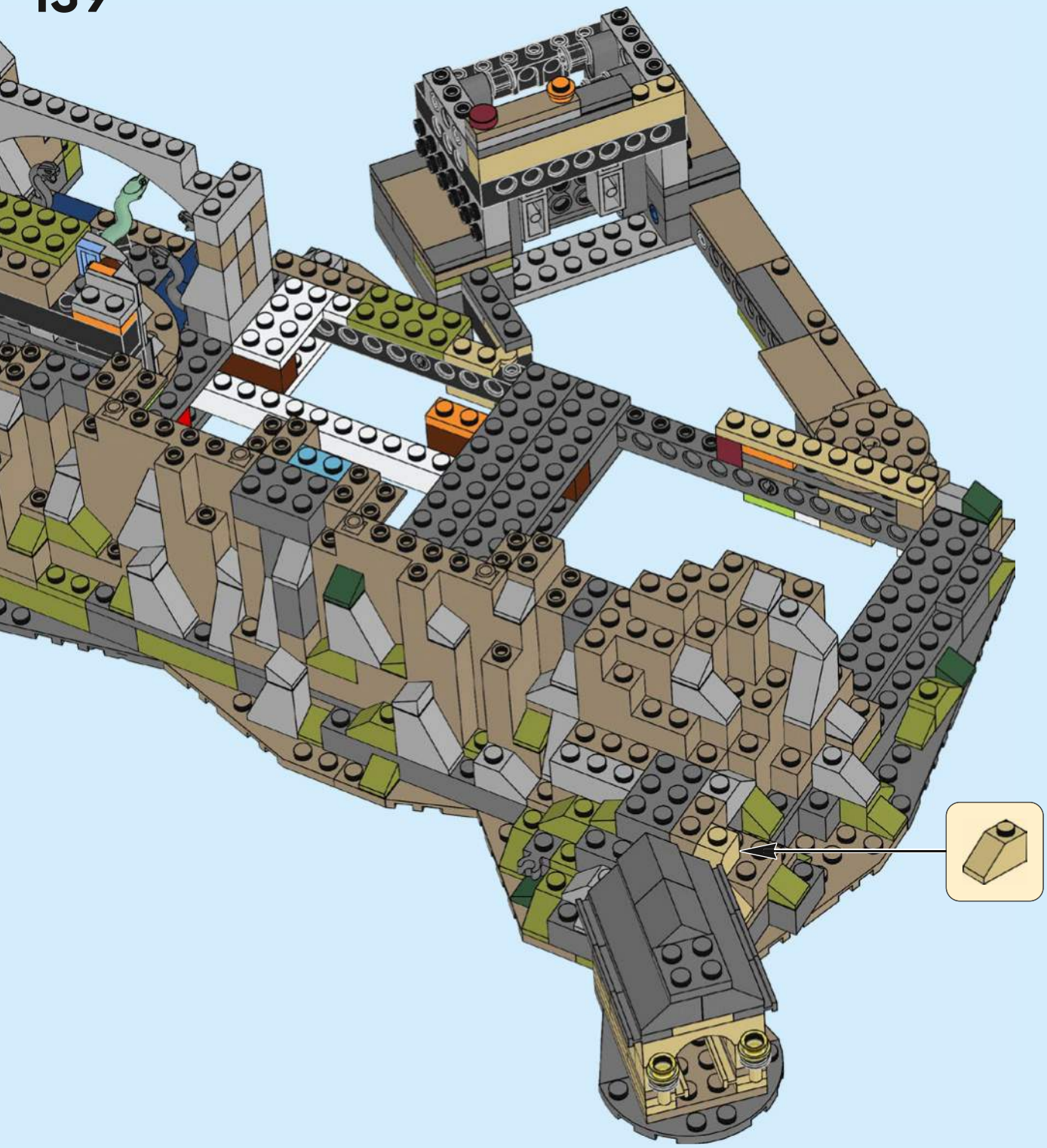

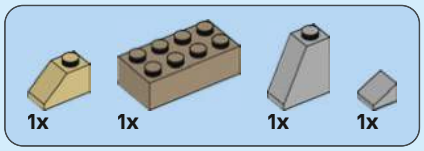

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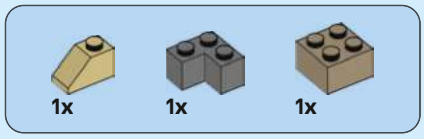

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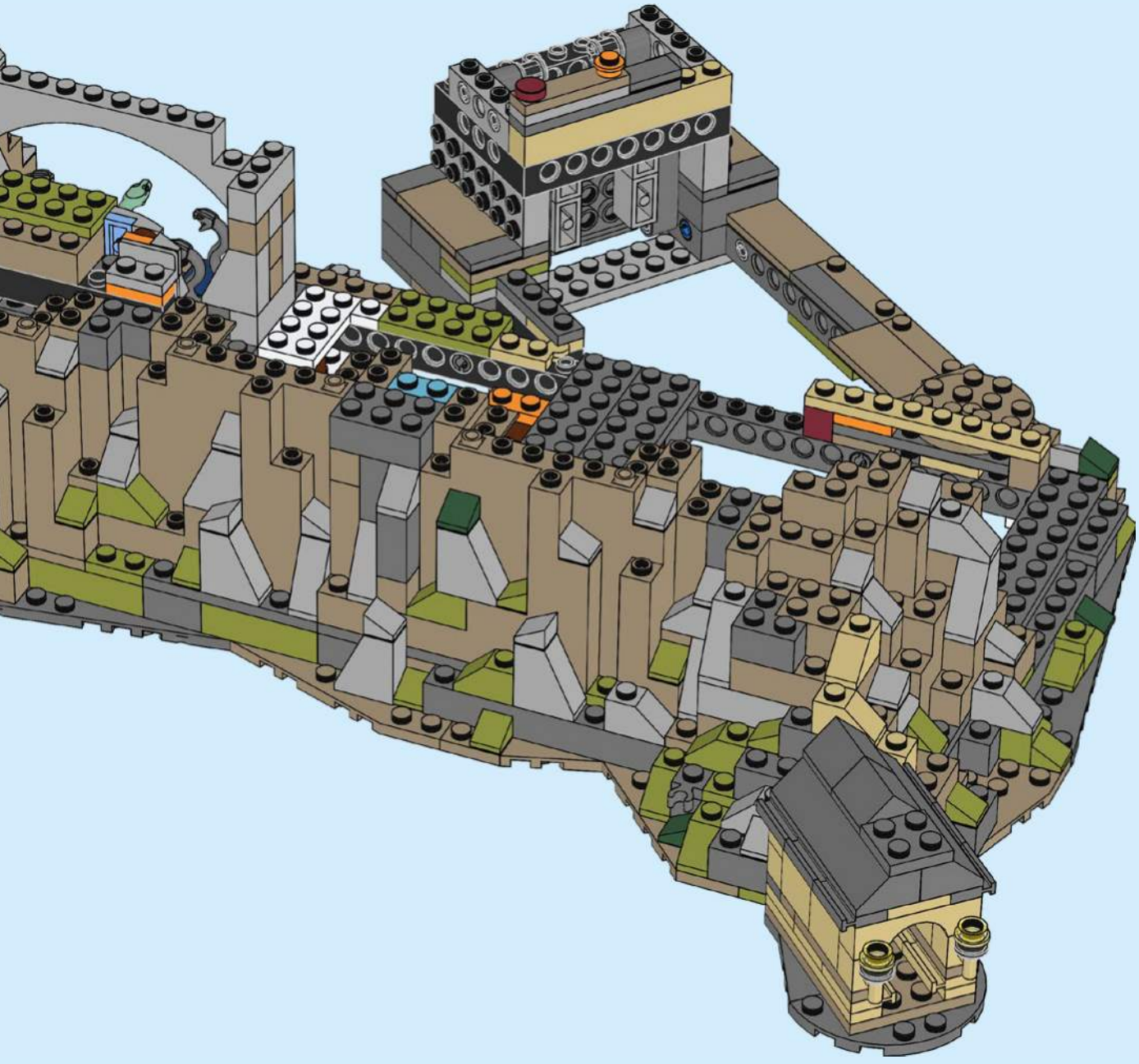

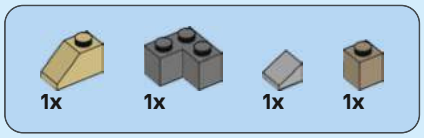

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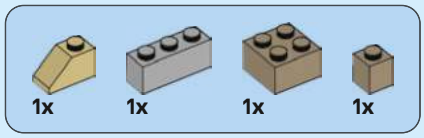

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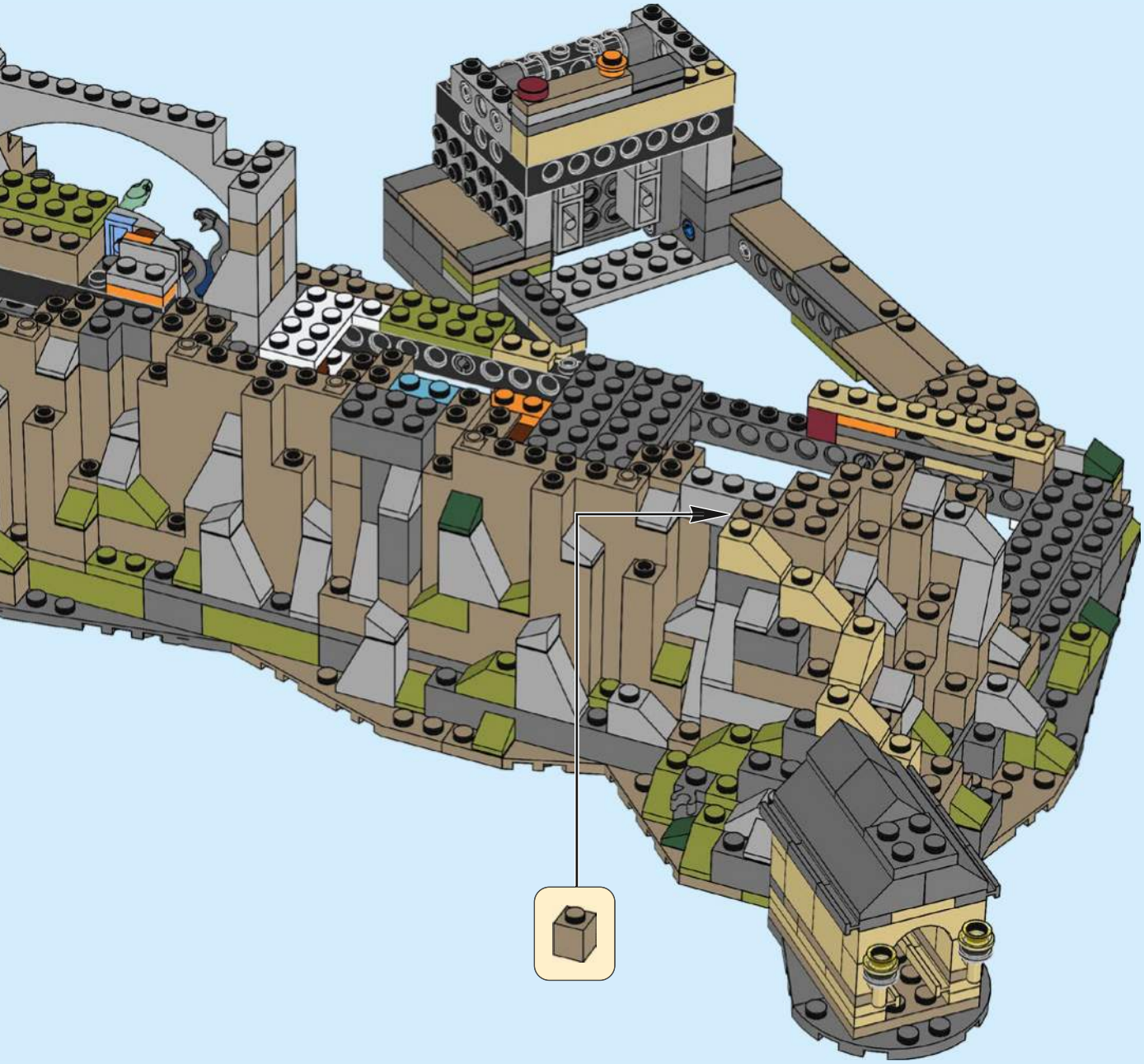

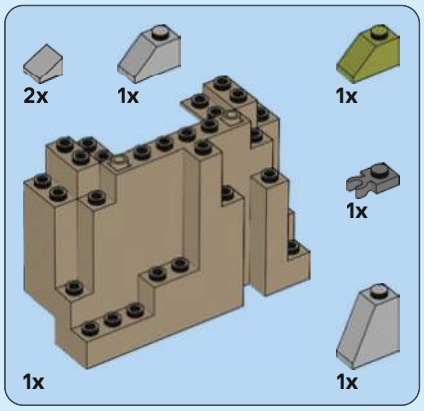

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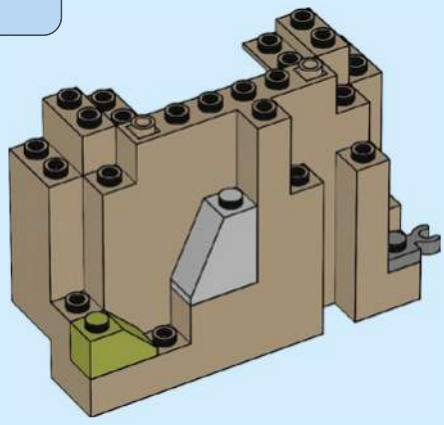

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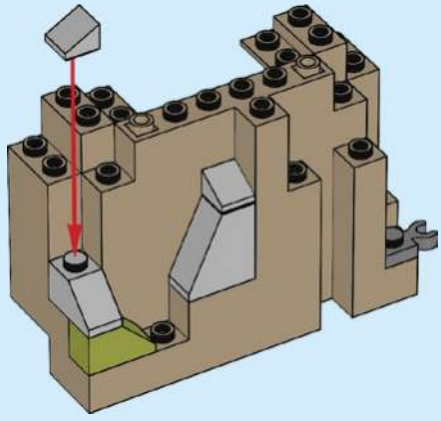

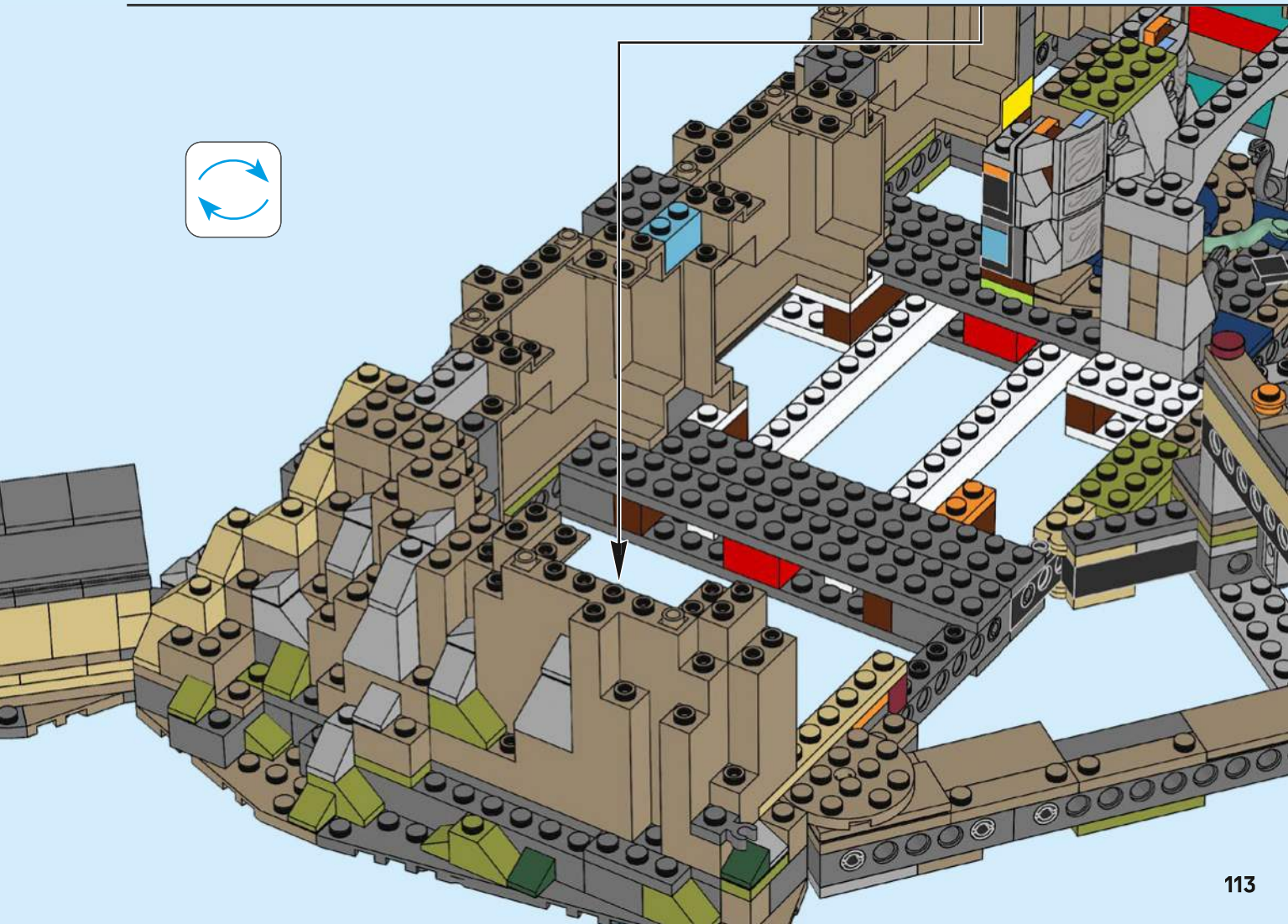

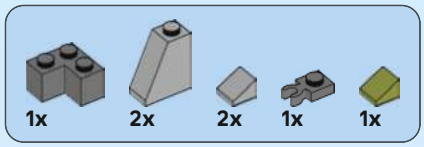

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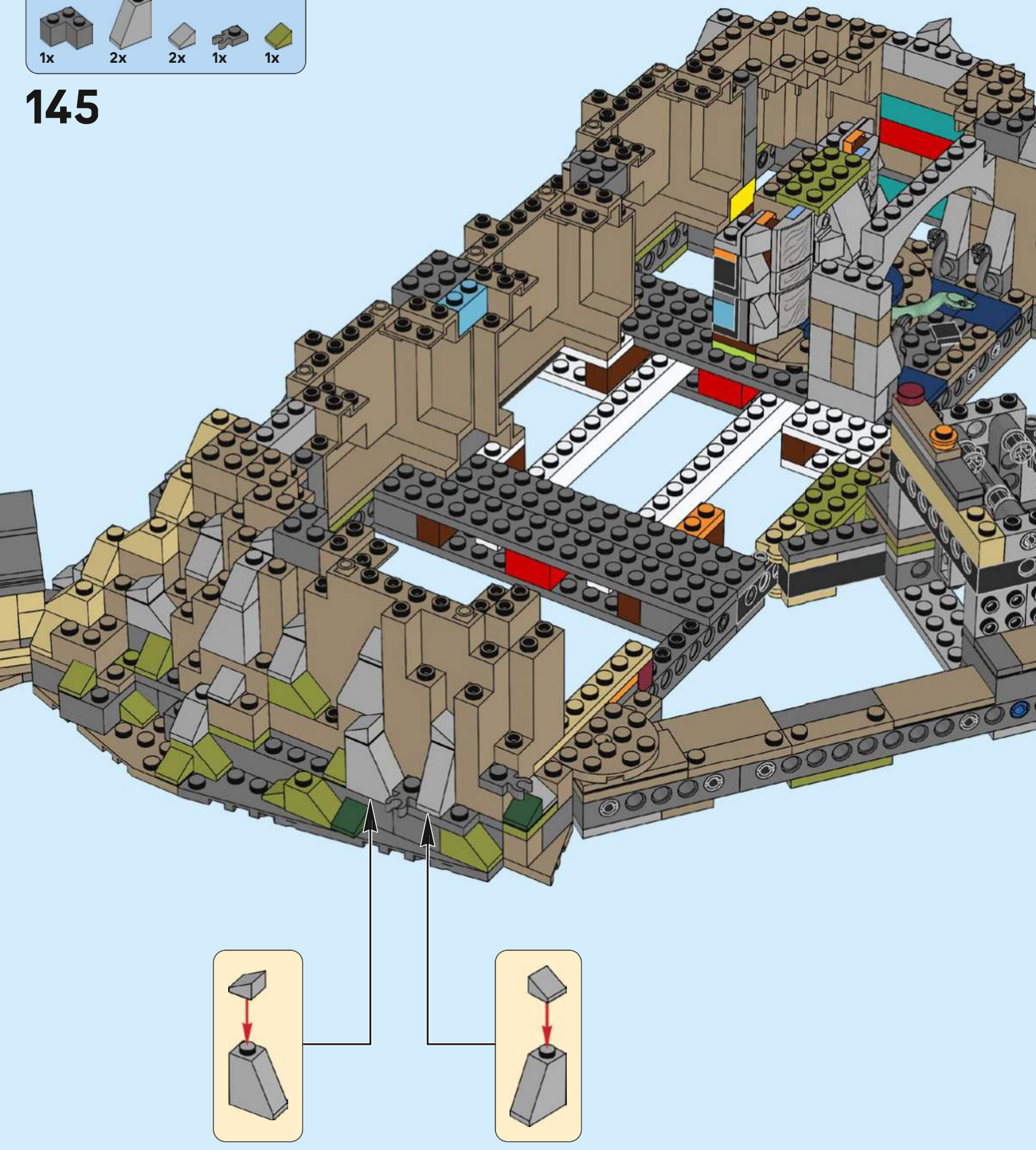

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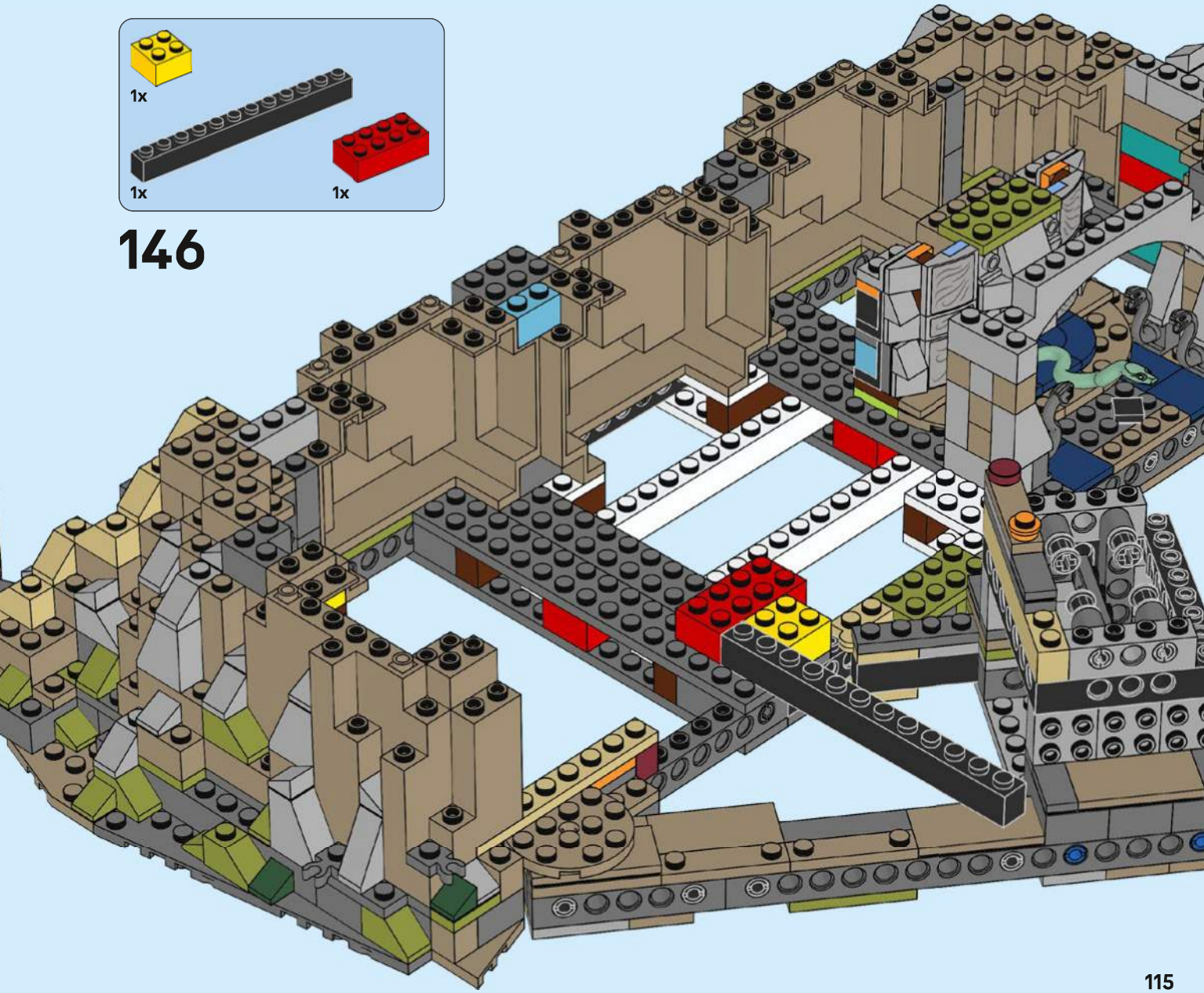

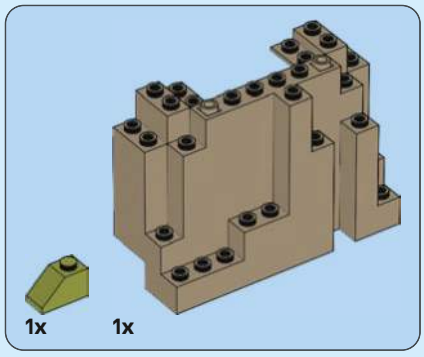

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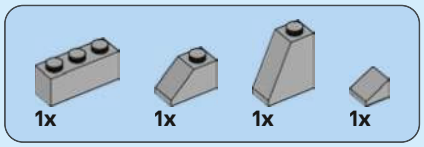

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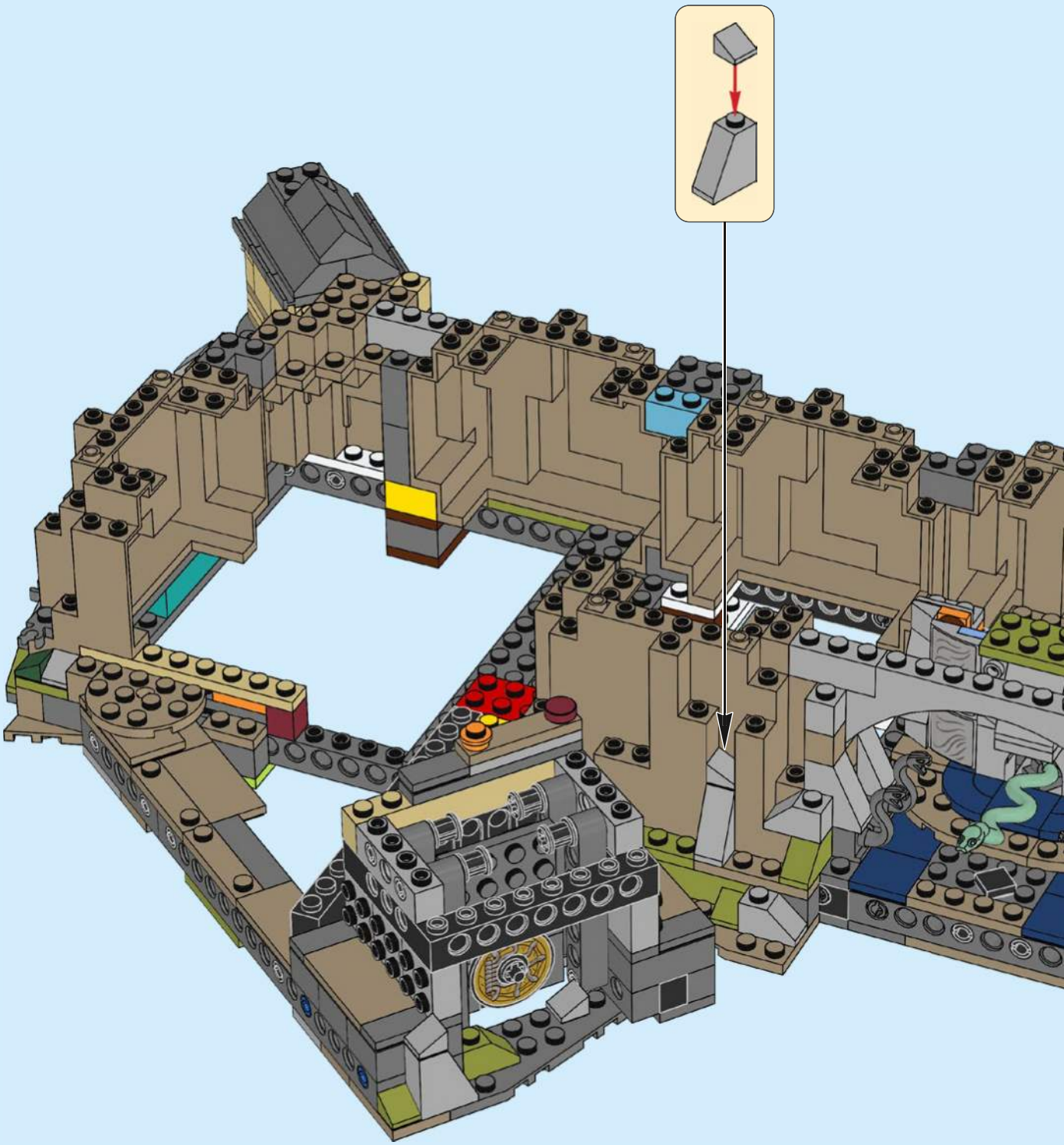

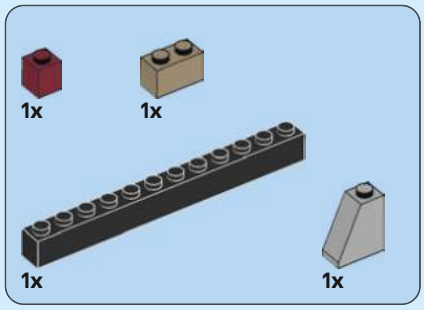

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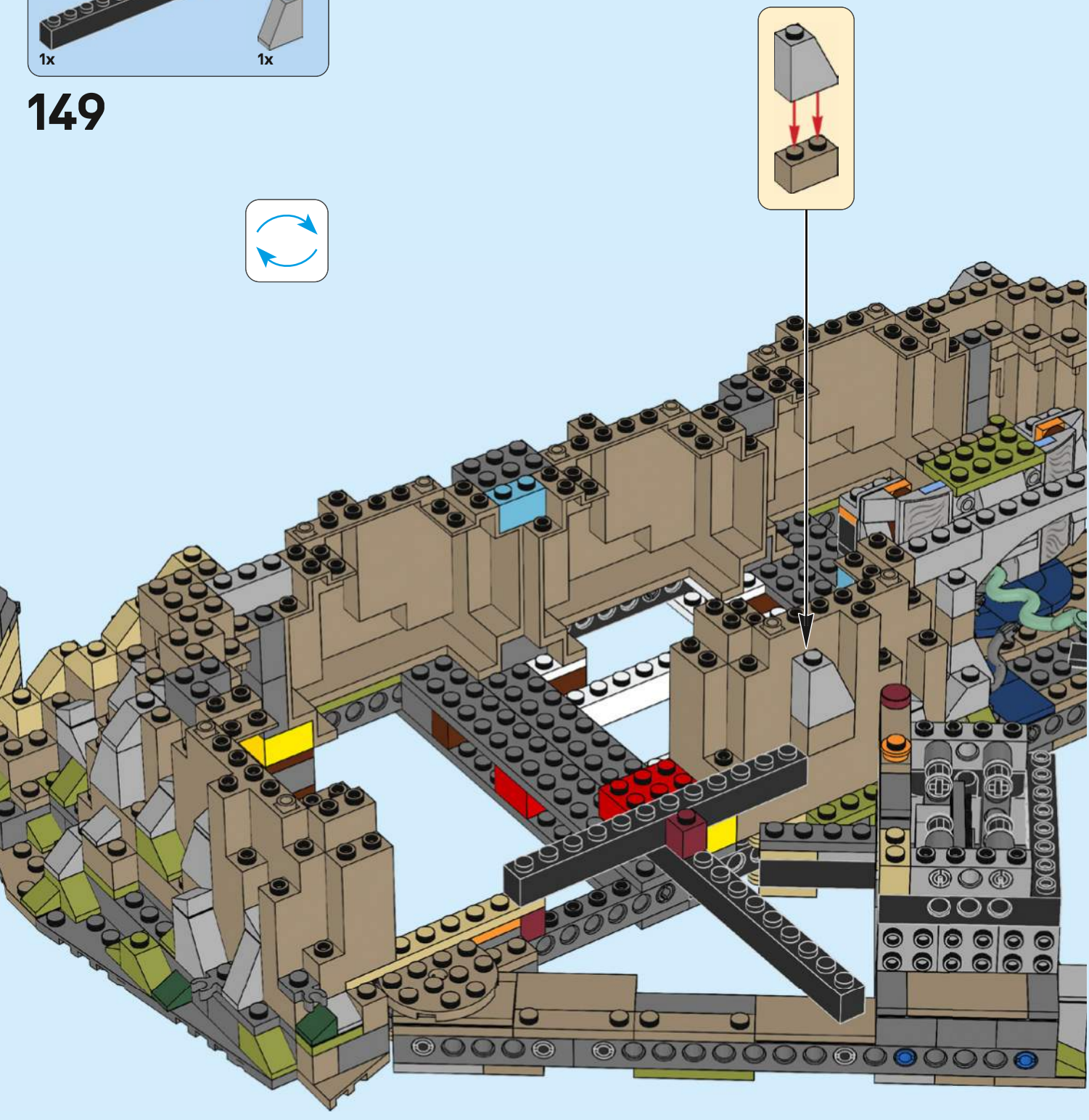

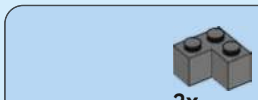

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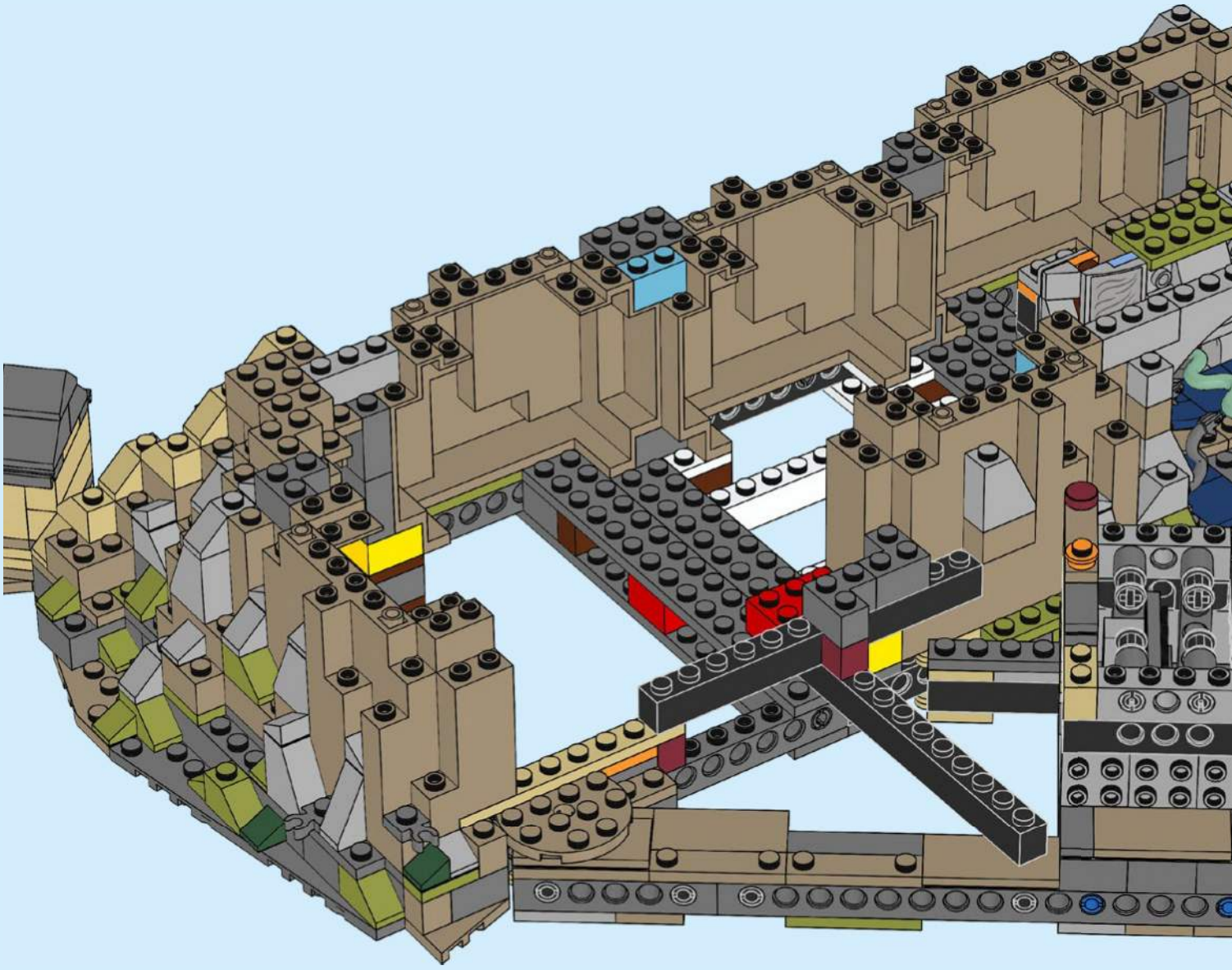

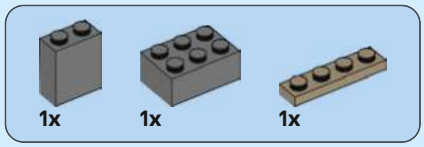

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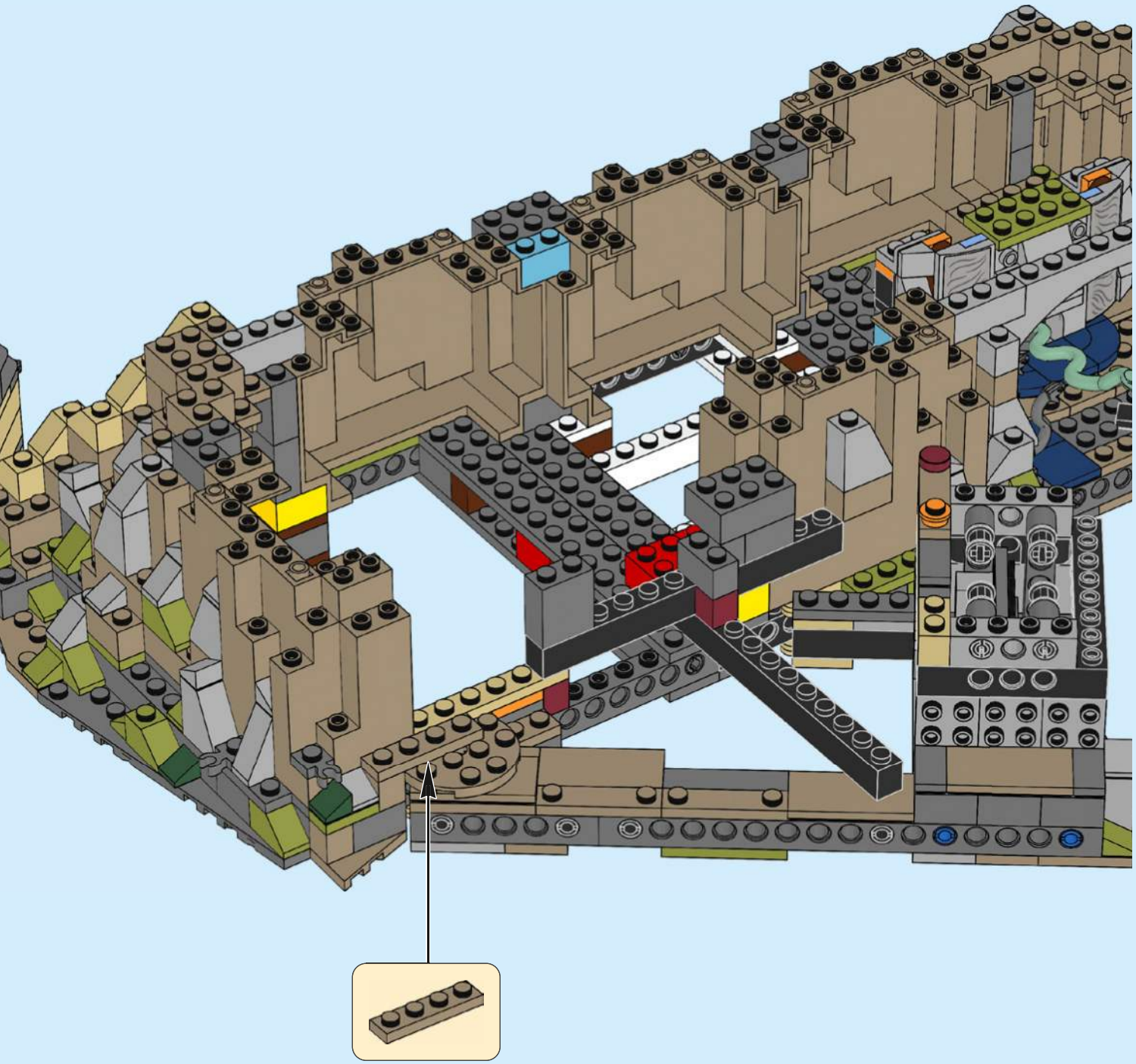

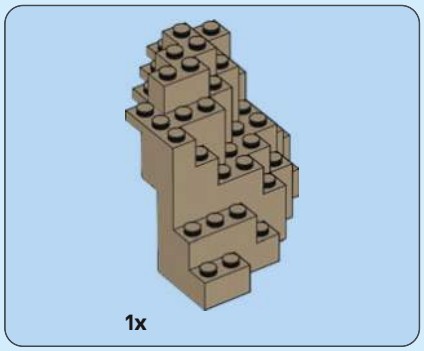

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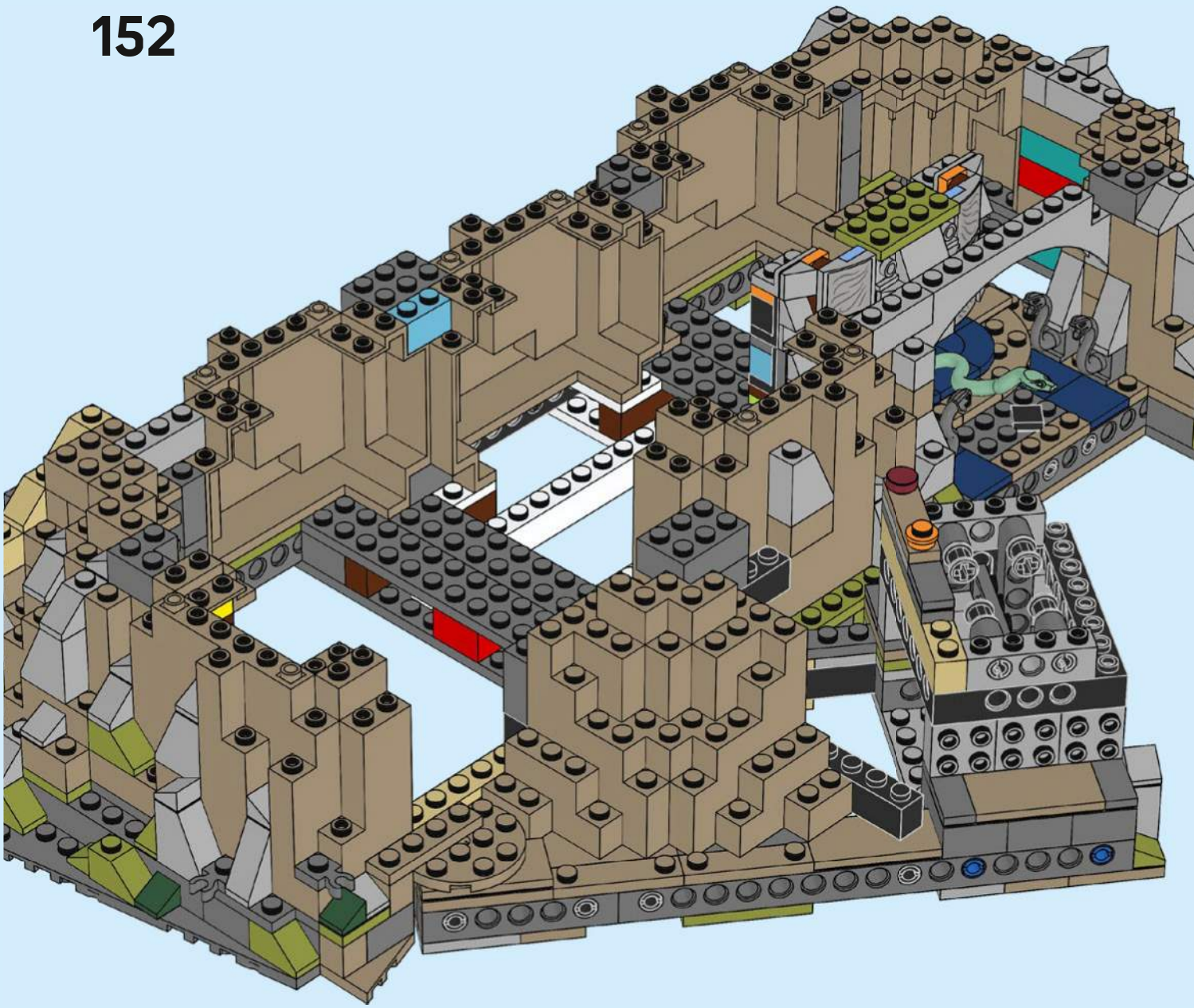

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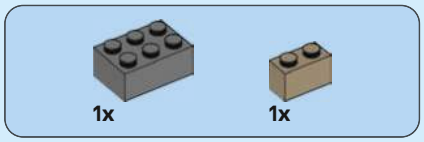

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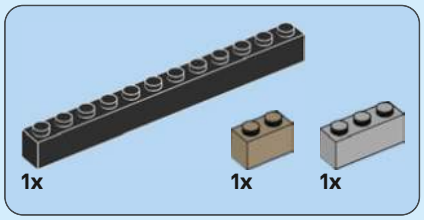

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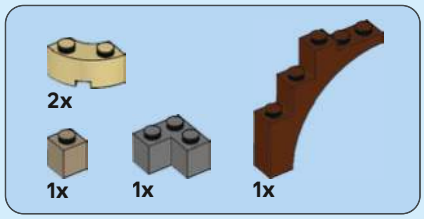

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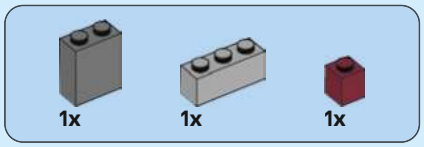

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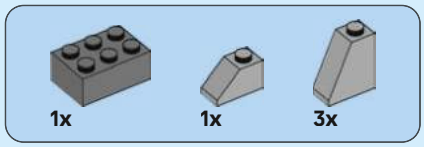

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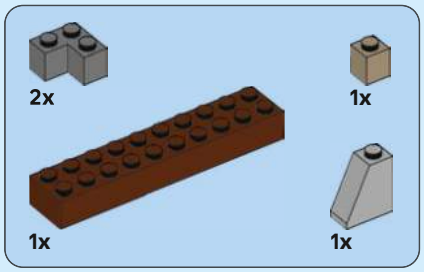

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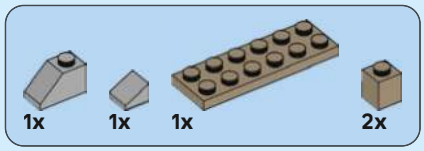

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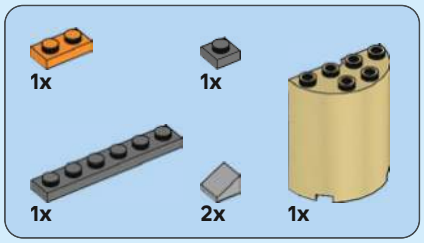

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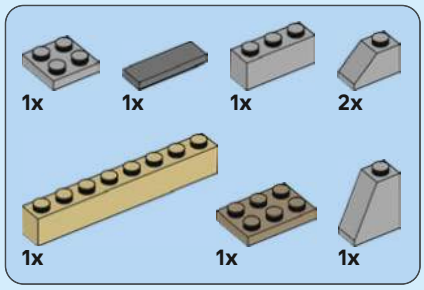

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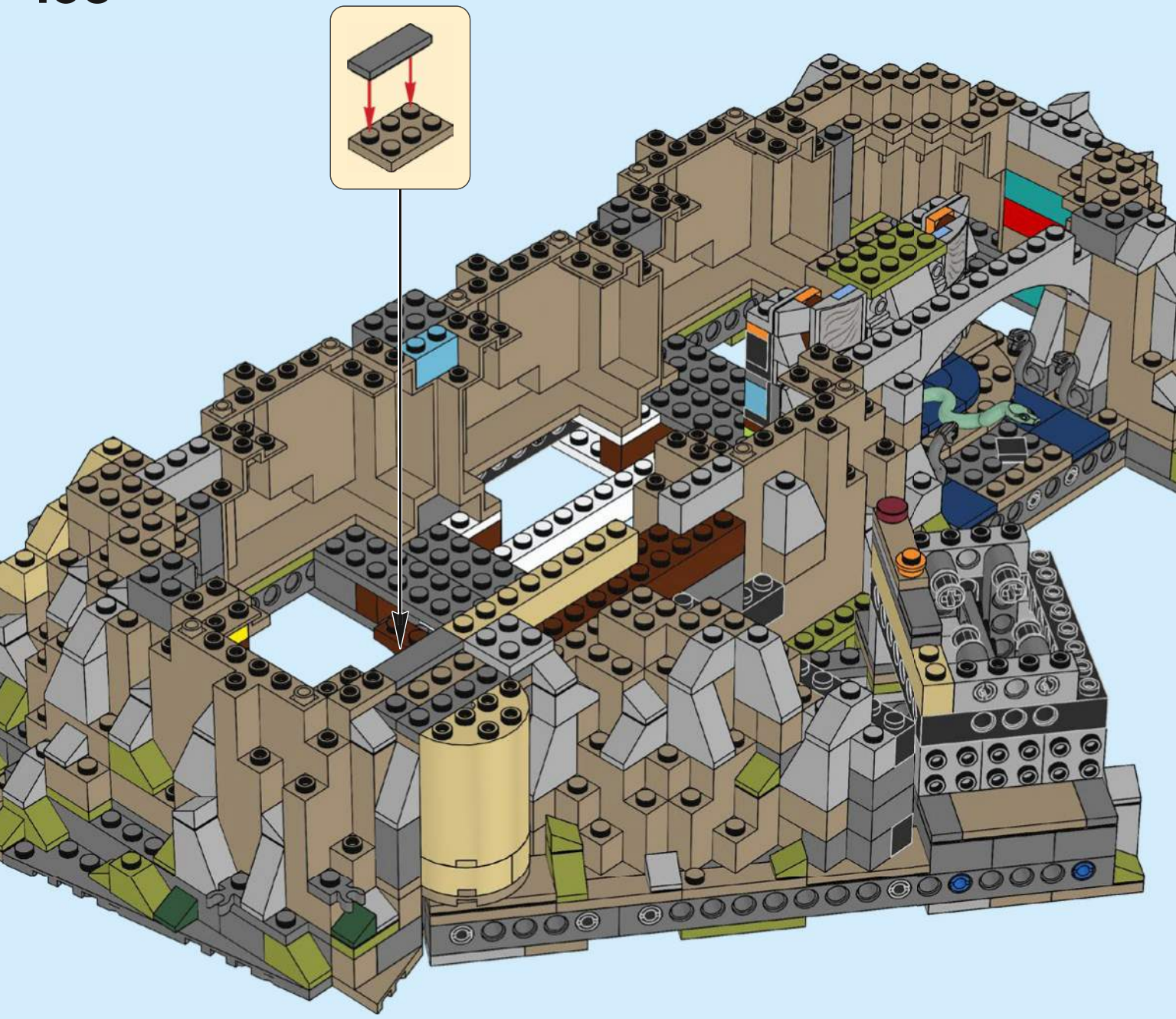

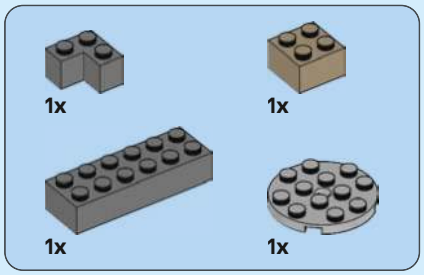

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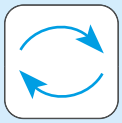

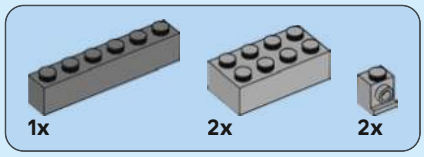

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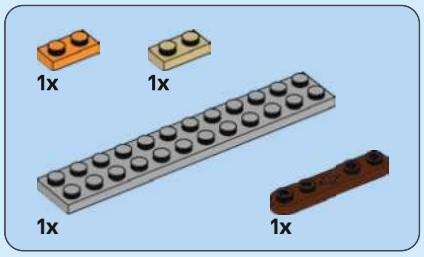

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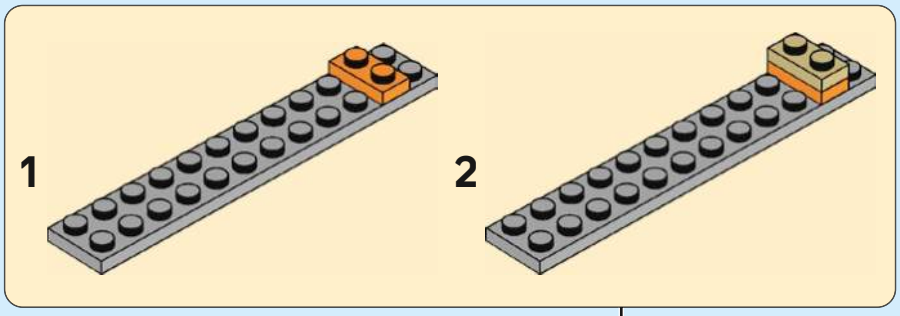

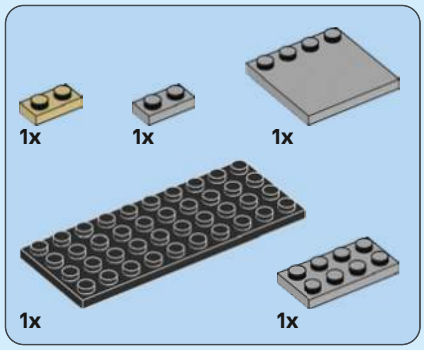

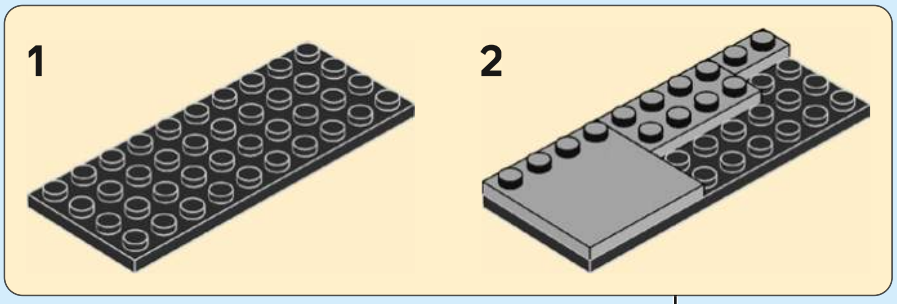

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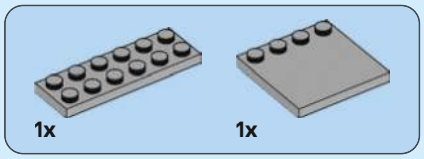

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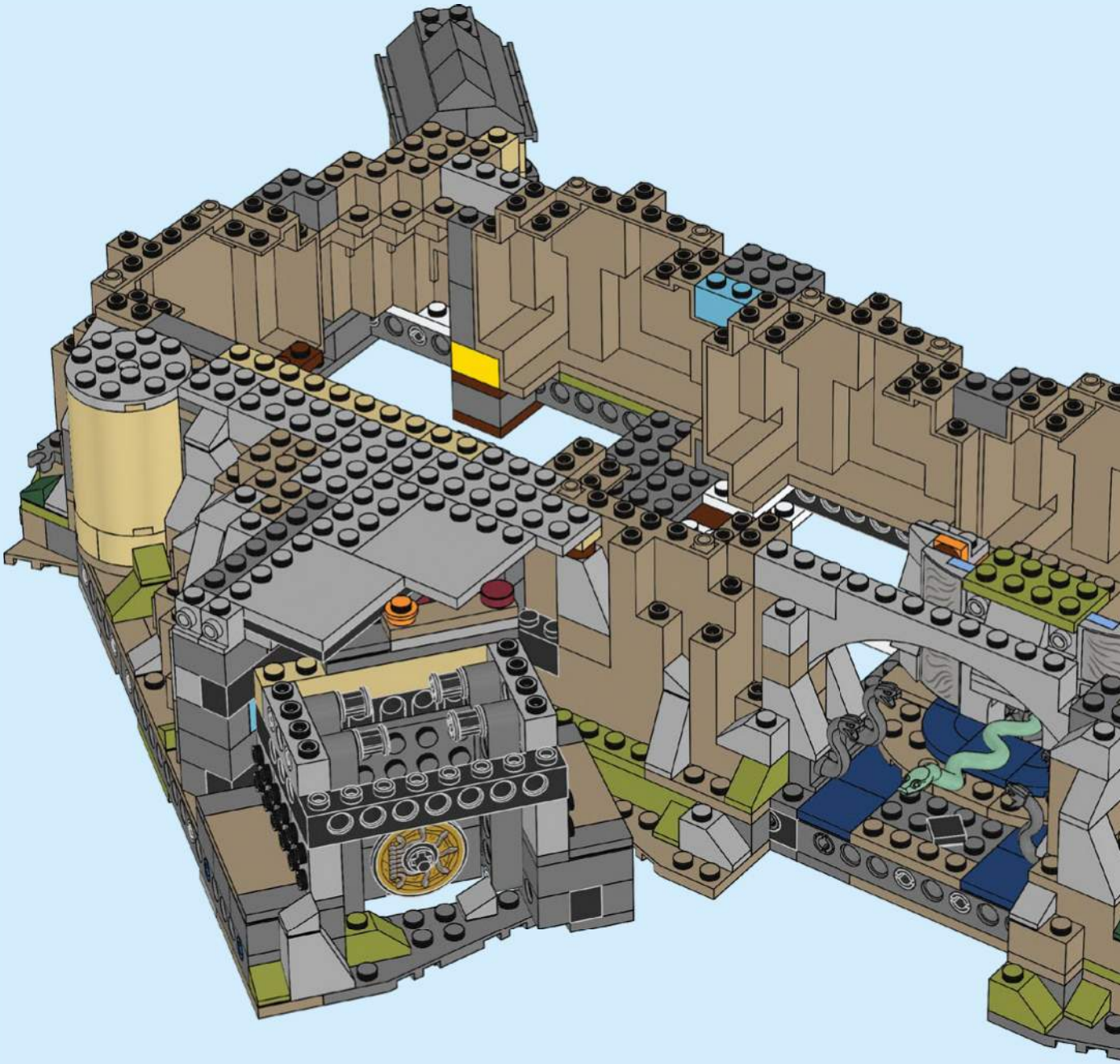

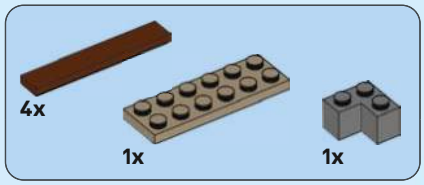

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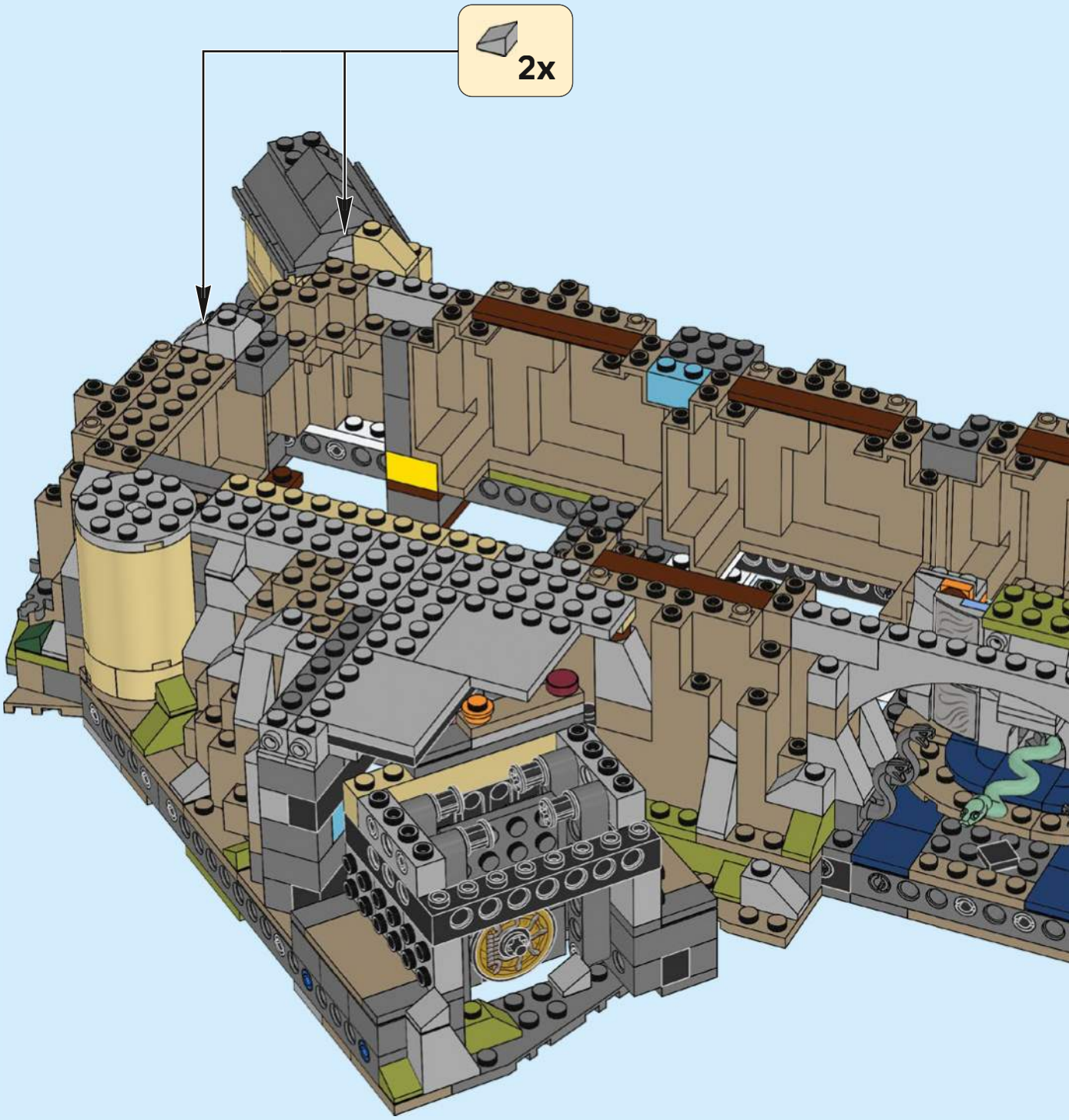

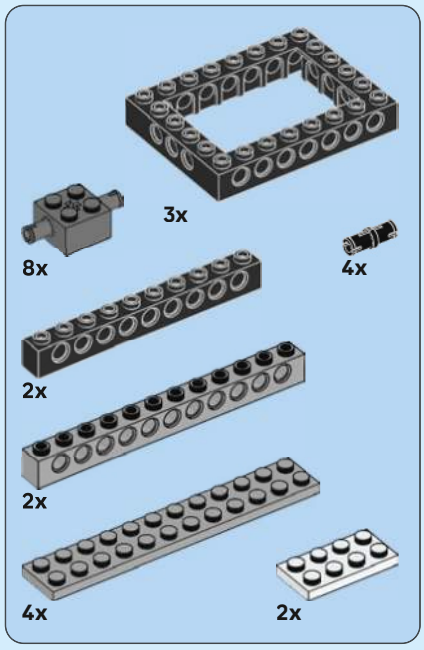

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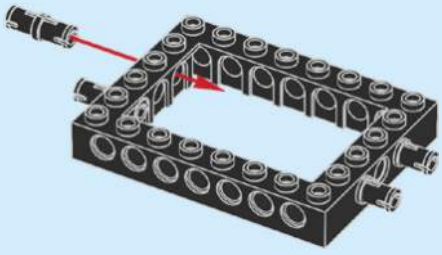

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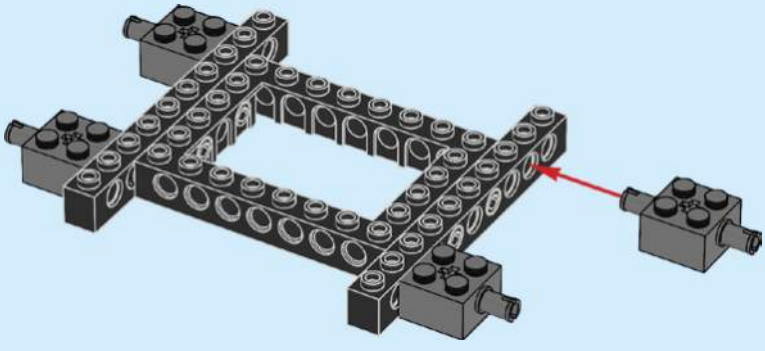

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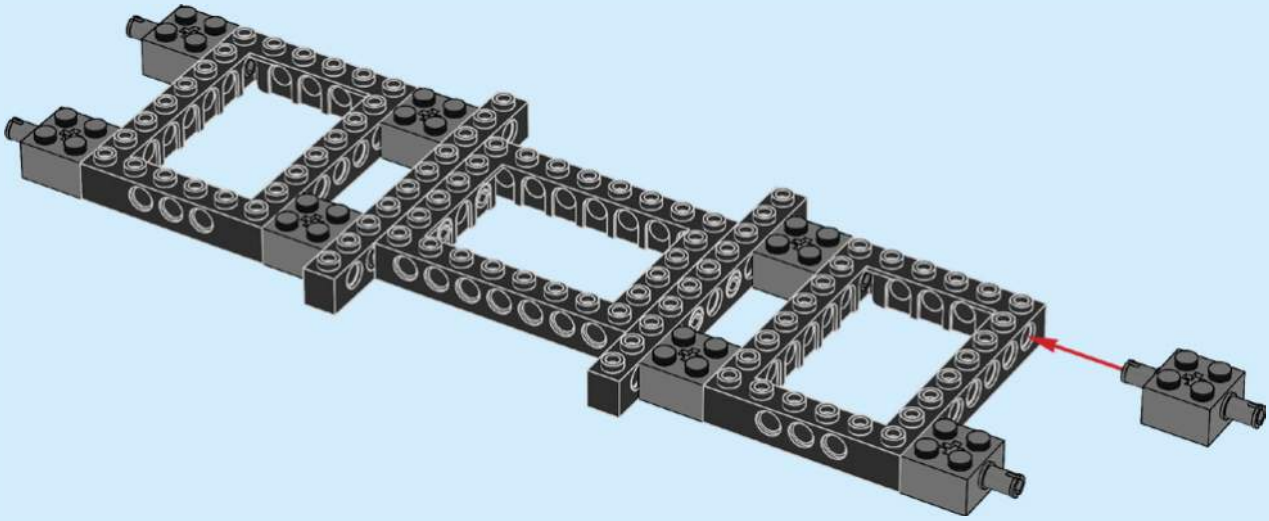

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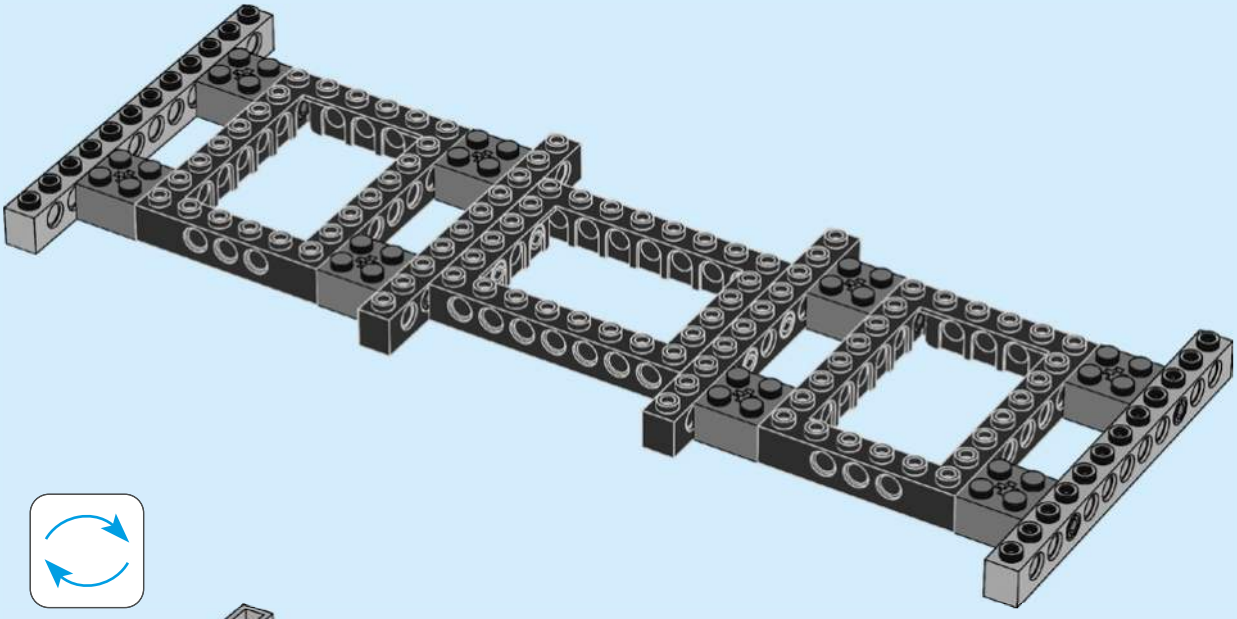

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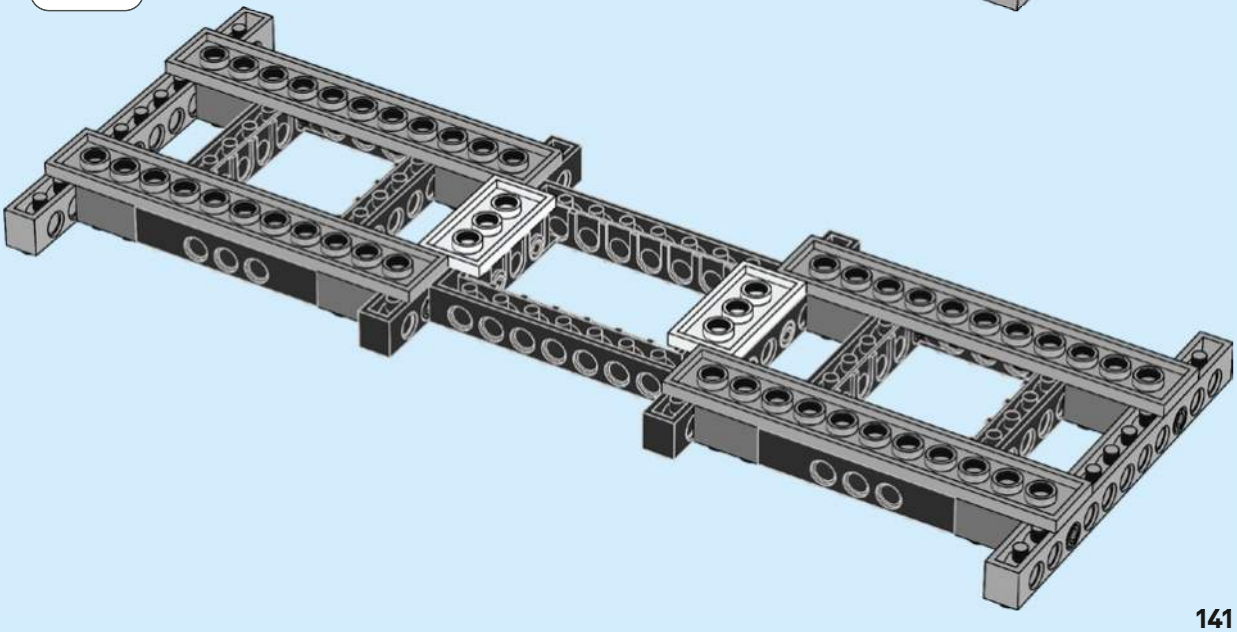

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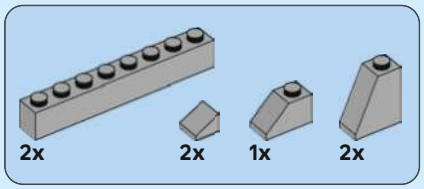

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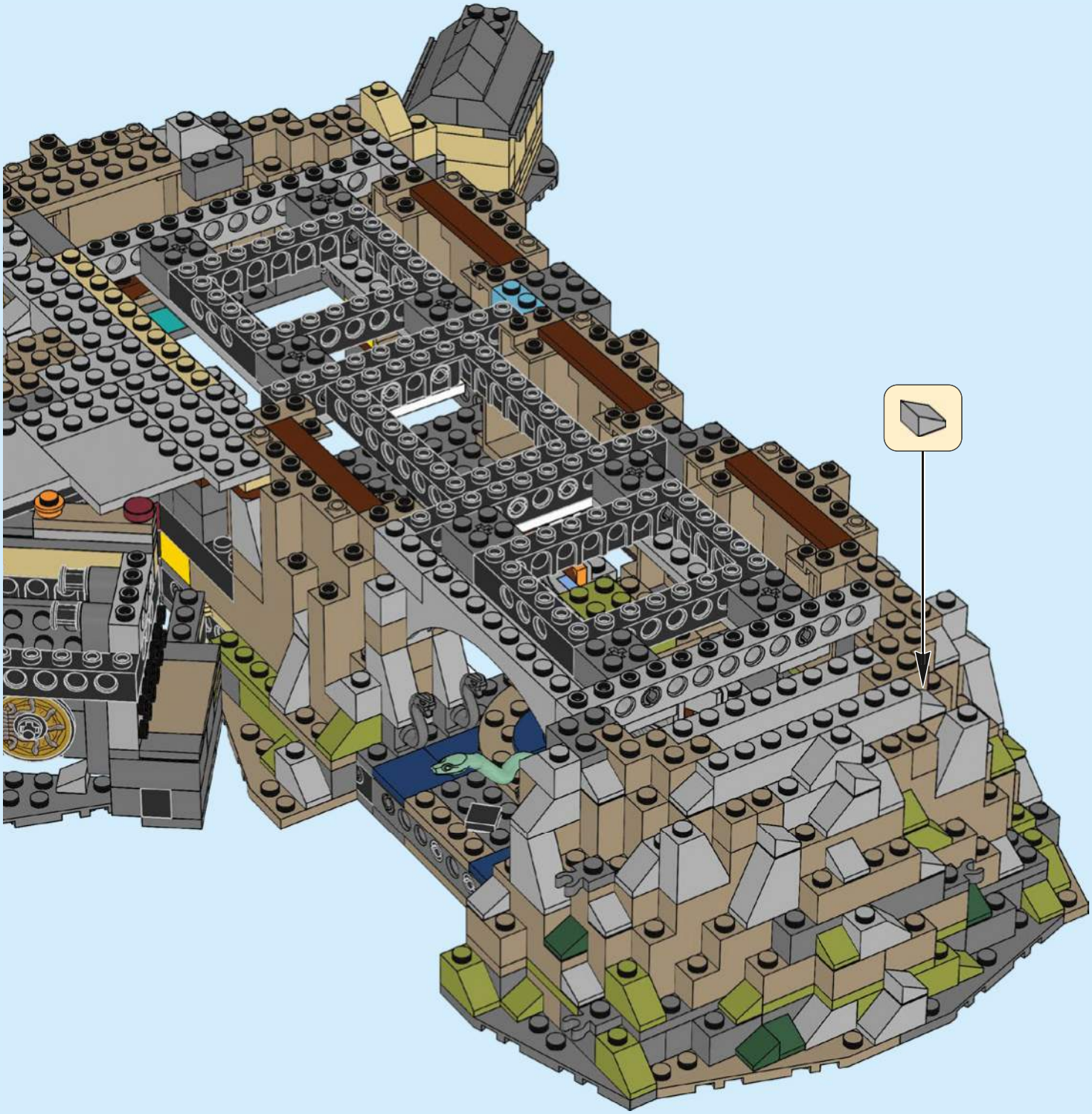

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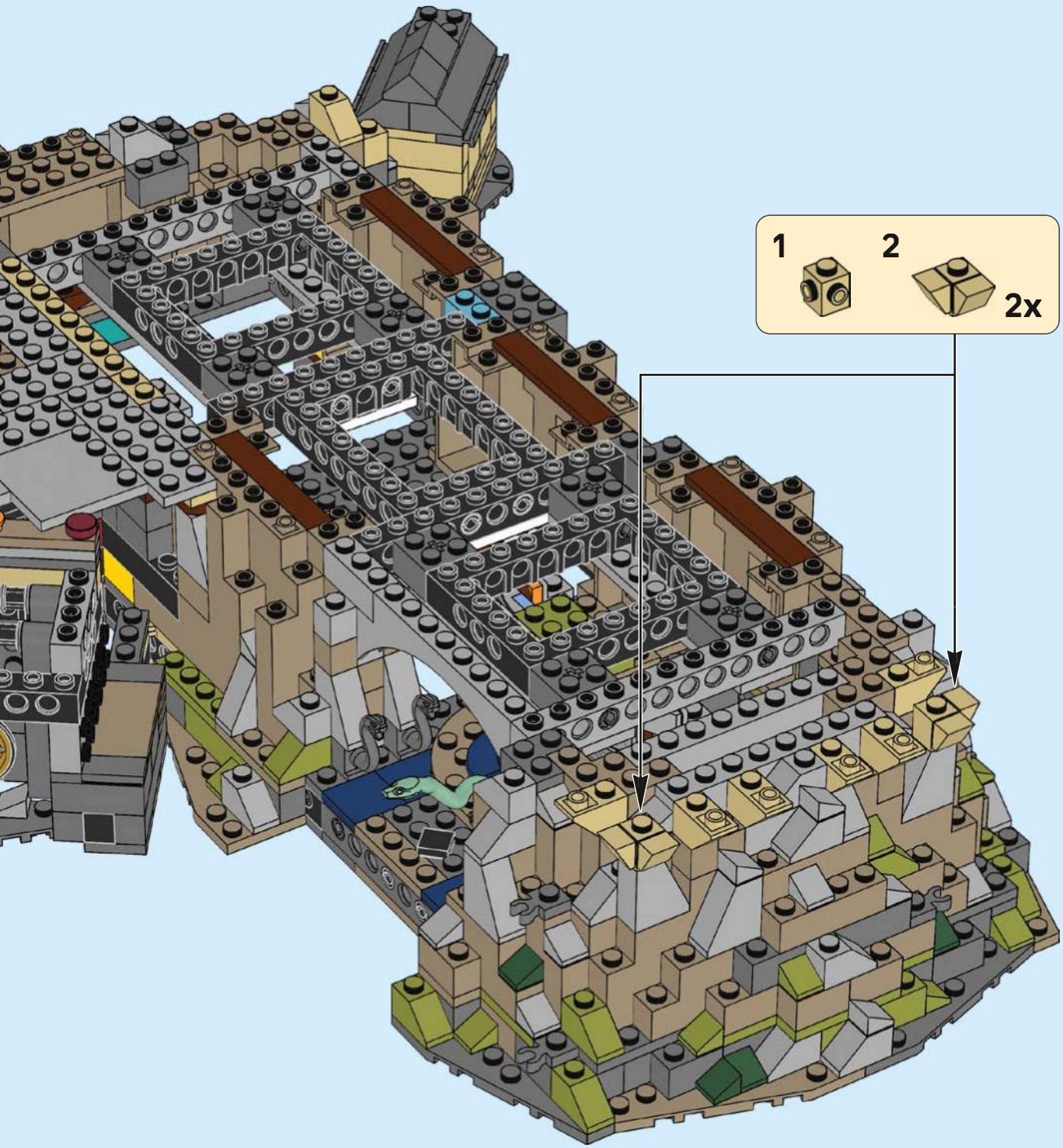

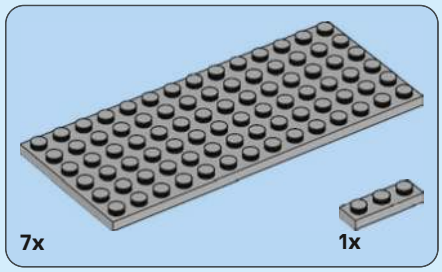

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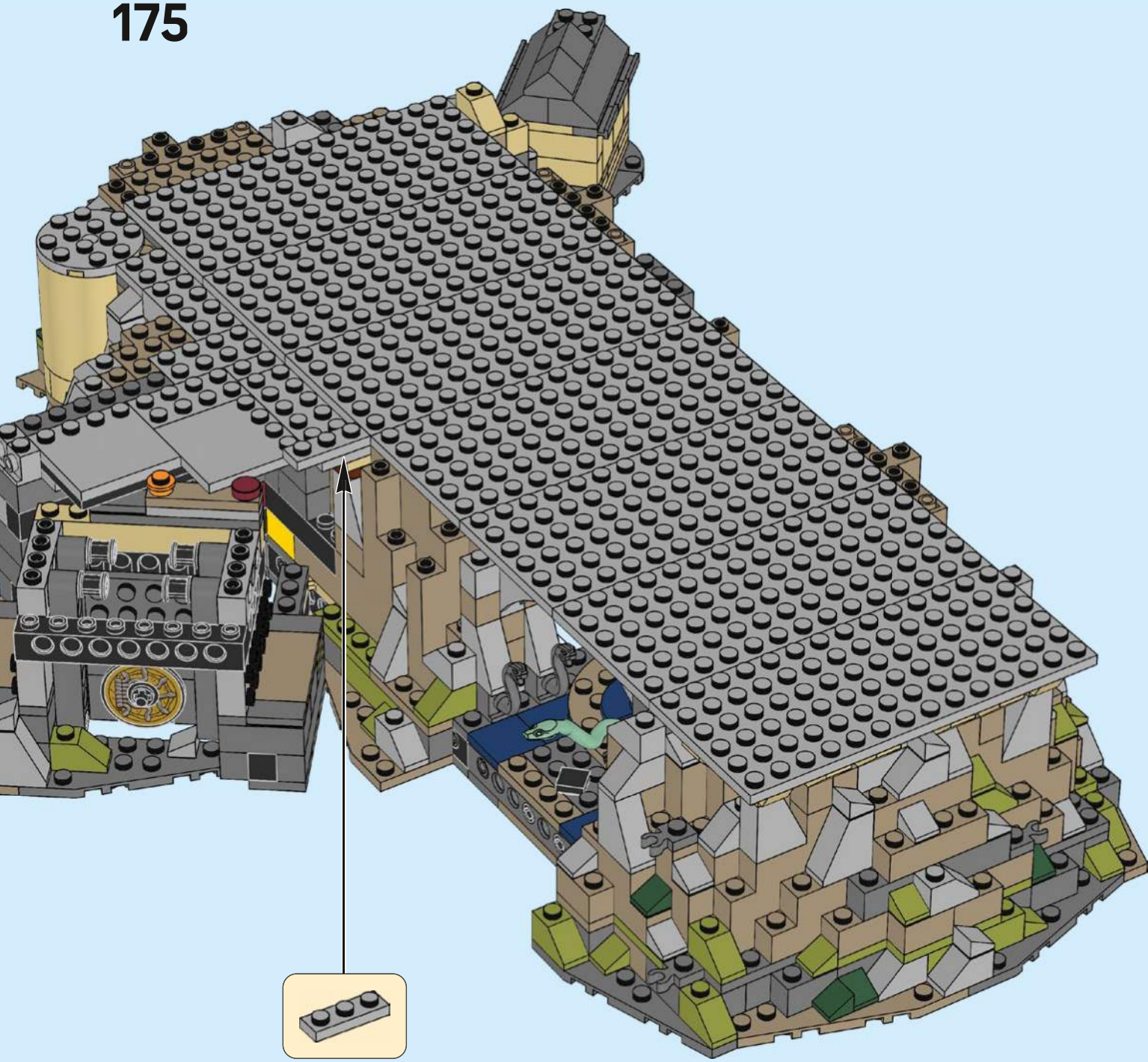

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