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Creative writing and classic design

Indulge in your passions for the art of creative writing and classic design as you build, then find that special place for your LEGO® typewriter. Thomas Kirk Kristiansen, Chairman of the LEGO Group and representative of the fourth generation of the owner family, saw this set as a fun opportunity to write a letter to the dedicated LEGO Ideas fans – you! The letter is printed in 43 different languages in the enclosed booklet. Find one you would like to display in your LEGO typewriter, and carefully tear it from the booklet.

“I hope this classic typewriter will bring back fond memories – or make you feel like a cool 1950s reporter/bestselling author.”

Thomas Kirk Kristiansen

An epitome of the modern revolution

The classic typewriter was an invaluable instrument for businesses all over the world, as it was for Ole Kirk Kristiansen (shown here) and his life's work in the LEGO Group. Iconic authors created some of the world's most beloved modern literature on theirs. Investigative reporters put their reputation at stake to unravel the truth, and friends and loved ones poured their hearts out over the keys. It is an icon of the modern revolution.

Invented in 1874, the first commercial typewriters took a decade to break into mainstream culture. For almost a hundred years, they were found in most offices and homes, replacing handwritten records and setting new standards for correspondence. Some adult fans may remember taking touch typing lessons in school when a high words-per-minute count was considered a coveted skill on their CV. The smell of the oiled inner metal workings, the gratifying feeling of a perfect, typo-free document, or getting your hands smudged with ink when changing the ribbon.

Younger fans have been raised with computers and electronic keyboard typing as second nature. While functionality has developed significantly, the keyboard layout itself still remains largely unchanged. From your laptop to phone and tablet touch screens used on Earth and even by astronauts in space – the next time you use your QWERTY keyboard, think of the development it's gone through to this day. Who knows where it may go next?

Ole Kirk Kristiansen

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Meet the man behind the keys

Steve Guinness from Chester, UK is a life-long LEGO® fan and schoolteacher of Design and Technology, who has turned his passion for creativity and LEGO bricks into a dream job.

"I now teach part time and also have my own business making bespoke LEGO models and running LEGO workshops for local schools, libraries and museums. I have been interested in LEGO building since I was a young child. It's a fantastic system and I'm passionate about showing other adults it's not just a kids' toy, it's something people of all ages can enjoy."

A great type of challenge

Steve loves classic, manual typewriters and wanted to see how far he could take a LEGO version of one.

"I bought a vintage typewriter for research and started playing with bricks and mechanisms. The first version took about two weeks to complete and then I spent weeks revising and improving it in seven different versions."

"The keyboard layout was a challenge. I tested a number of different techniques and when I reduced the size of the typewriter, it all came together. I love the mechanical design and the hand crank with its realistic movement and signature clicking sound of a real typewriter. Thanks to everyone who helped make this model come to life. I hope it will bring nostalgia to adult fans like me and wonder and curiosity to younger fans who might never have seen a real typewriter!"

The LEGO® Ideas newshounds

LEGO® Ideas designers James May, Wes Talbott and Martin Fink immediately donned their retro thinking caps when Steve's model landed on their desks. The opportunity to investigate and experiment with classic vintage technology and new LEGO building techniques was simply an irresistible combination.

"I loved how the original model looked so realistic. We wanted to build on it by developing a rotating platen, which now means real paper can actually feed through it! I hope fans will love the abundance of features and functions like this we packed into the model."
– James May, LEGO Model Designer

"Steve's attention to detail is just remarkable. We included aesthetics into the model that any fan of typewriters would expect to see, like the lever to change the ink colour and manufacturer's label. The escapement where all the key arms connect with the metallic tiles, and how the textile ribbon fits behind it, is the main focal point for the model."
– Wes Talbott, LEGO Design Master

"We had fun experimenting with different graphic designs for the keys and the manufacturer's name on the back. We went through a series of different styles, shapes and forms before we landed on this 1950s-inspired look and feel. And, of course, with an iconic LEGO identity."
– Martin Fink, LEGO Graphic Designer

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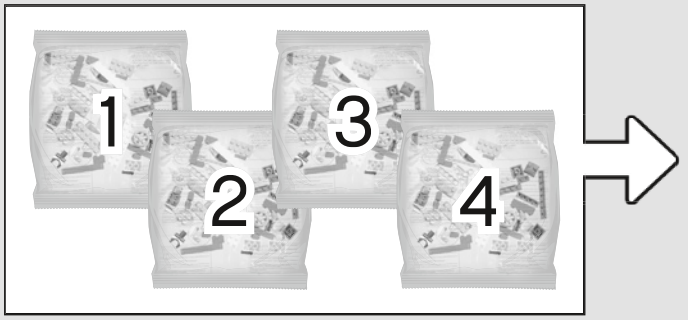
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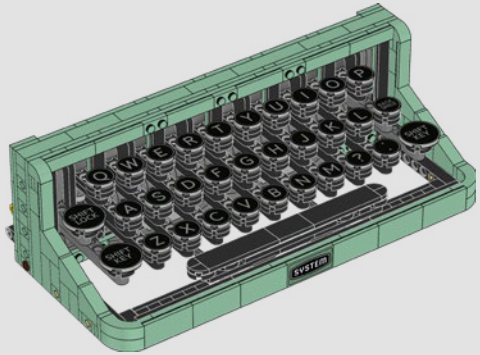

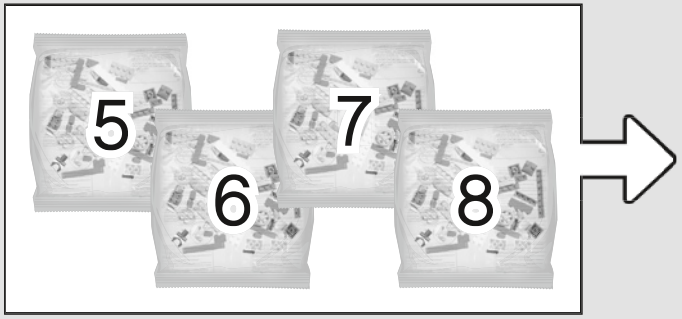
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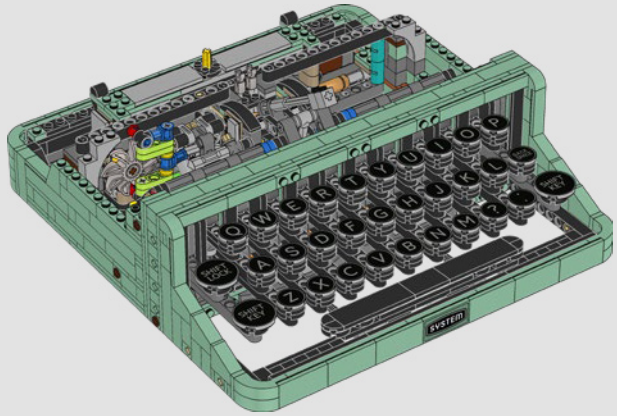

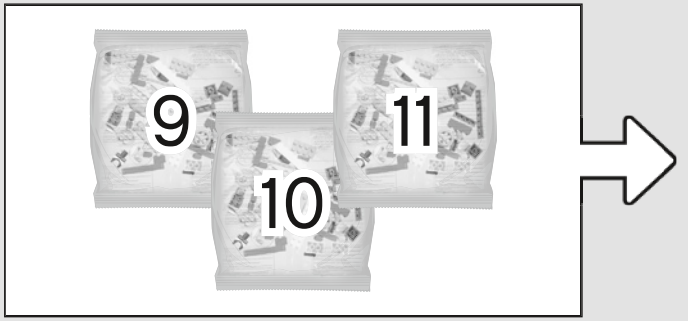
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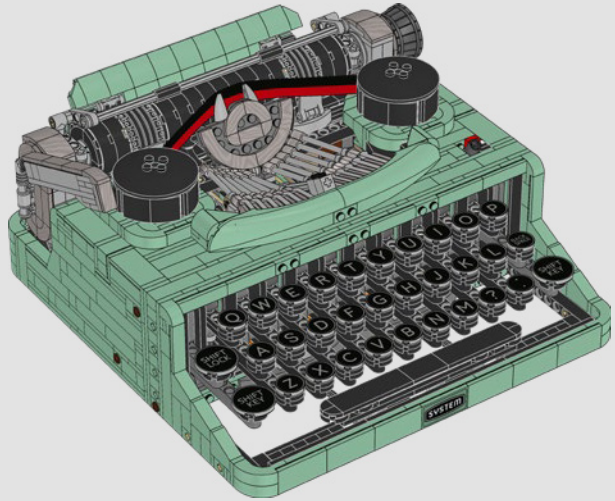

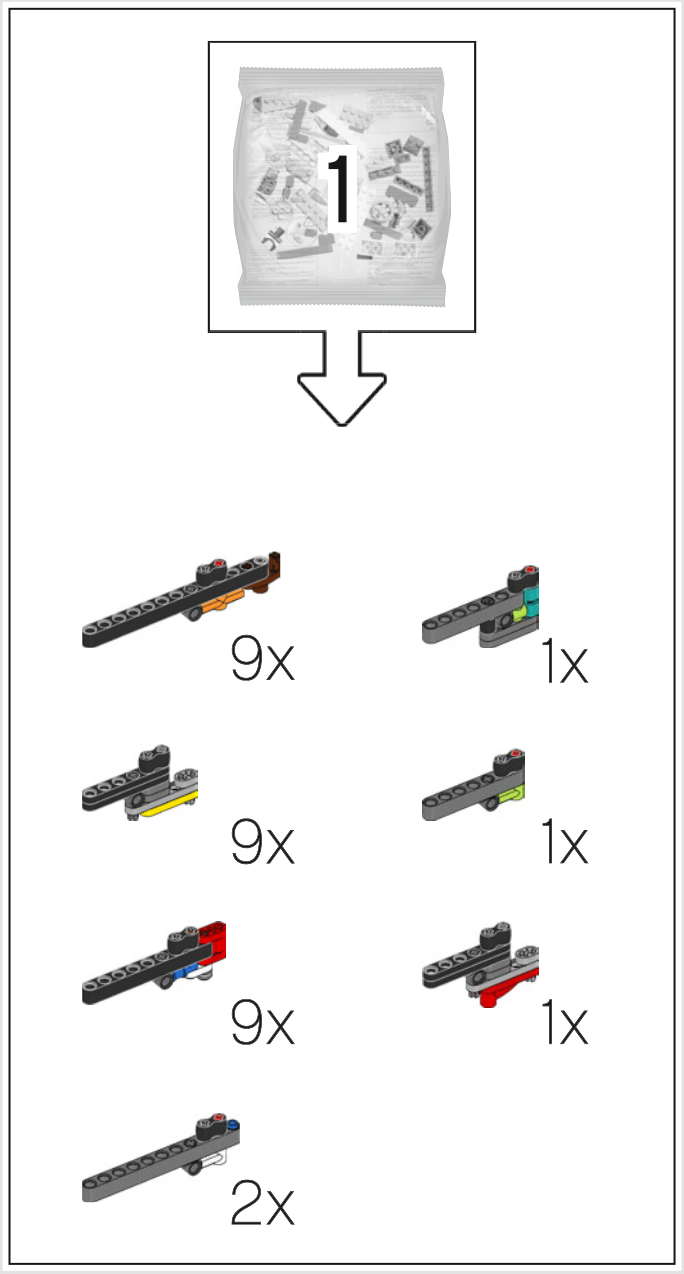

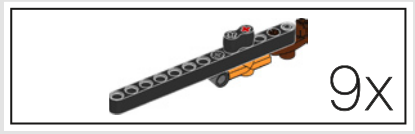

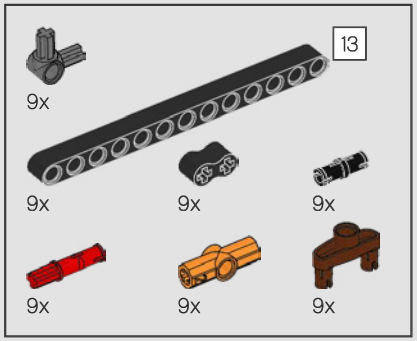

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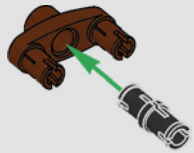

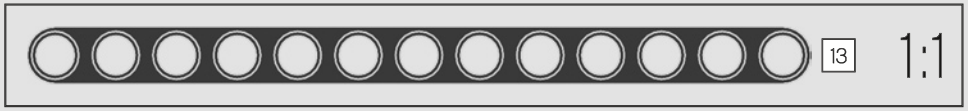

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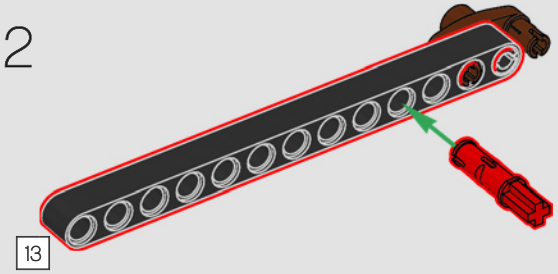

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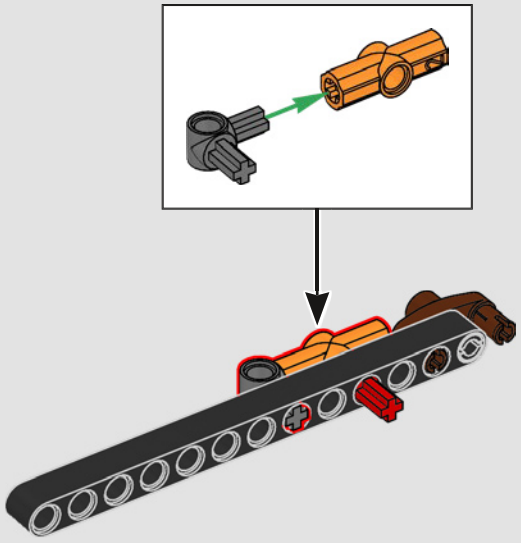

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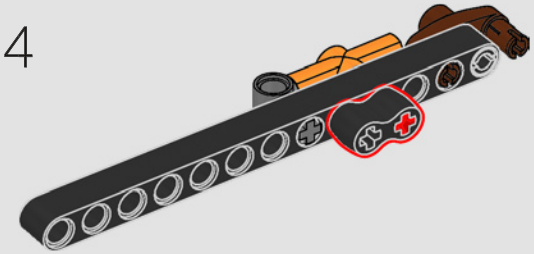

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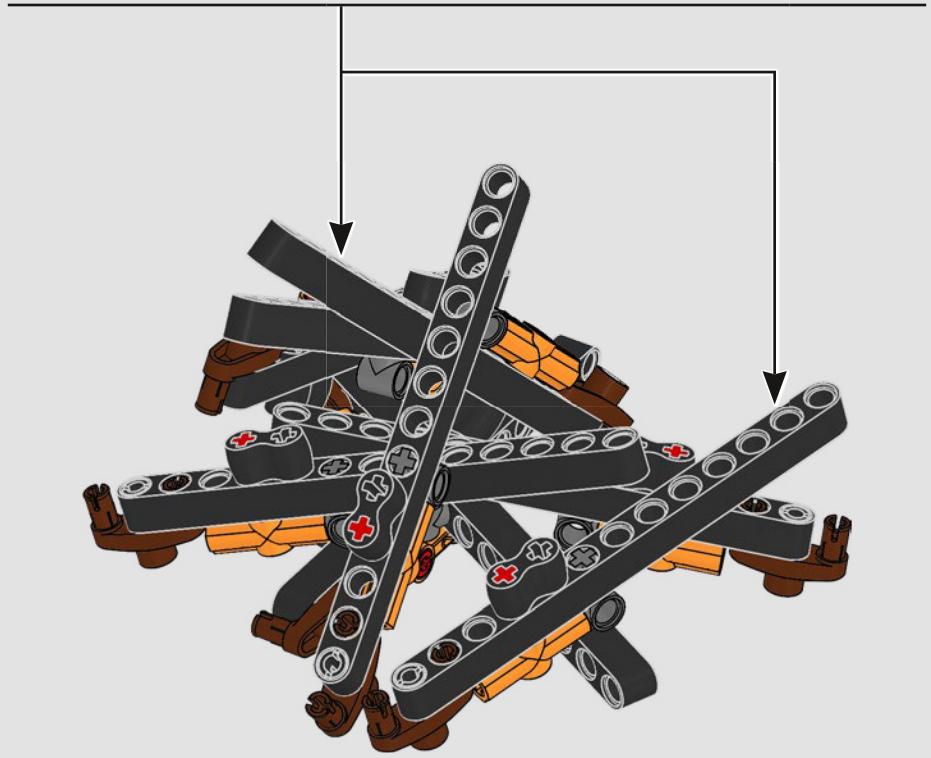

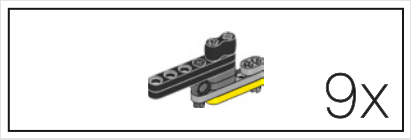

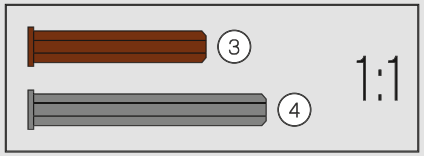

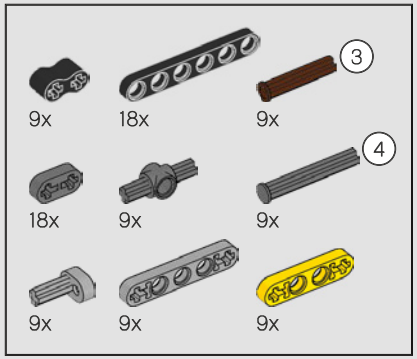

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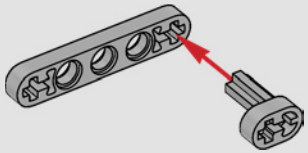

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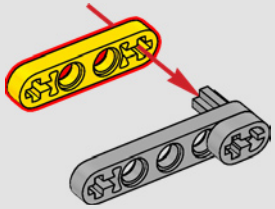

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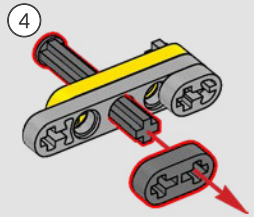

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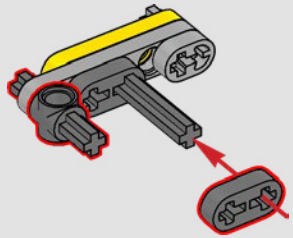

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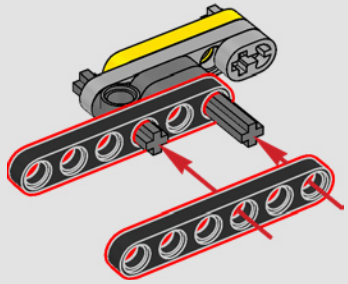

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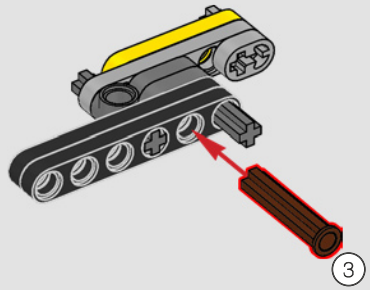

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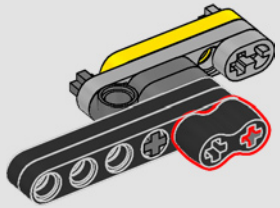

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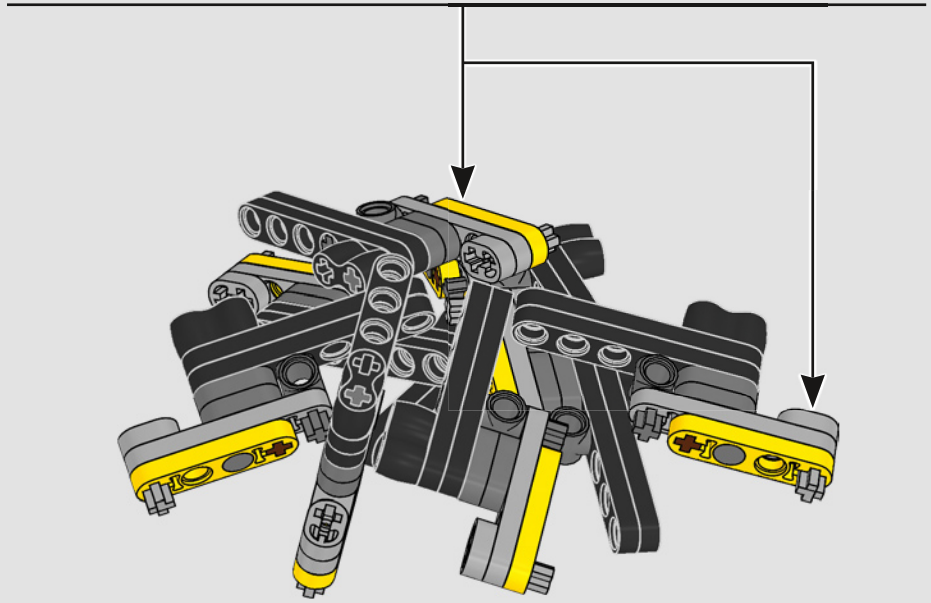

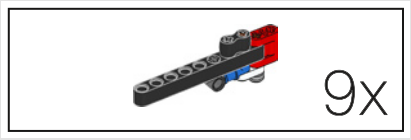

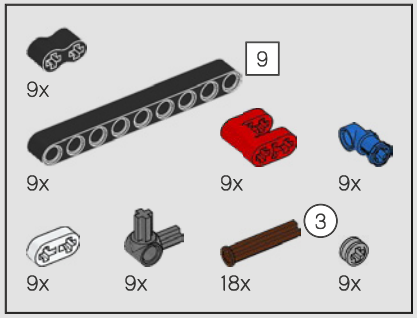

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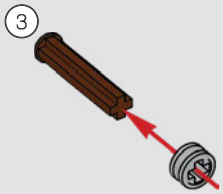

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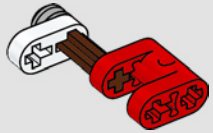

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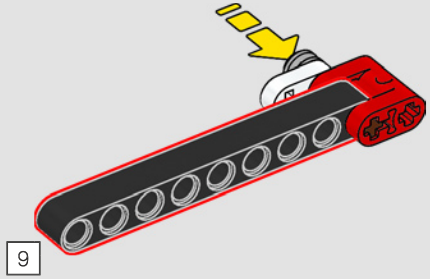

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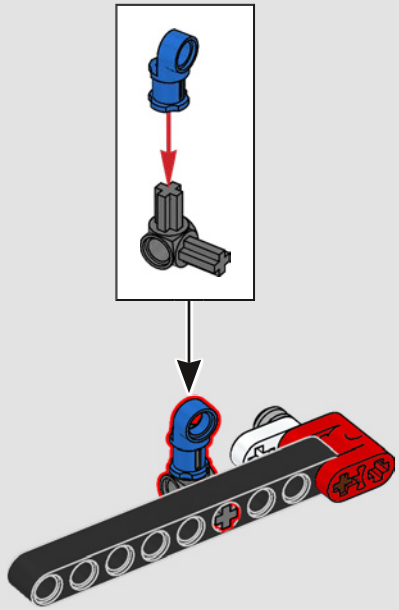

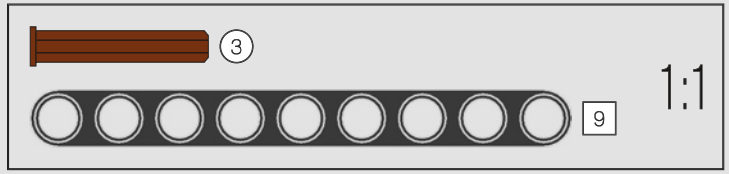

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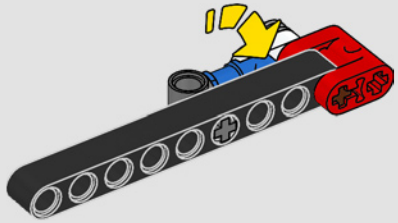

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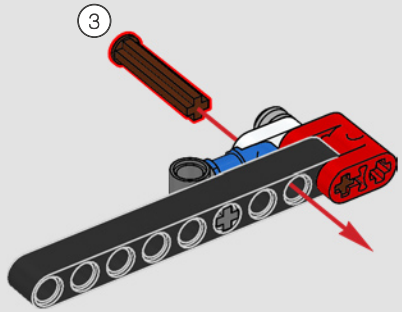

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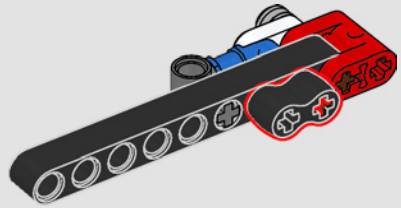

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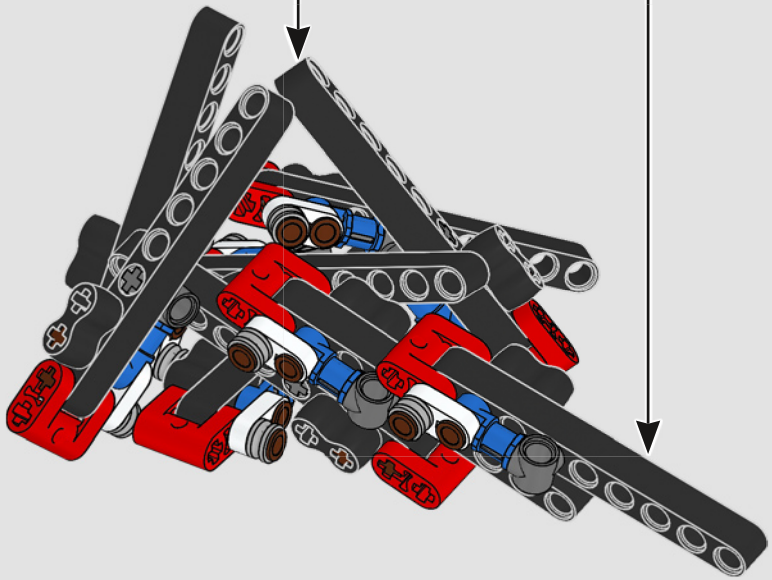

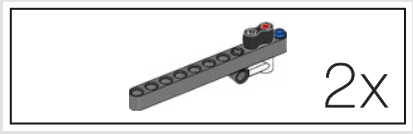

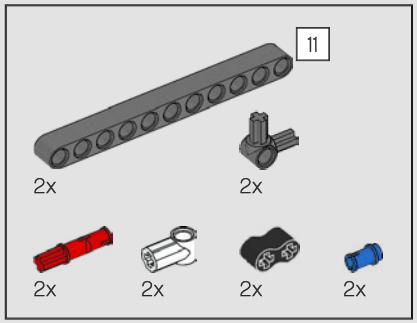

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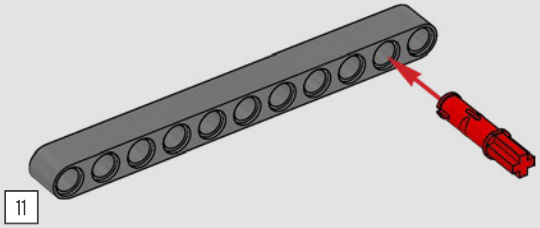

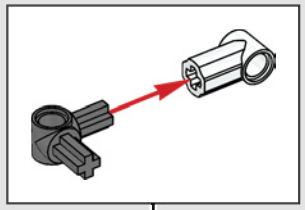

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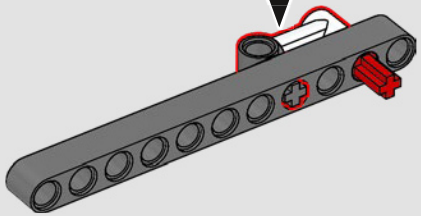

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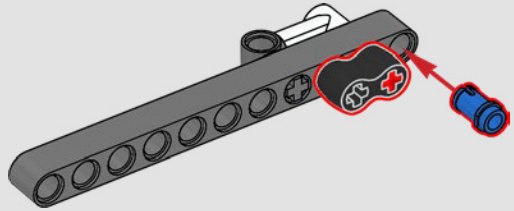

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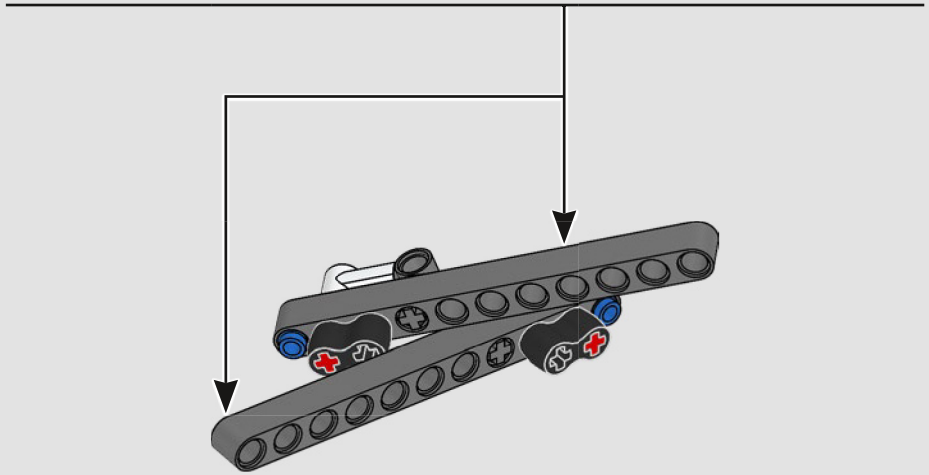

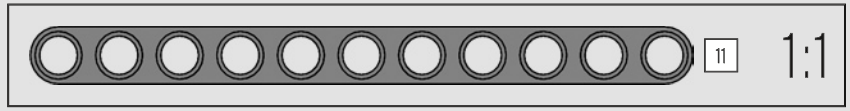

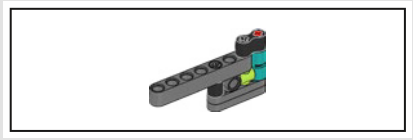

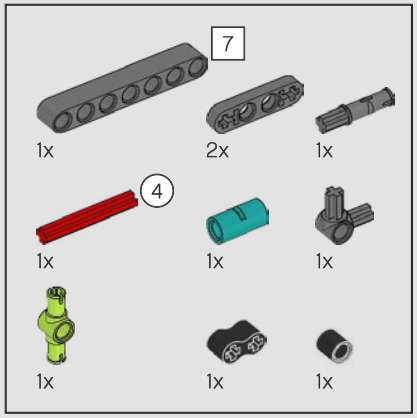

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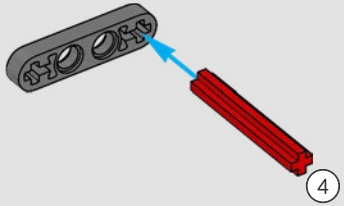

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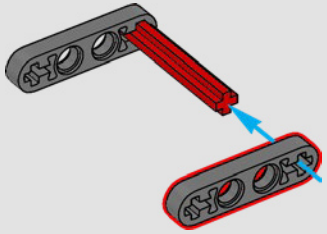

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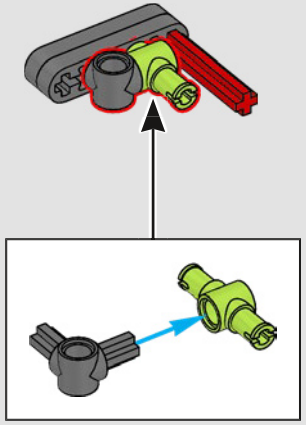

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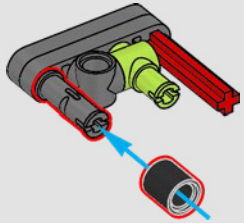

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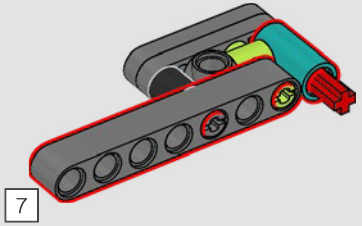

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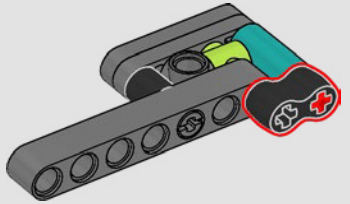

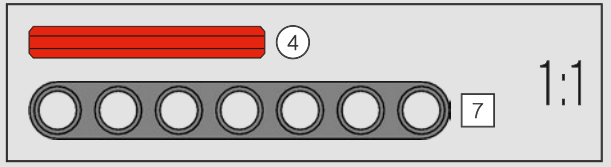

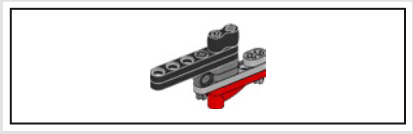

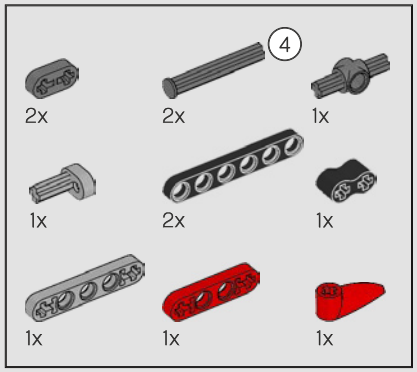

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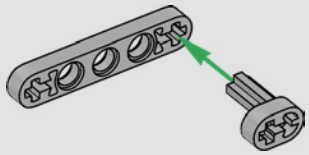

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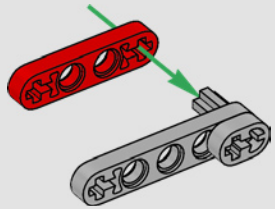

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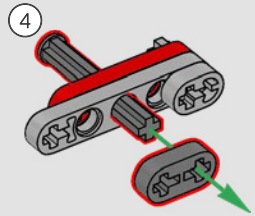

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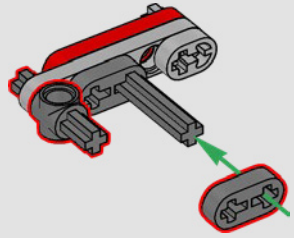

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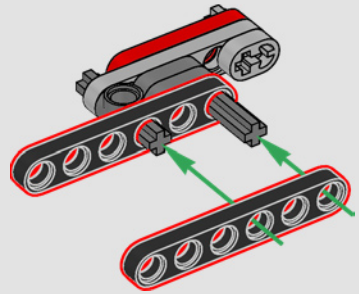

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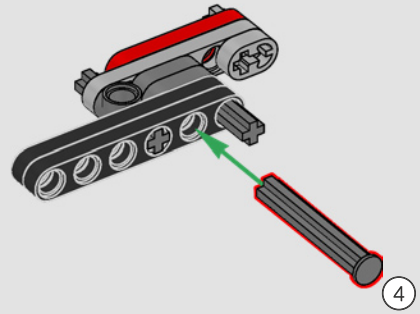

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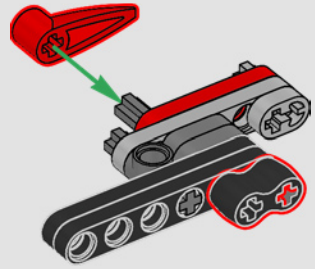

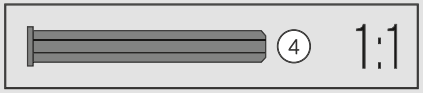

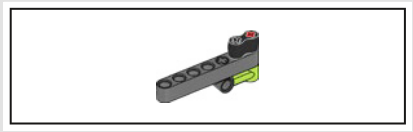

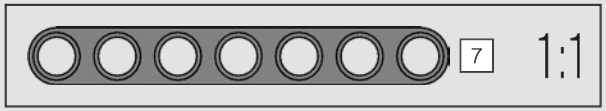

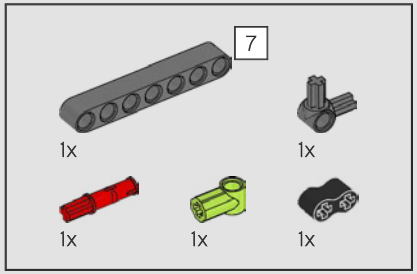

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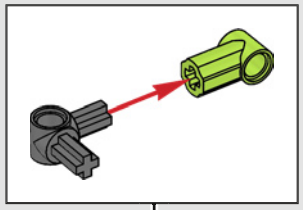

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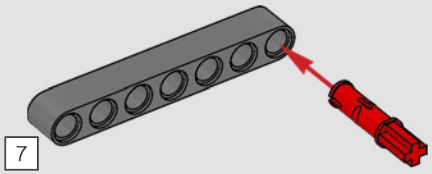

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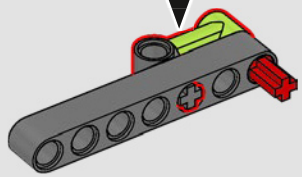

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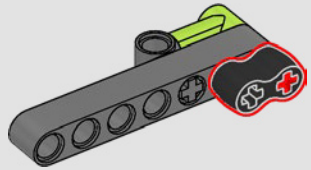

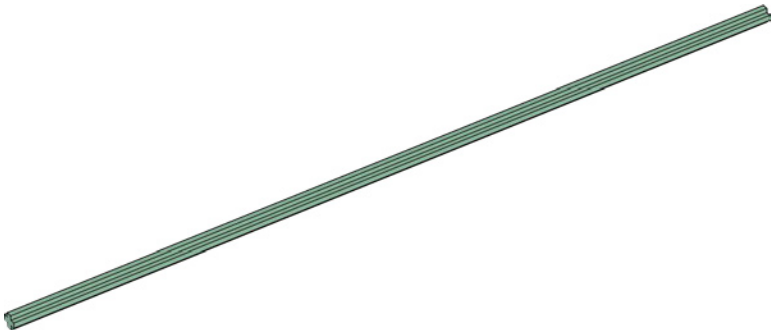

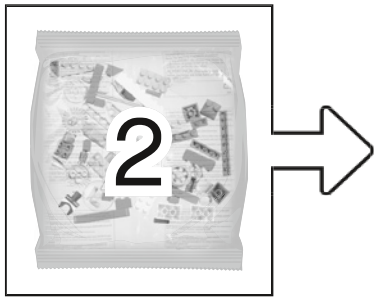

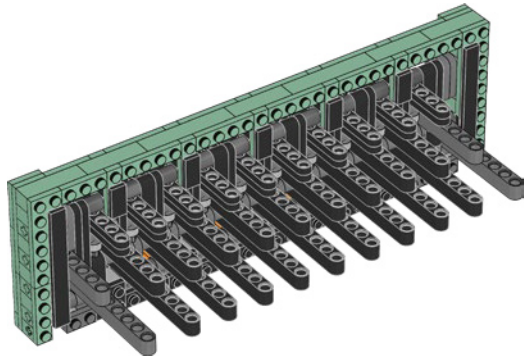

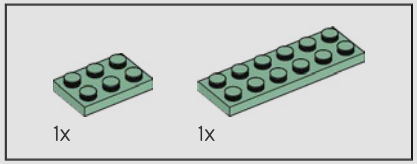

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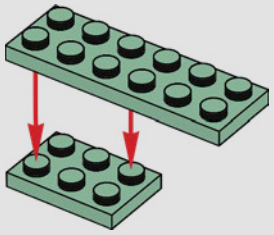

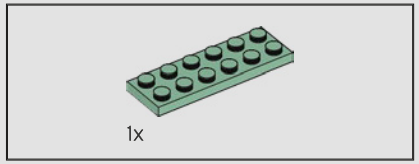

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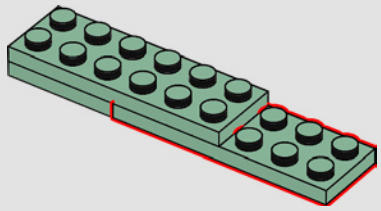

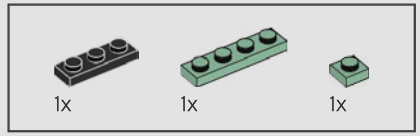

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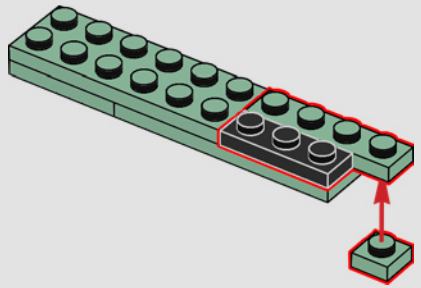

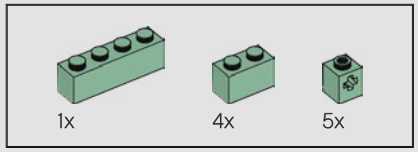

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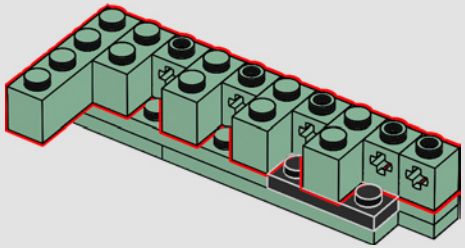

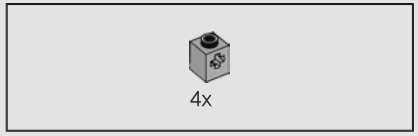

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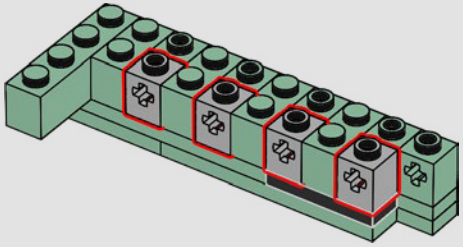

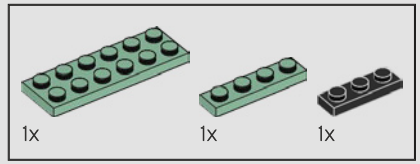

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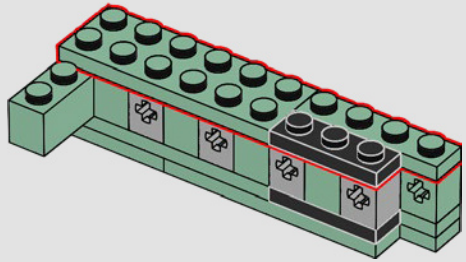

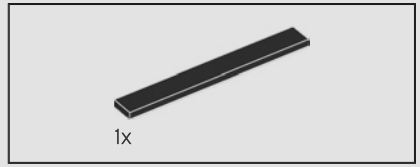

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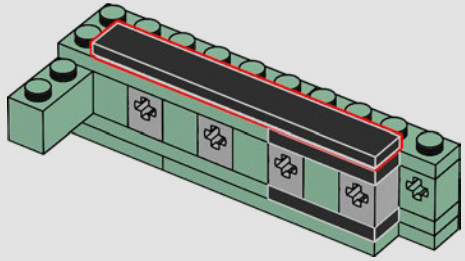

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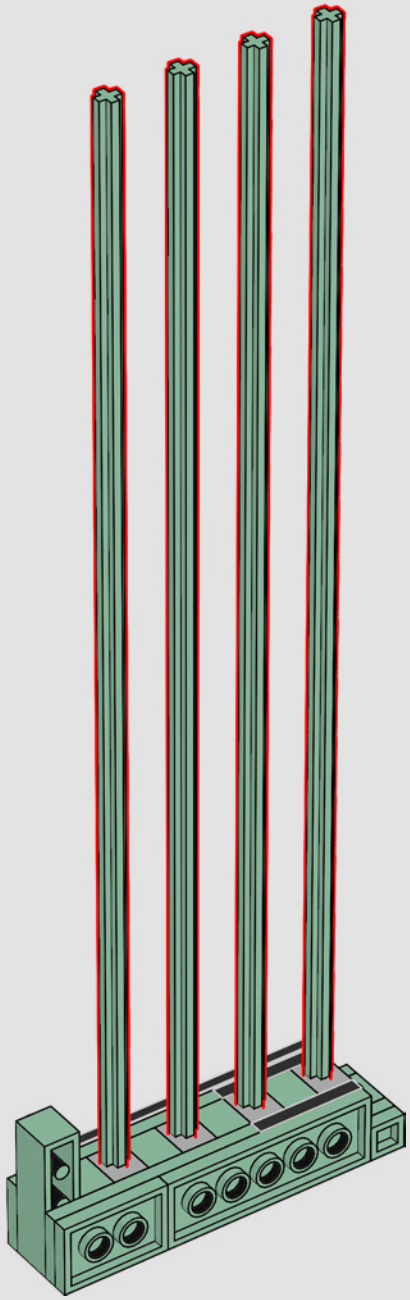

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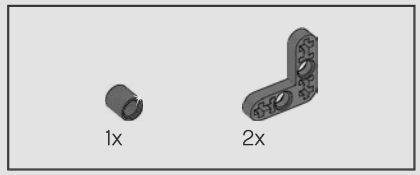

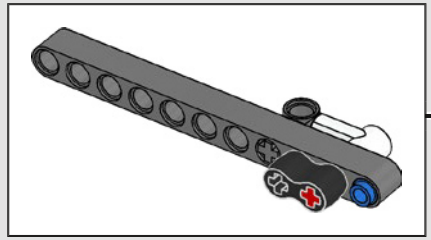

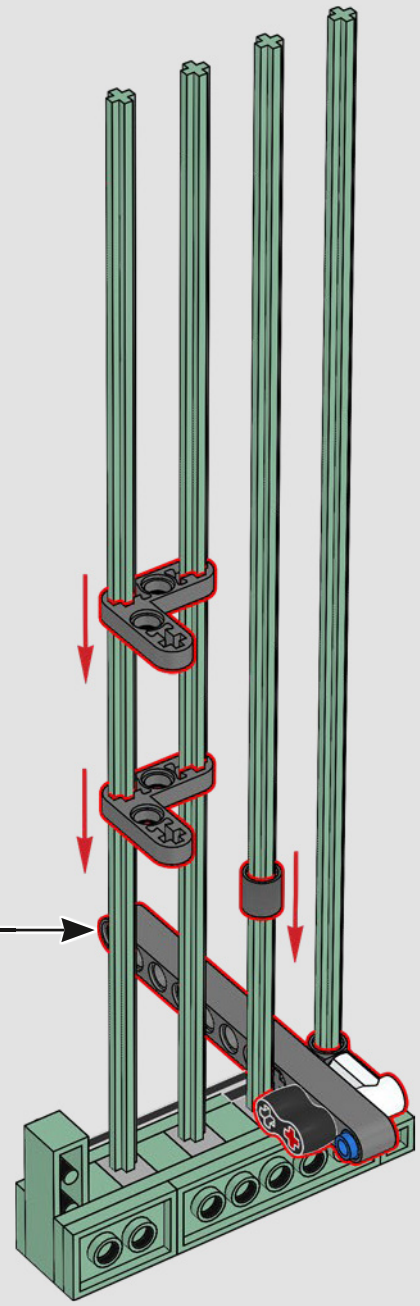

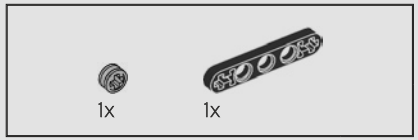

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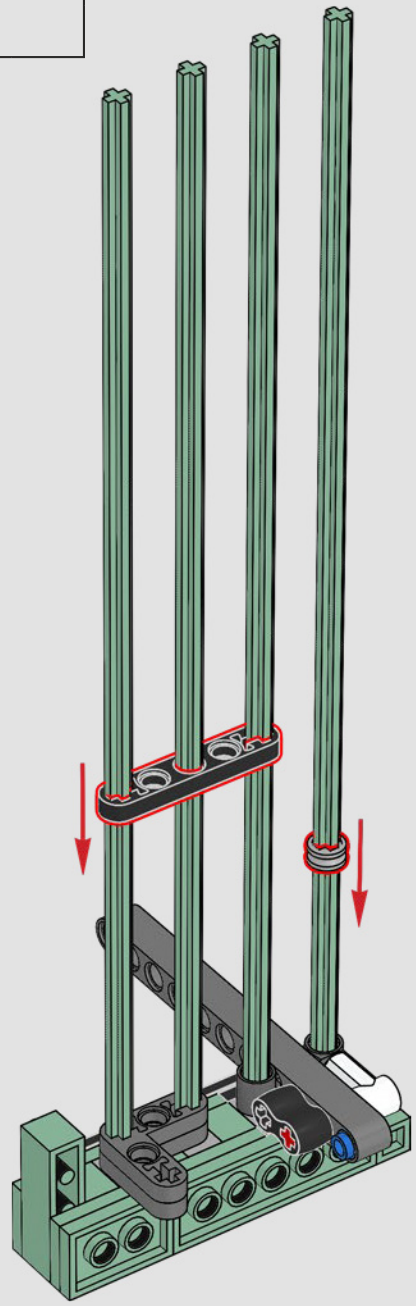

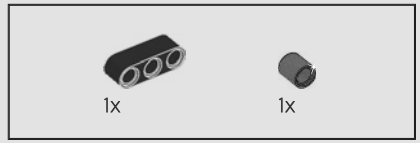

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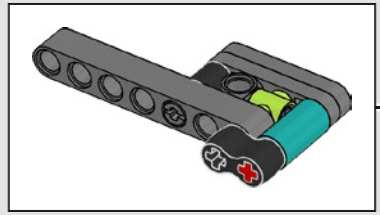

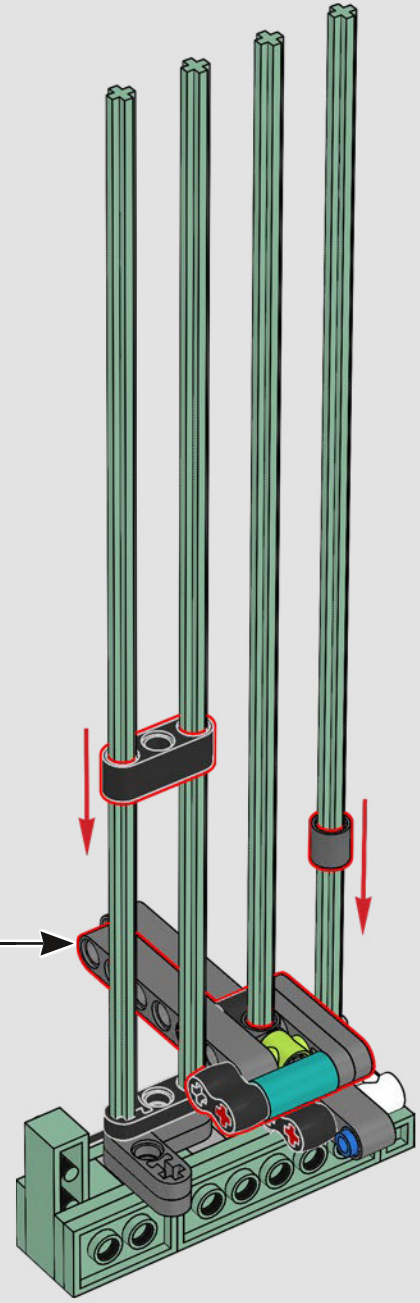

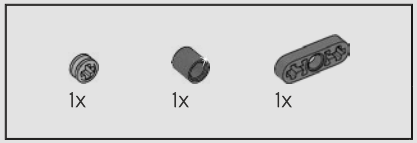

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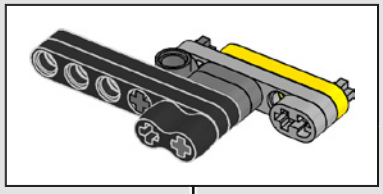

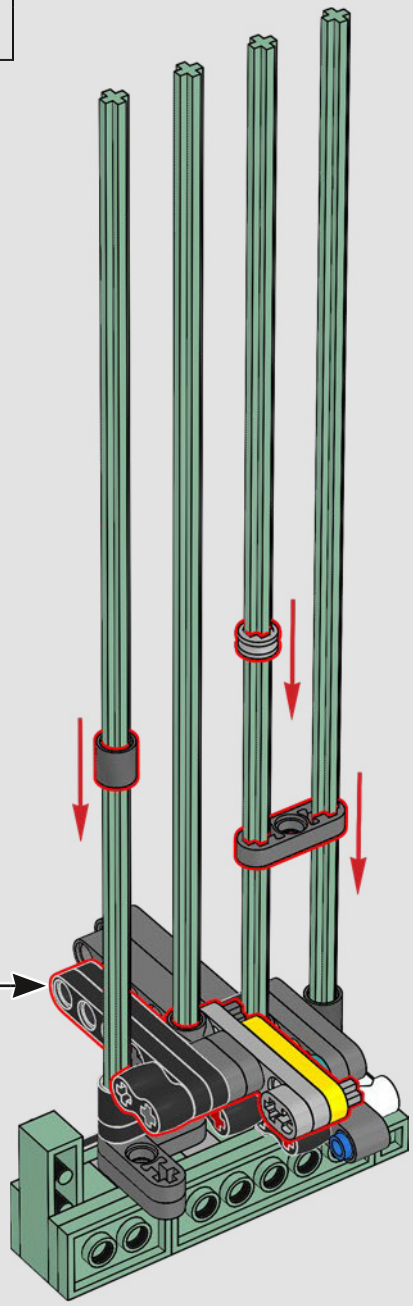

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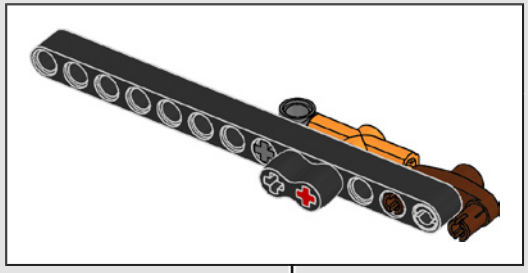

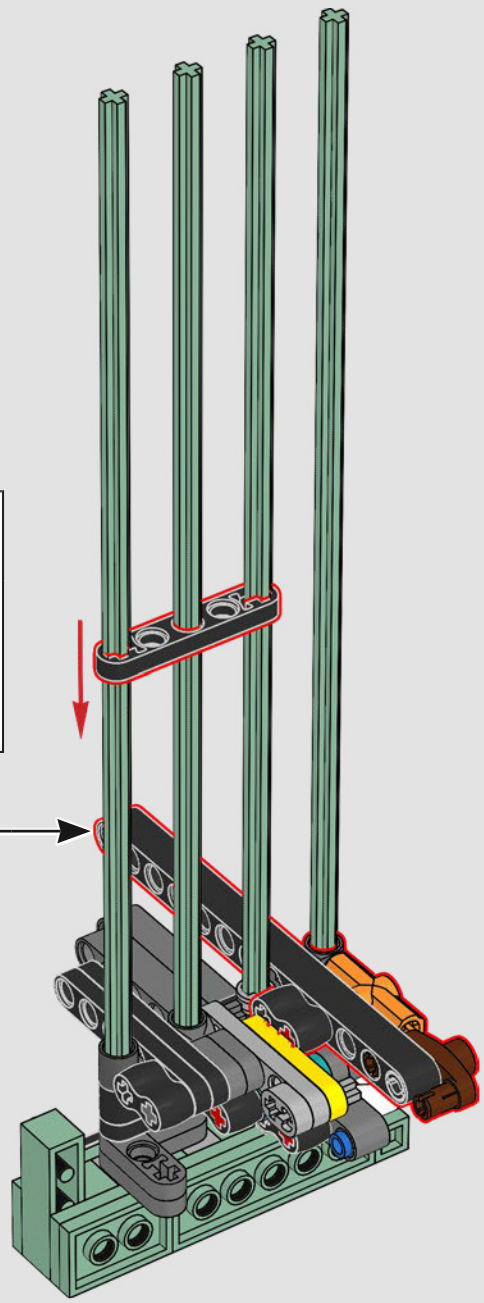

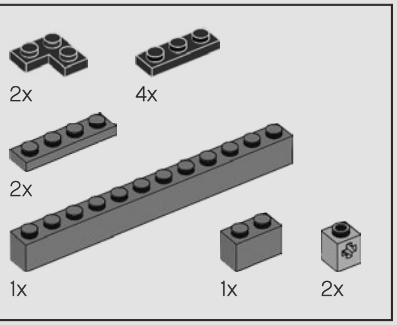

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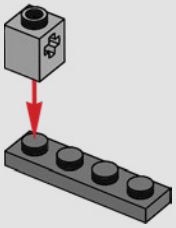

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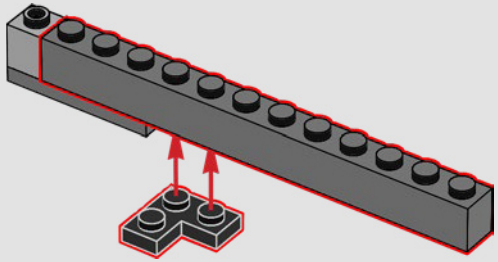

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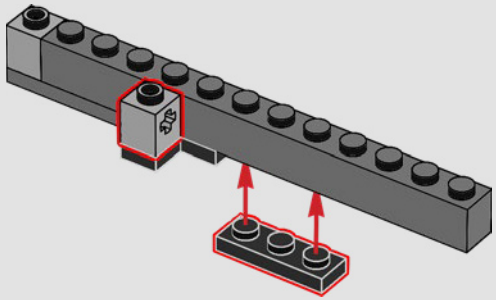

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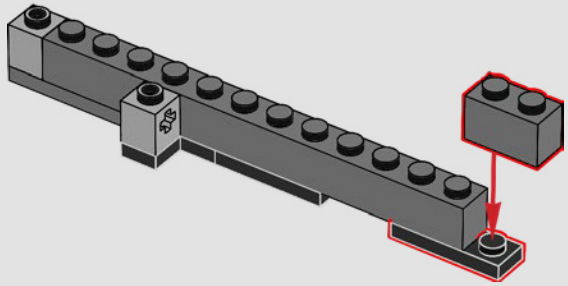

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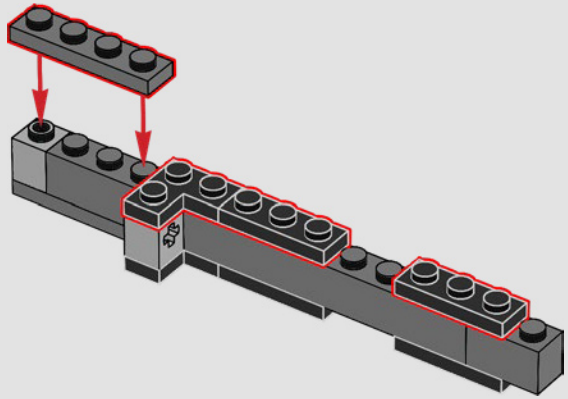

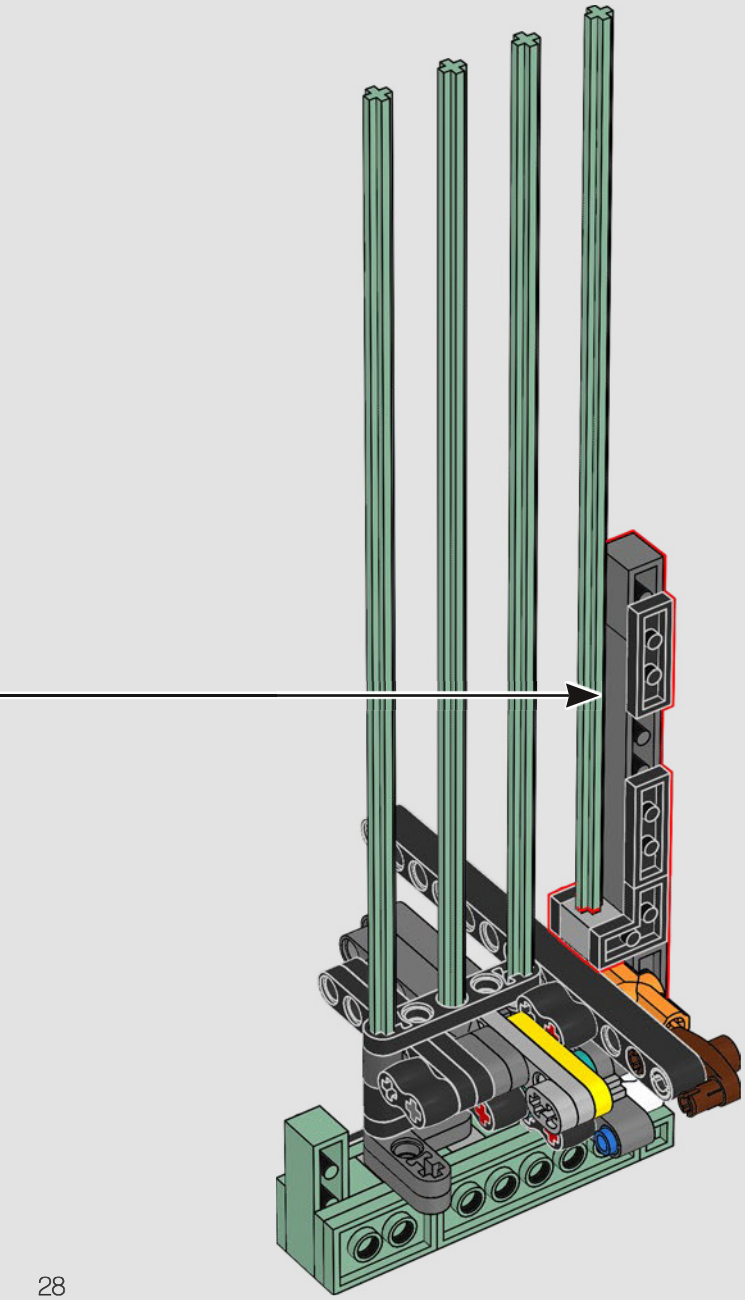

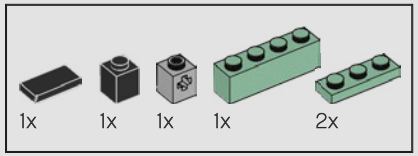

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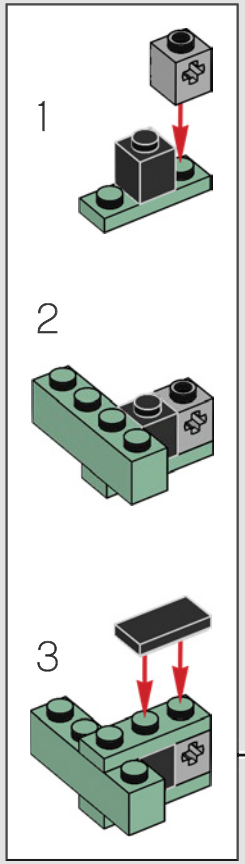

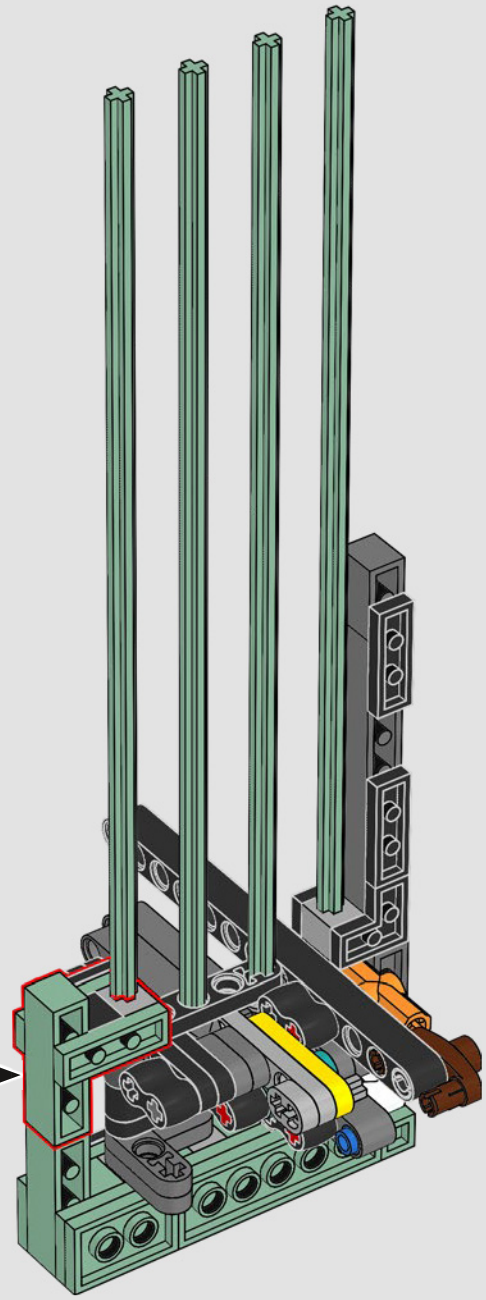

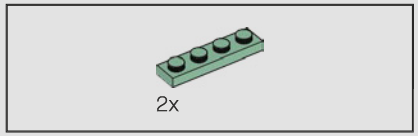

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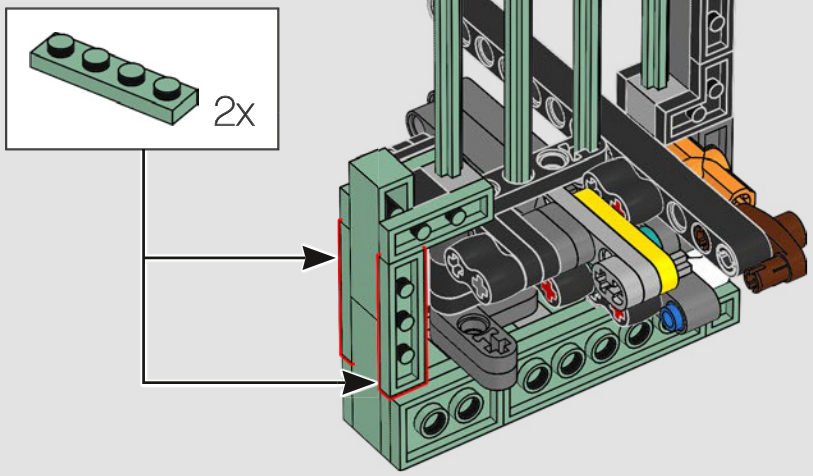

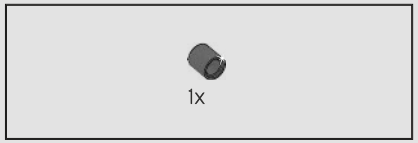

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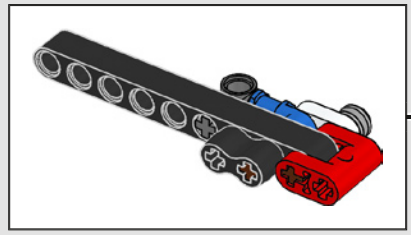

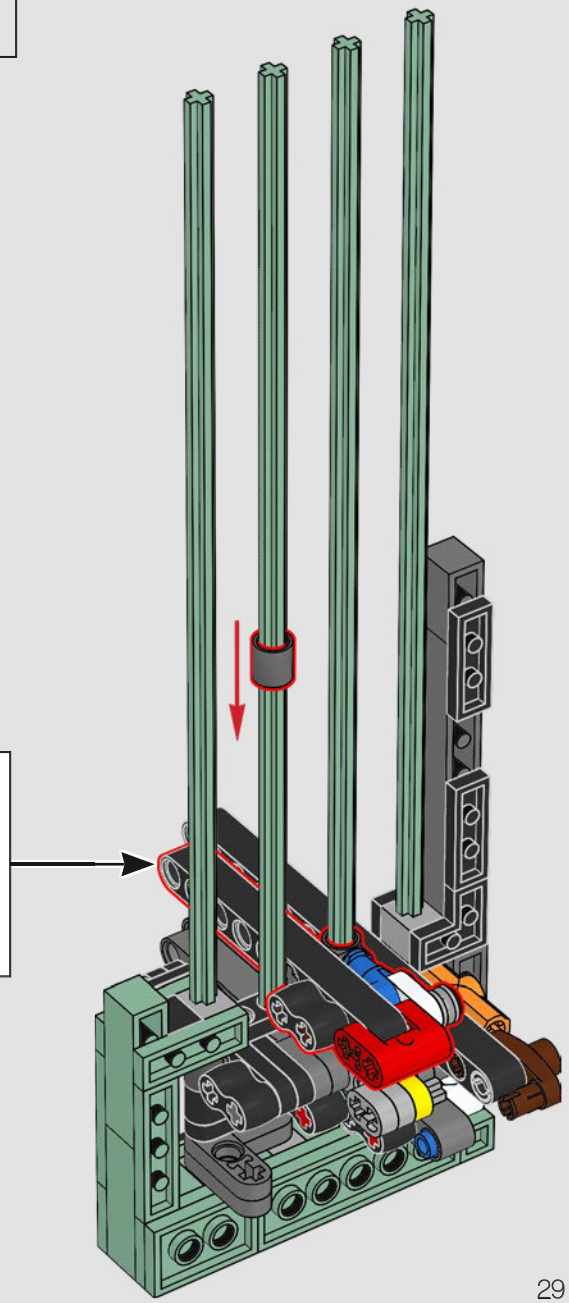

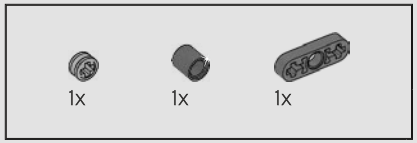

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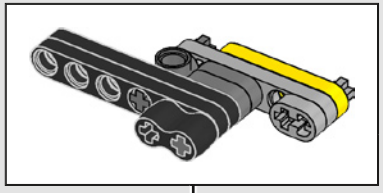

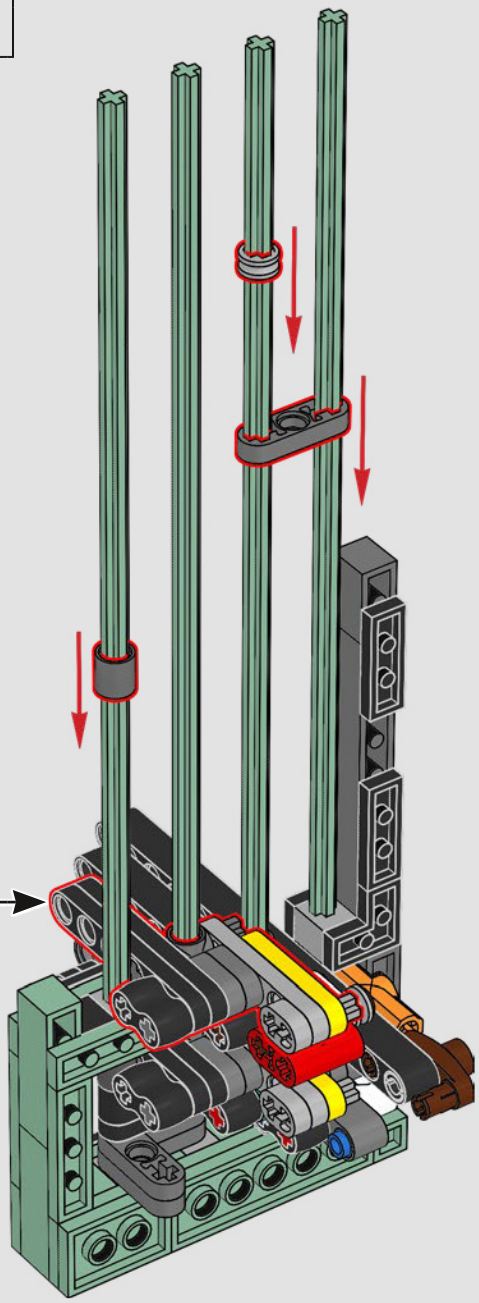

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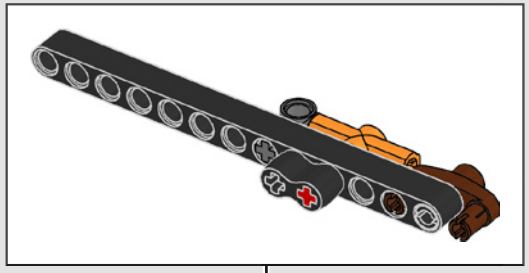

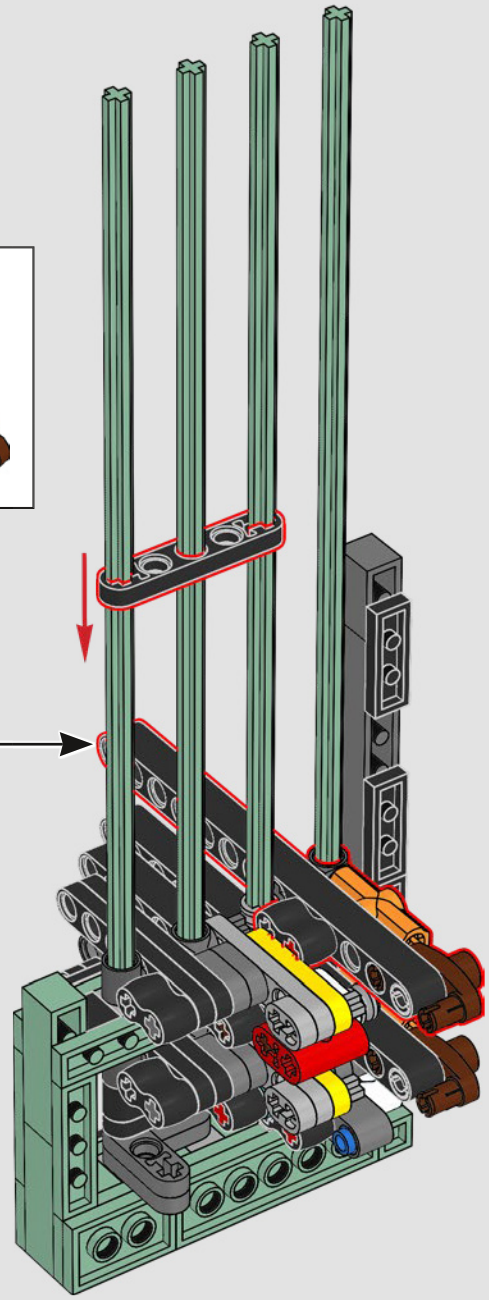

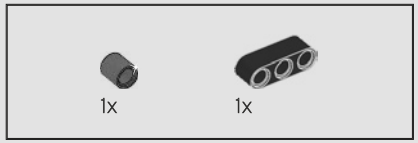

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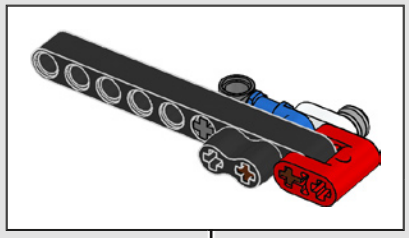

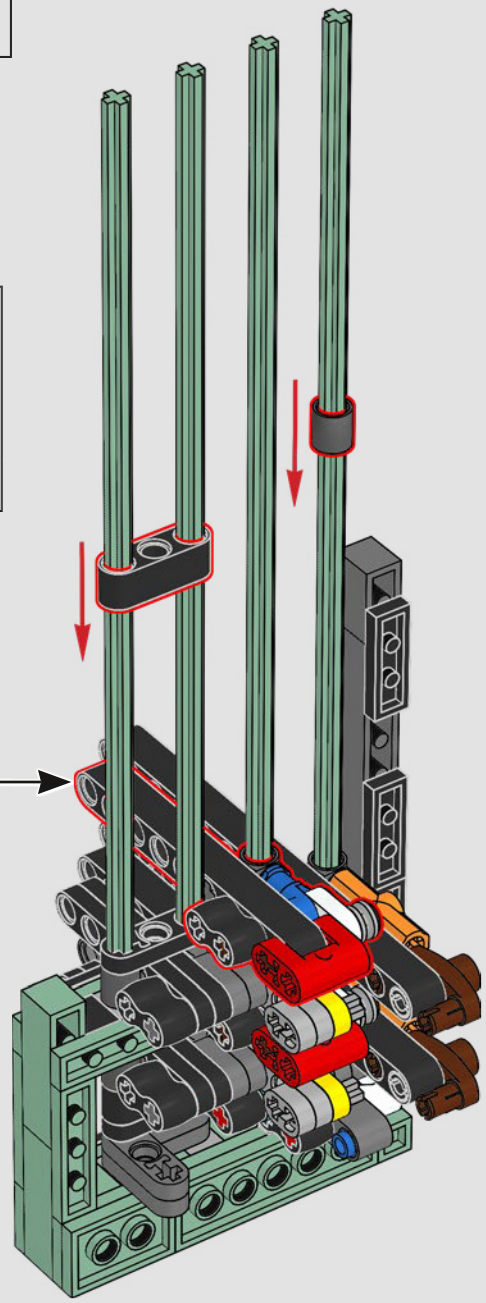

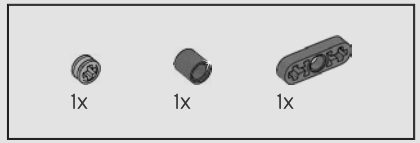

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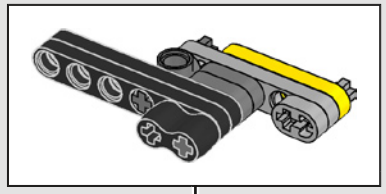

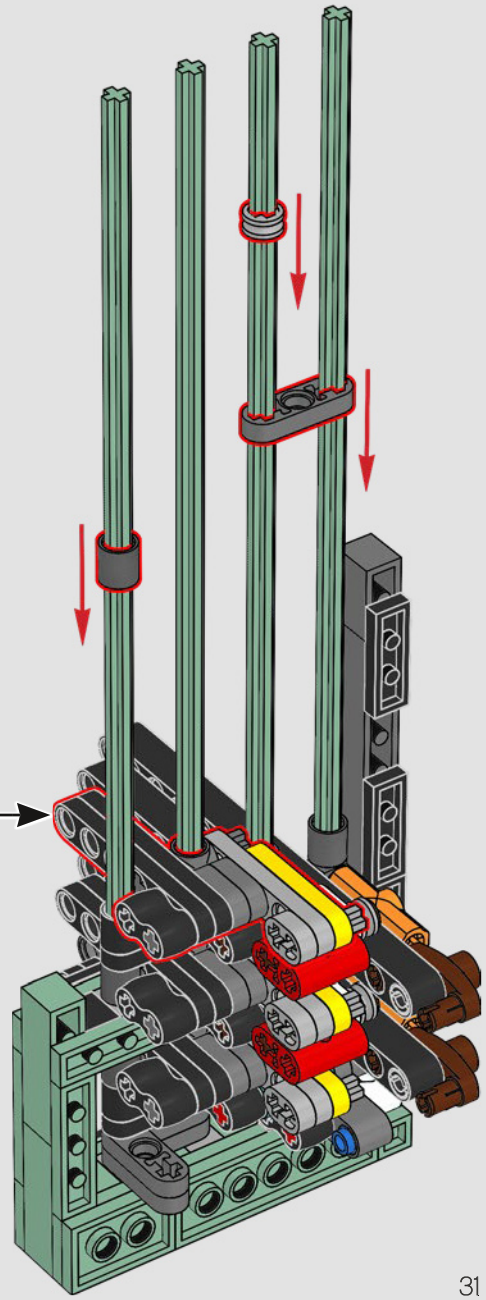

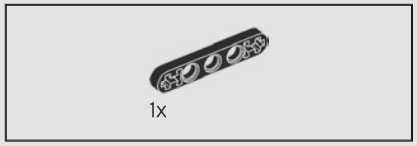

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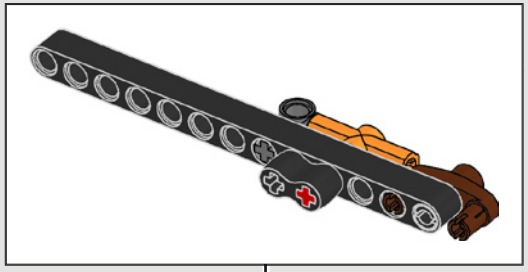

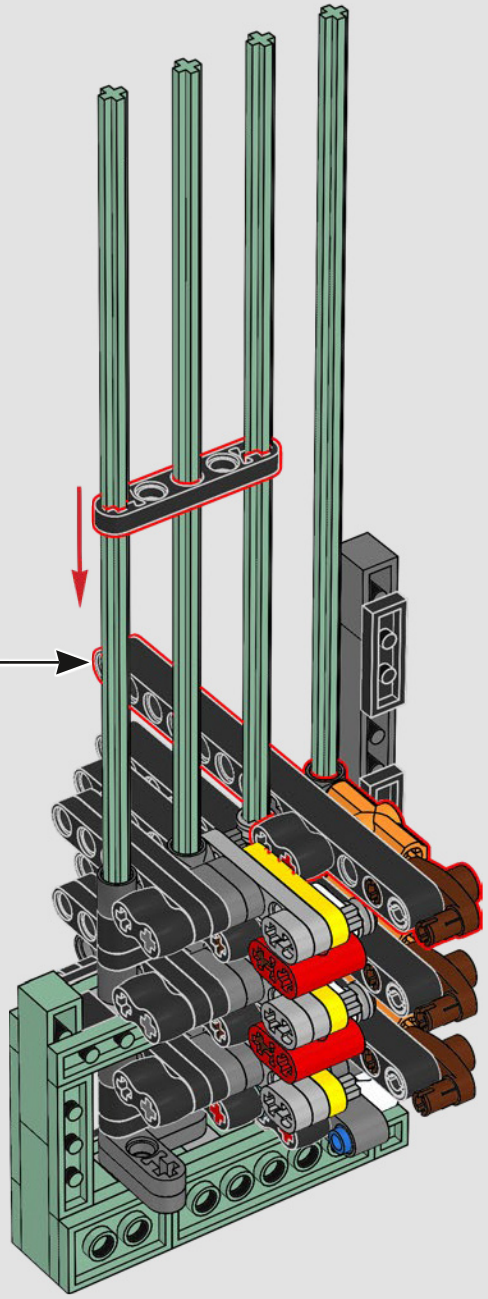

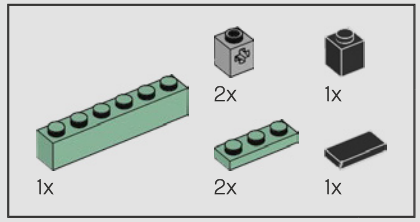

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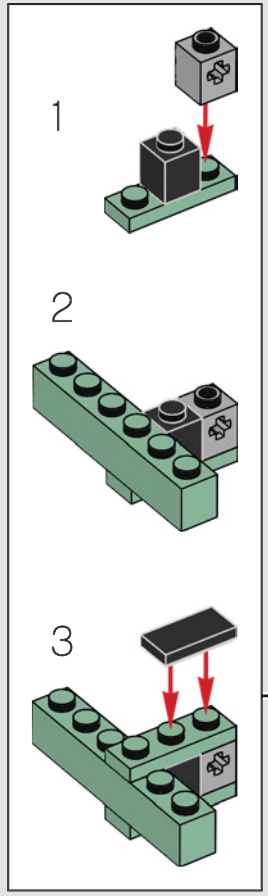

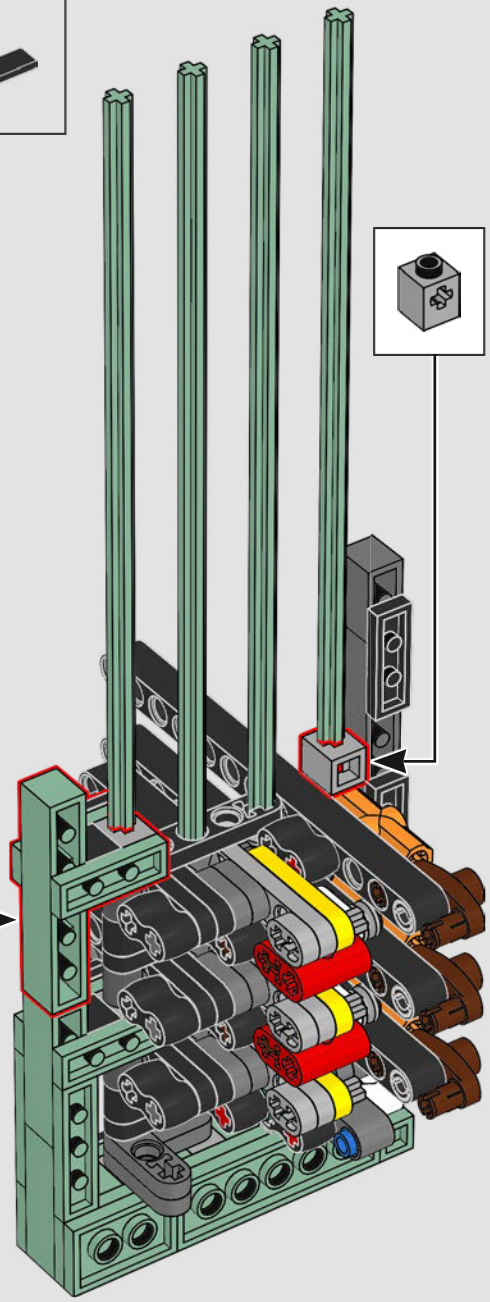

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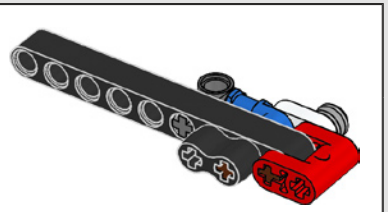

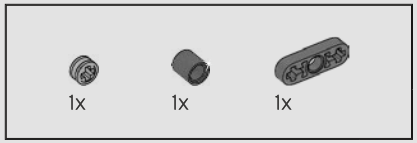

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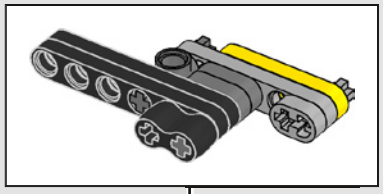

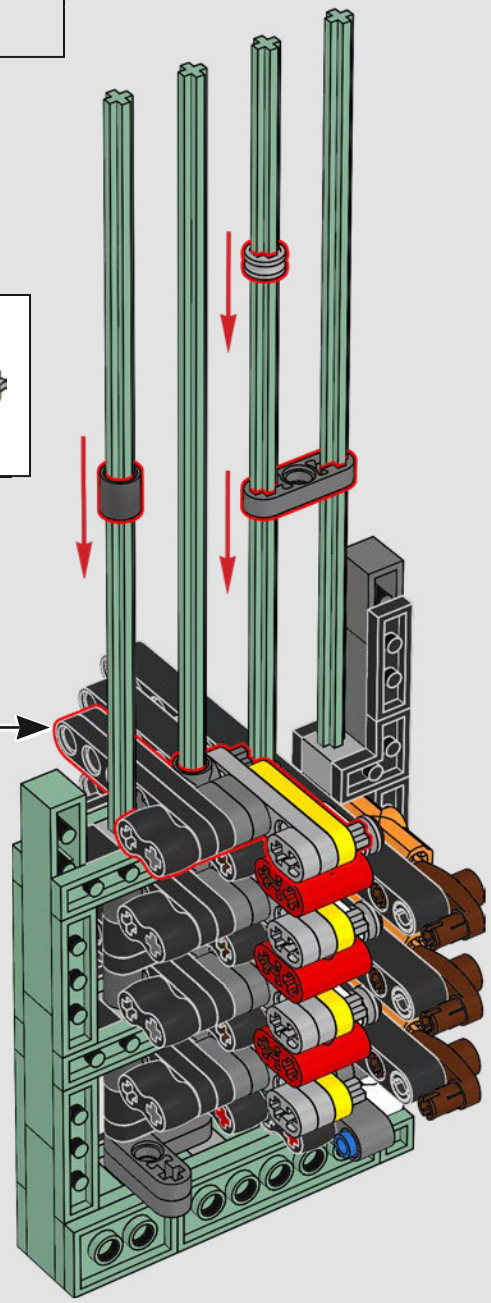

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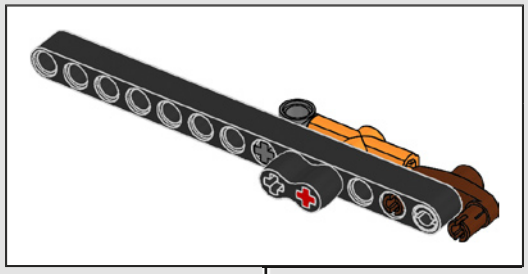

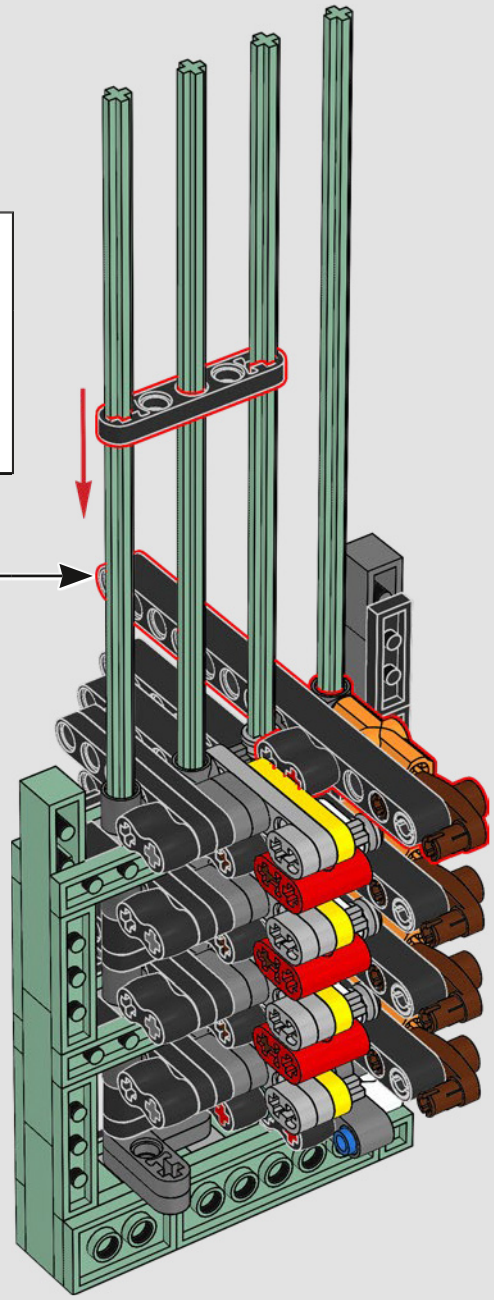

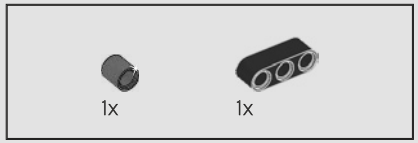

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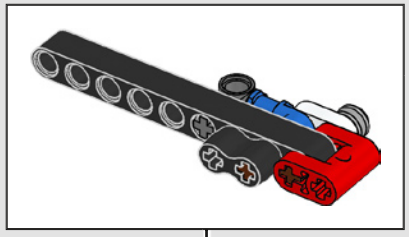

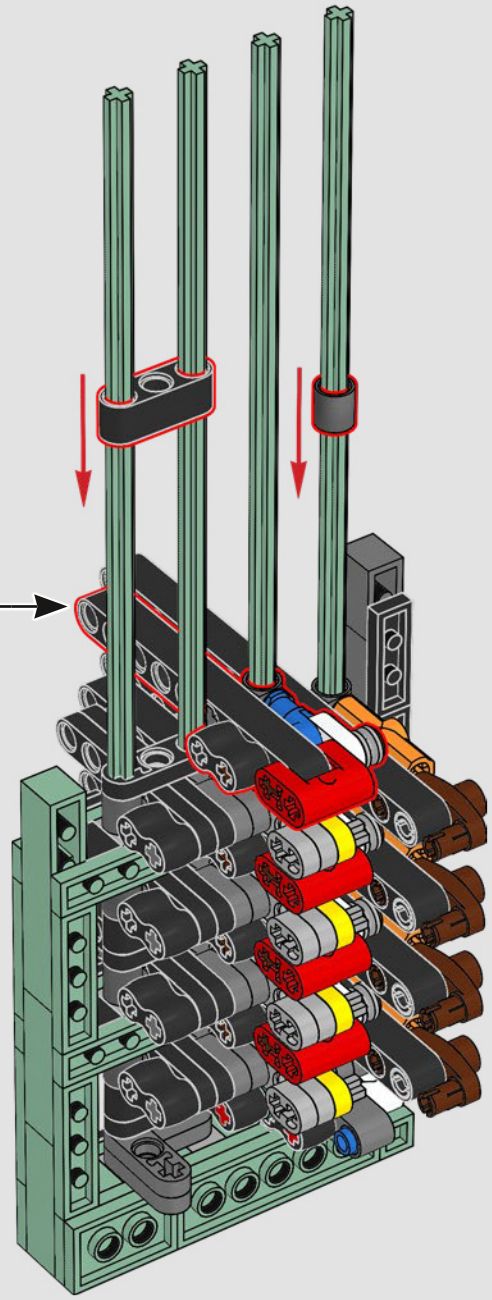

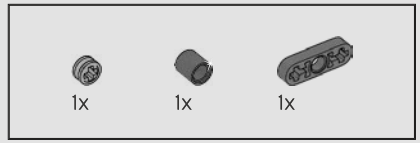

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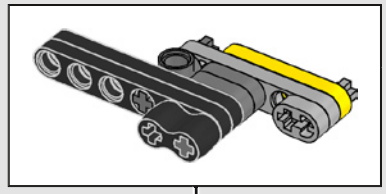

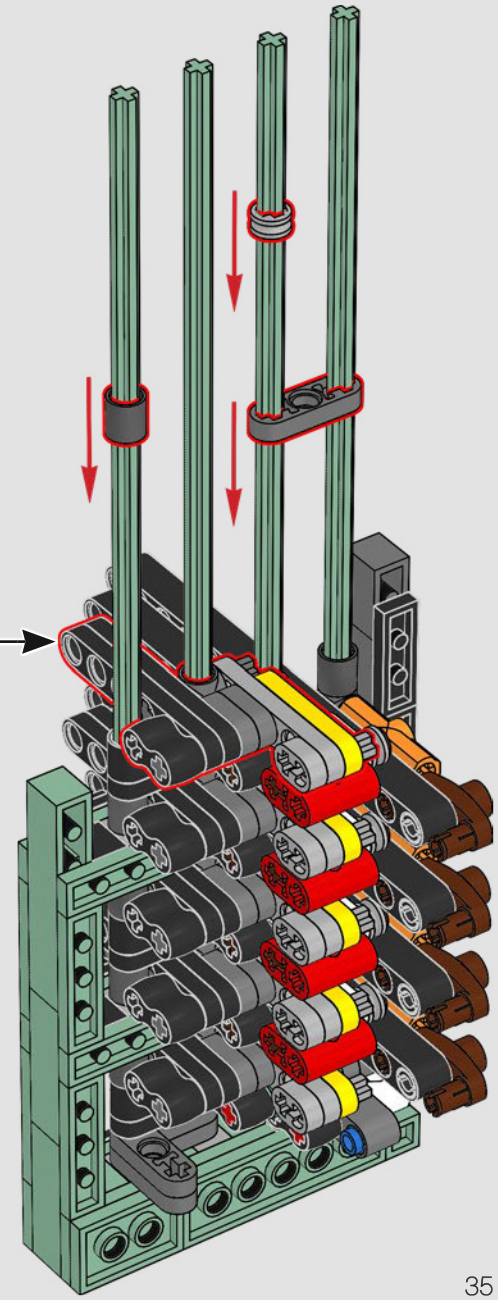

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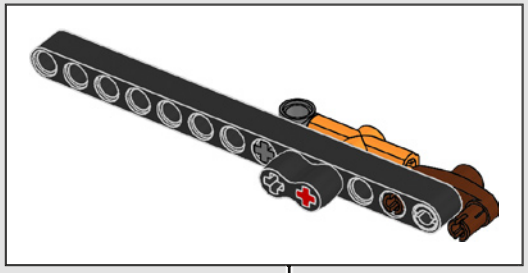

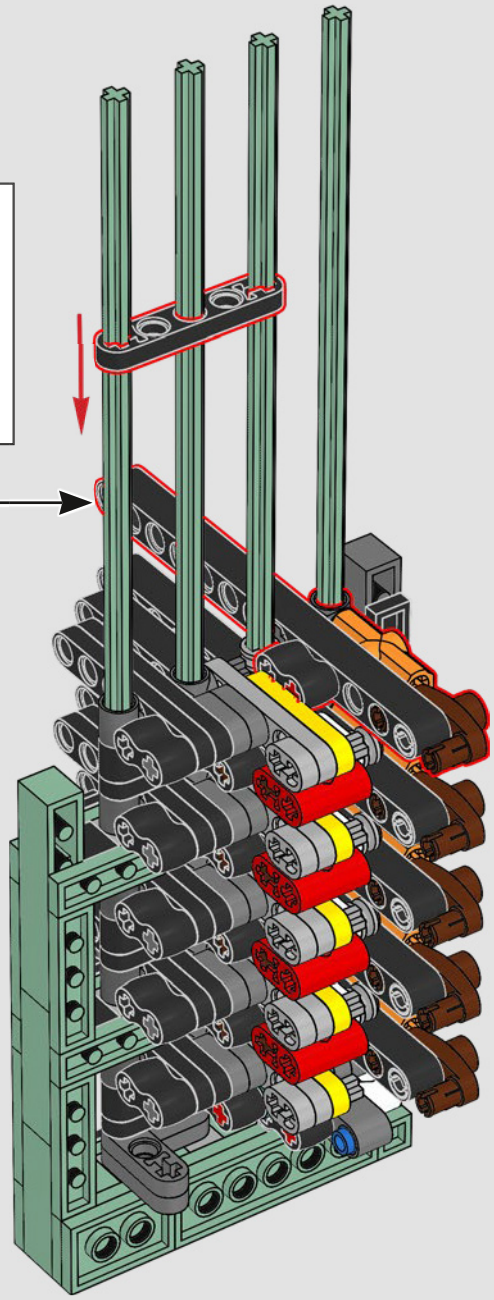

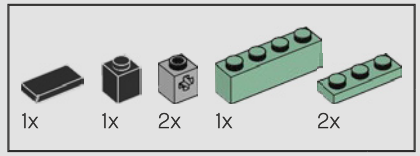

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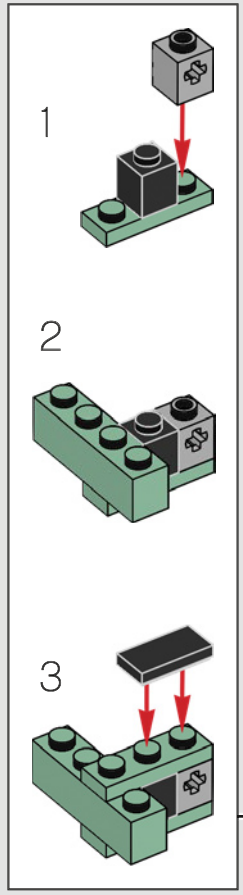

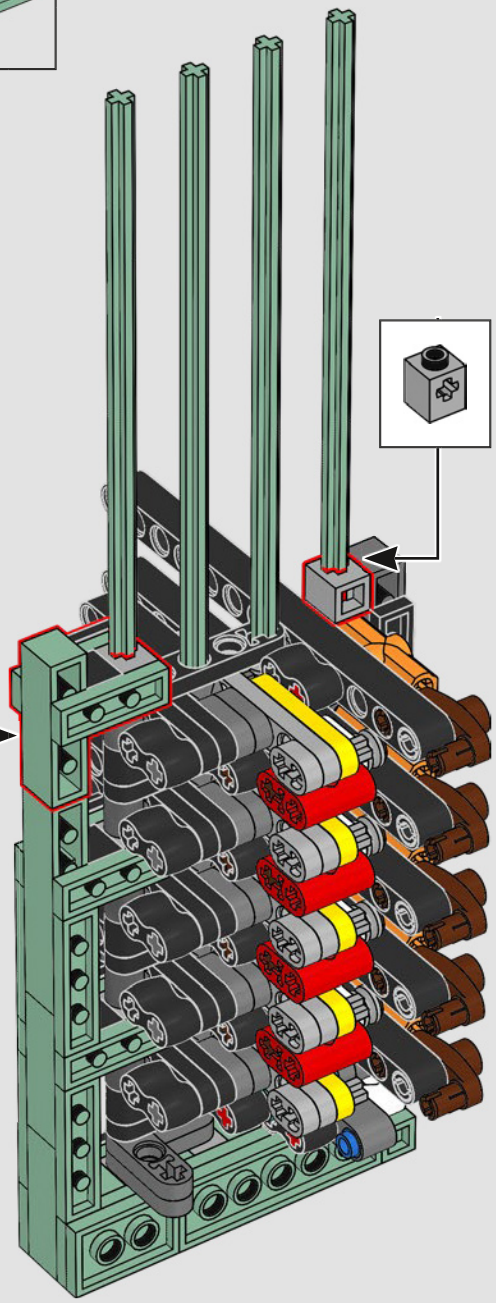

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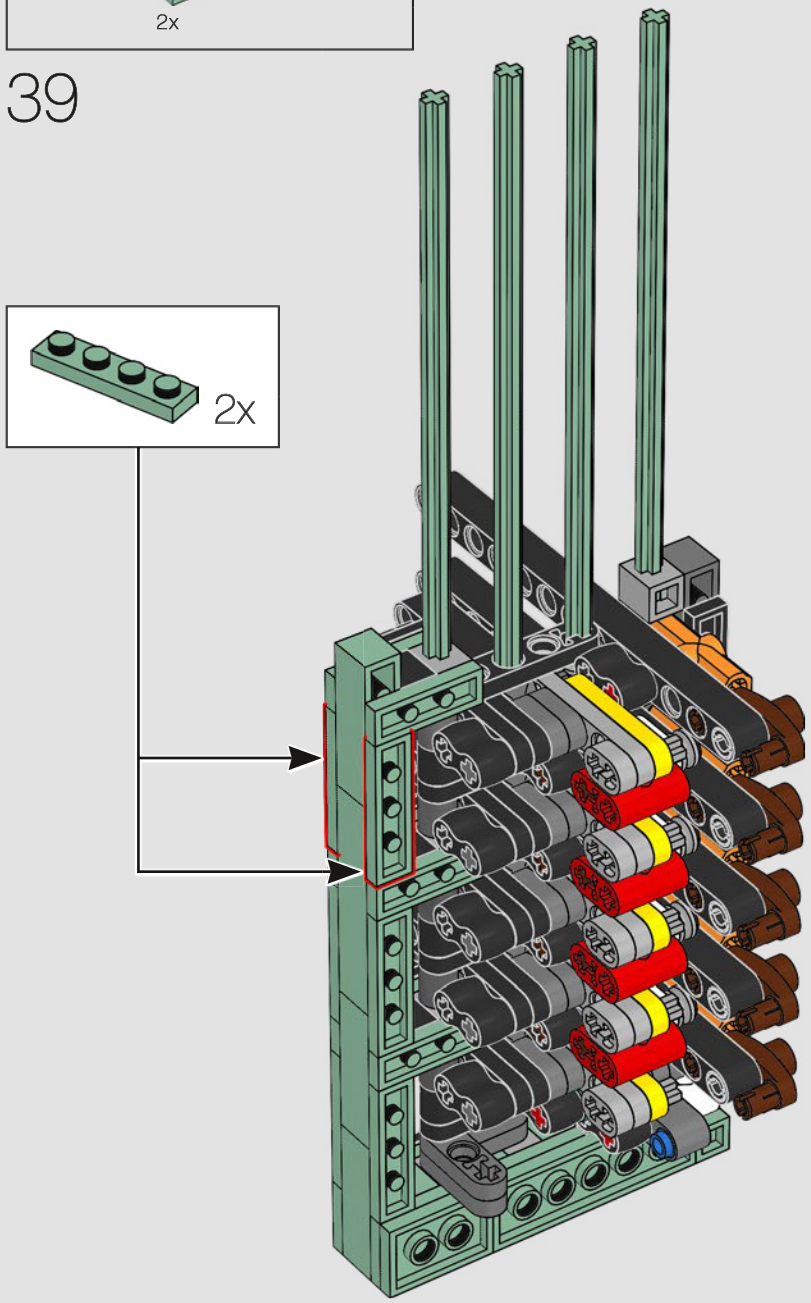

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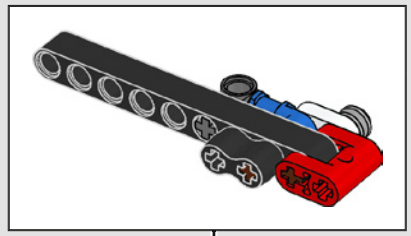

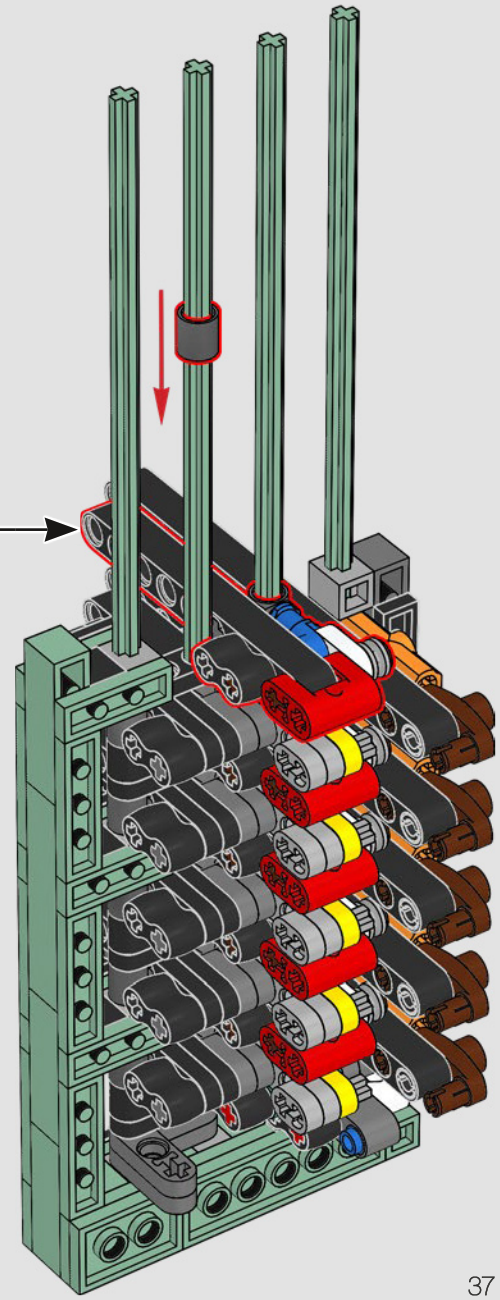

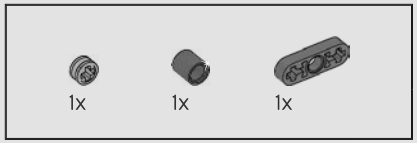

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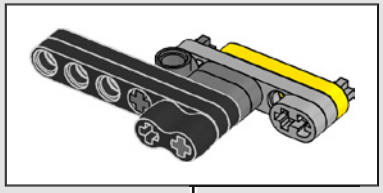

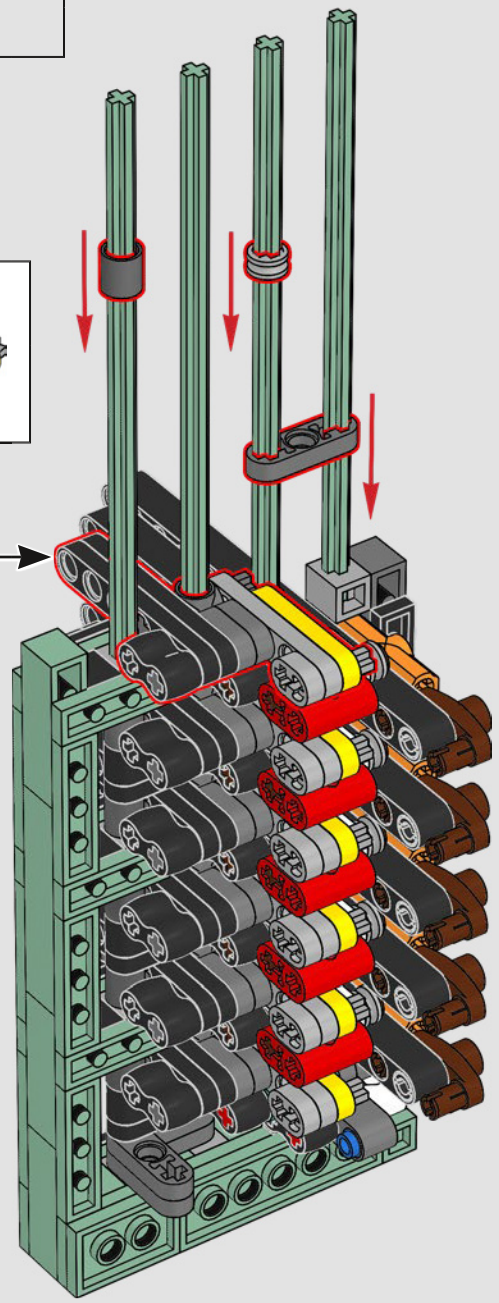

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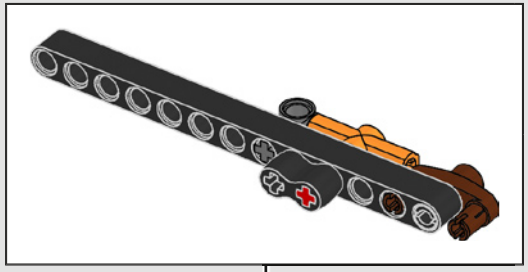

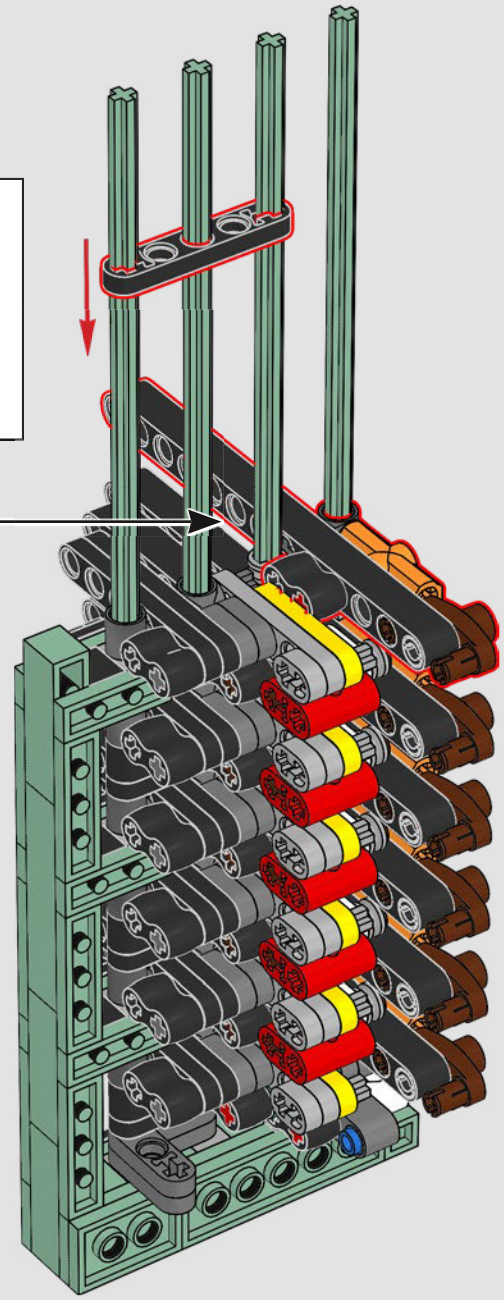

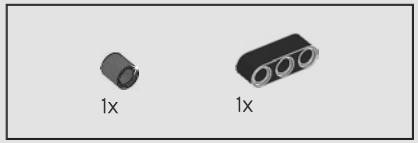

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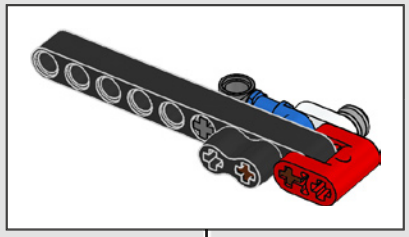

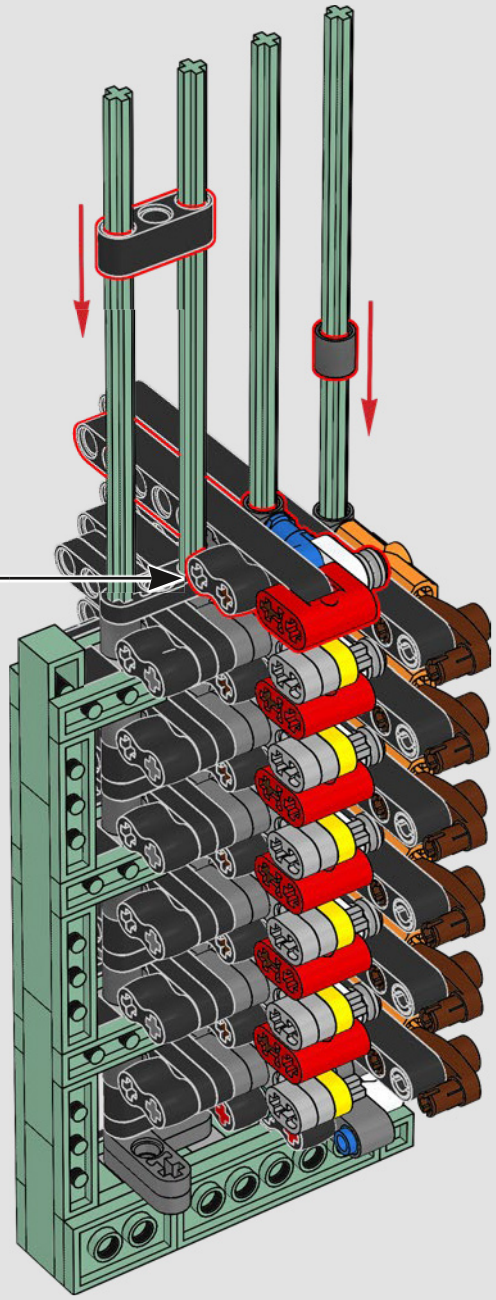

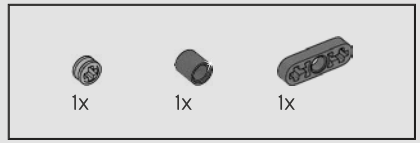

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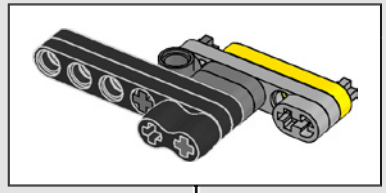

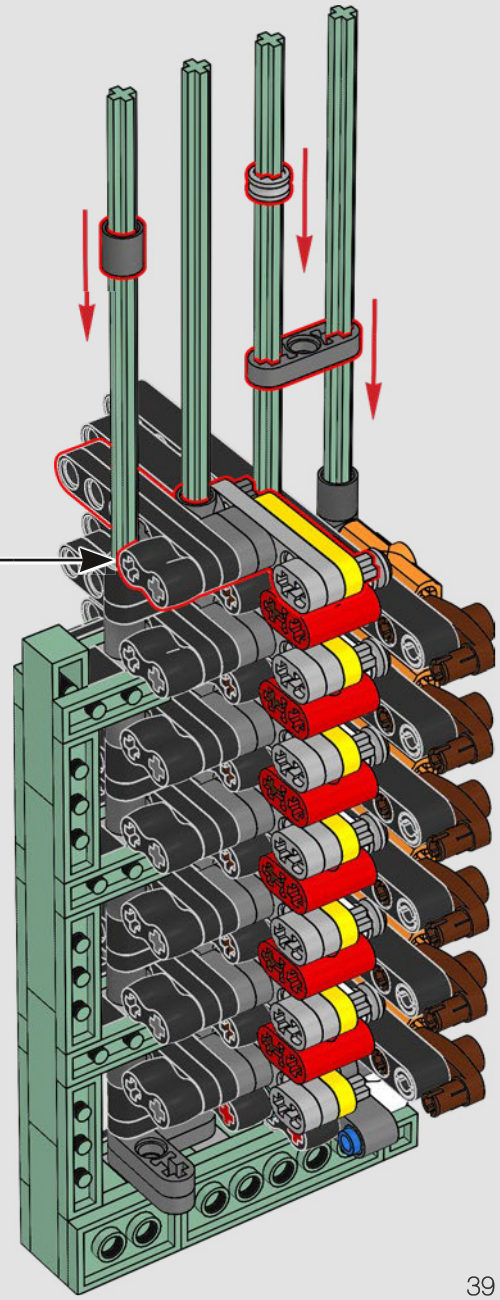

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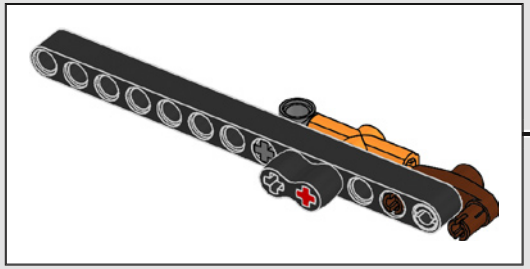

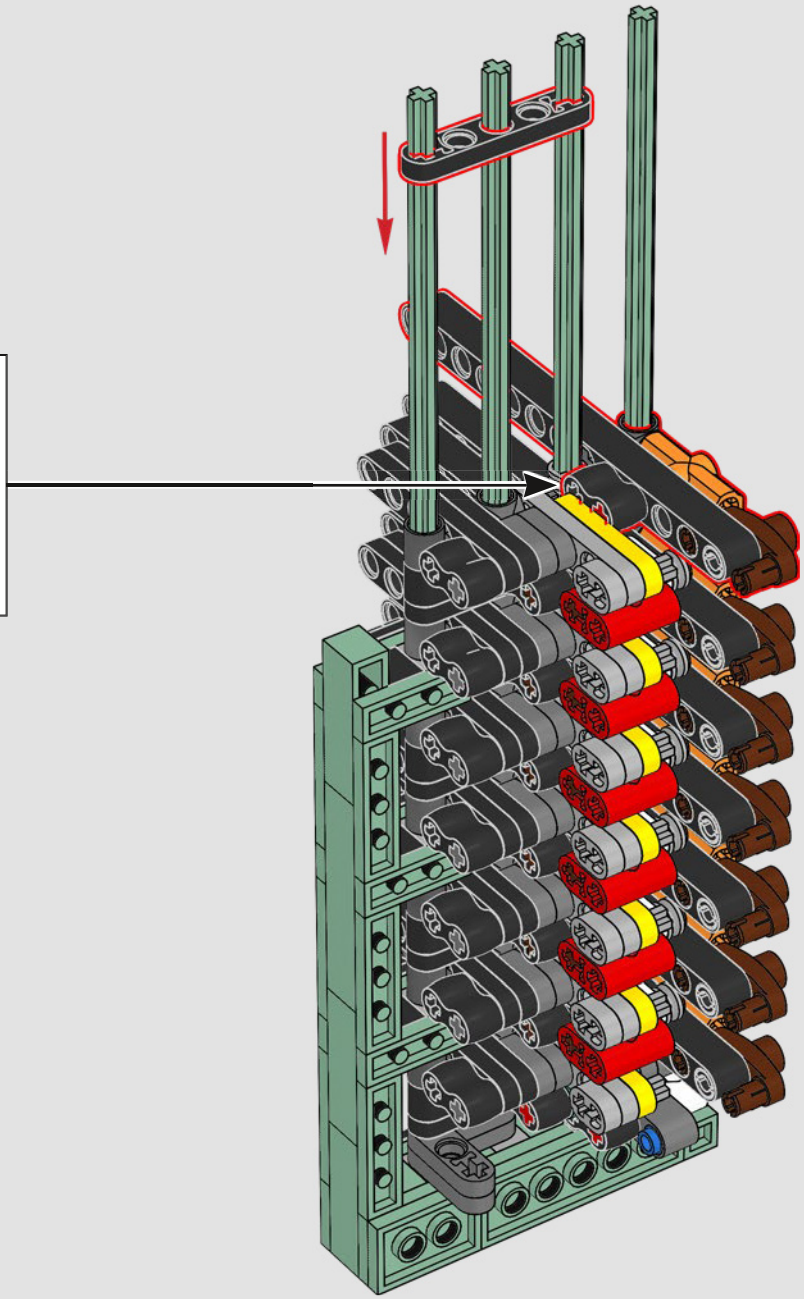

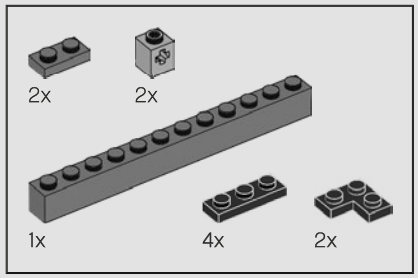

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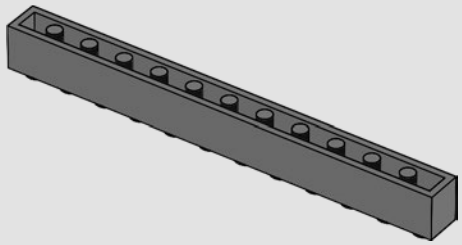

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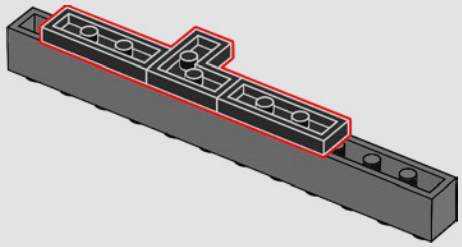

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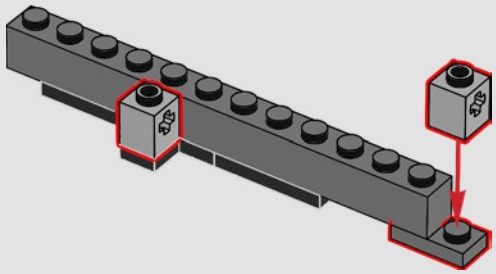

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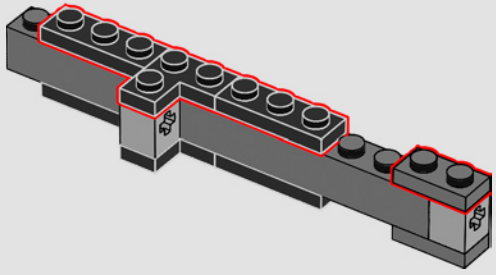

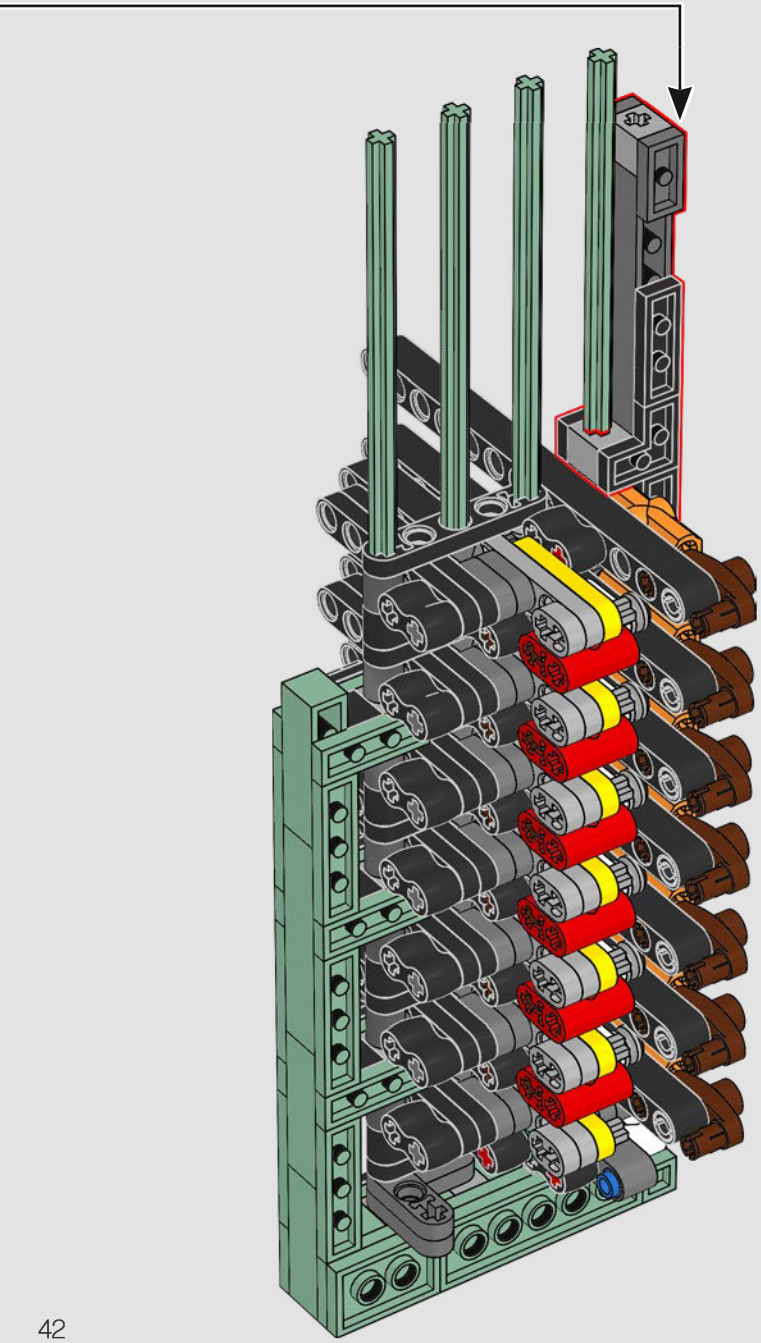

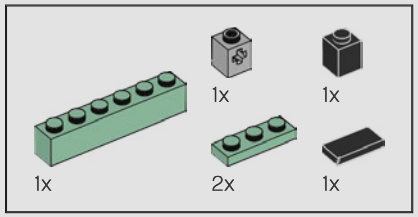

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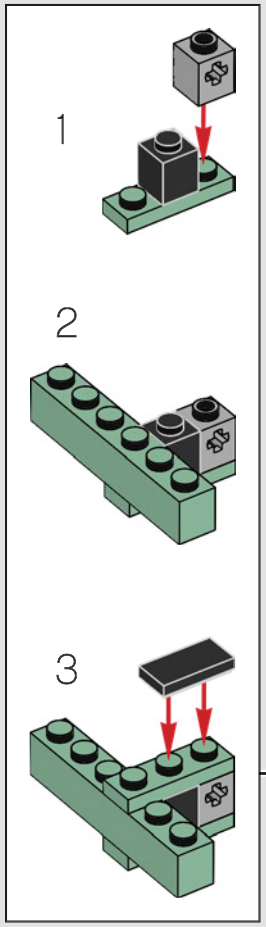

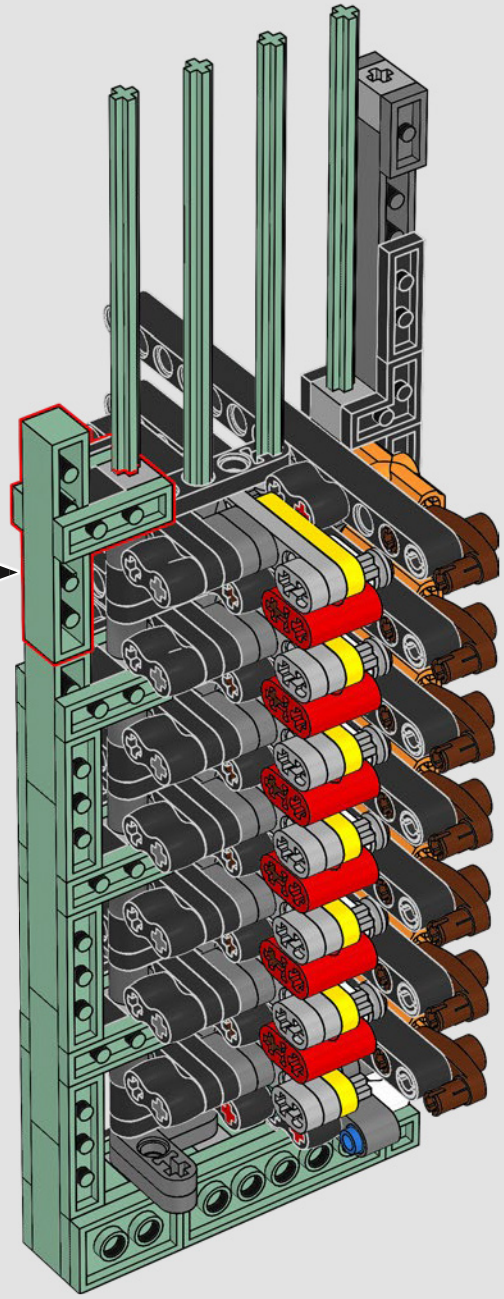

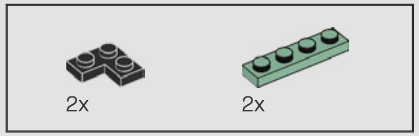

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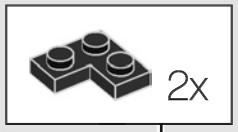

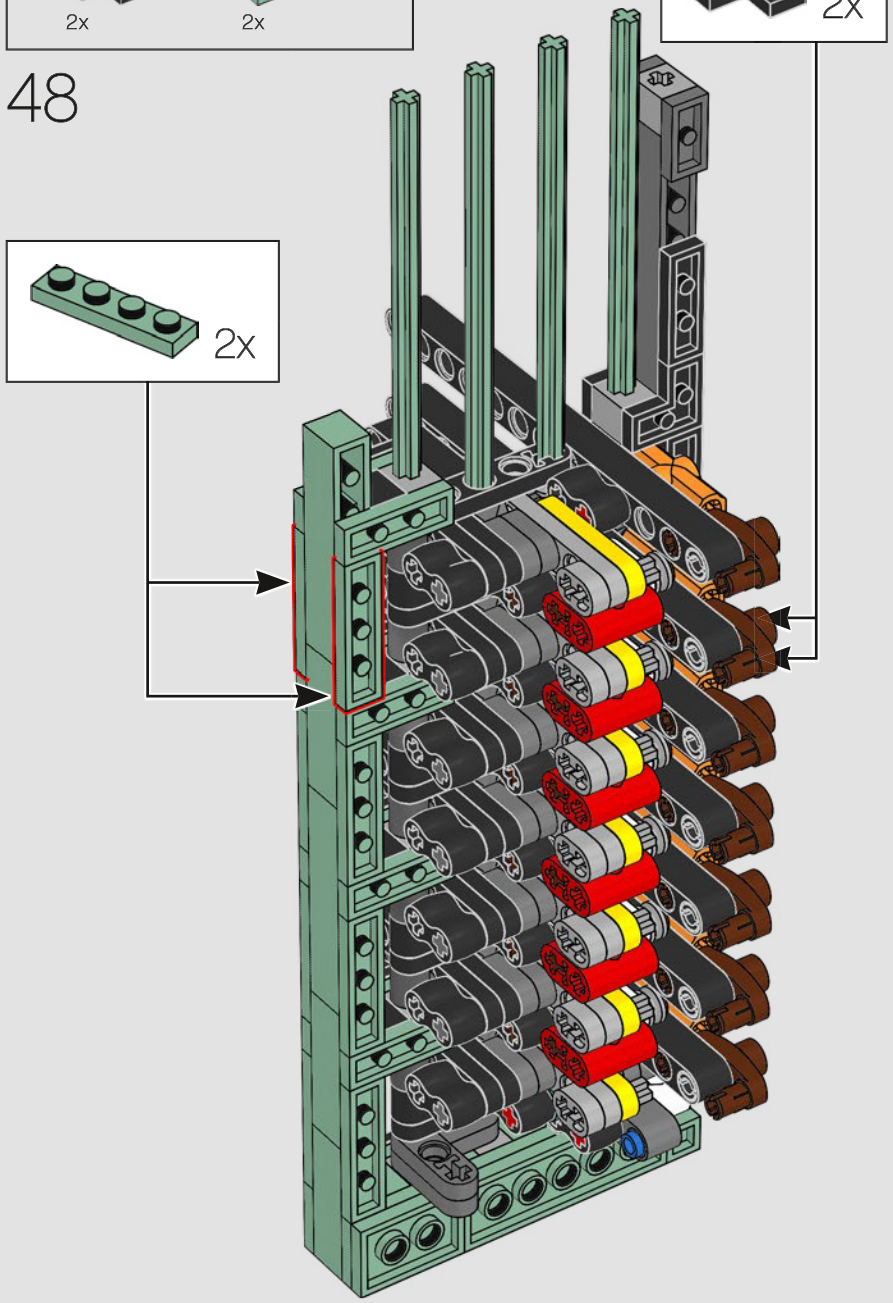

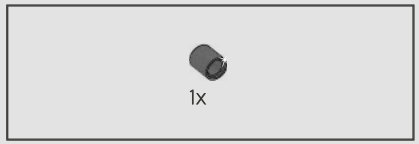

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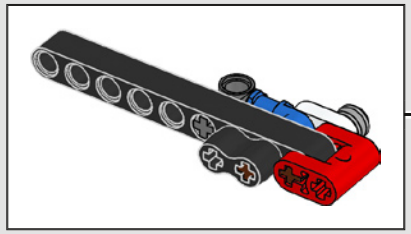

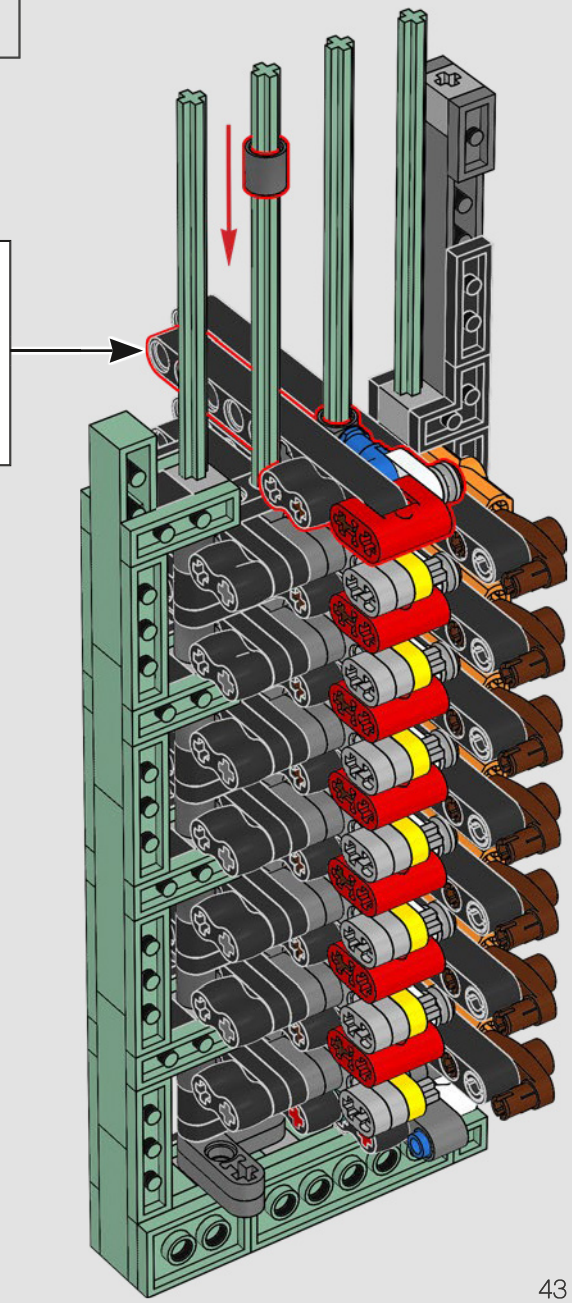

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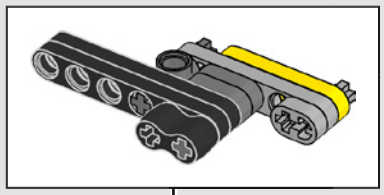

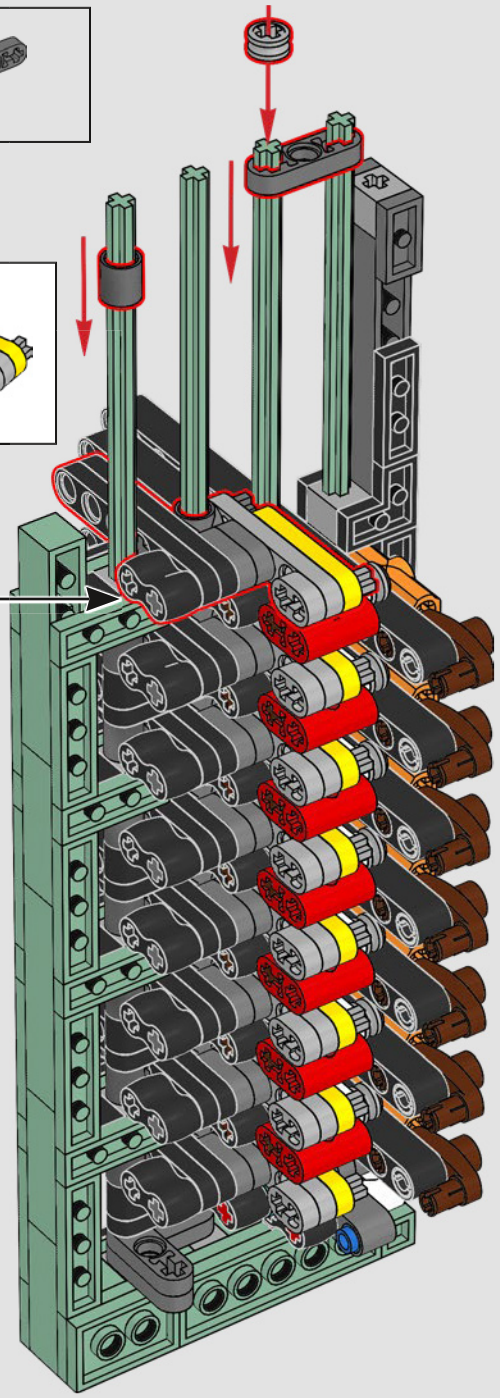

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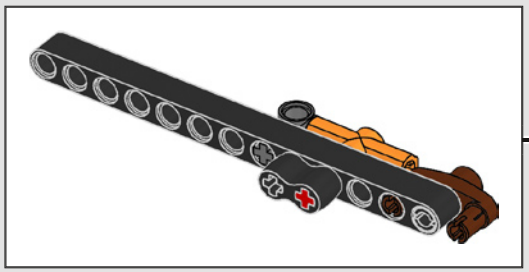

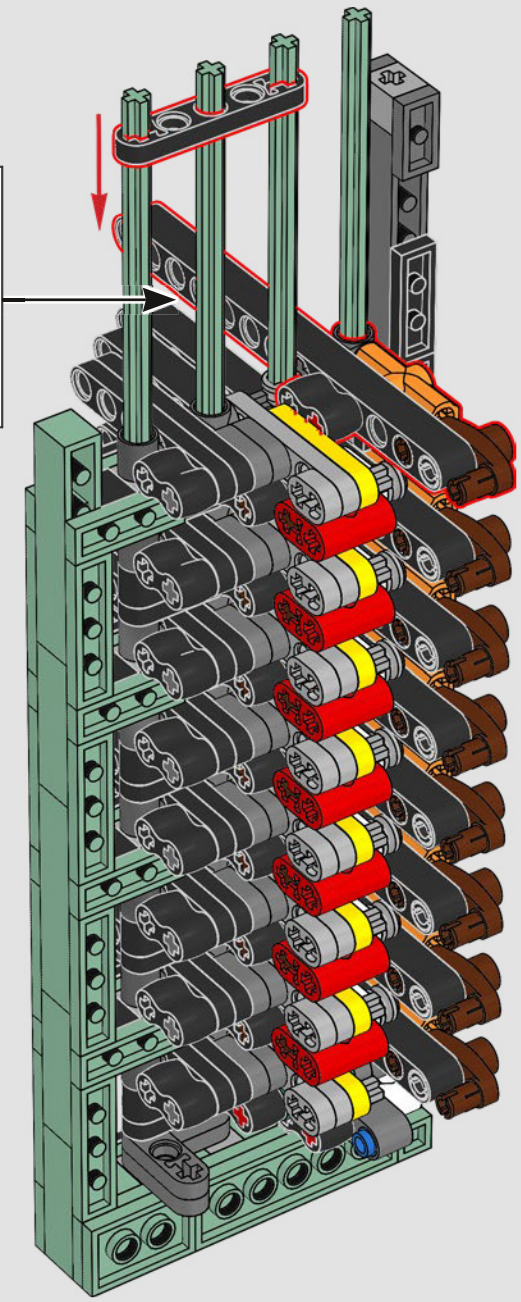

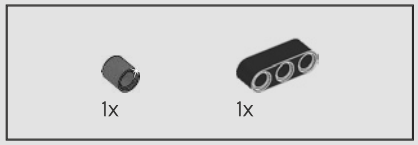

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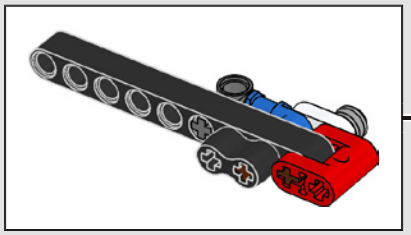

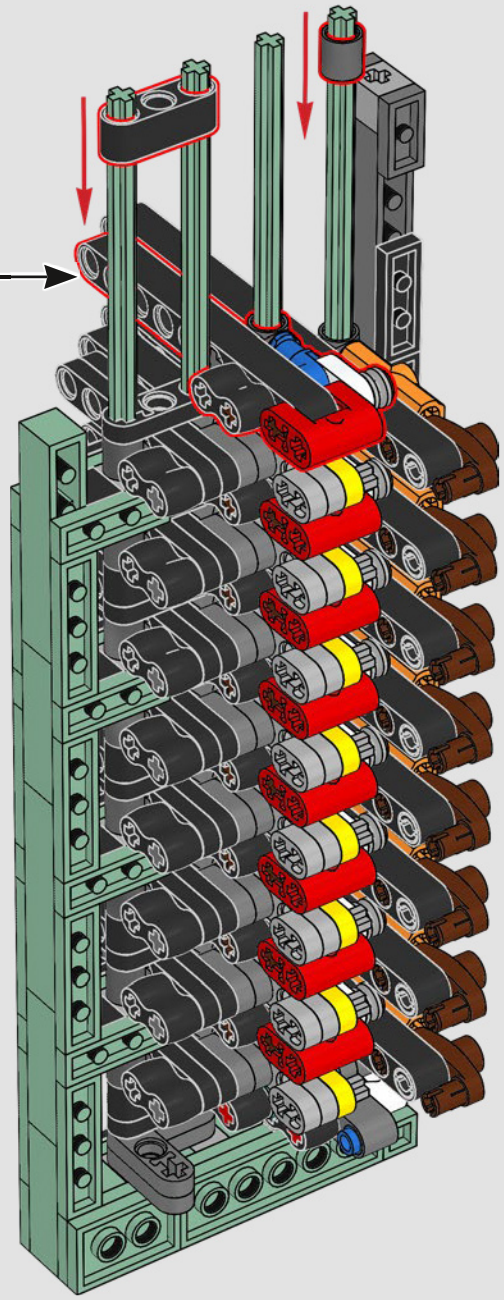

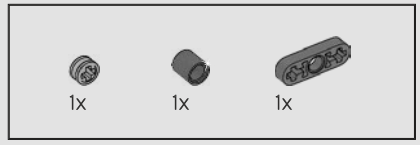

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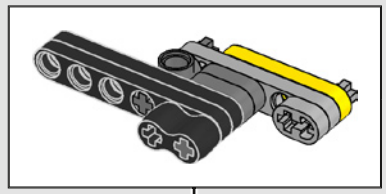

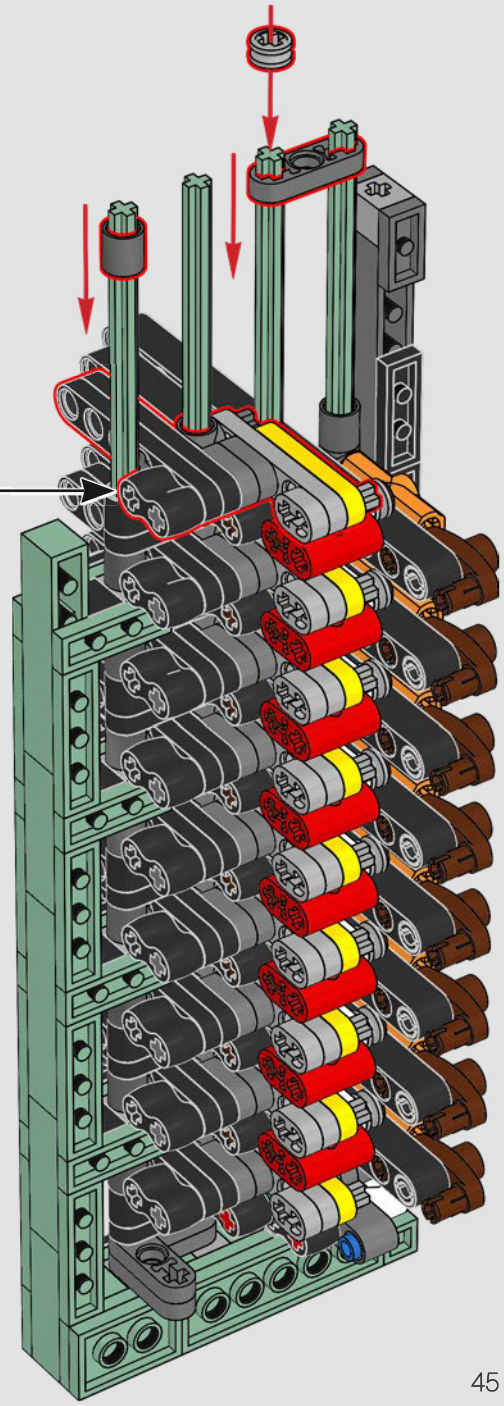

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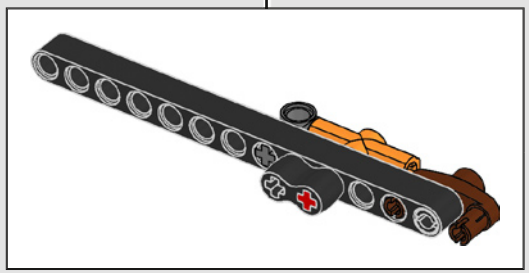

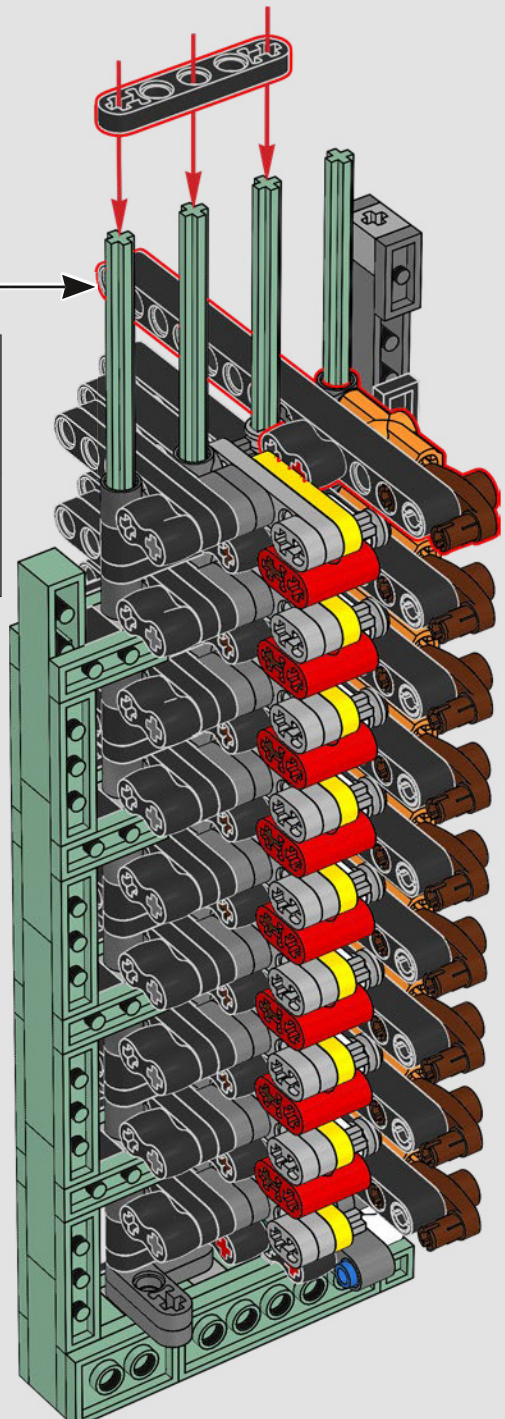

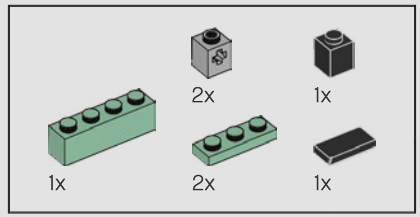

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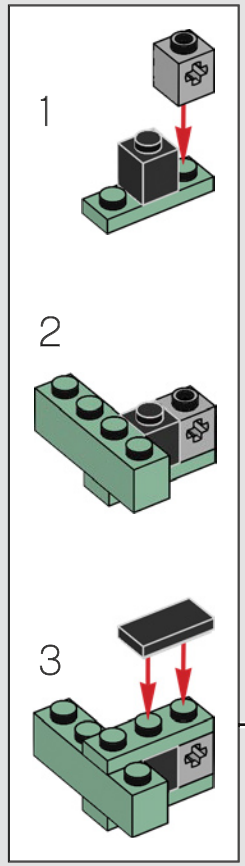

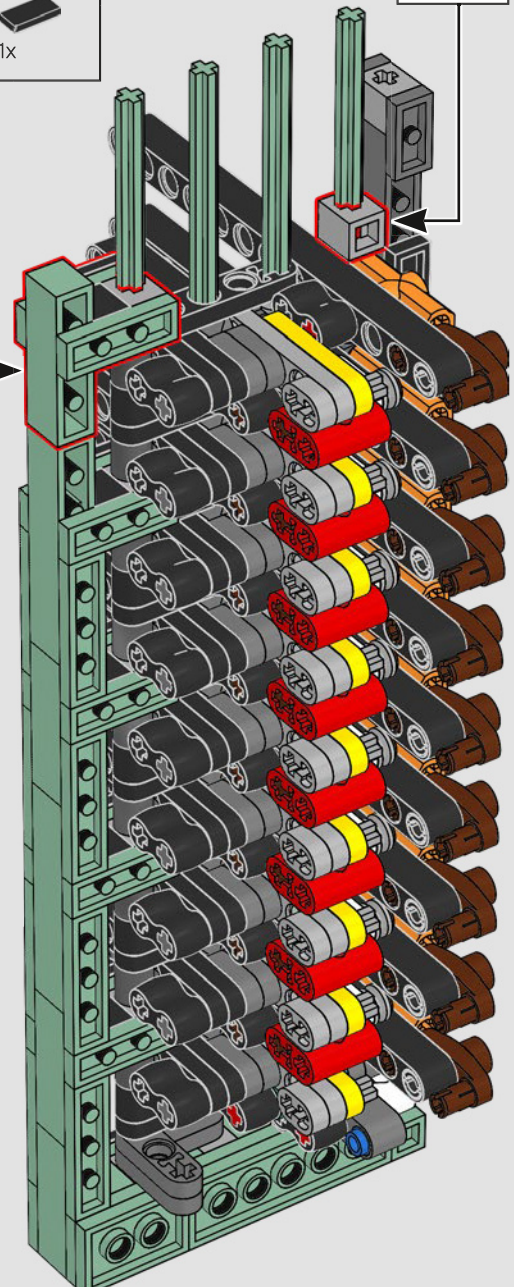

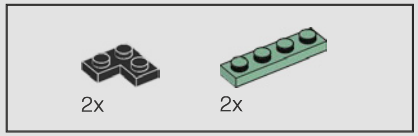

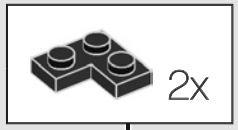

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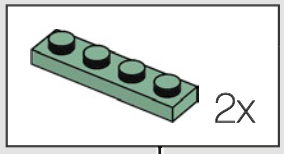

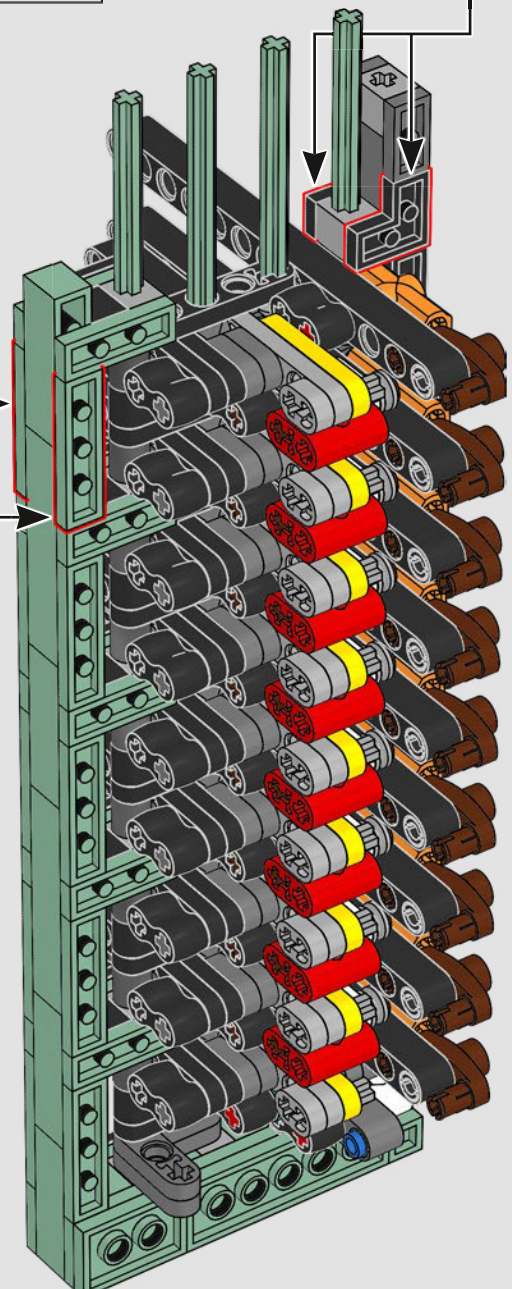

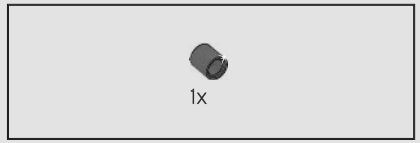

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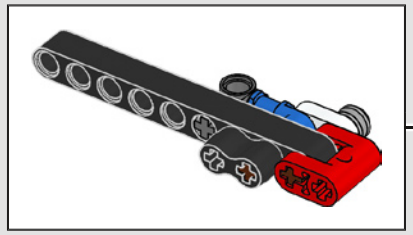

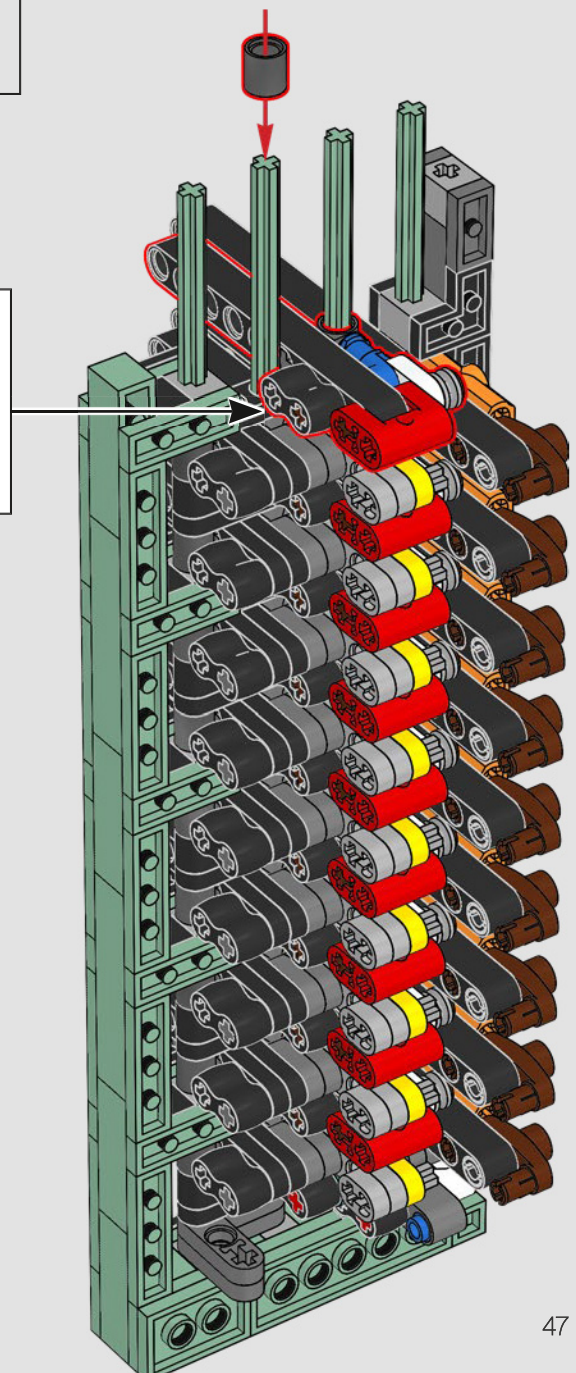

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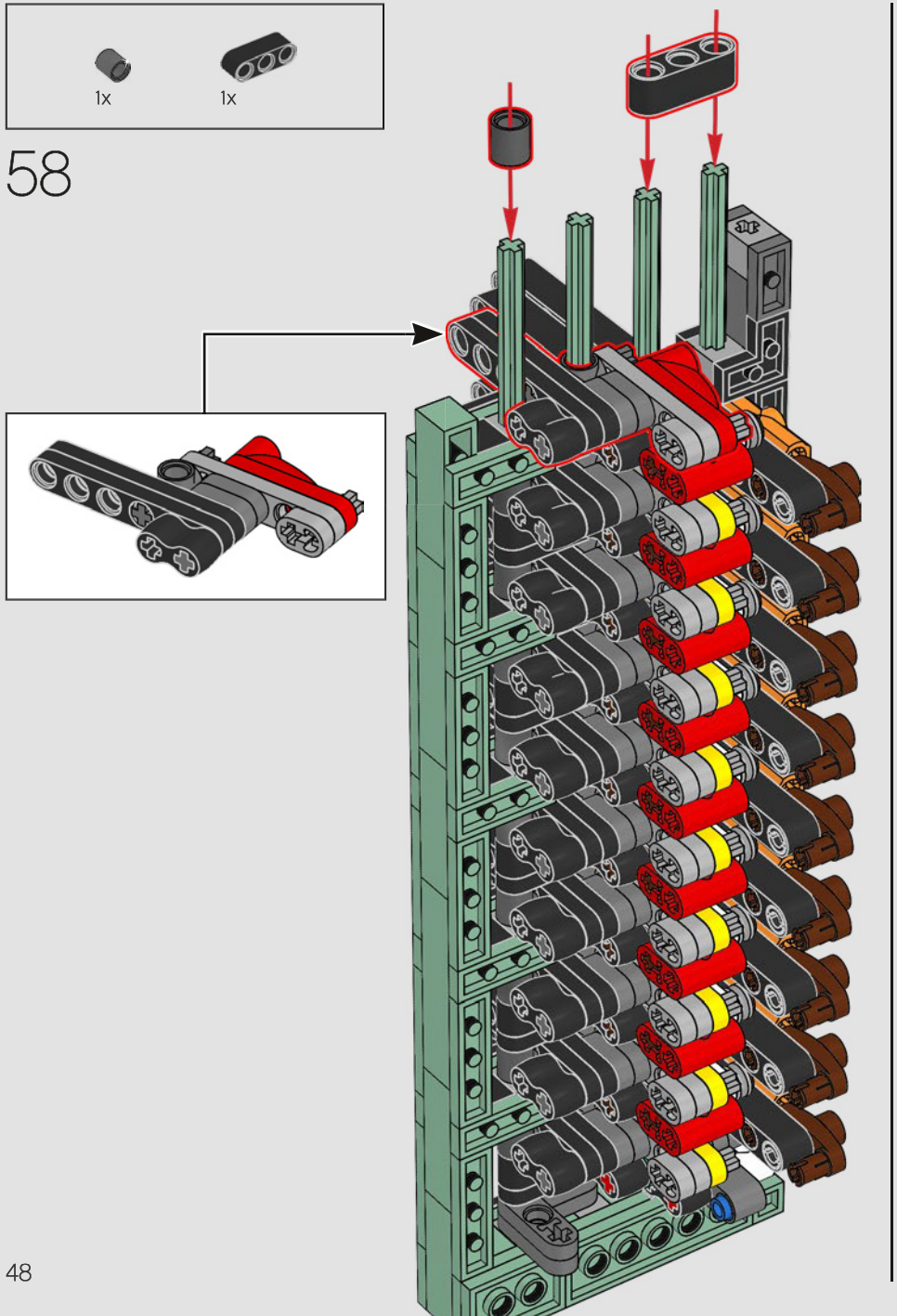

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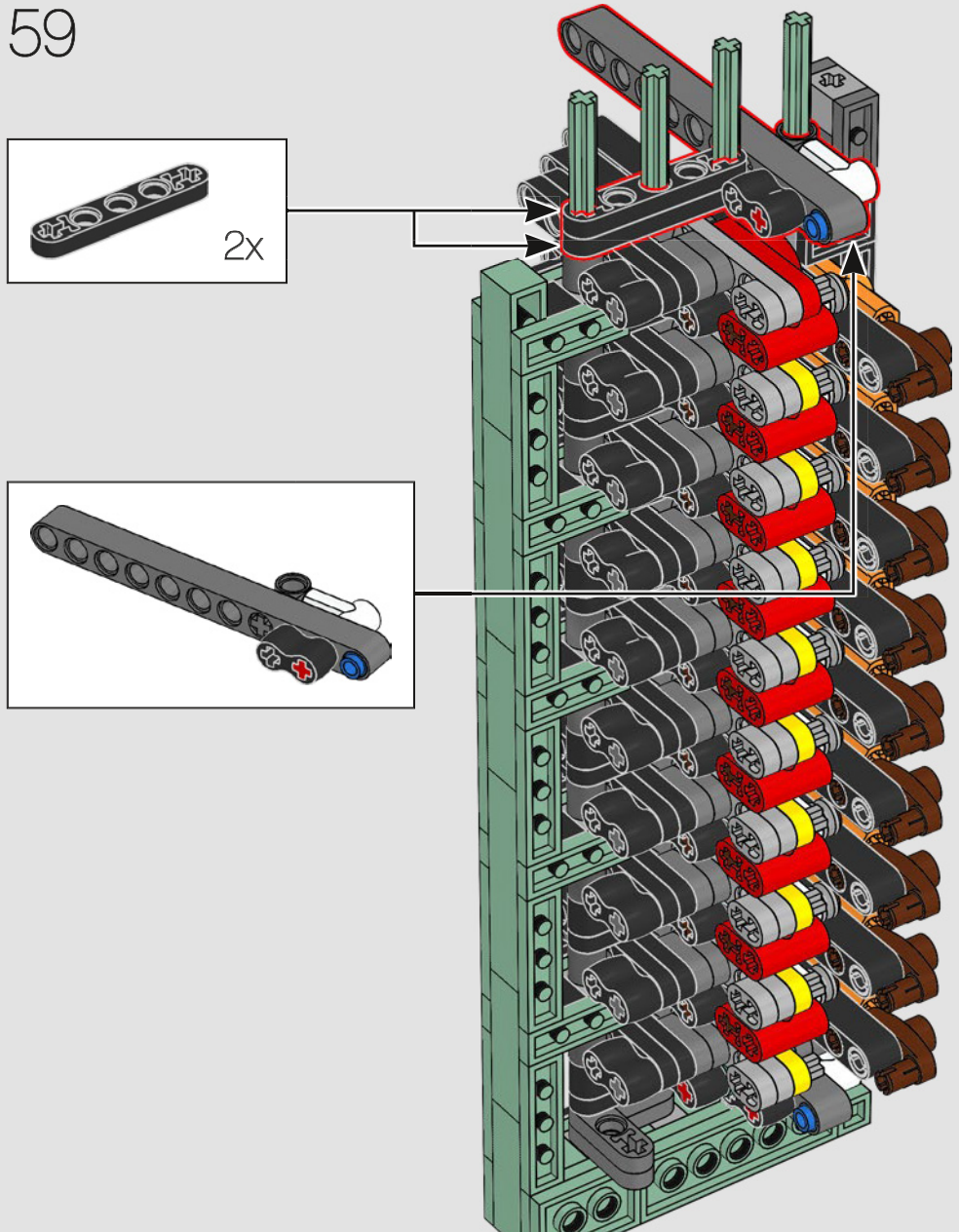

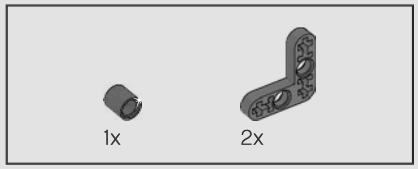

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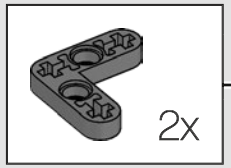

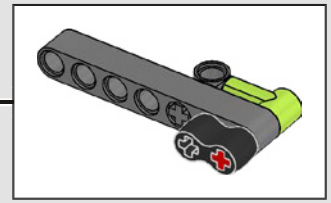

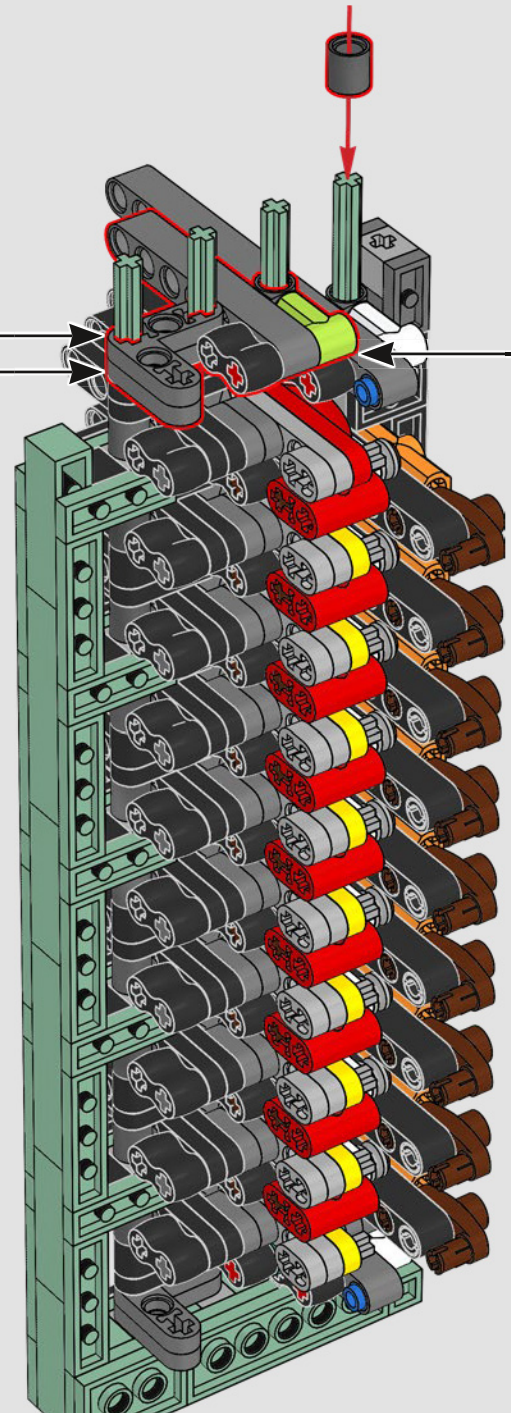

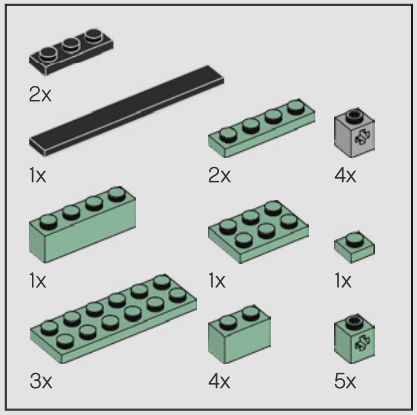

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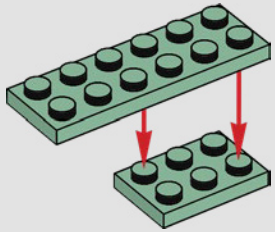

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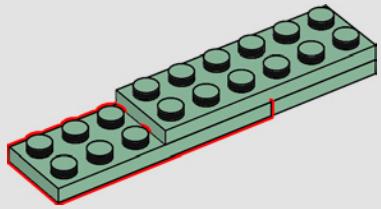

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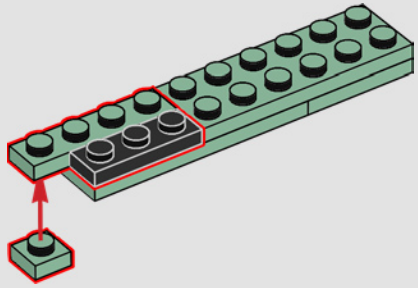

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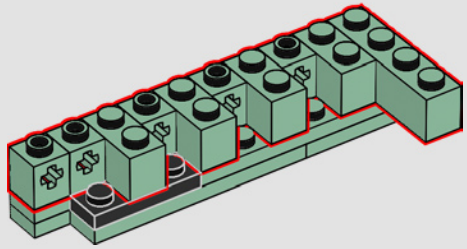

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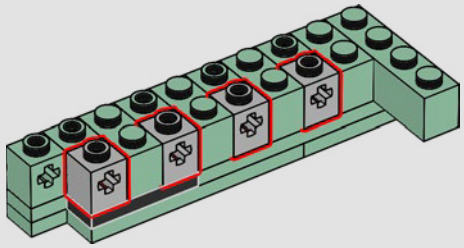

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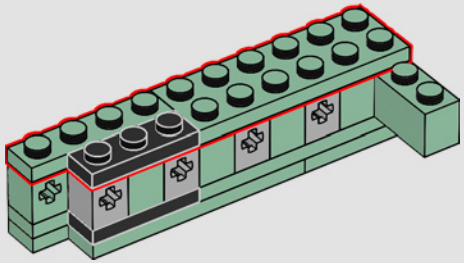

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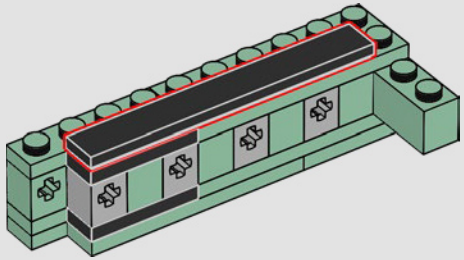

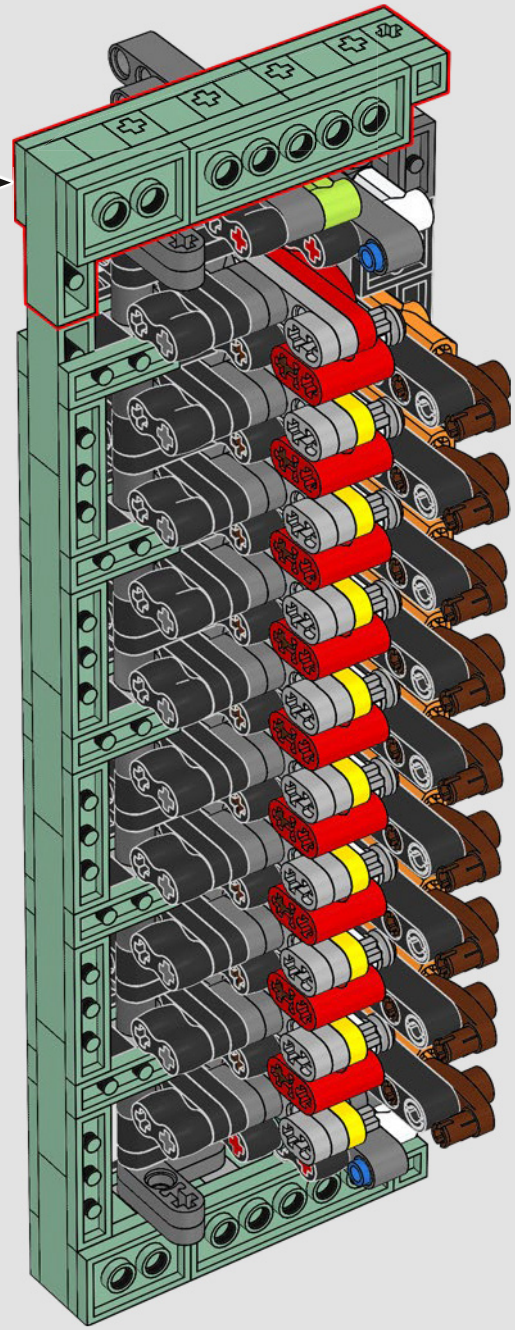

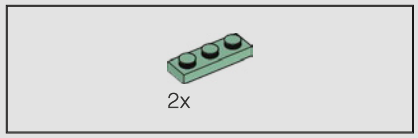

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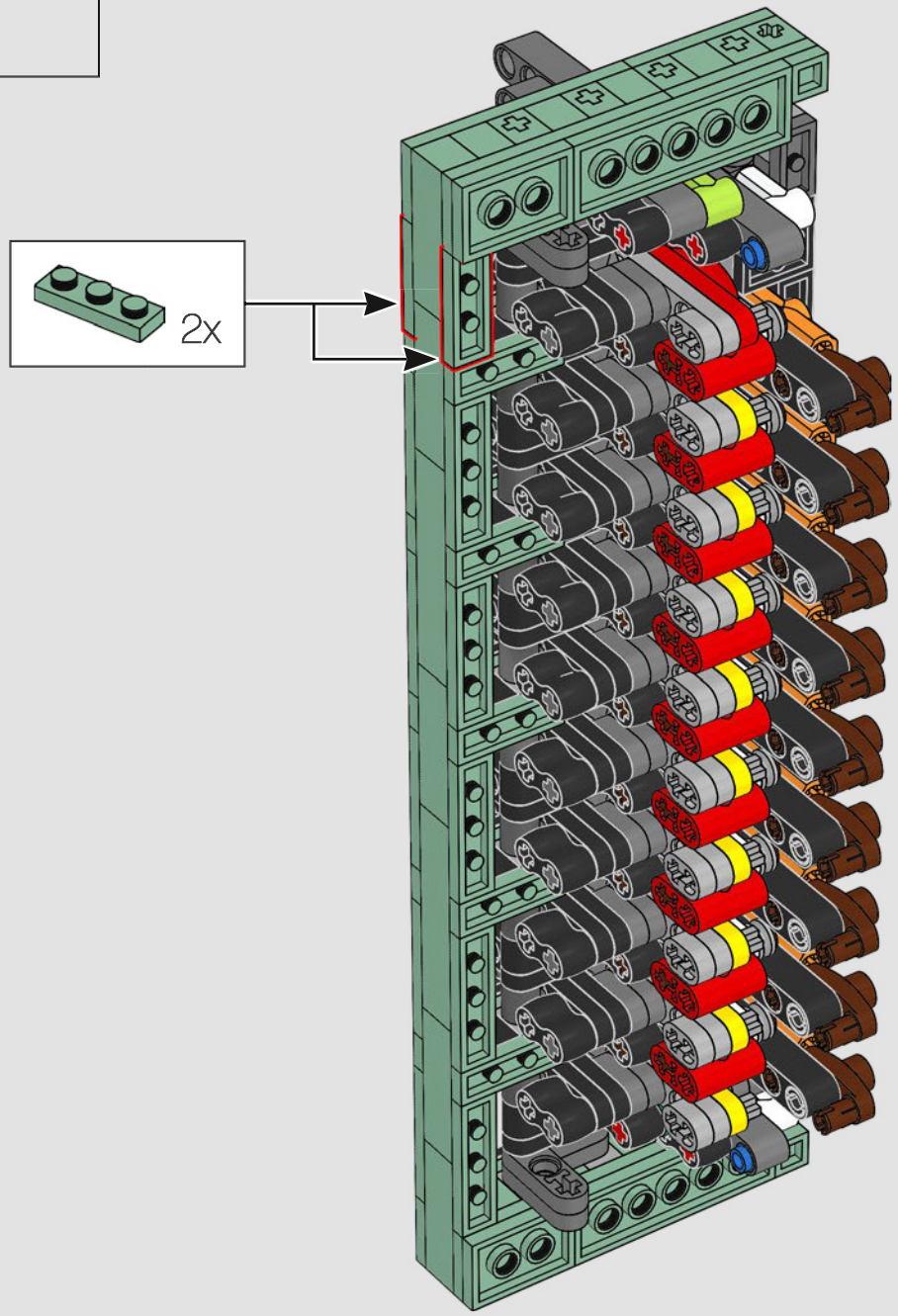

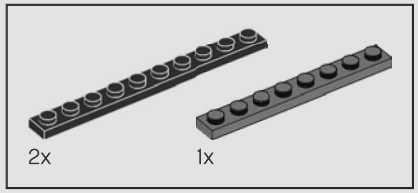

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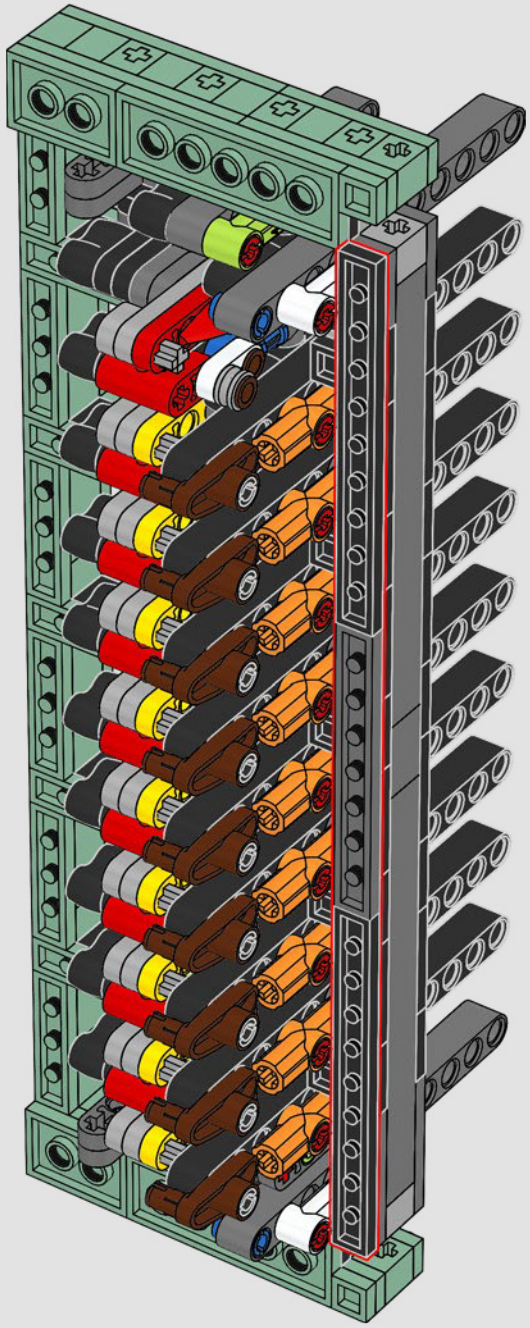

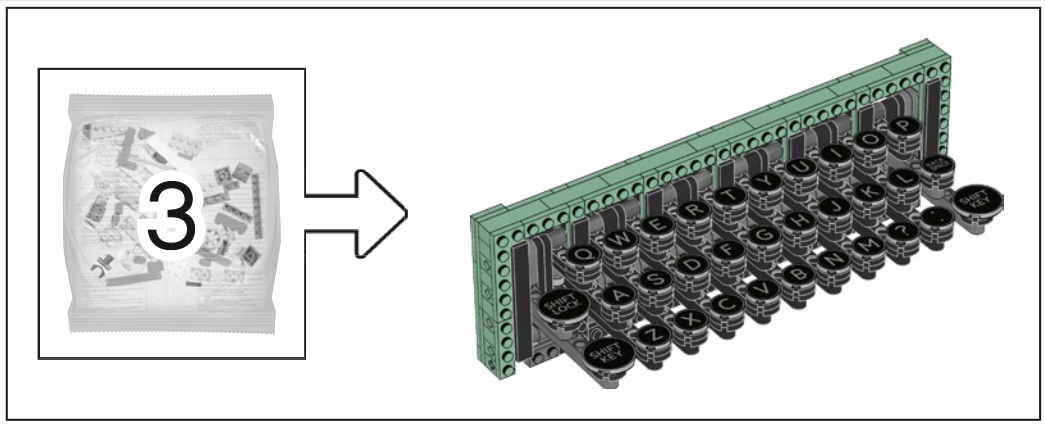

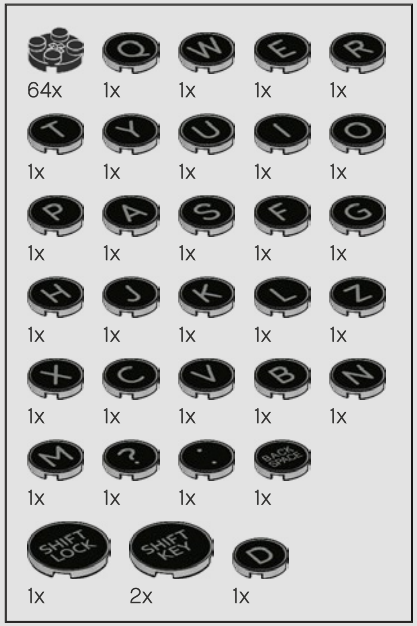
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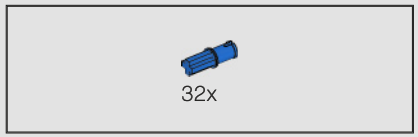
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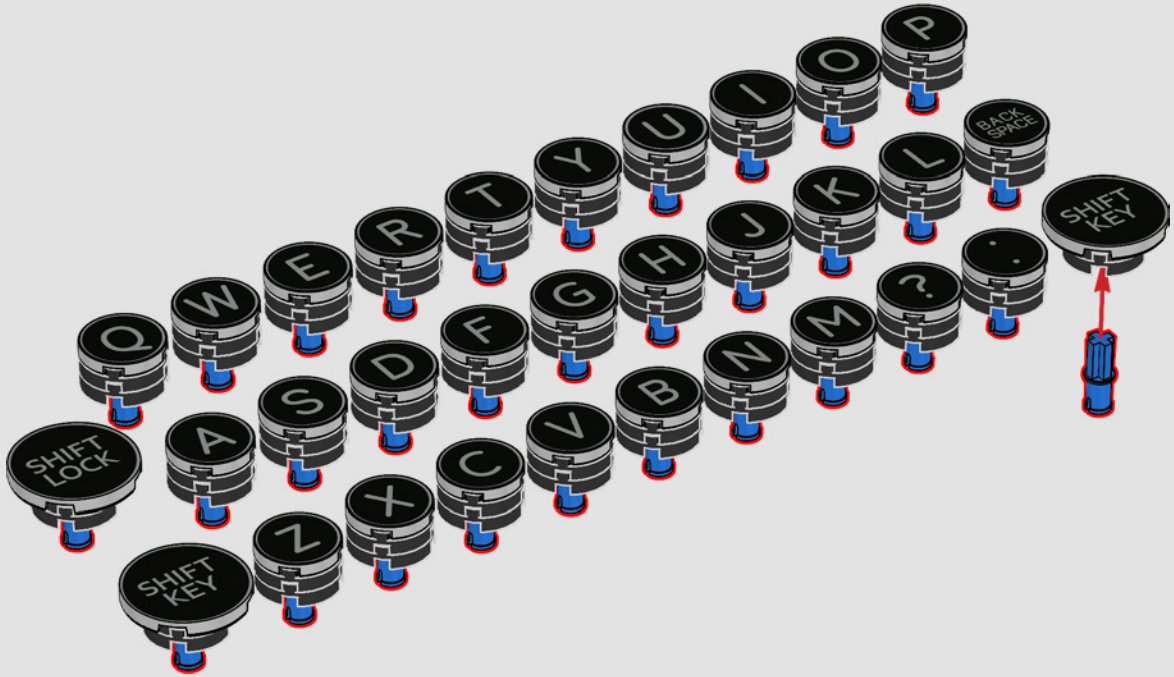
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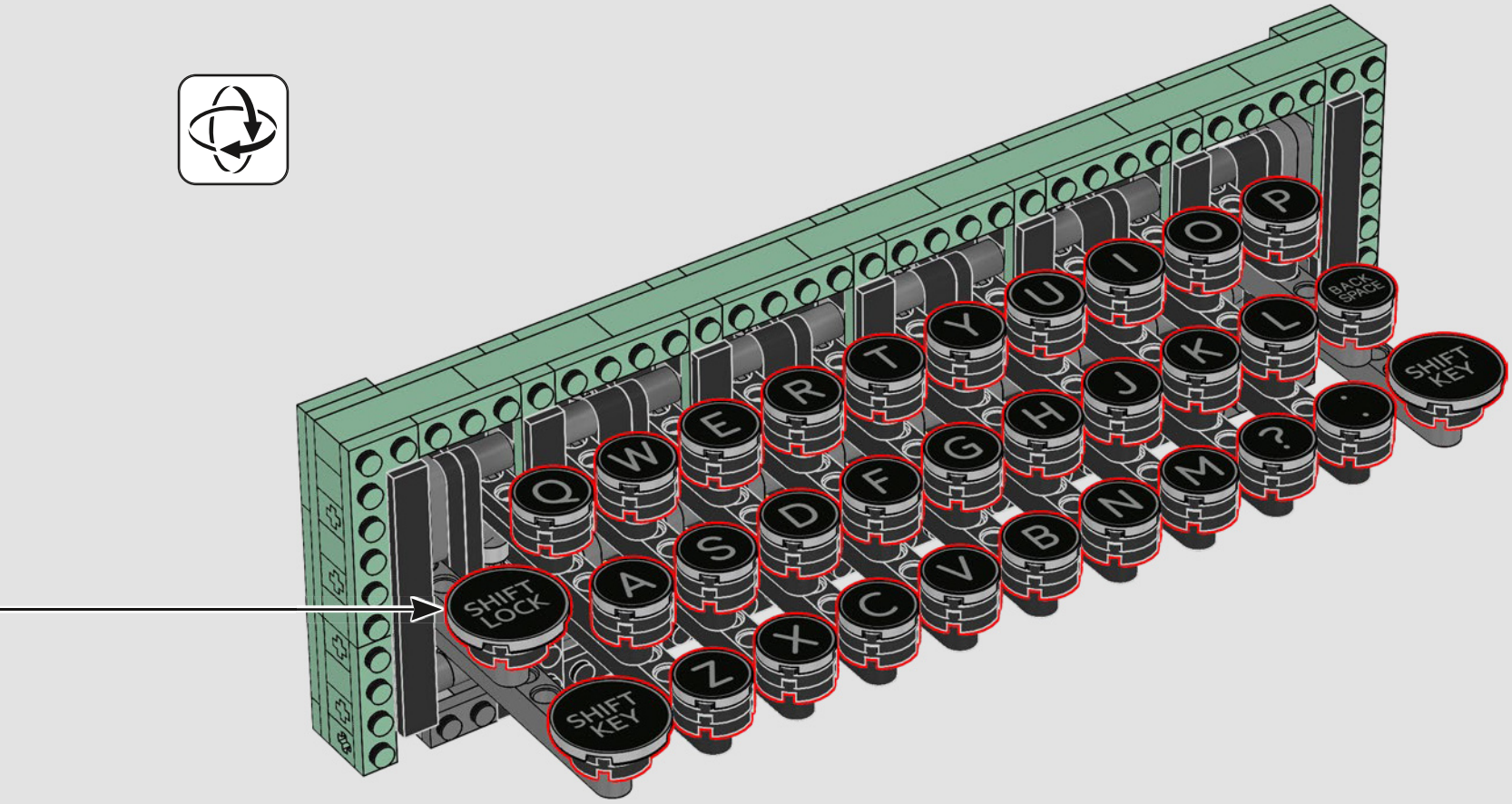
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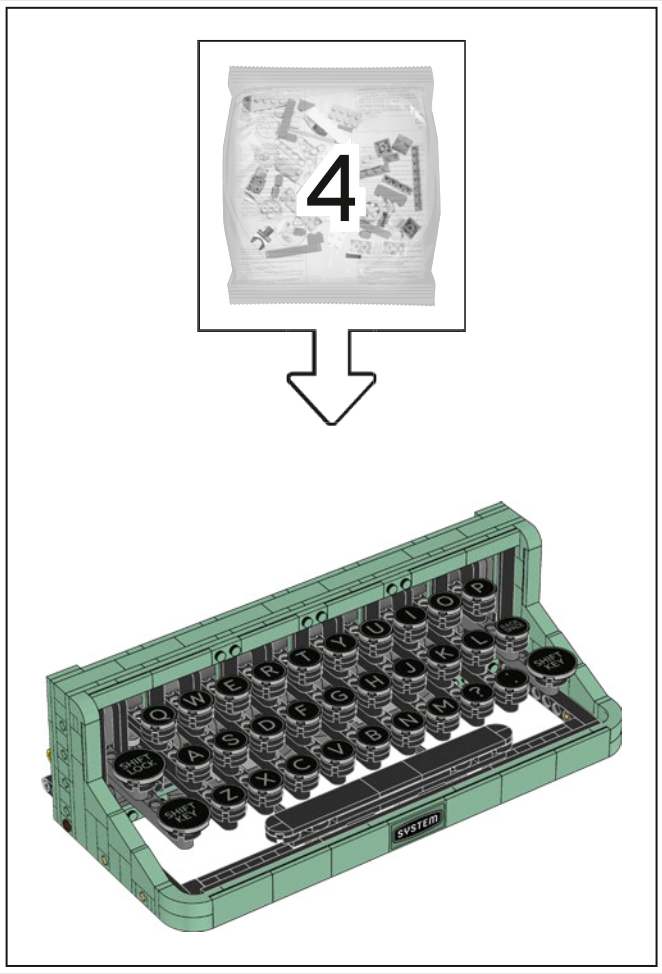

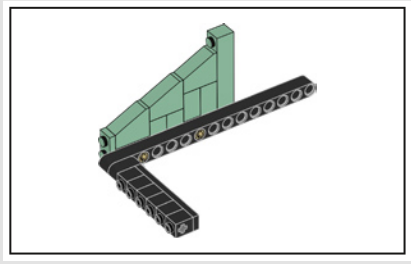

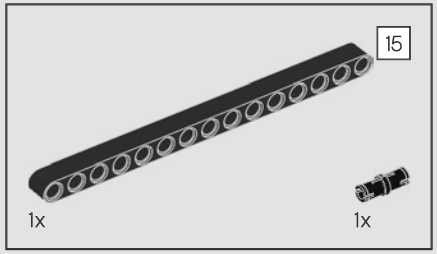

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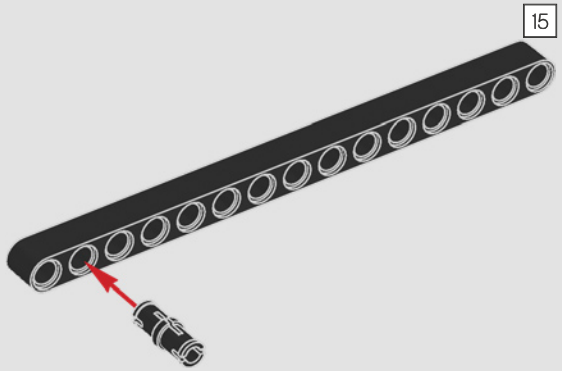

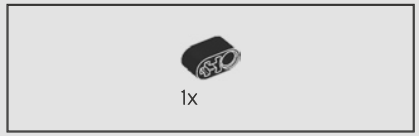

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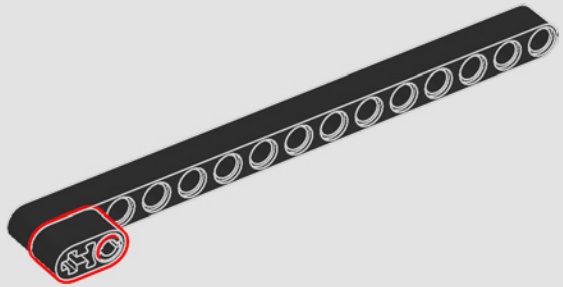

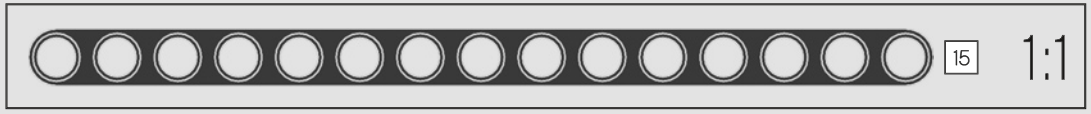

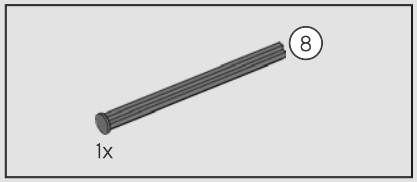

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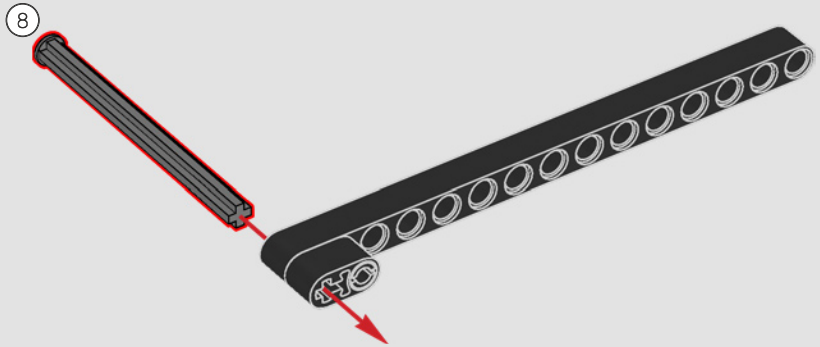

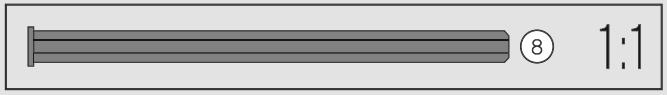

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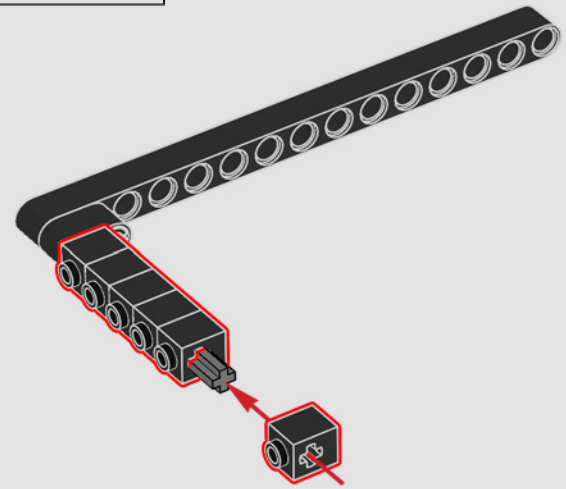

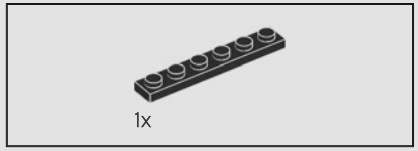

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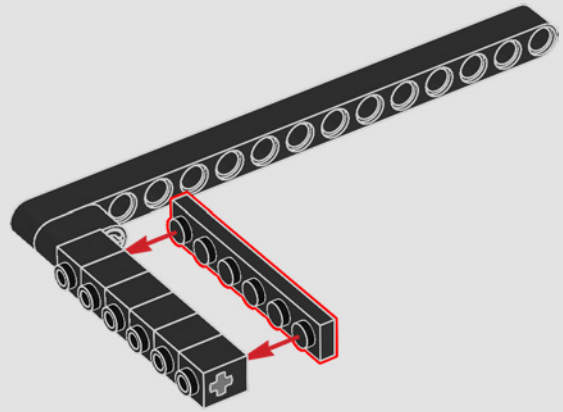

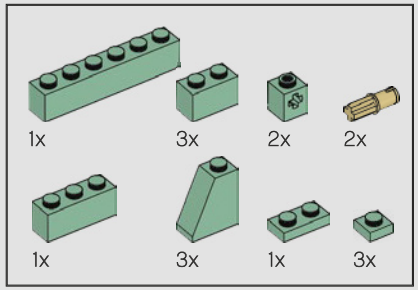

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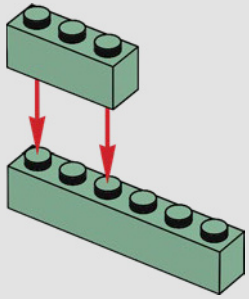

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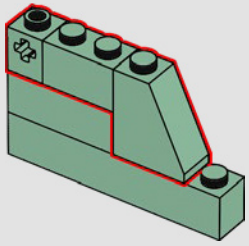

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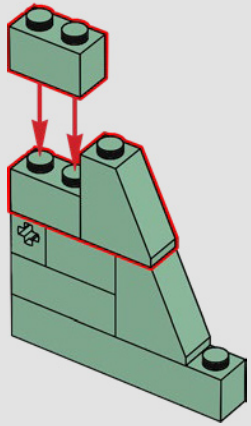

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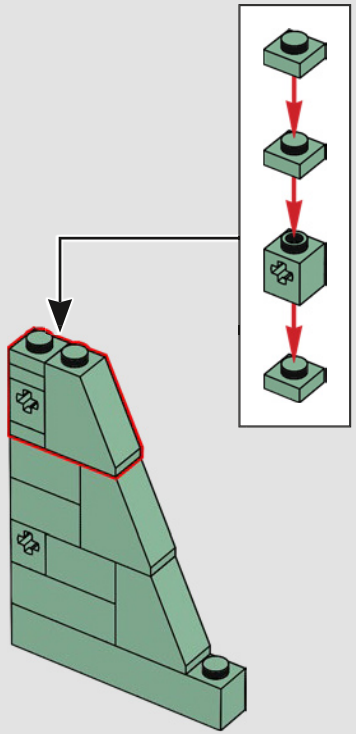

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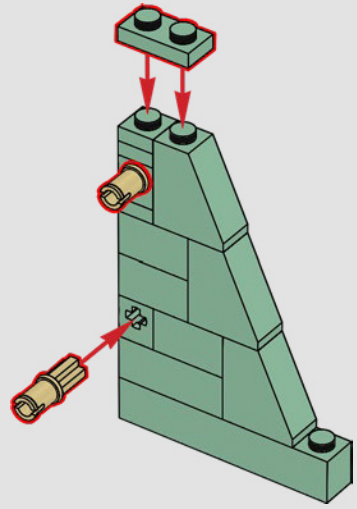

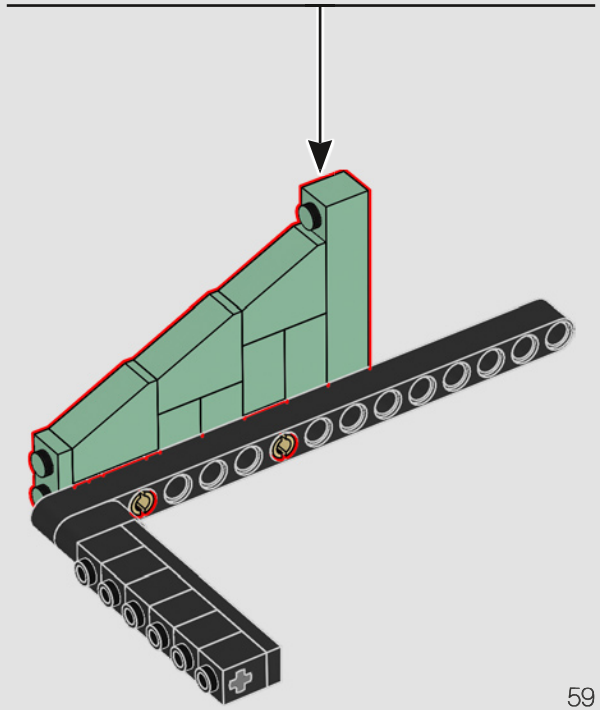

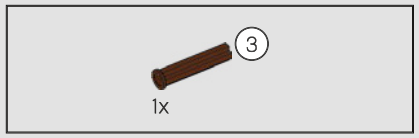

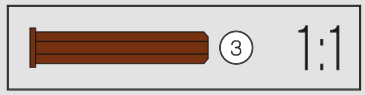

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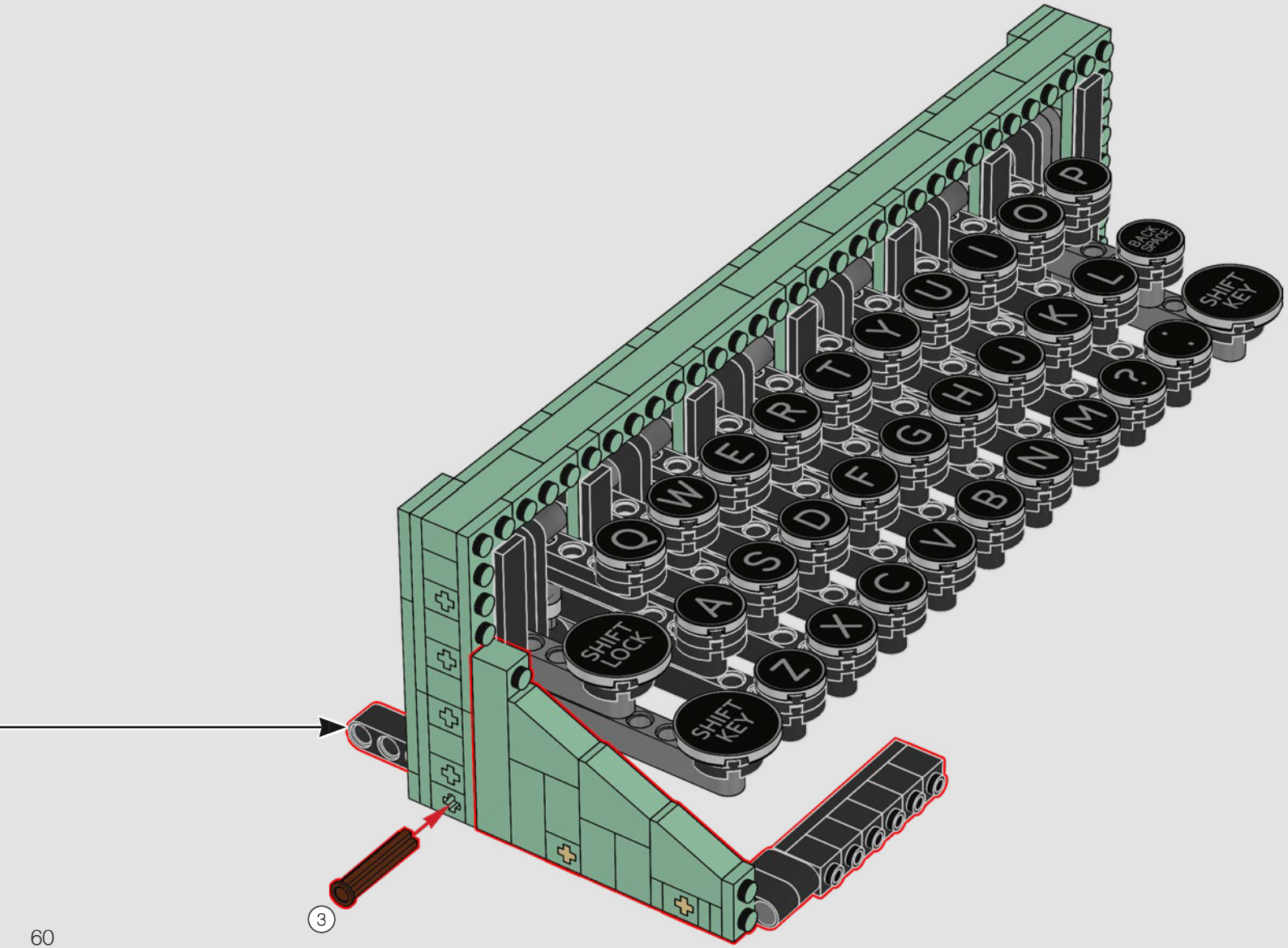

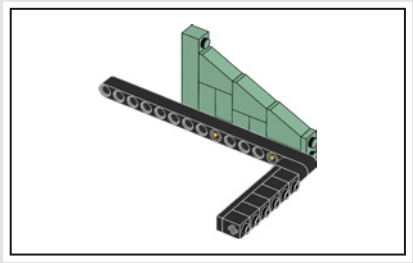

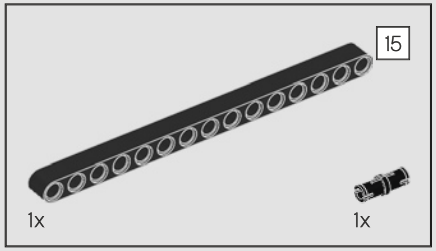

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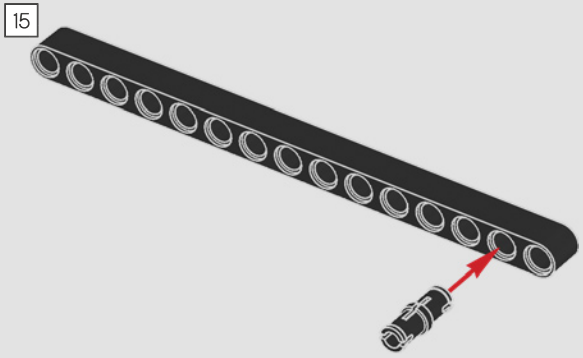

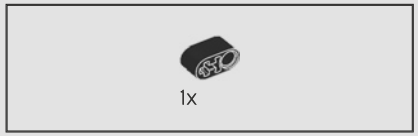

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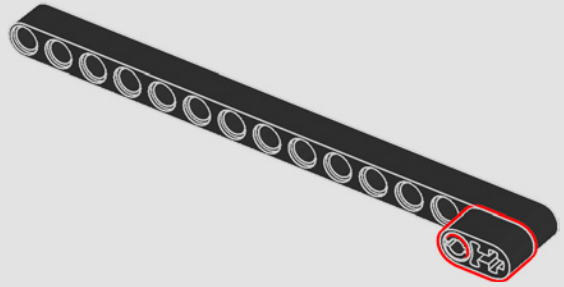

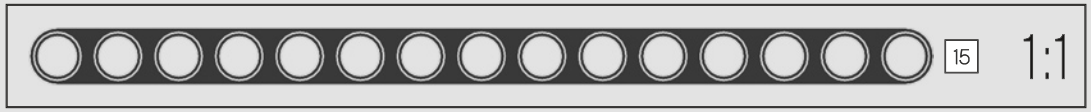

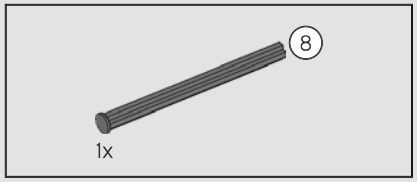

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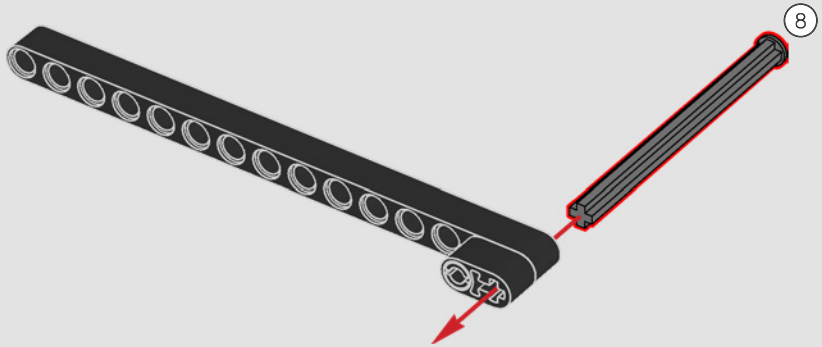

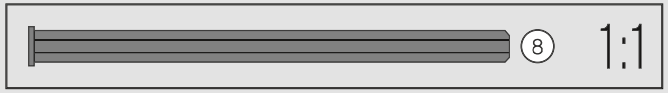

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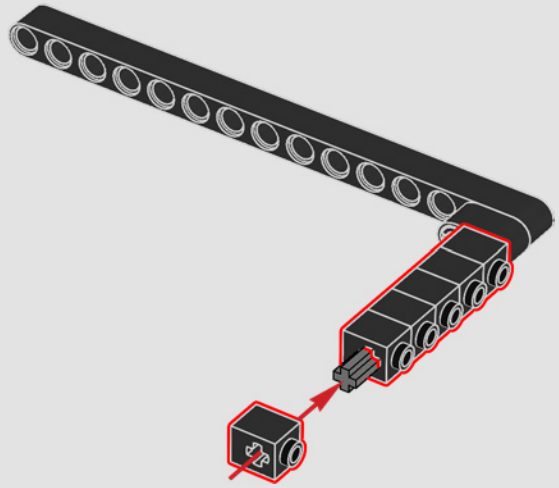

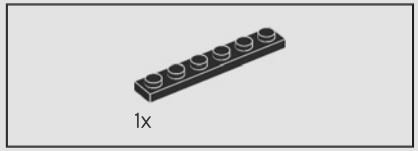

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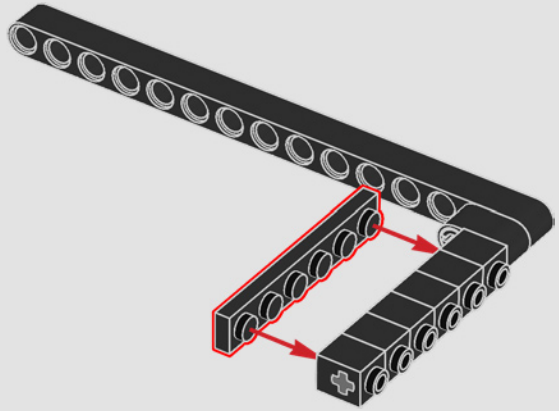

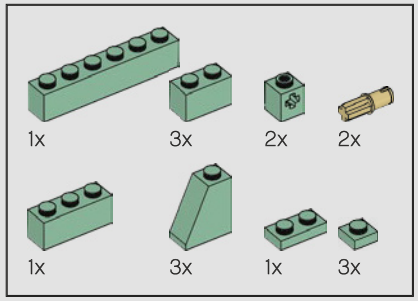

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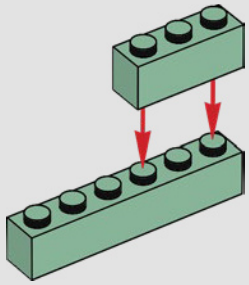

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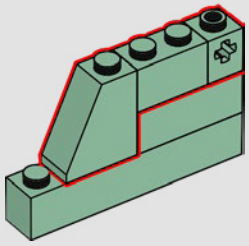

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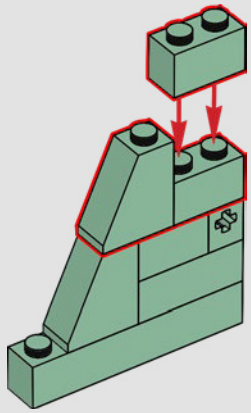

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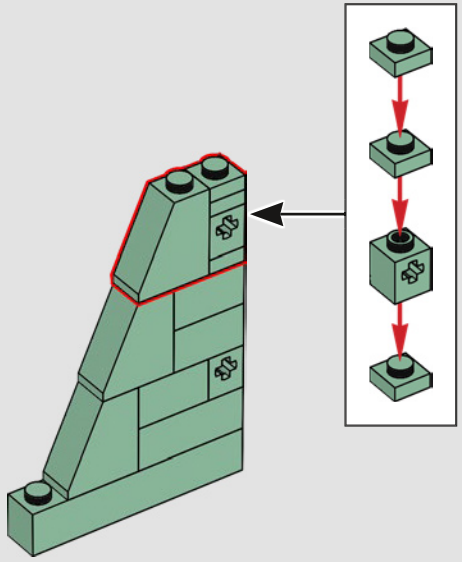

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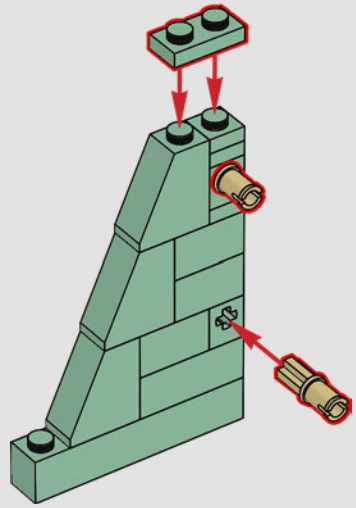

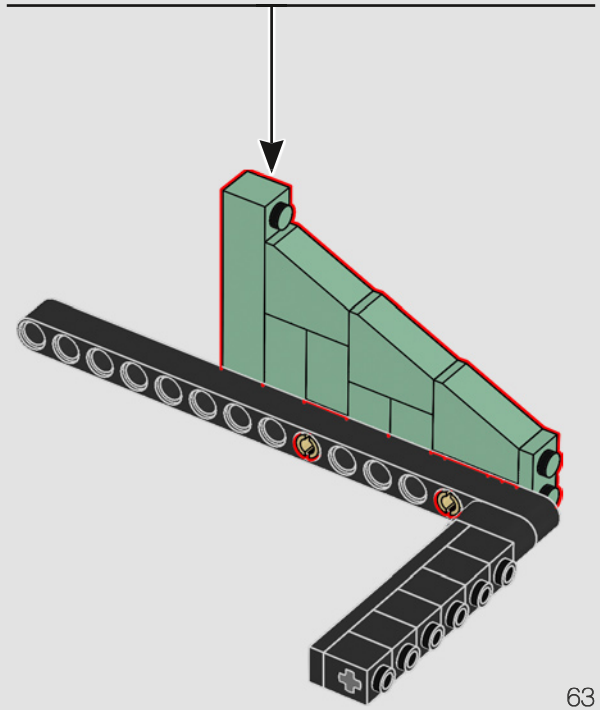

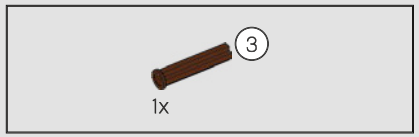

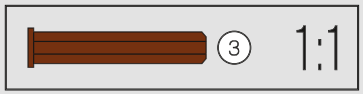

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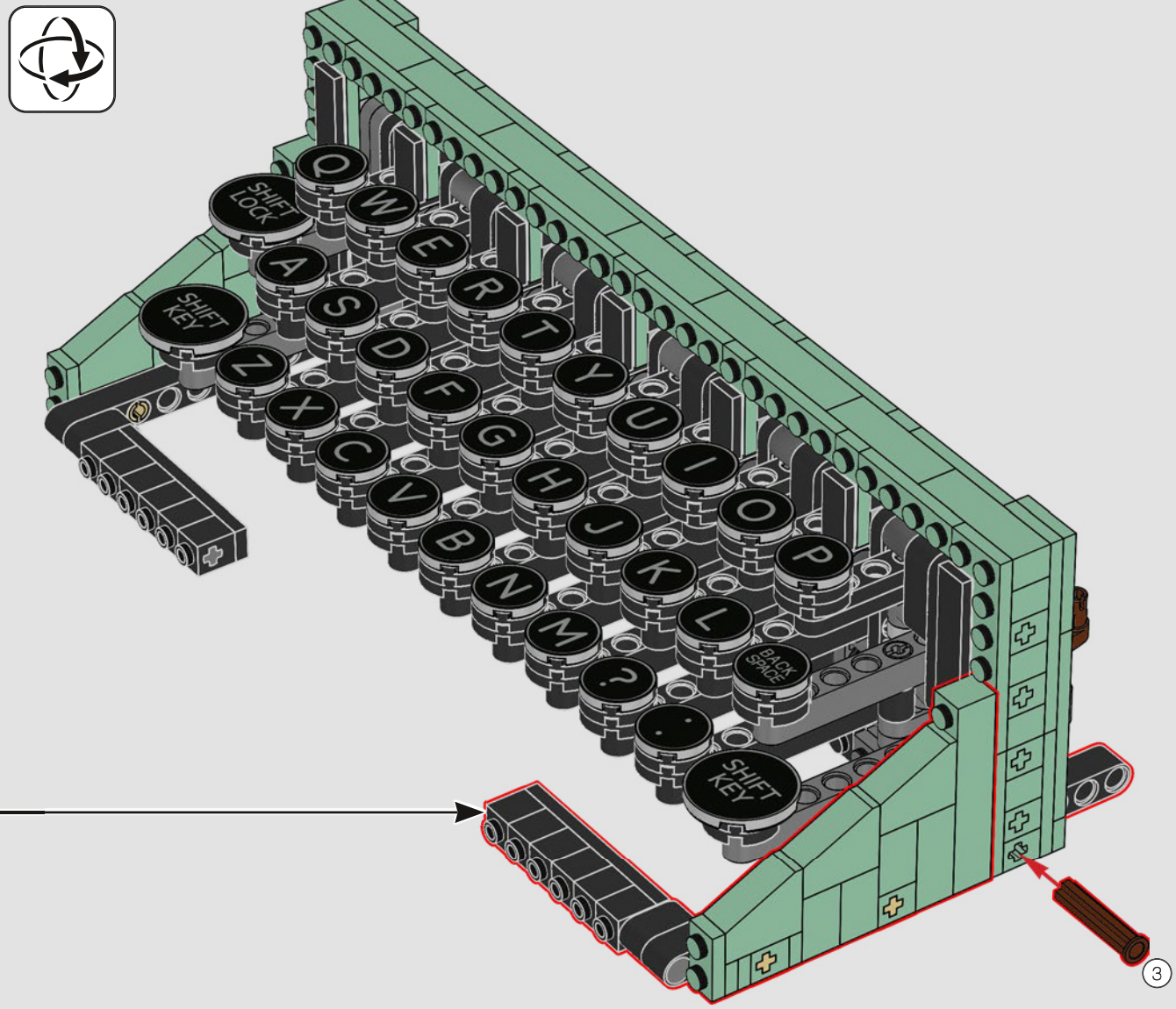

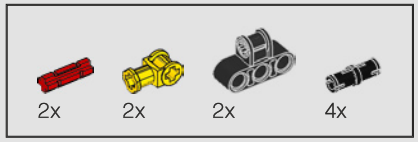

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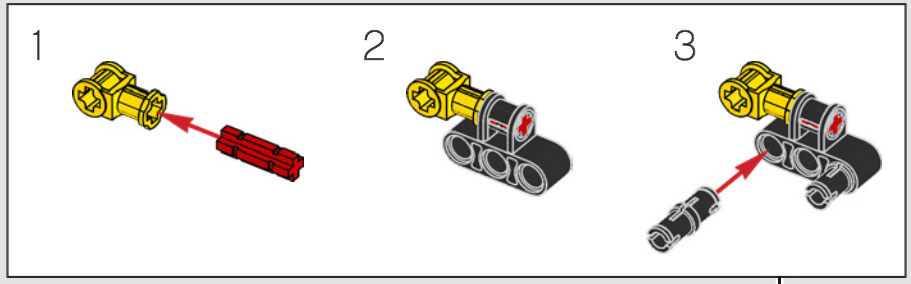

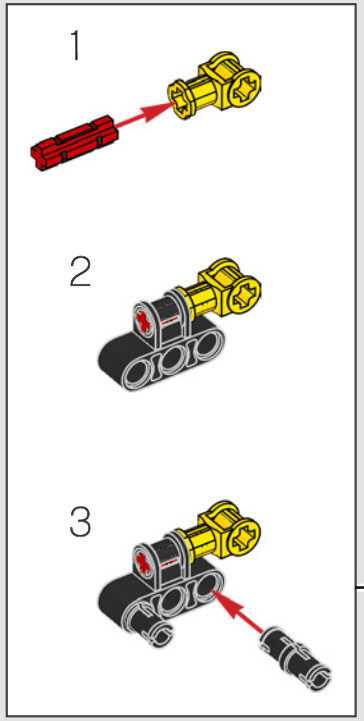

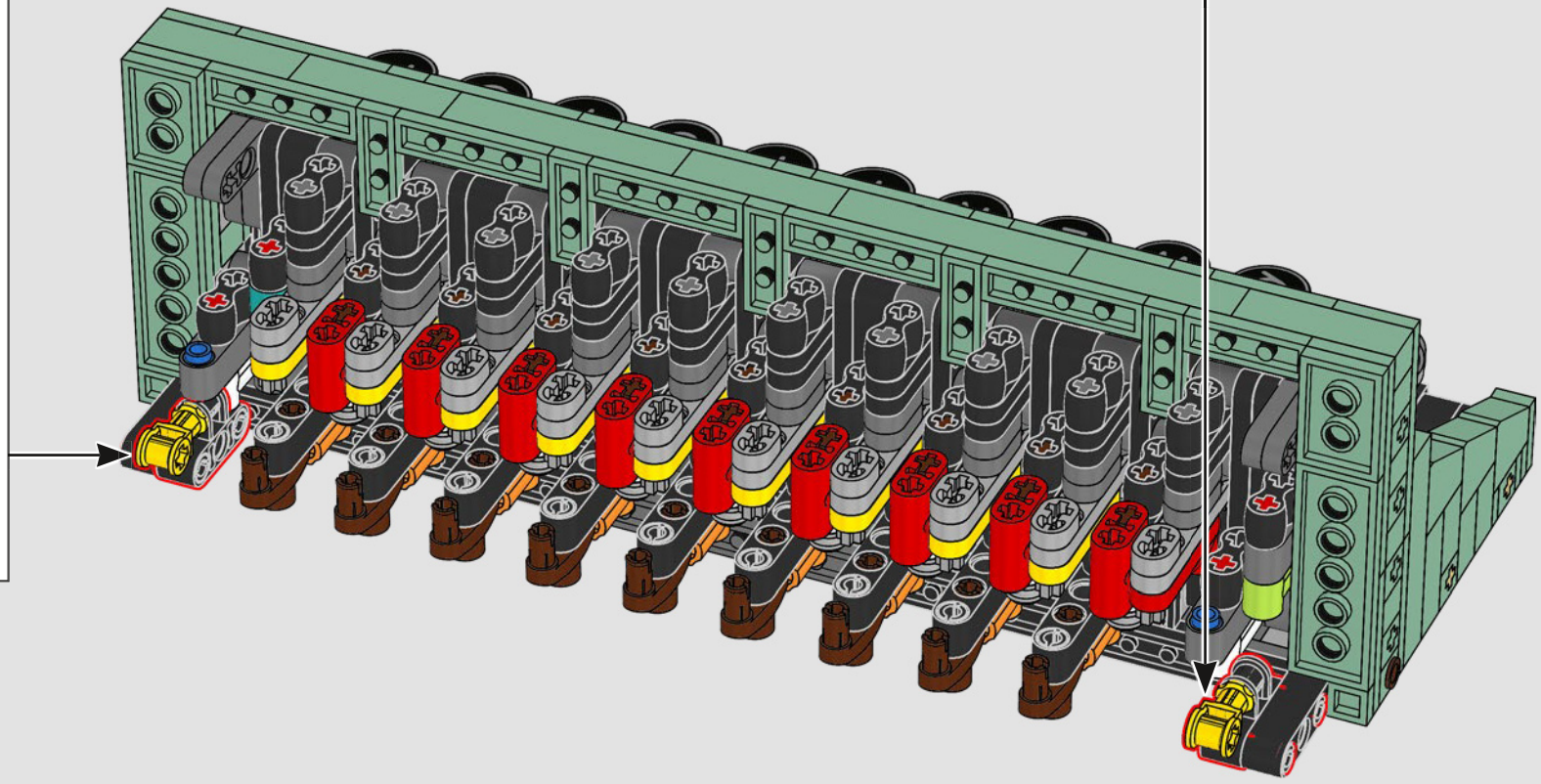

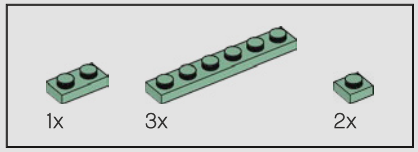

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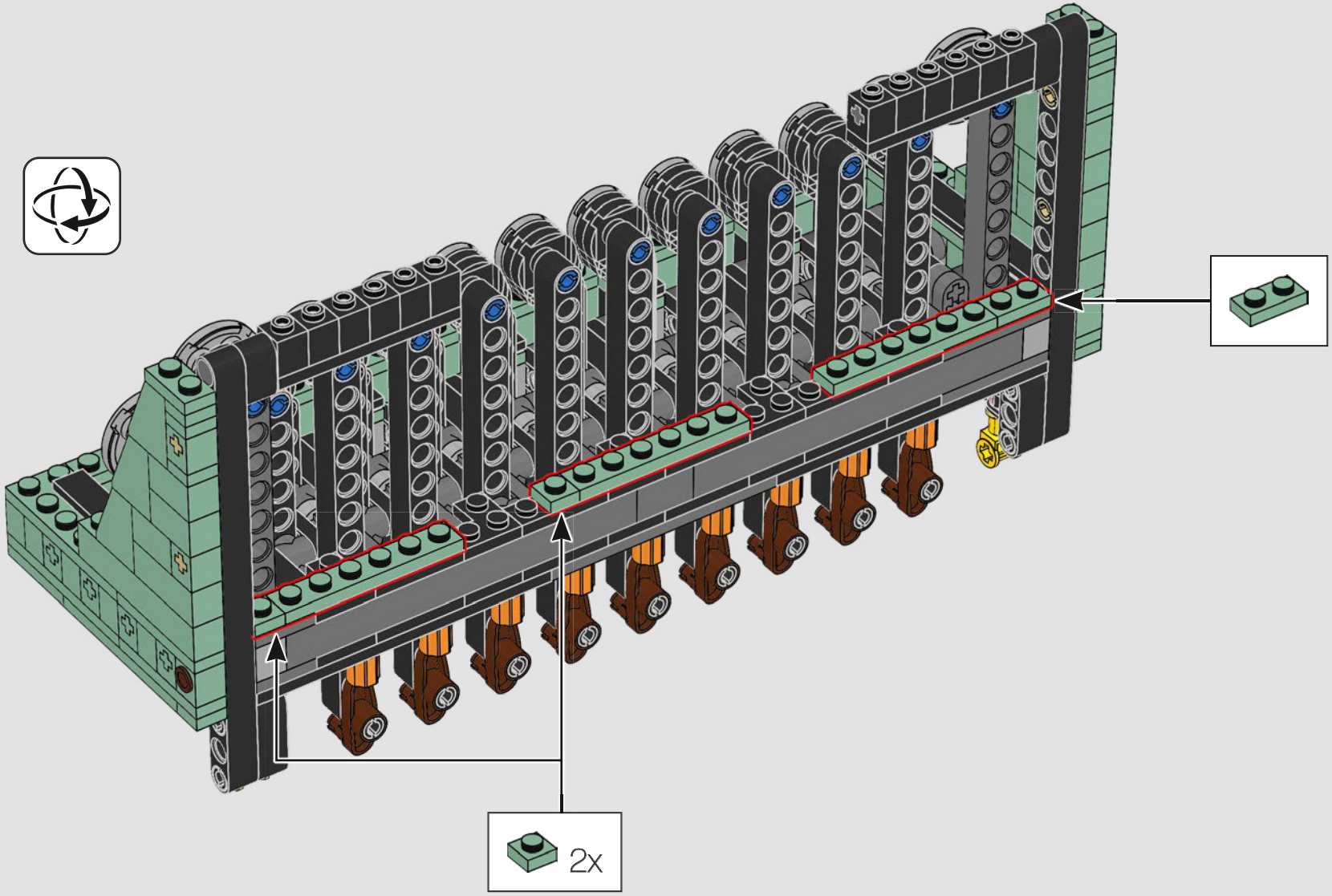

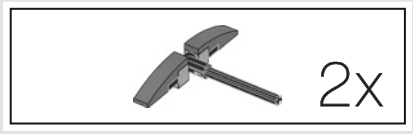

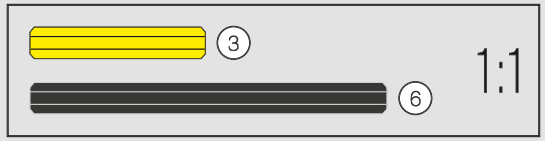

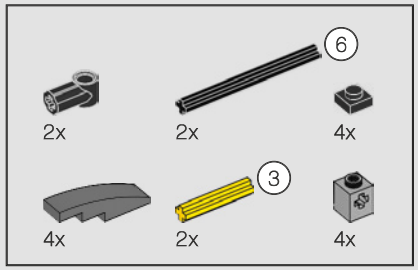

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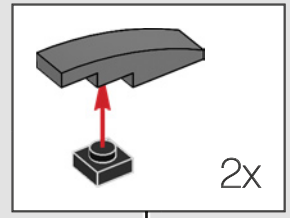

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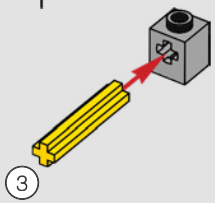

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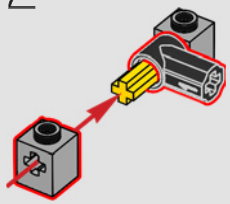

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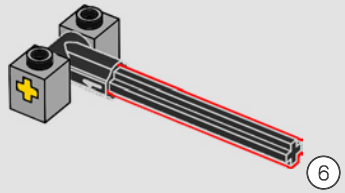

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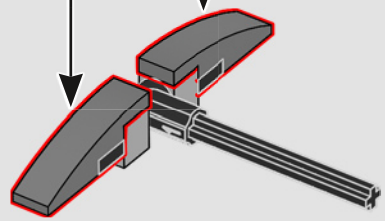

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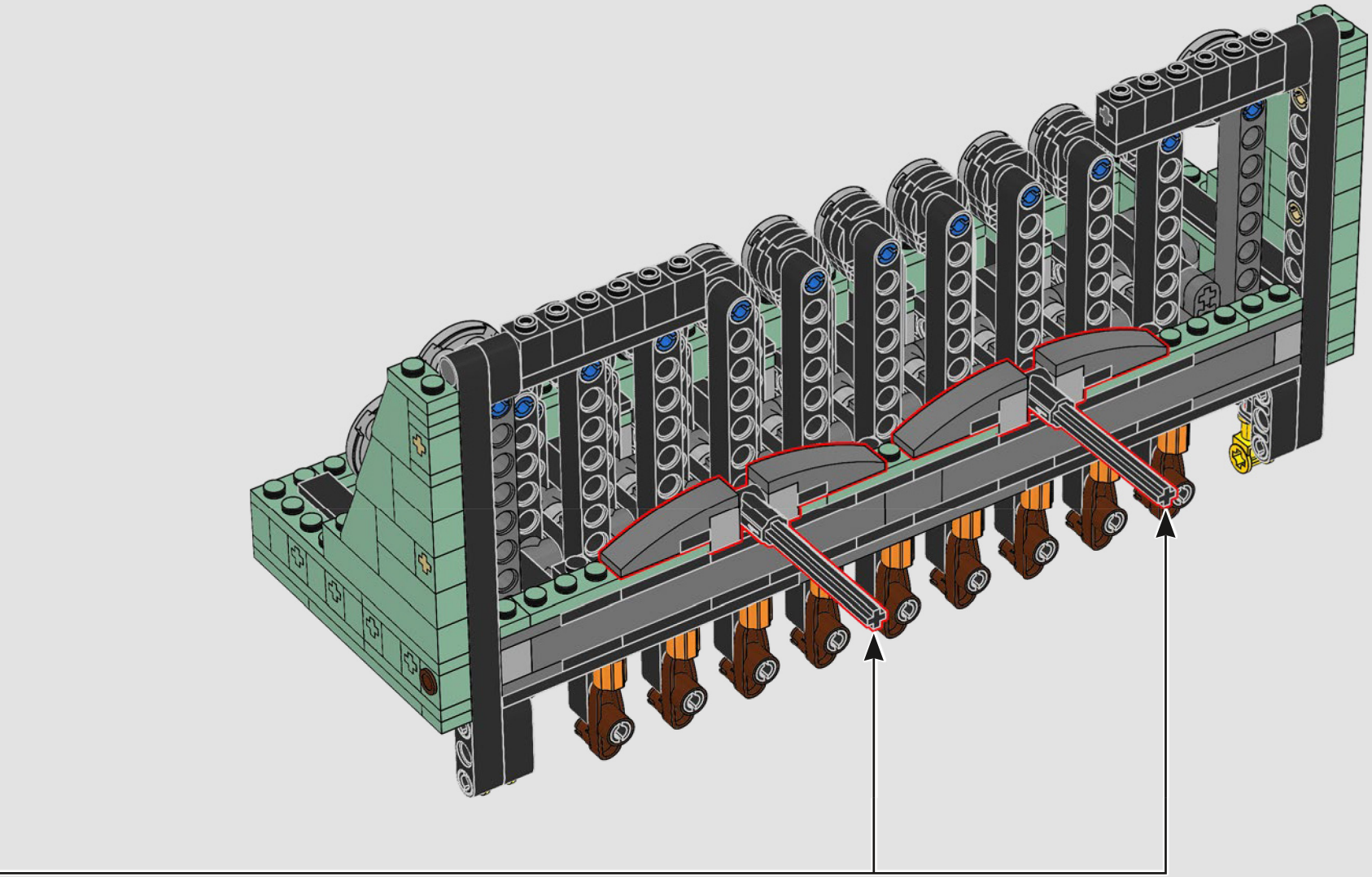

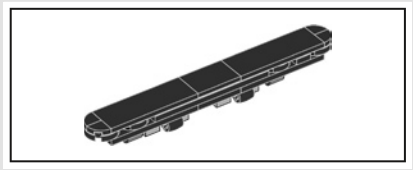

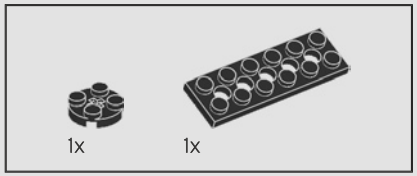

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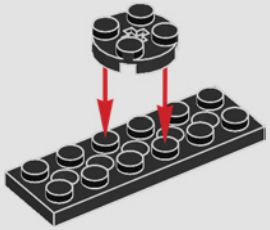

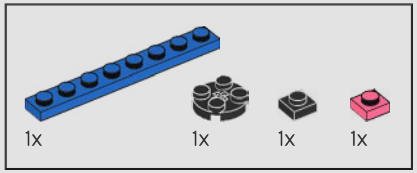

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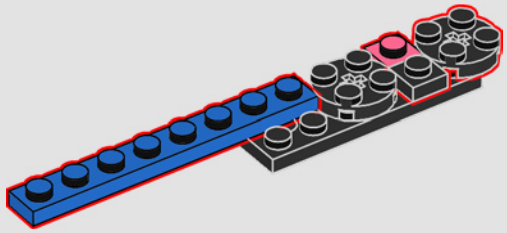

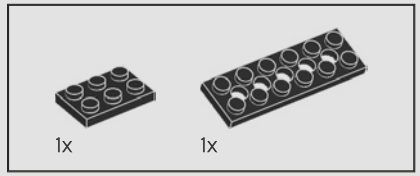

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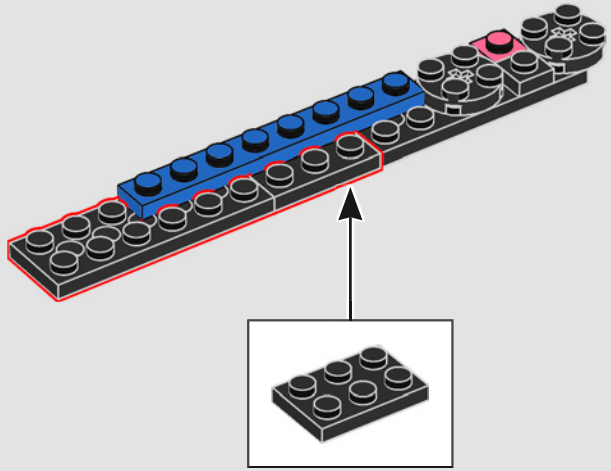

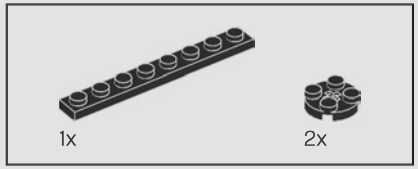

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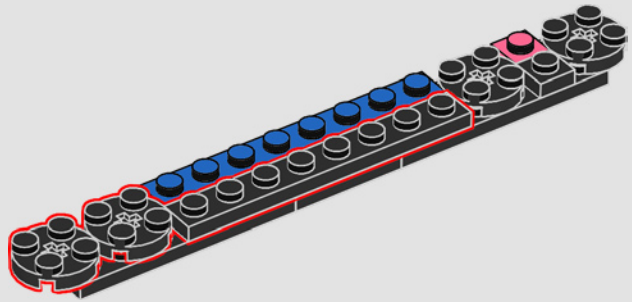

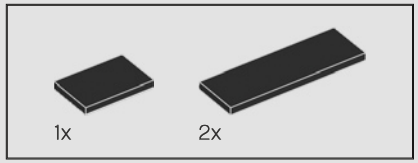

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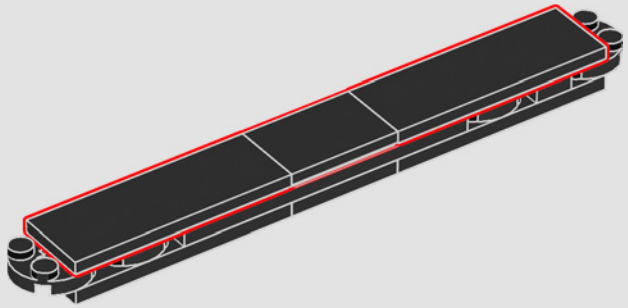

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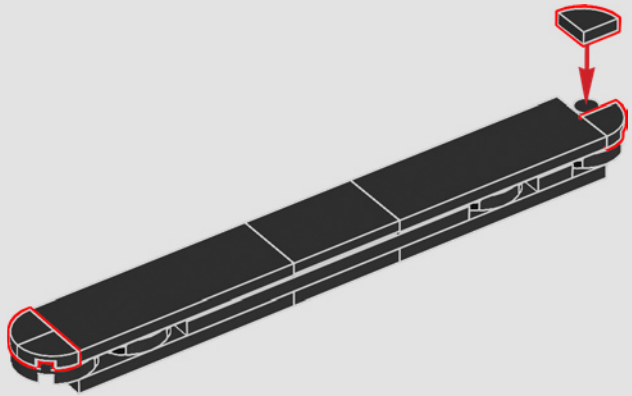

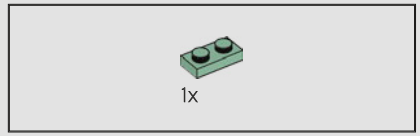

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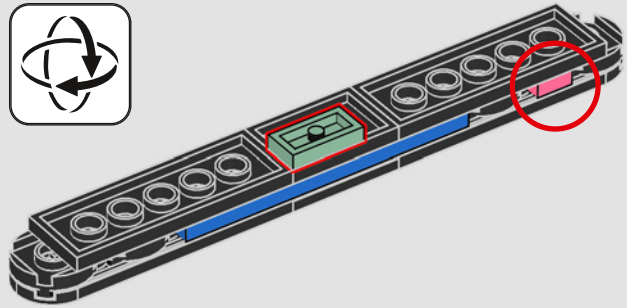

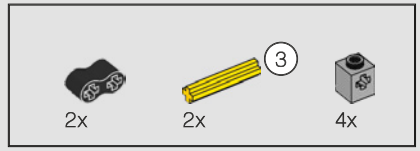

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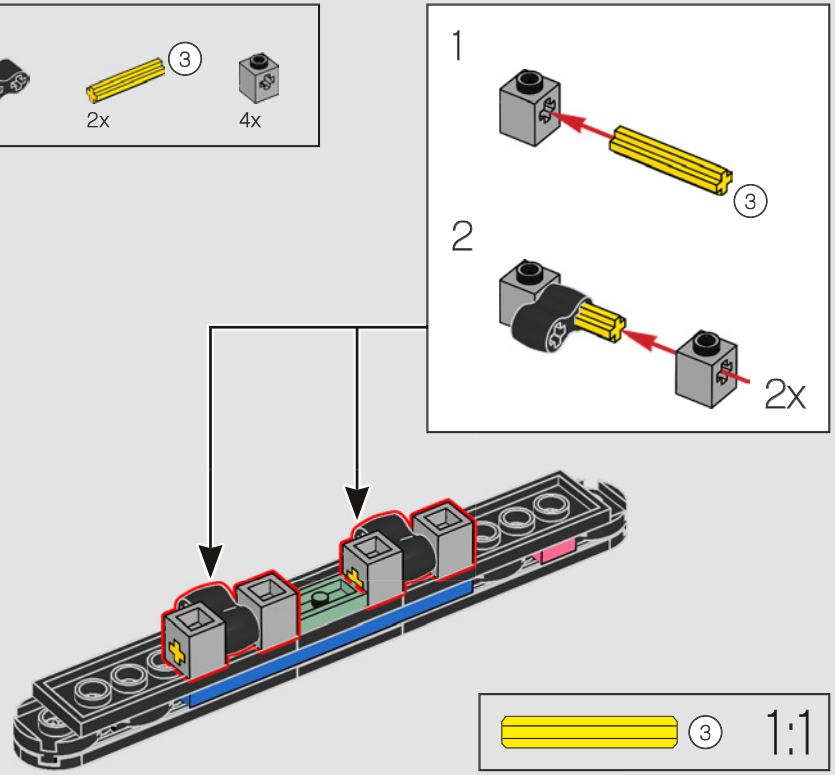

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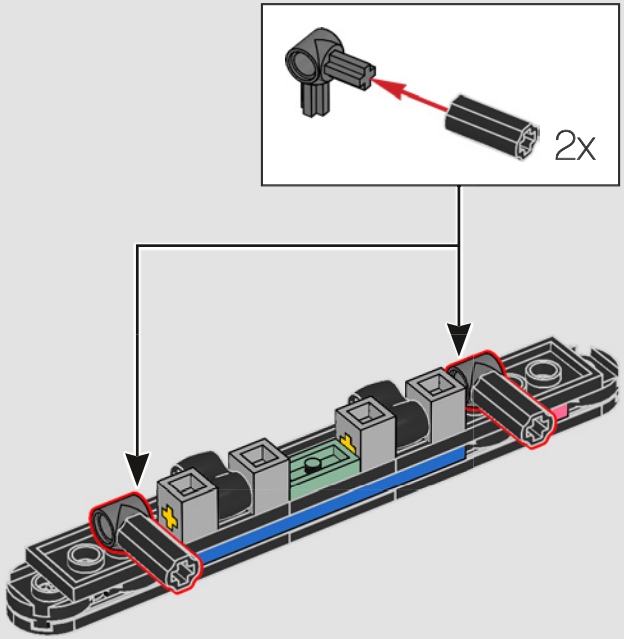

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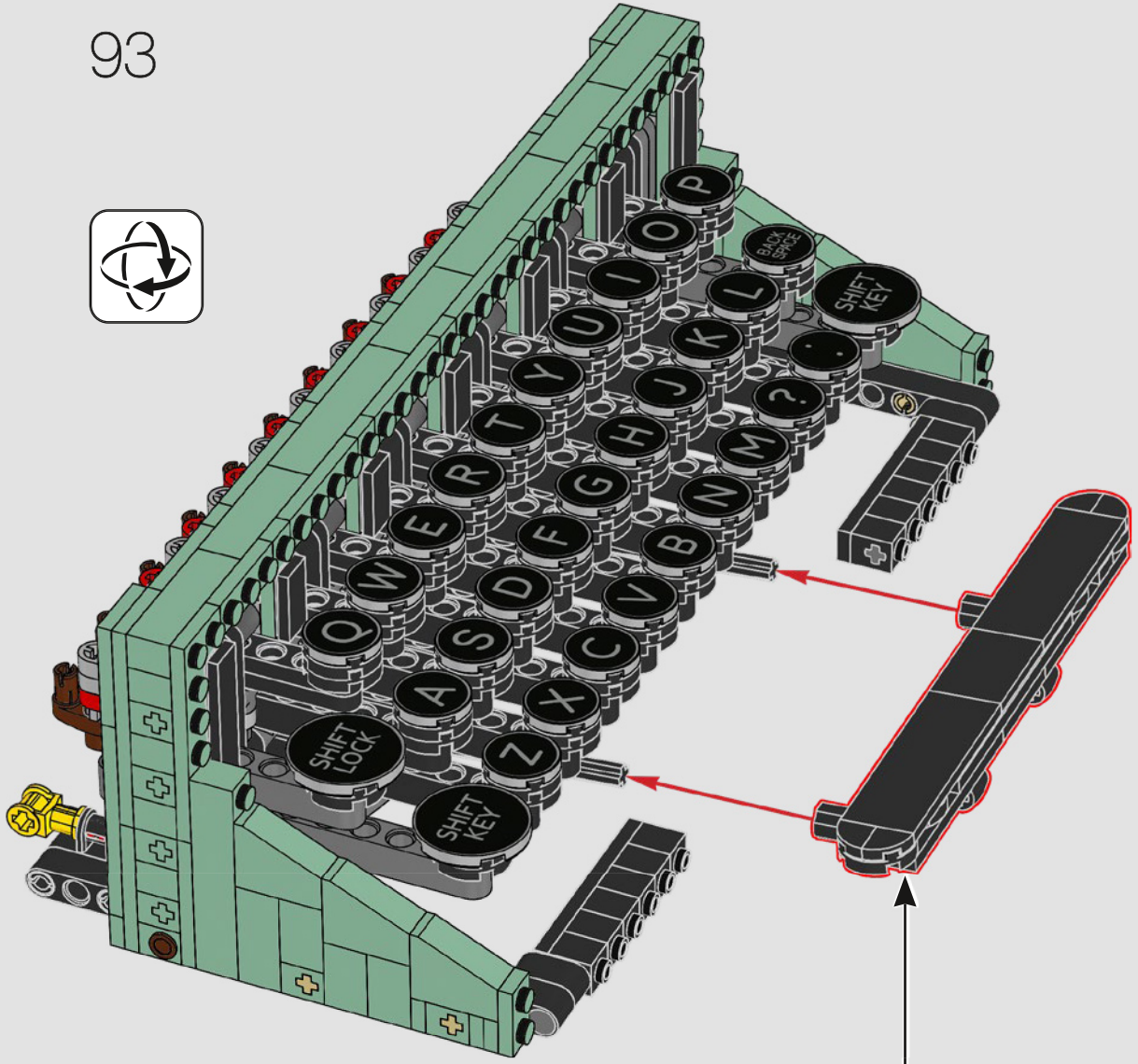

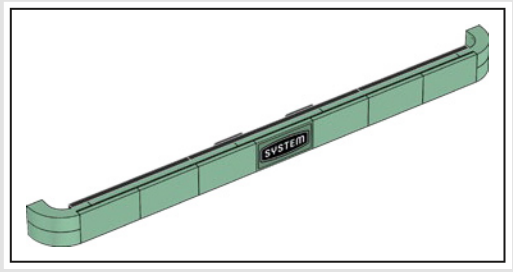

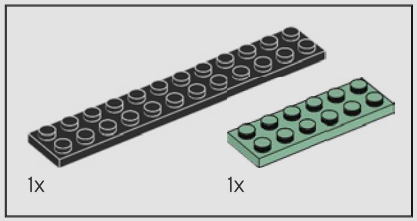

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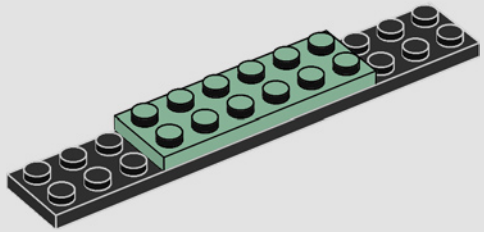

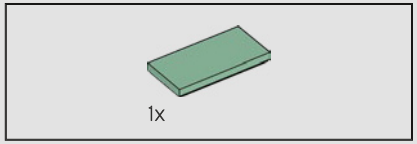

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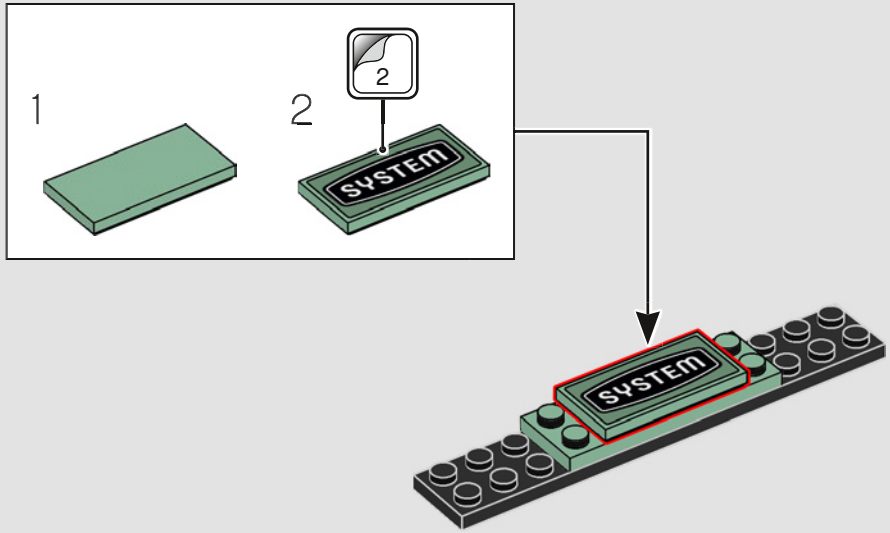

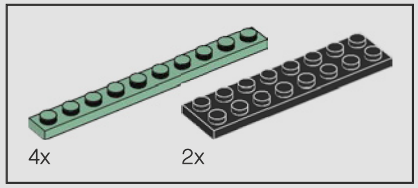

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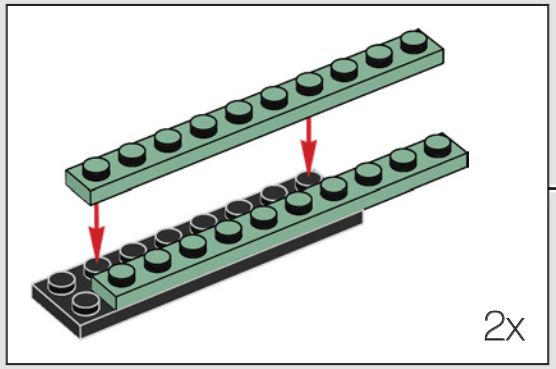

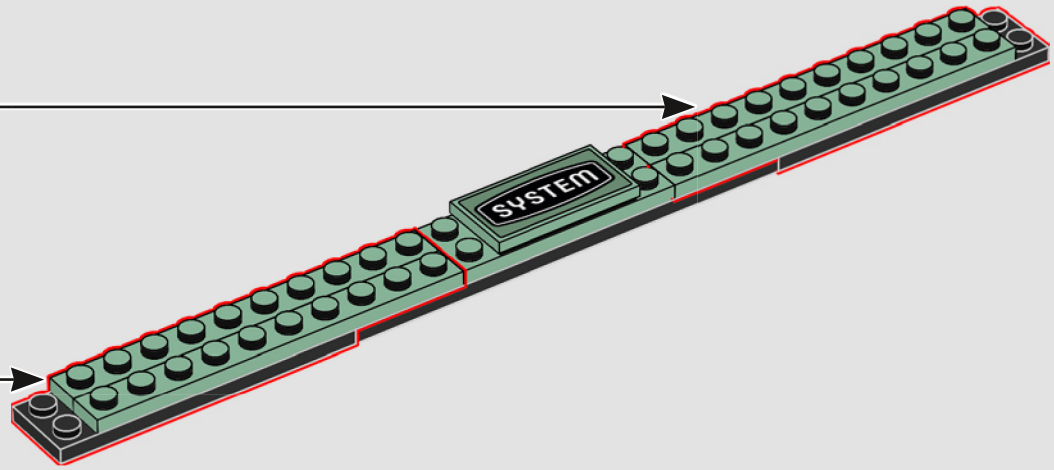

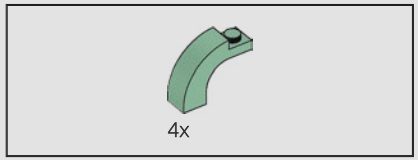

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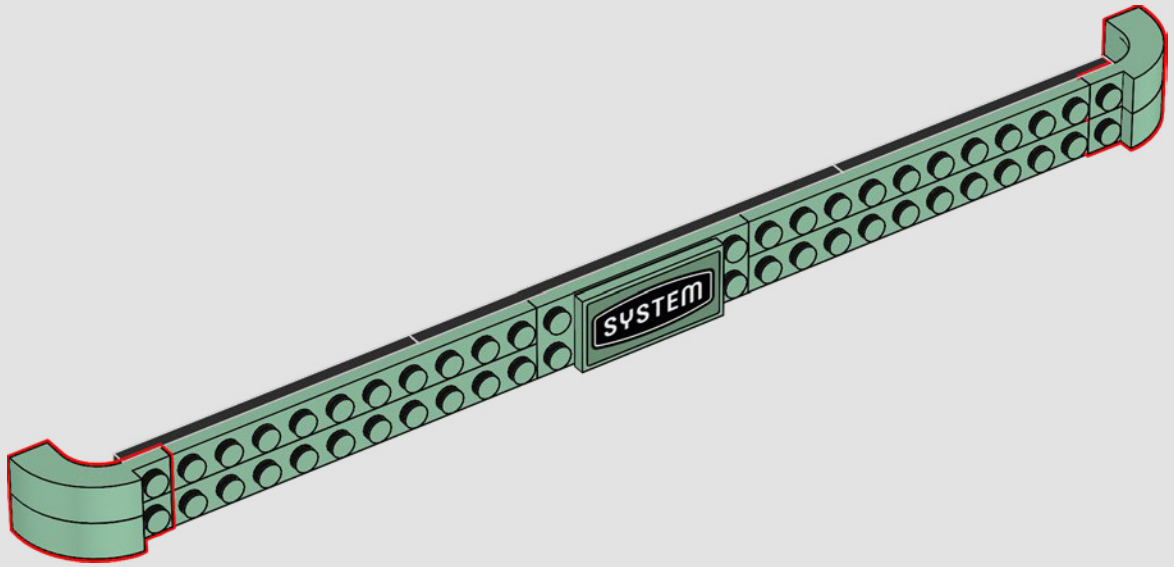

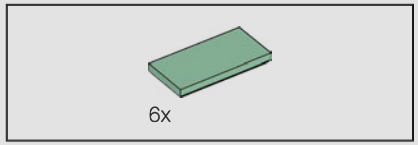

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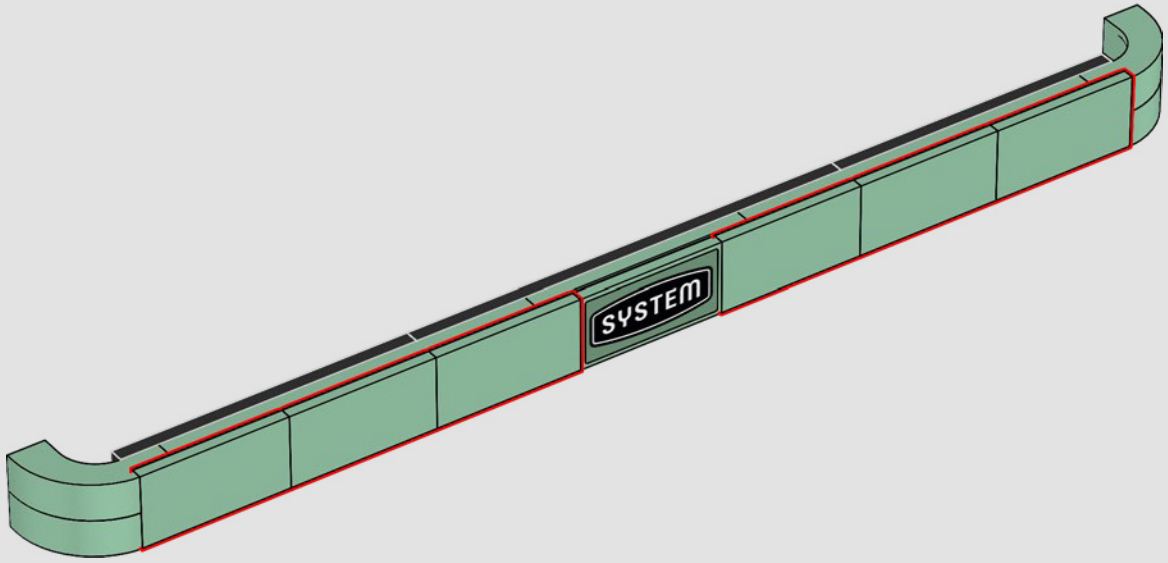

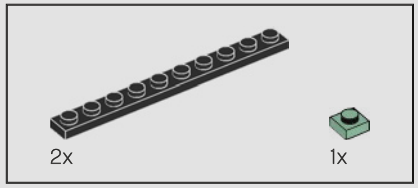

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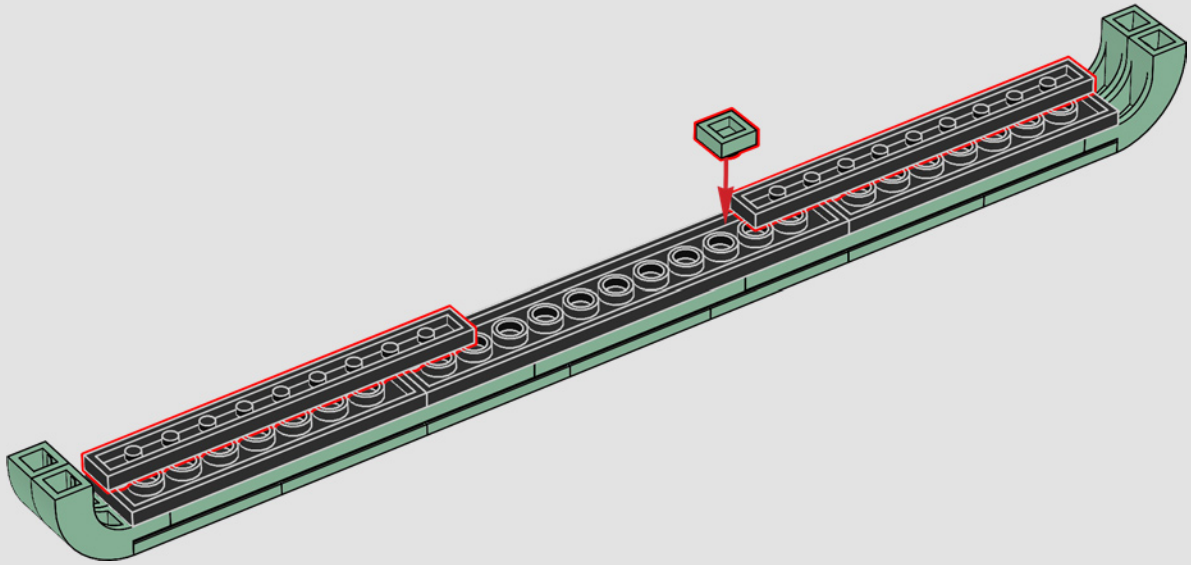

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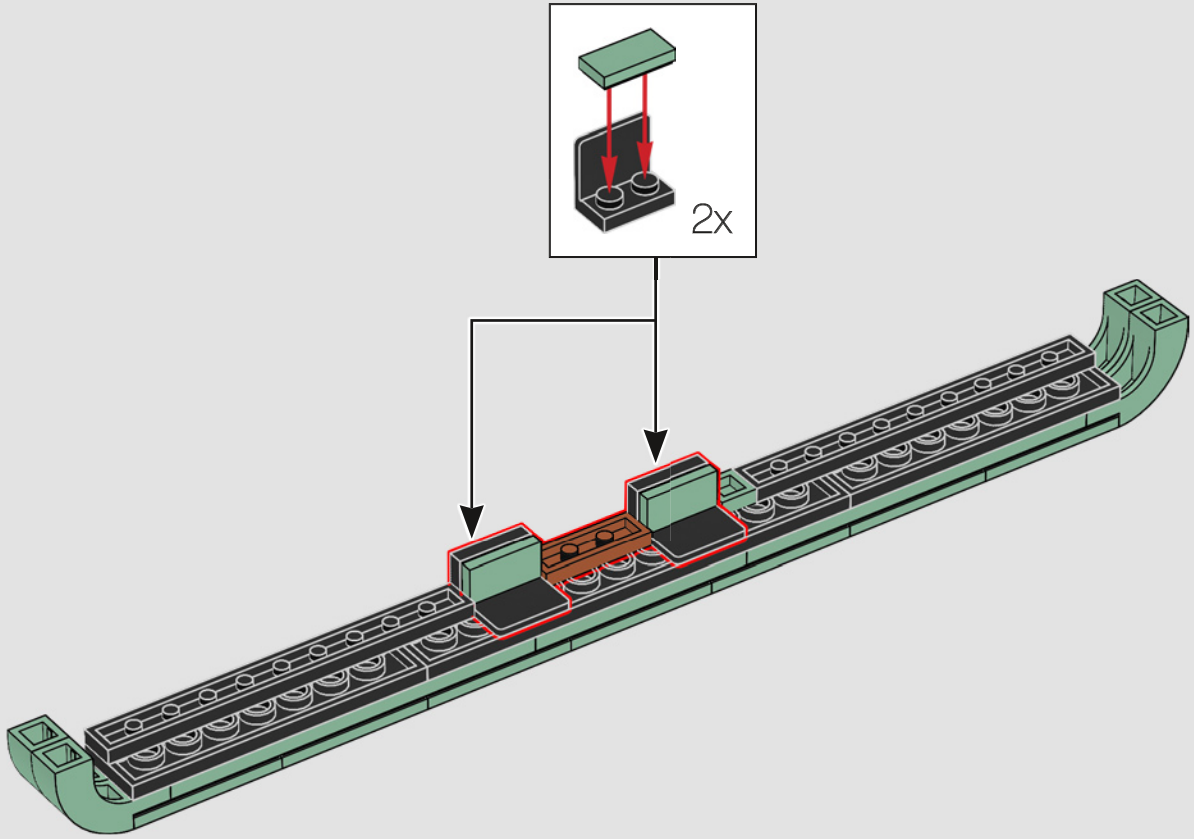

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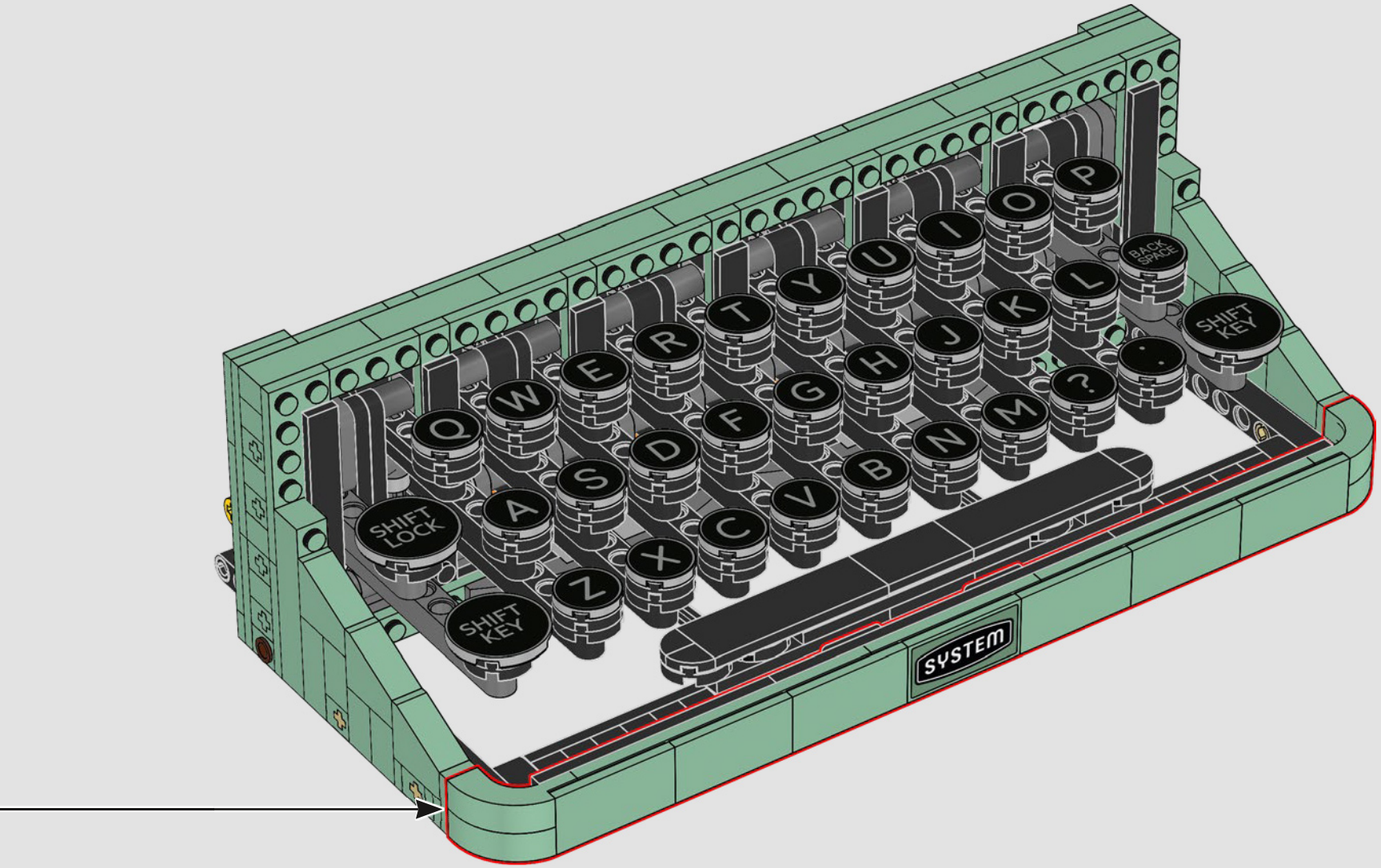

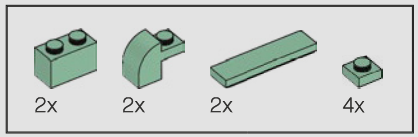
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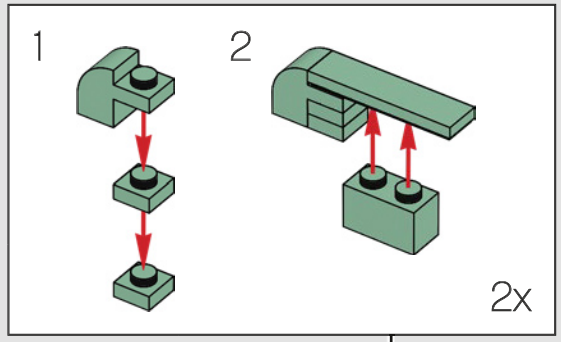
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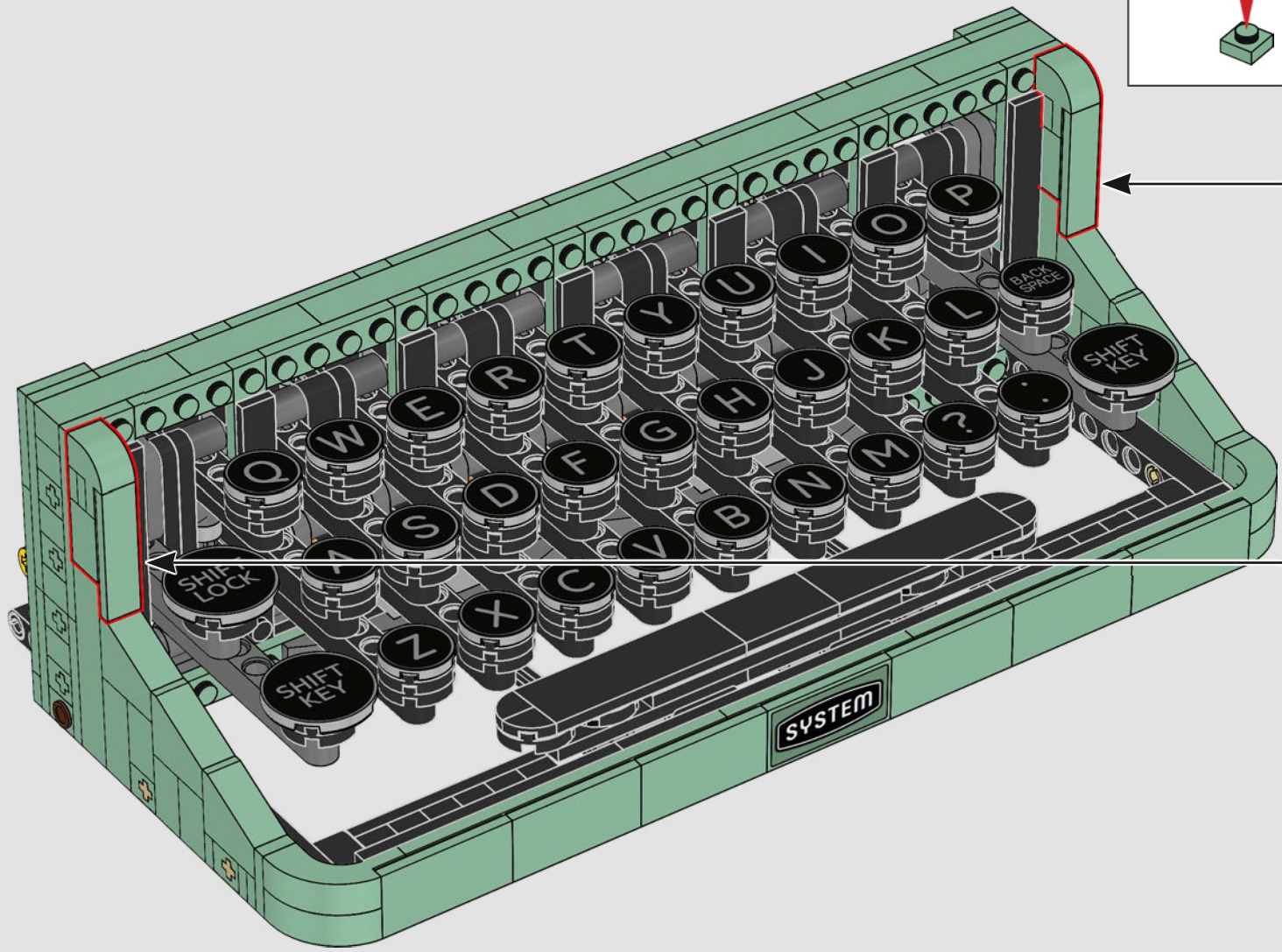
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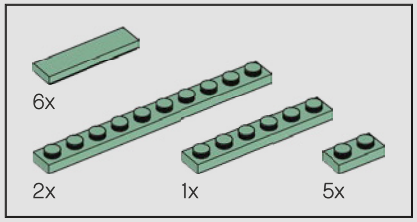

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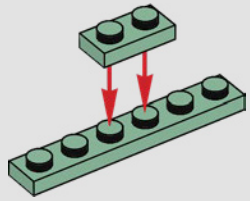

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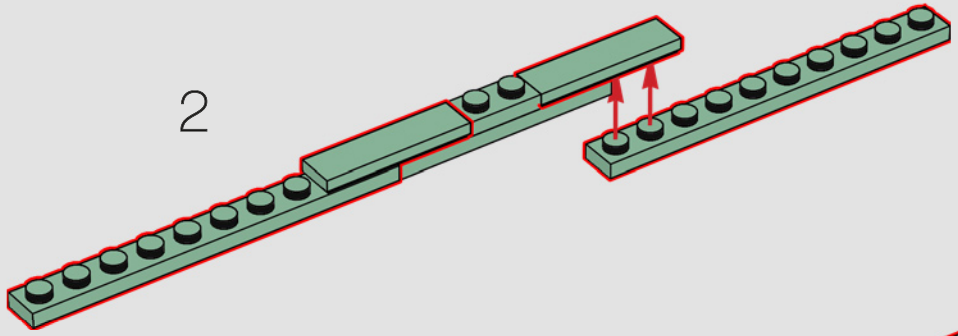

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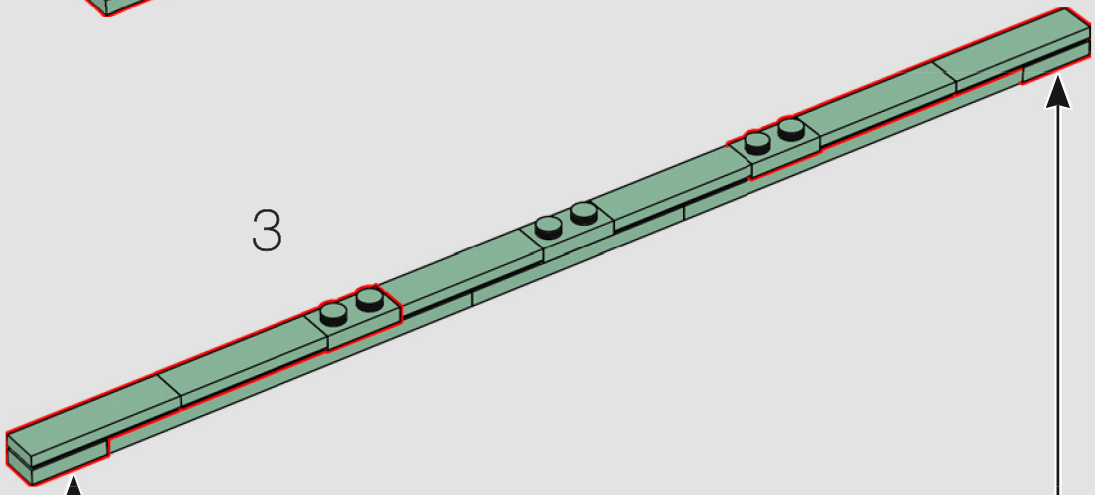

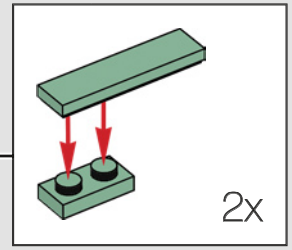

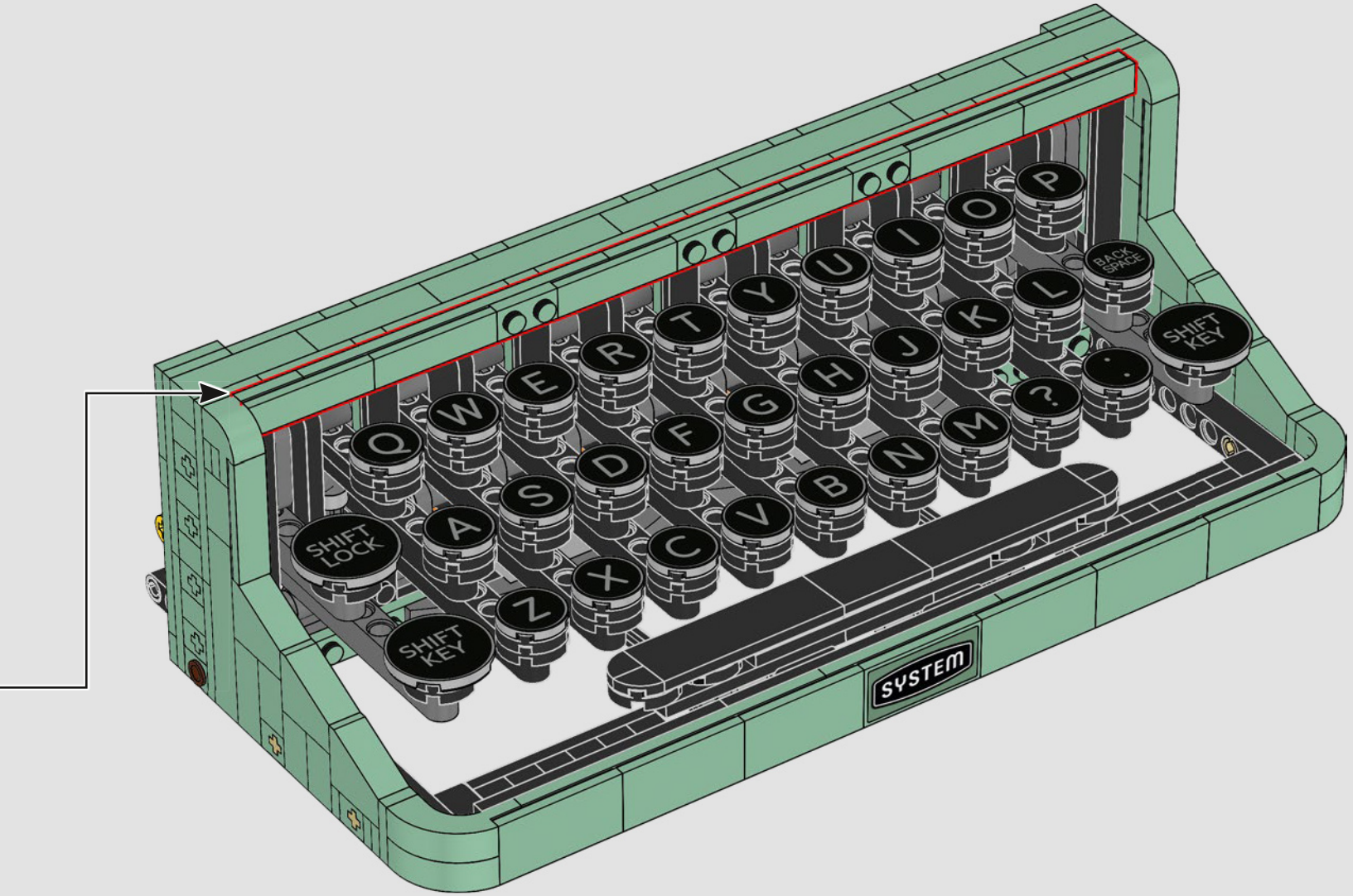
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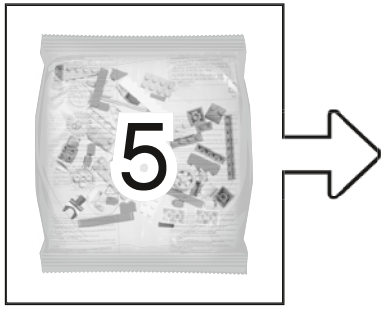

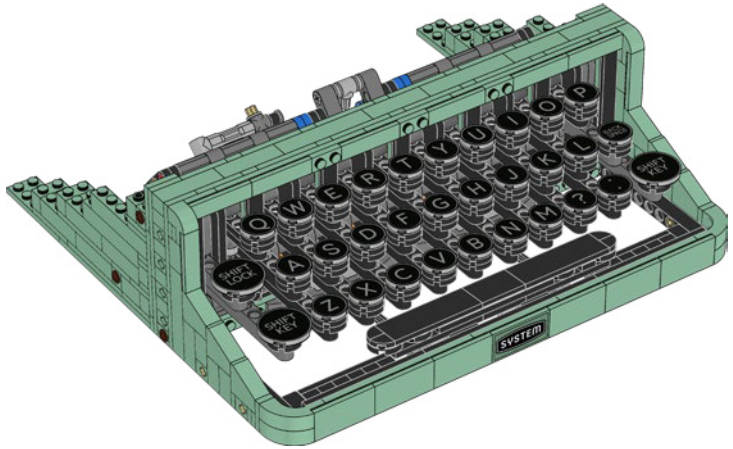

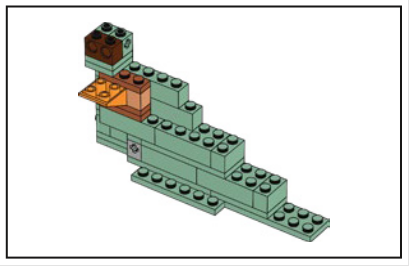

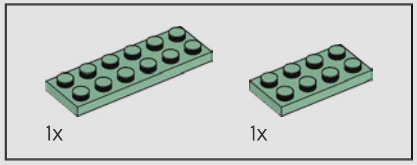

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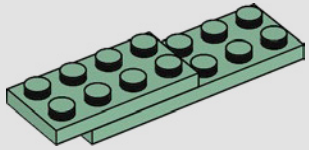

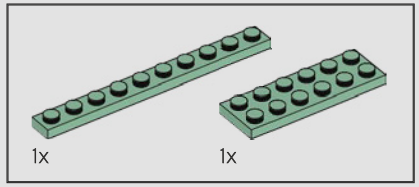

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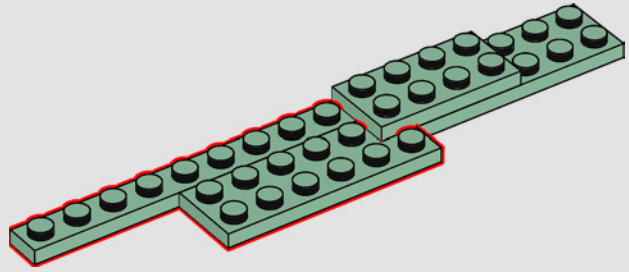

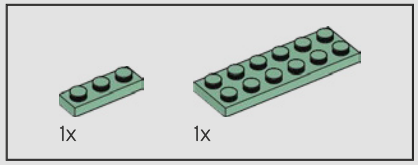

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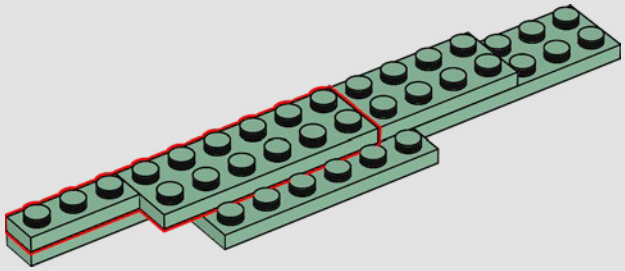

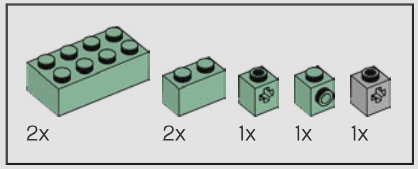

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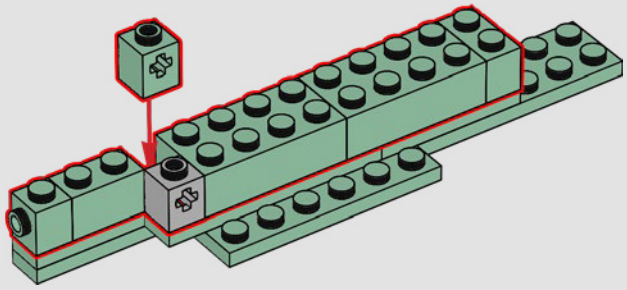

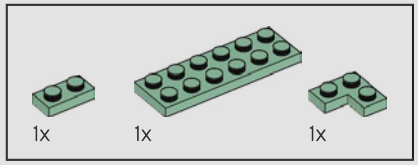

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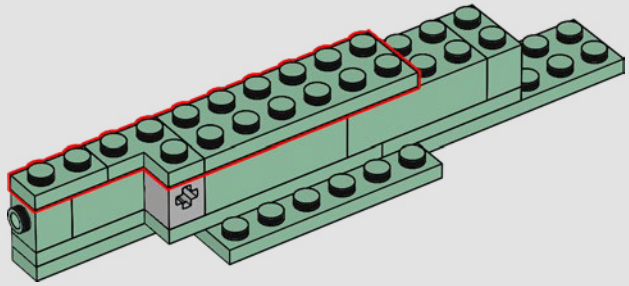

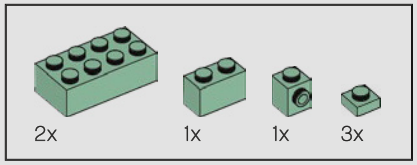

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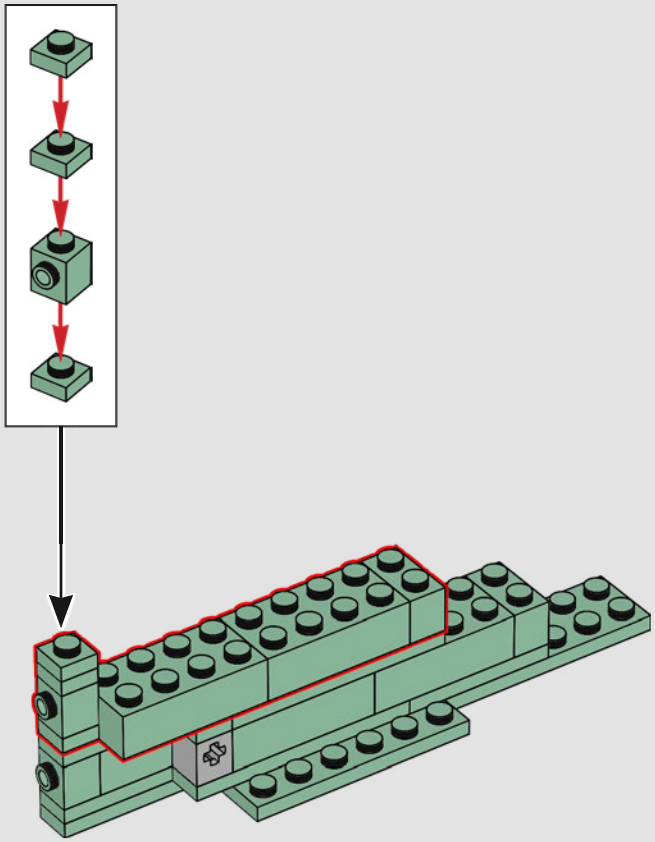

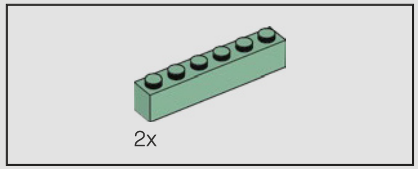

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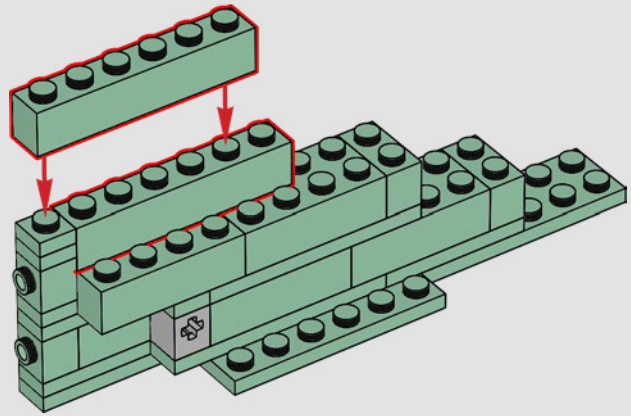

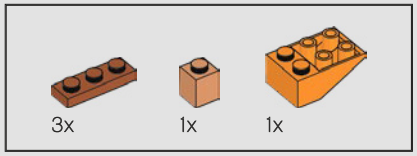

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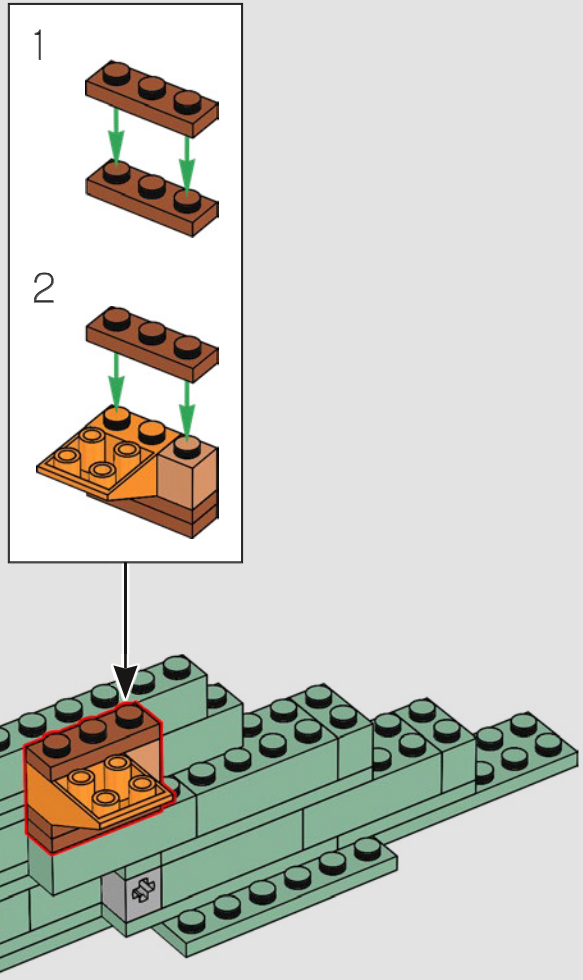

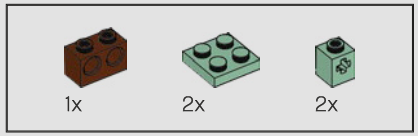

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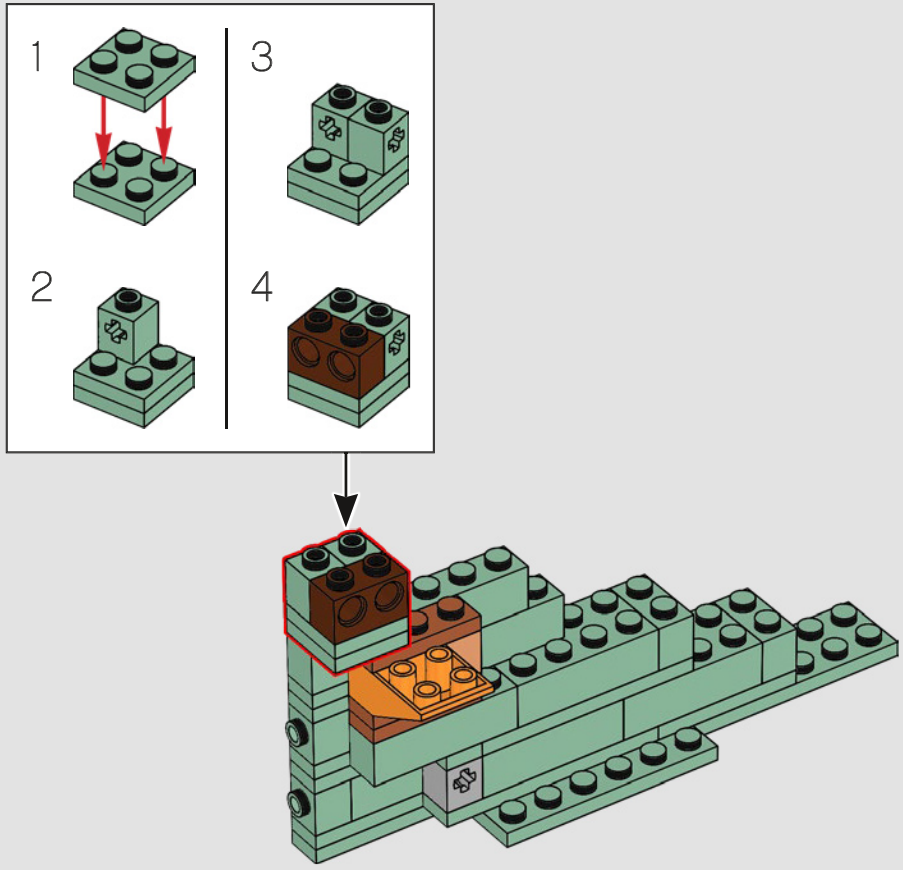

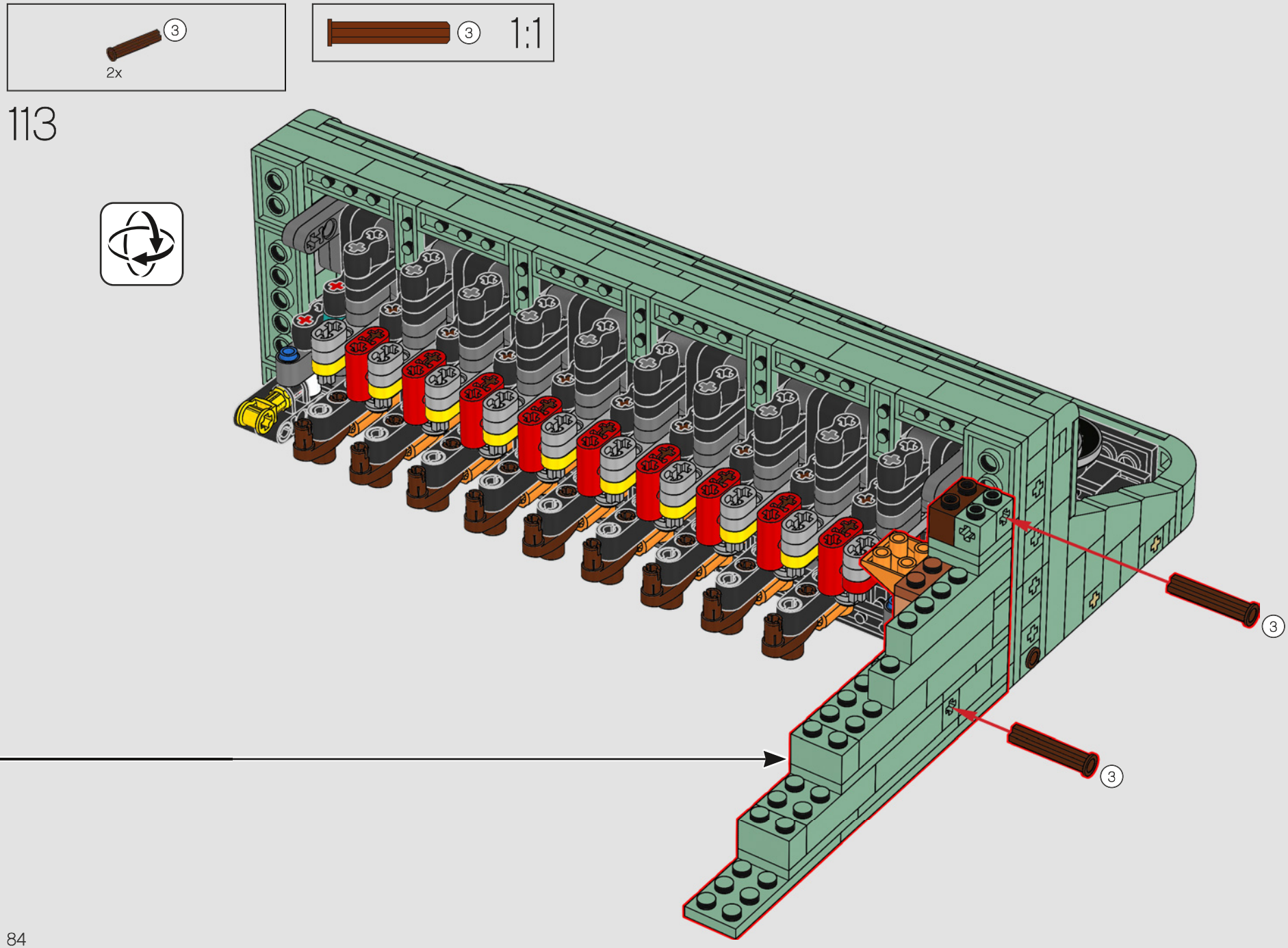
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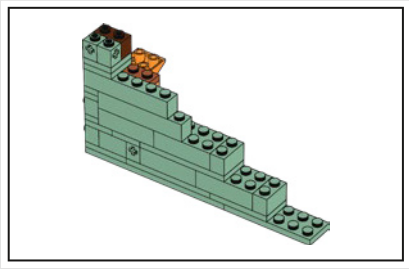

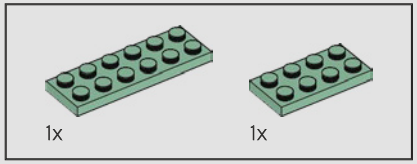

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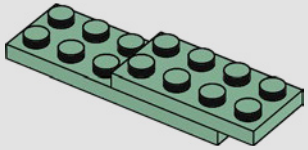

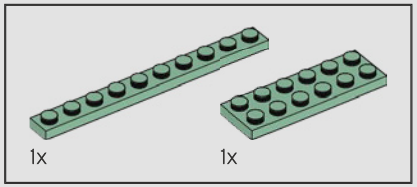

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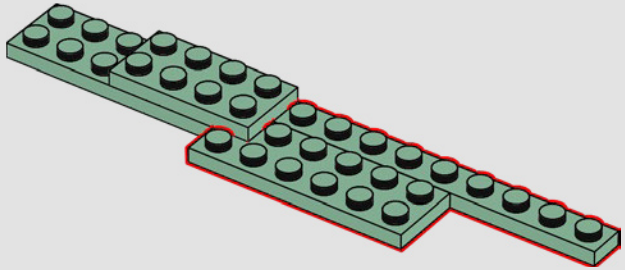

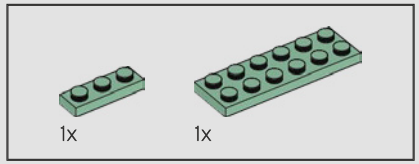

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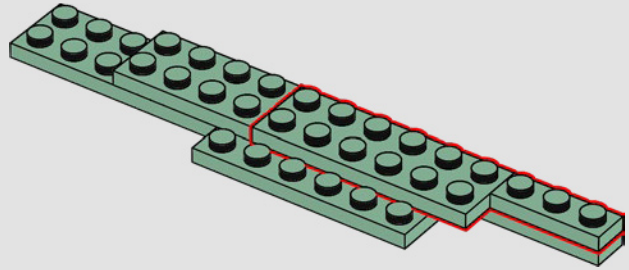

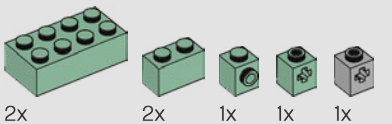

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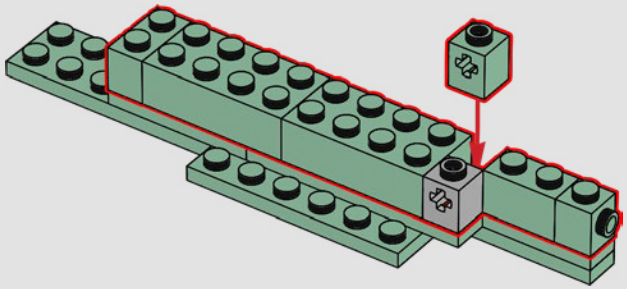

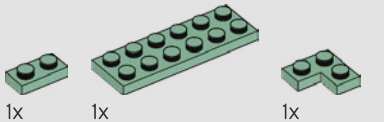

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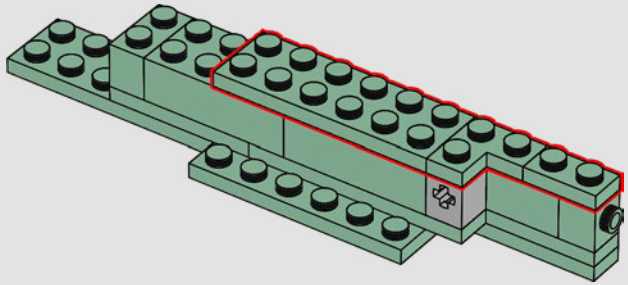

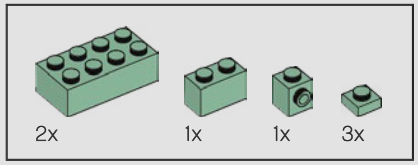

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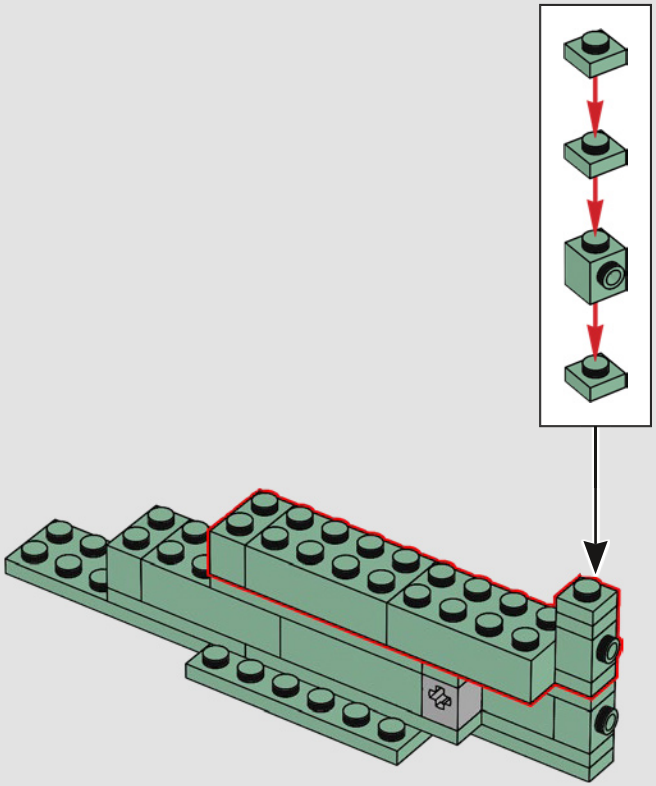

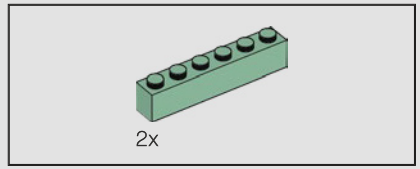

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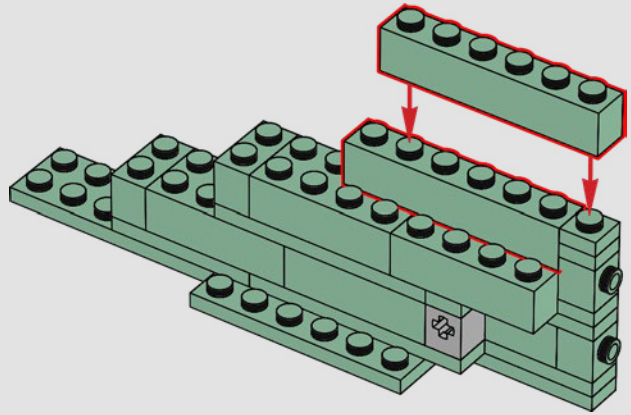

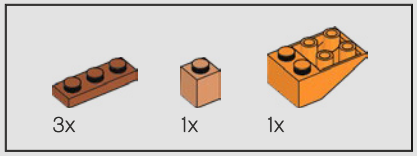

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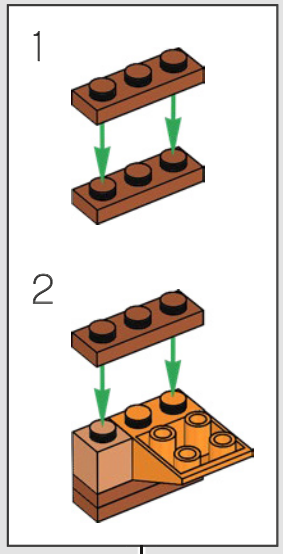

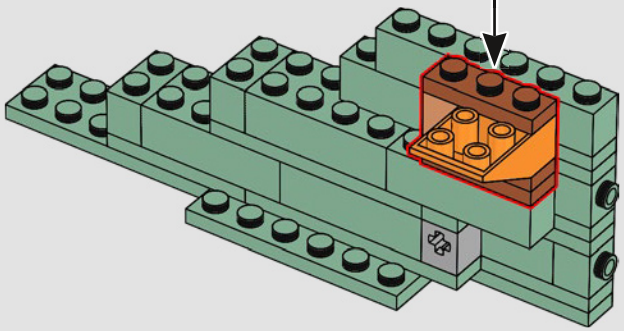

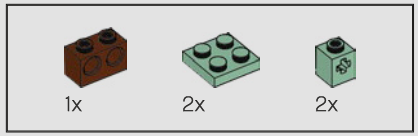

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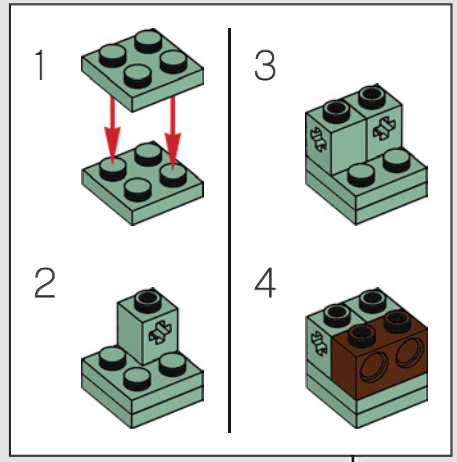

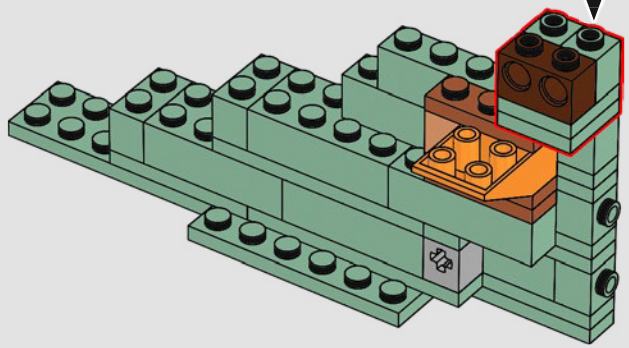

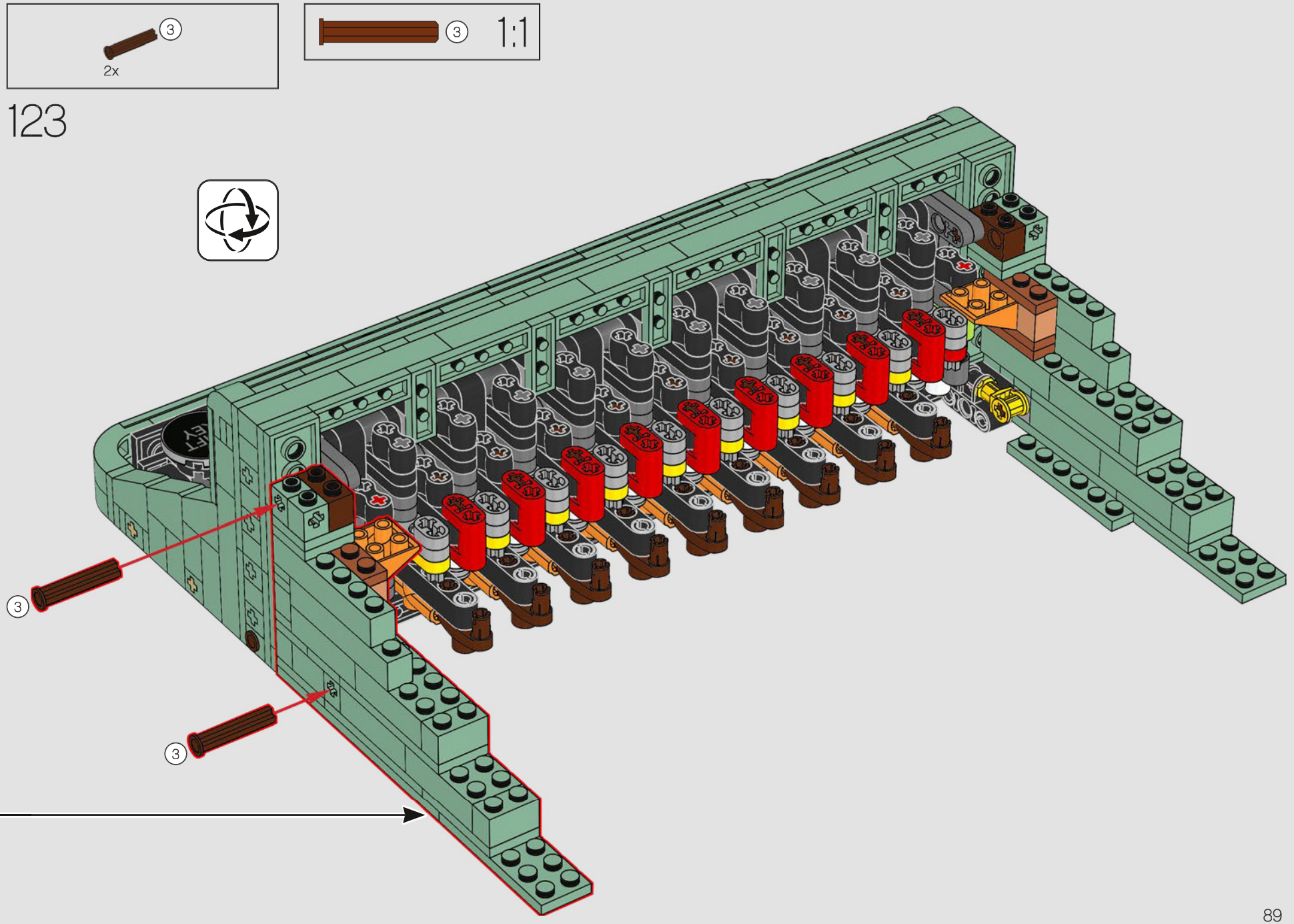
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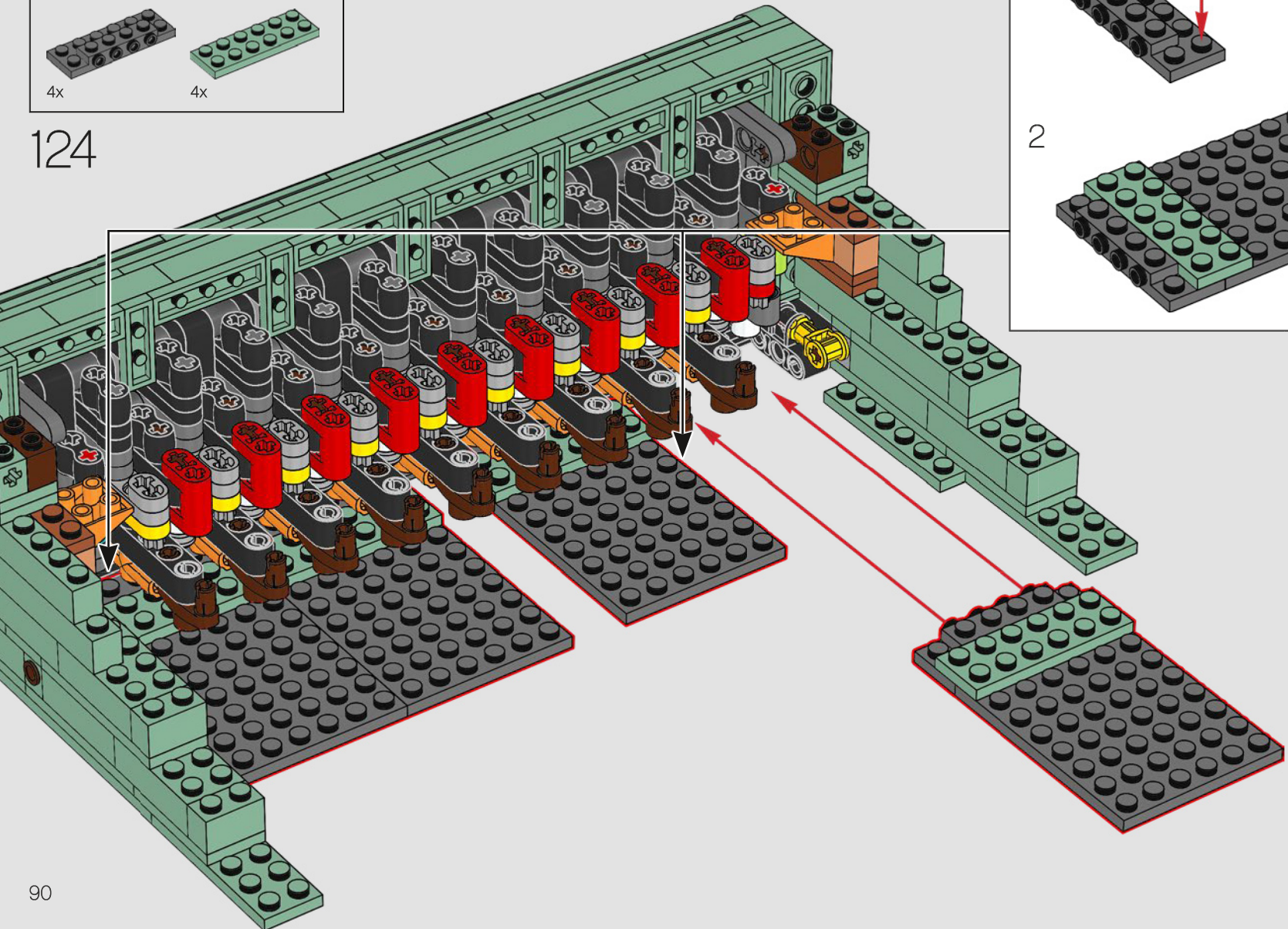

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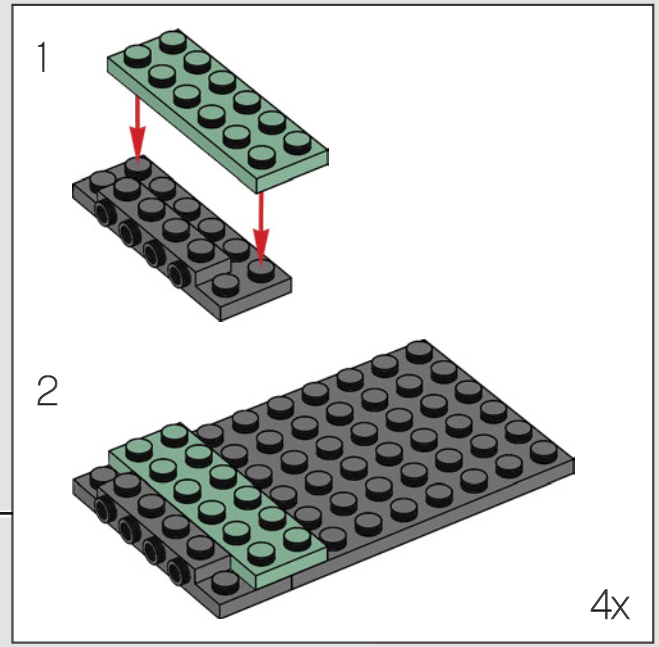

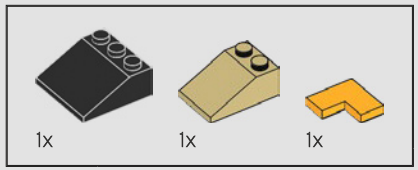

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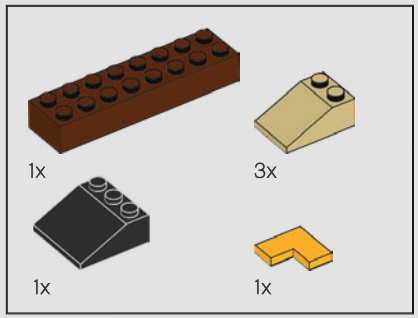

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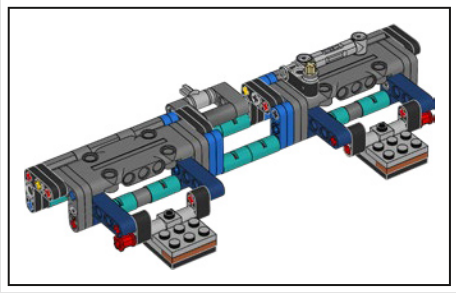

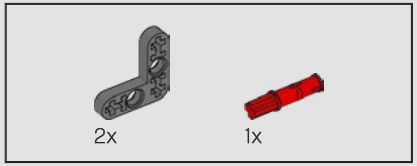

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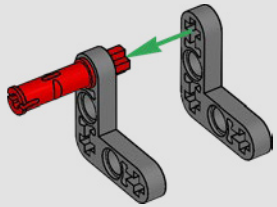

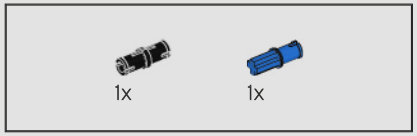

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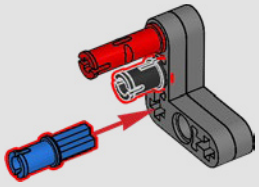

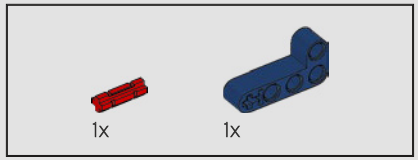

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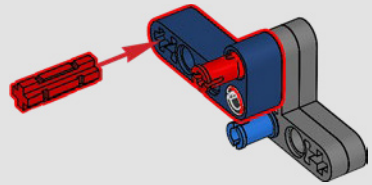

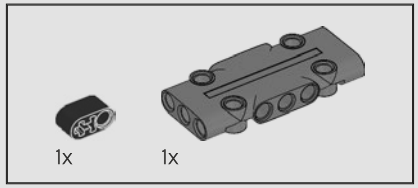

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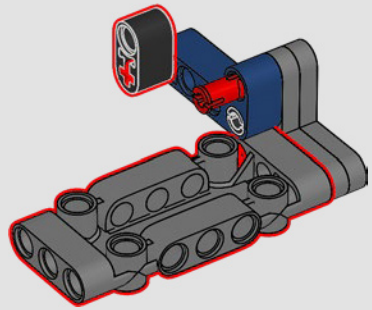

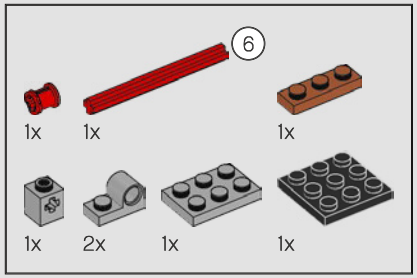

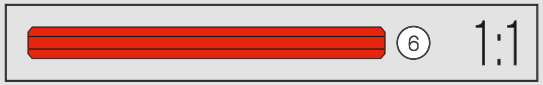

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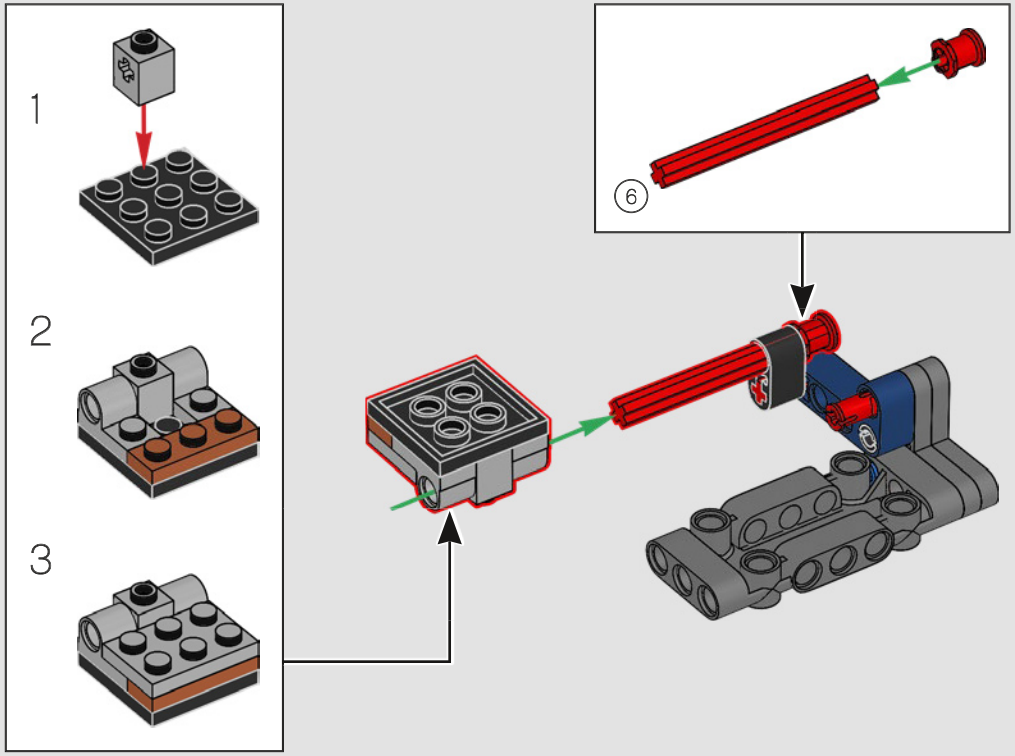

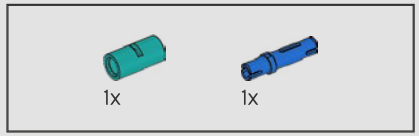

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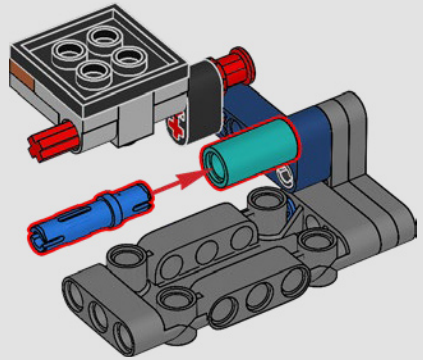

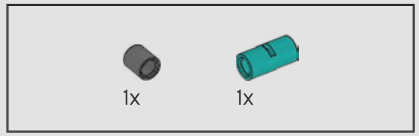

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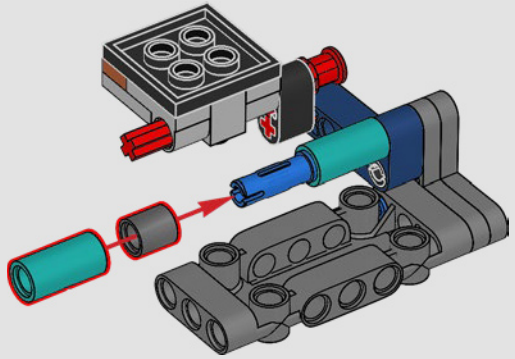

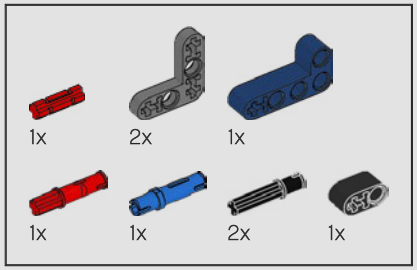

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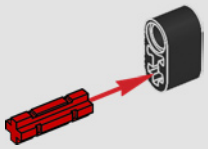

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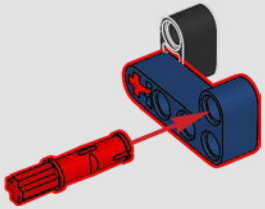

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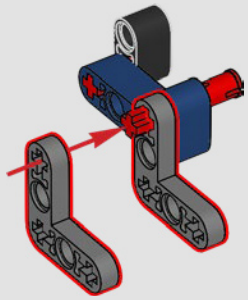

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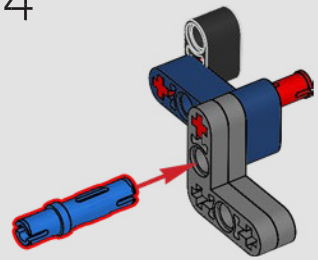

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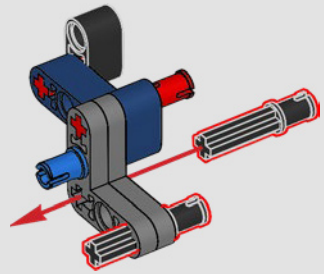

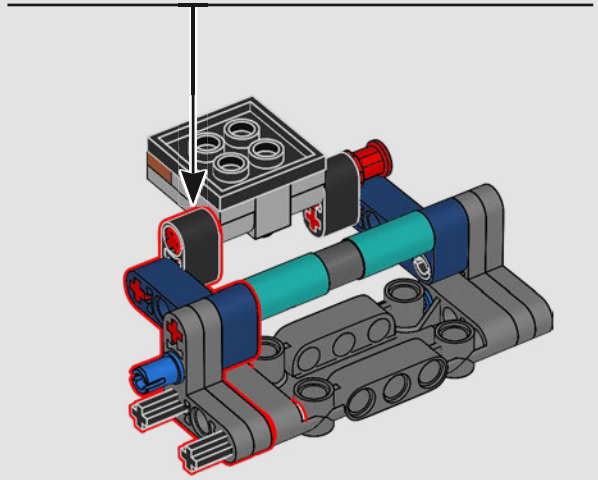

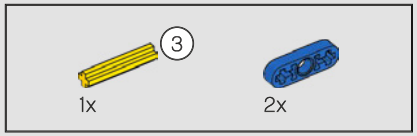

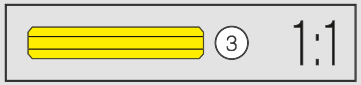

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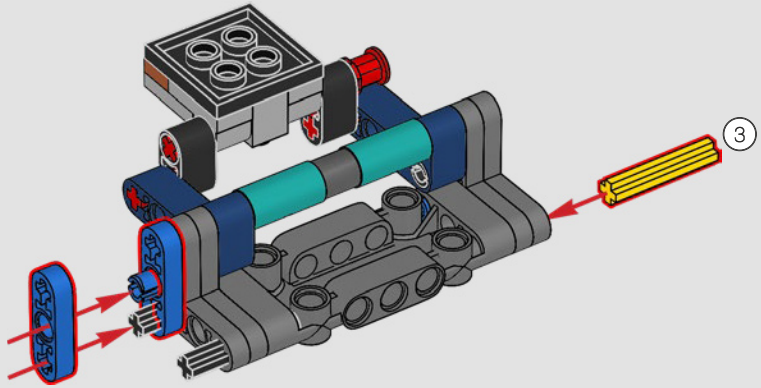

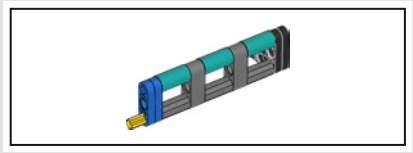

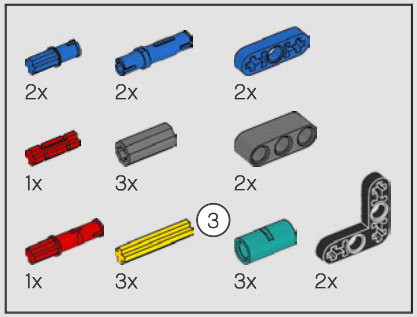

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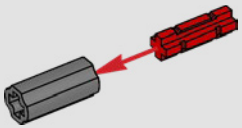

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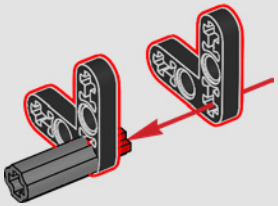

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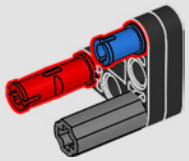

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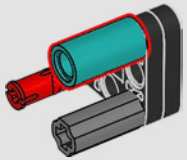

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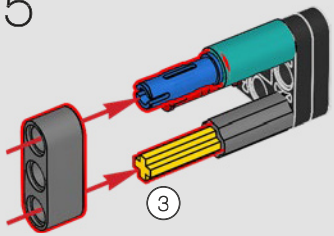

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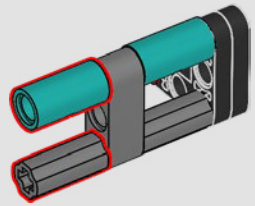

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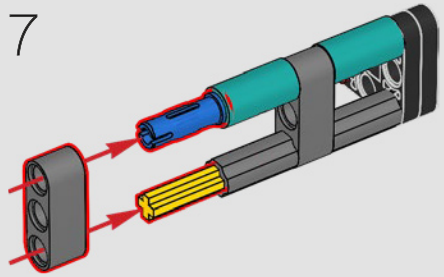

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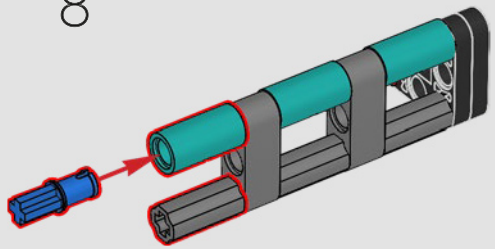

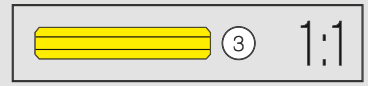

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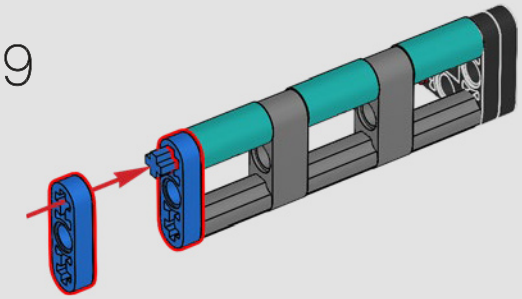

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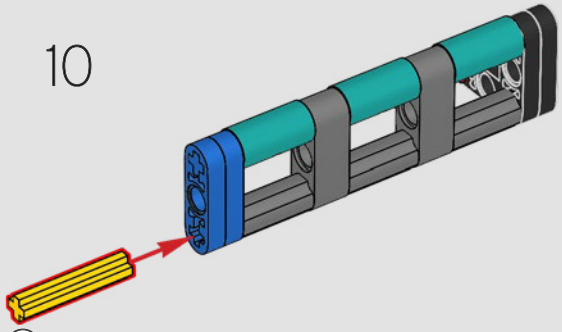

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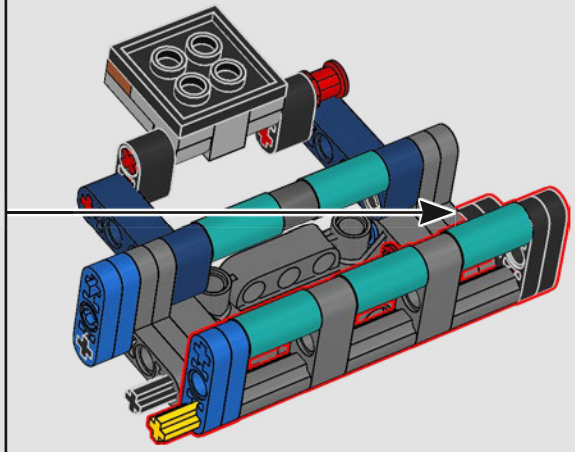

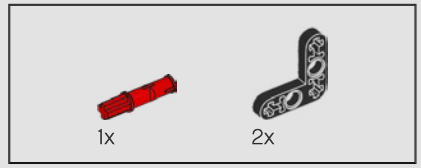

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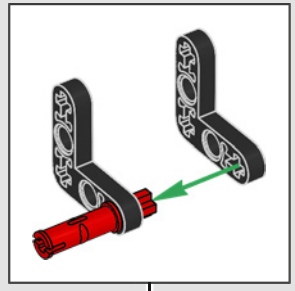

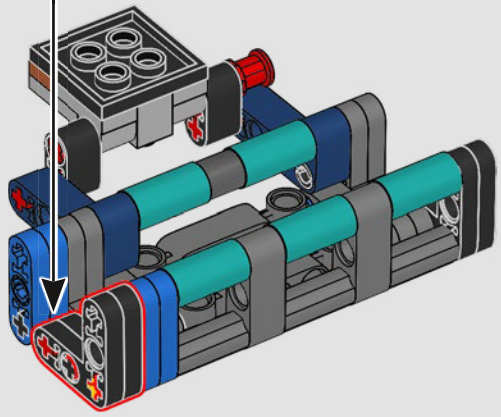

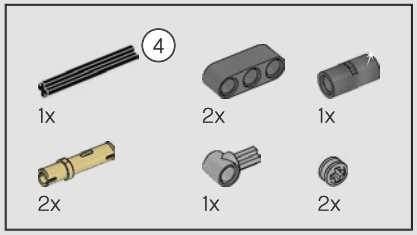

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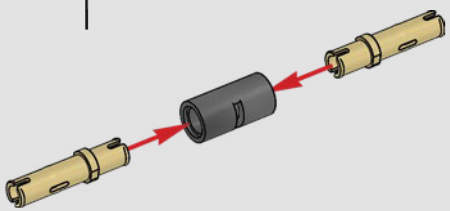

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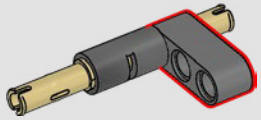

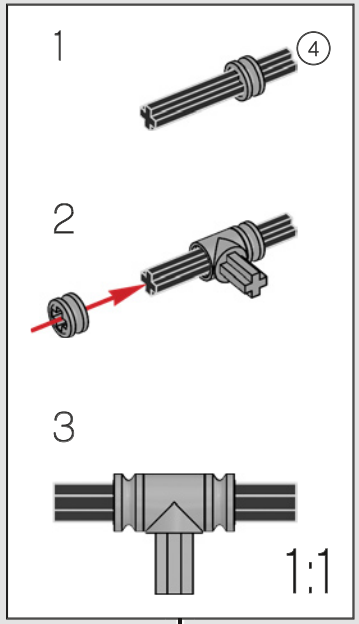

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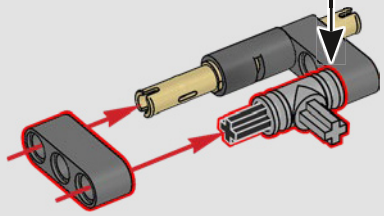

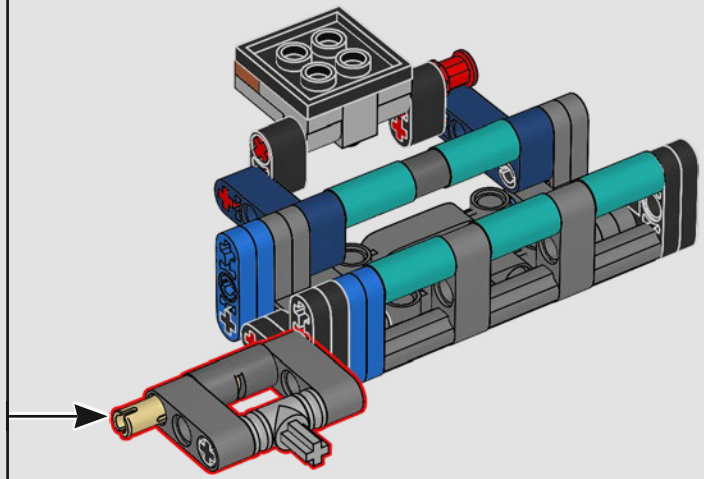

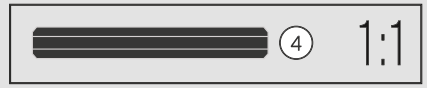

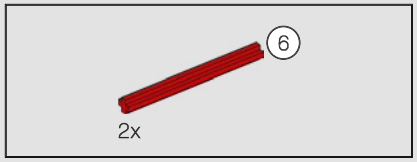

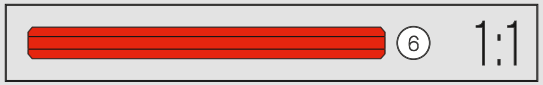

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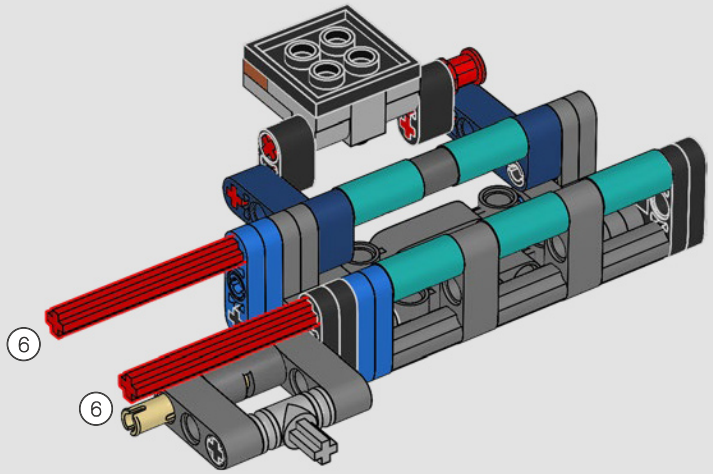

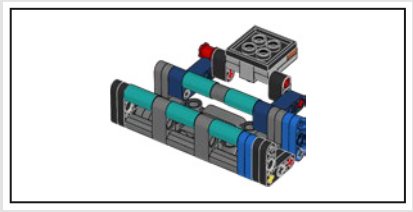

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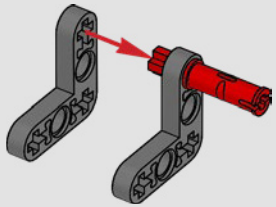

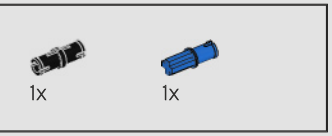

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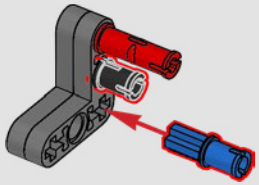

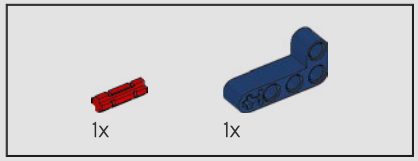

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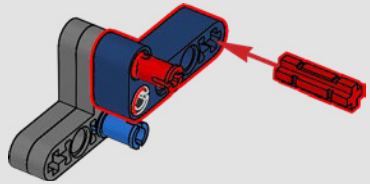

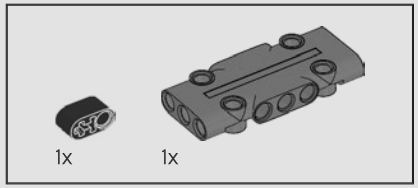

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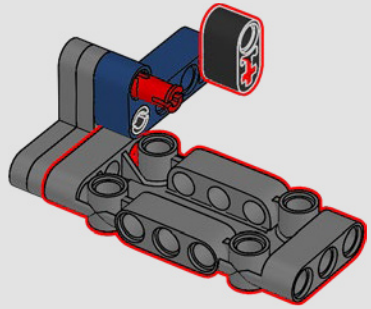

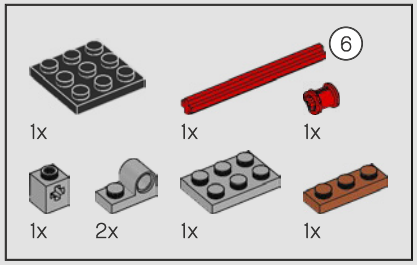

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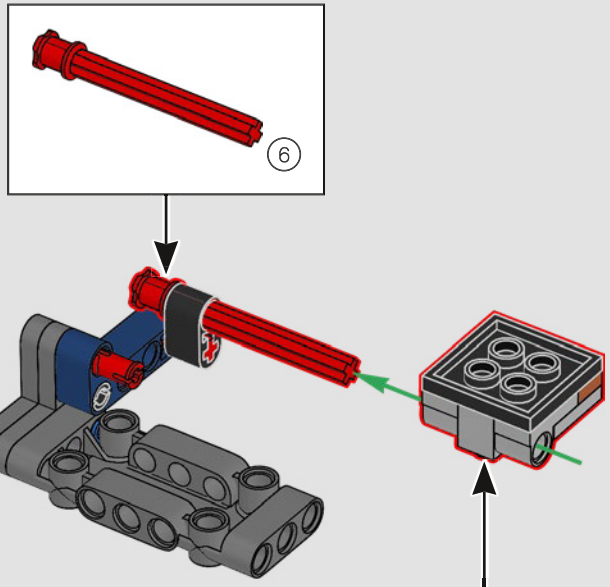

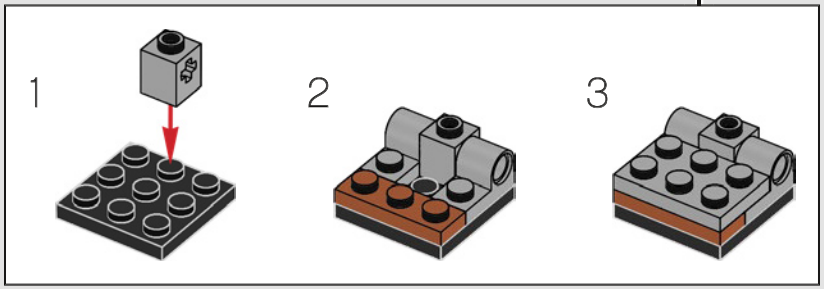

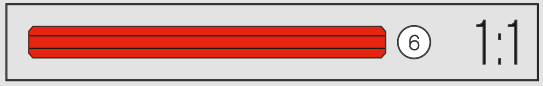

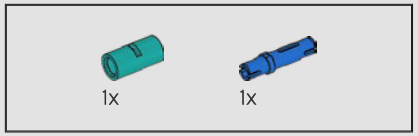

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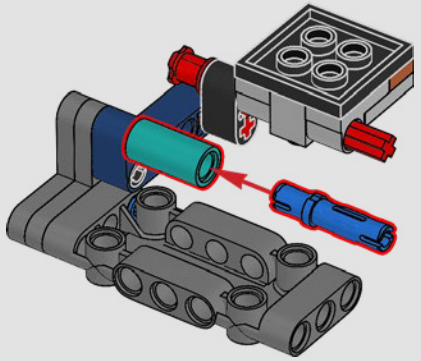

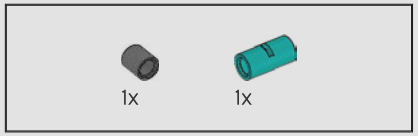

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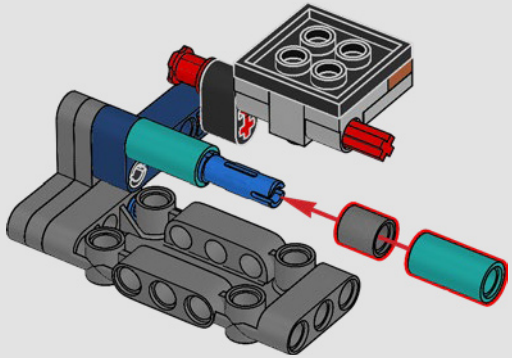

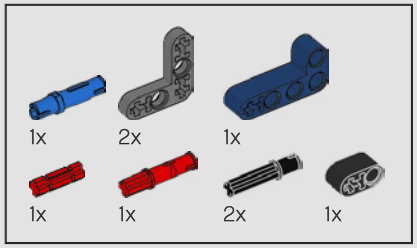

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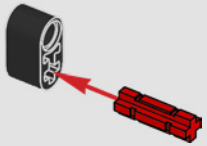

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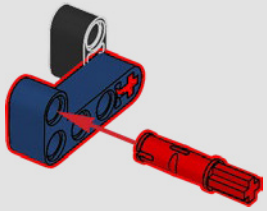

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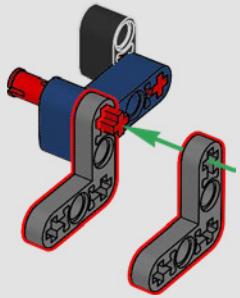

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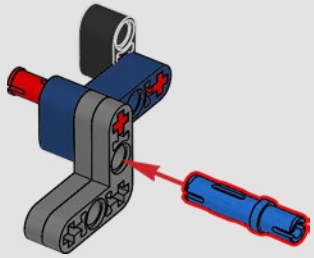

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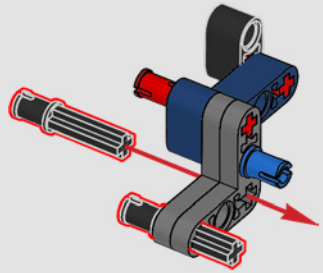

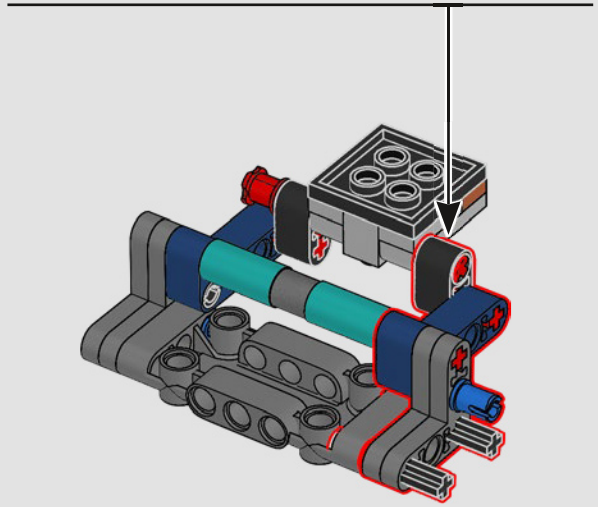

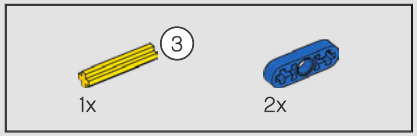

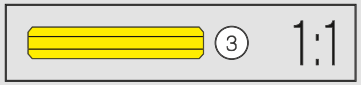

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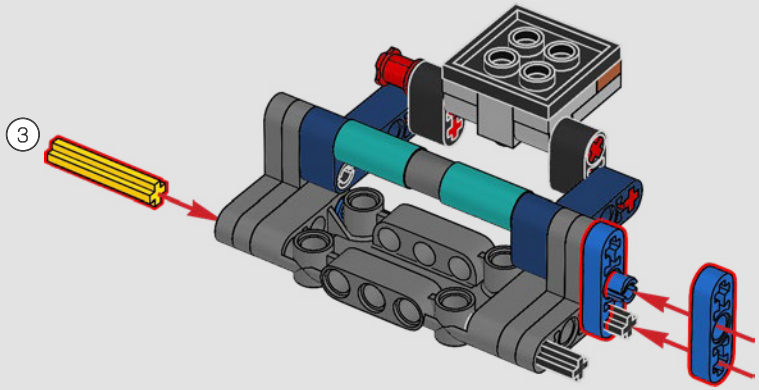

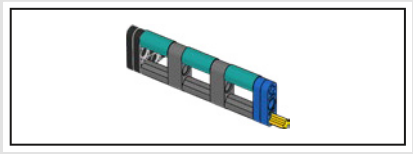

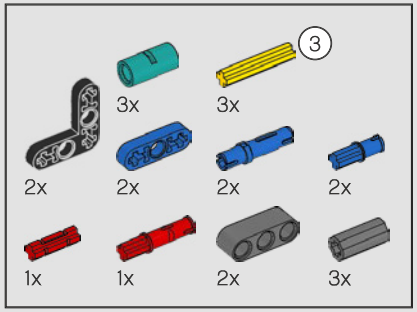

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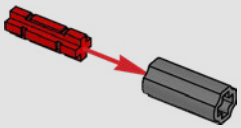

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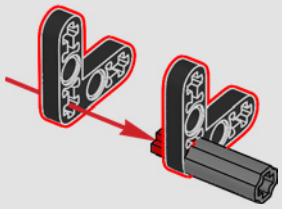

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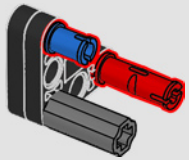

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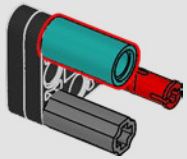

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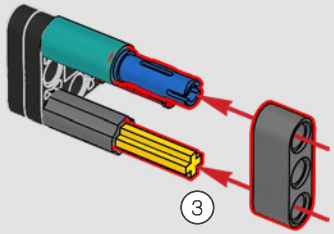

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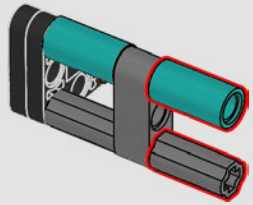

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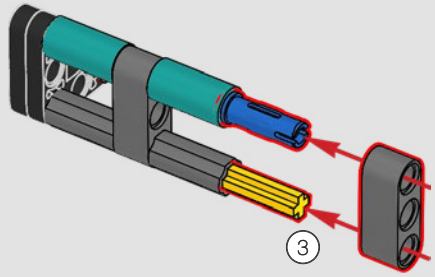

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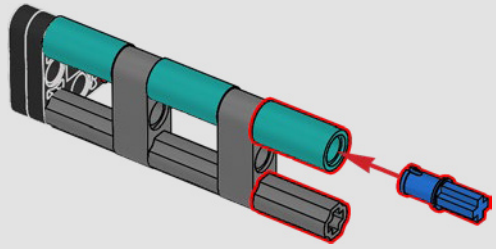

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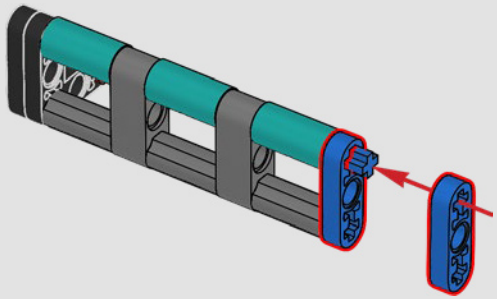

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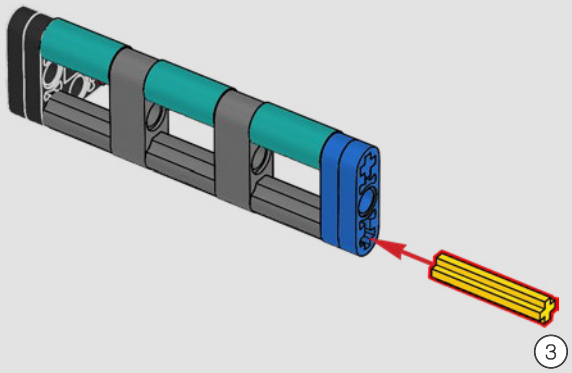

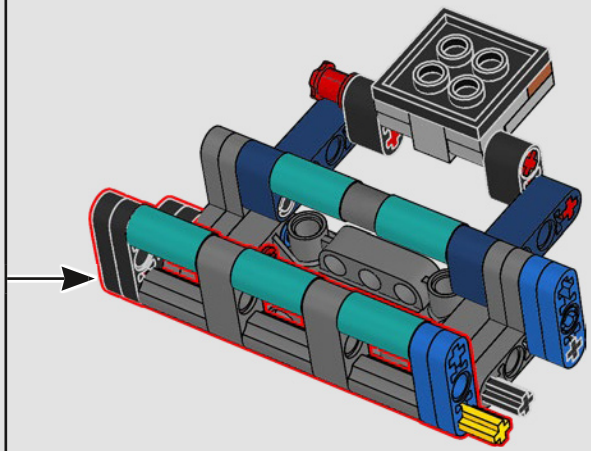

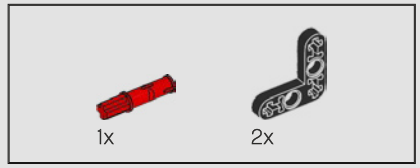

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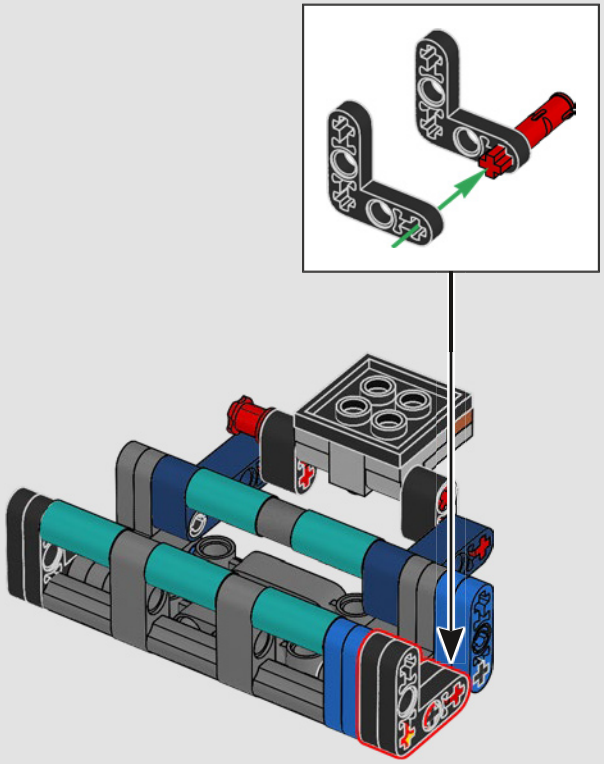

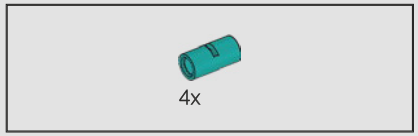

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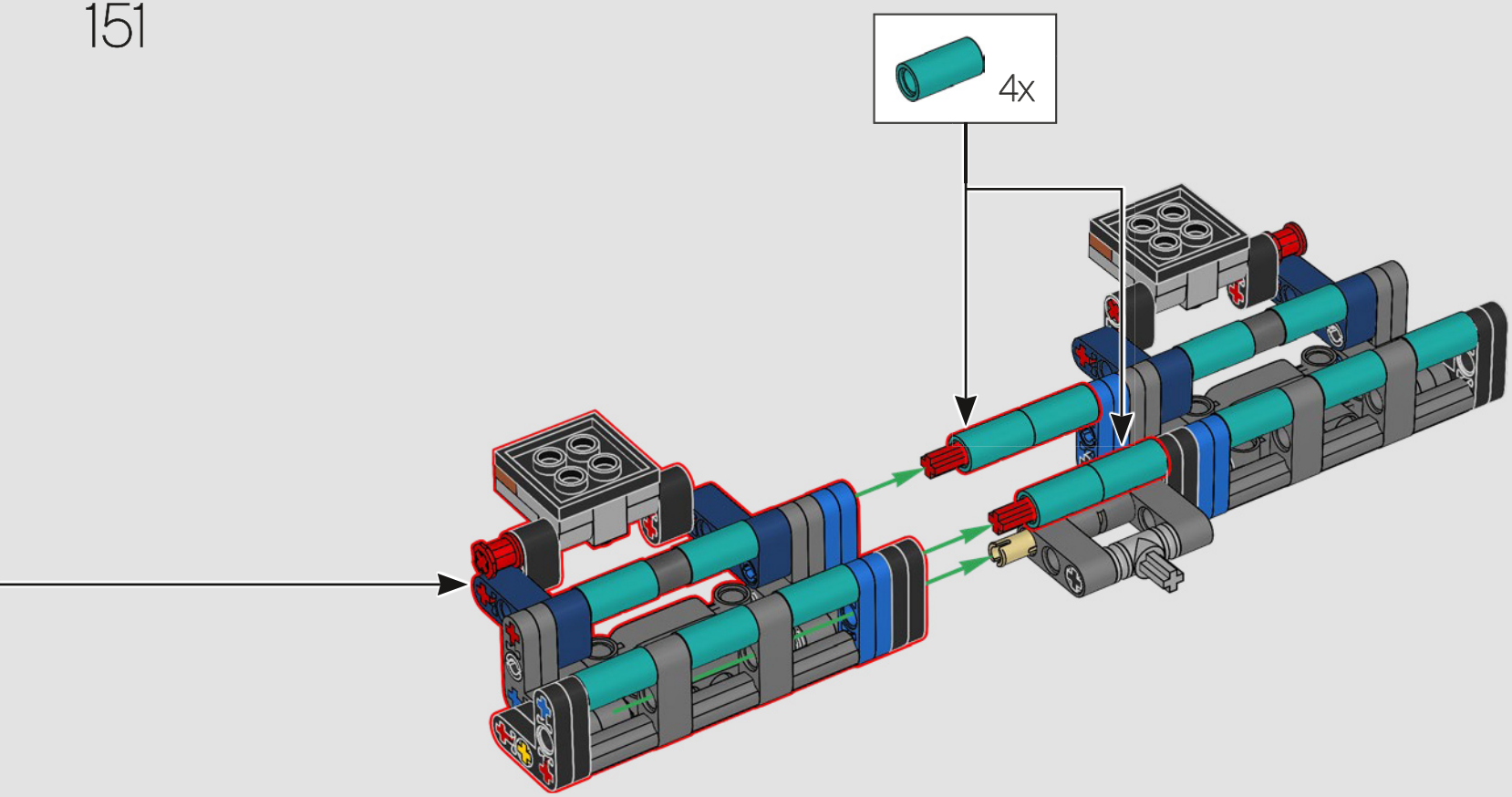

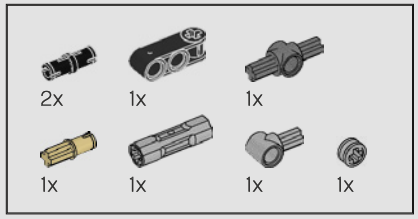

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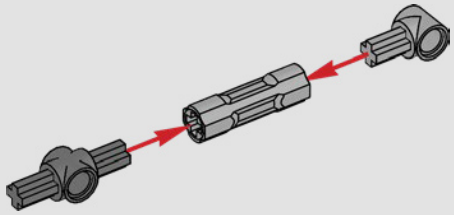

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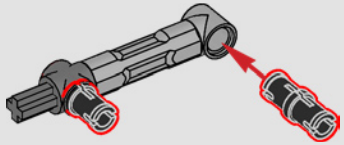

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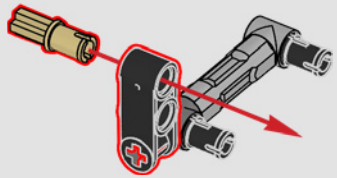

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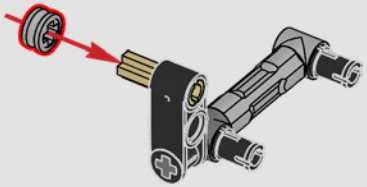

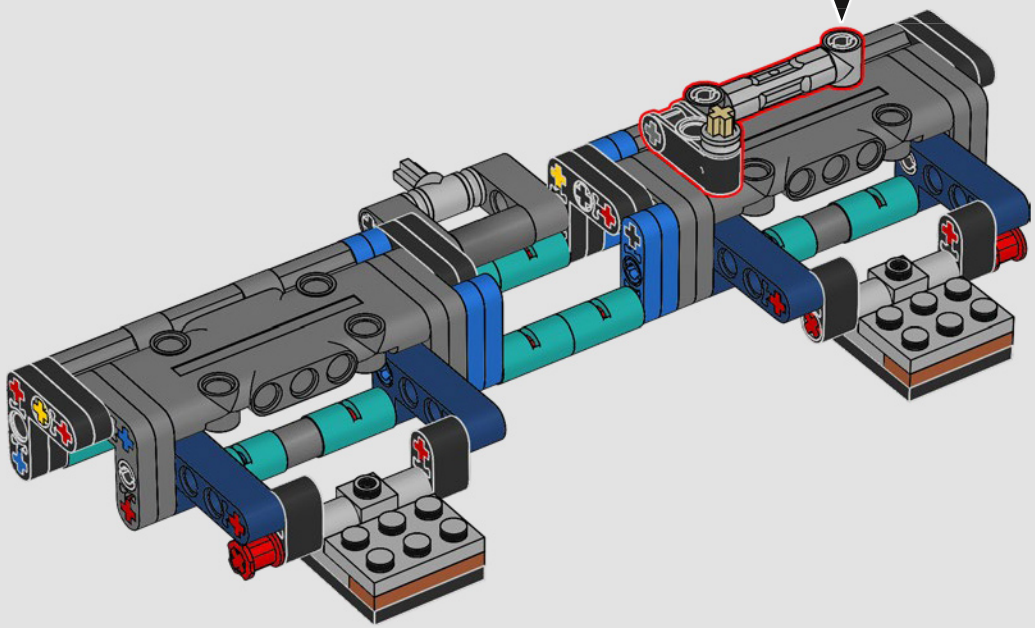

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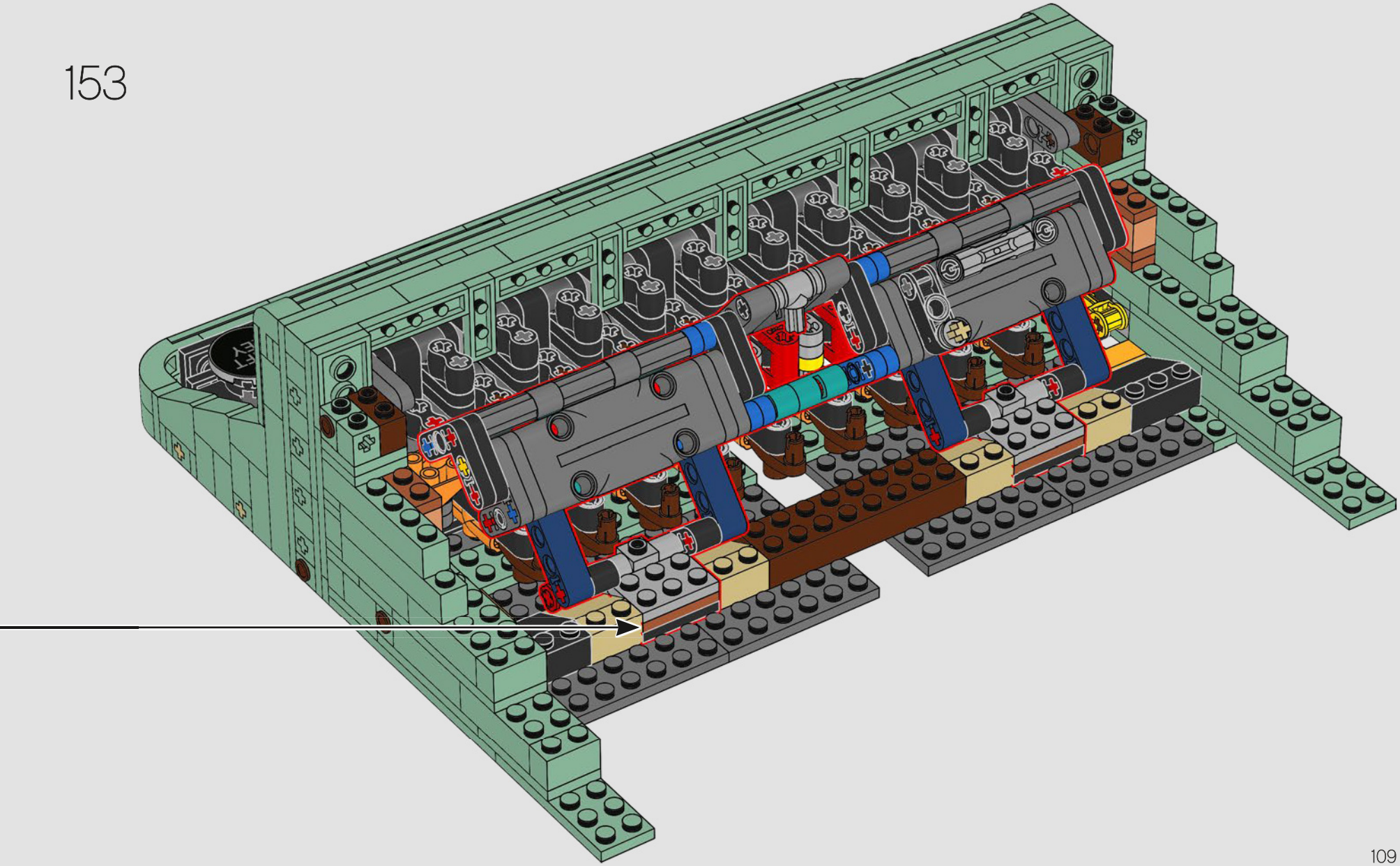

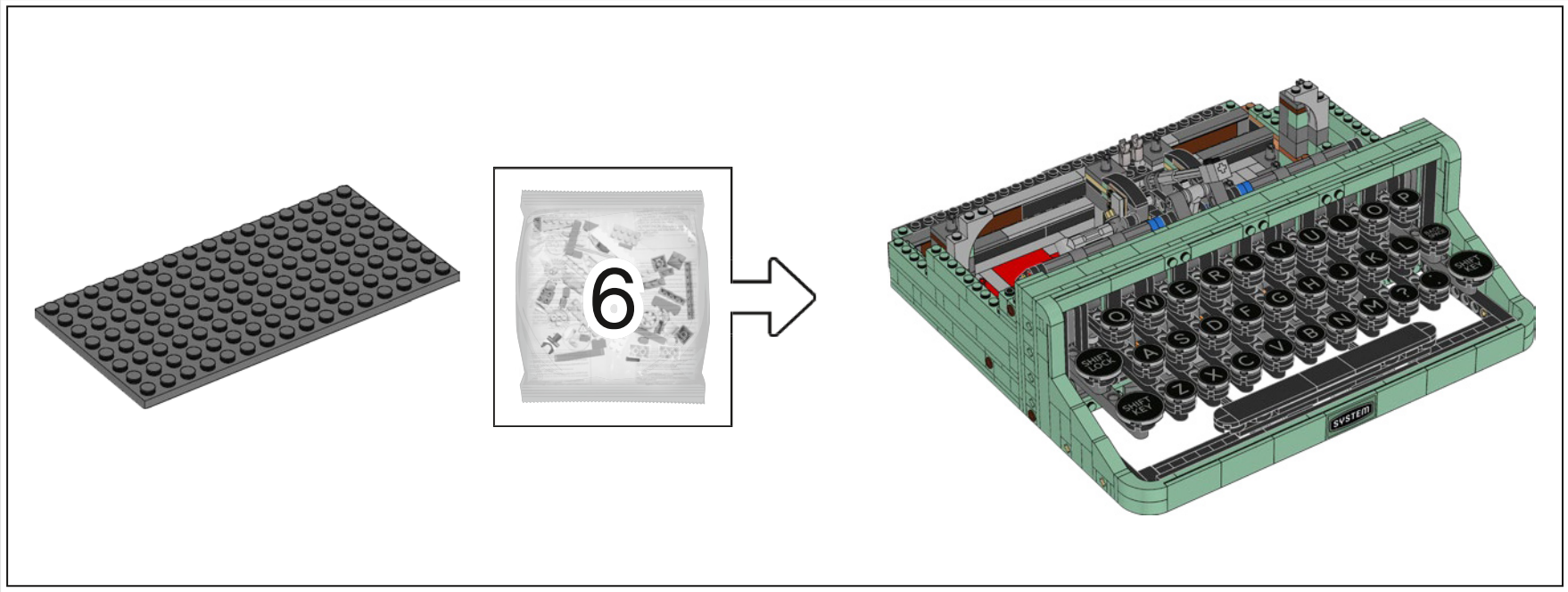
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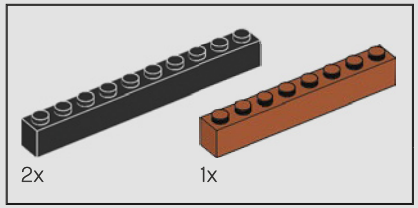

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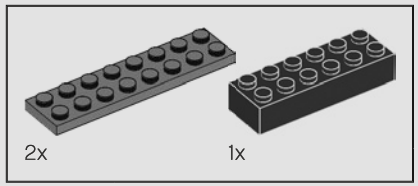

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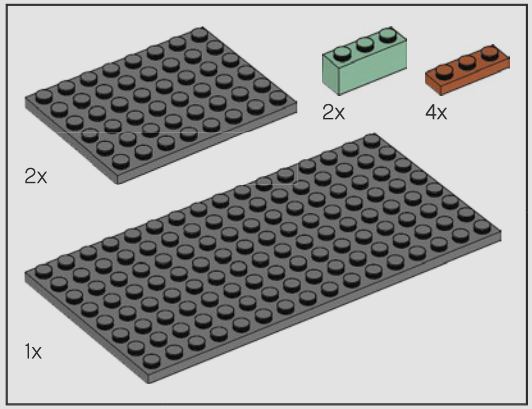

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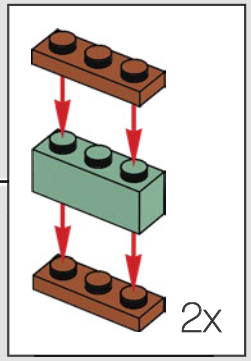

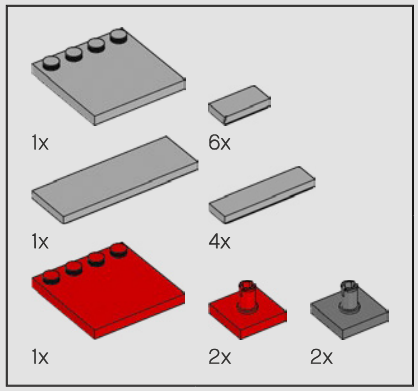

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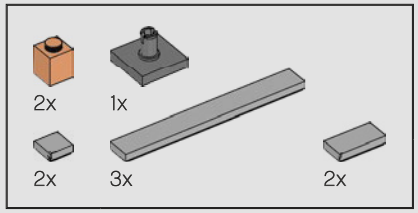

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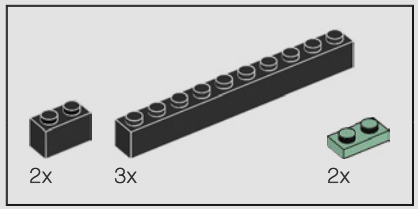

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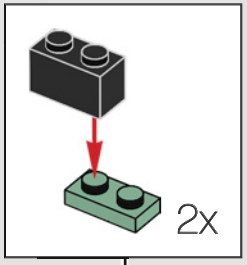

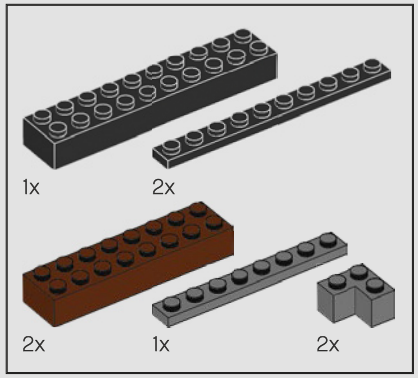

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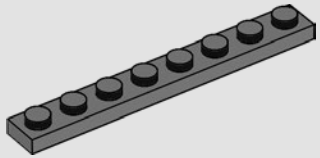

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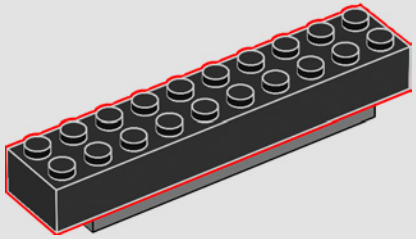

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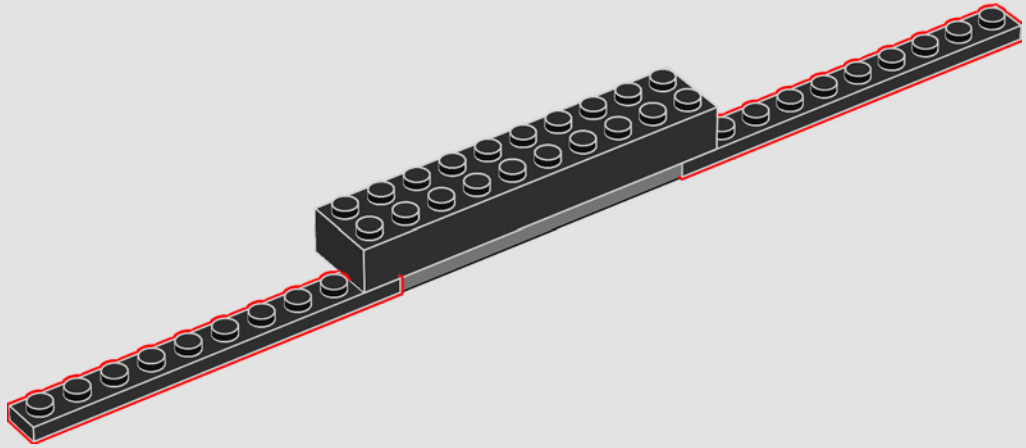

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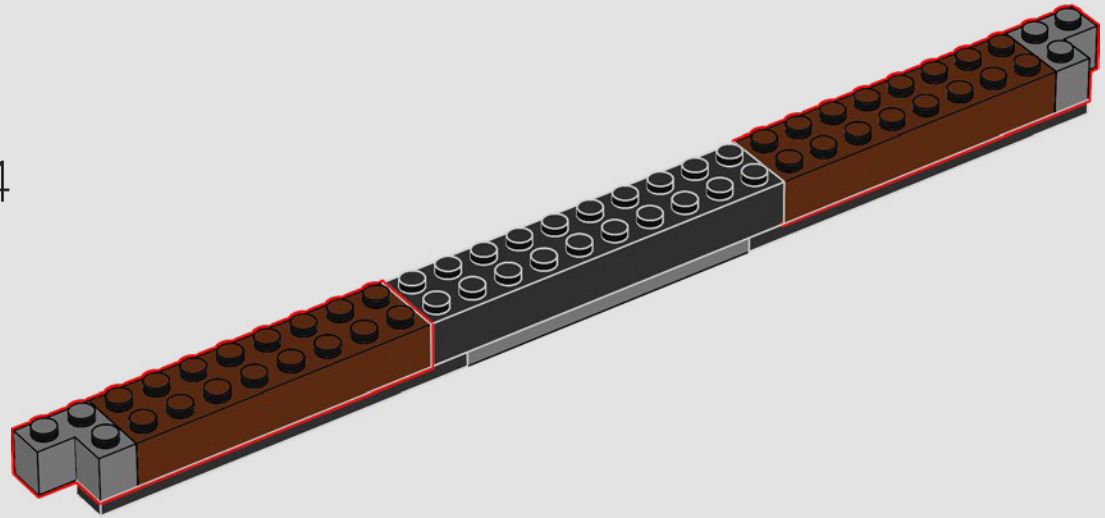

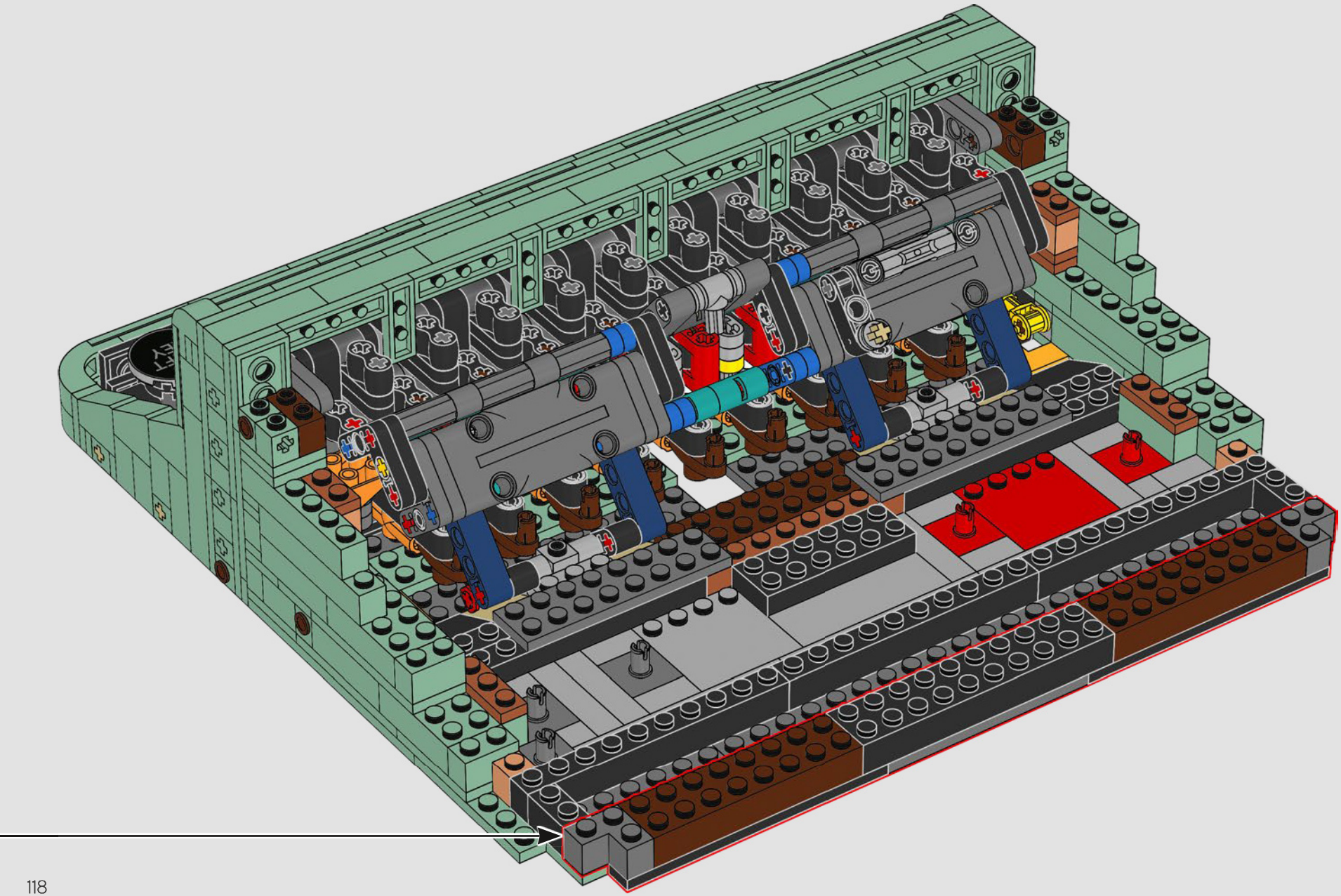

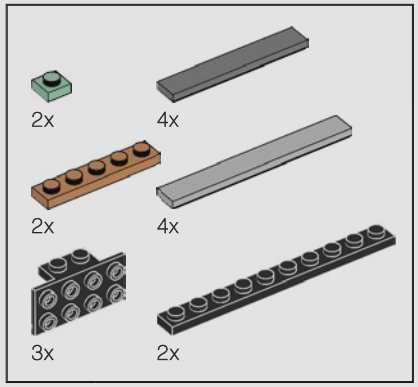

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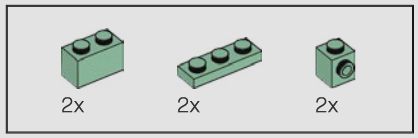

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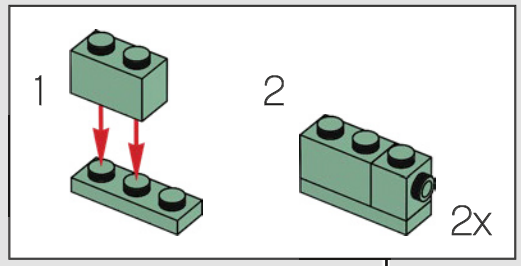

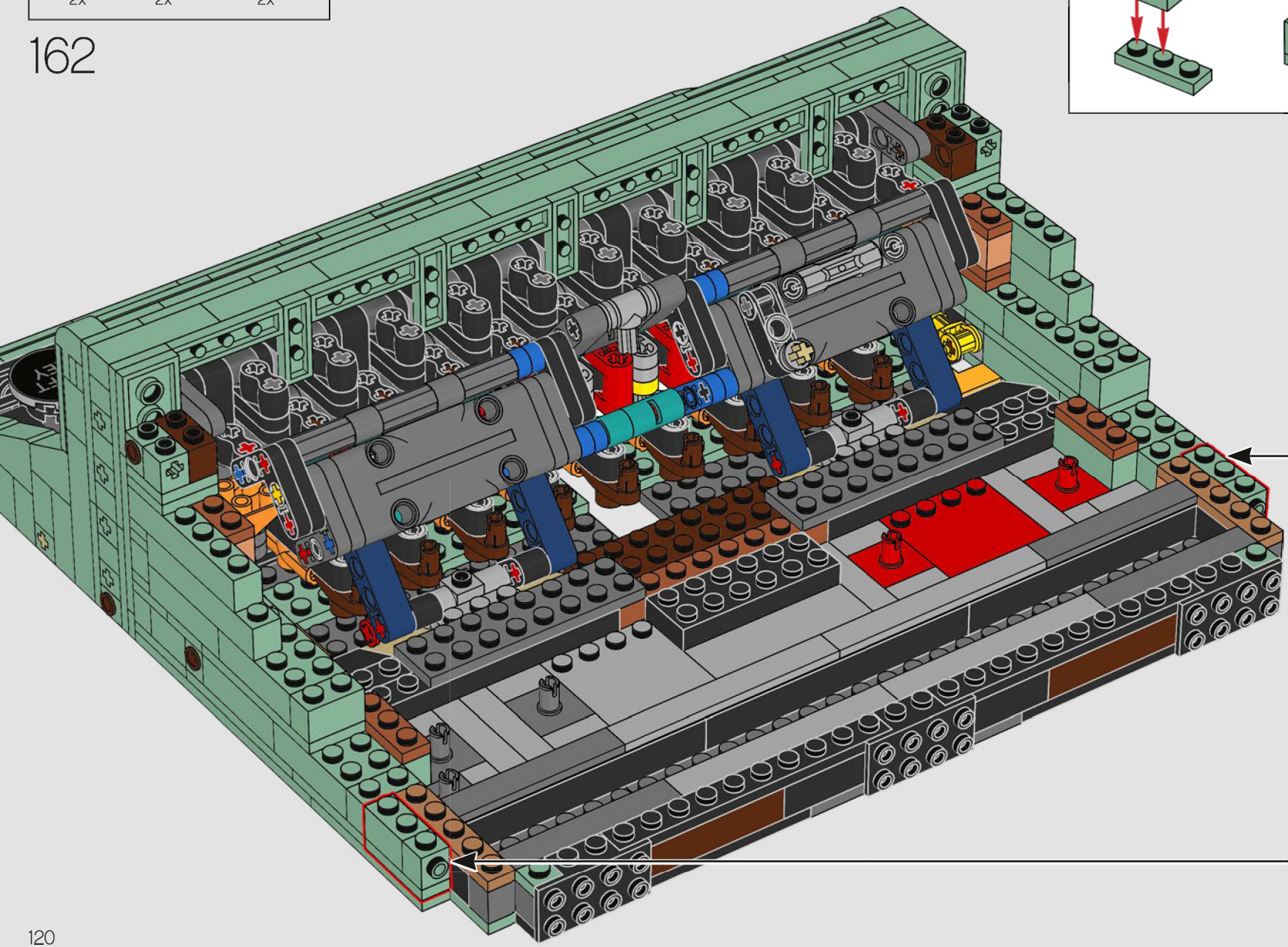

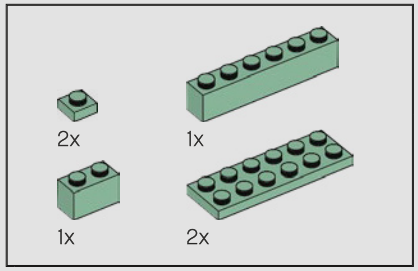

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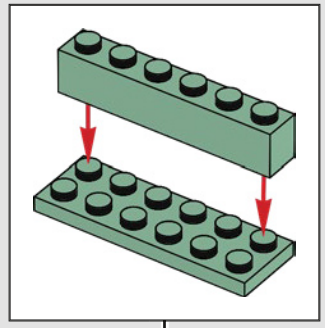

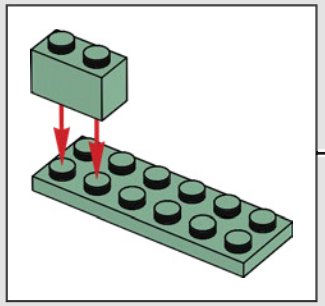

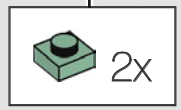

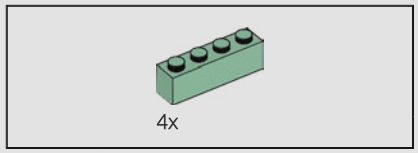

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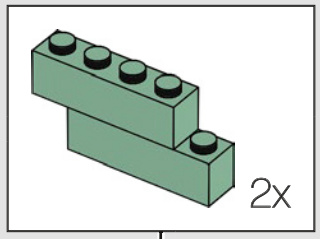

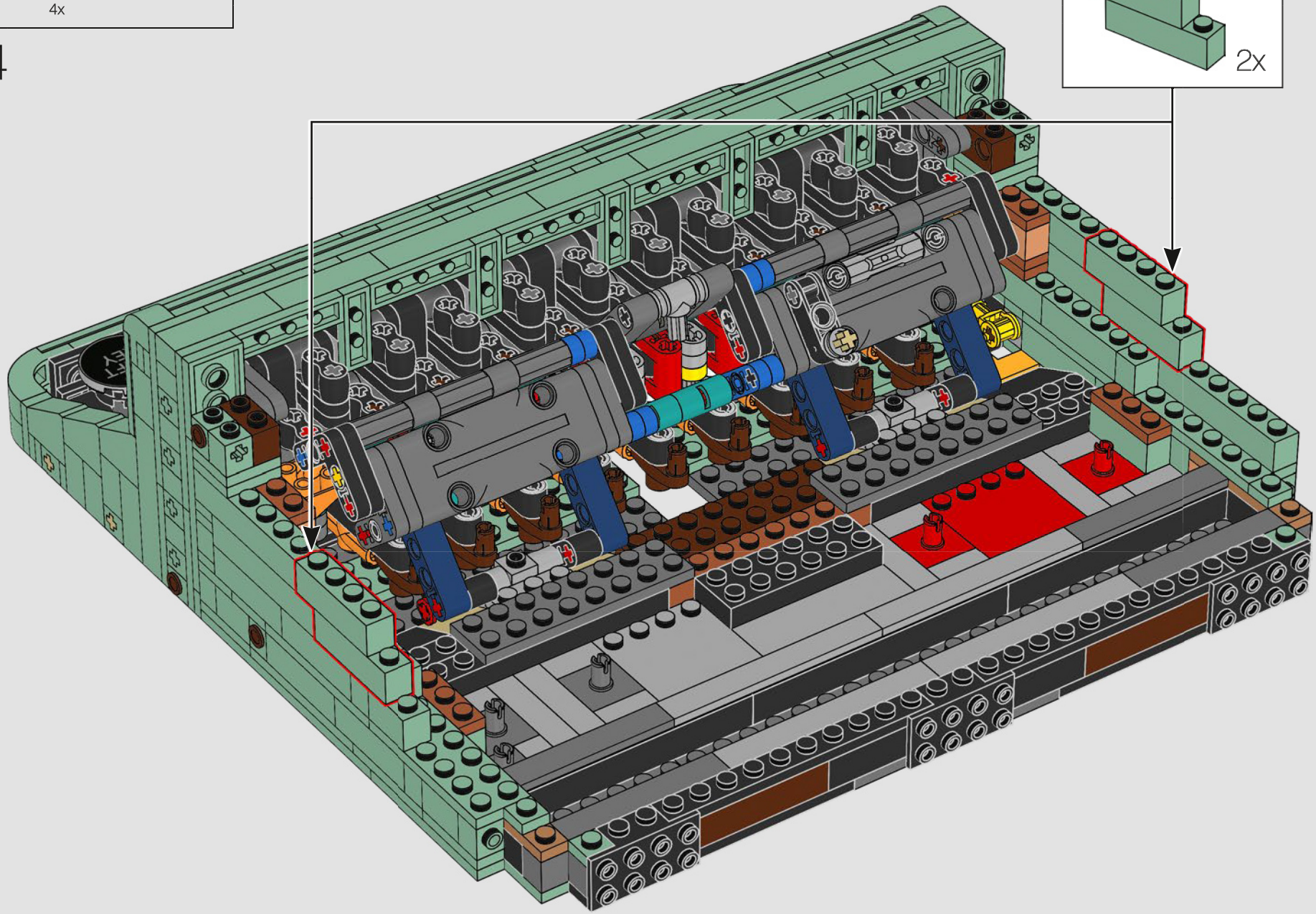

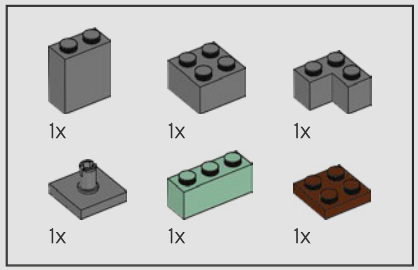

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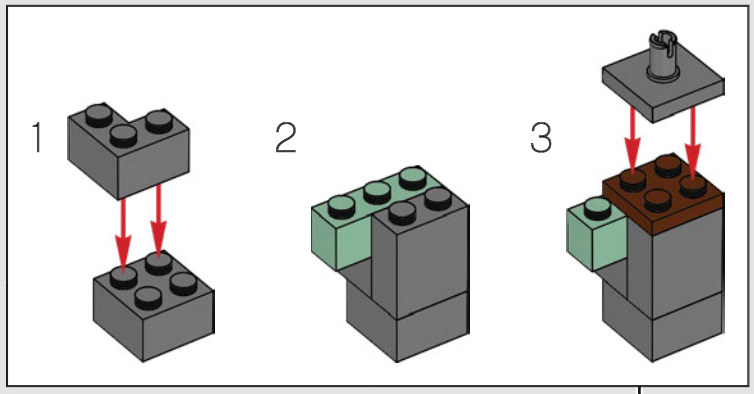

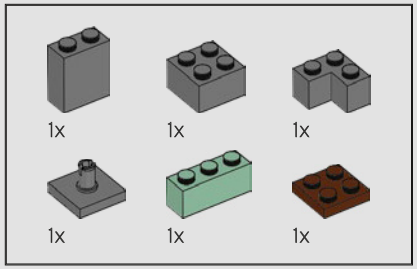

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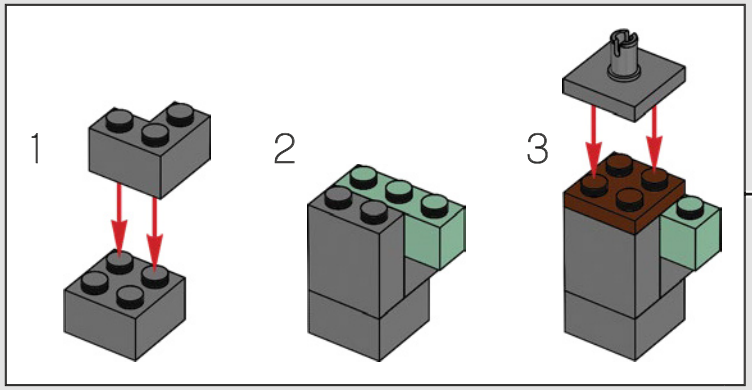

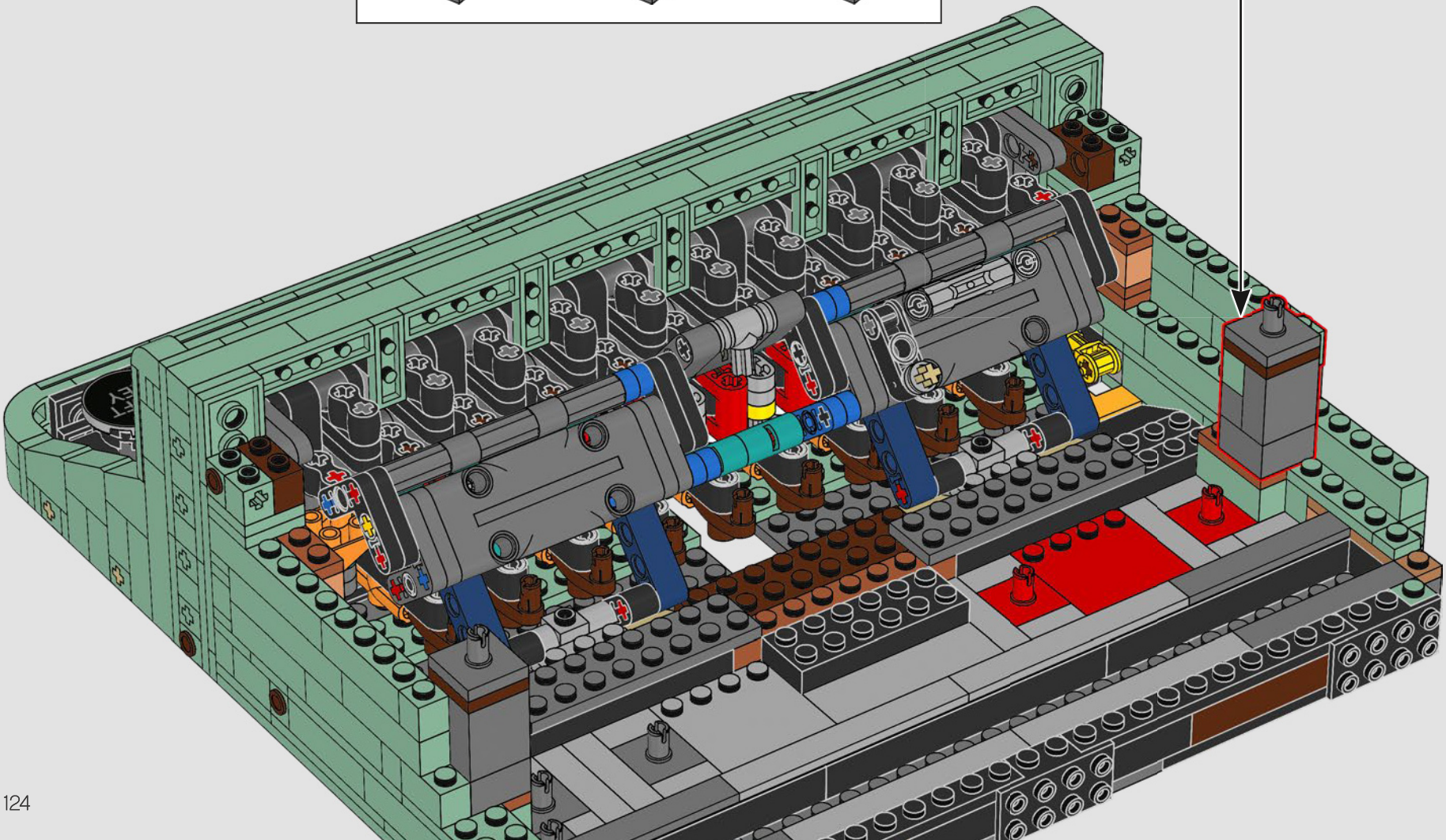

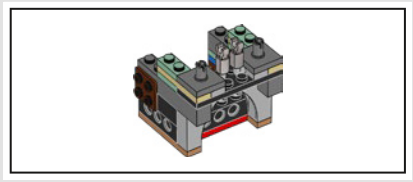

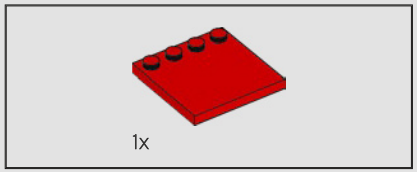

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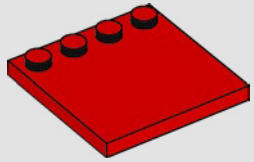

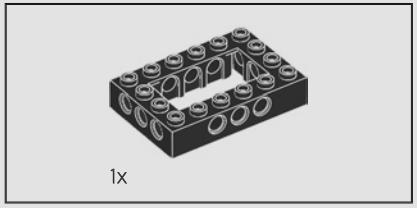

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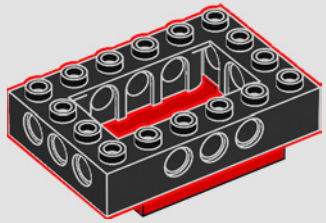

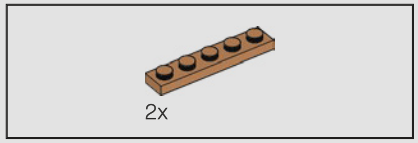

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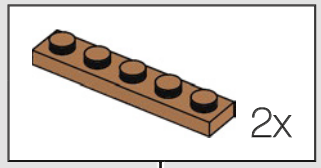

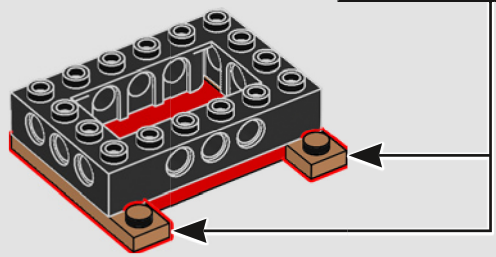

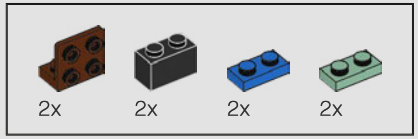

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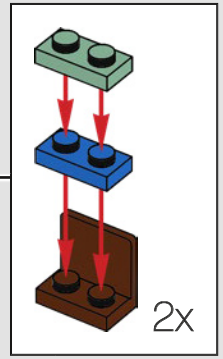

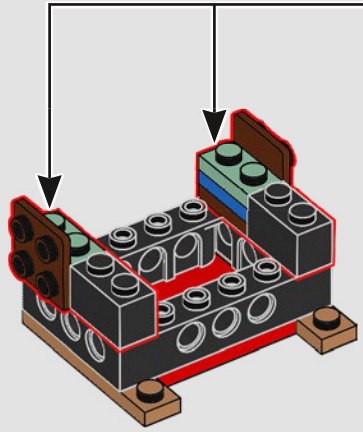

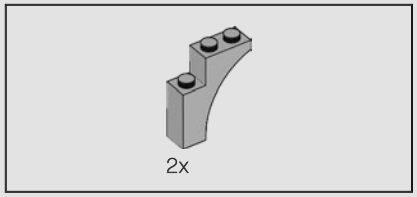

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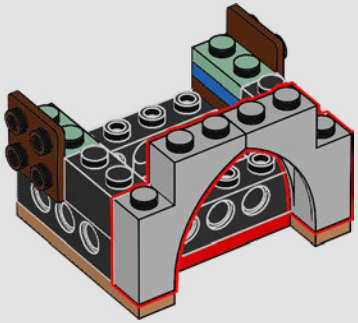

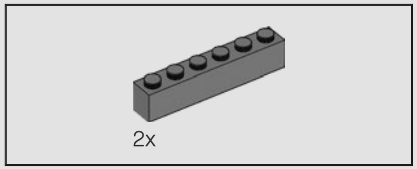

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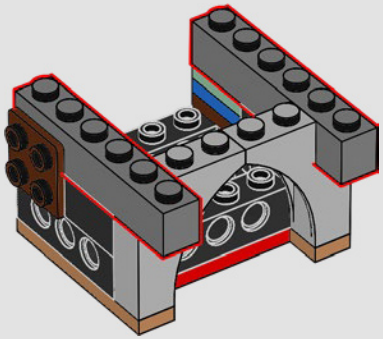

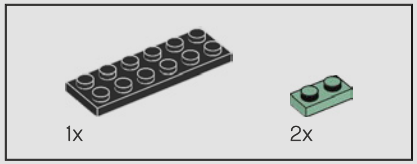

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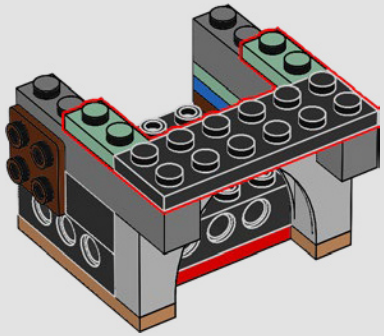

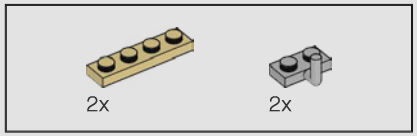

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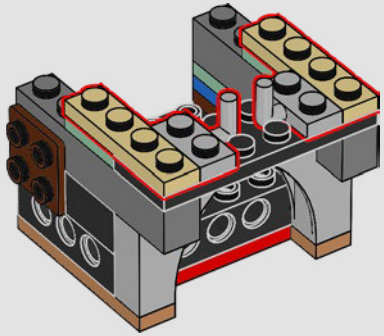

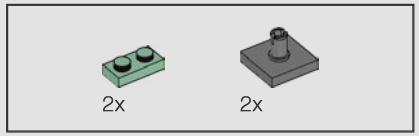

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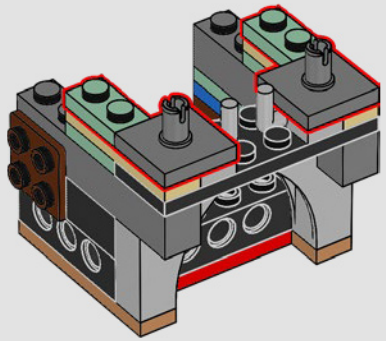

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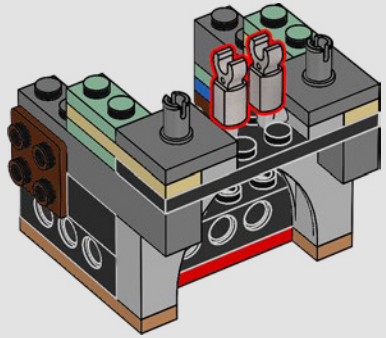

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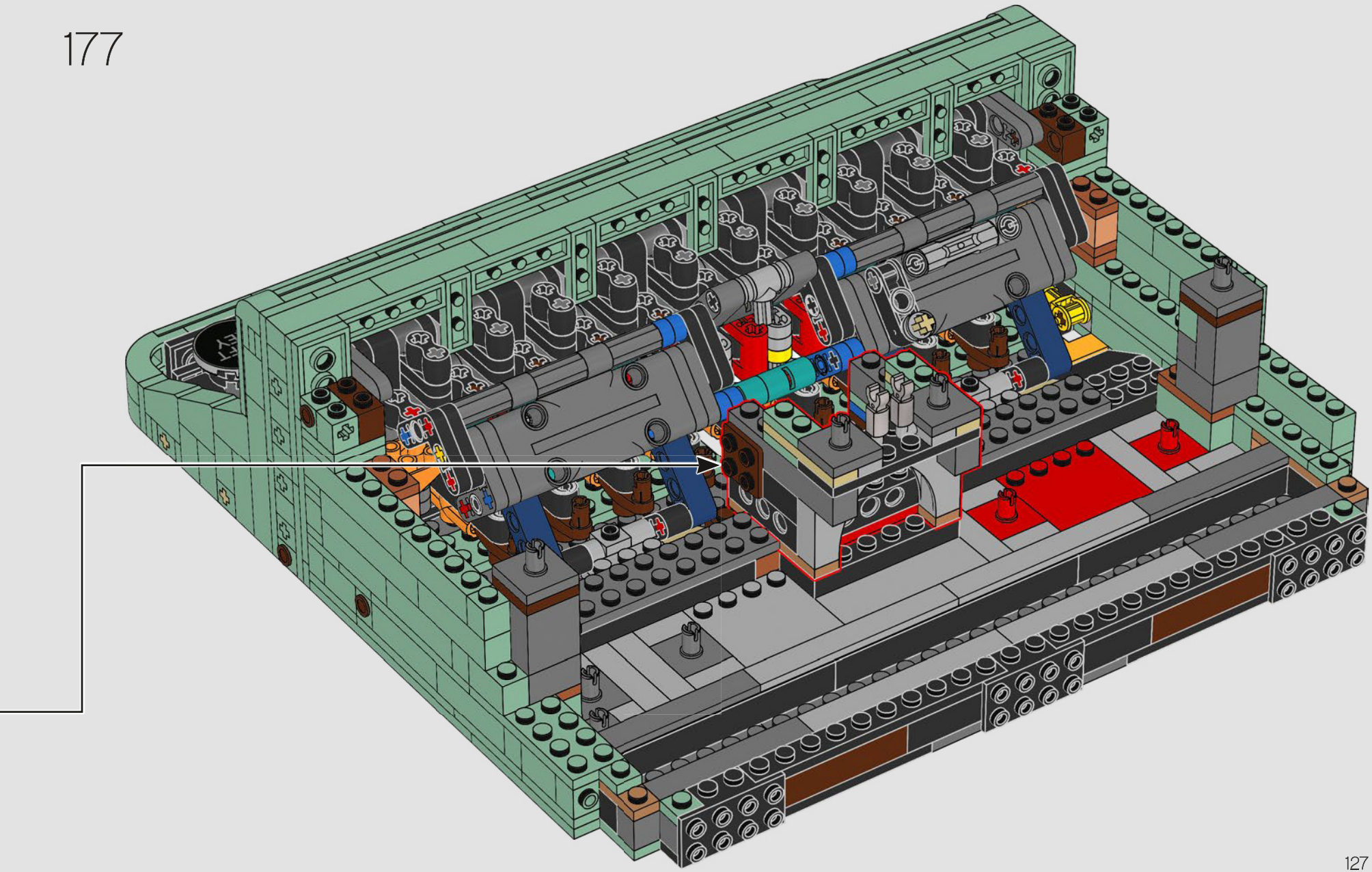

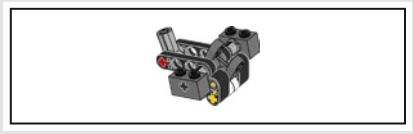

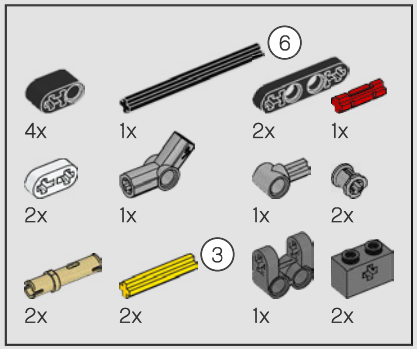

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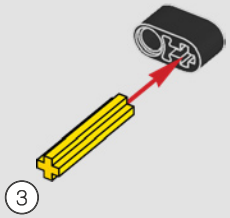

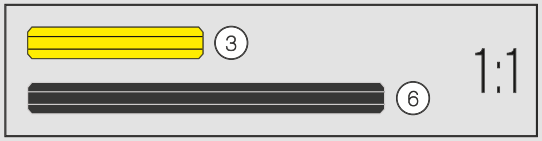

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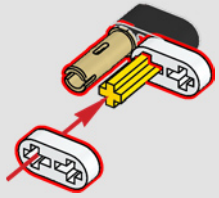

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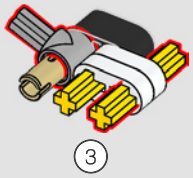

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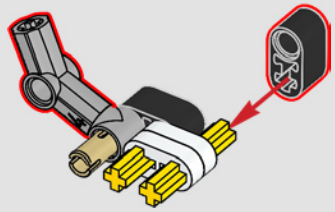

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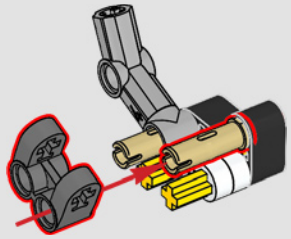

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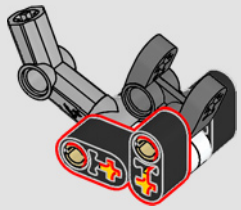

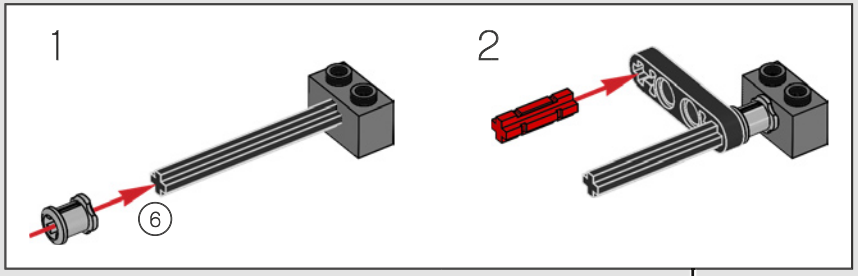

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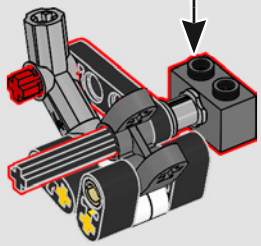

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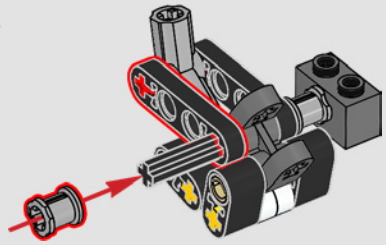

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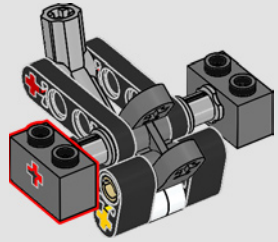

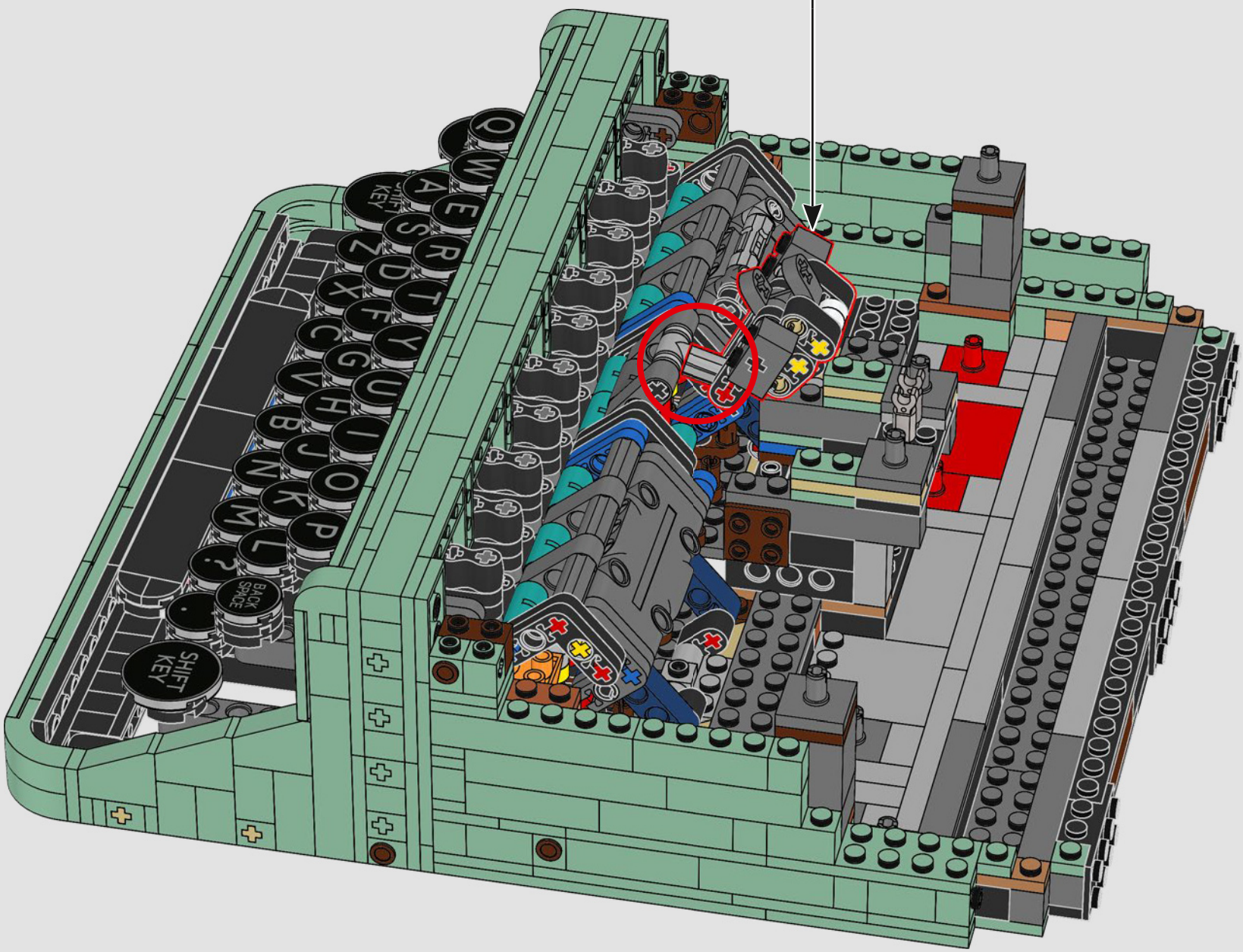
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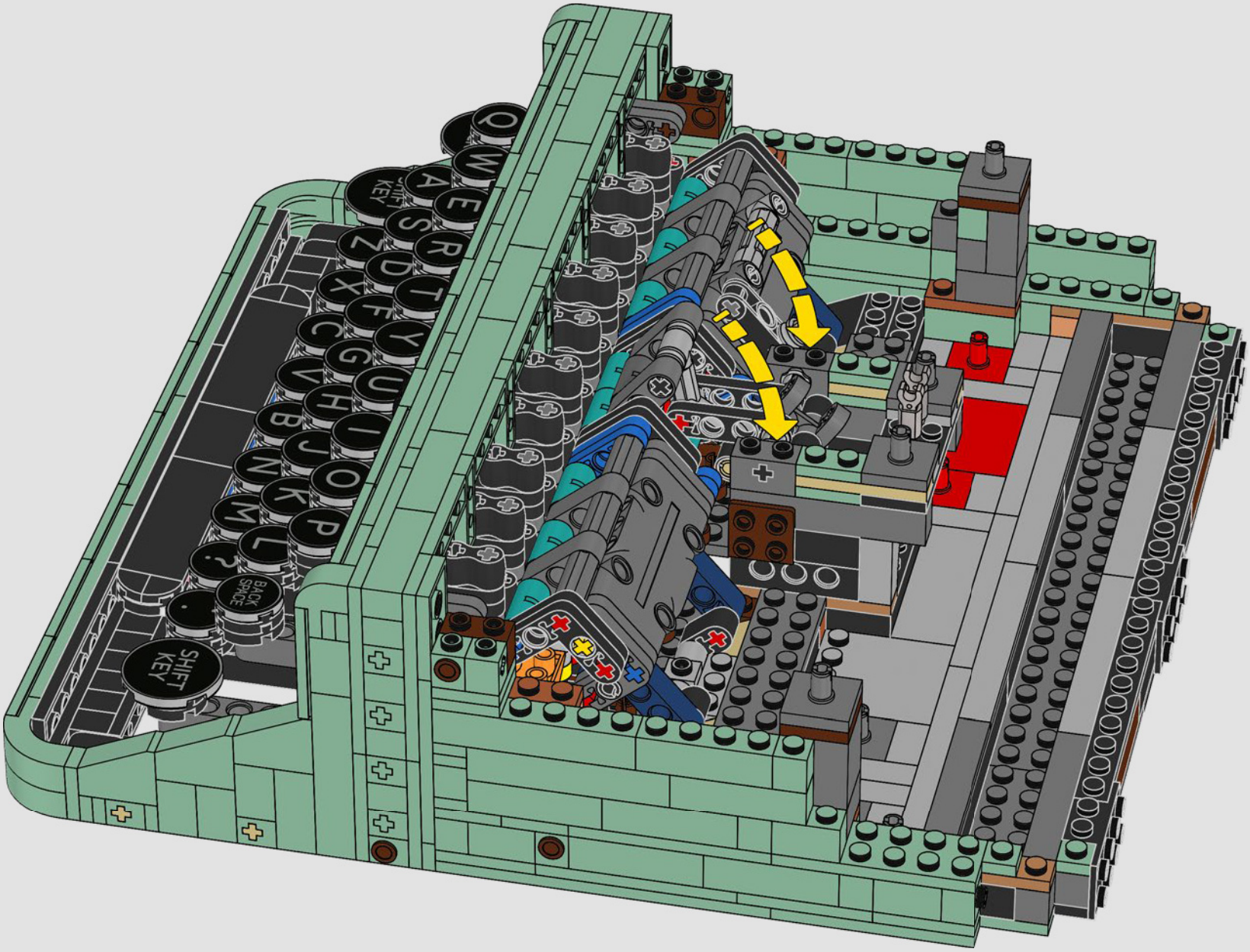

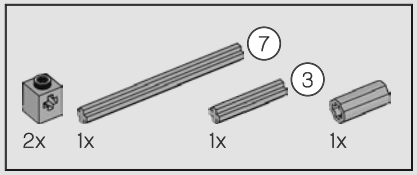

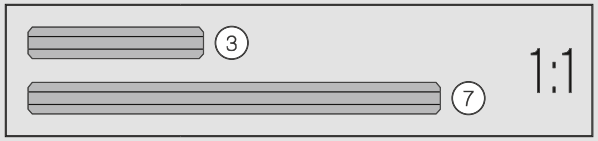

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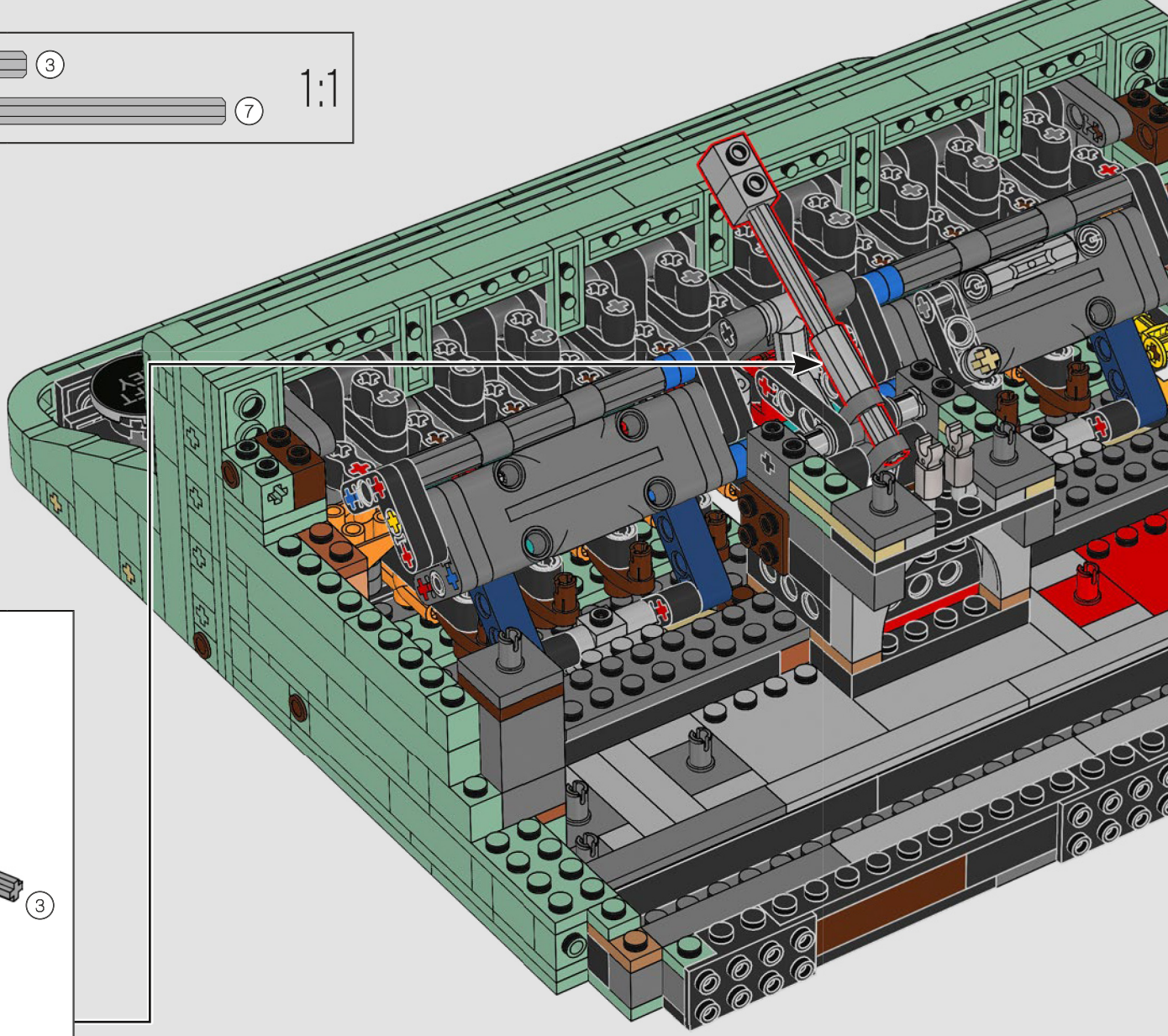

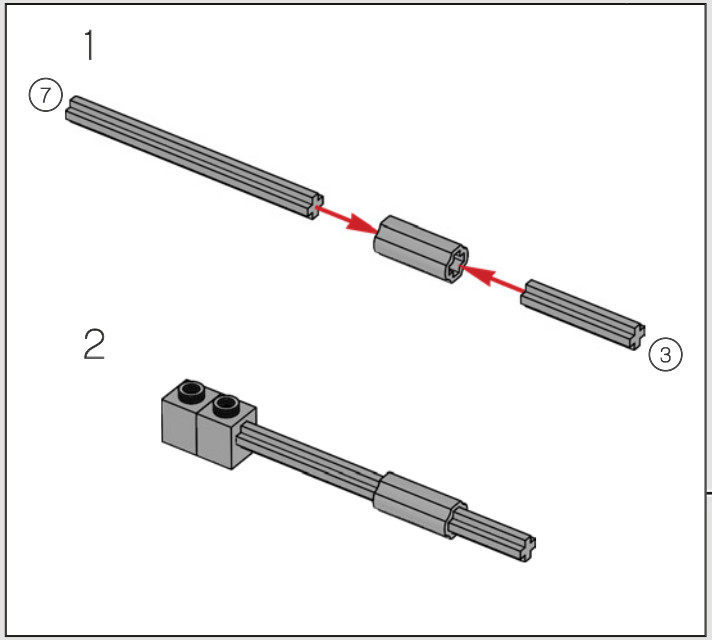

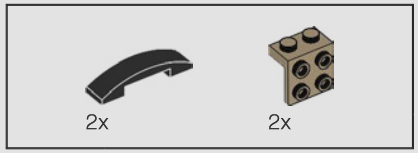

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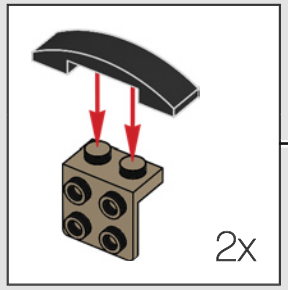

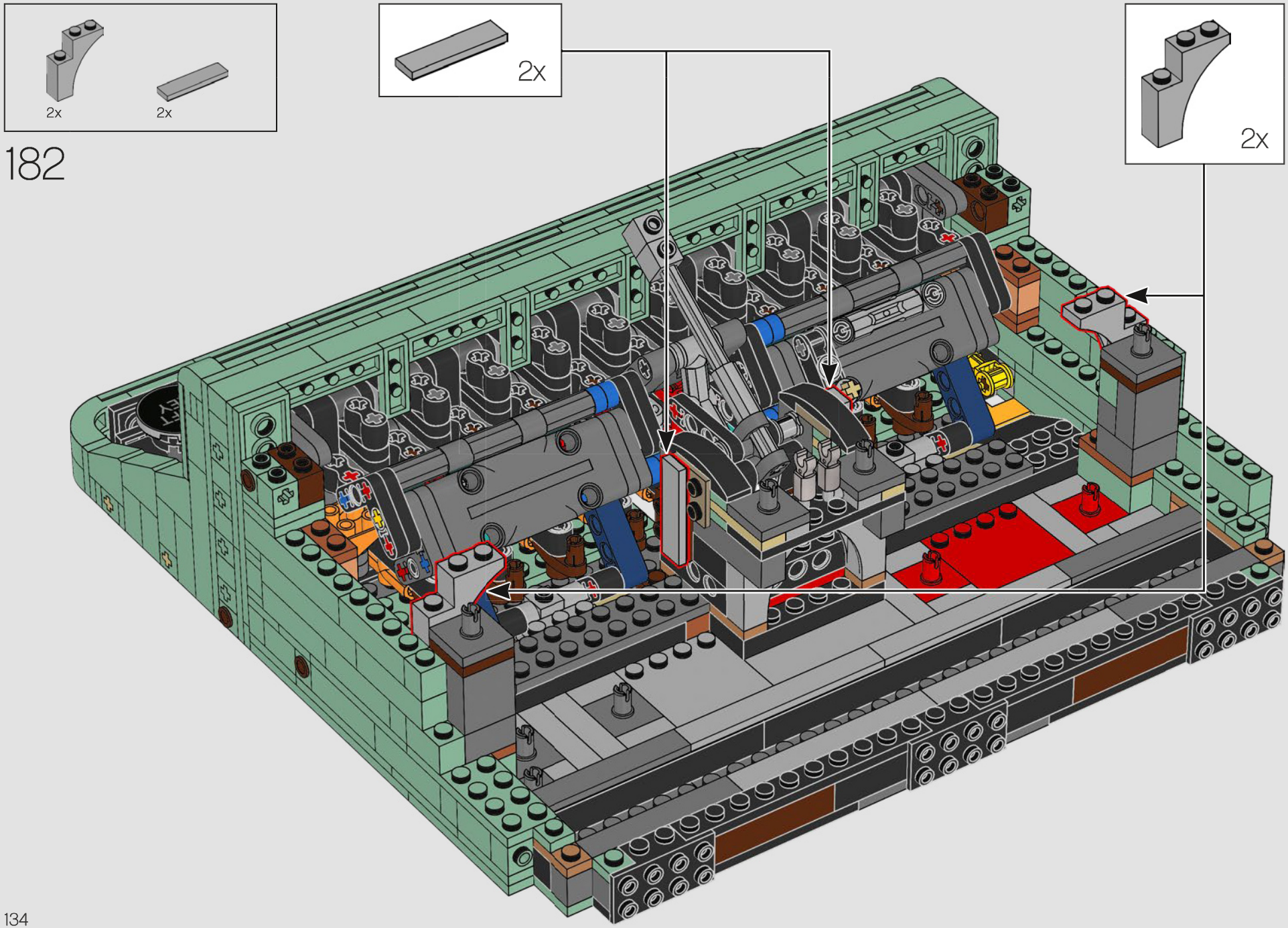

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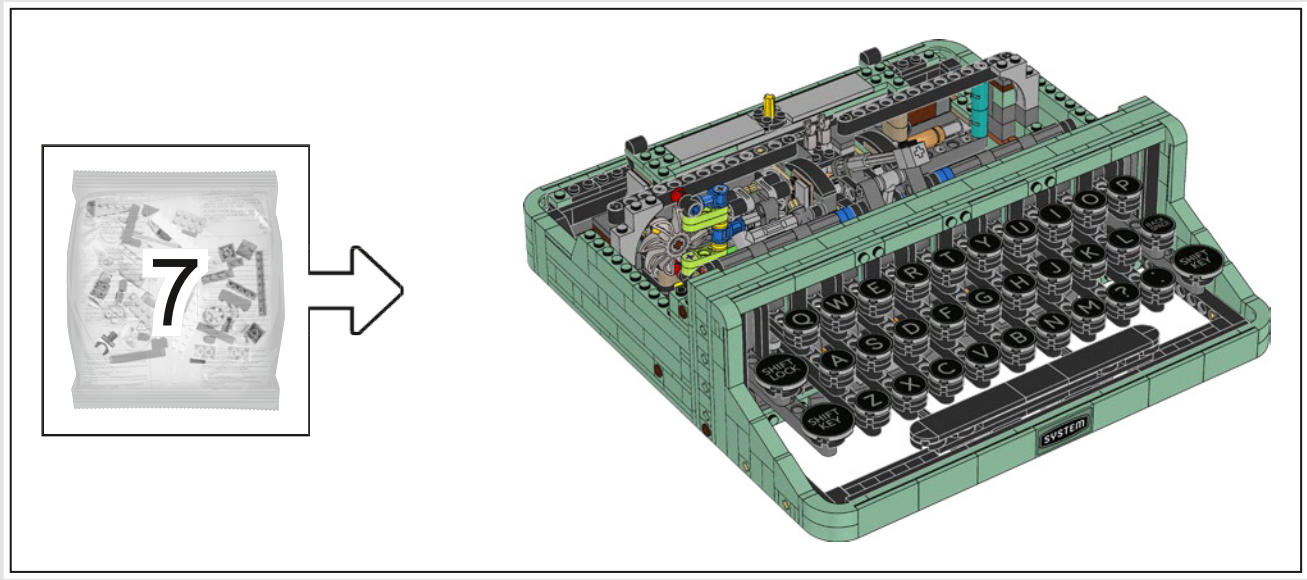

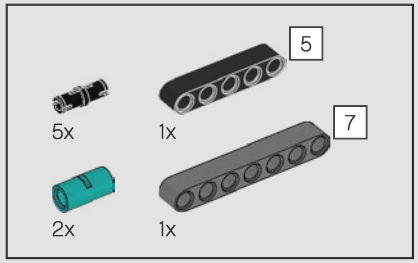

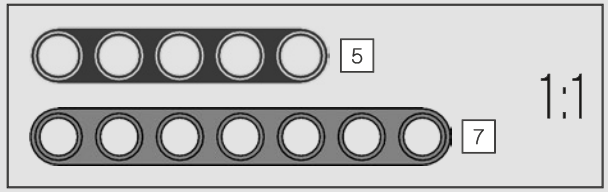

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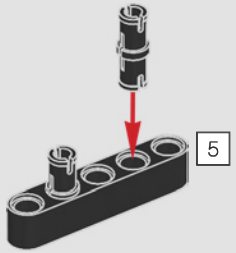

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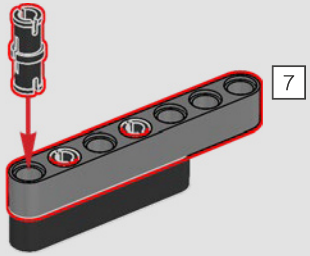

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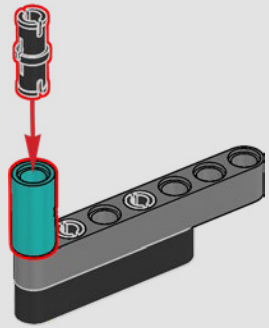

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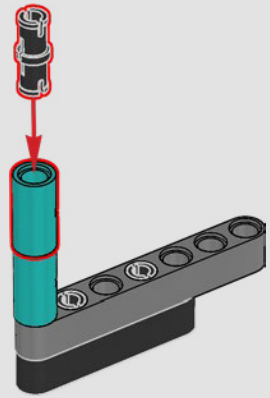

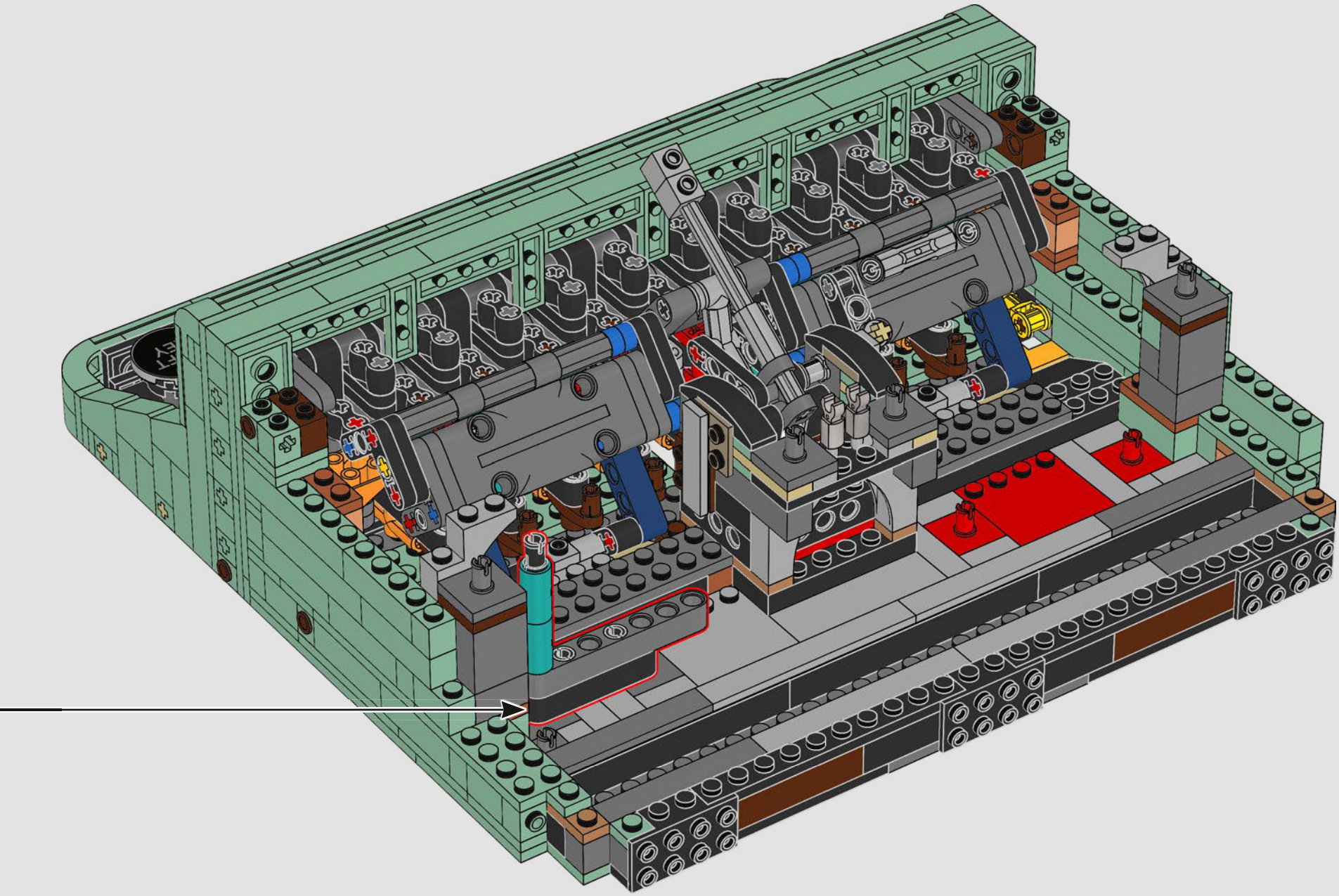

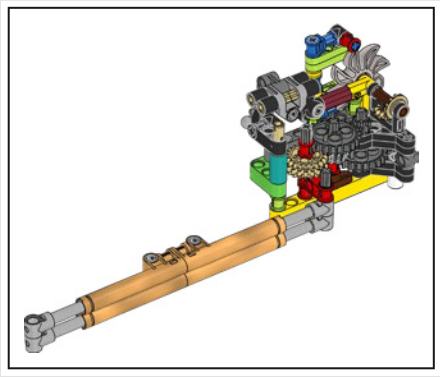

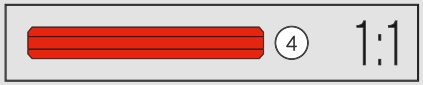

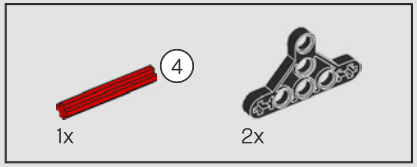

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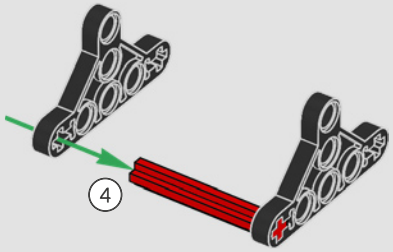

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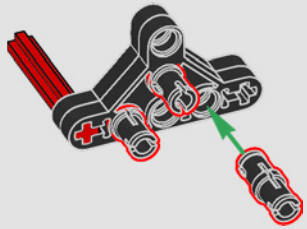

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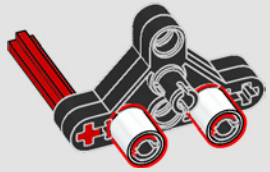

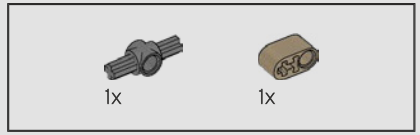

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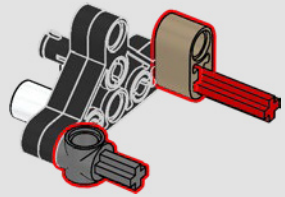

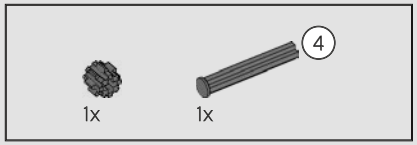

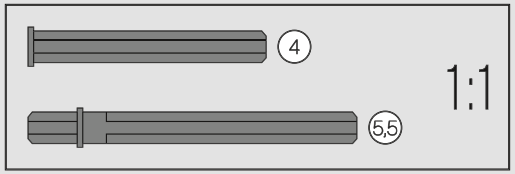

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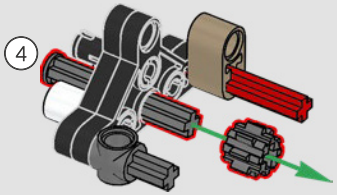

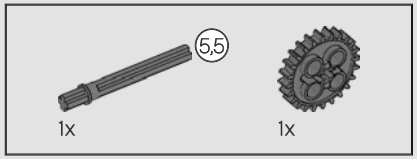

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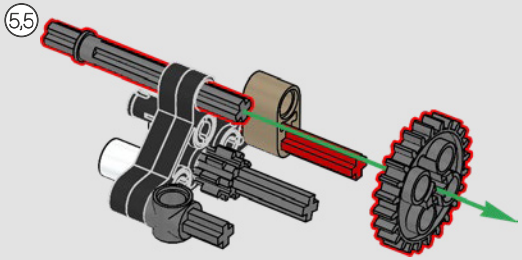

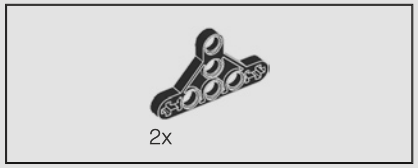

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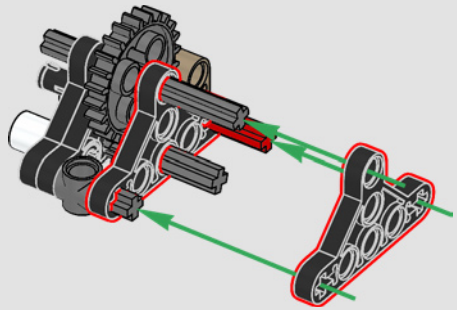

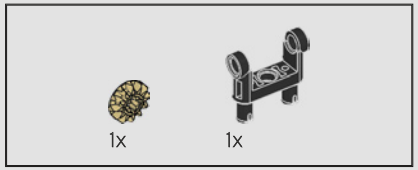

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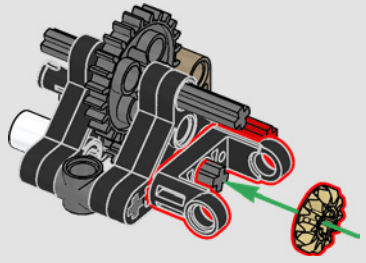

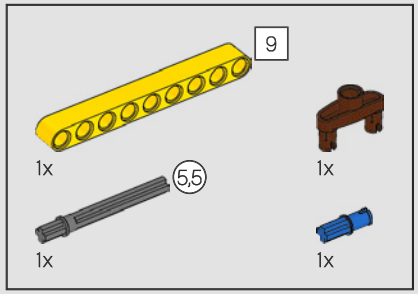

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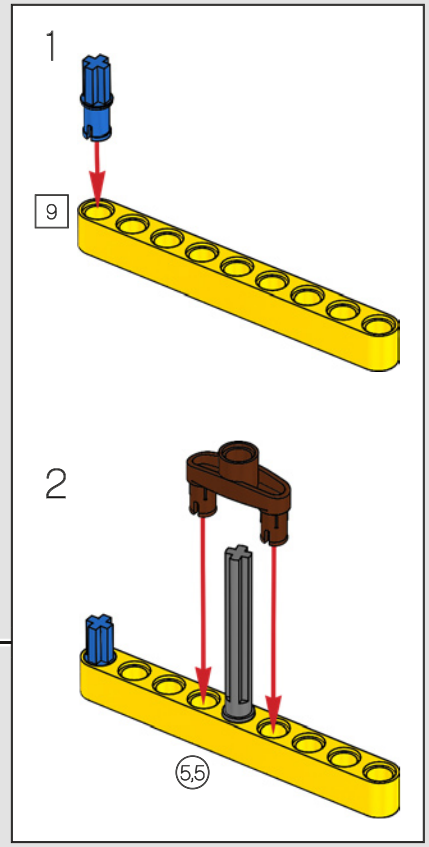

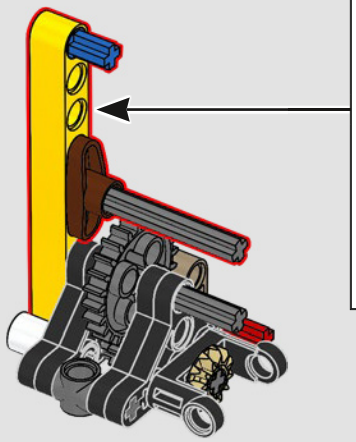

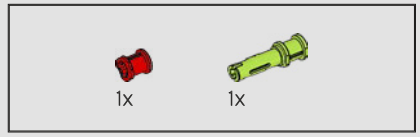

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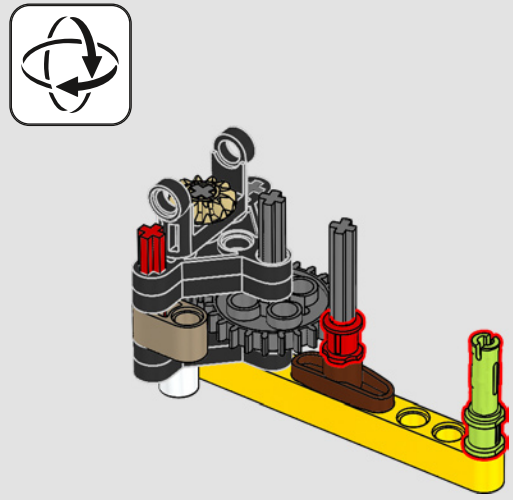

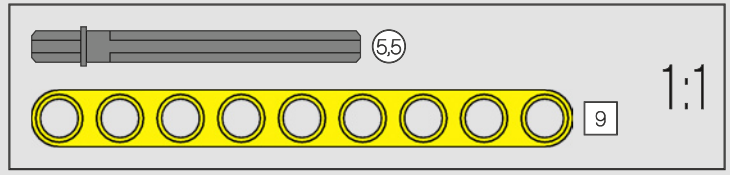

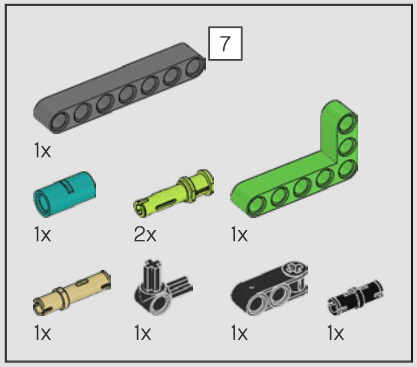

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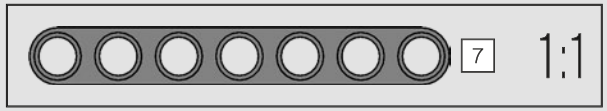

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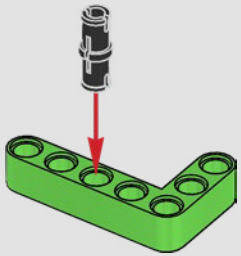

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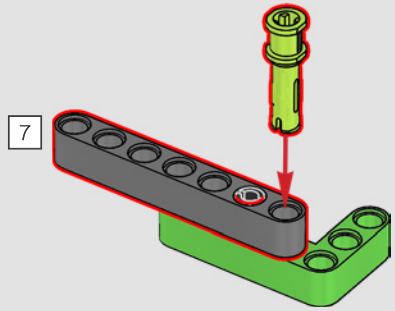

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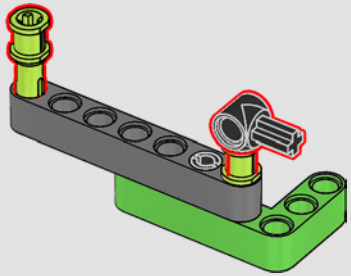

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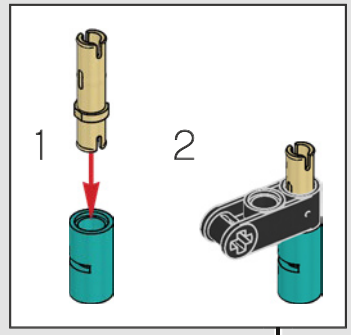

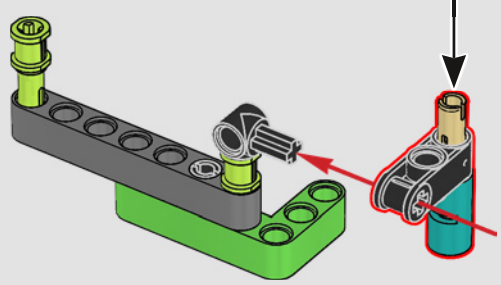

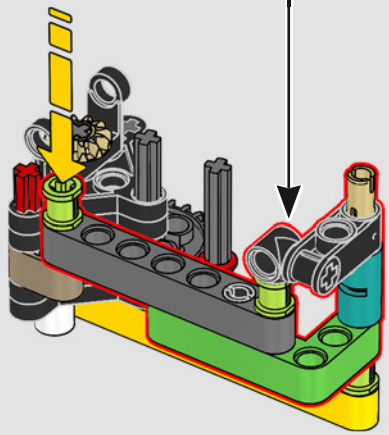

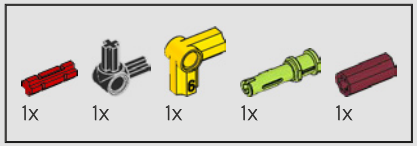

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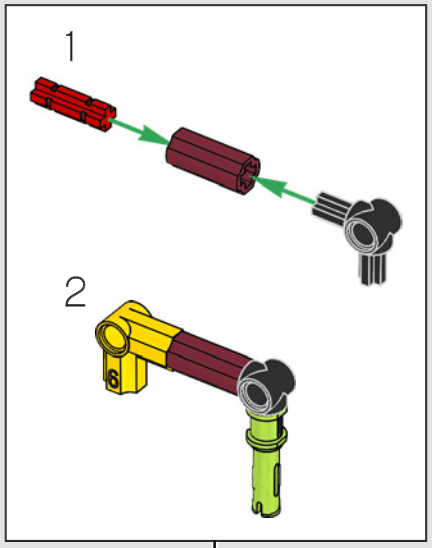

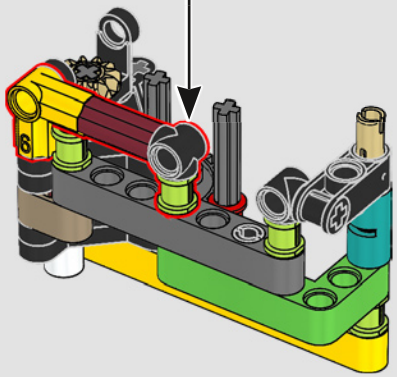

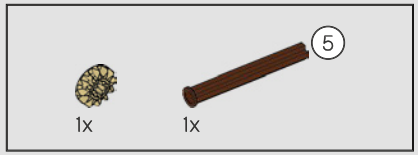

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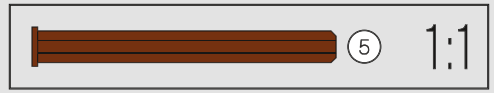

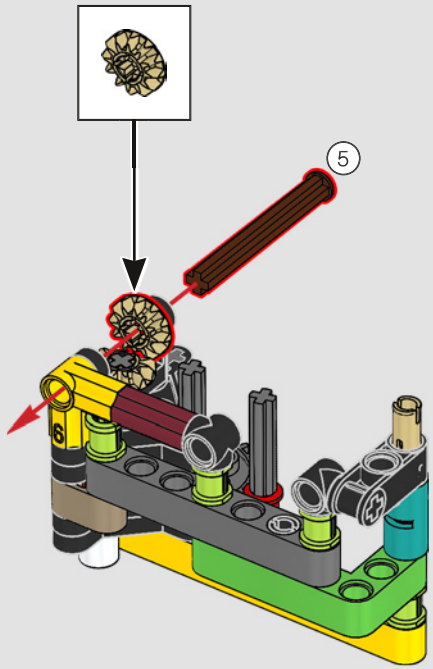

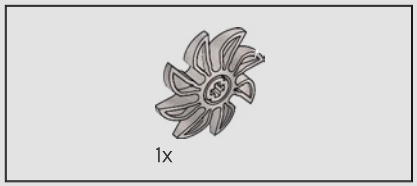

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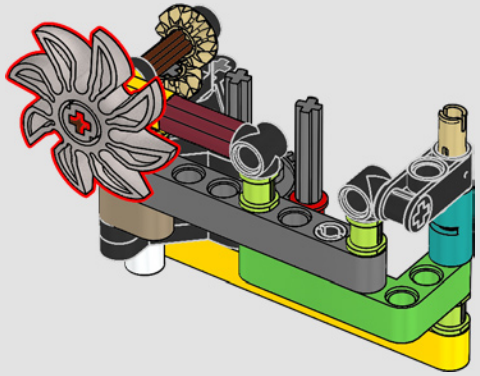

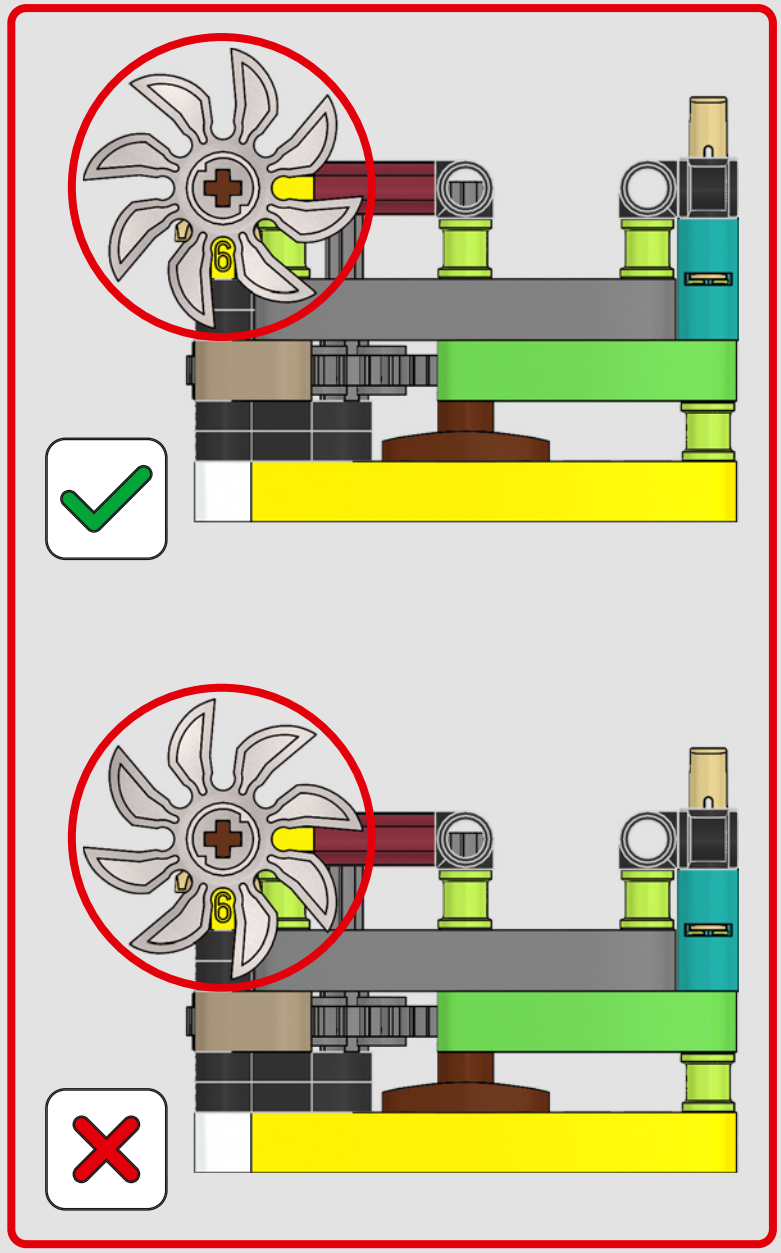

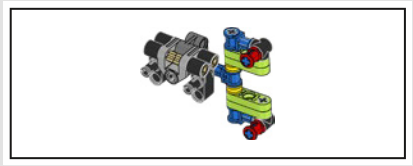

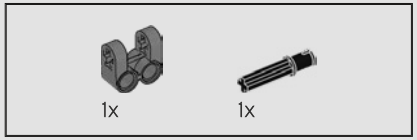

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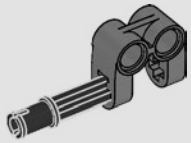

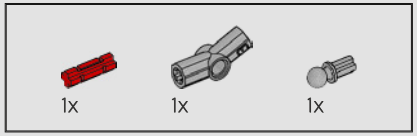

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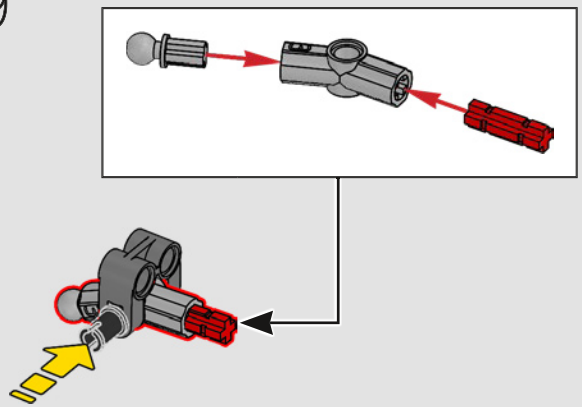

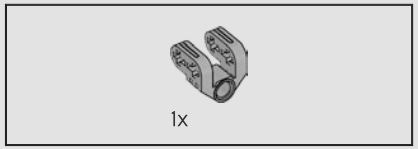

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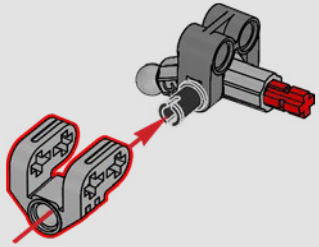

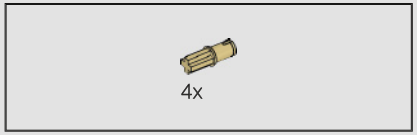

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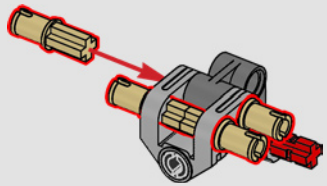

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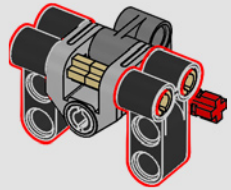

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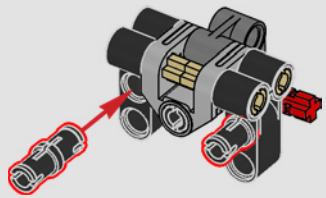

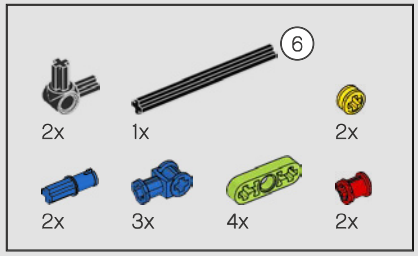

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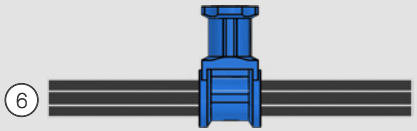

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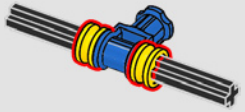

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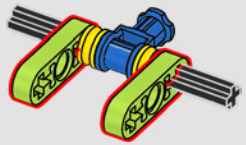

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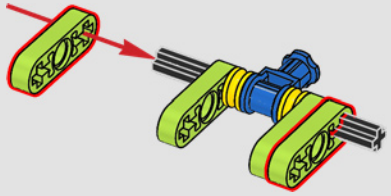

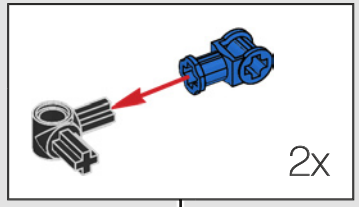

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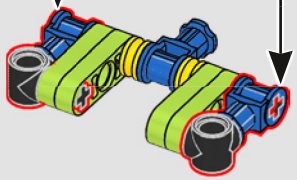

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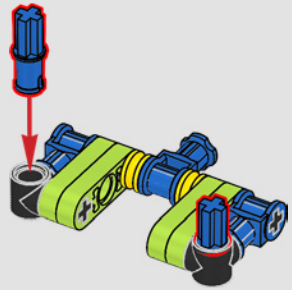

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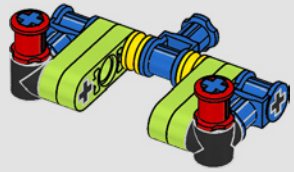

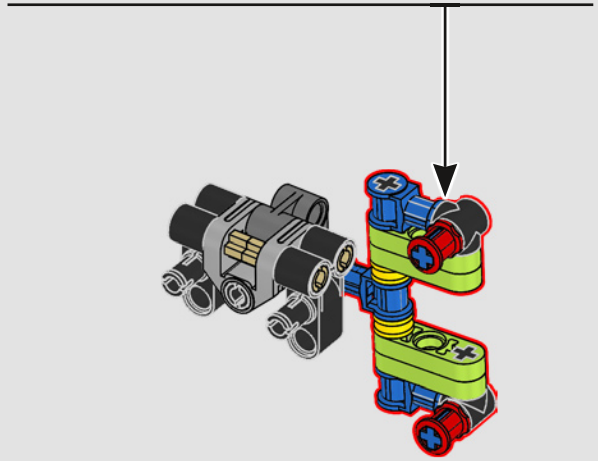

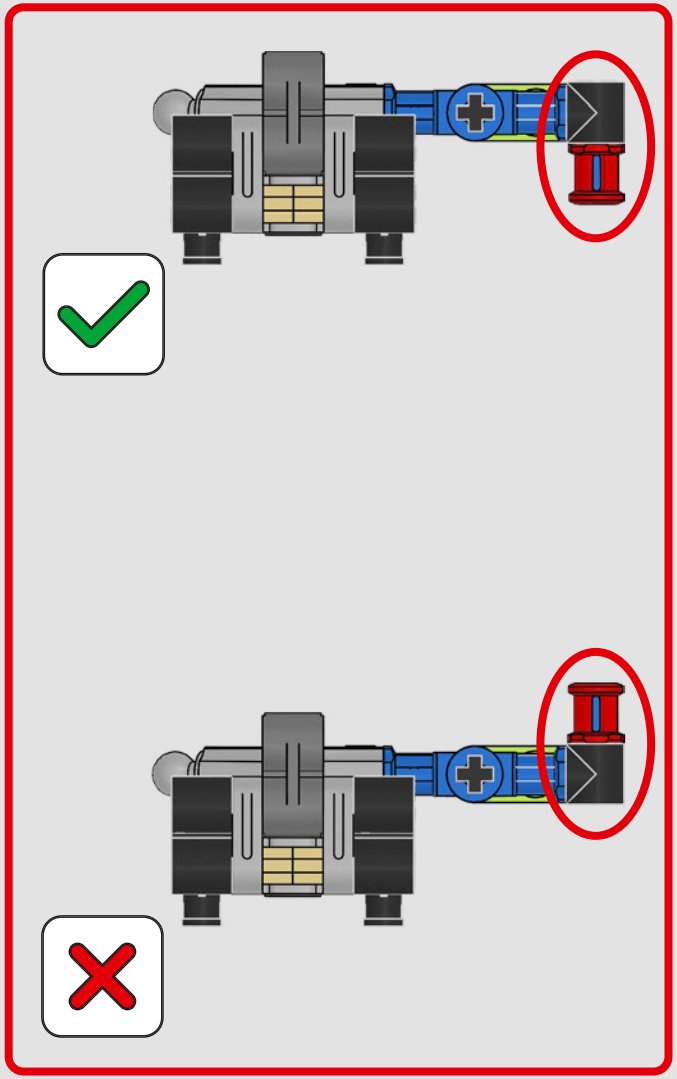

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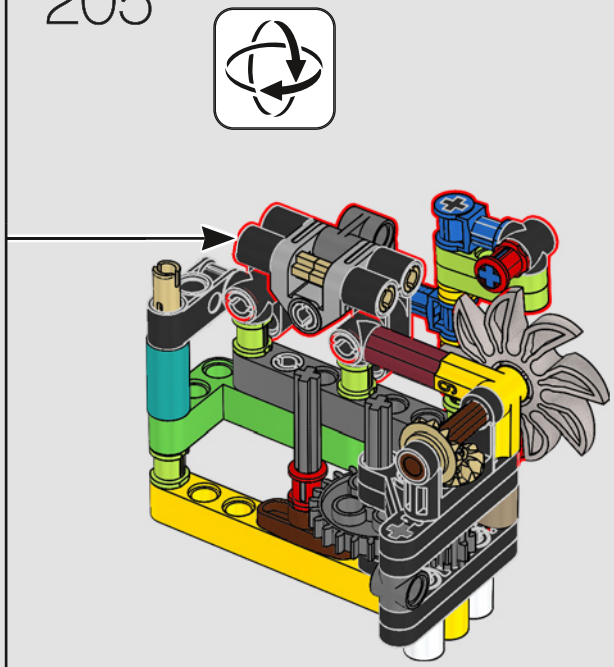

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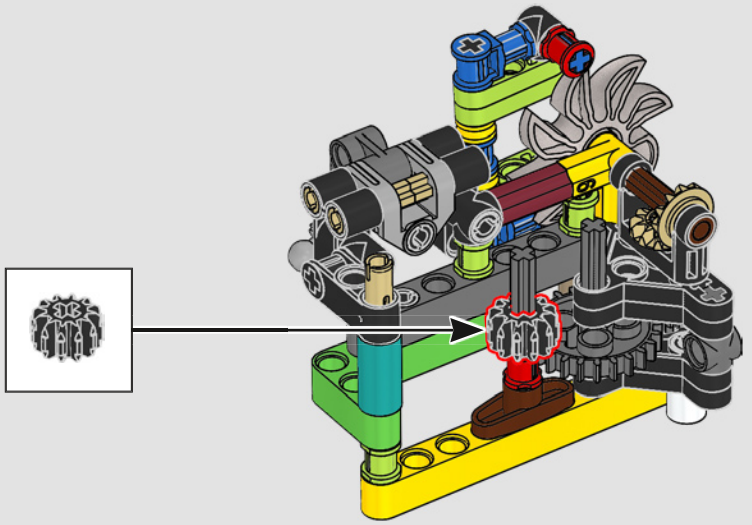

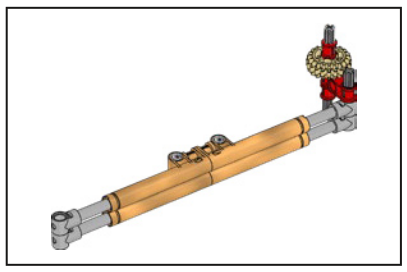

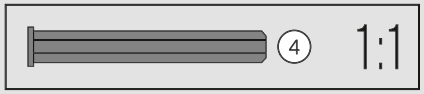

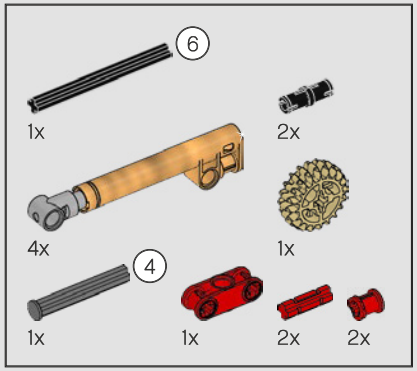

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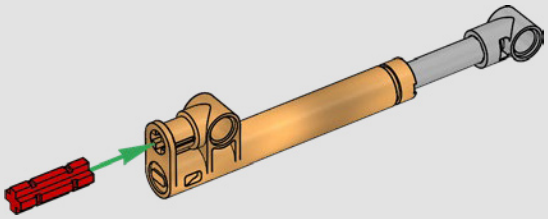

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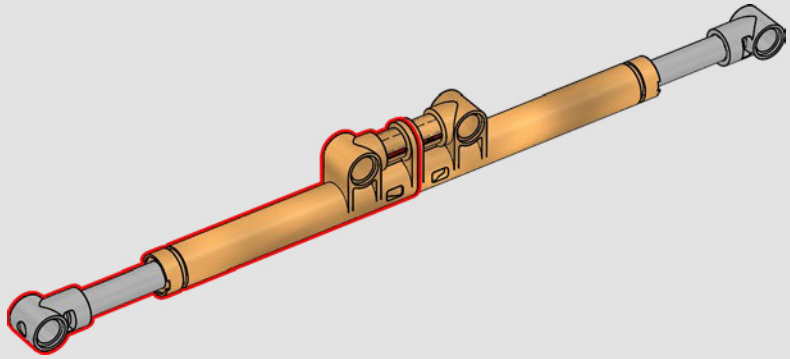

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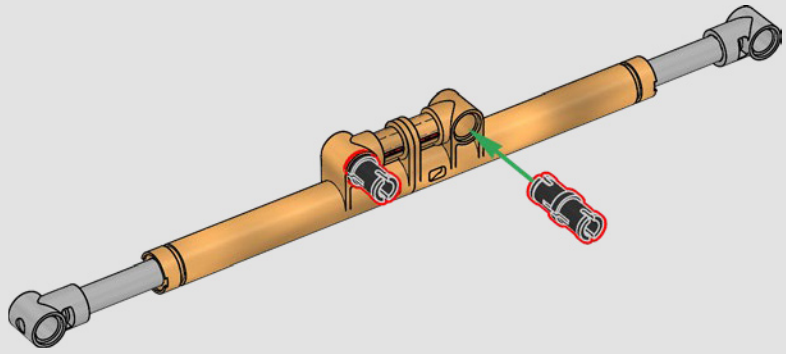

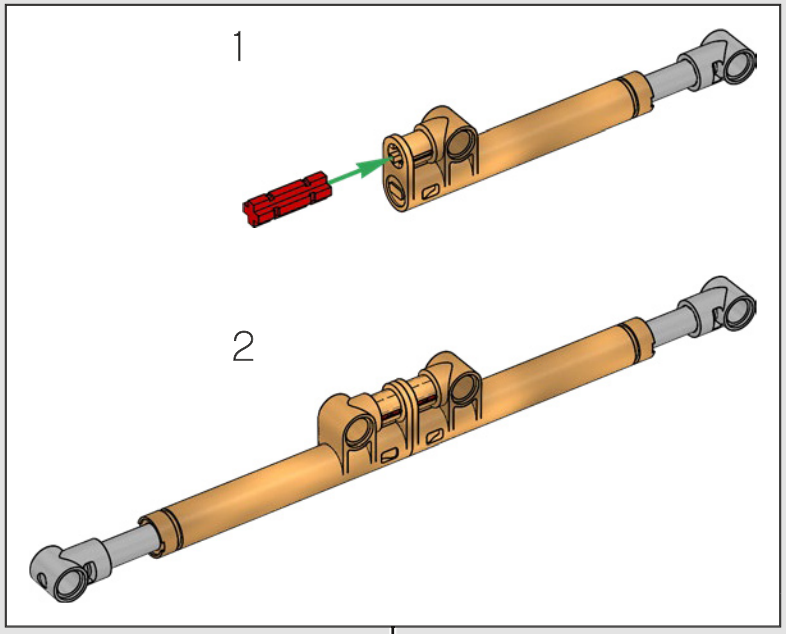

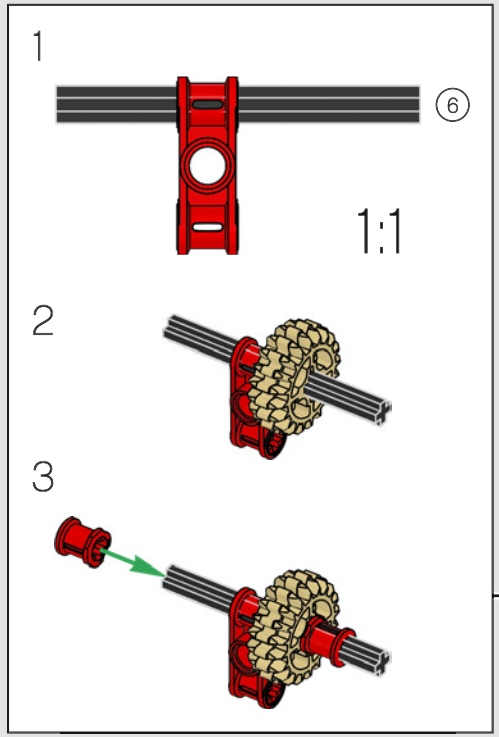

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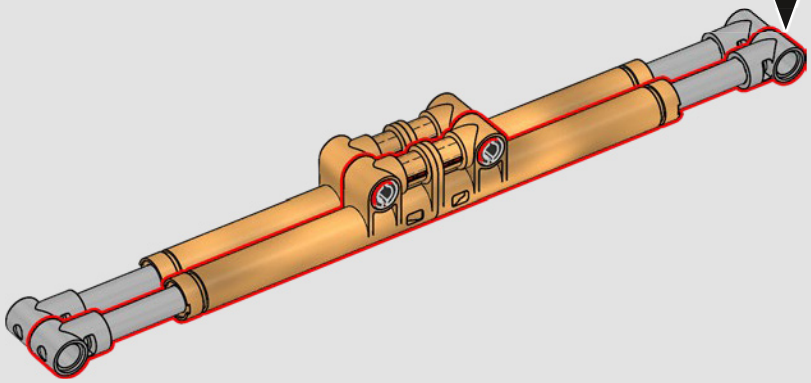

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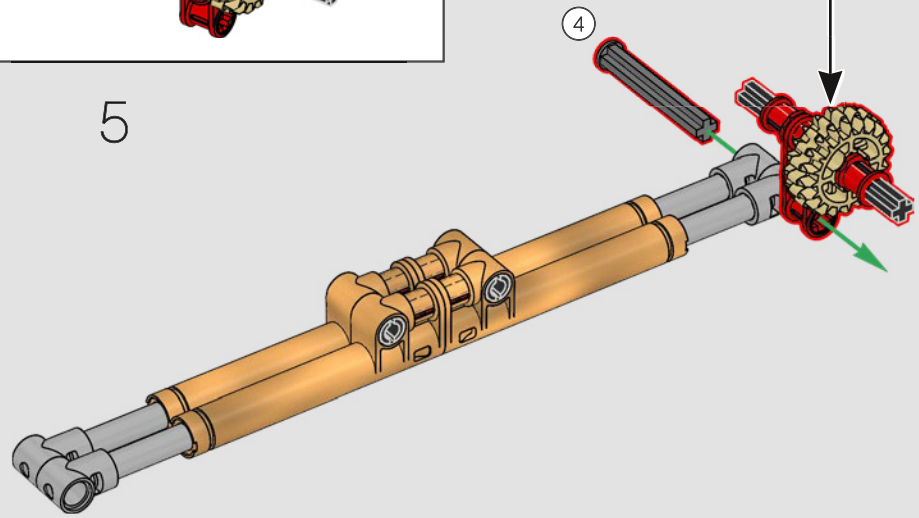

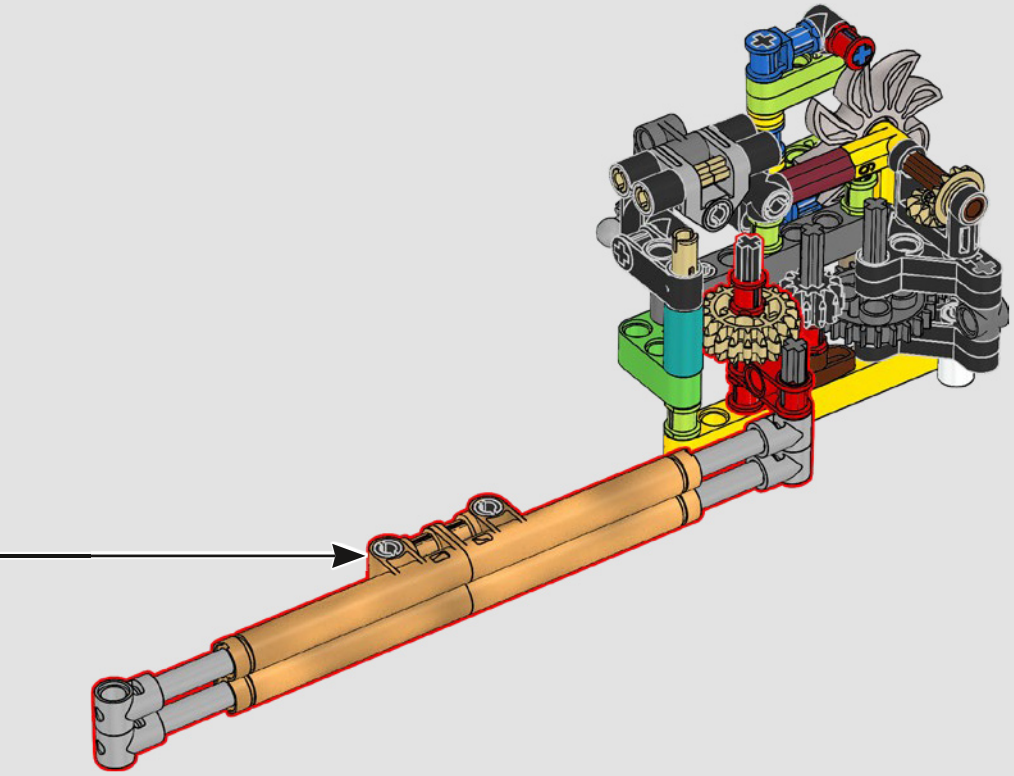

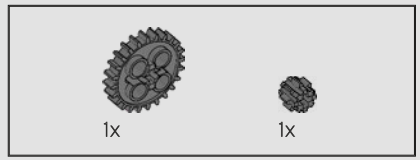

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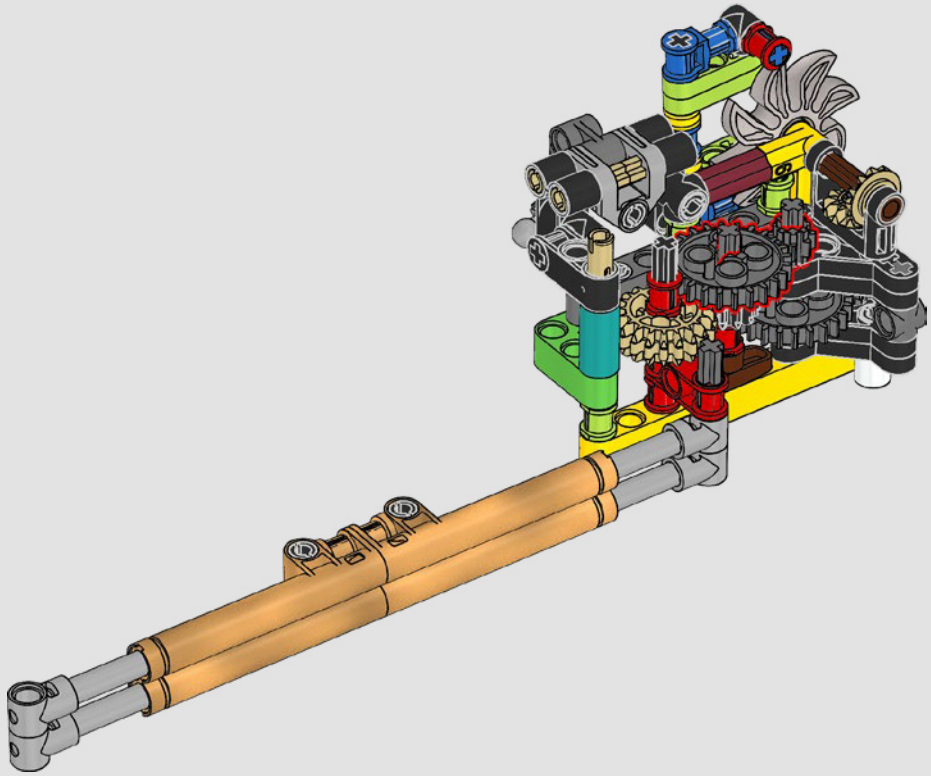

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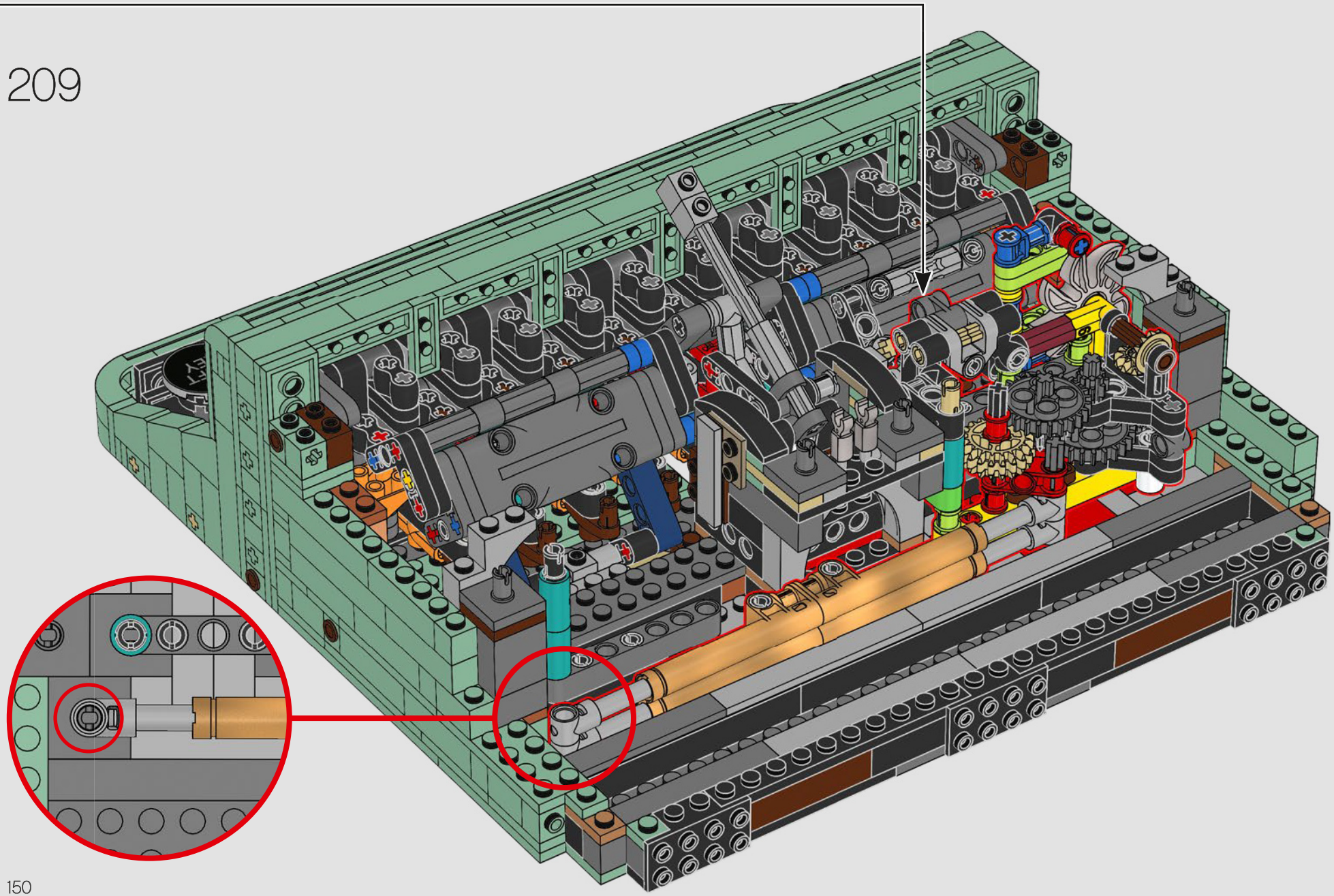

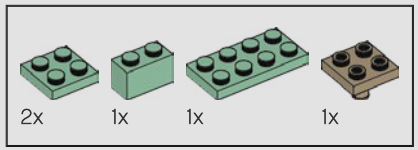

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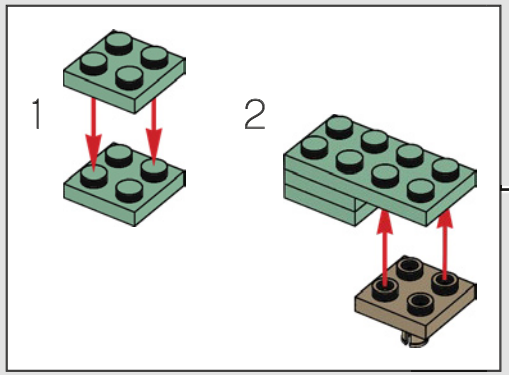

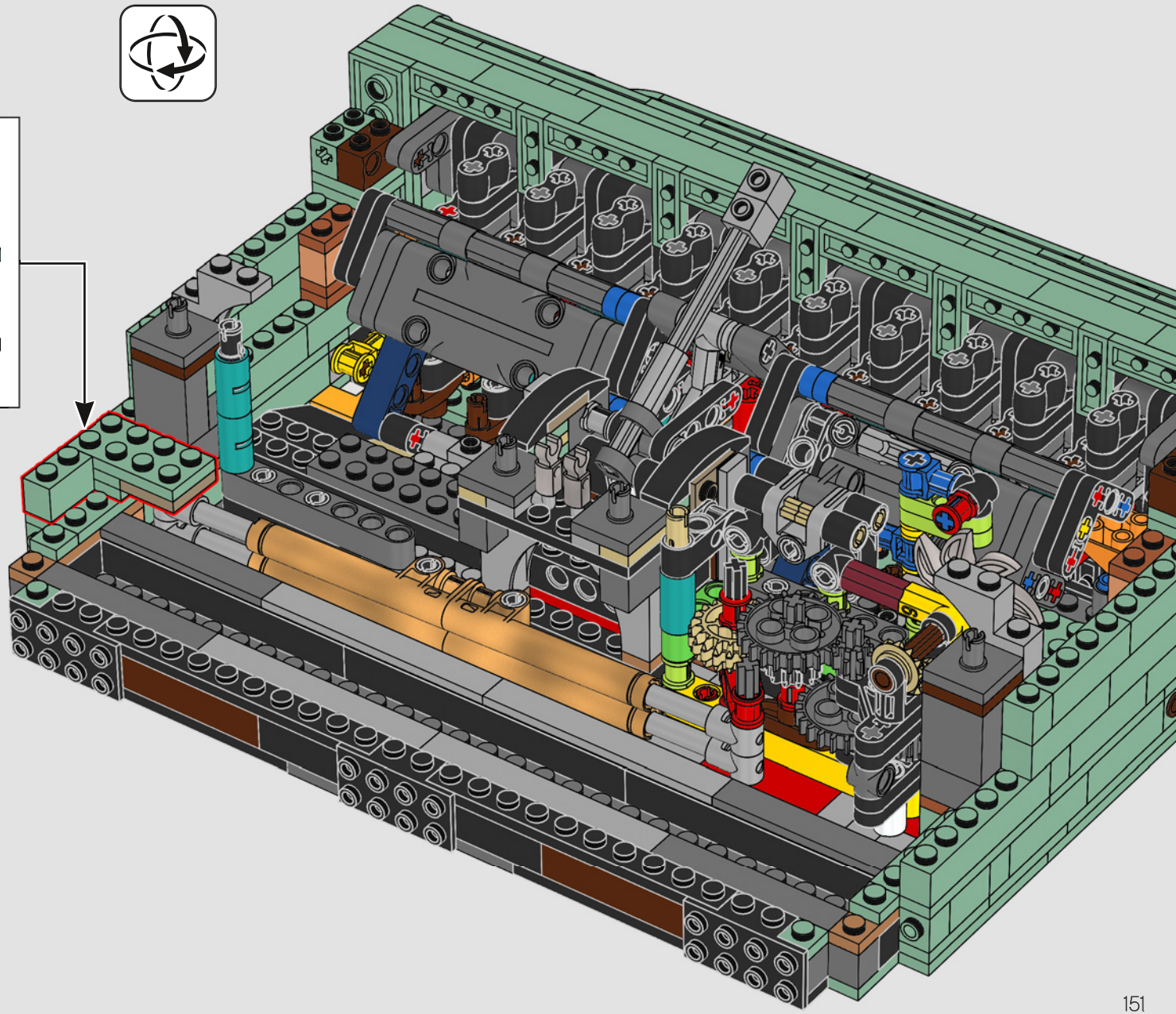

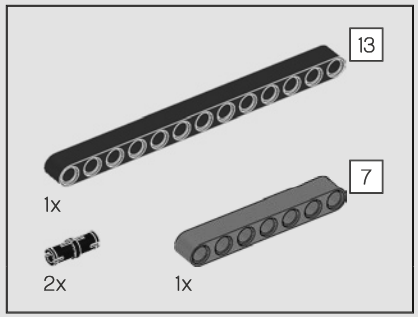

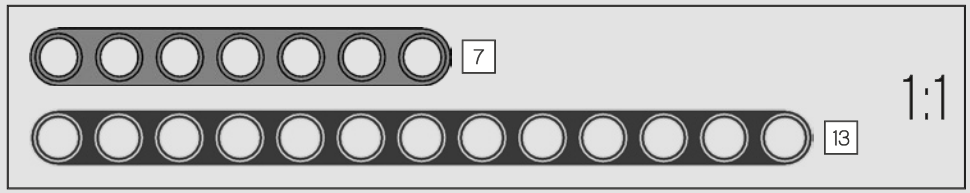

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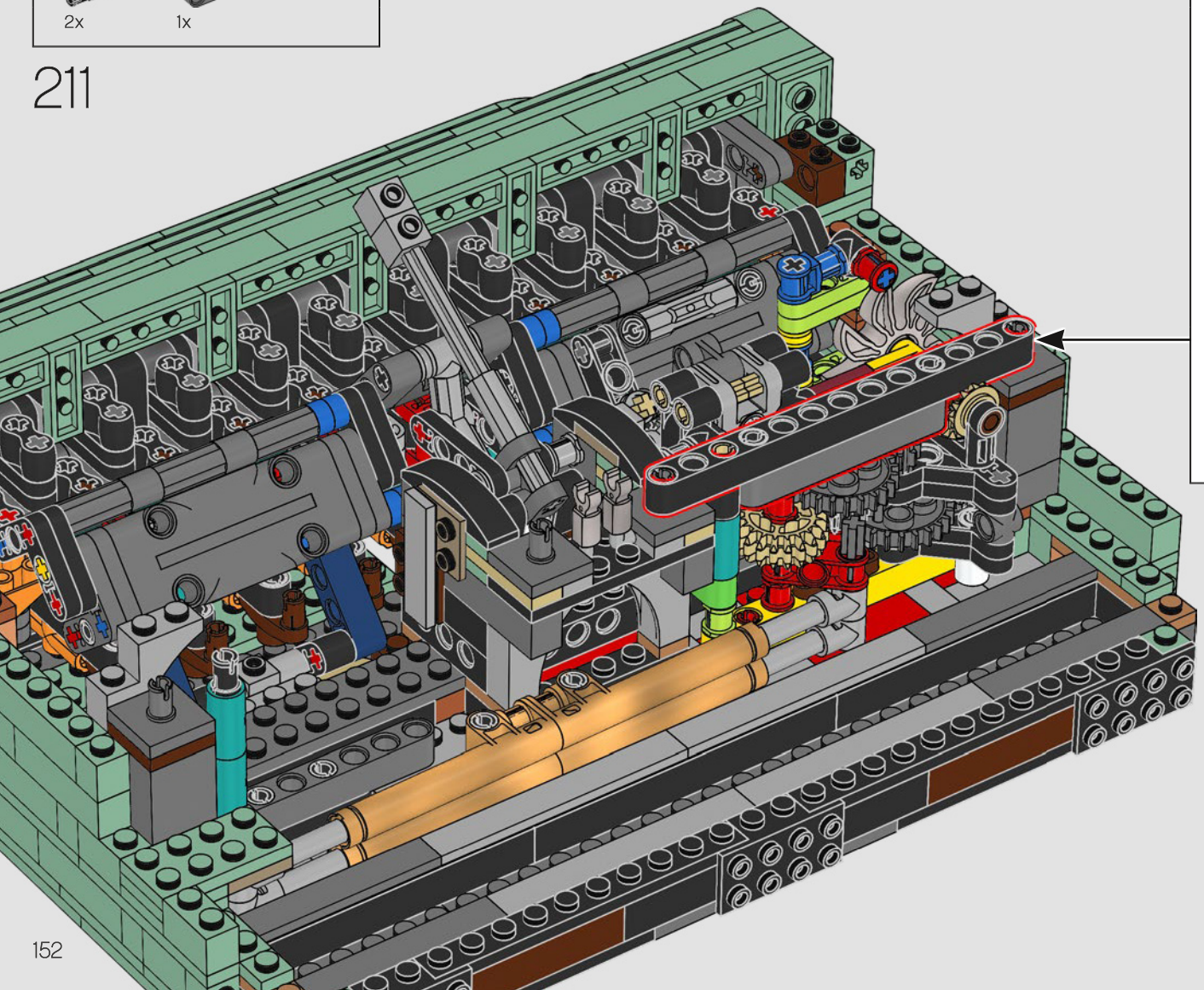

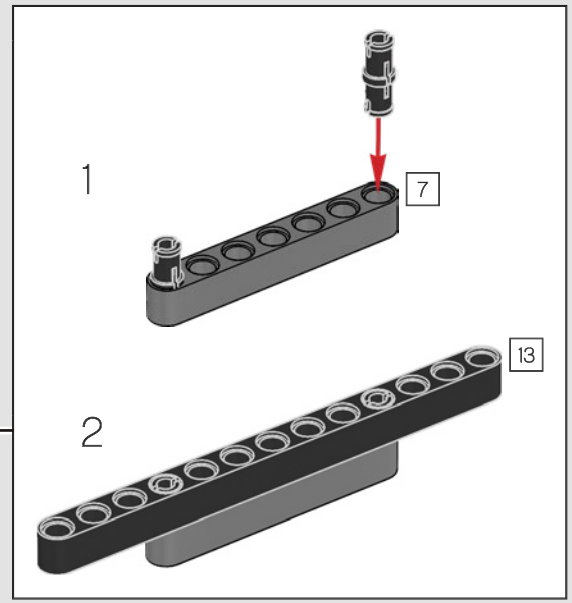

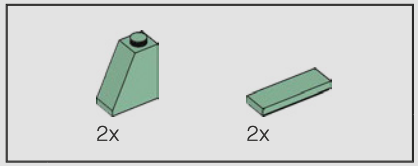

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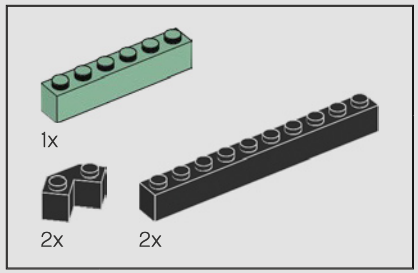

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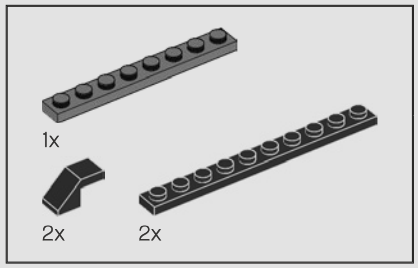

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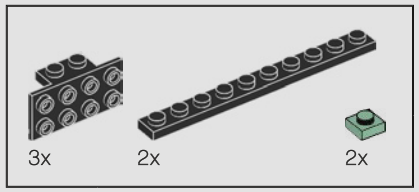

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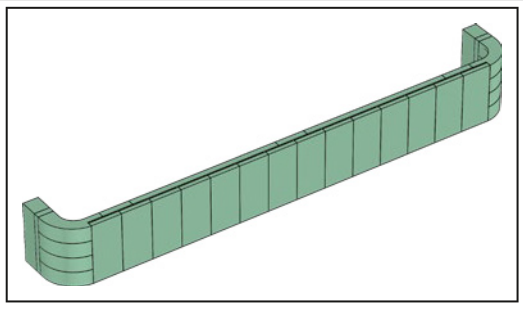

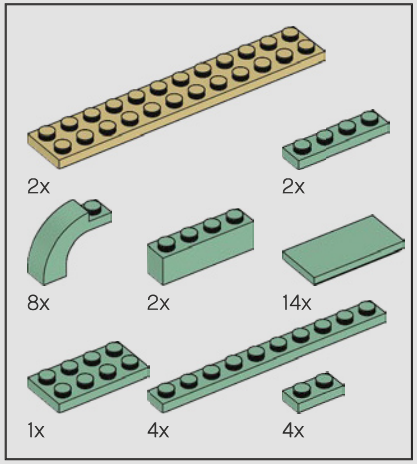

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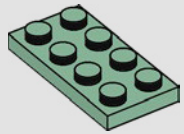

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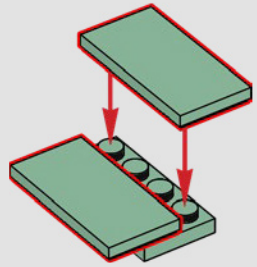

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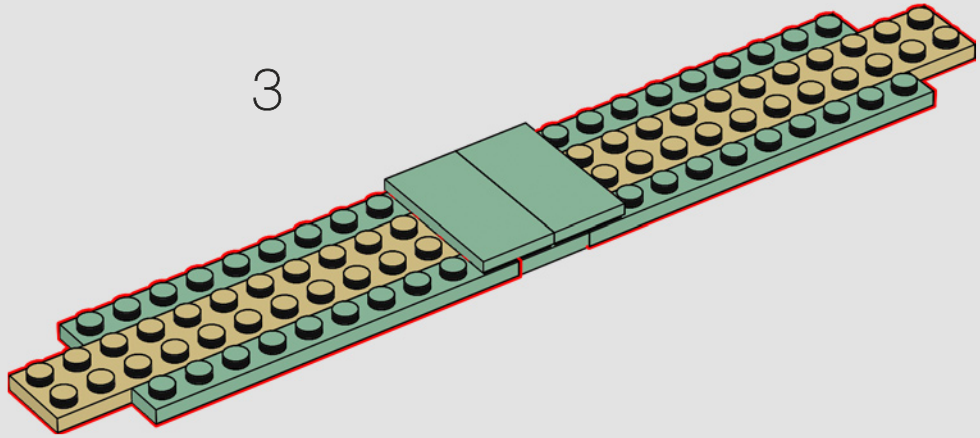

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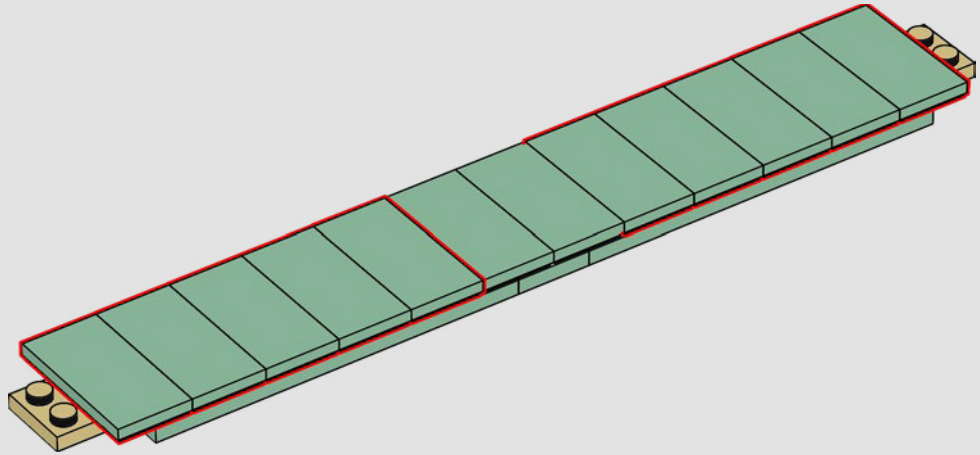

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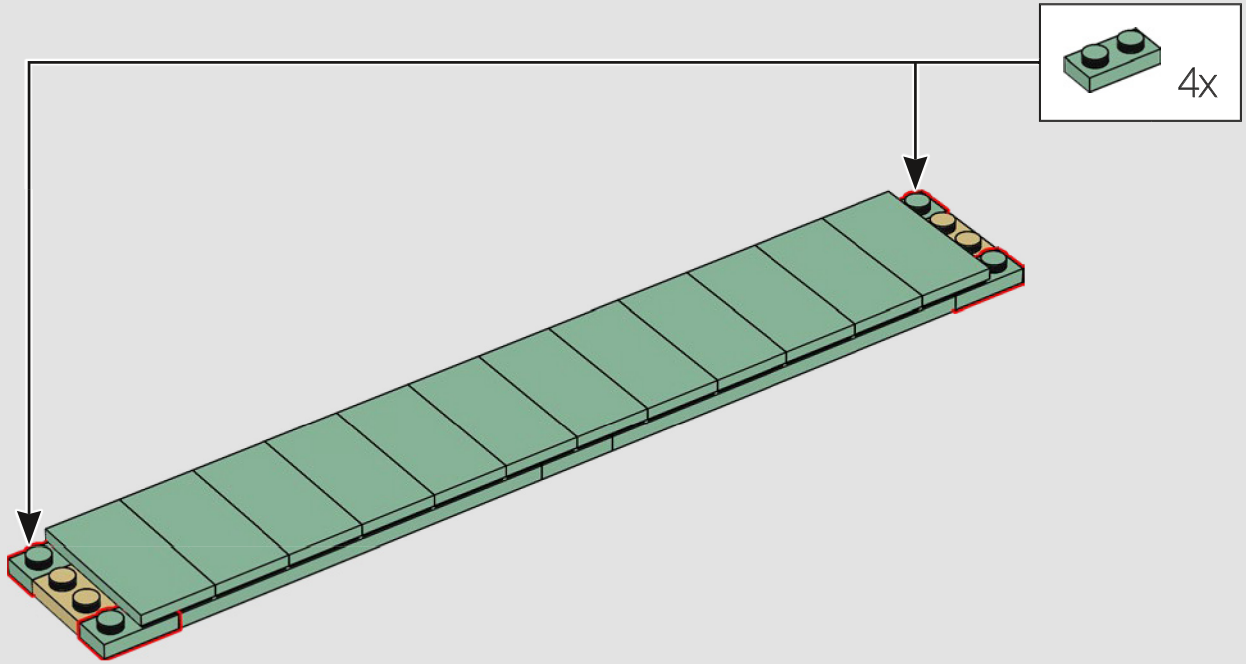

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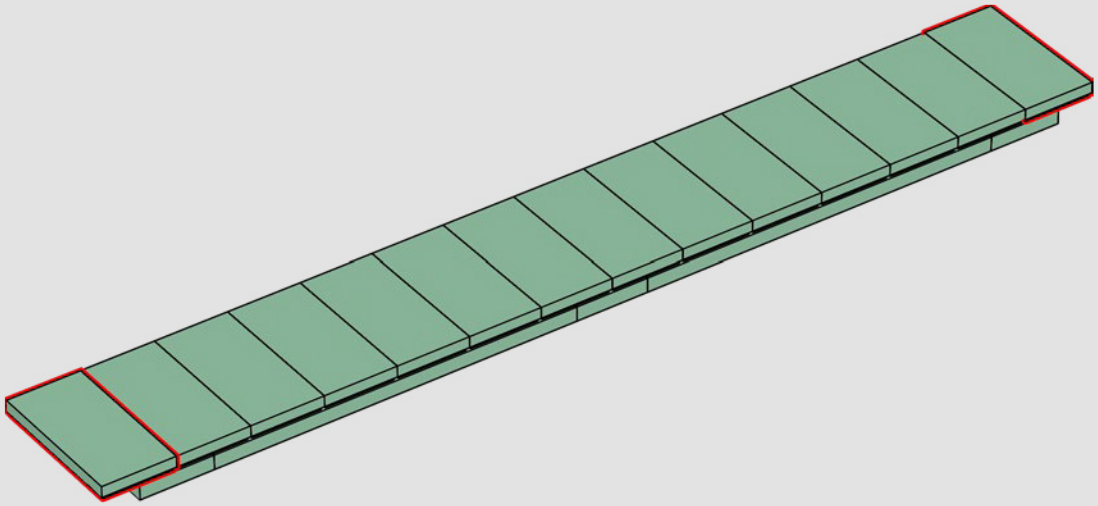

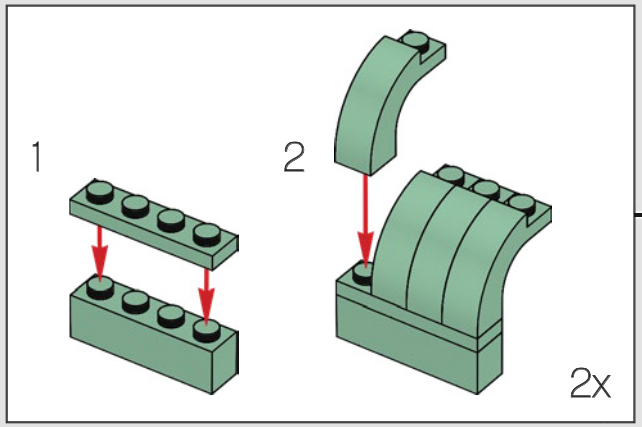

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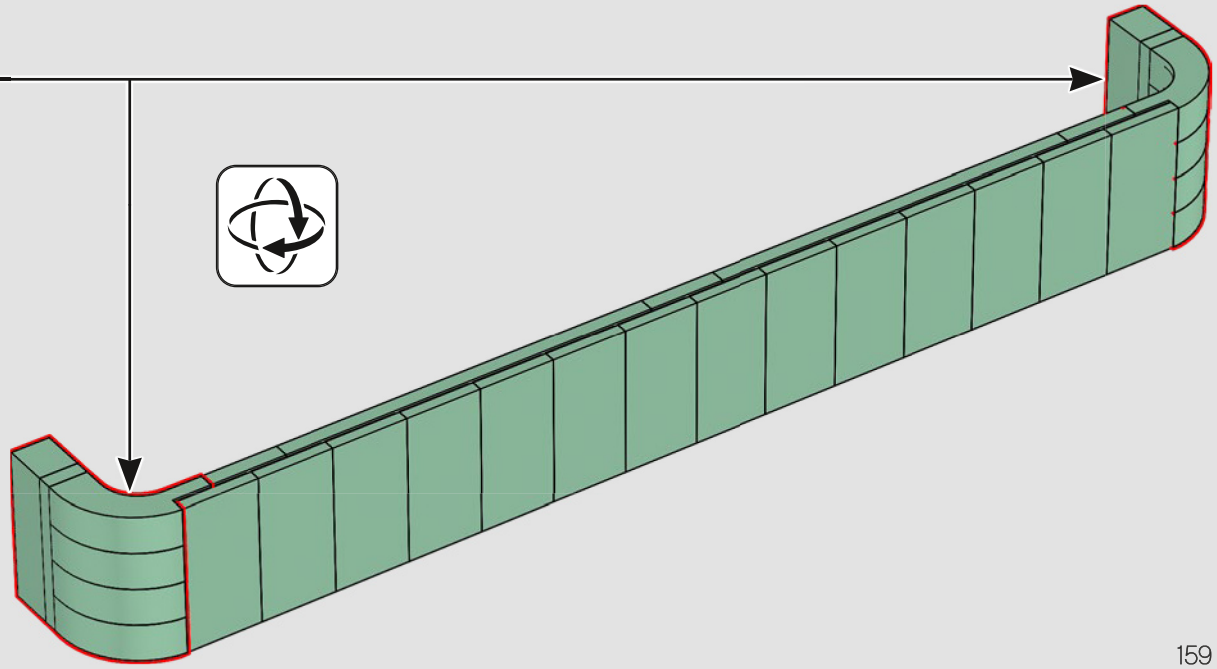

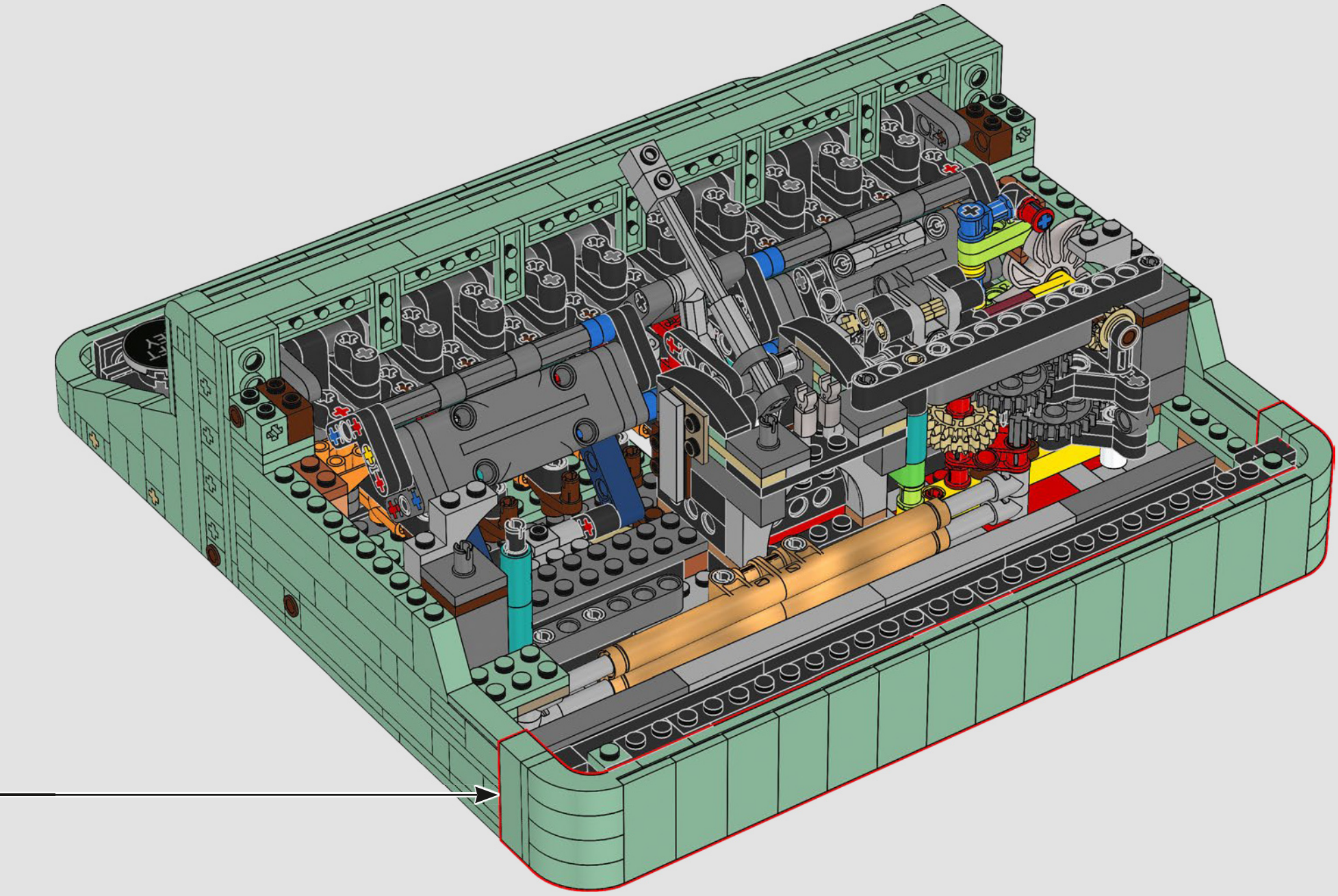

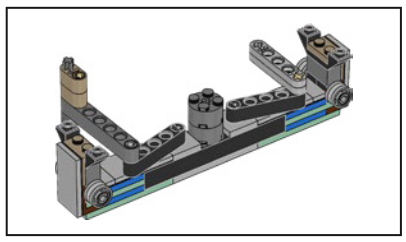

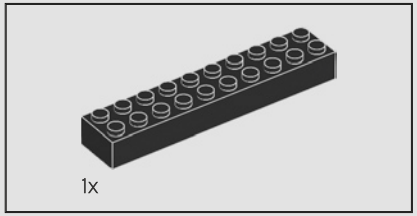

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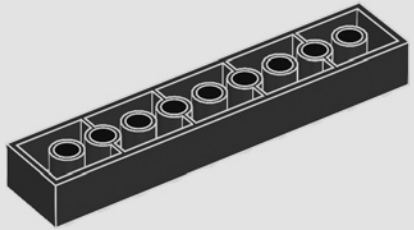

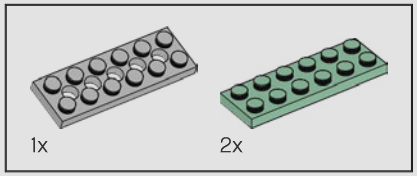

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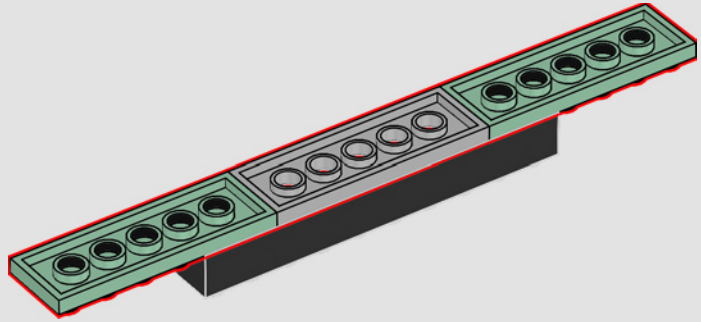

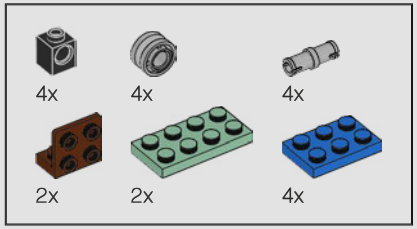

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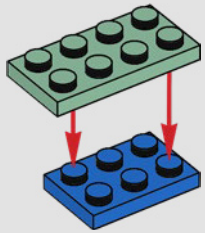

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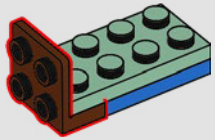

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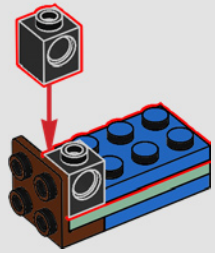

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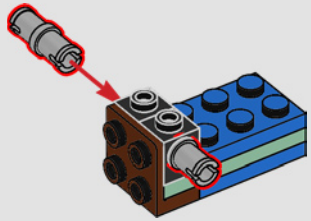

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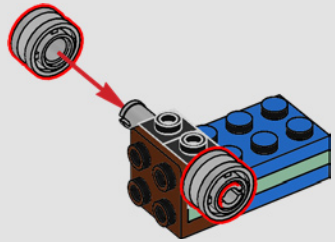

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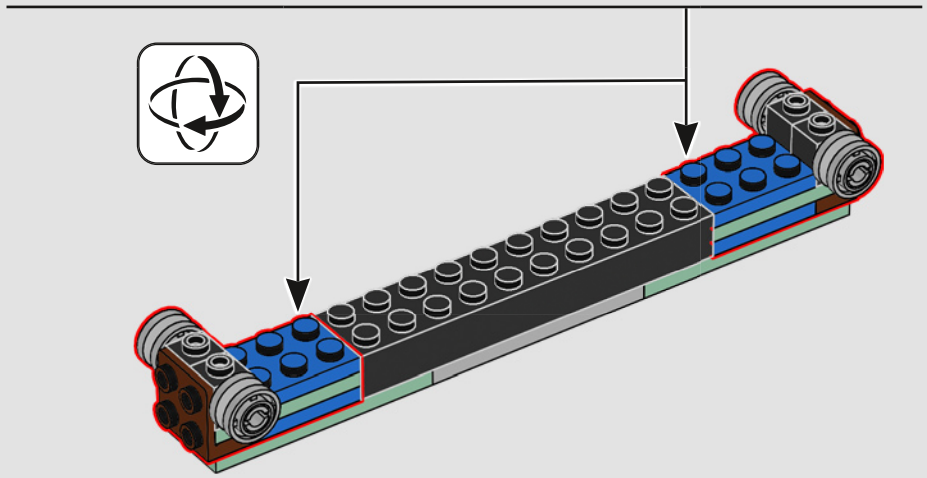

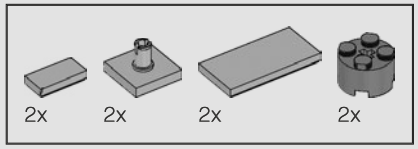

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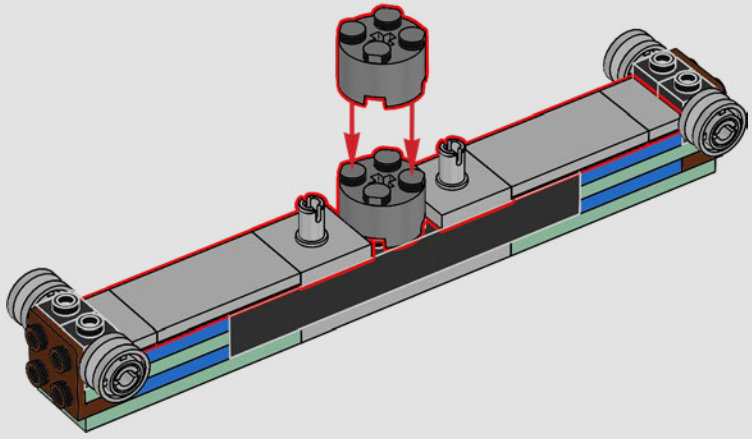

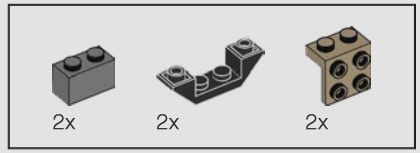

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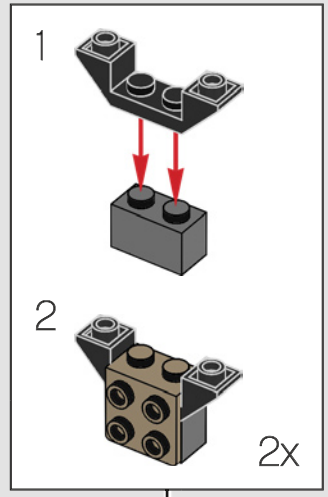

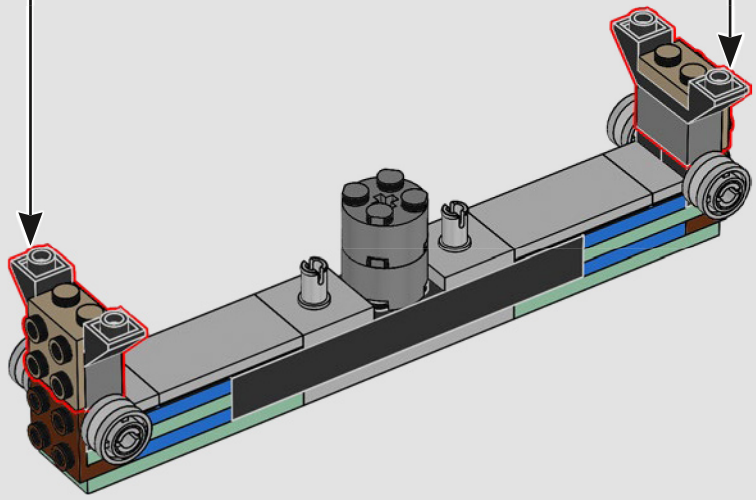

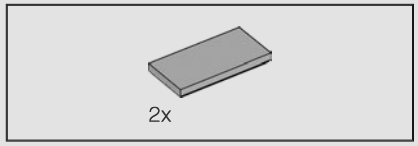

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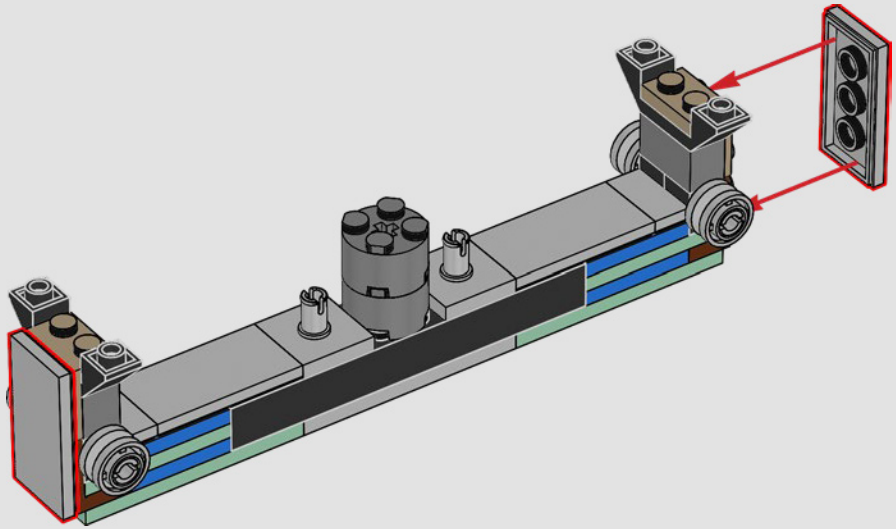

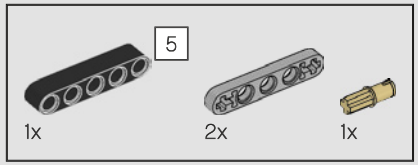

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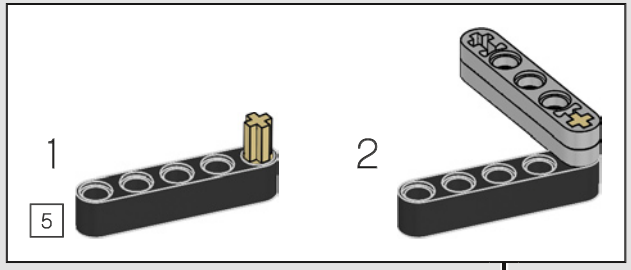

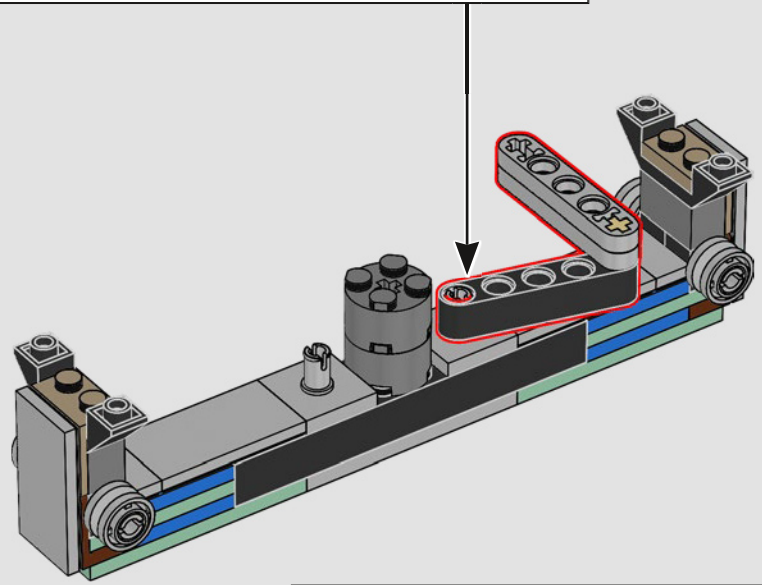

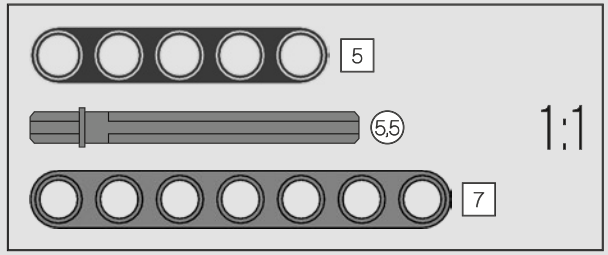

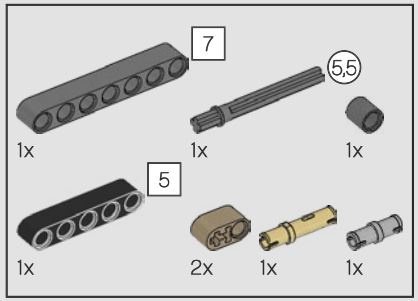

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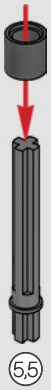

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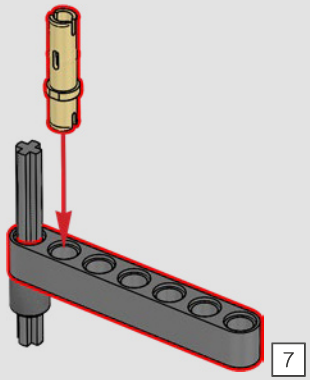

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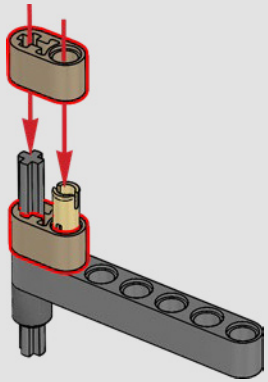

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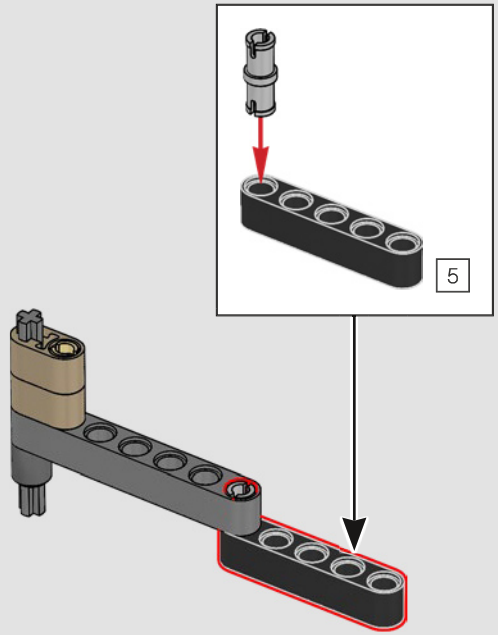

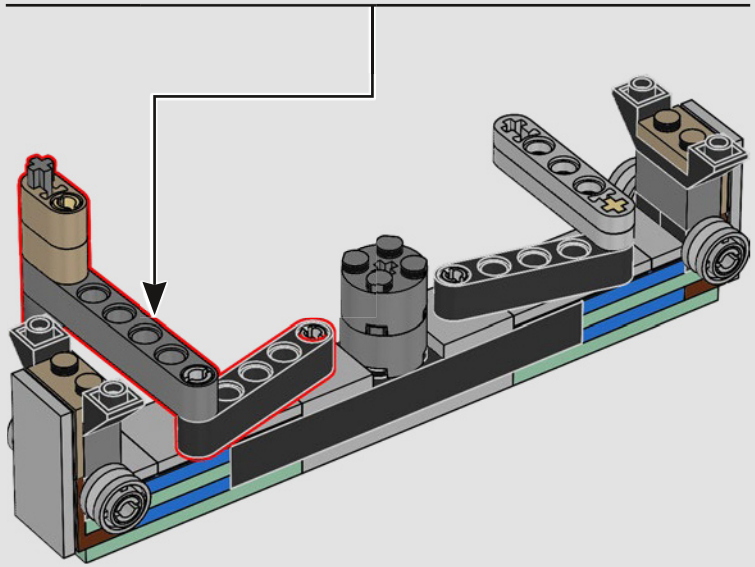

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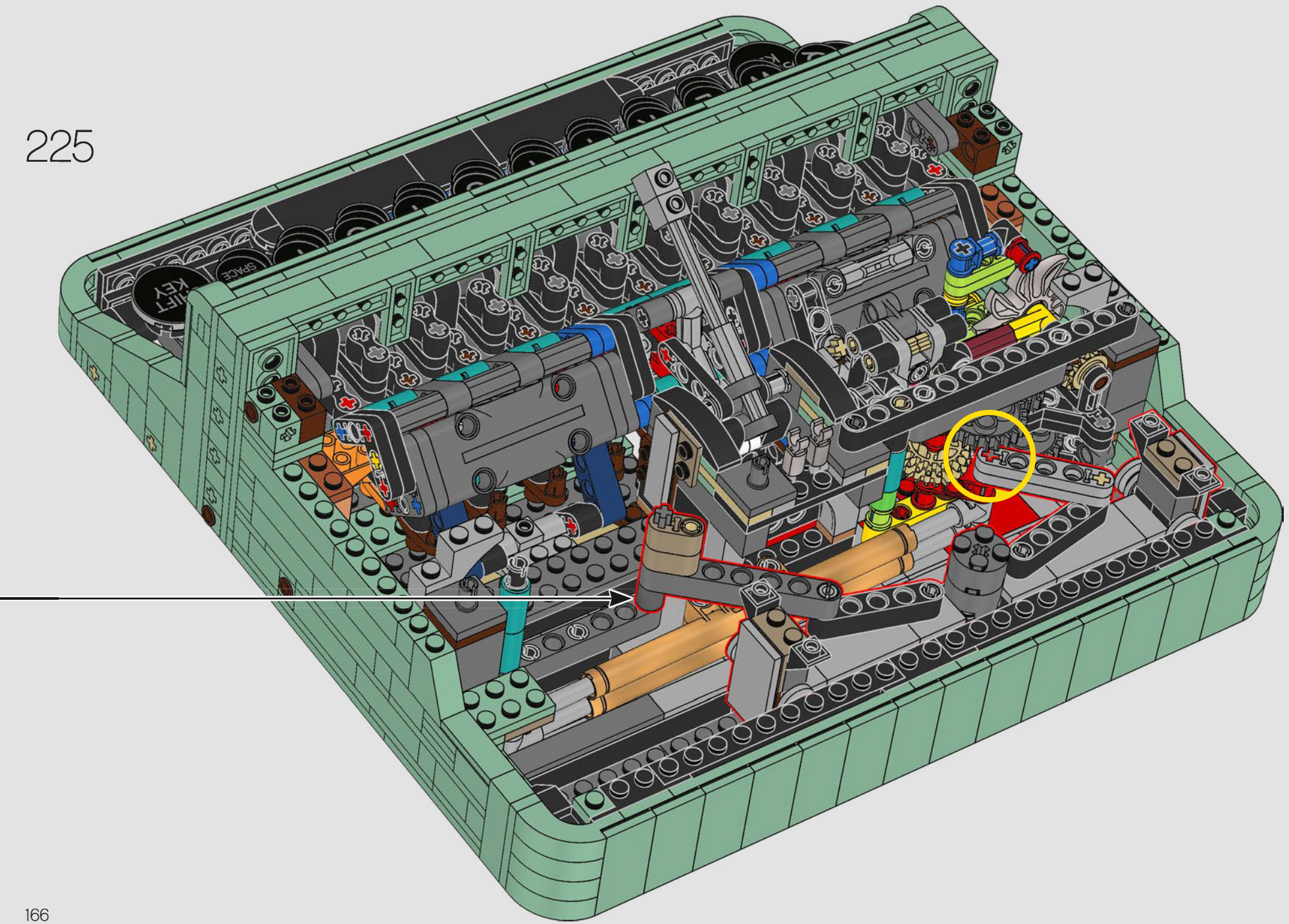

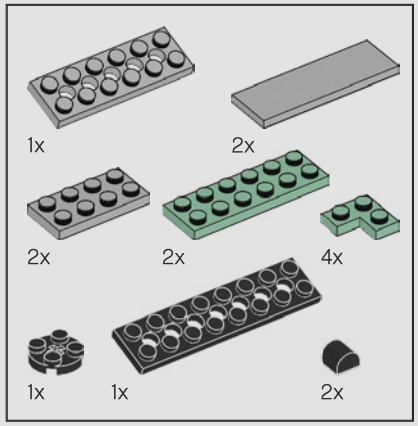

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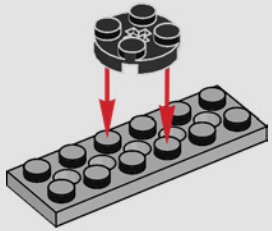

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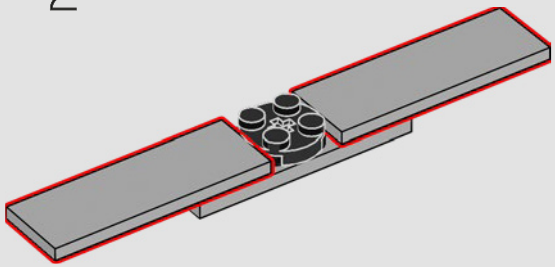

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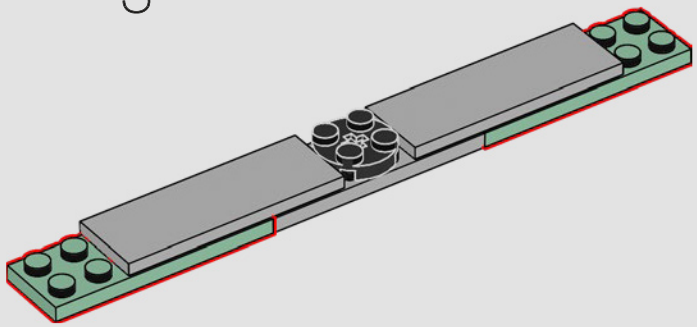

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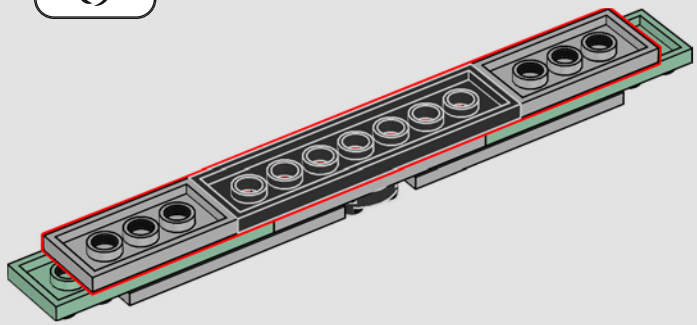

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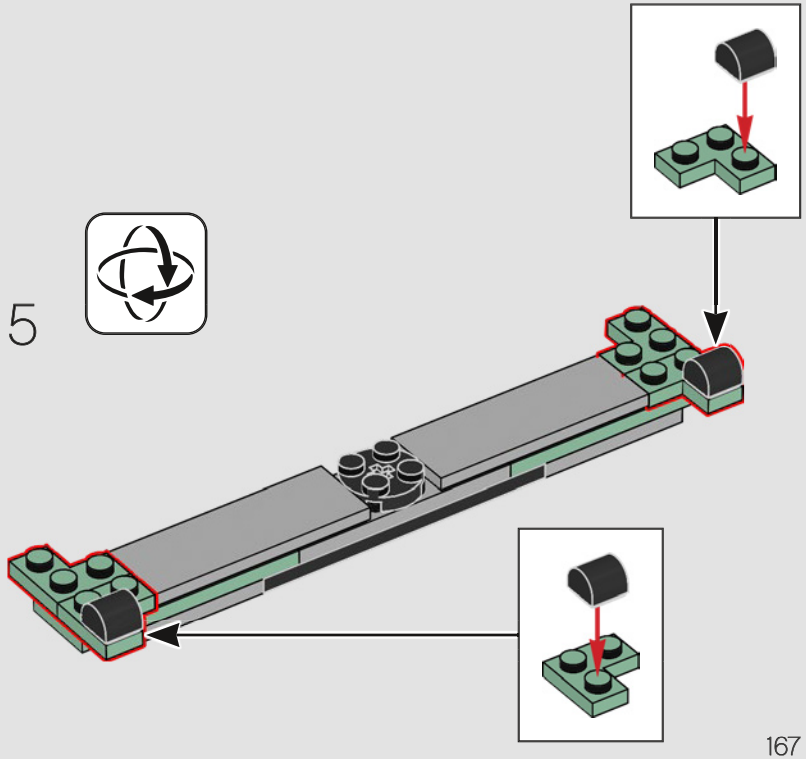

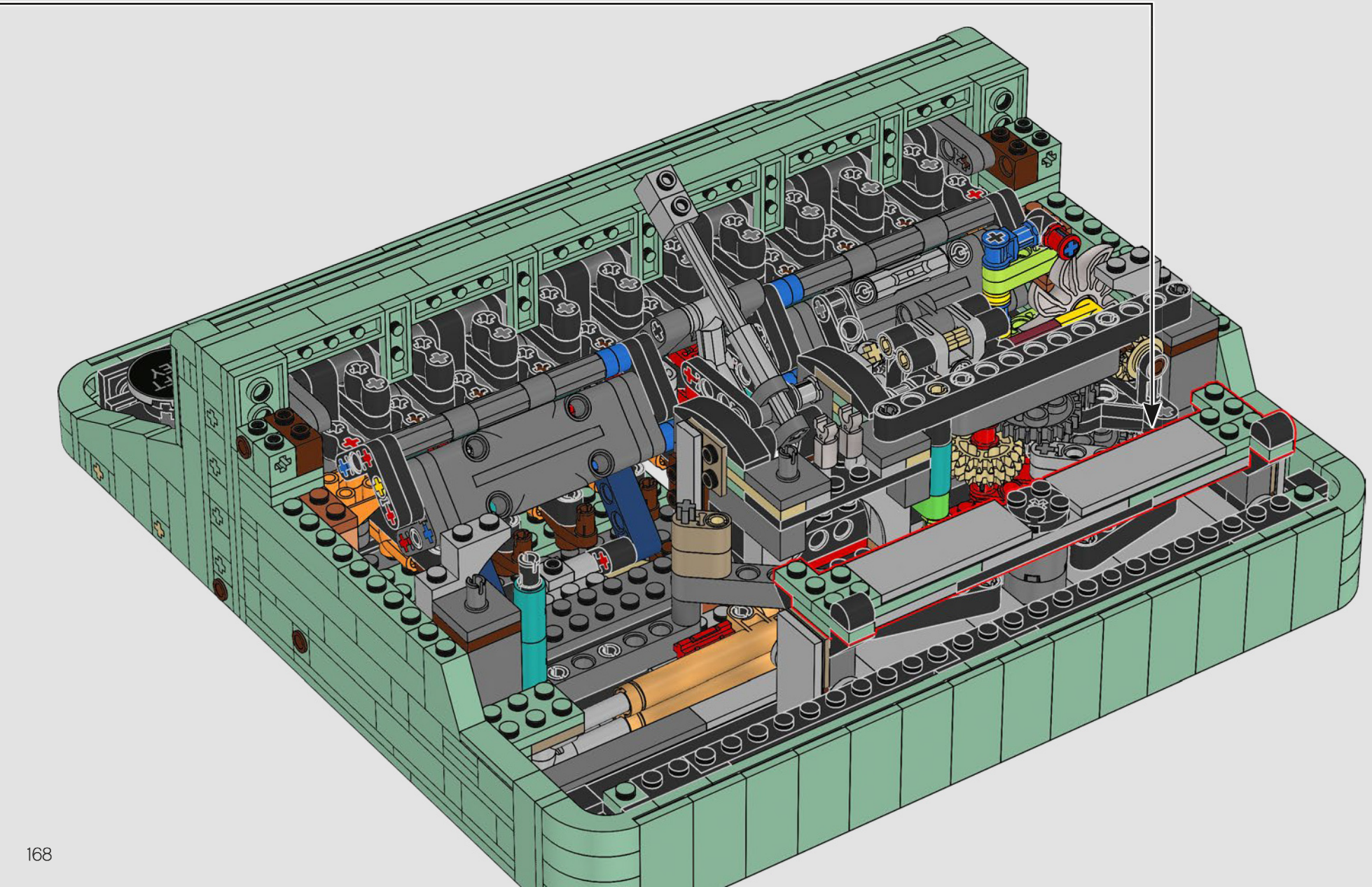

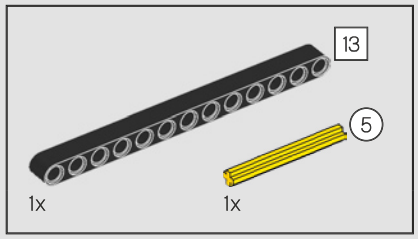

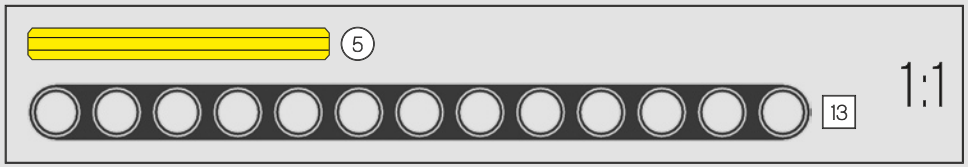

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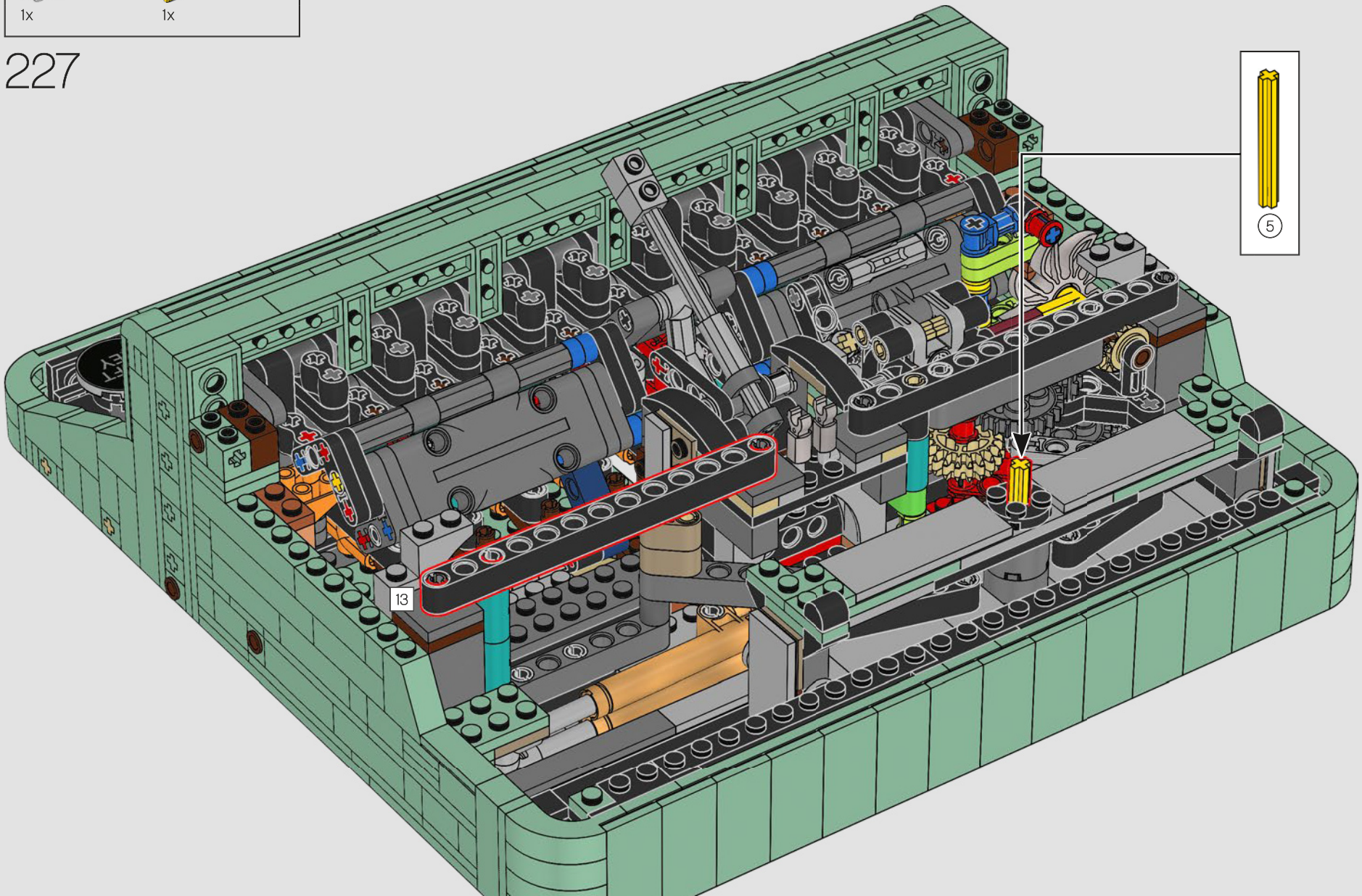

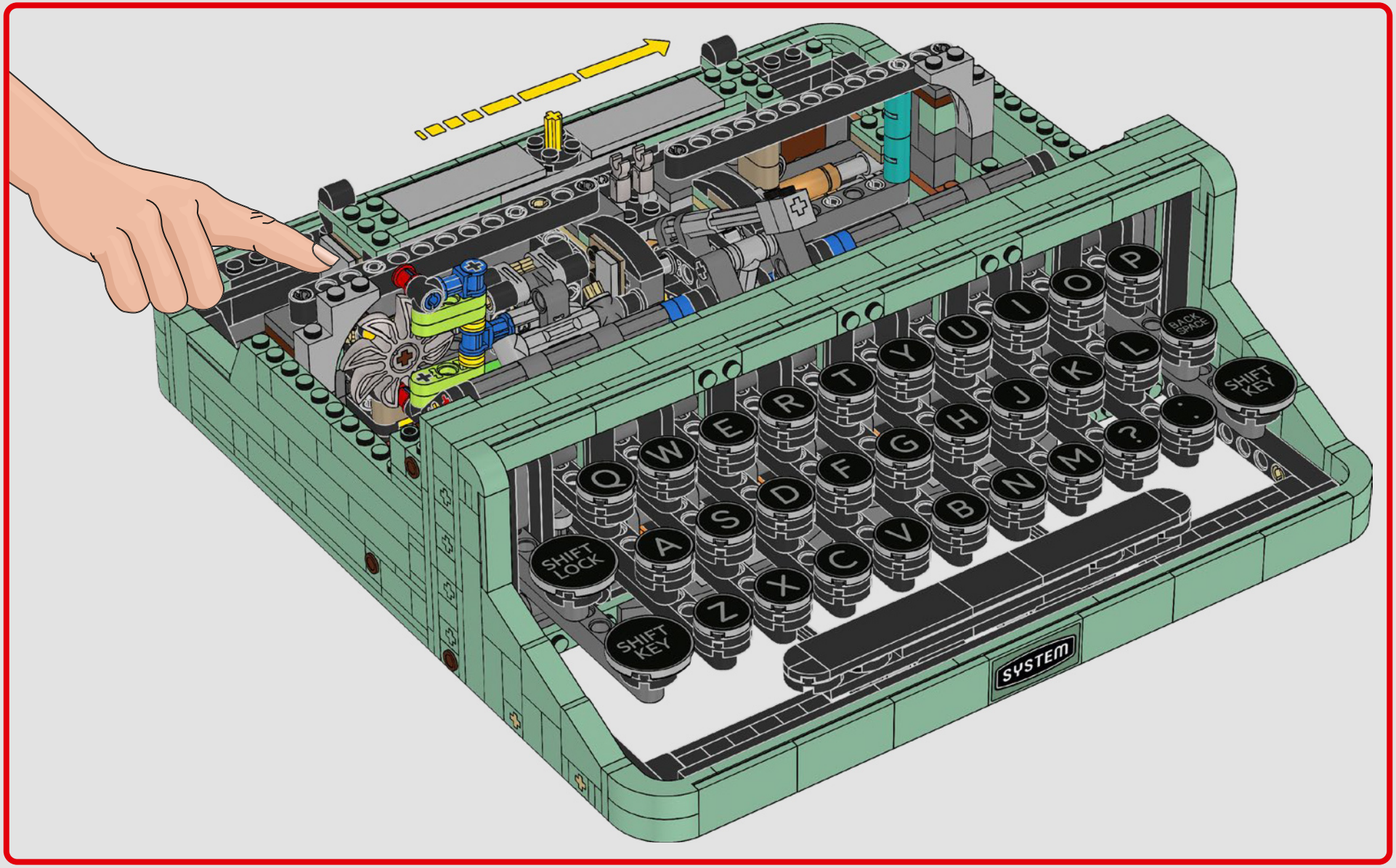
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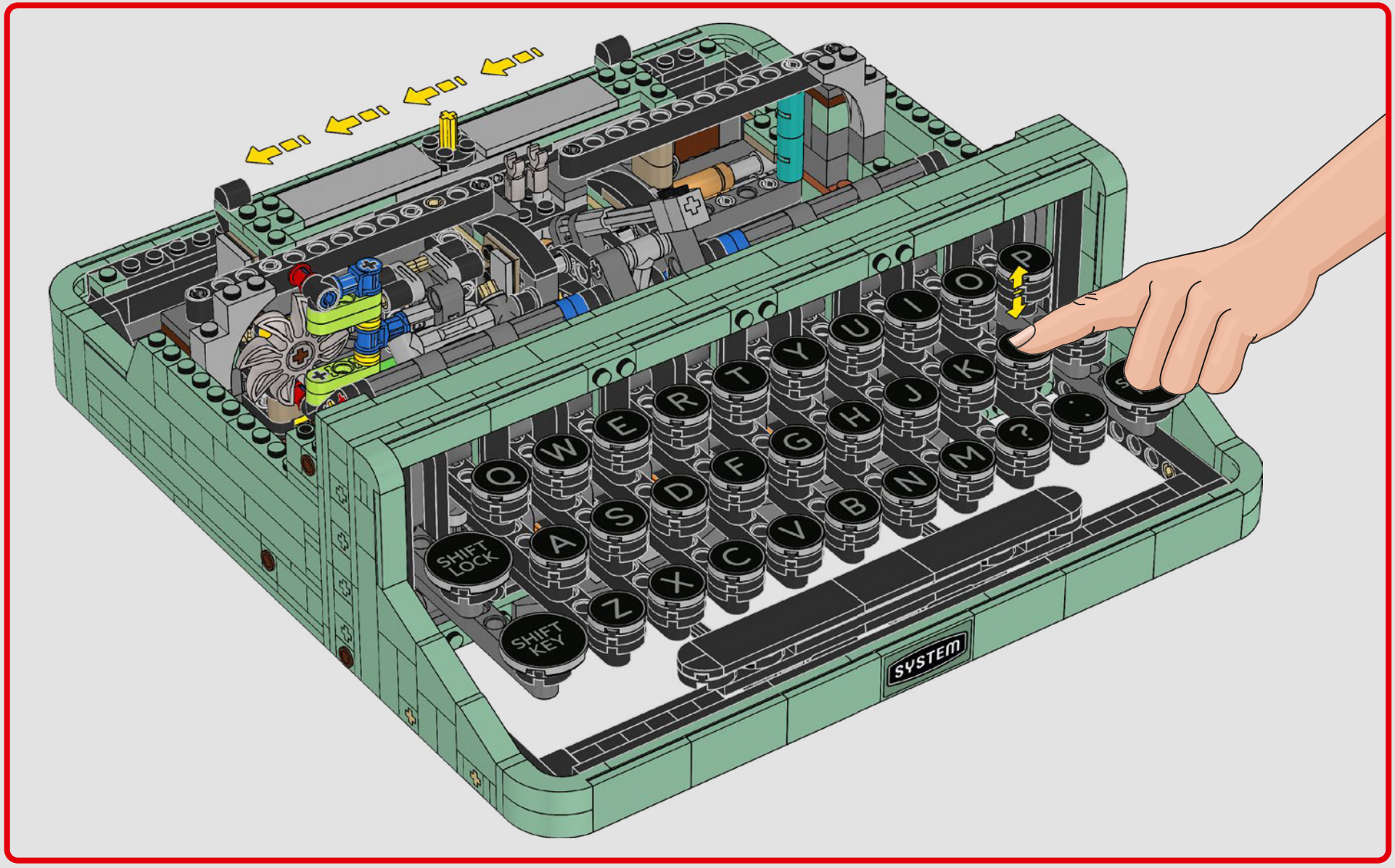
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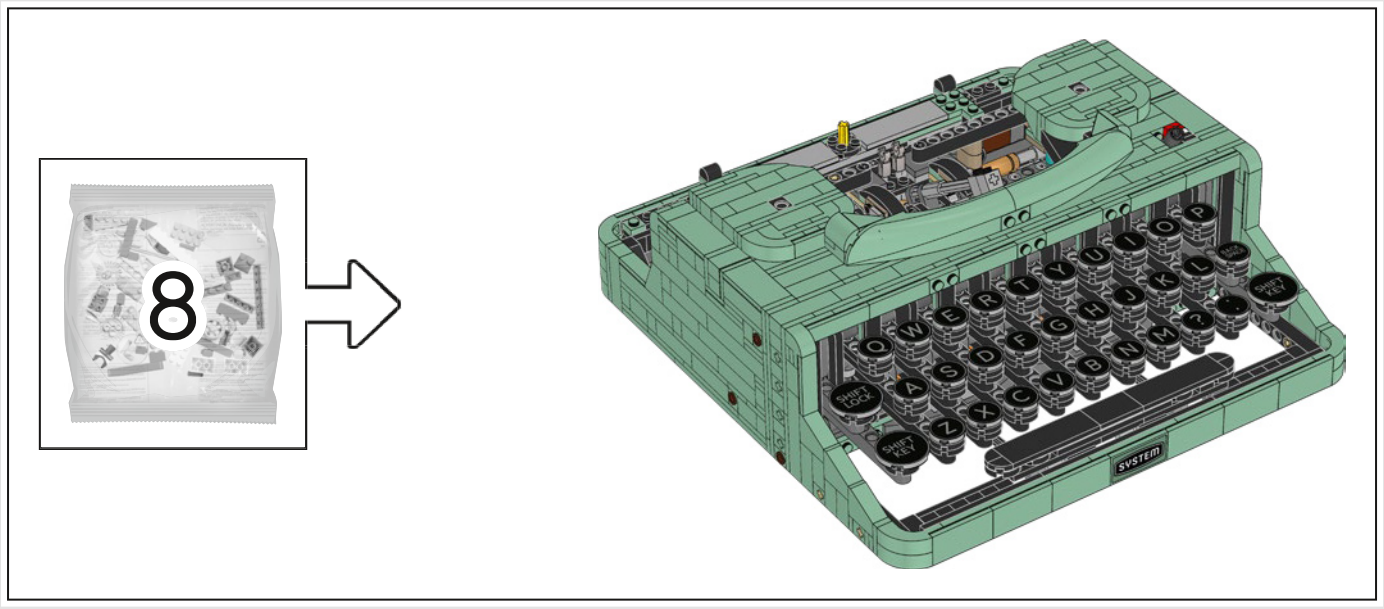
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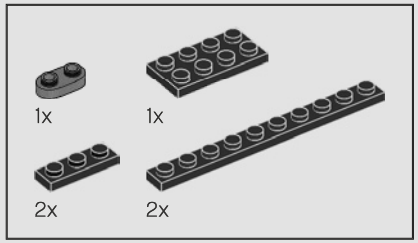

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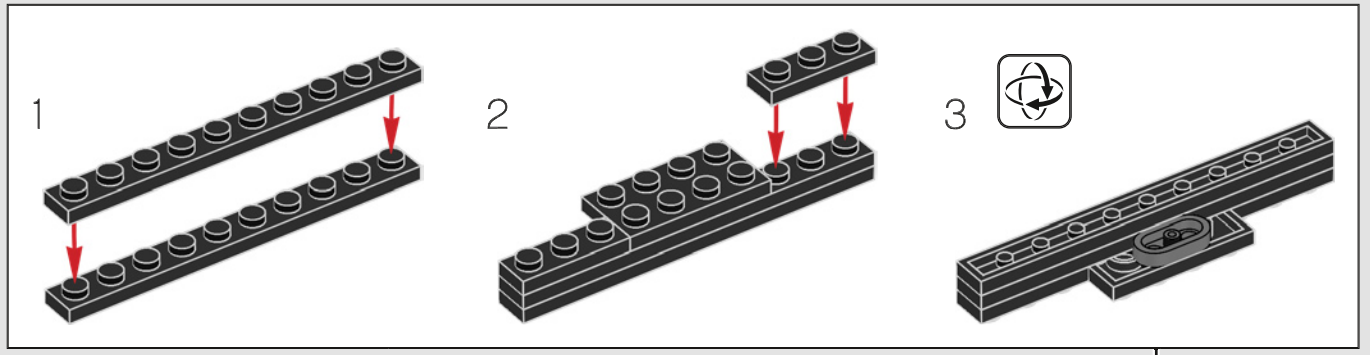

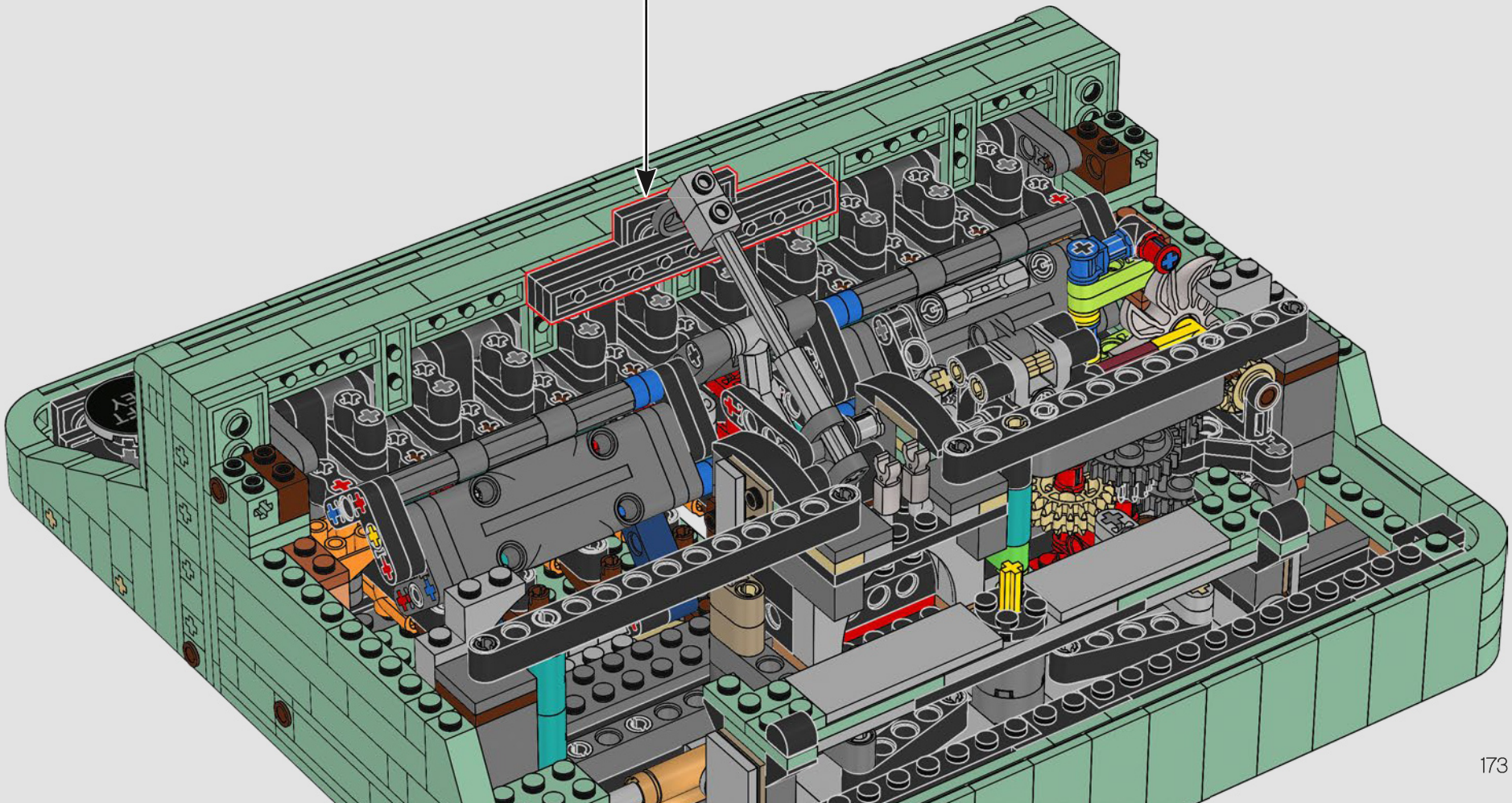

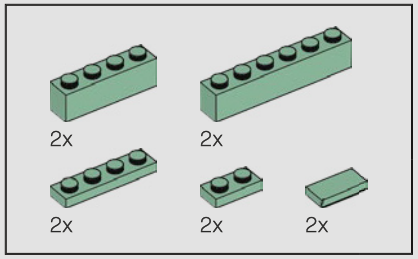

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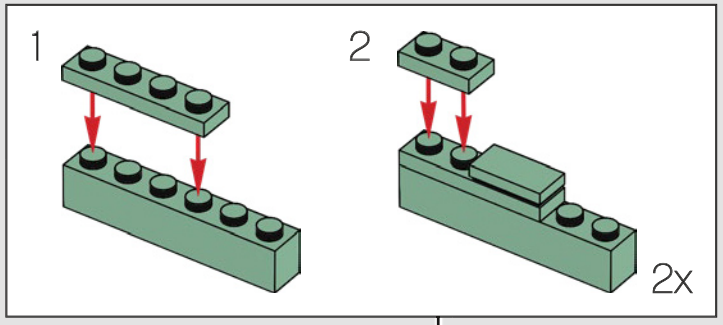

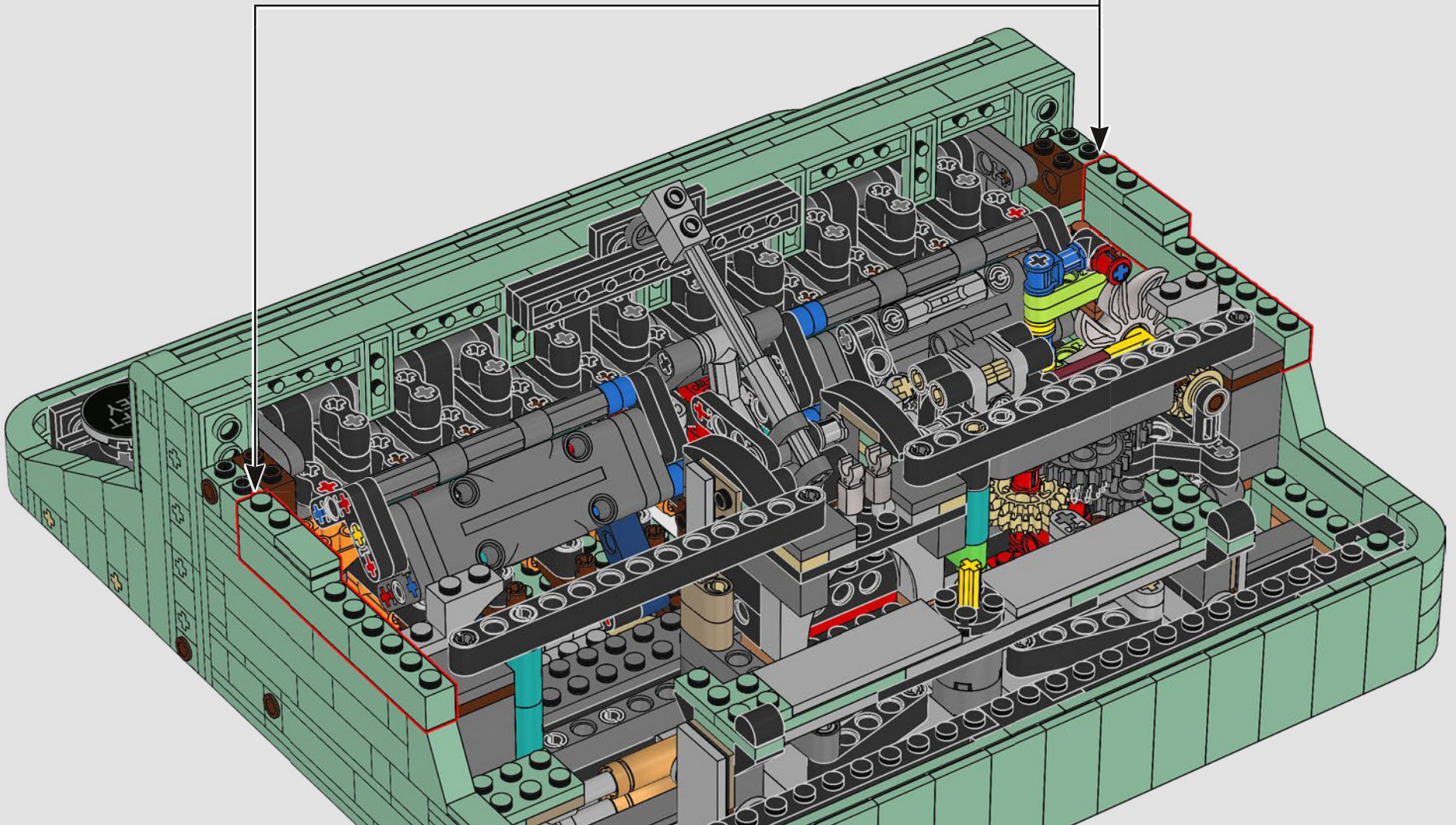

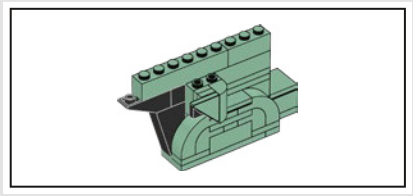

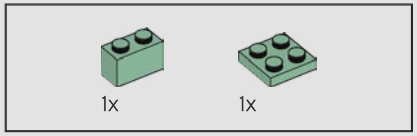

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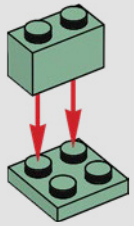

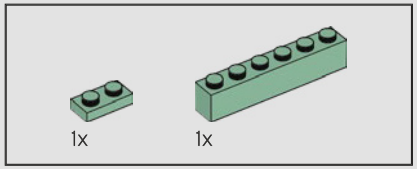

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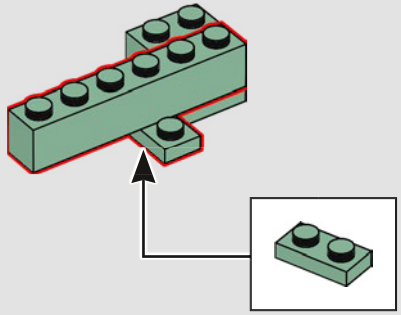

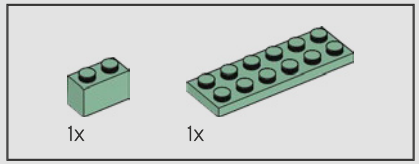

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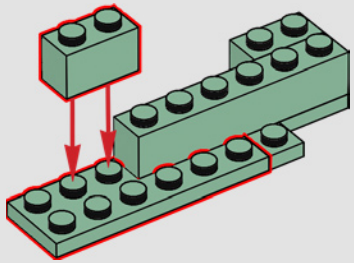

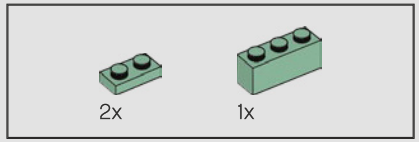

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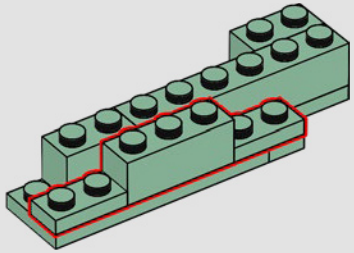

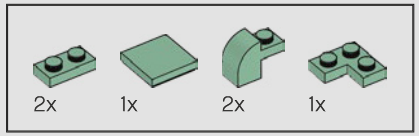

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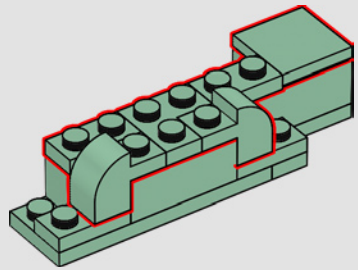

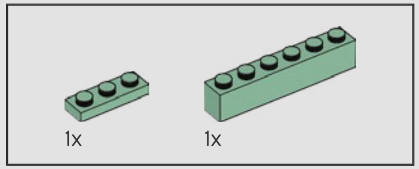

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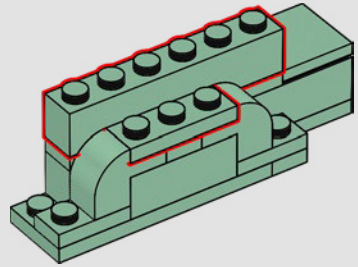

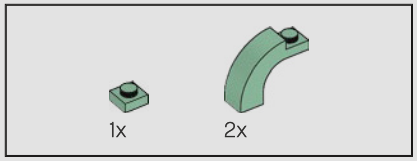

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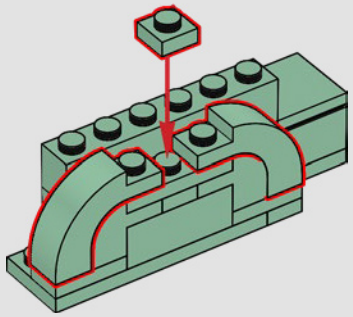

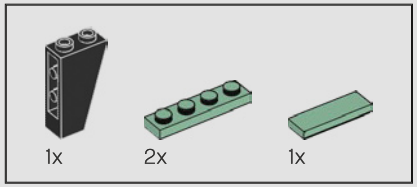

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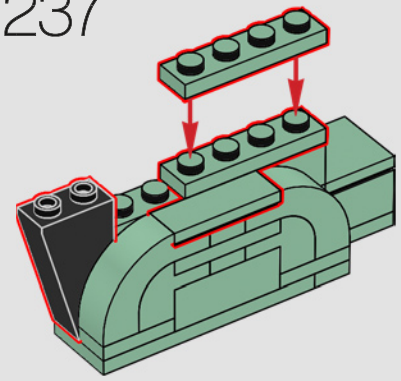

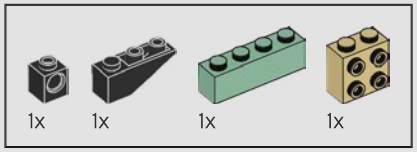

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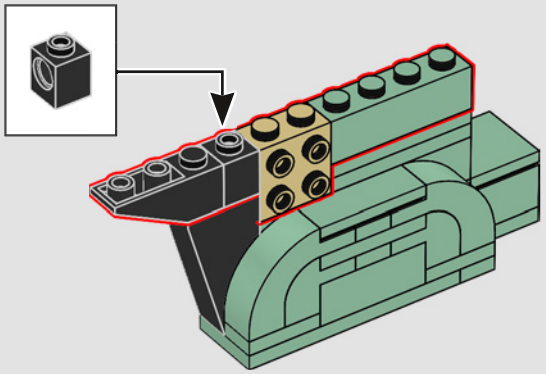

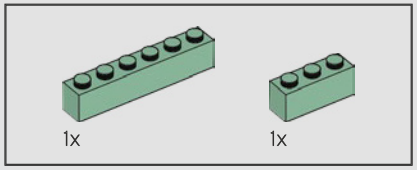

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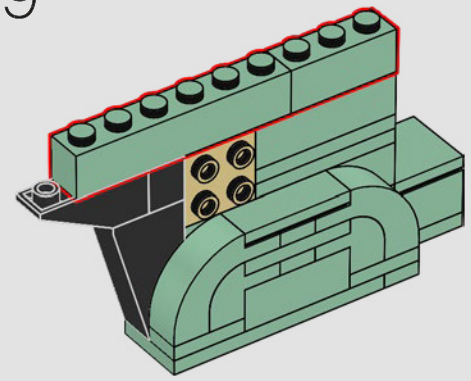

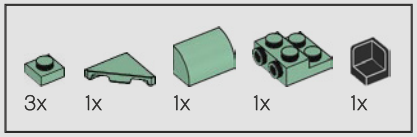

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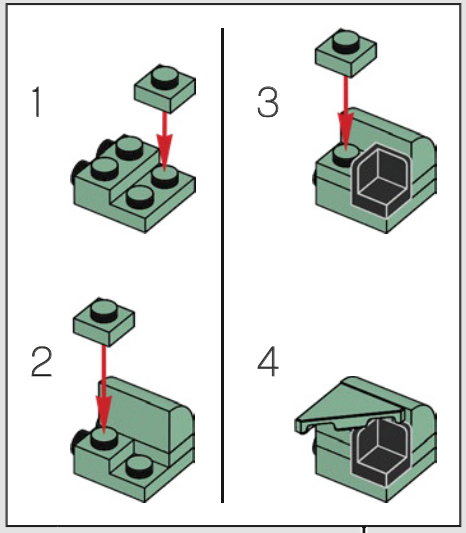

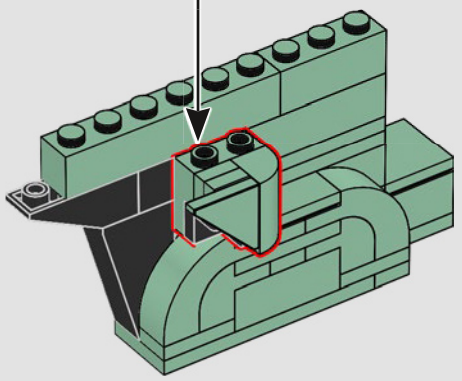

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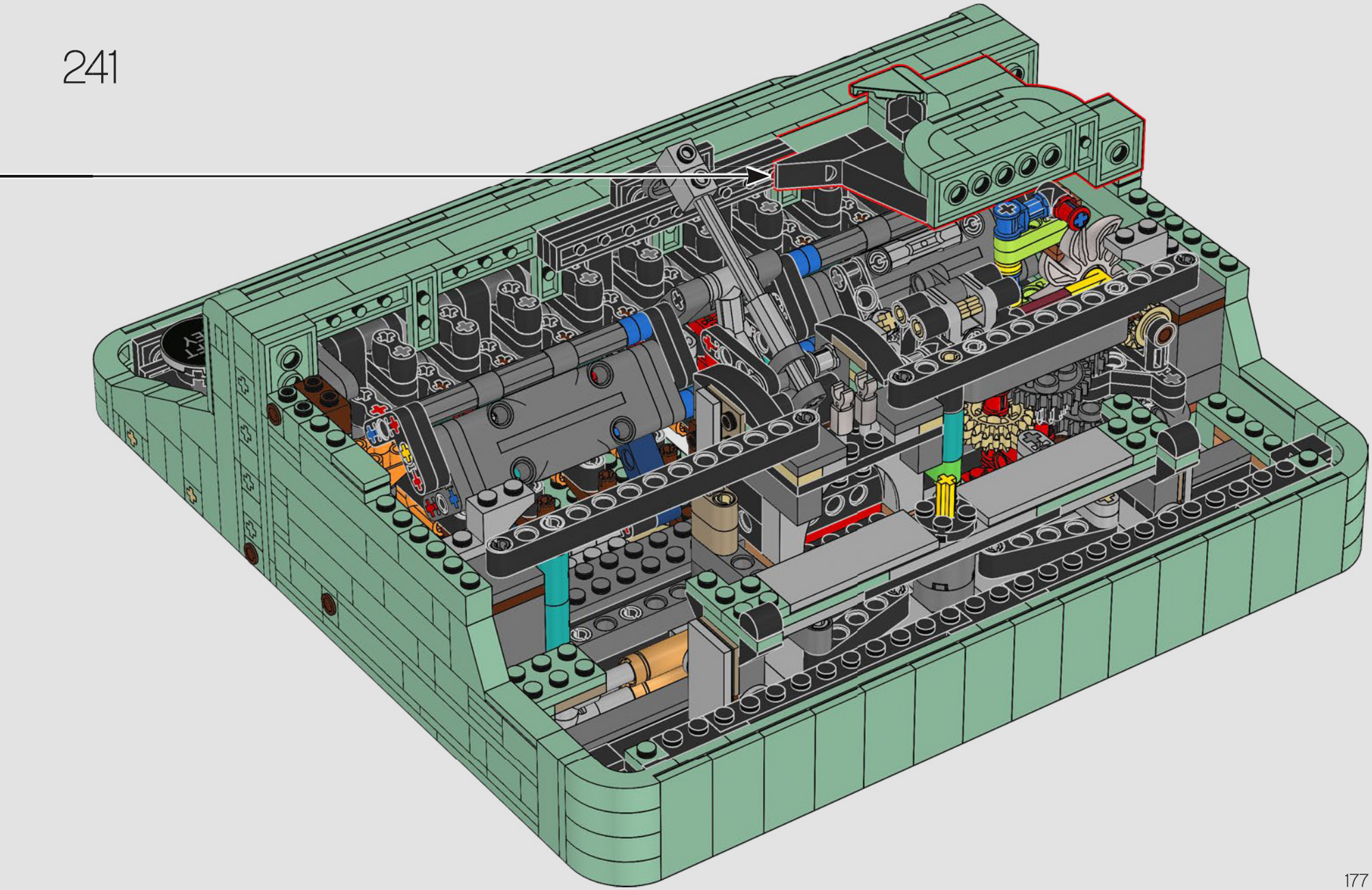

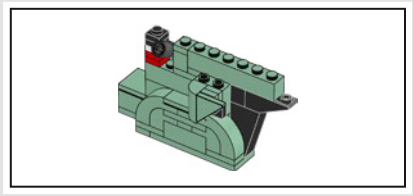

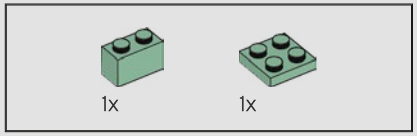

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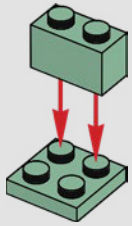

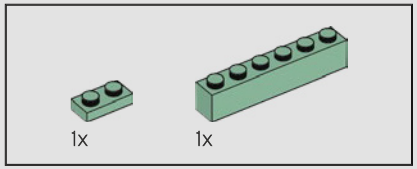

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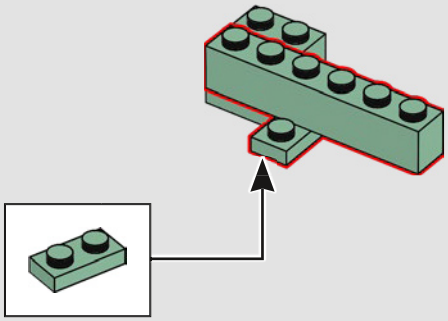

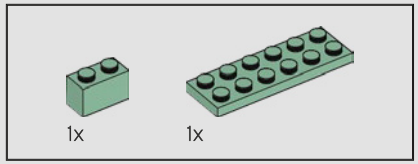

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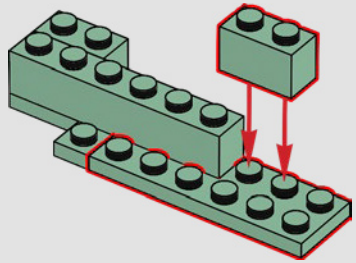

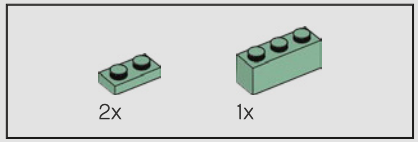

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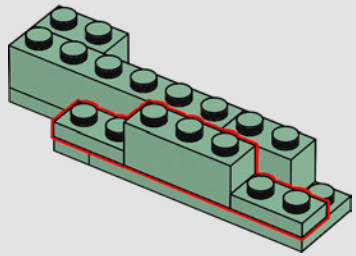

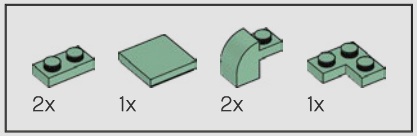

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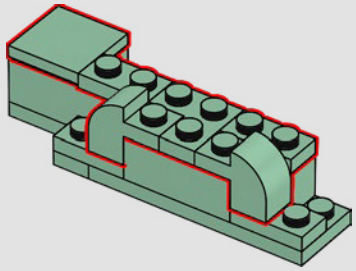

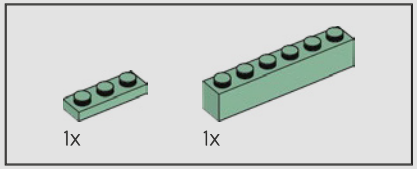

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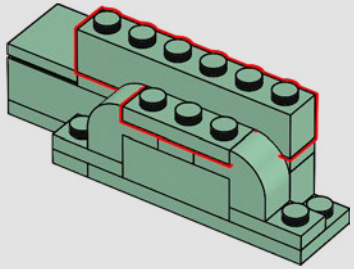

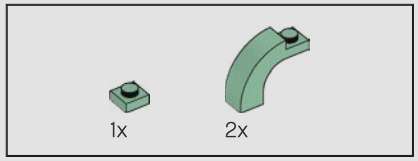

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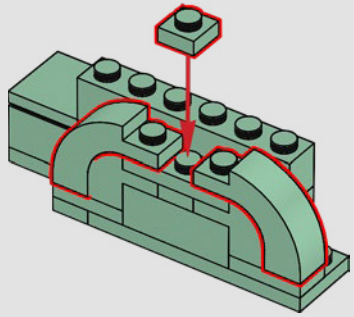

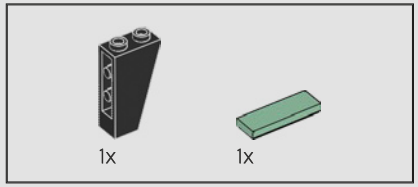

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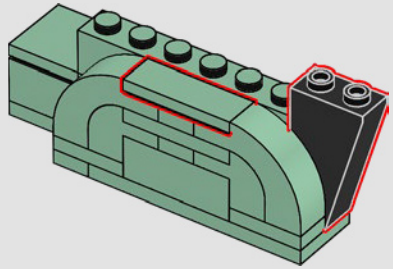

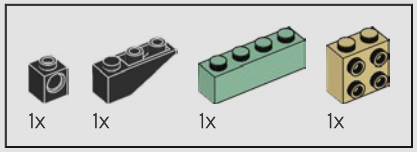

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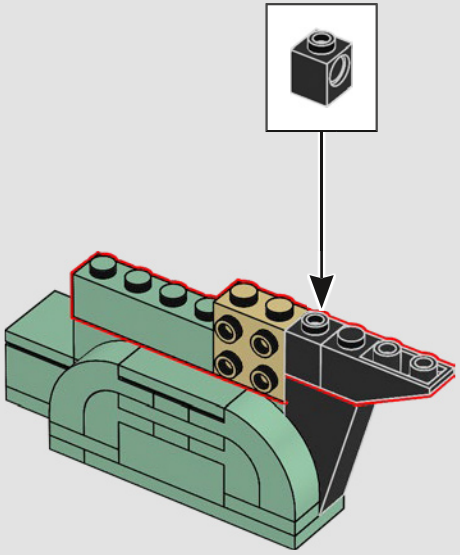

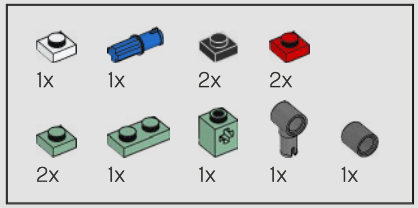

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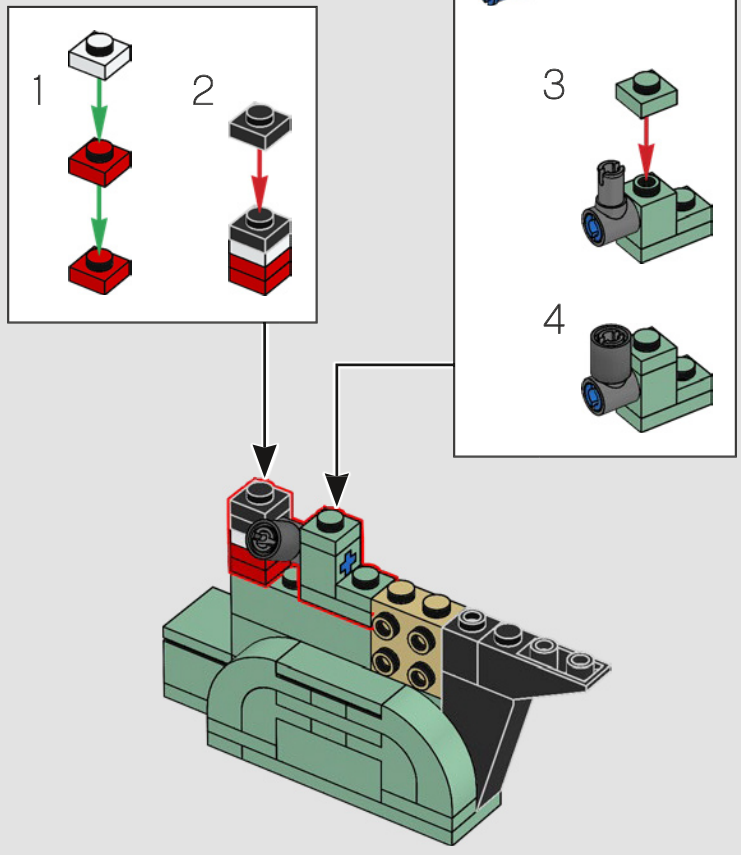

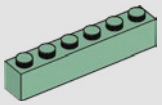

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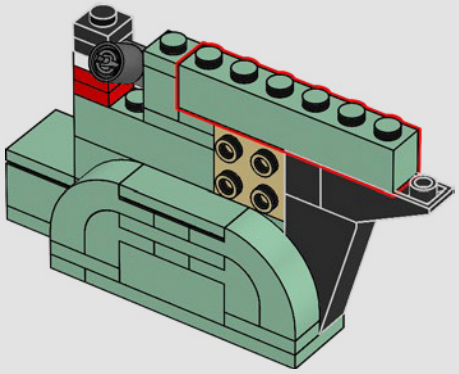

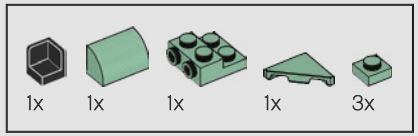

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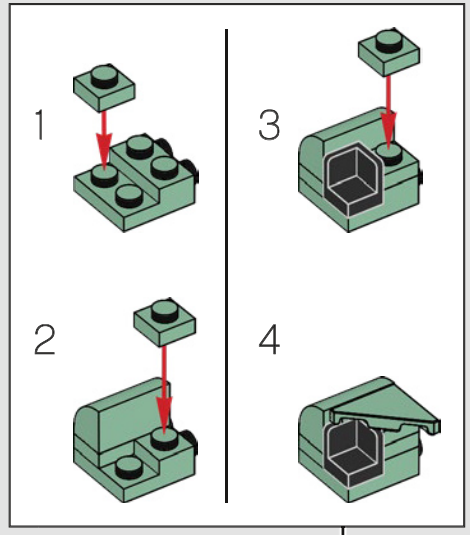

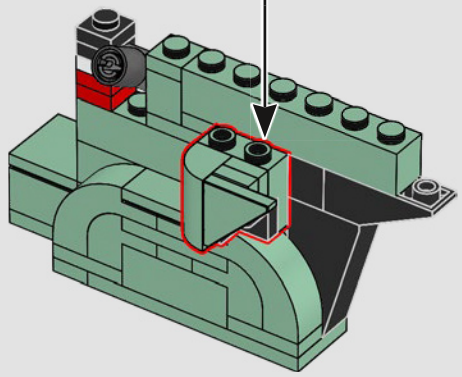

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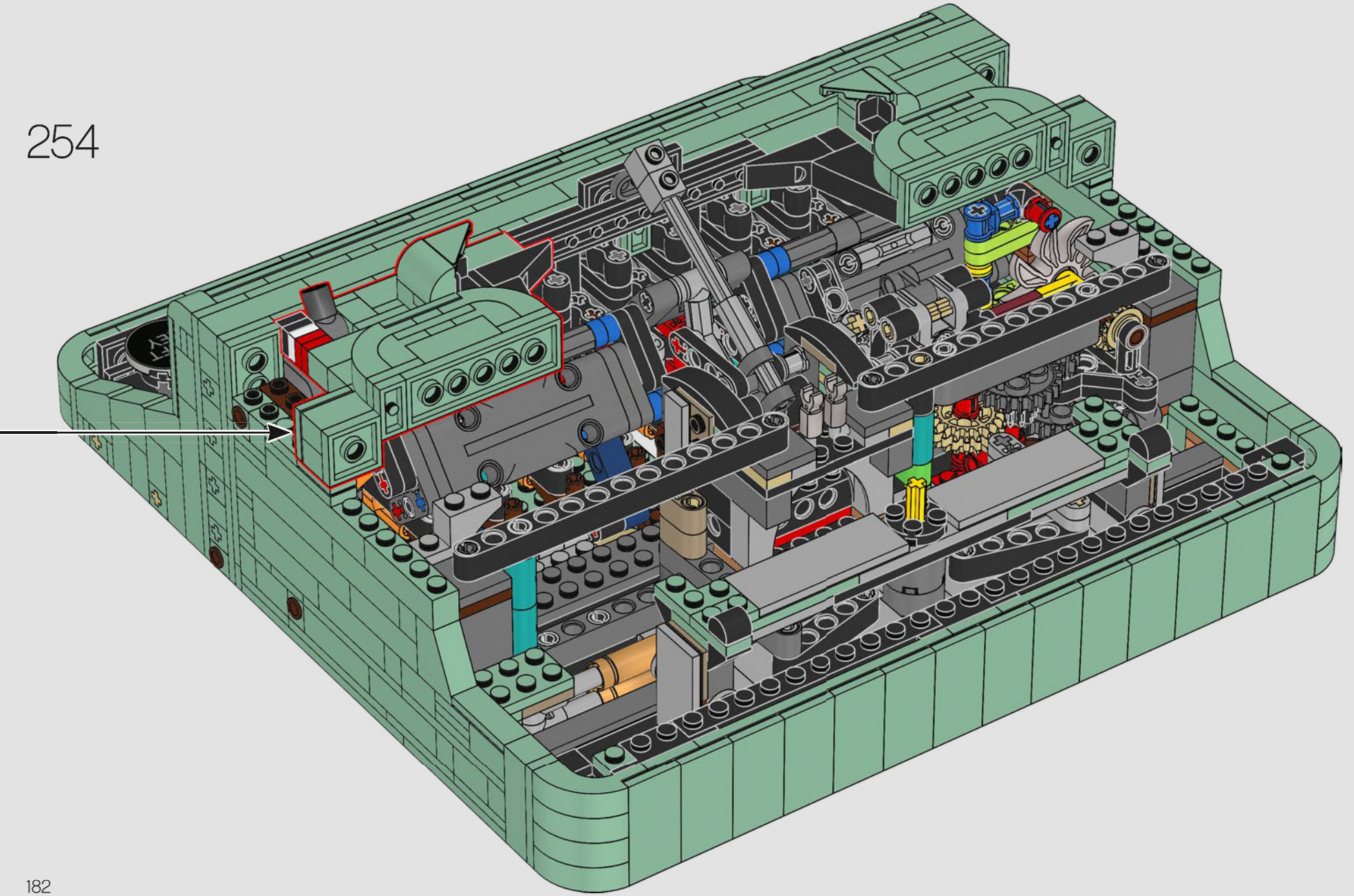

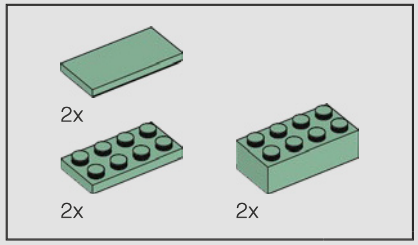

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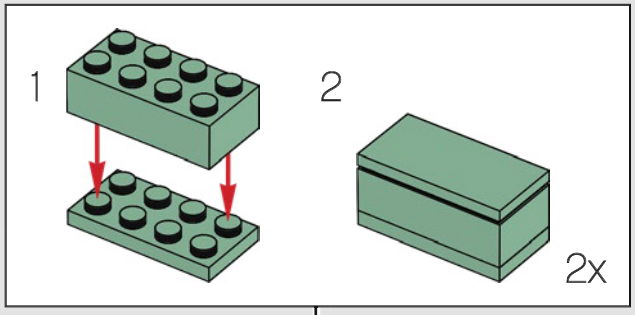

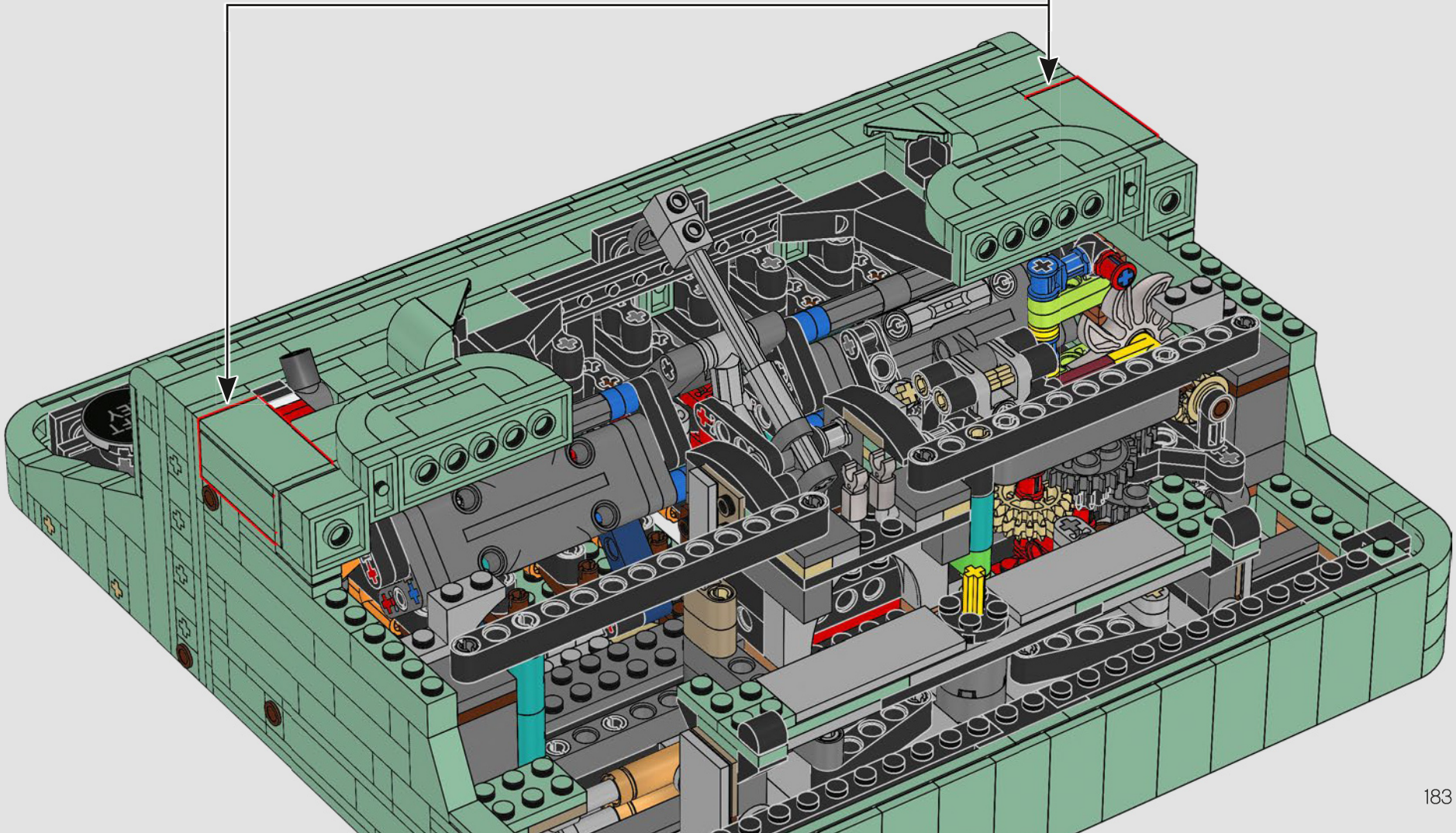

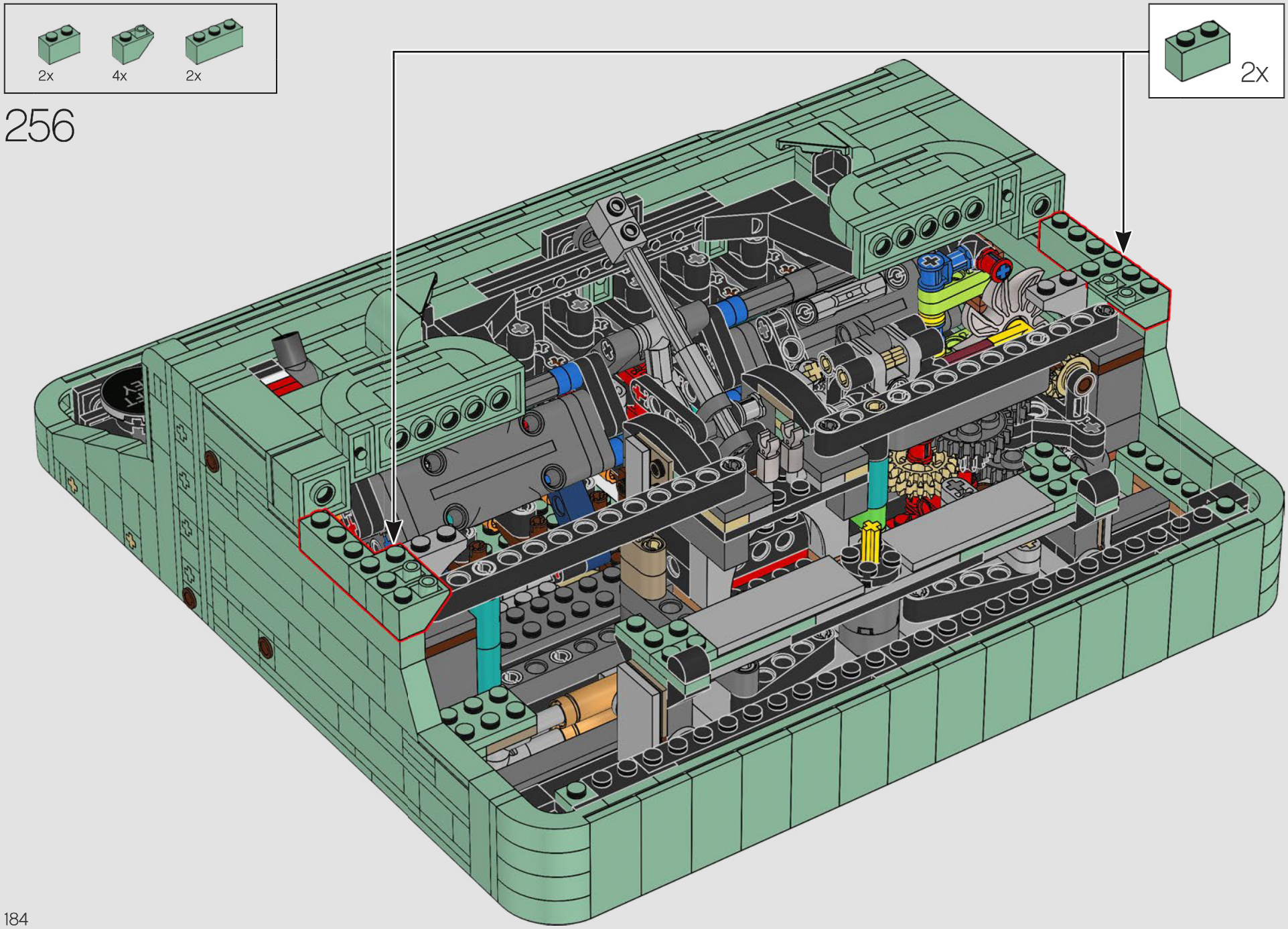

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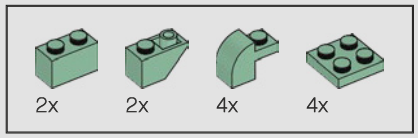

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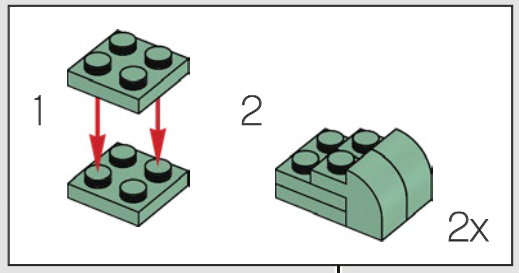

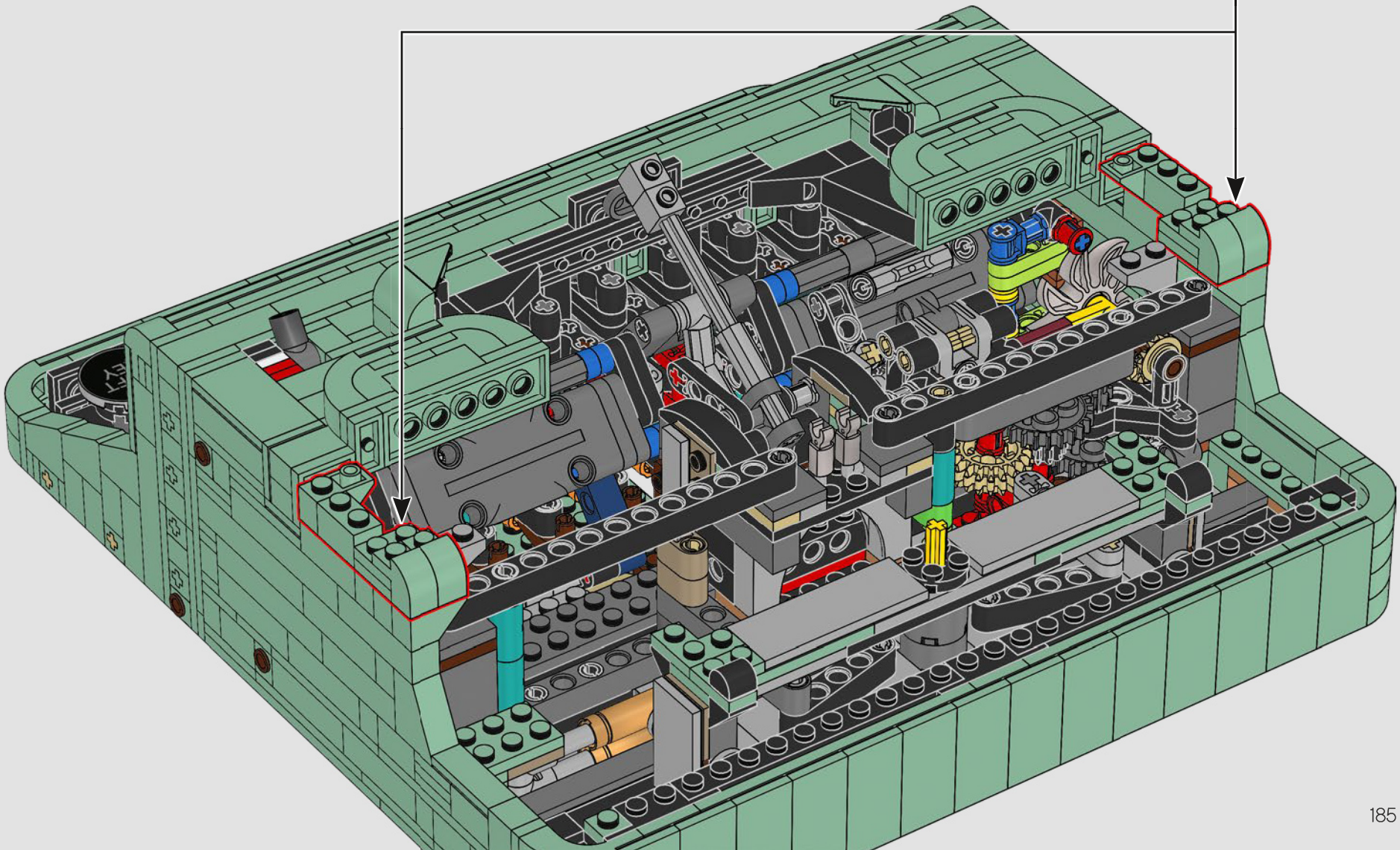

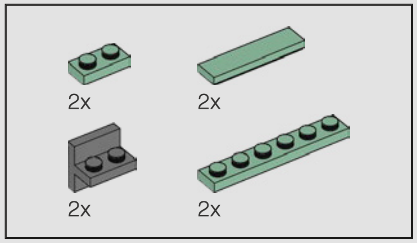

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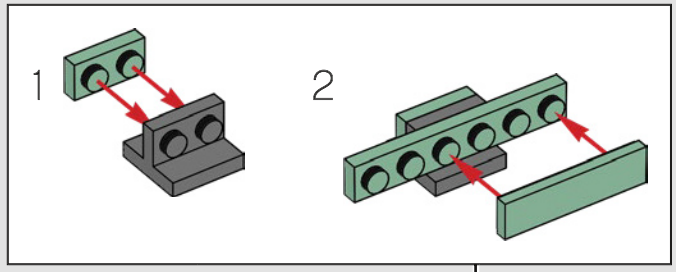

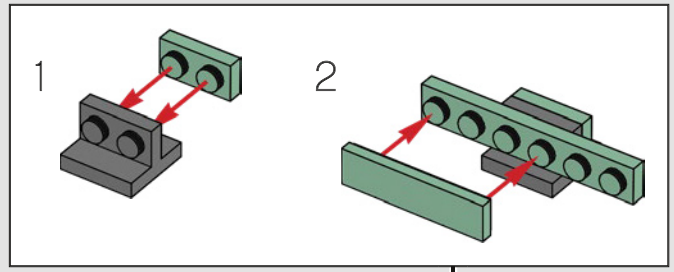

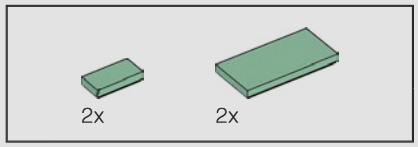

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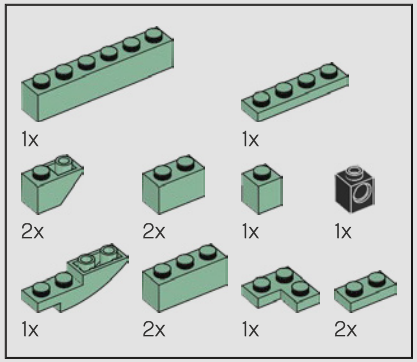

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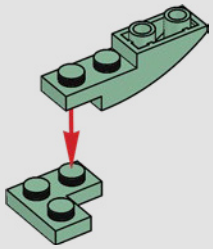

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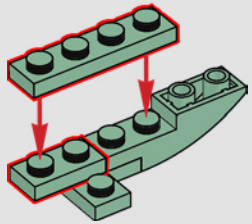

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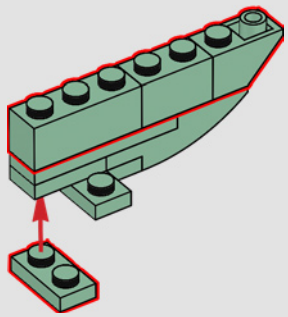

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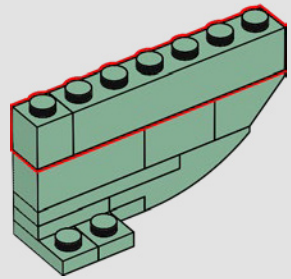

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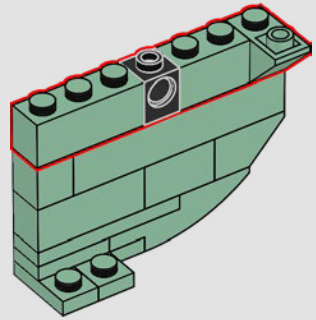

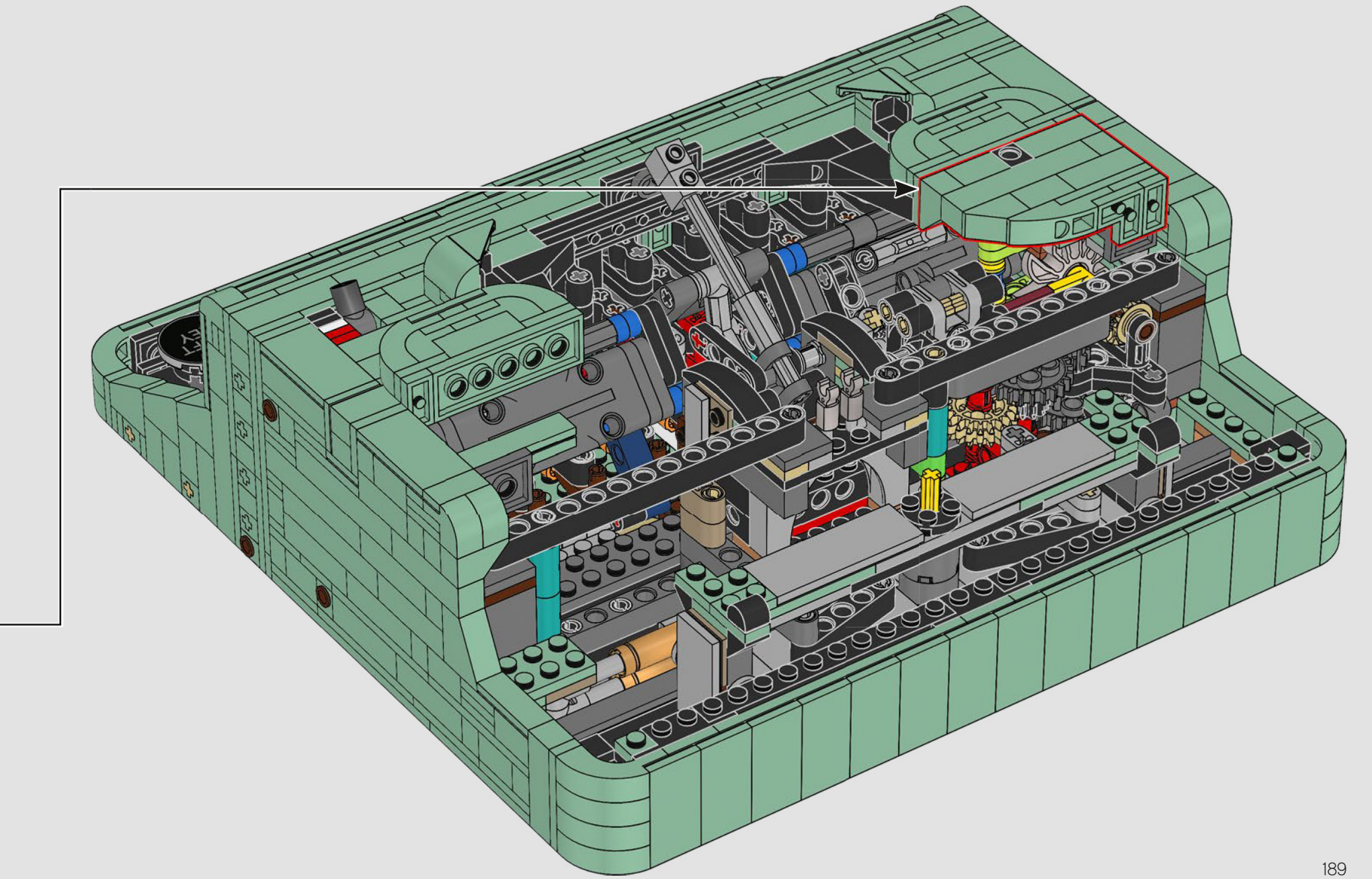

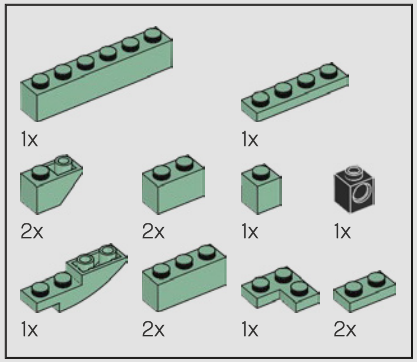

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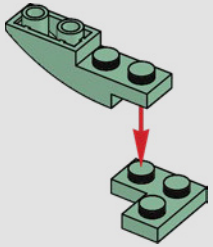

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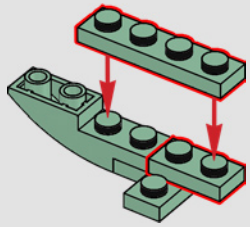

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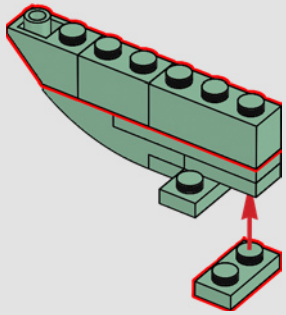

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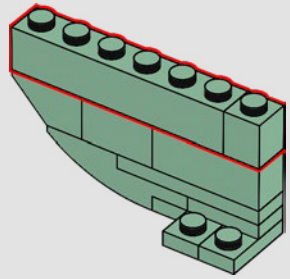

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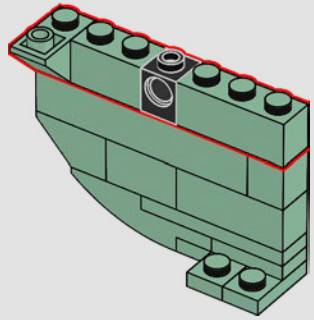

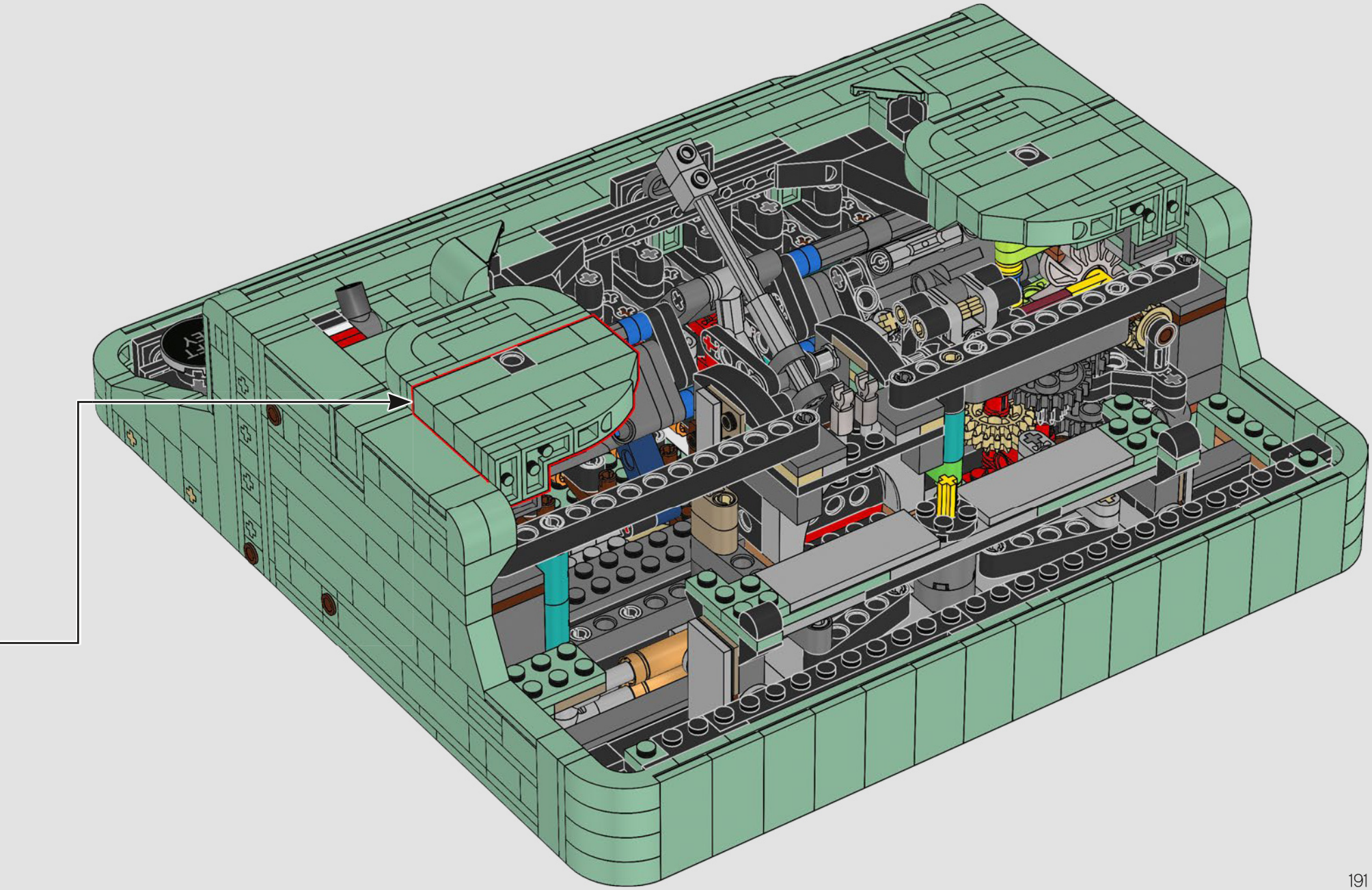

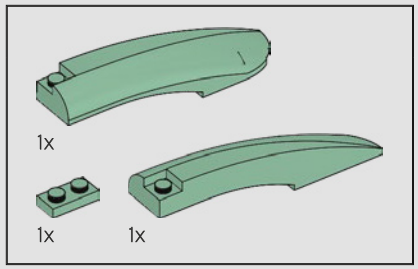

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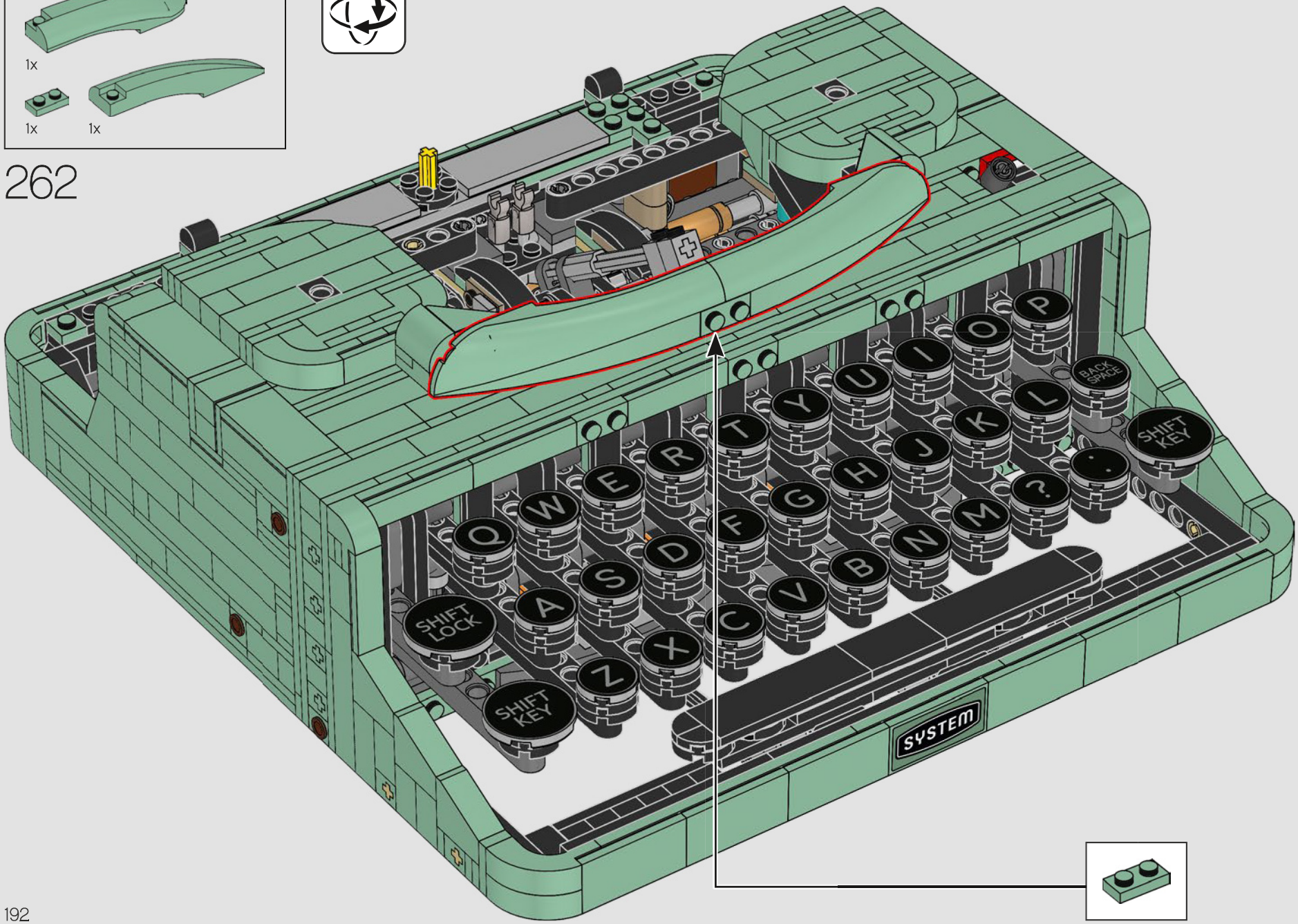

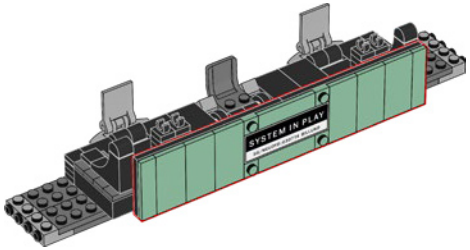

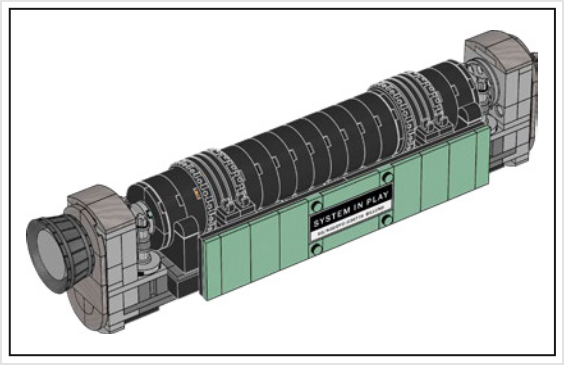

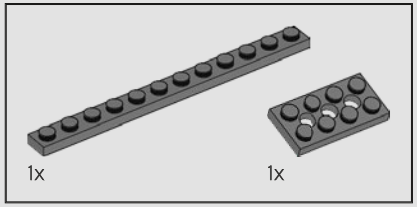

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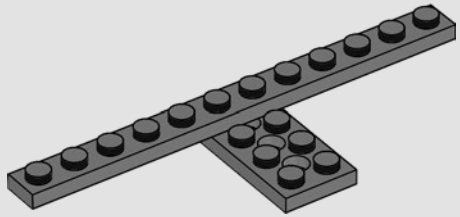

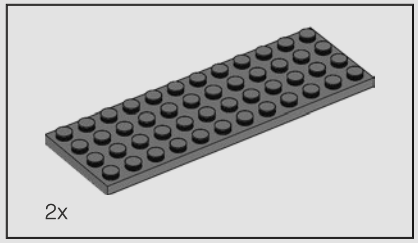

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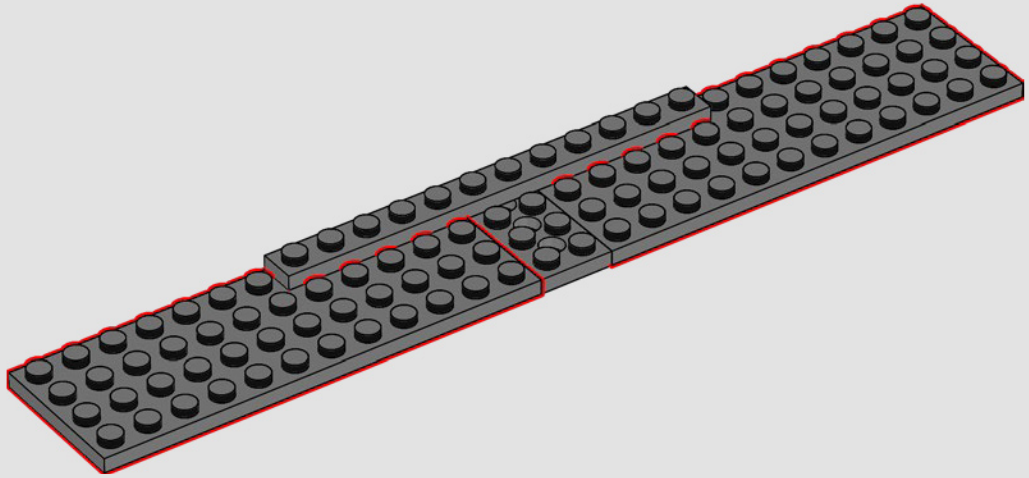

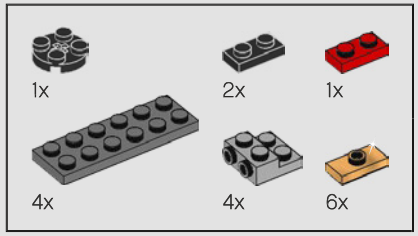

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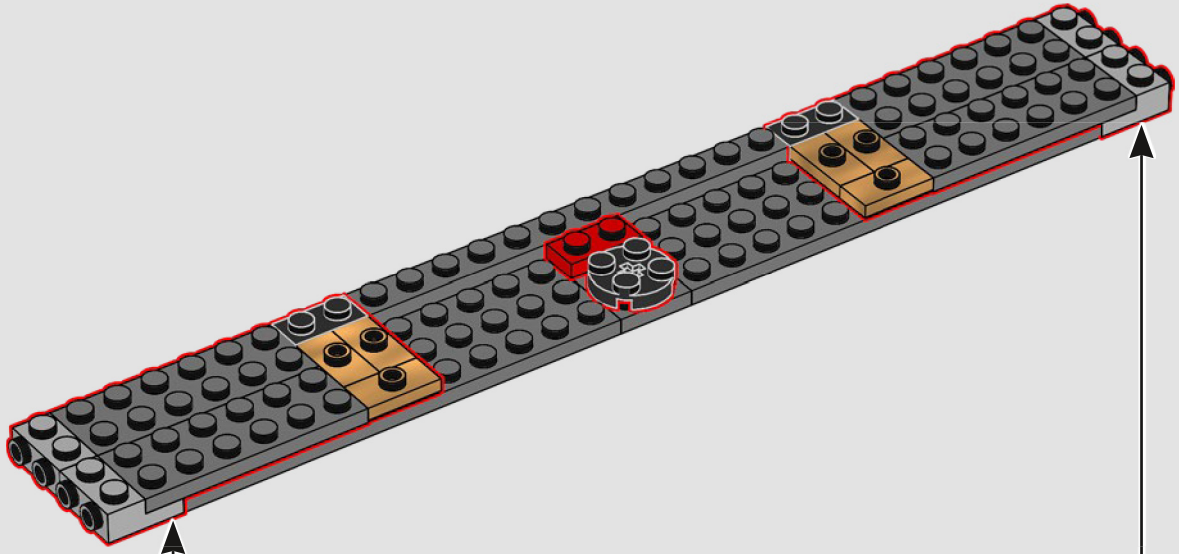

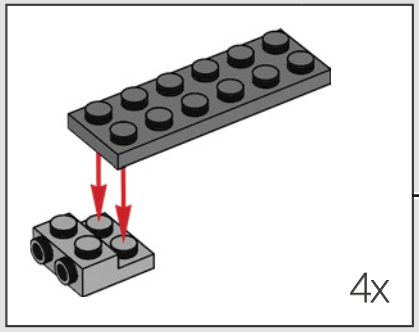

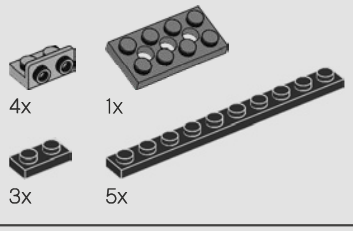

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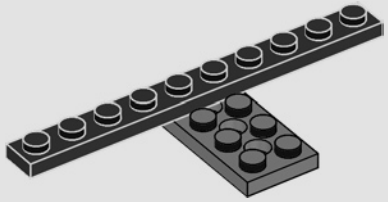

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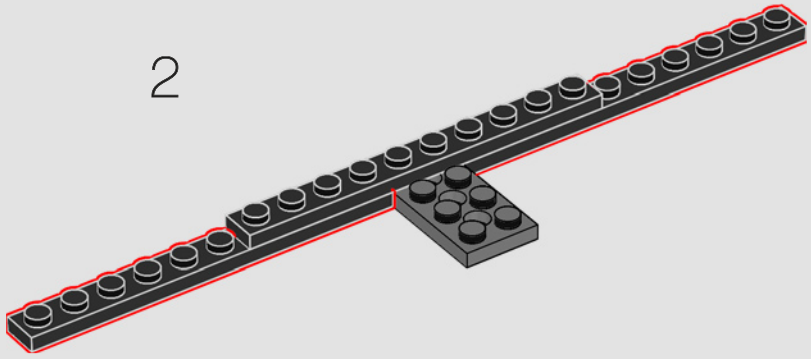

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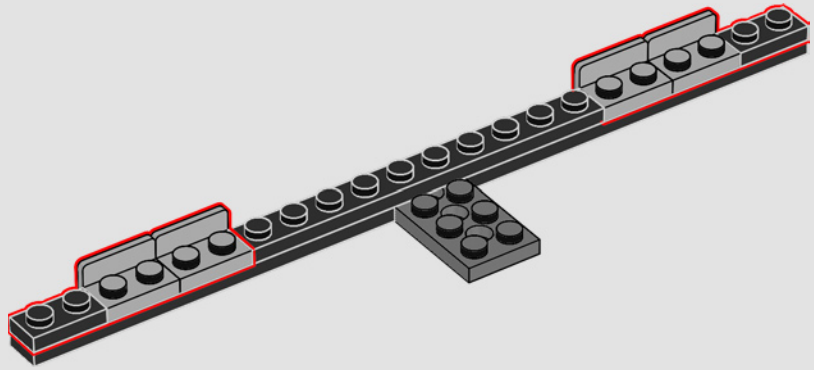

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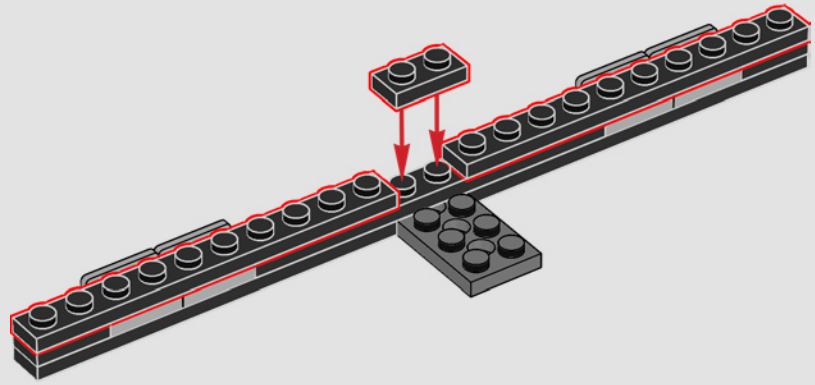

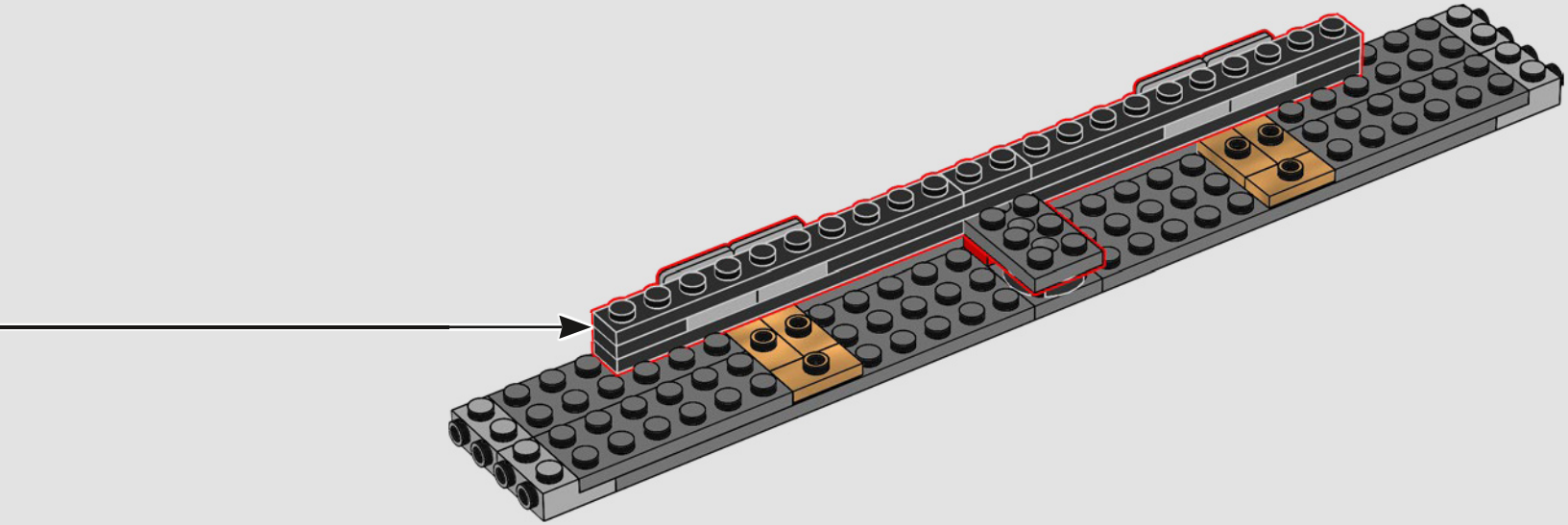

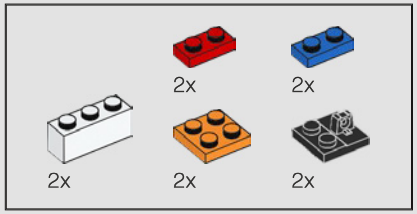

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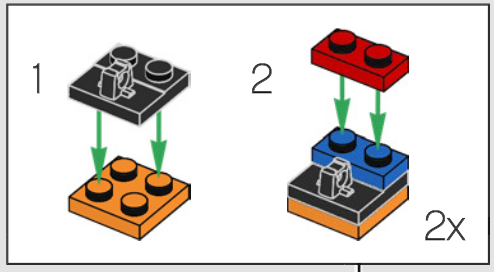

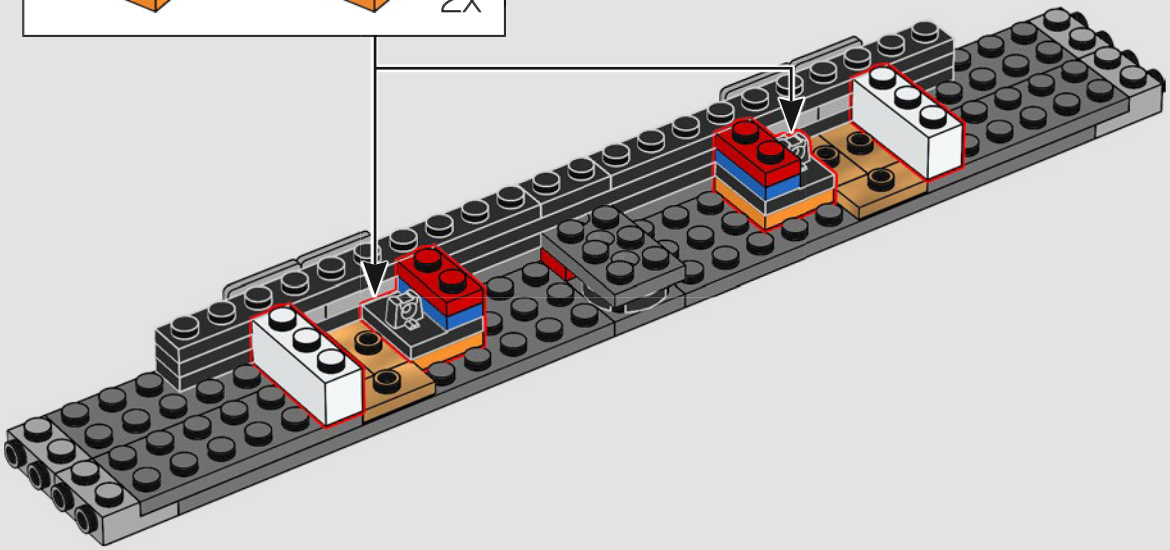

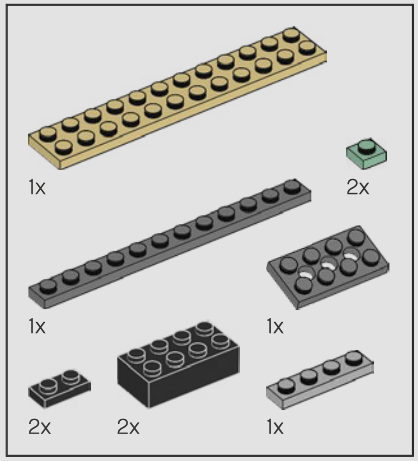

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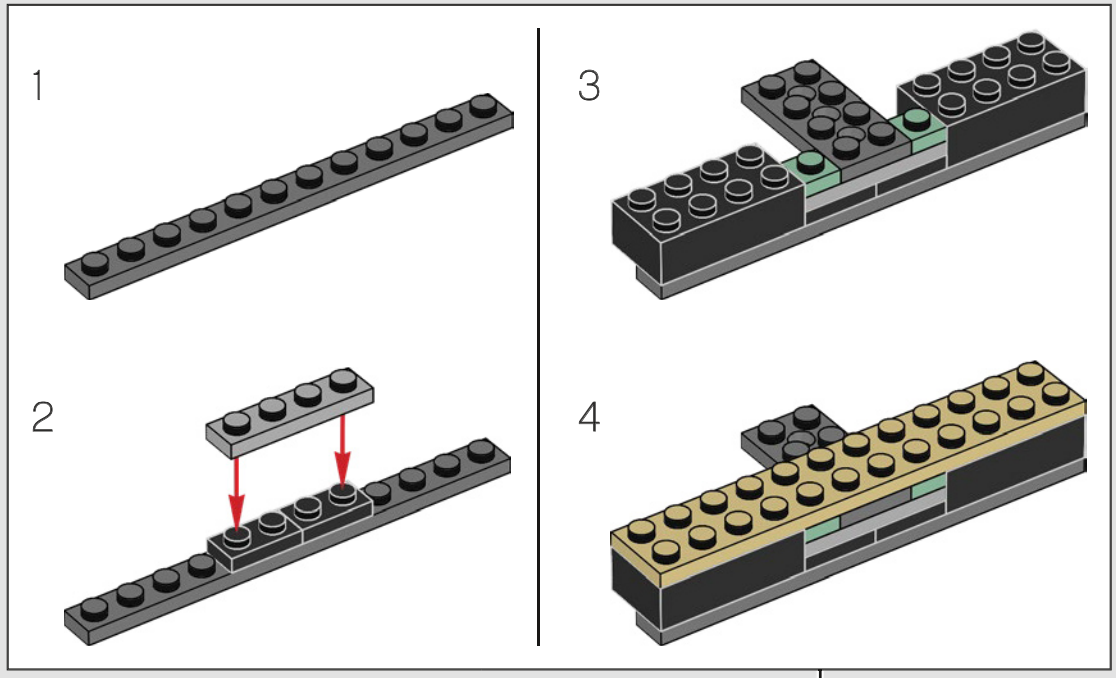

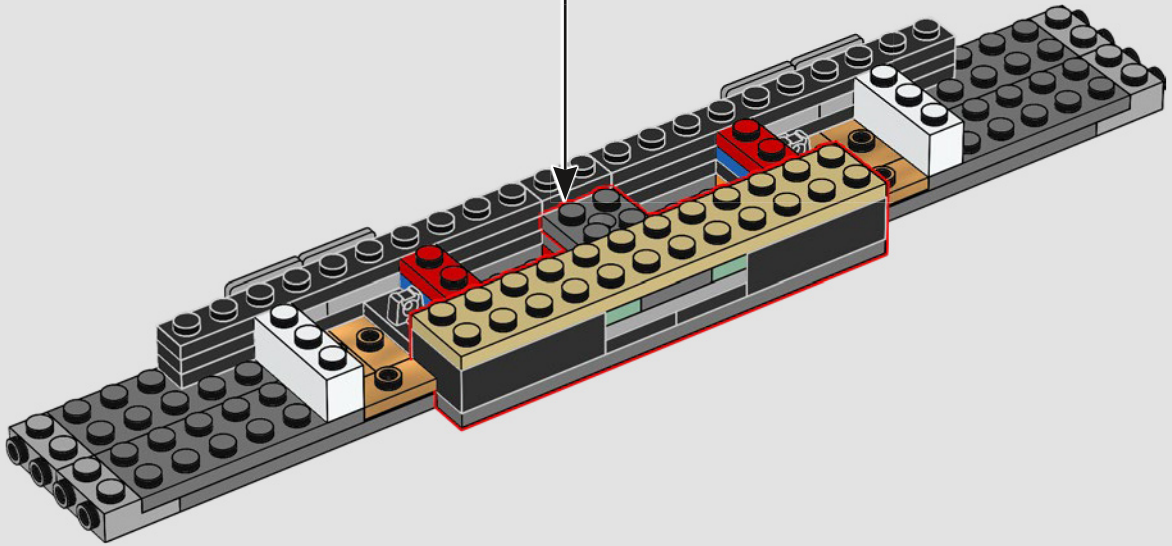

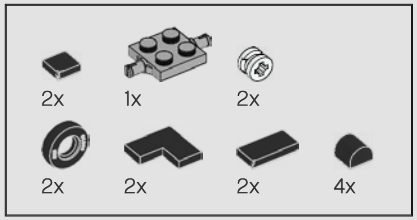

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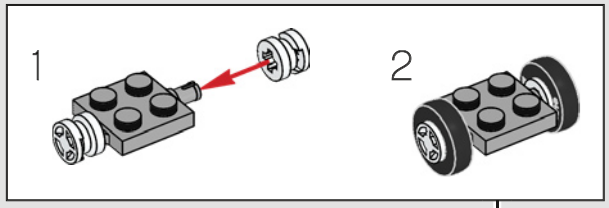

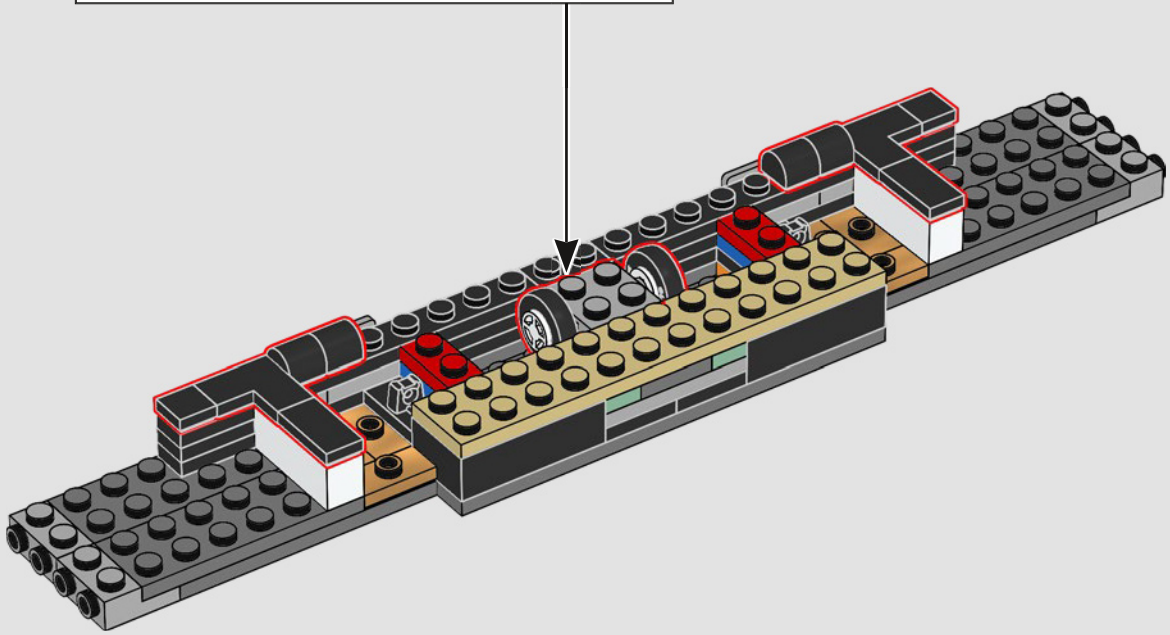

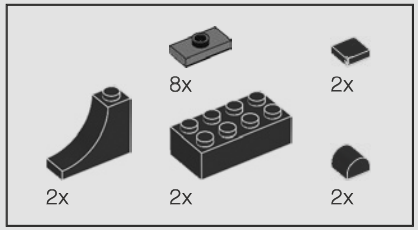

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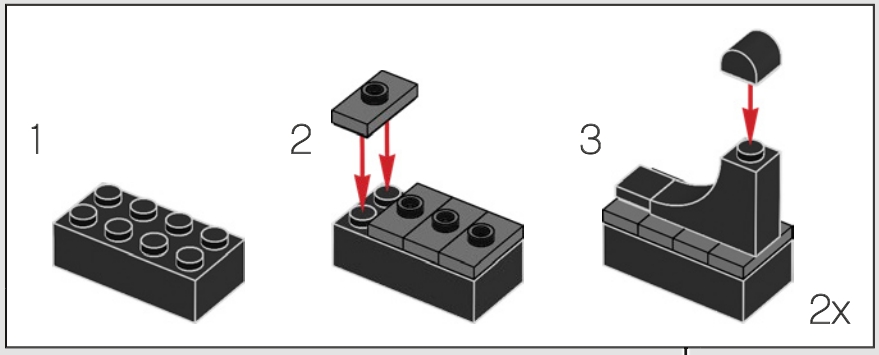

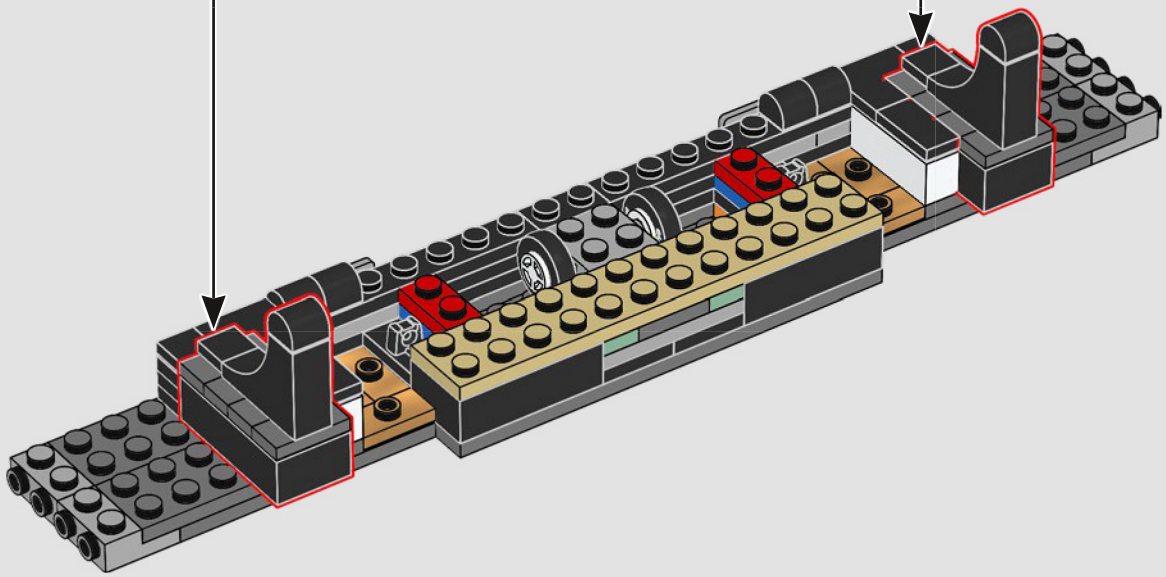

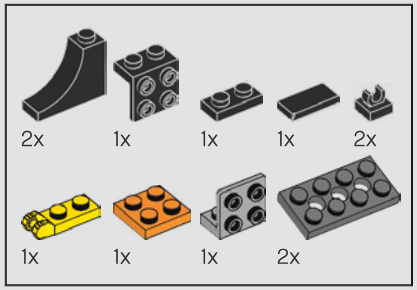

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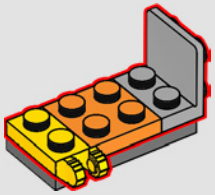

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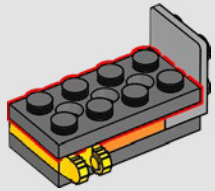

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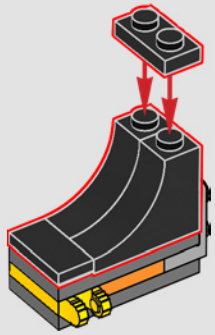

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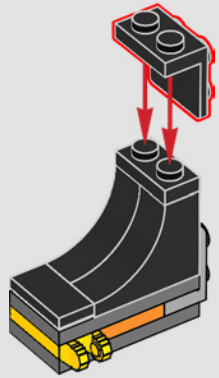

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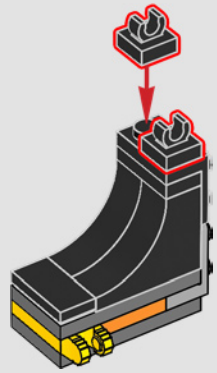

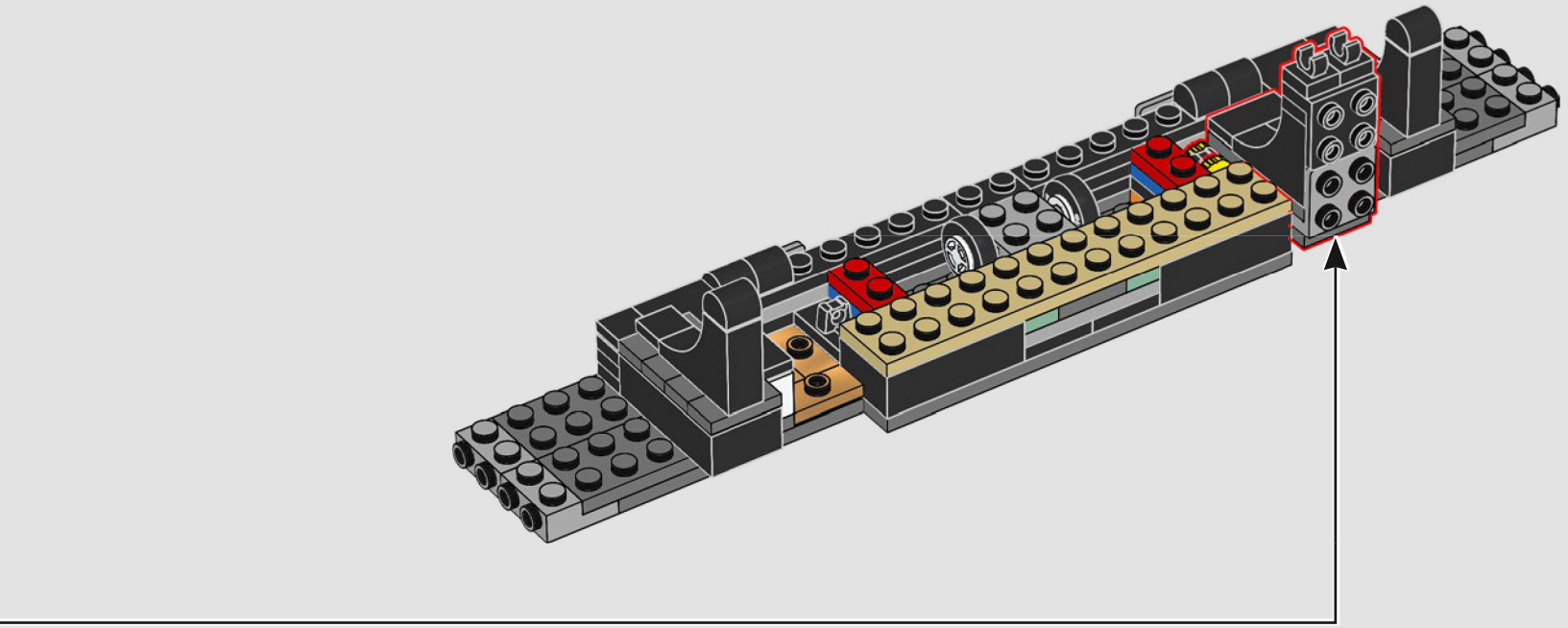

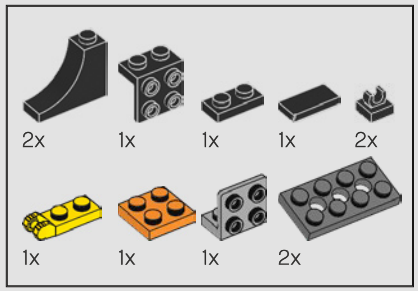

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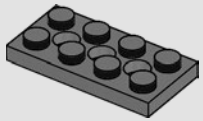

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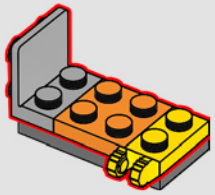

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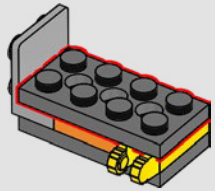

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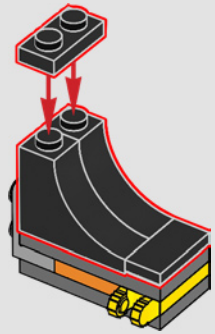

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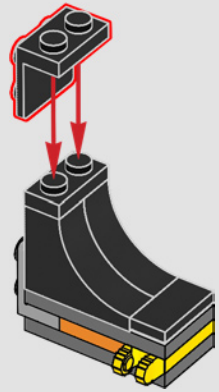

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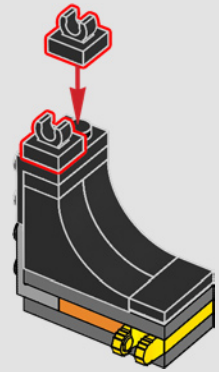

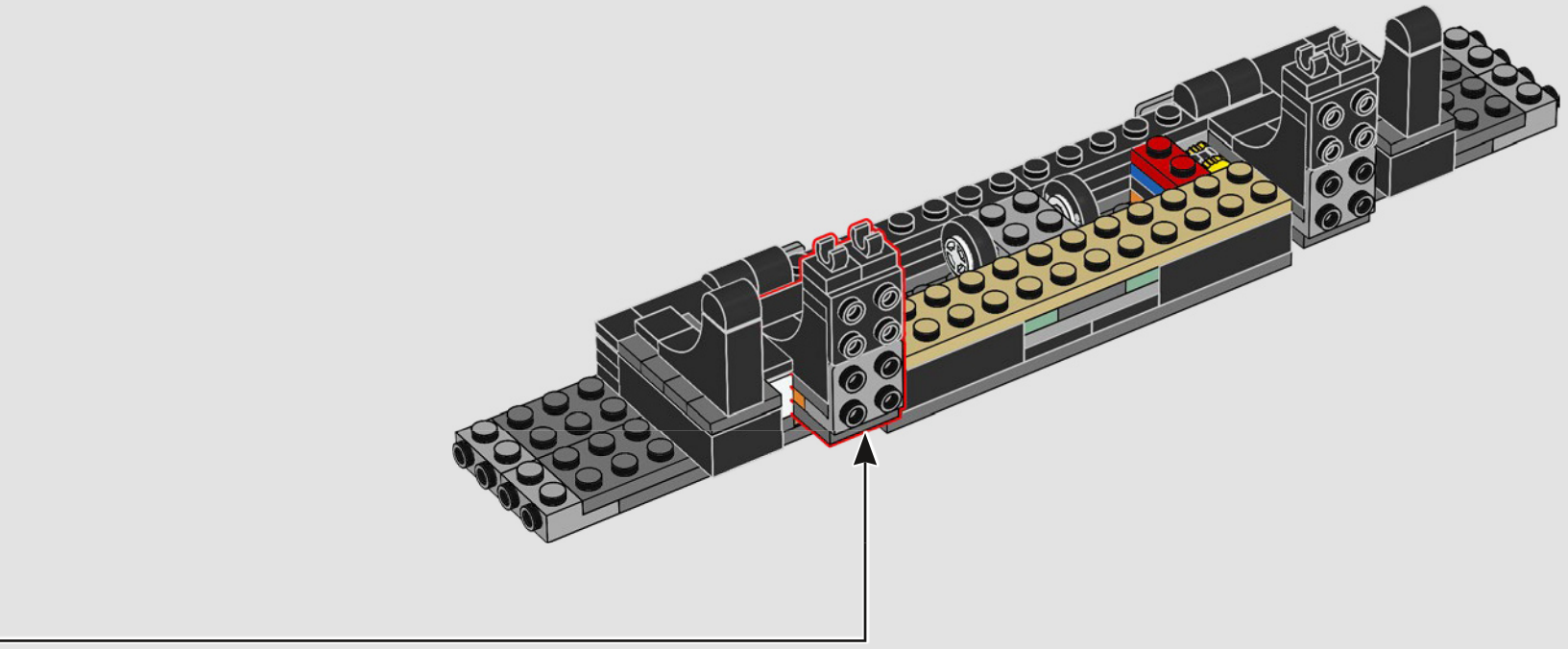

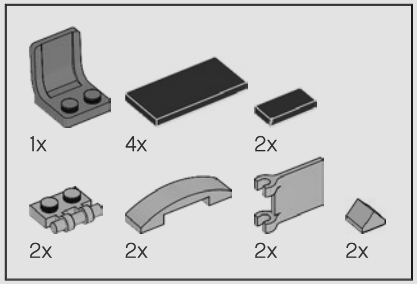

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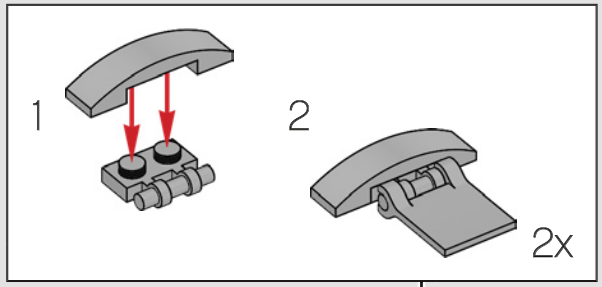

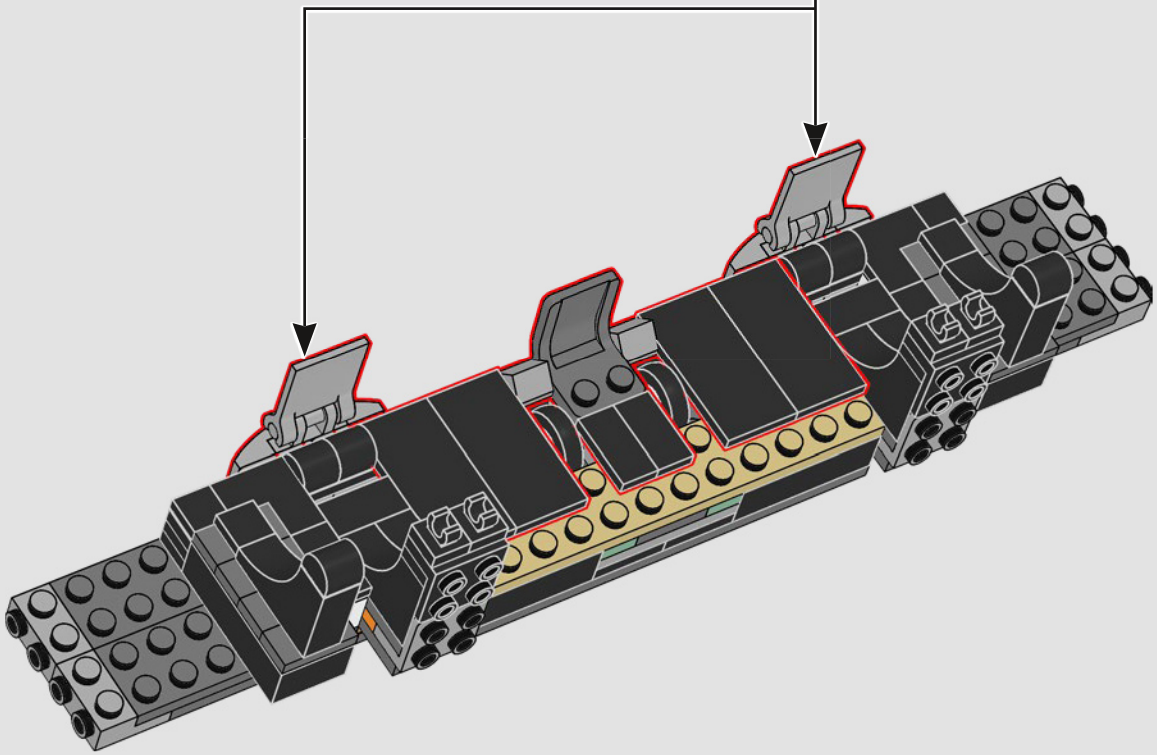

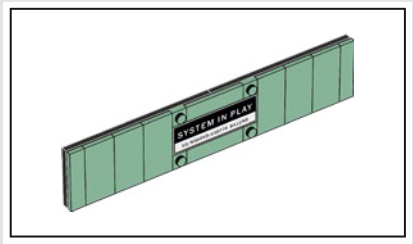
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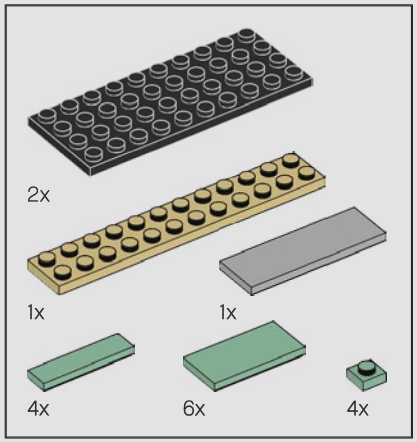
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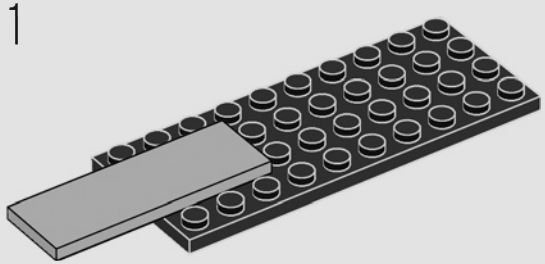

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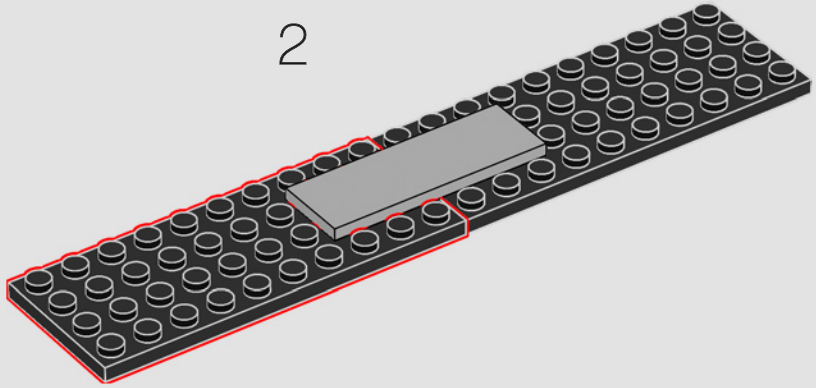

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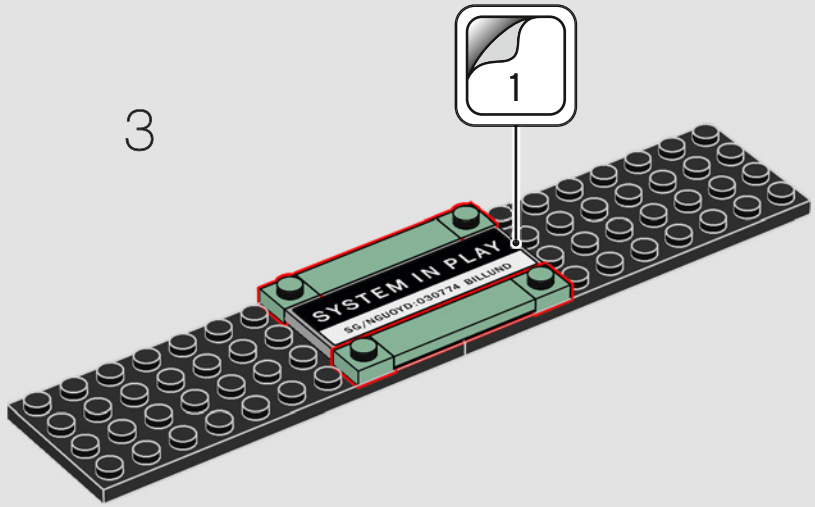
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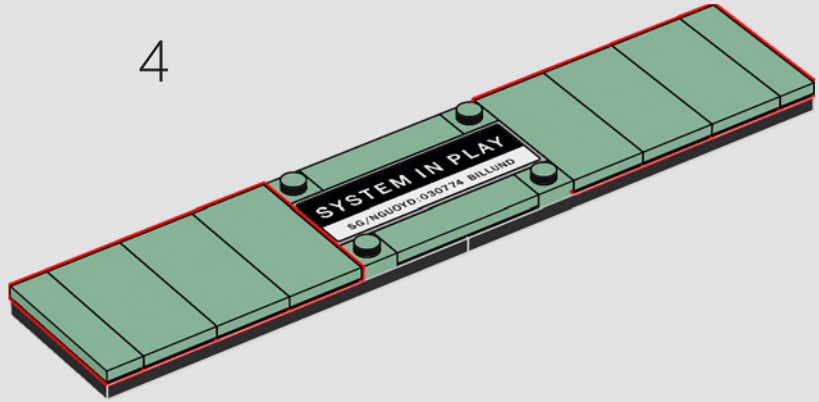
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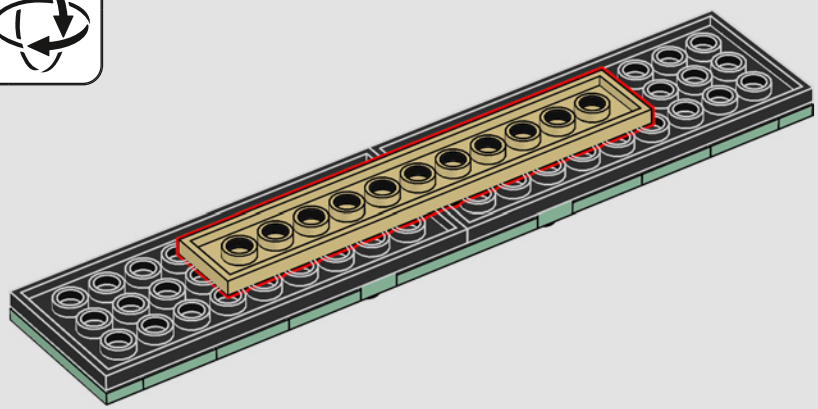

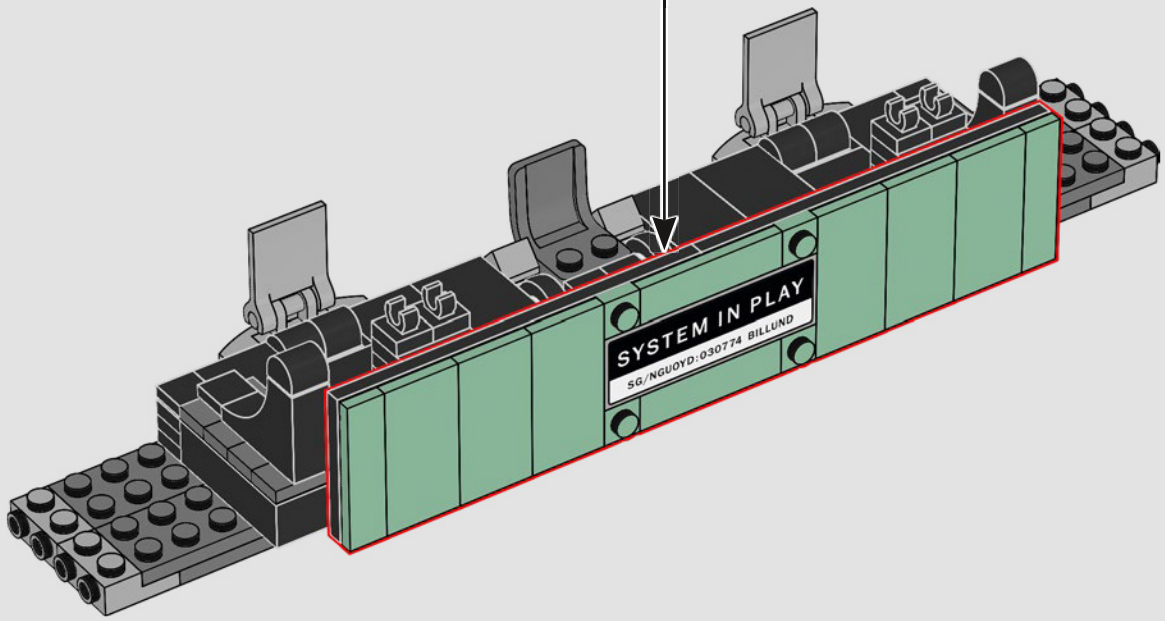

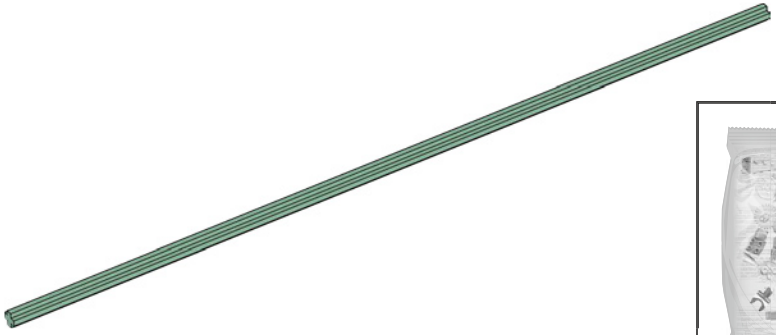

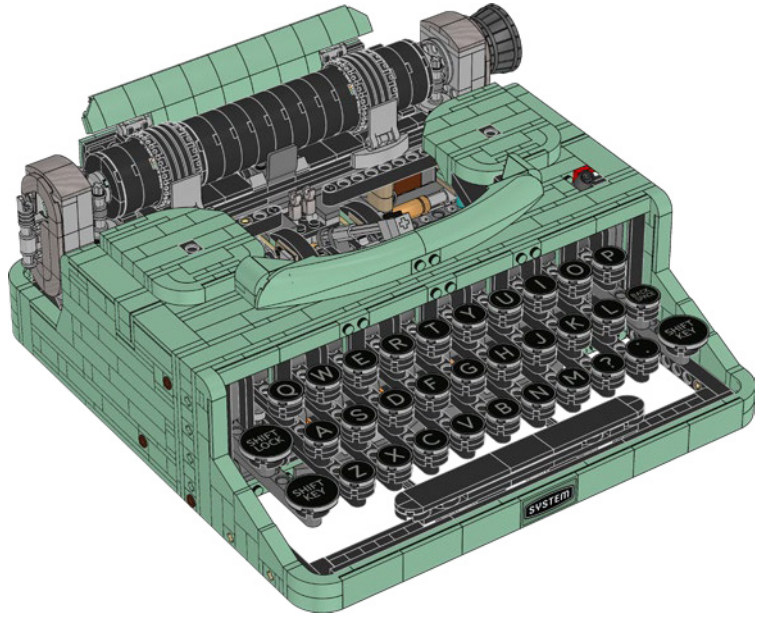

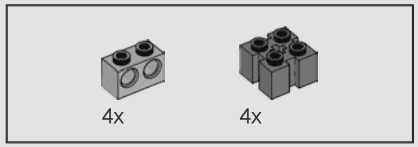

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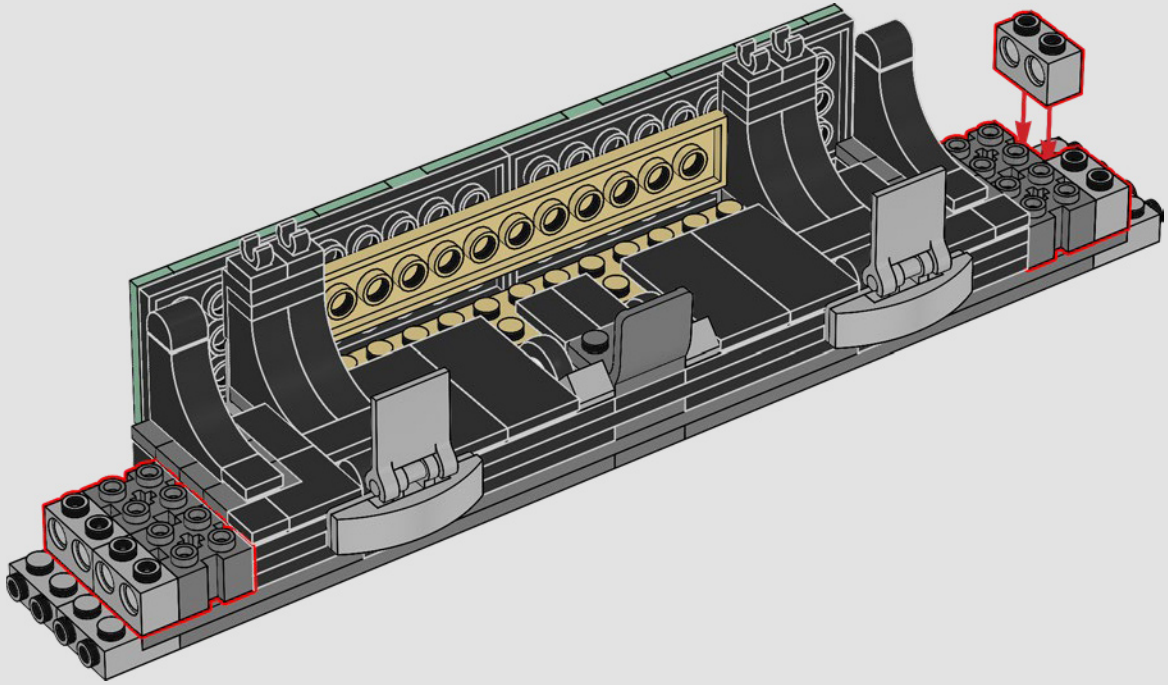

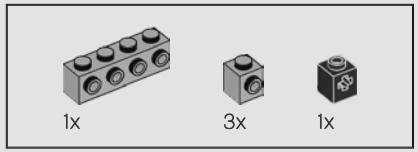

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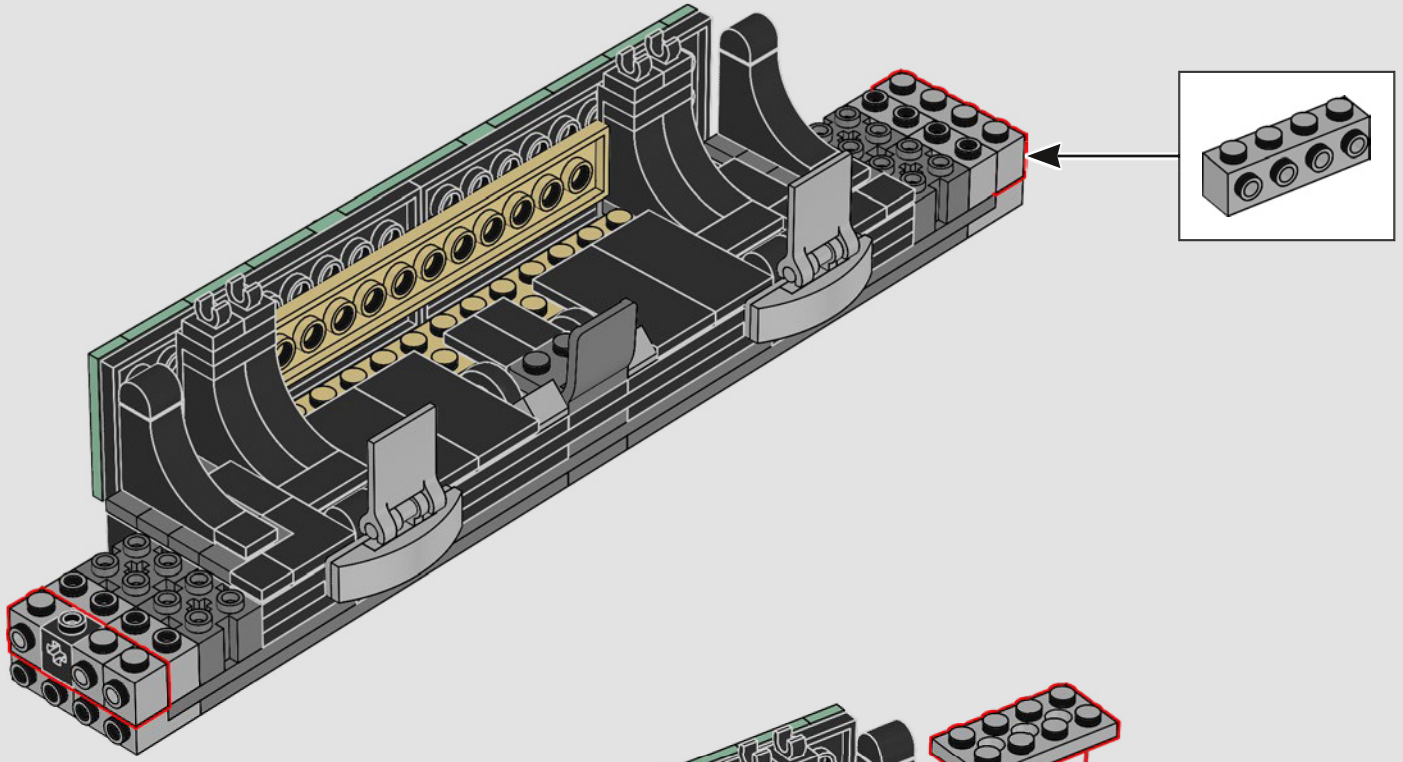

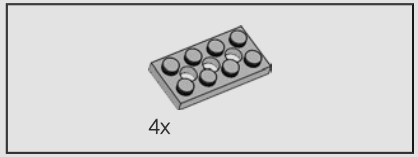

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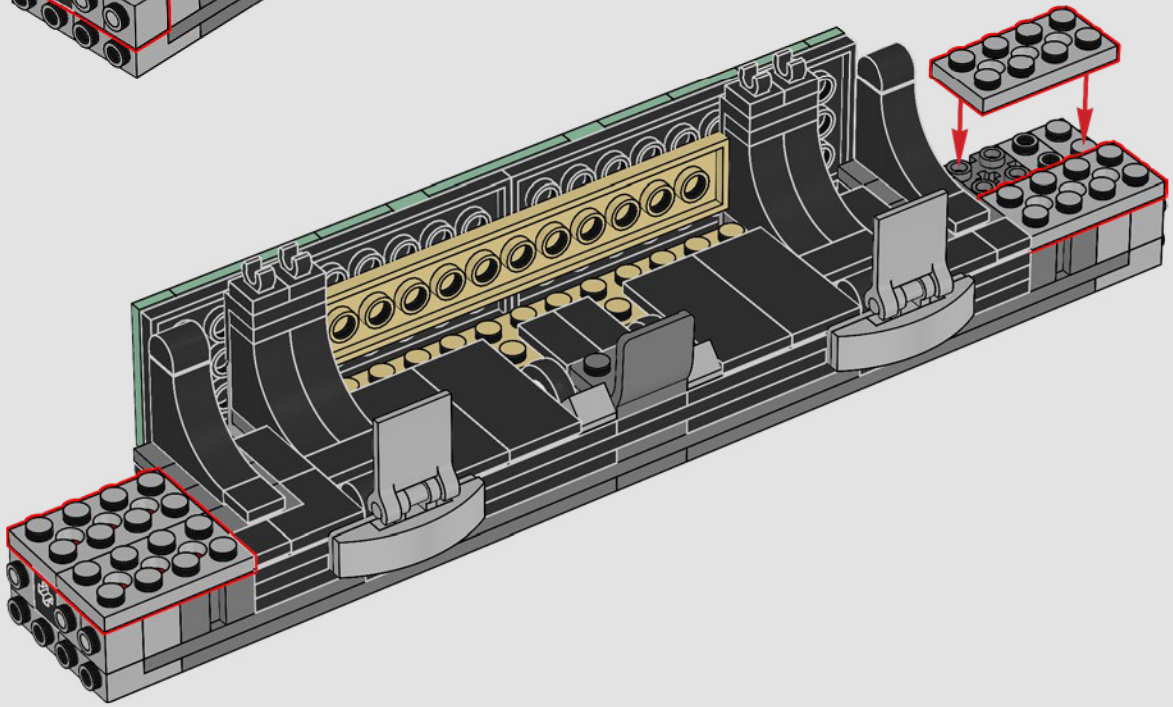

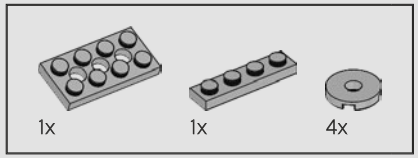

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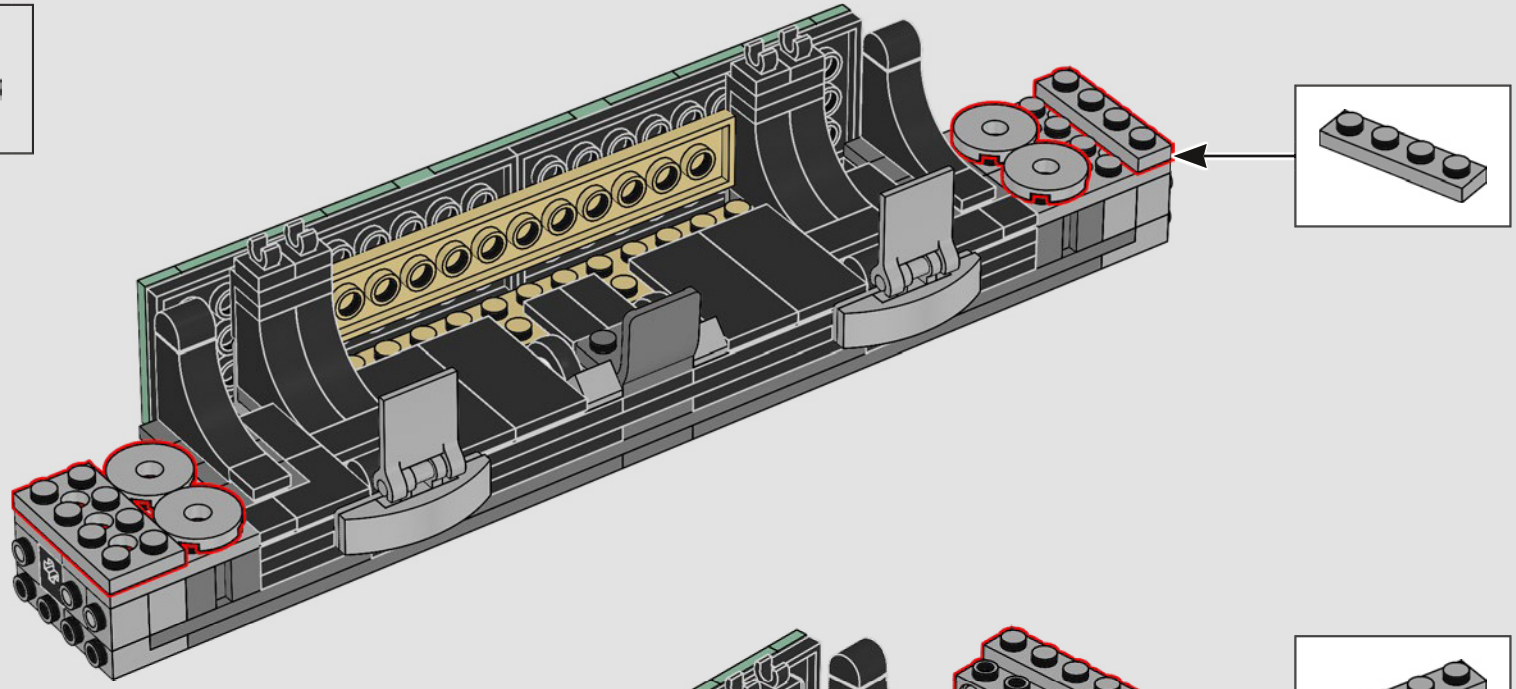

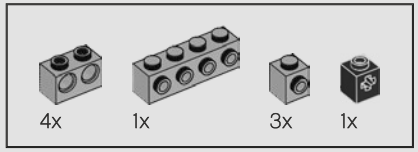

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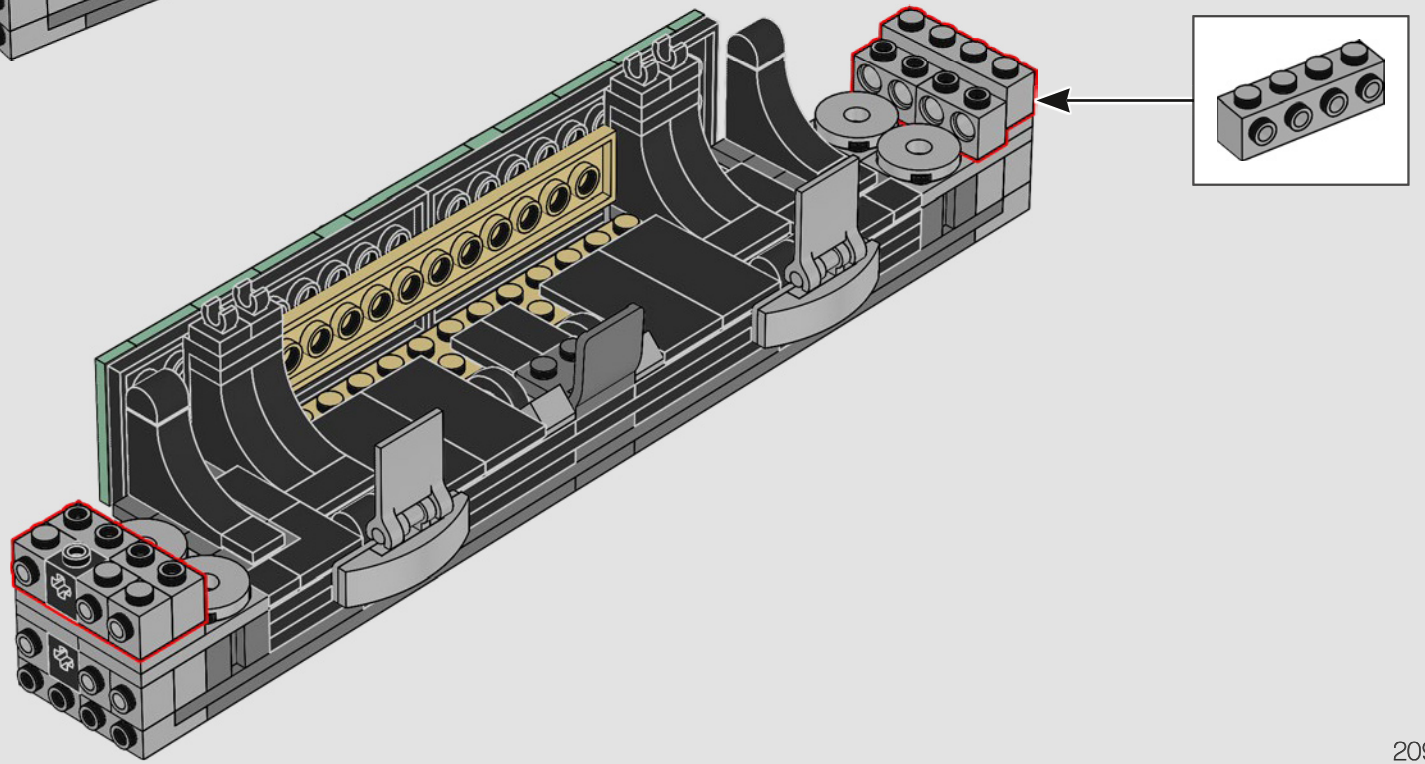

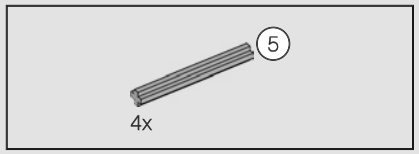

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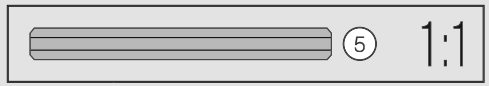

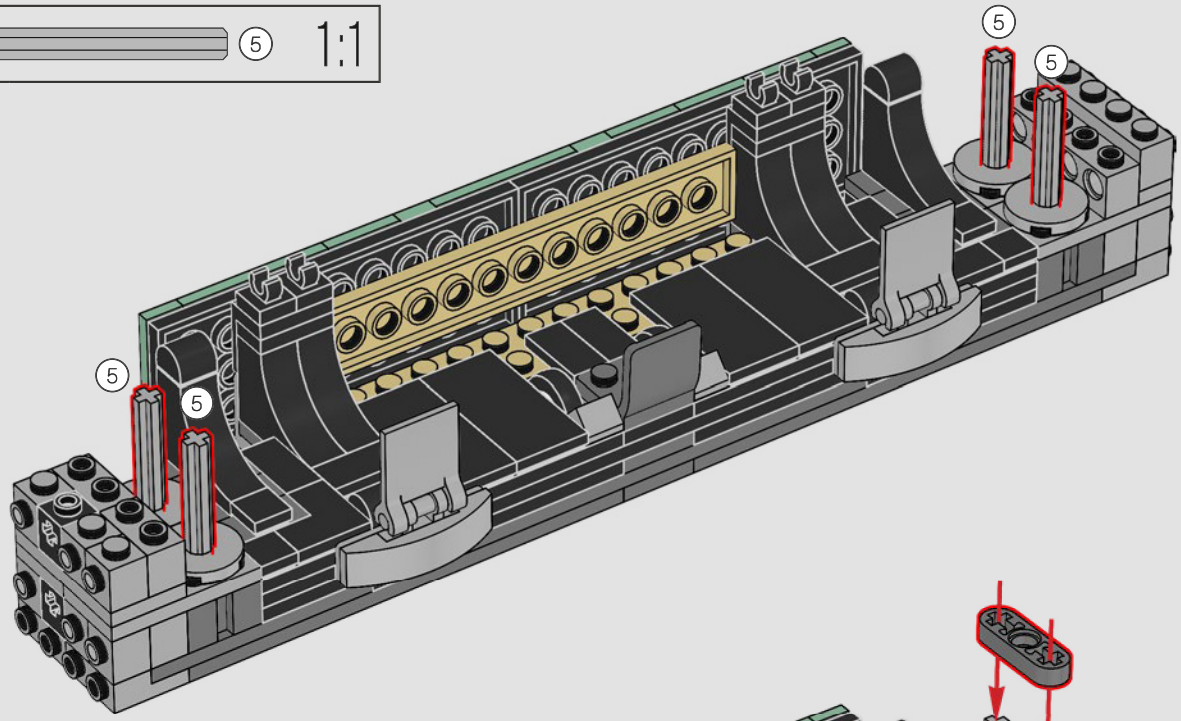

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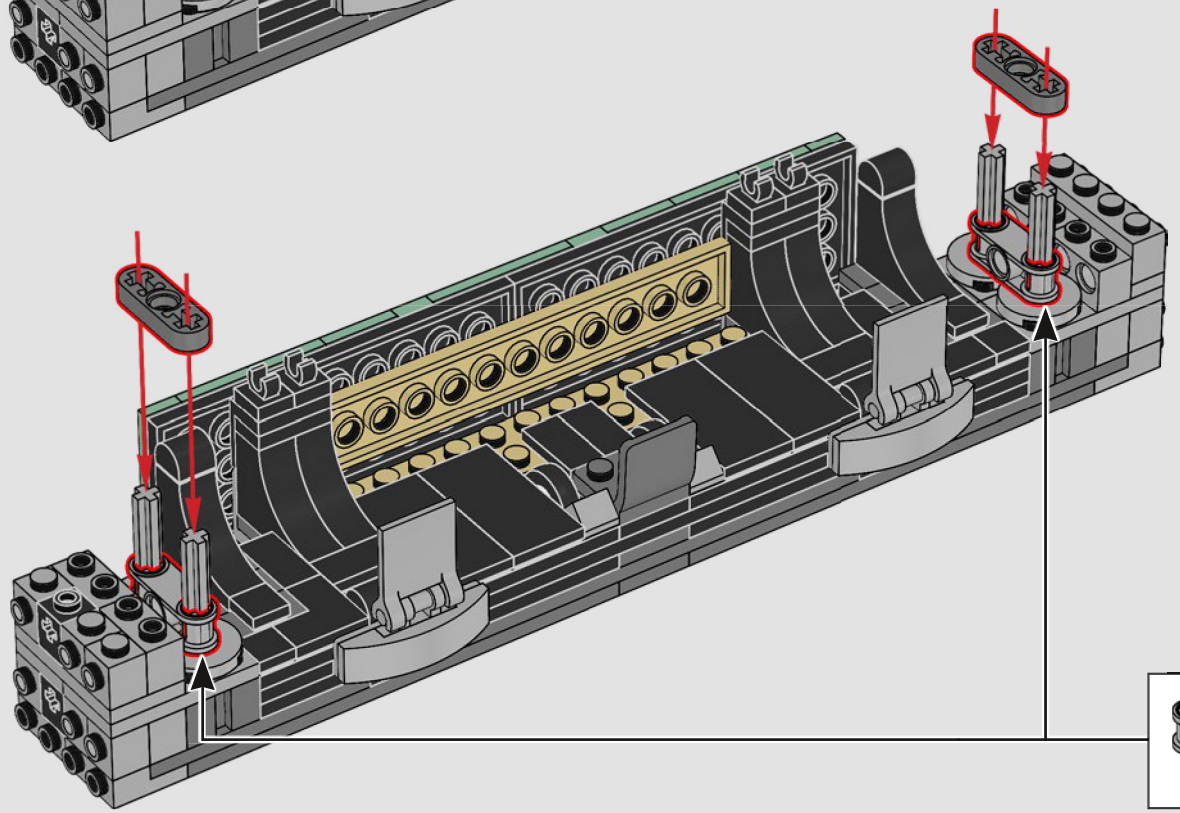

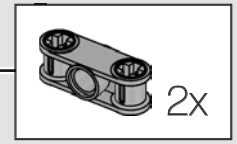

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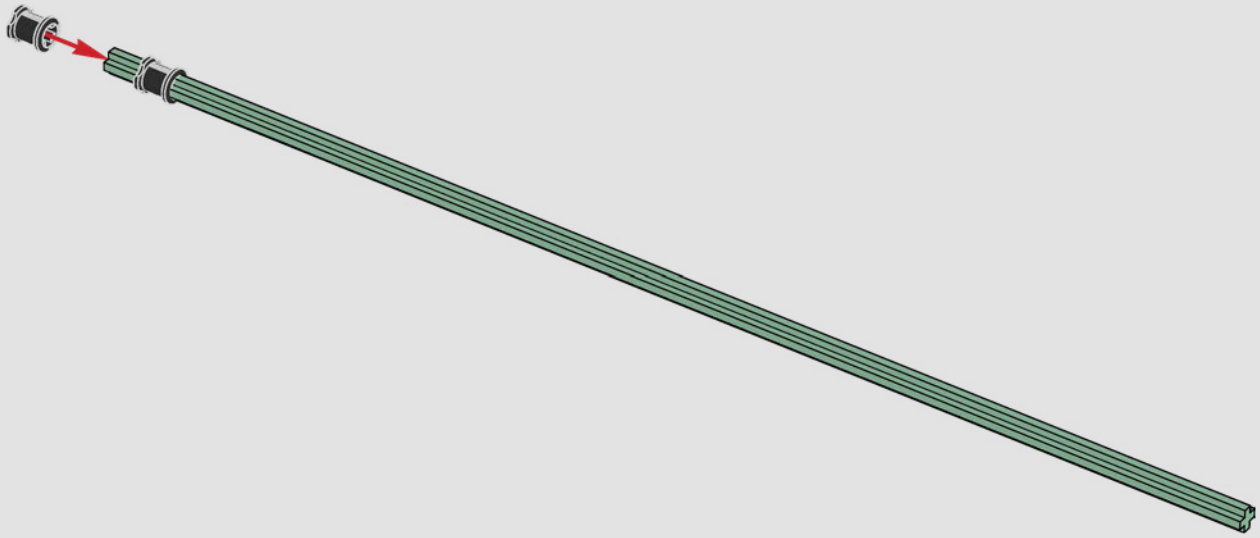

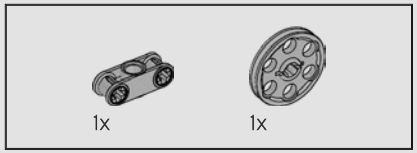

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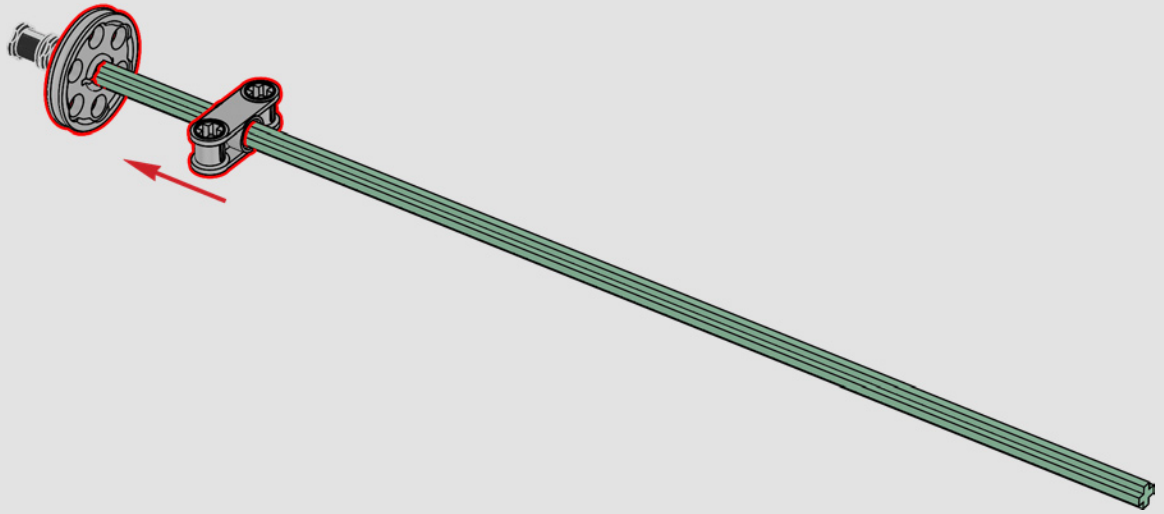

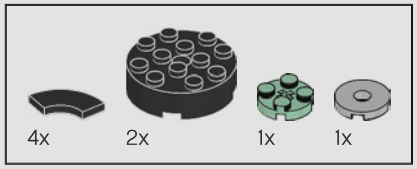

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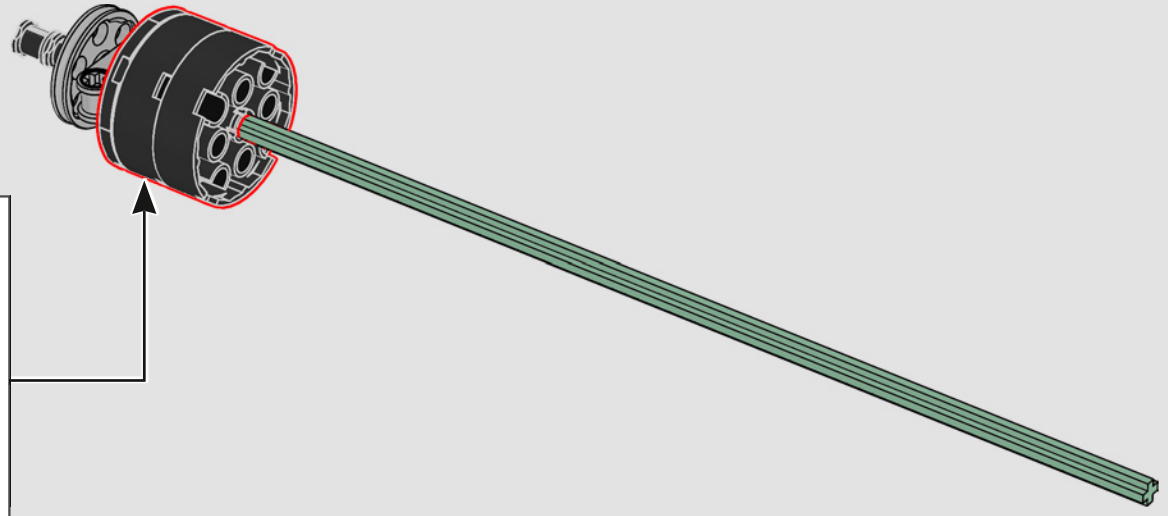

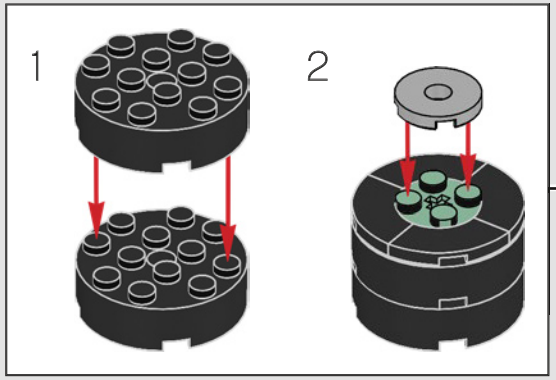

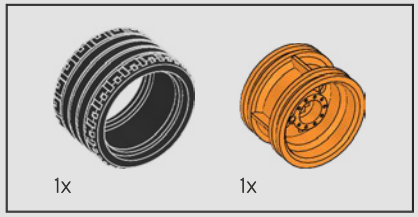

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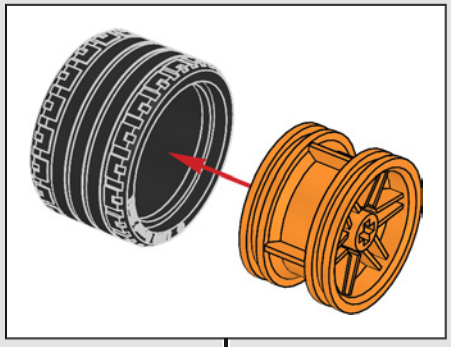

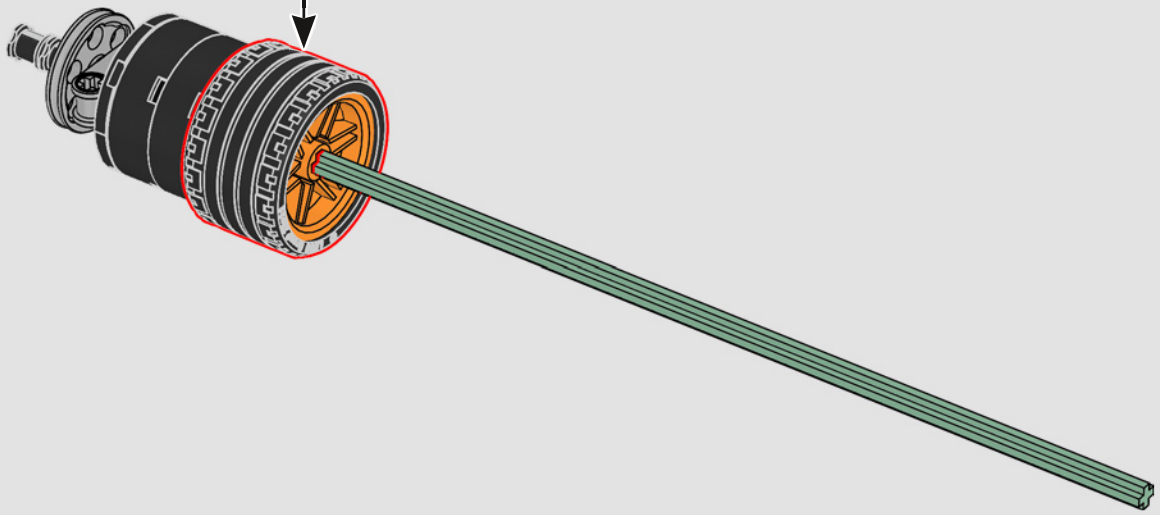

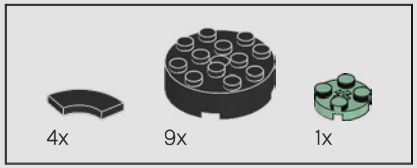

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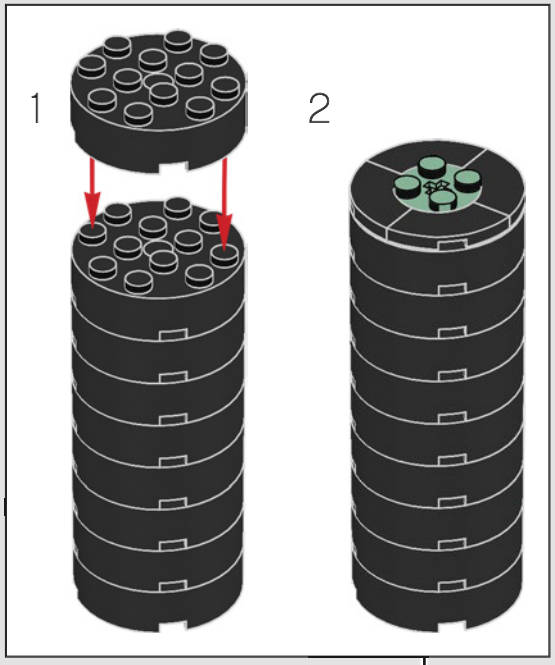

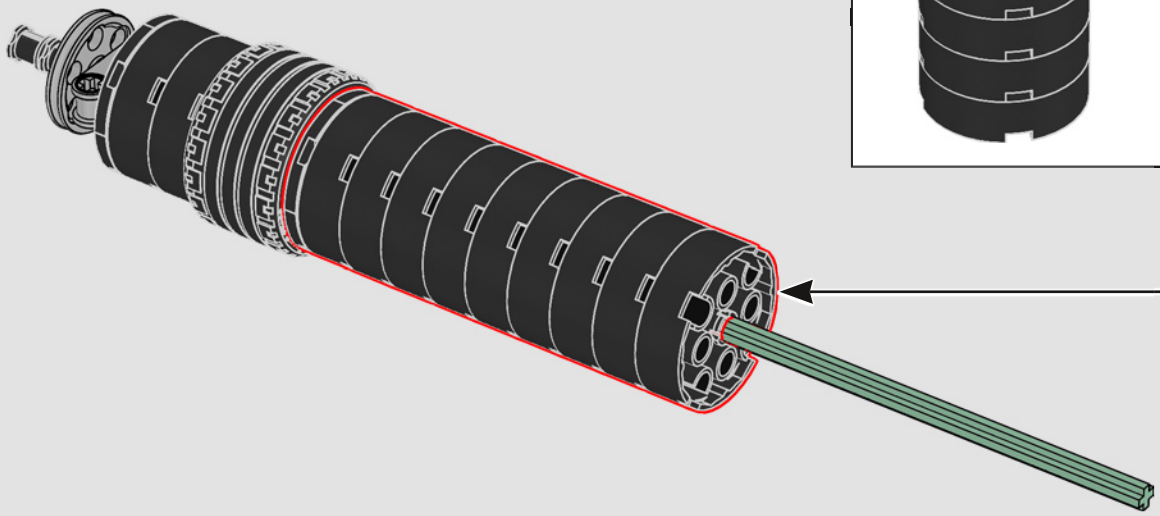

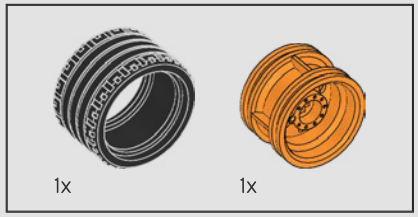

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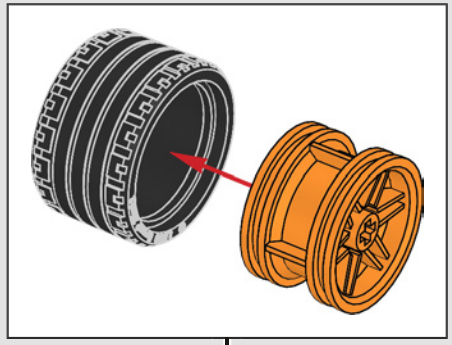

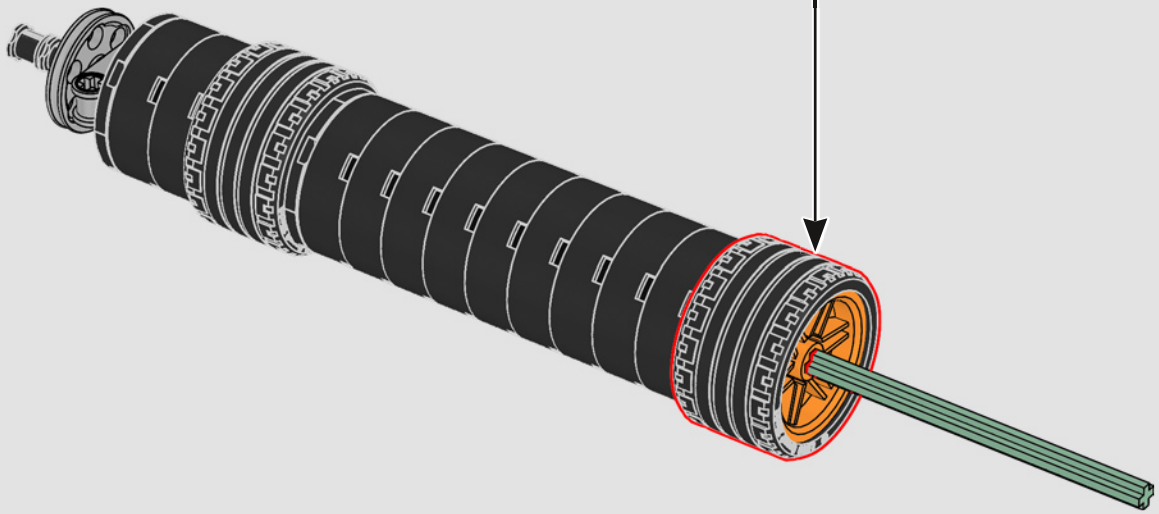

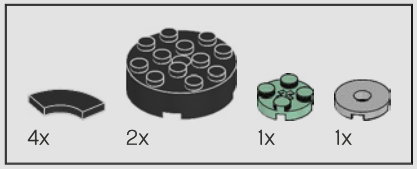

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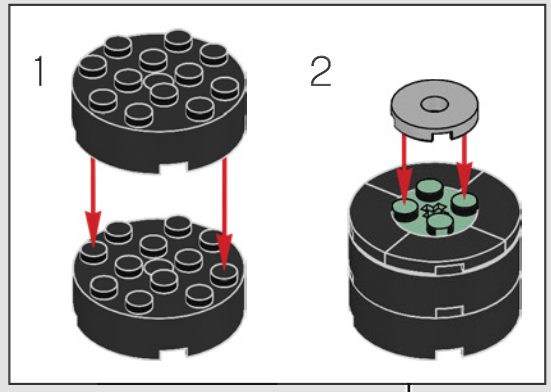

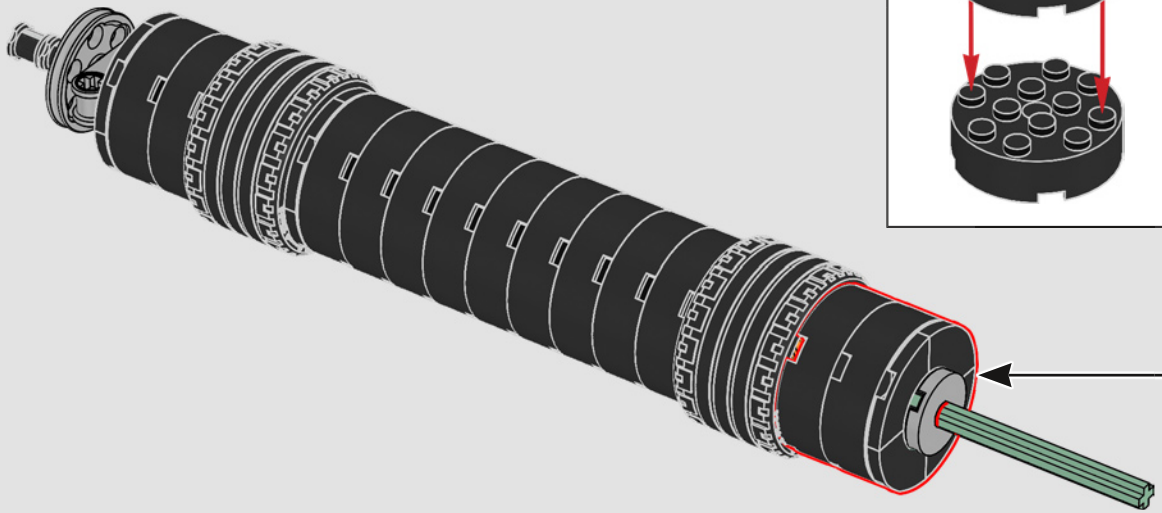

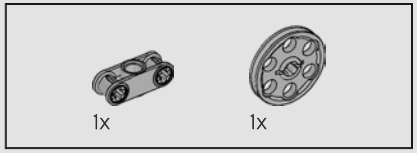

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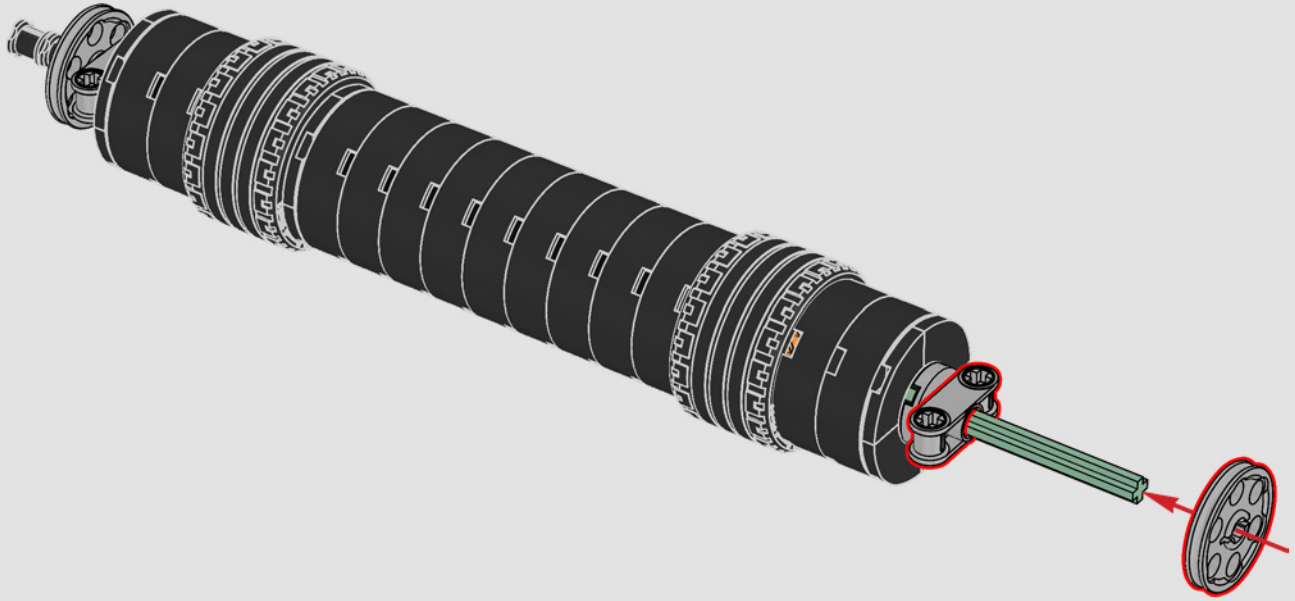

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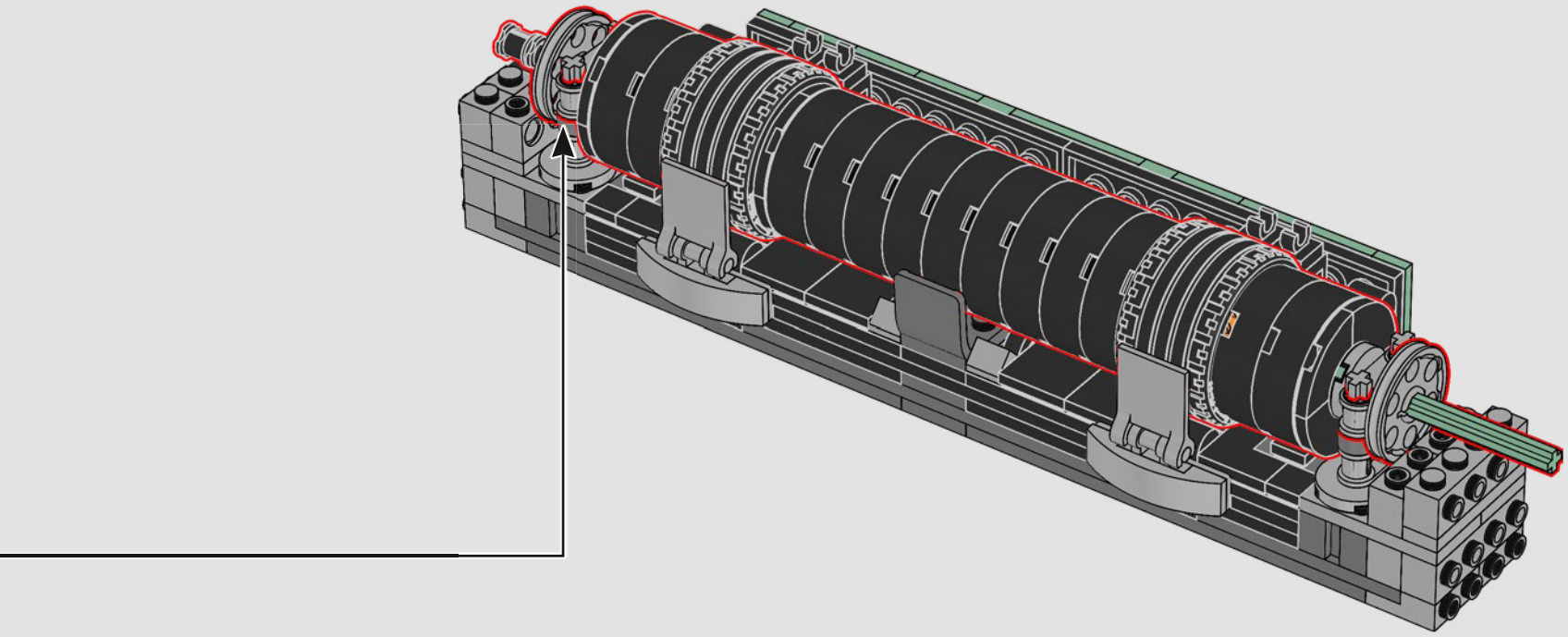

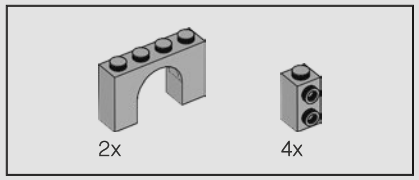

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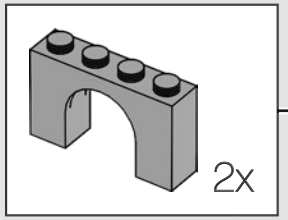

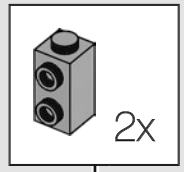

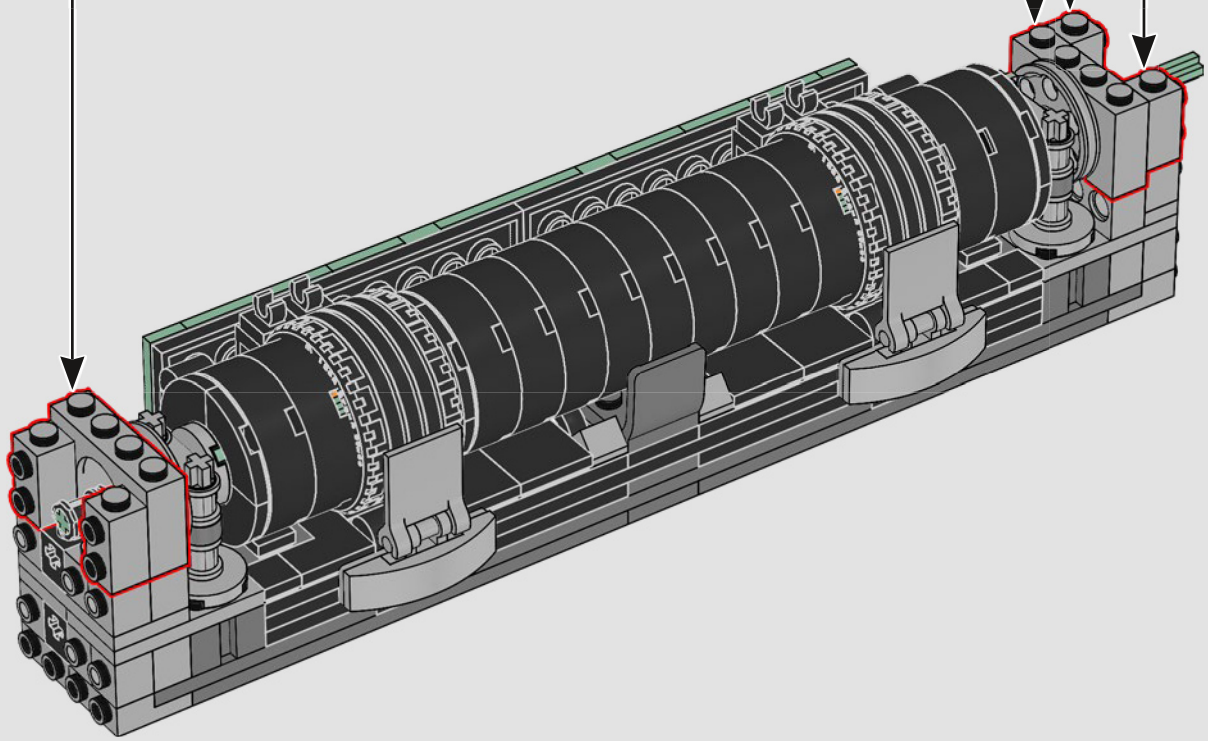

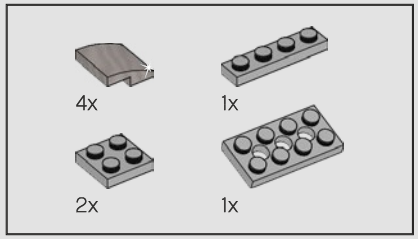

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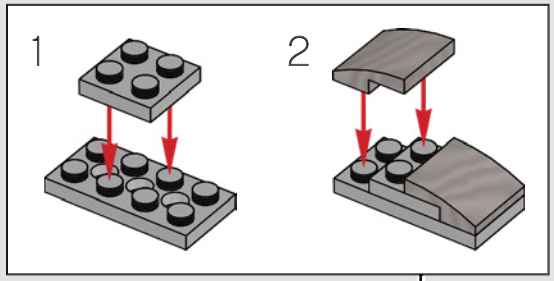

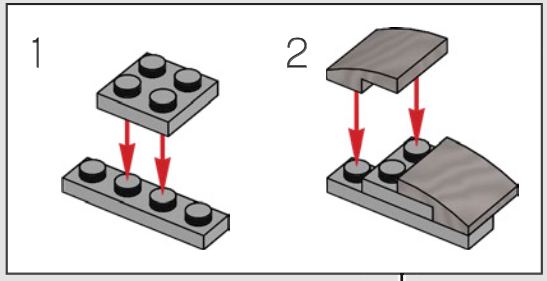

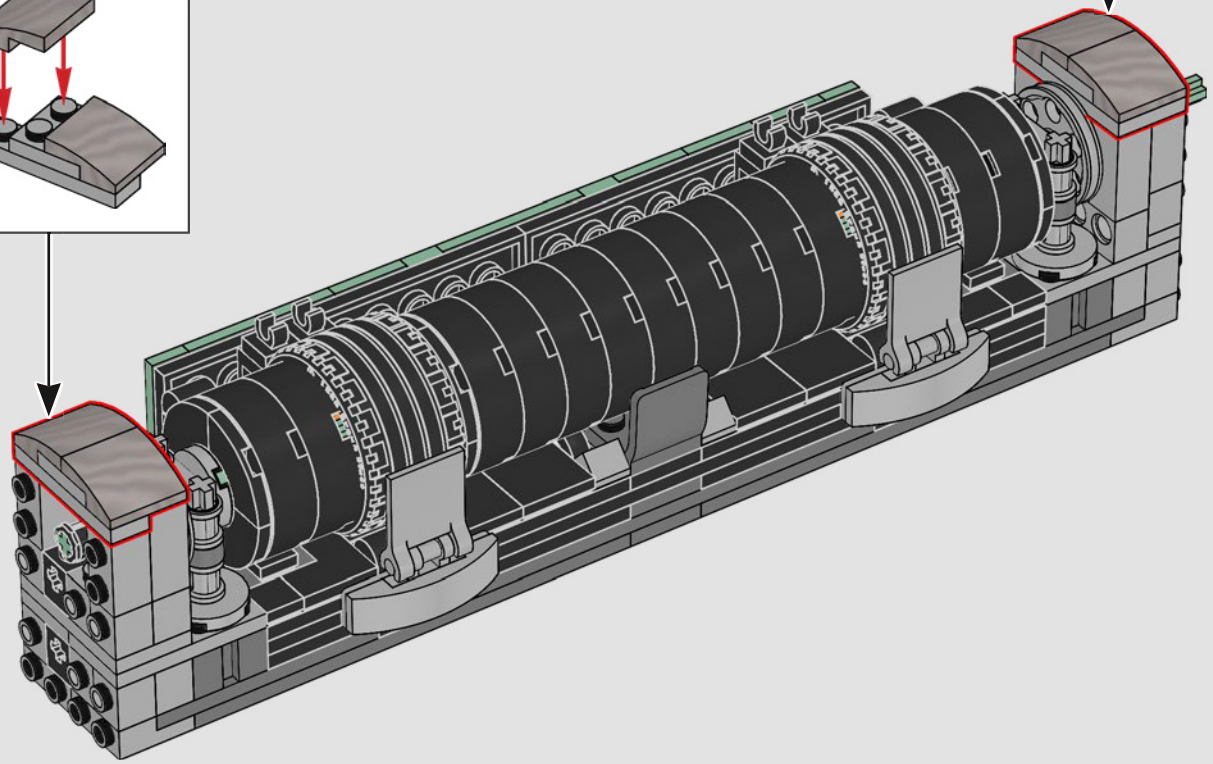

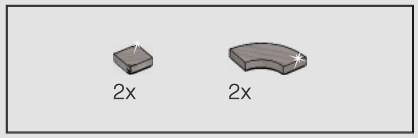

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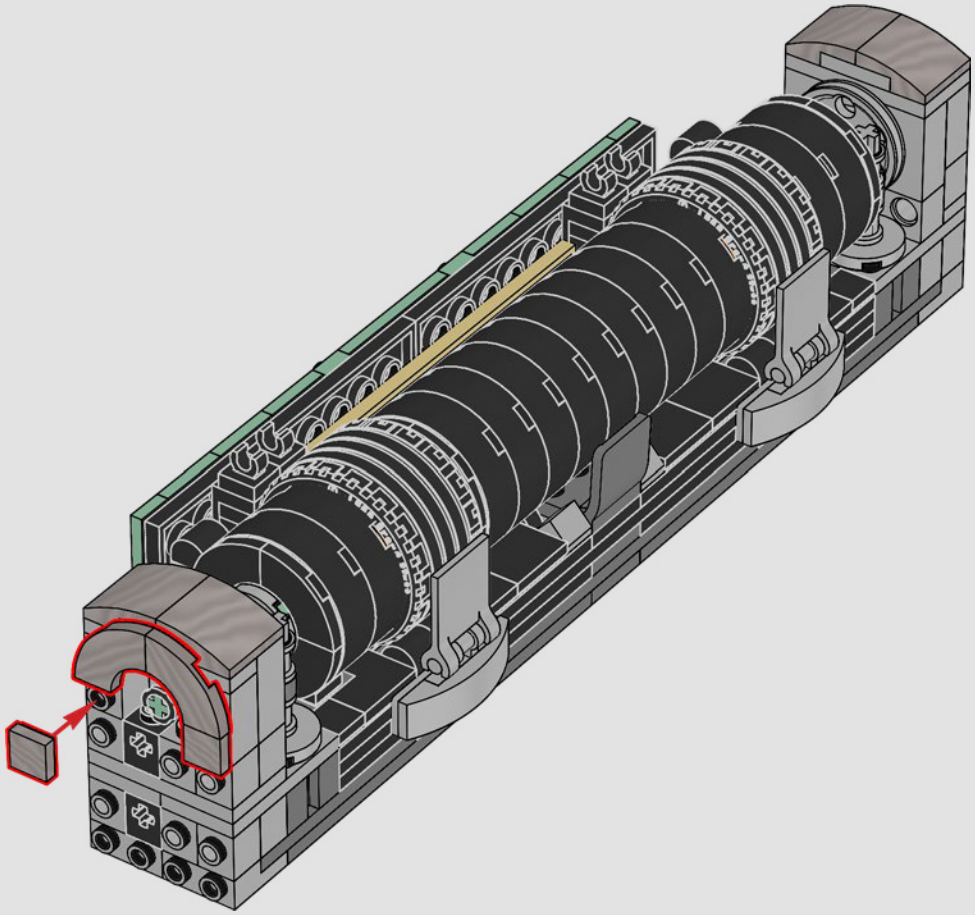

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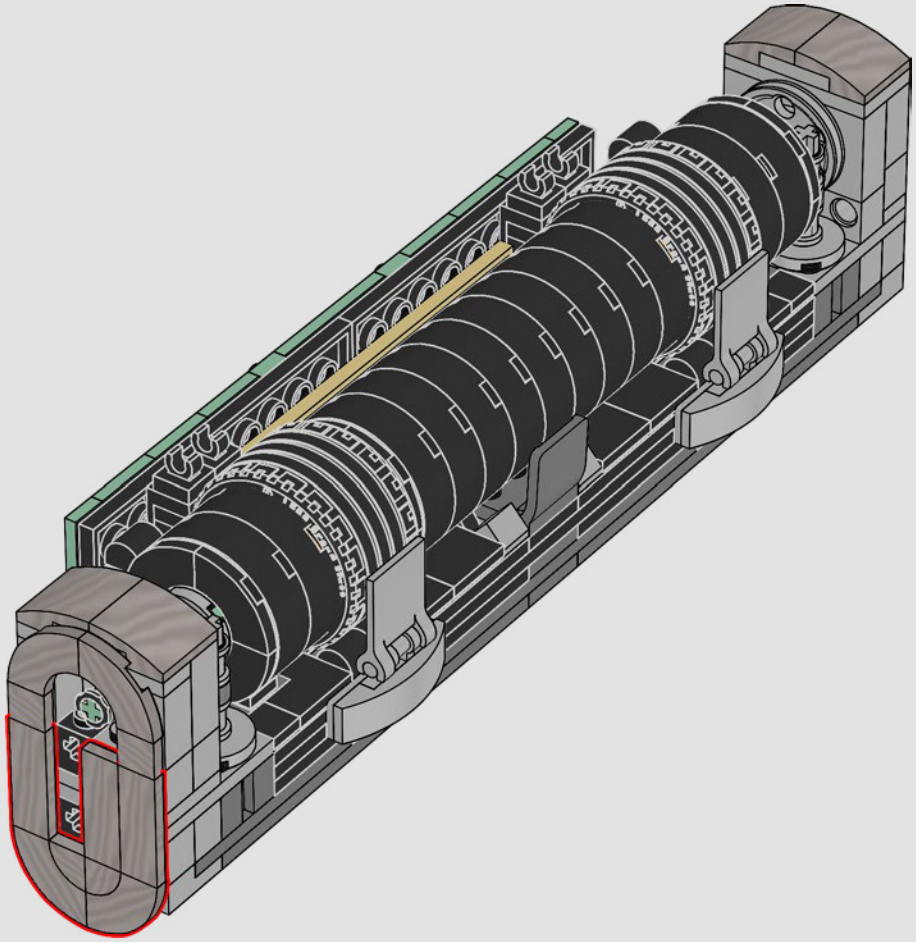

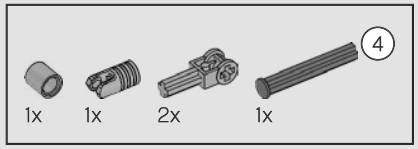

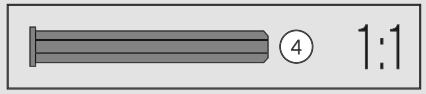

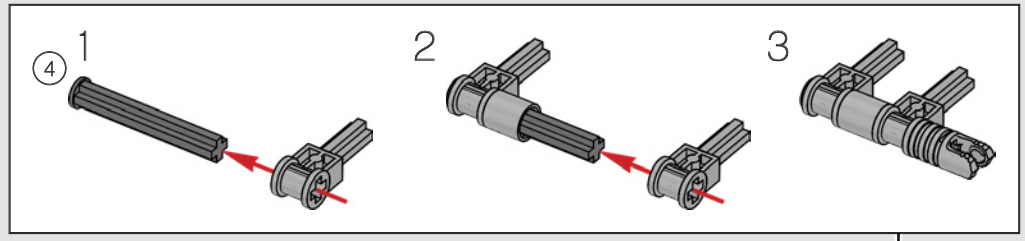

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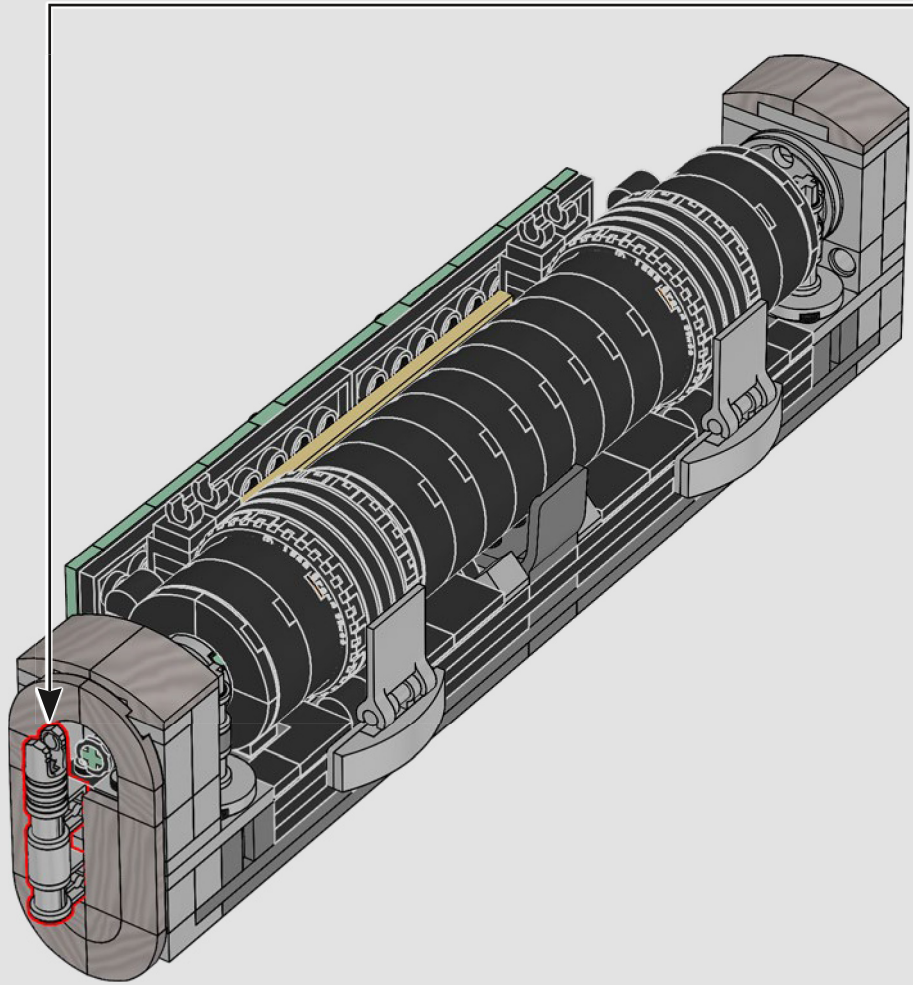

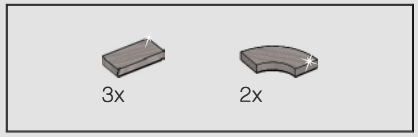

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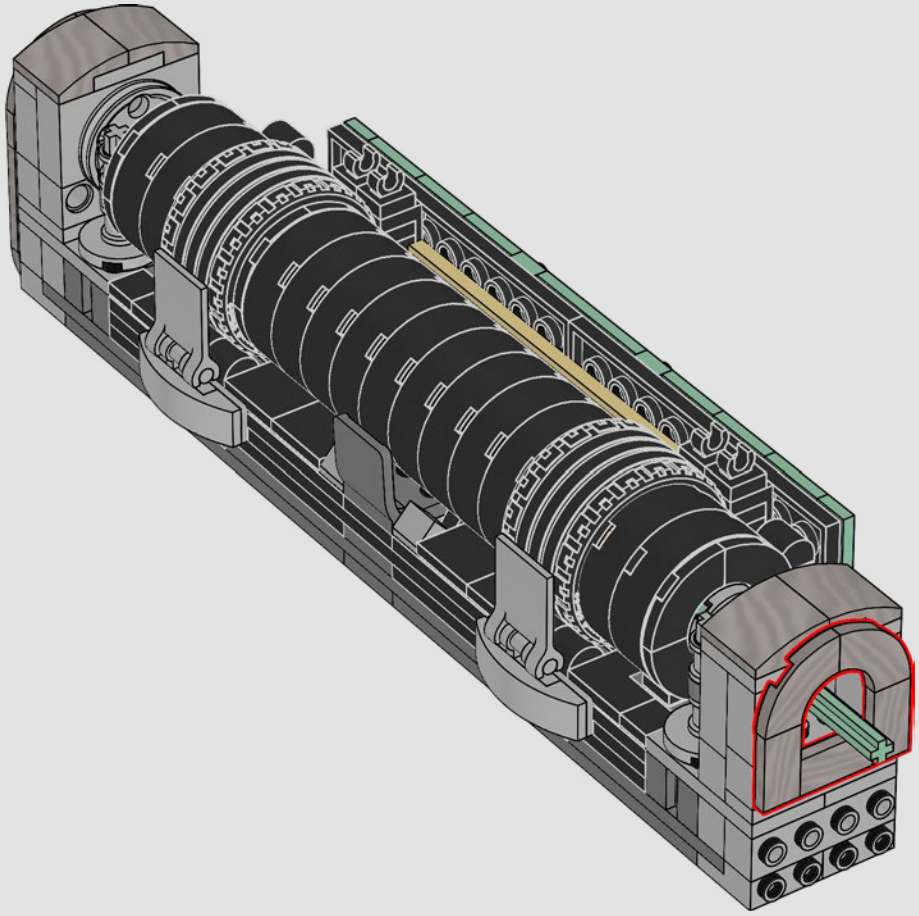

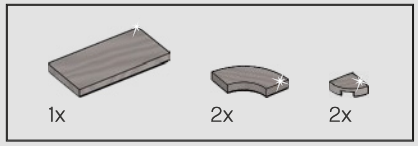

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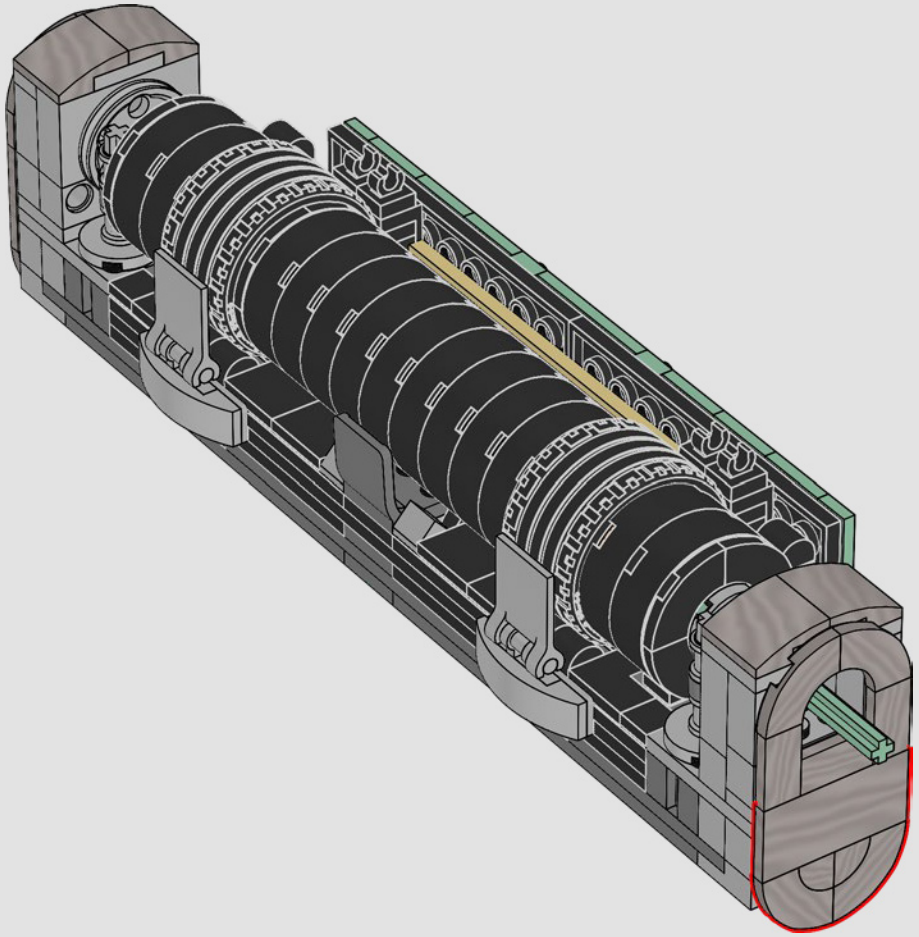

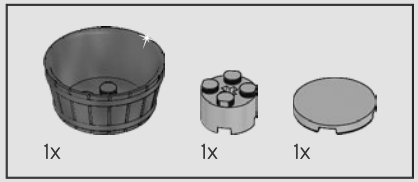

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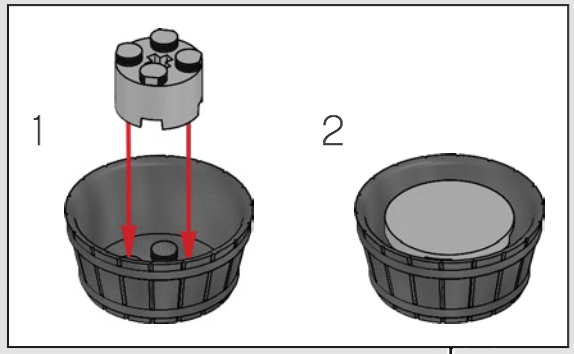

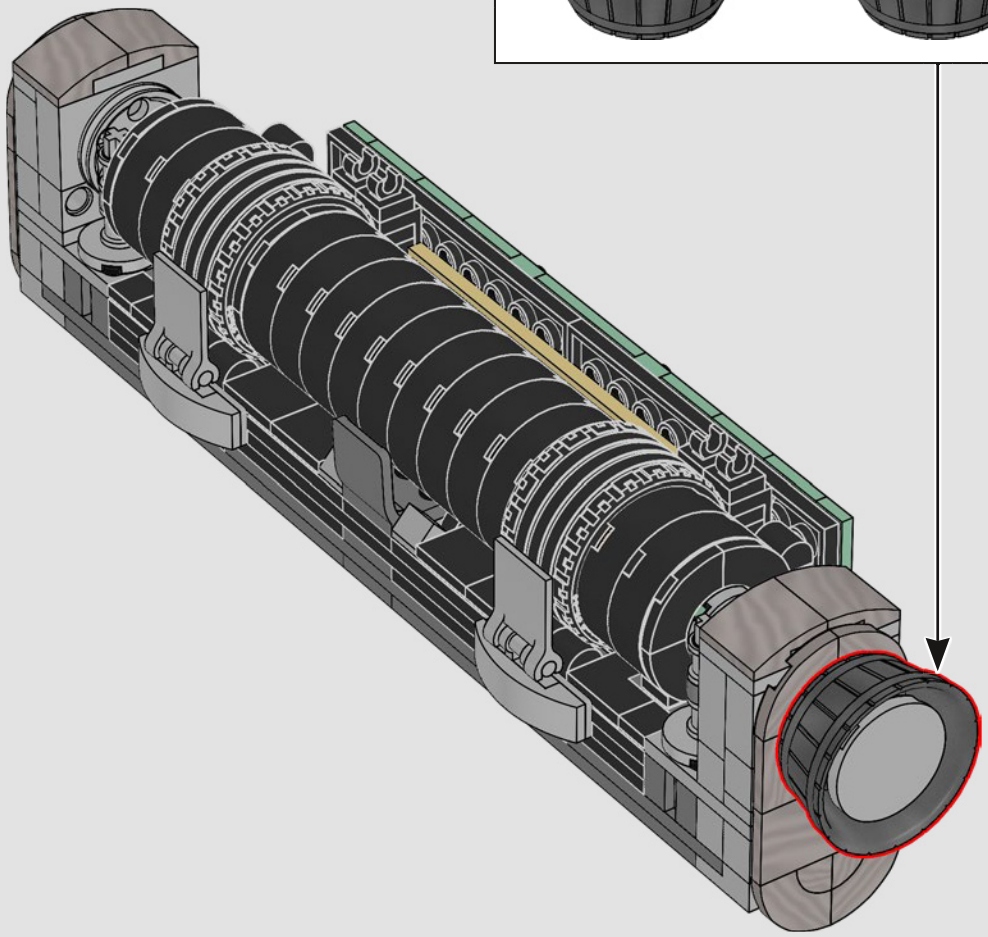

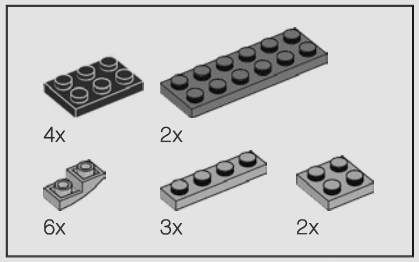
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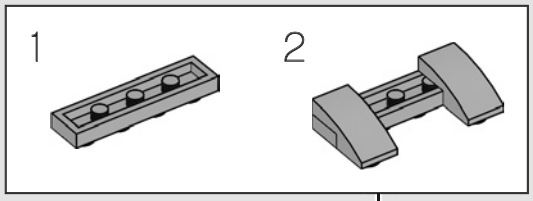
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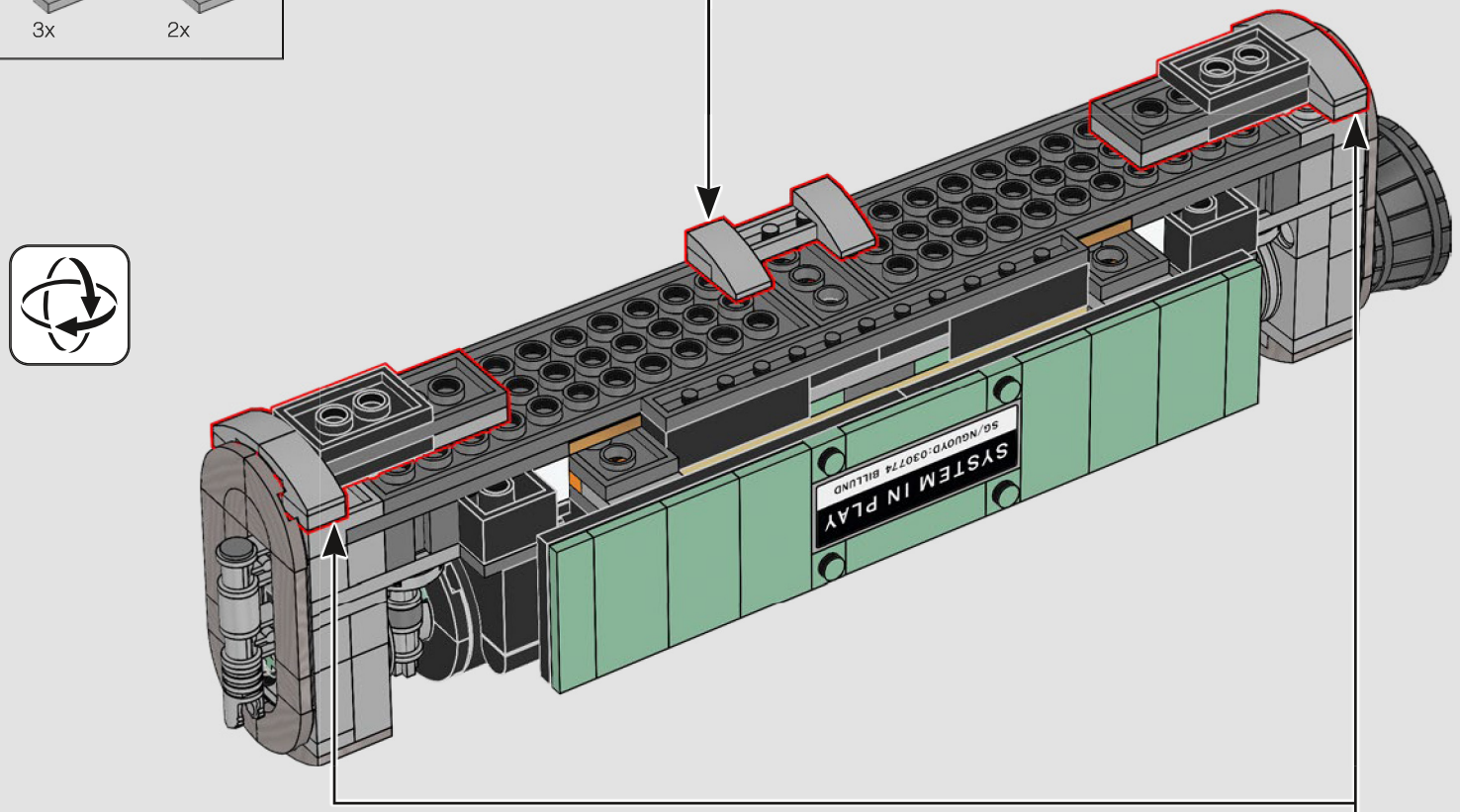
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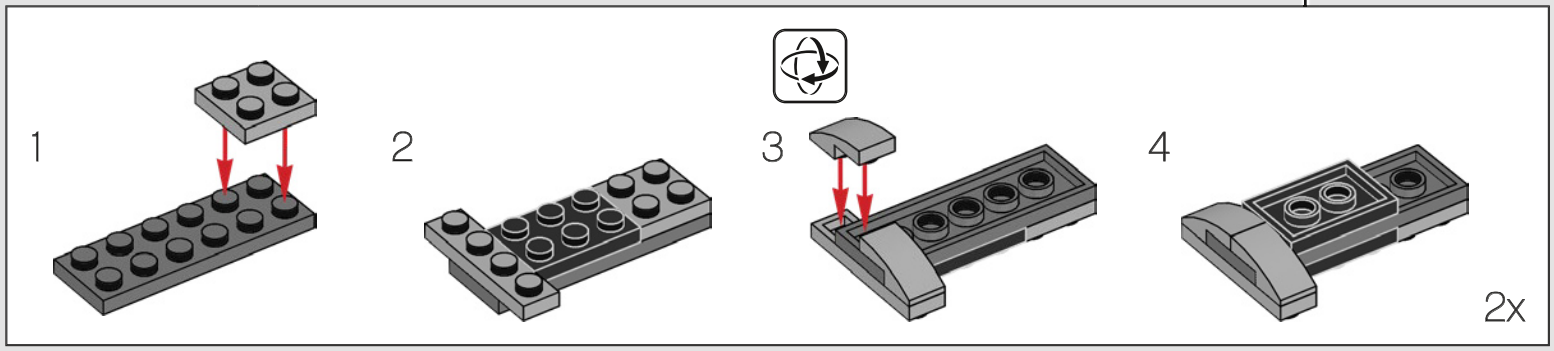
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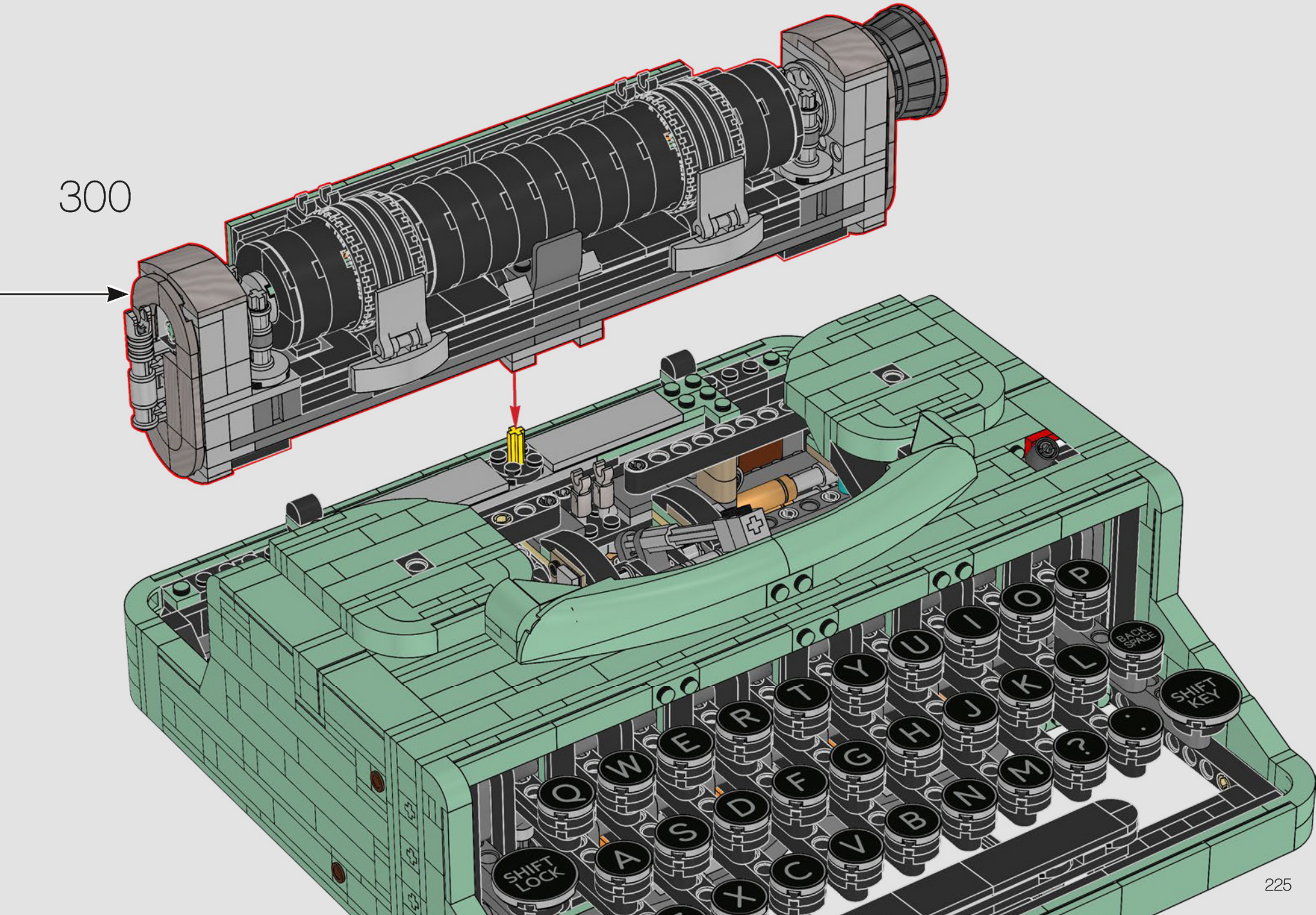

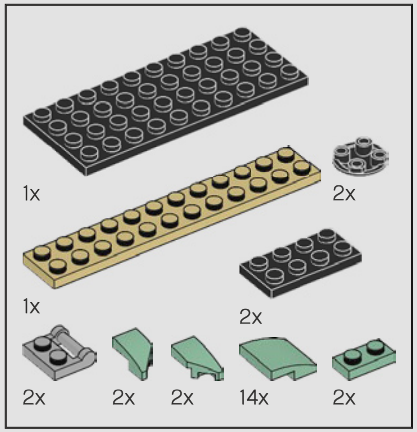

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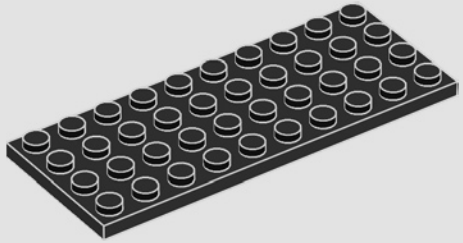

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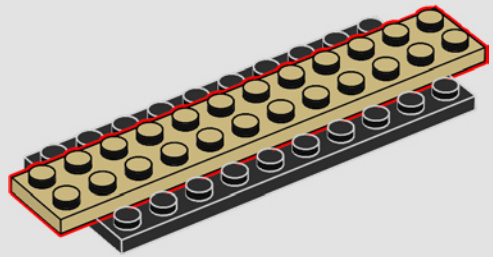

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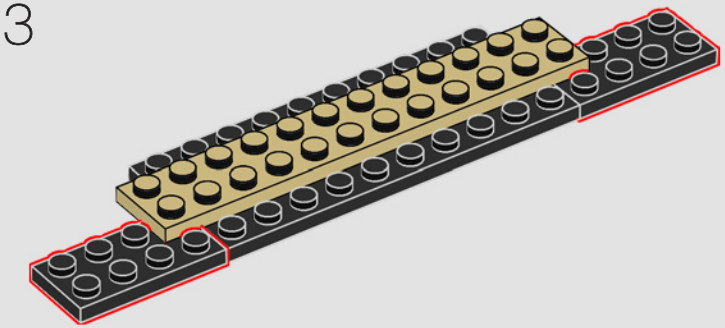

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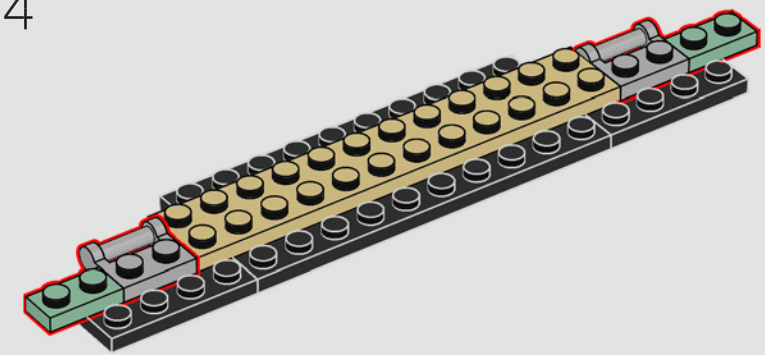

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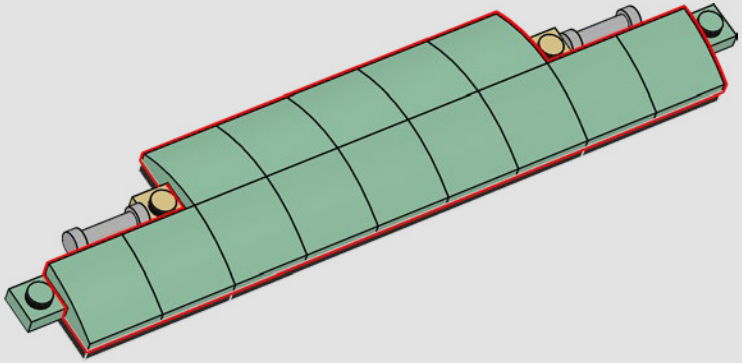

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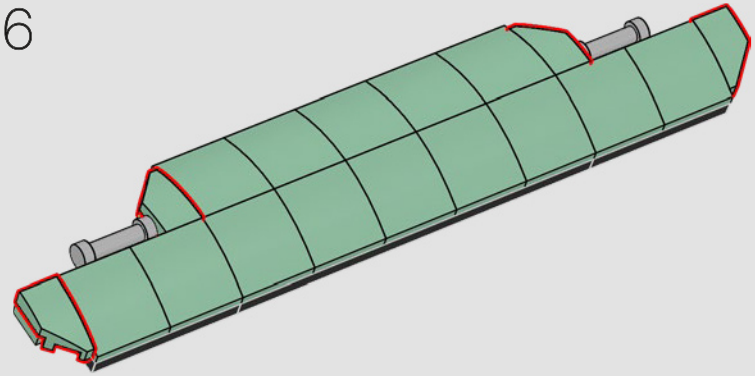

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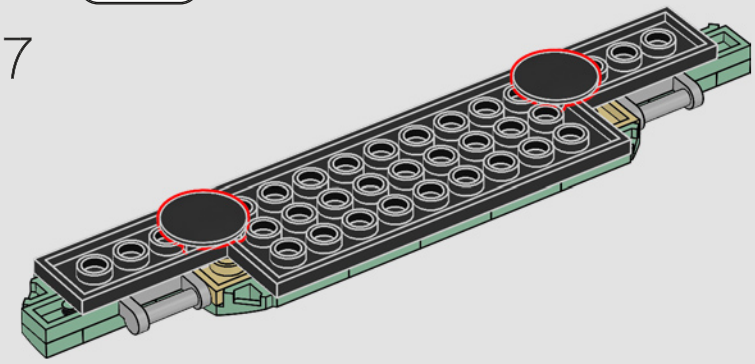

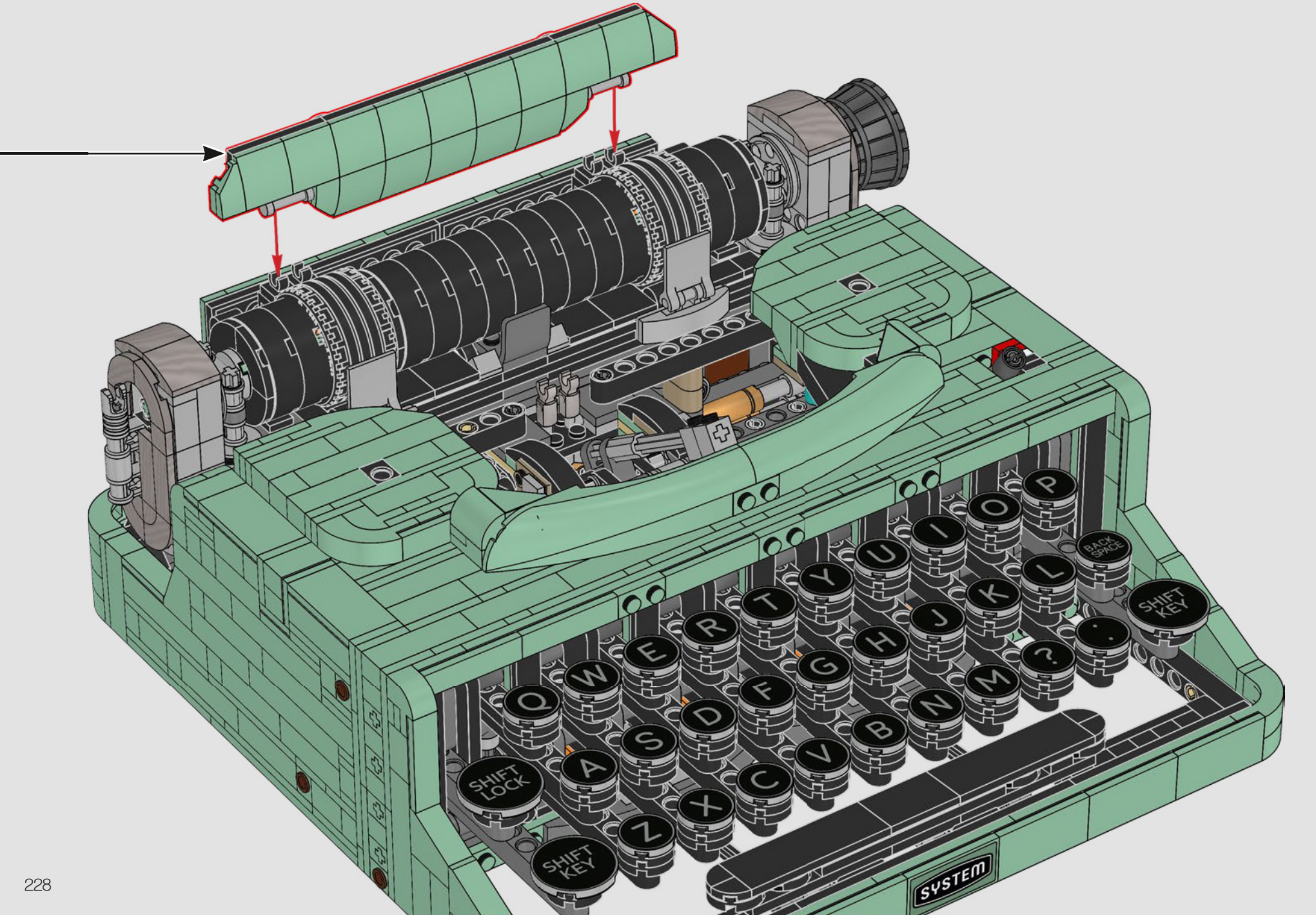
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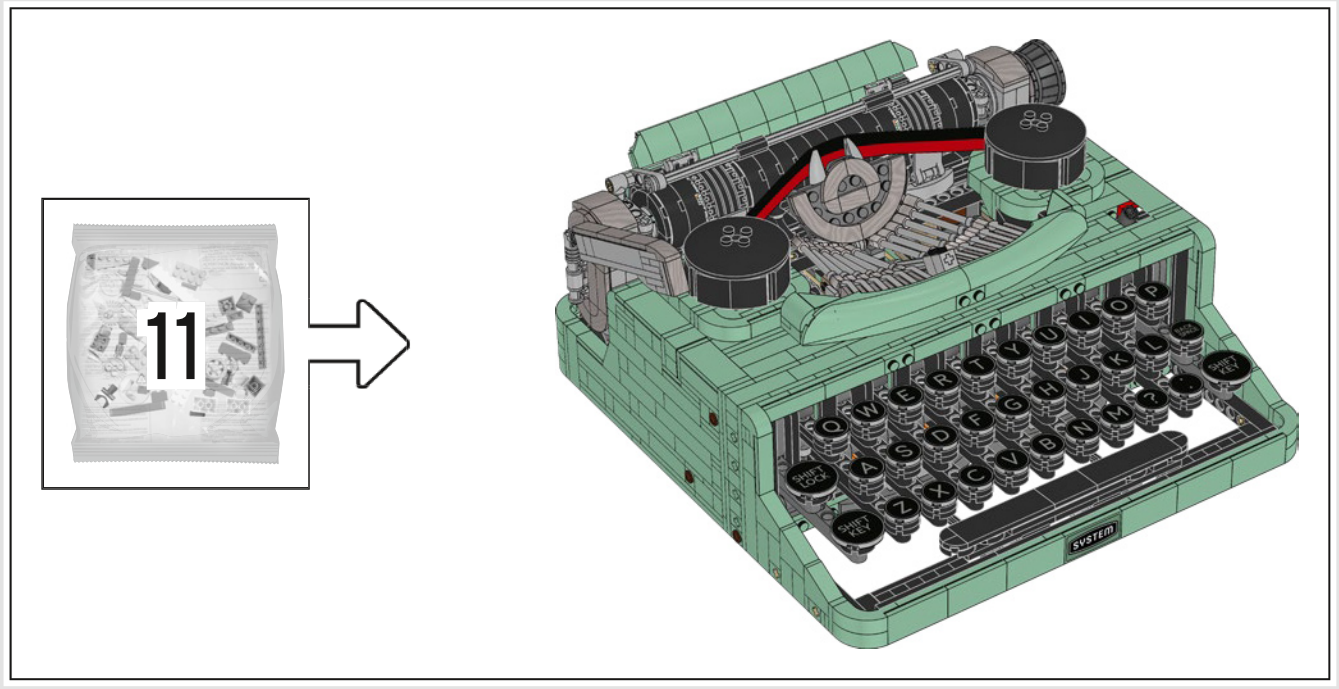
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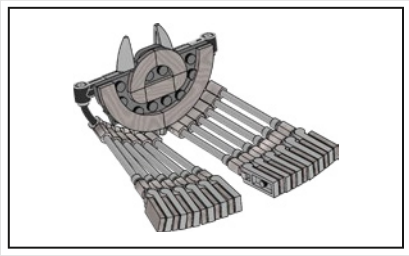

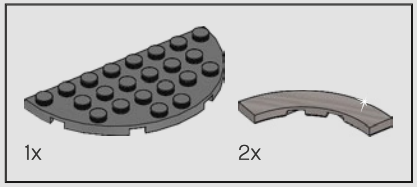

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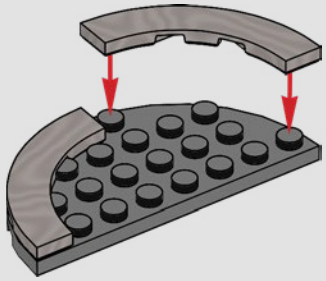

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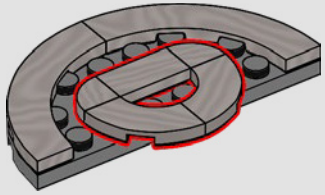

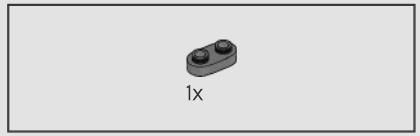

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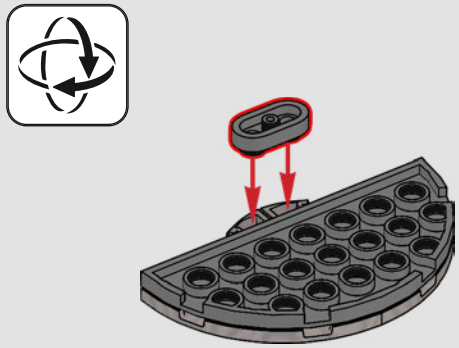

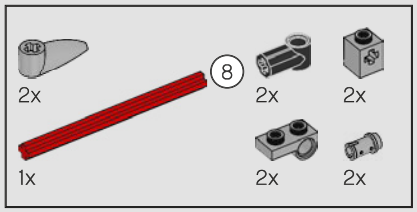

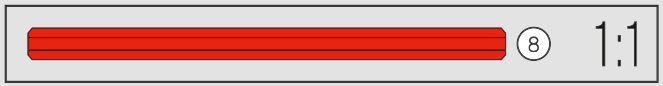

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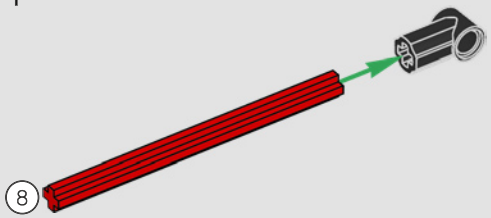

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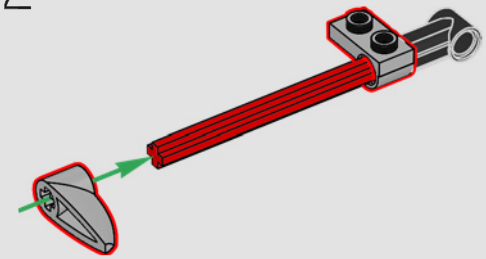

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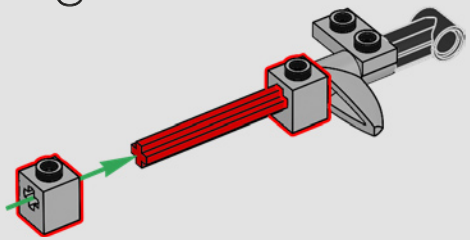

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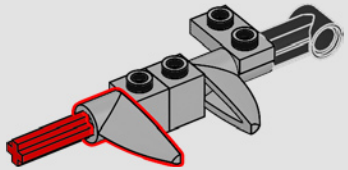

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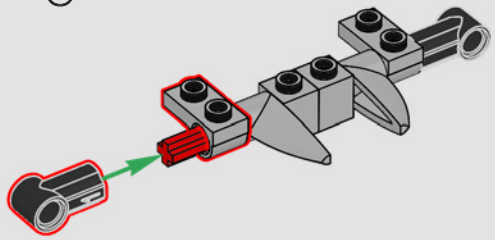

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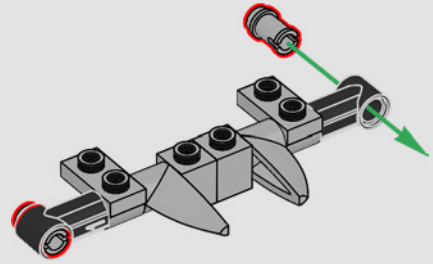

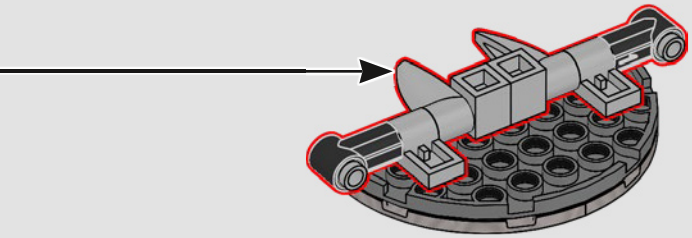

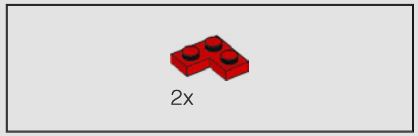

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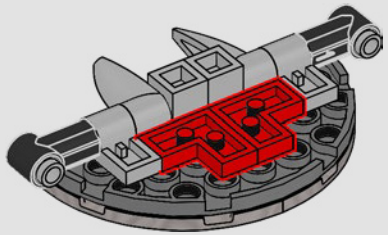

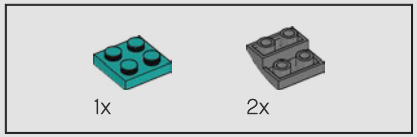

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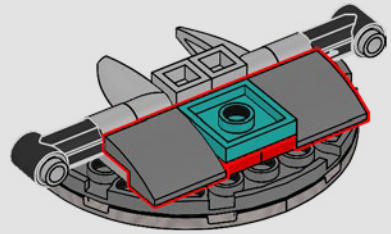

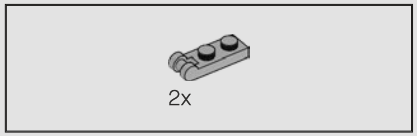

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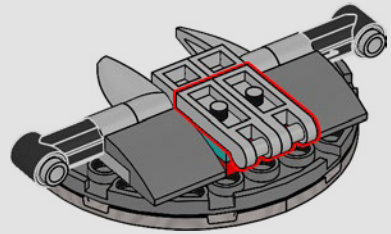

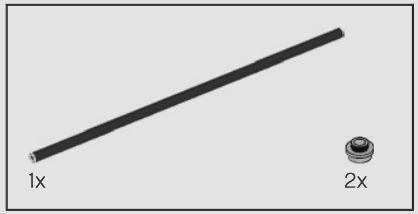

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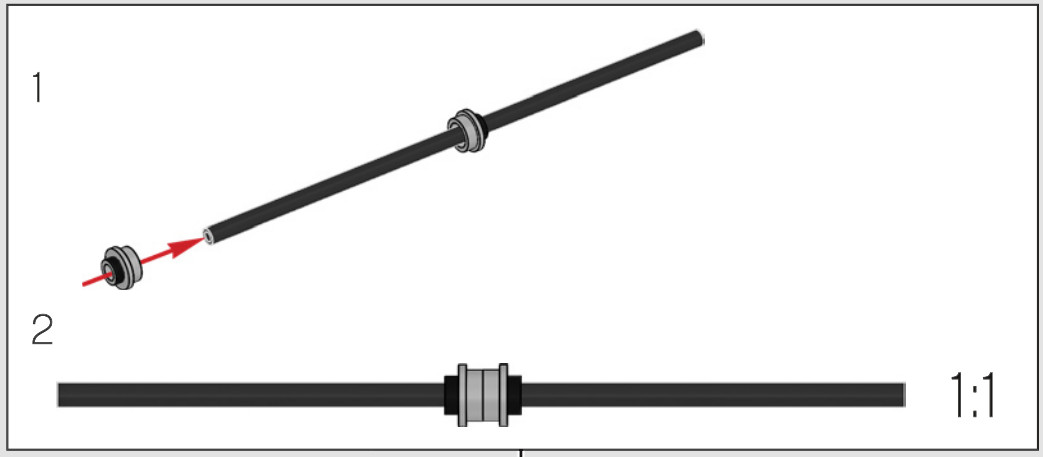

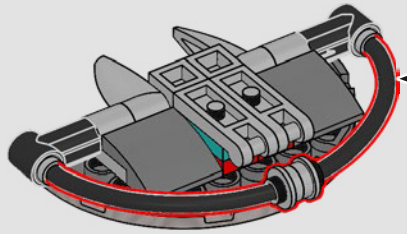

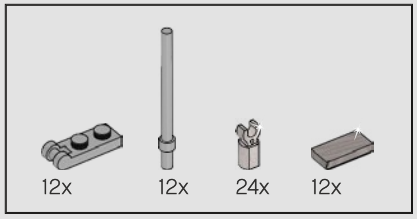

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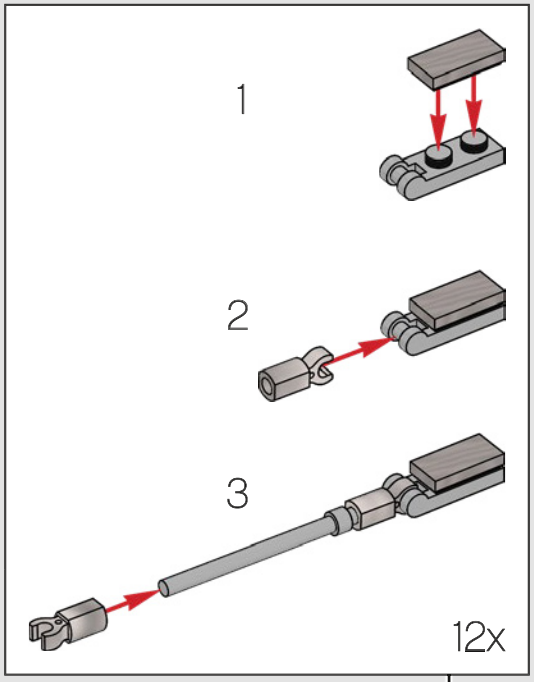

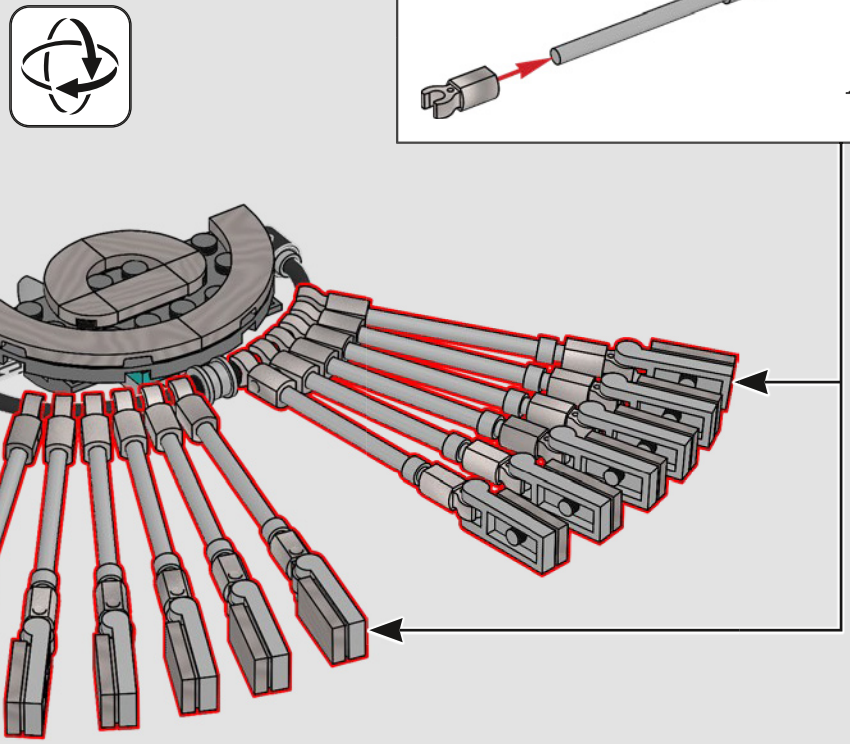

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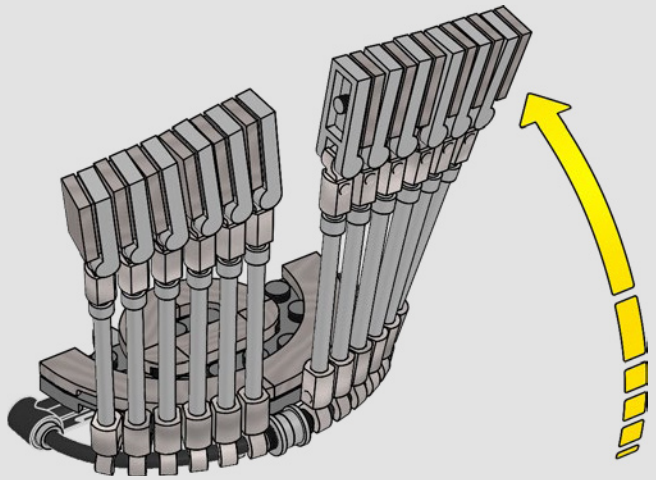

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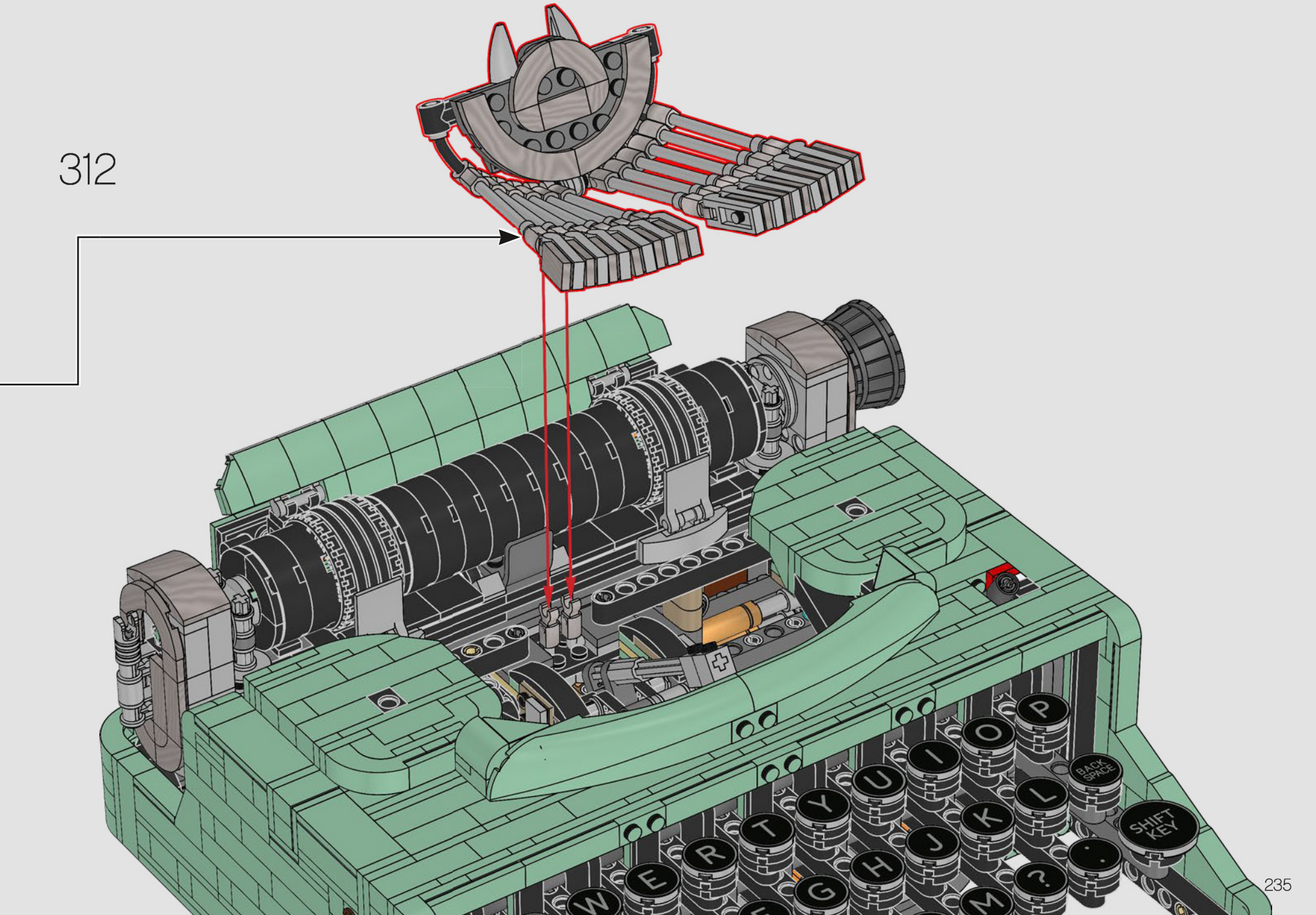

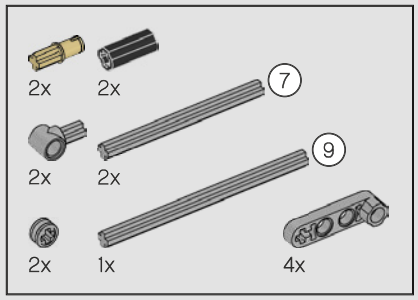

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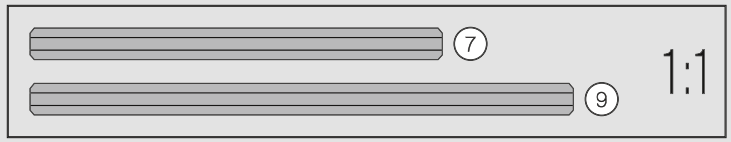

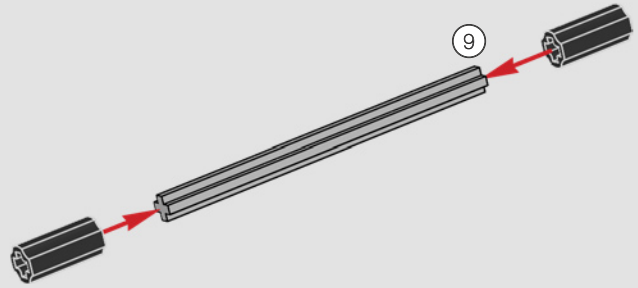

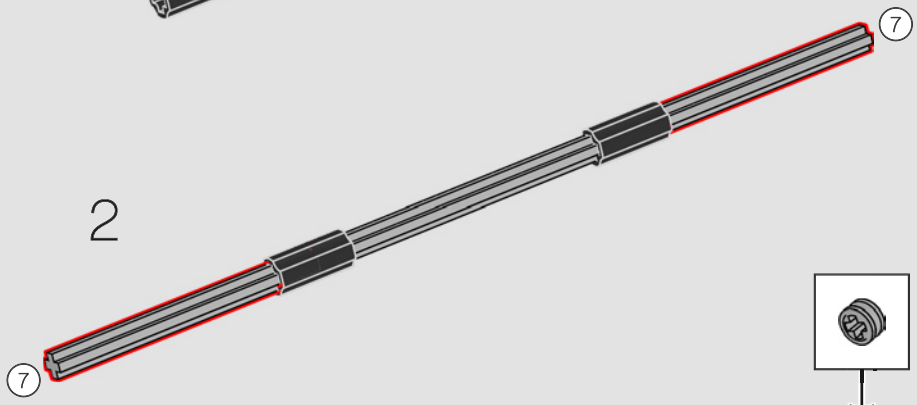

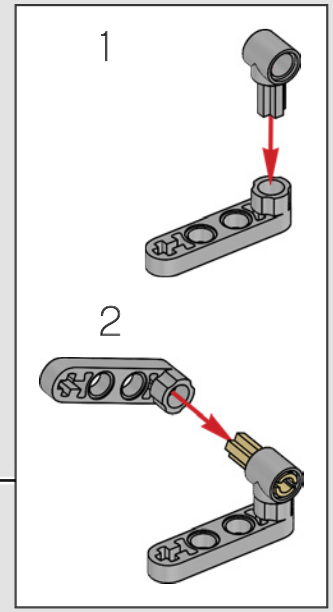

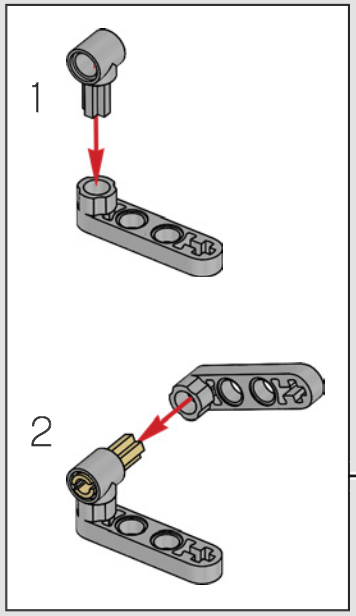

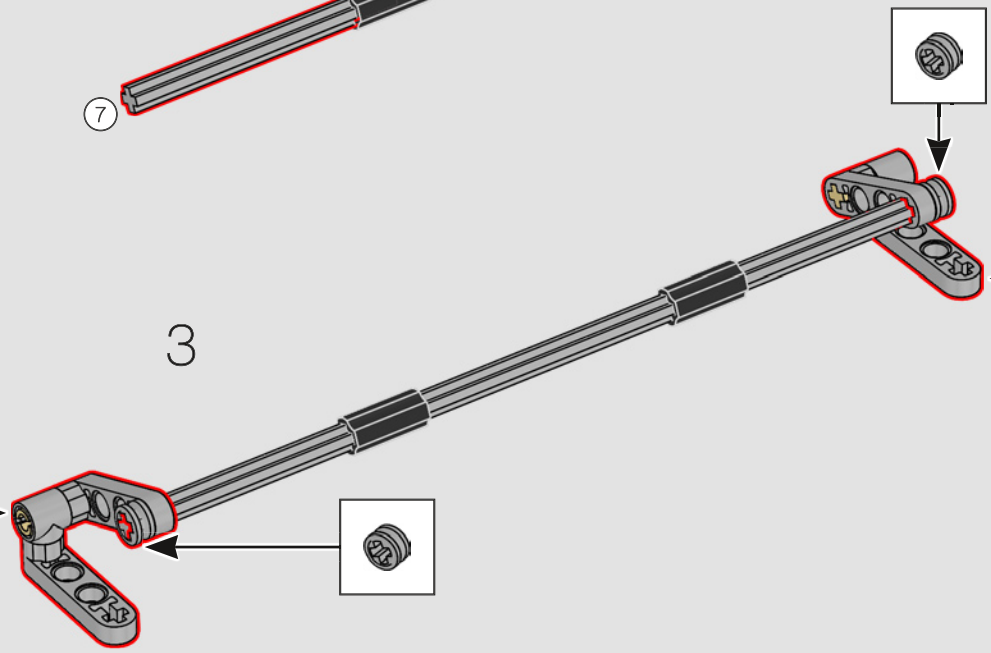

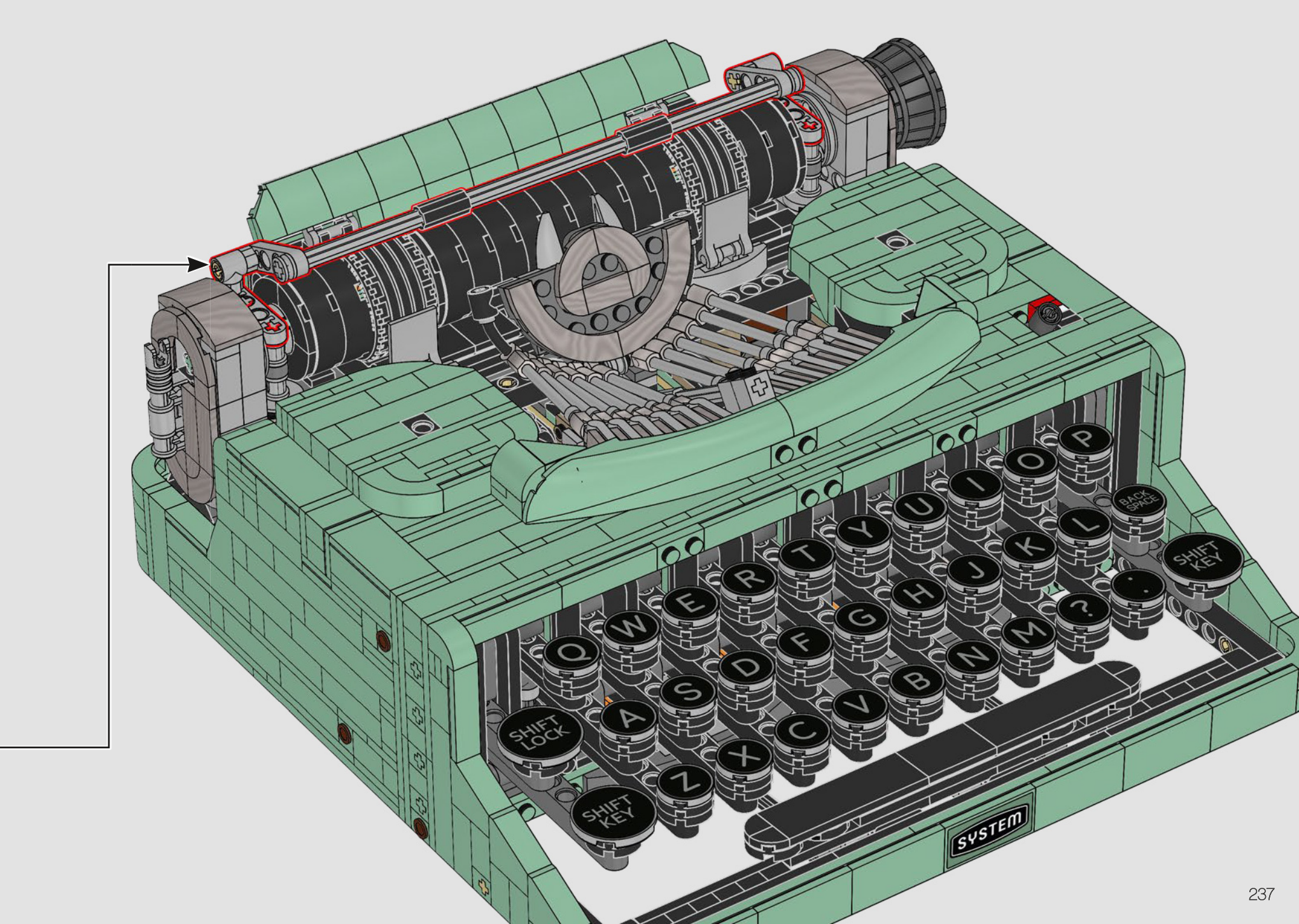
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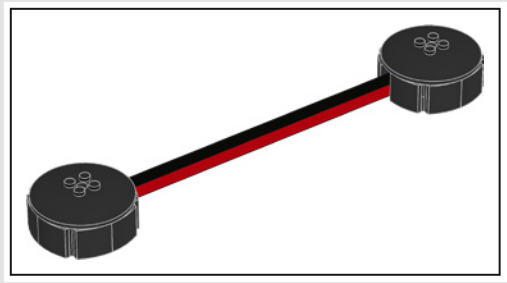

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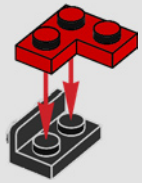

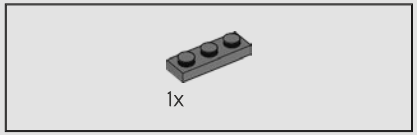

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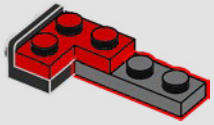

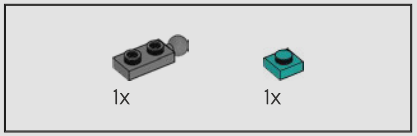

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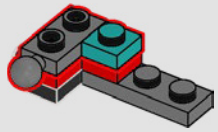

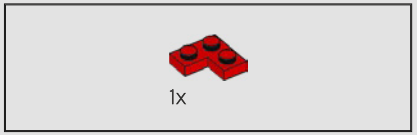

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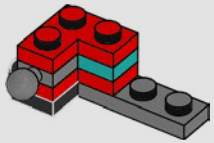

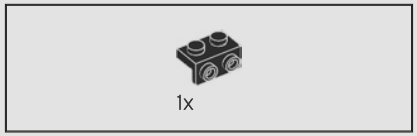

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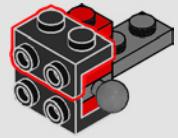

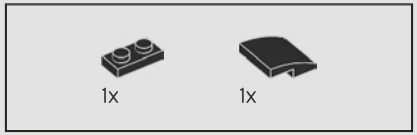

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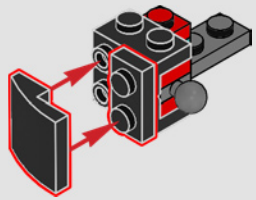

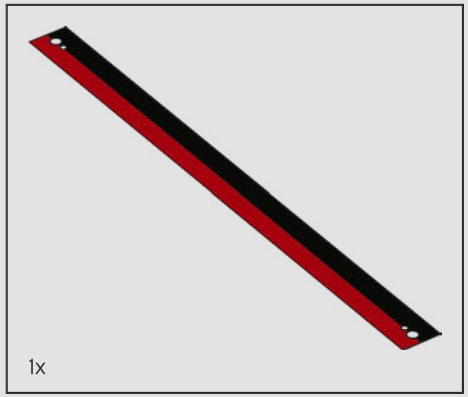

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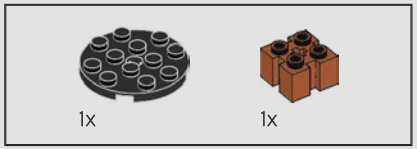

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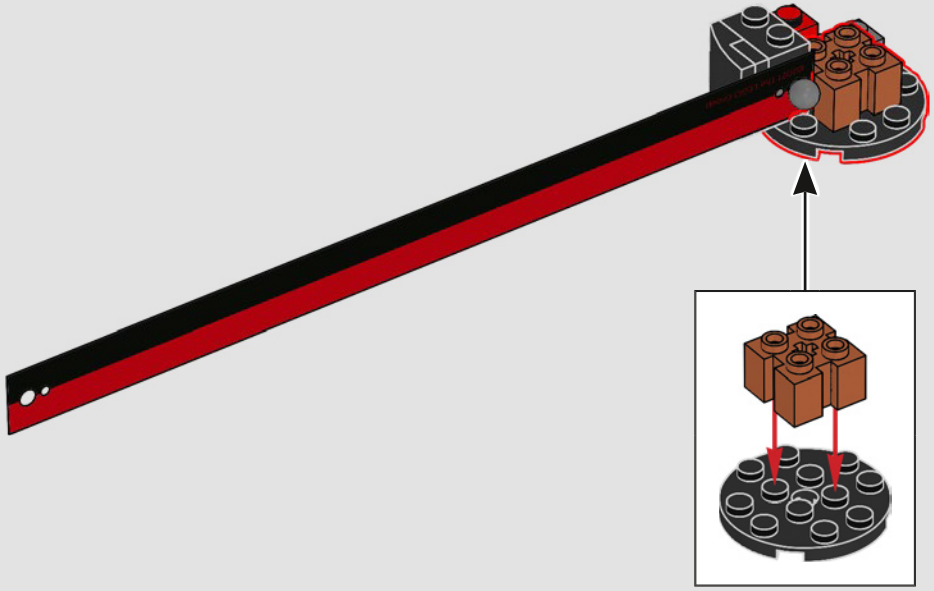

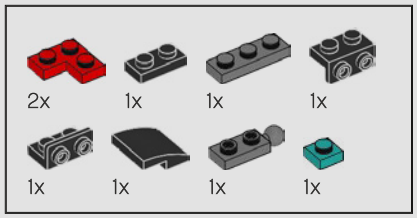

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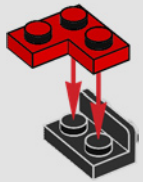

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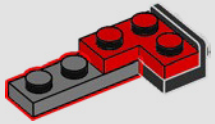

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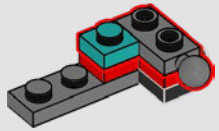

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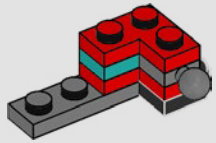

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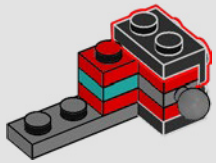

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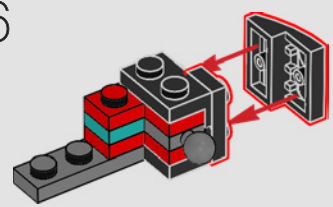

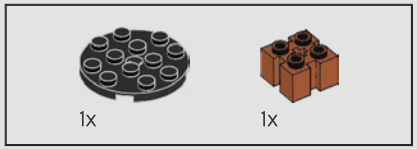

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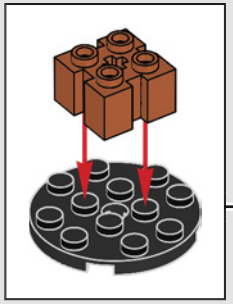

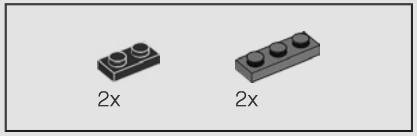

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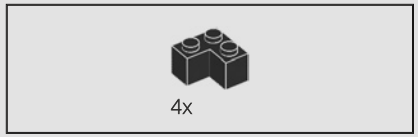

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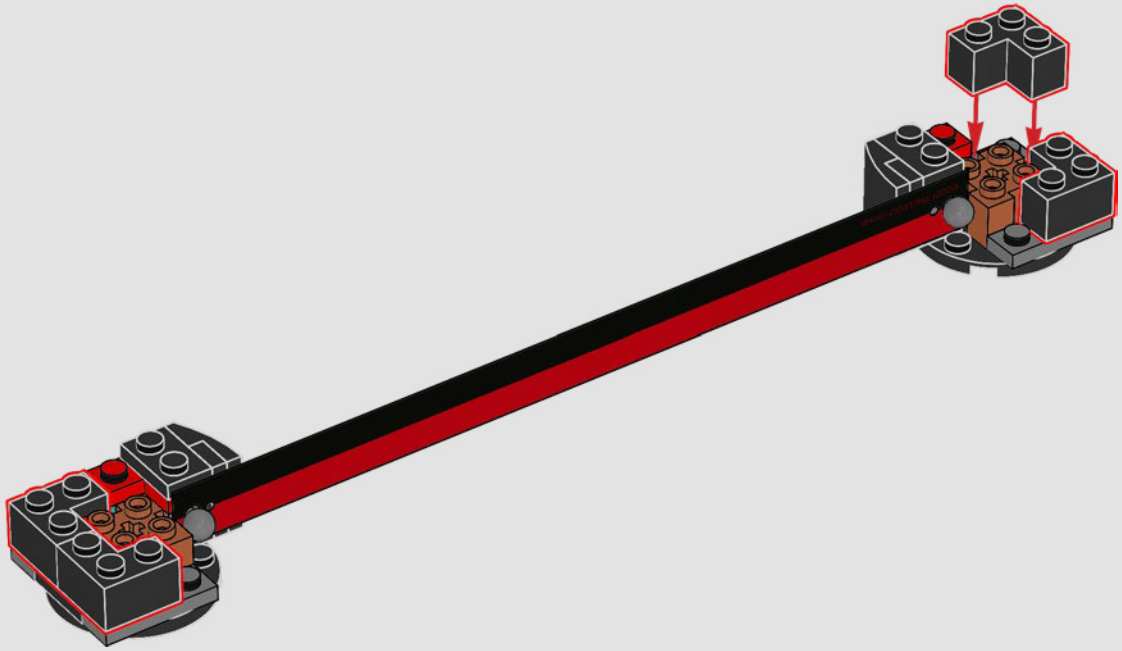

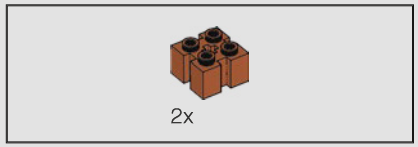

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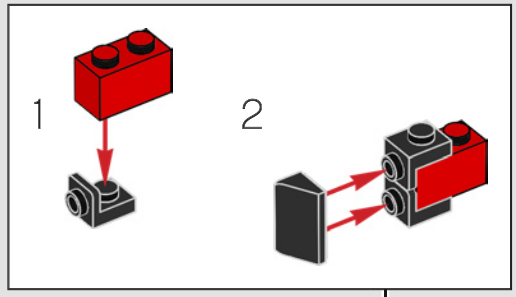

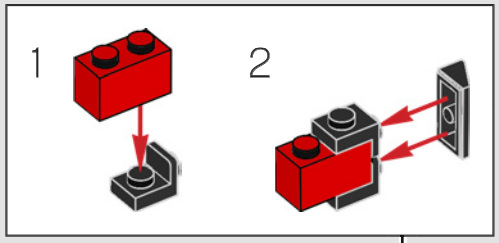

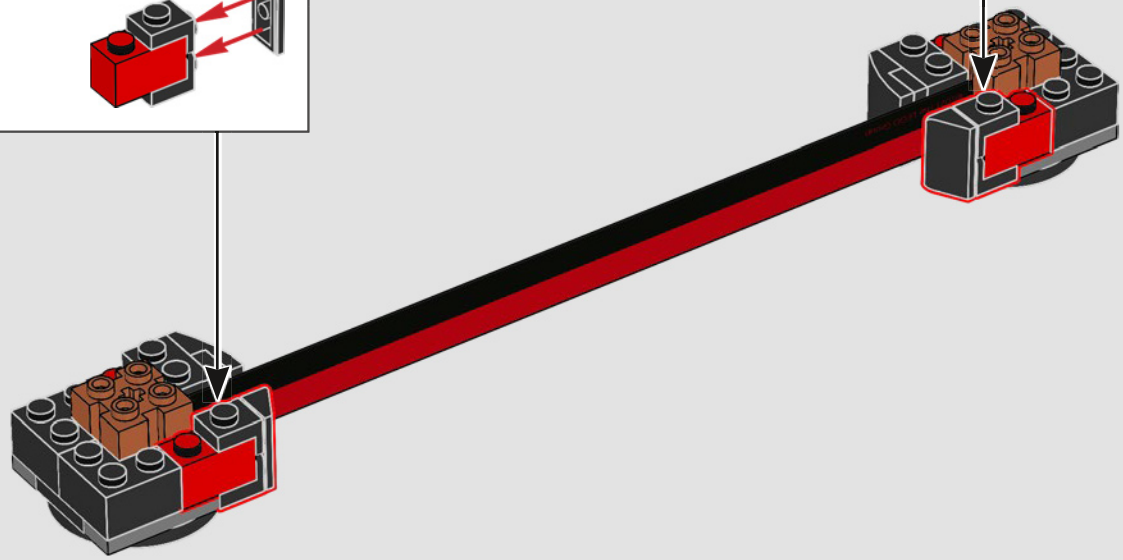

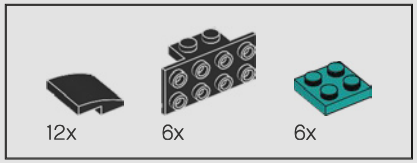

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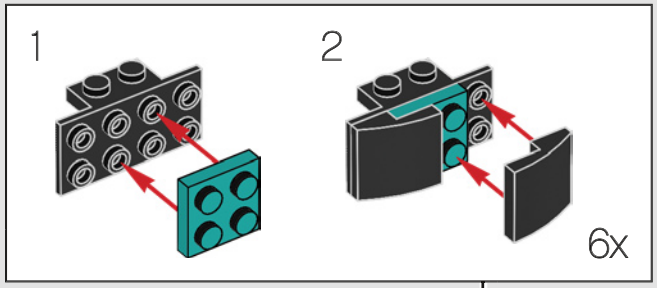

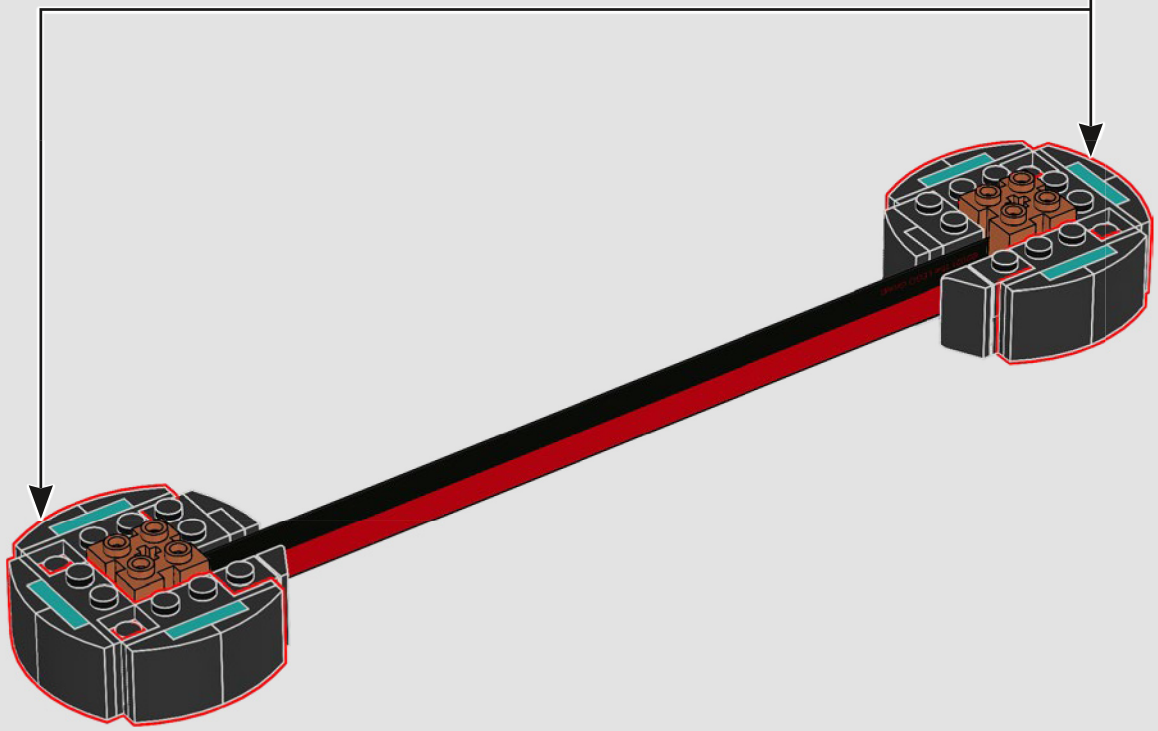

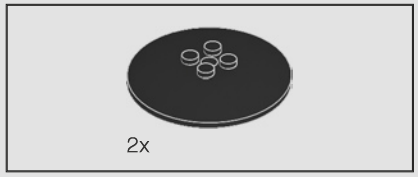

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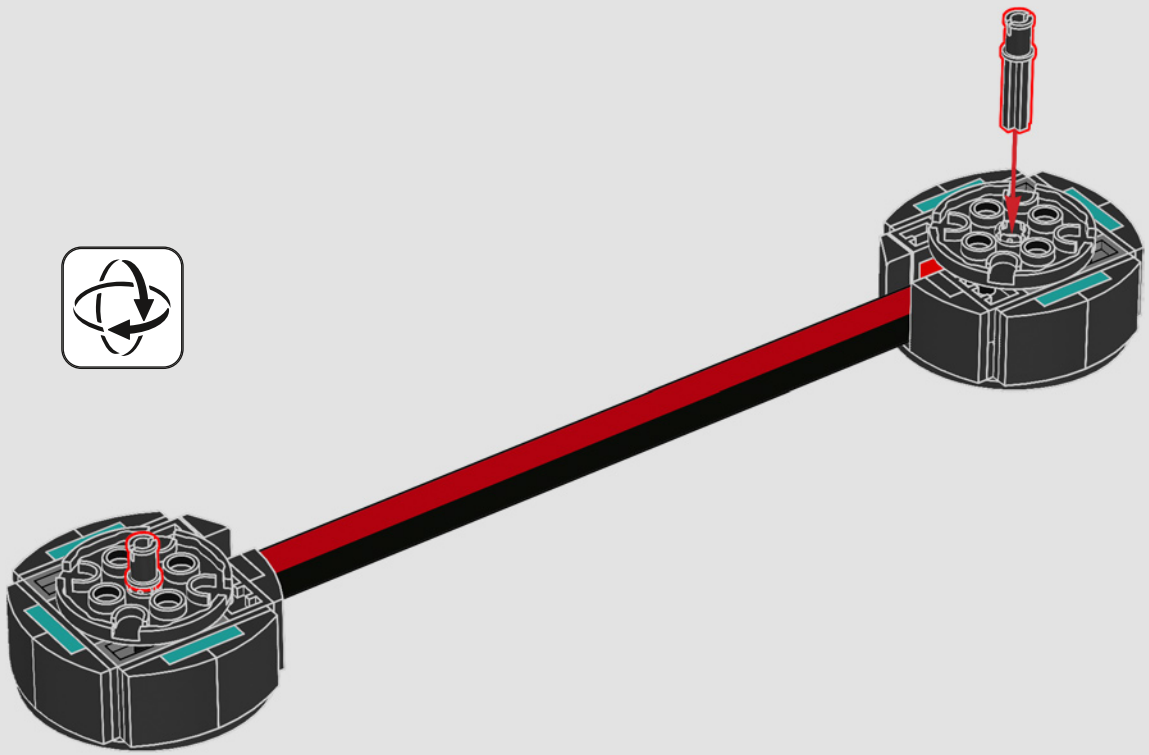

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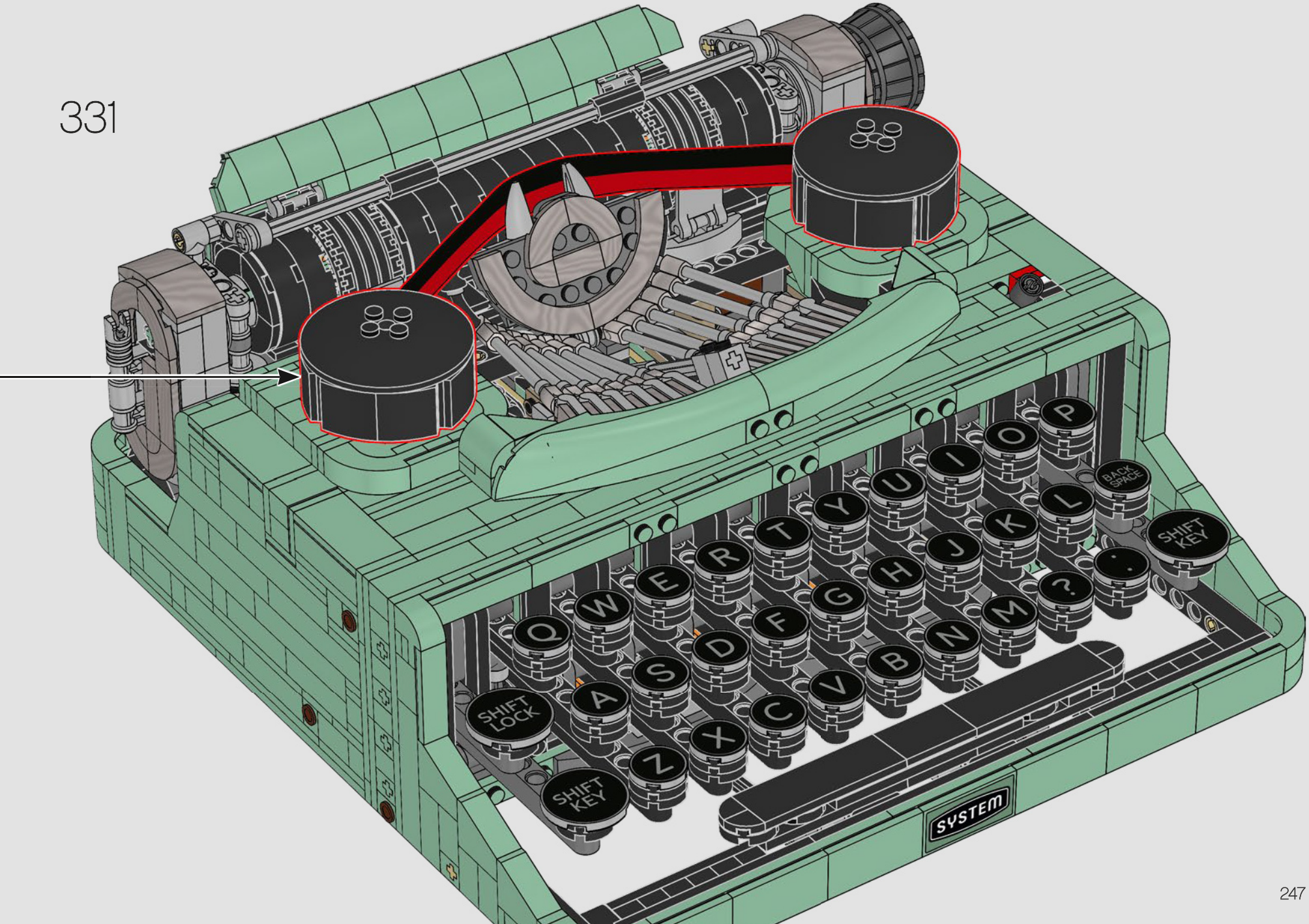

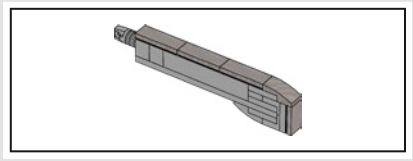

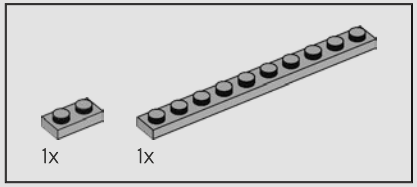

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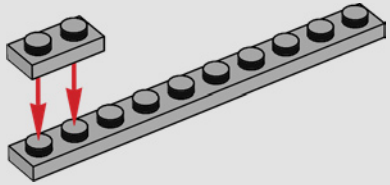

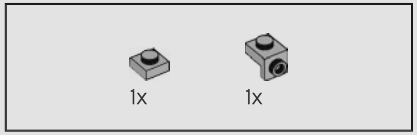

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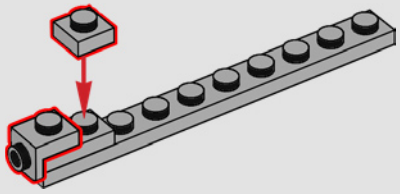

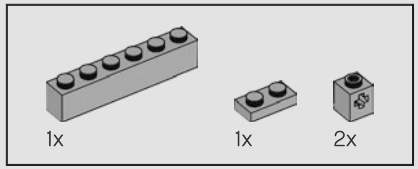

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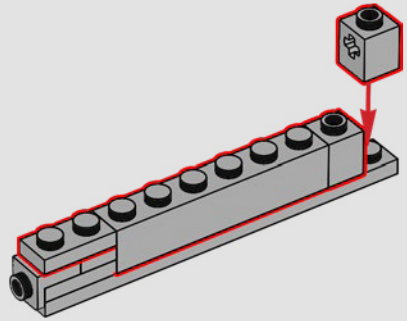

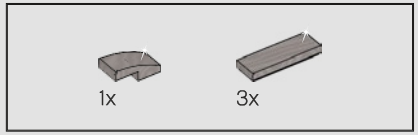

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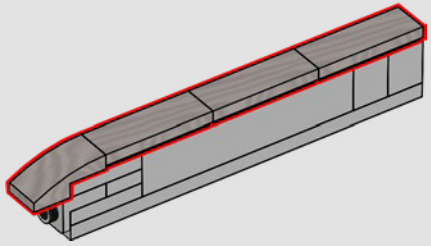

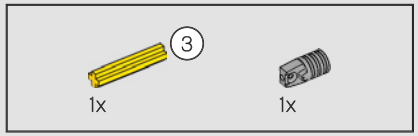

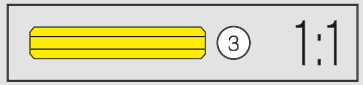

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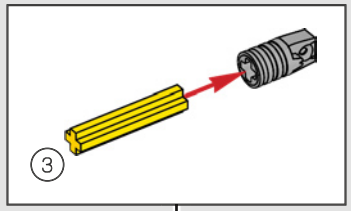

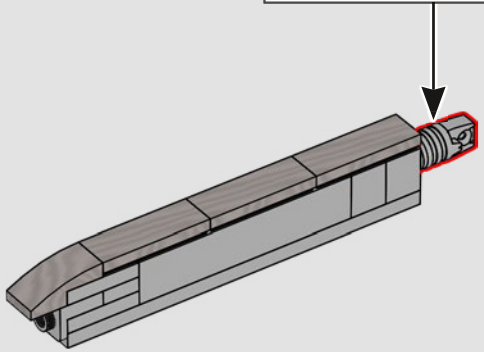

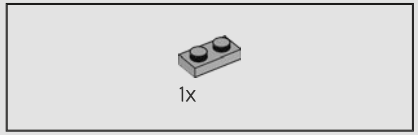

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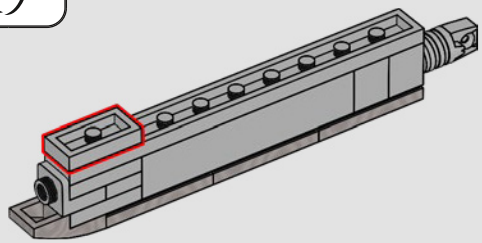

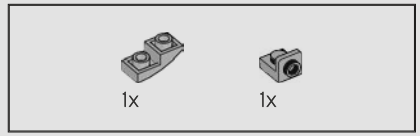

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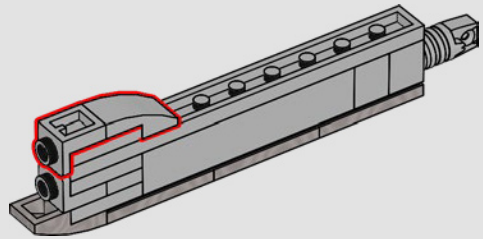

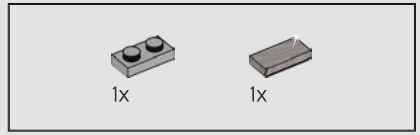

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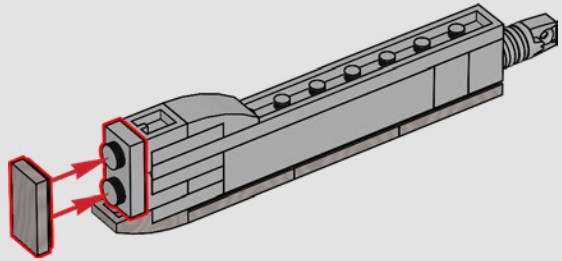

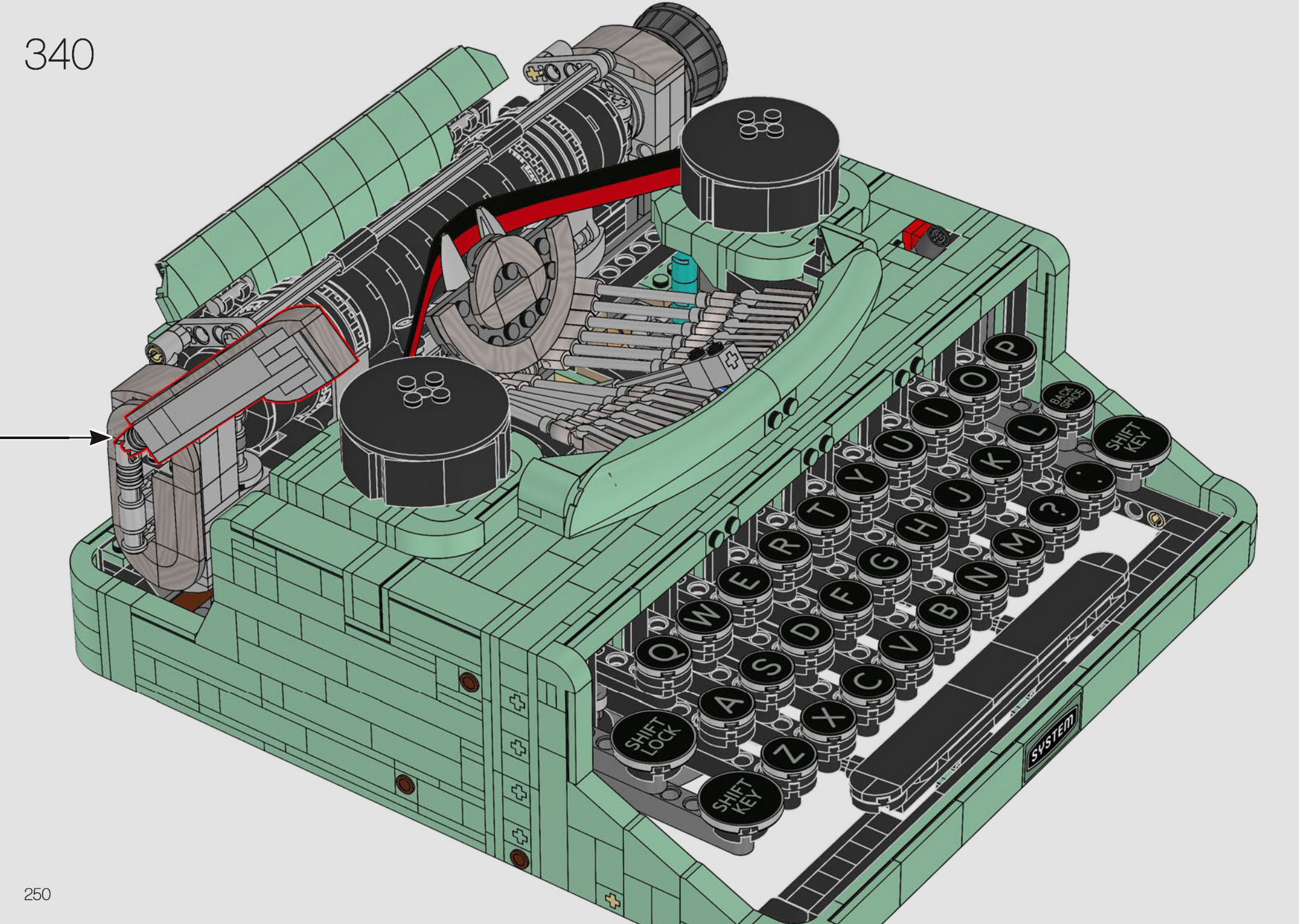
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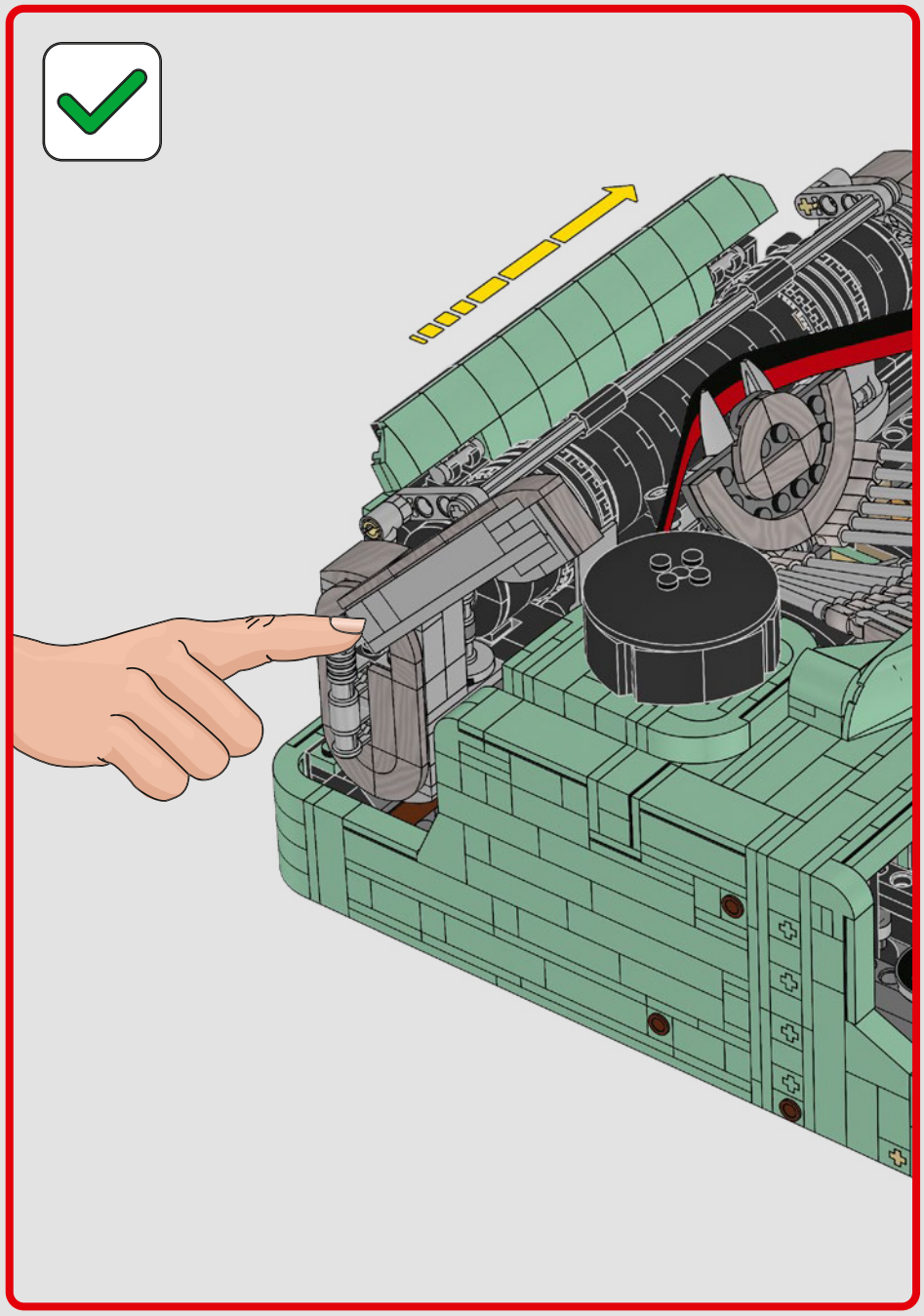

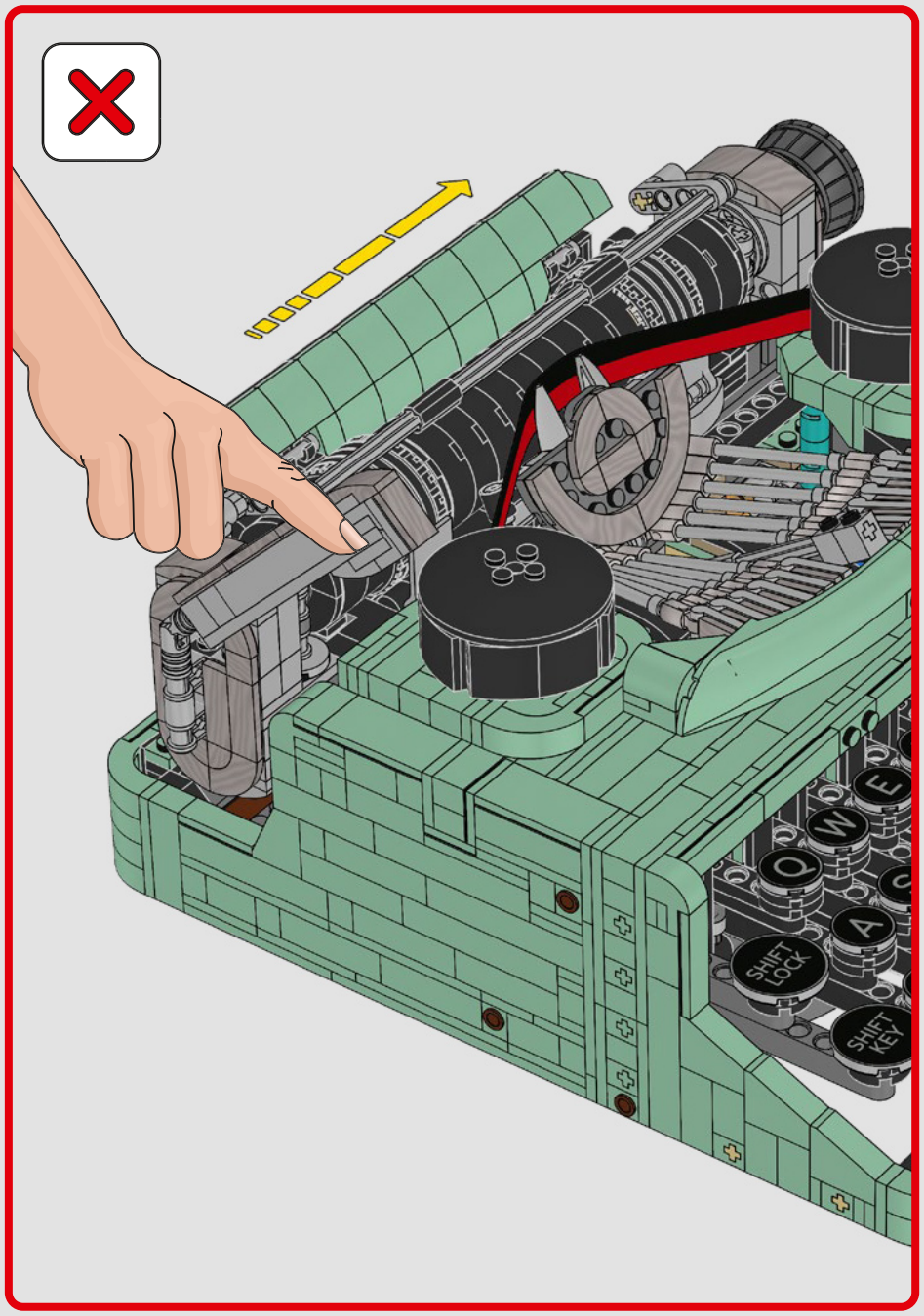
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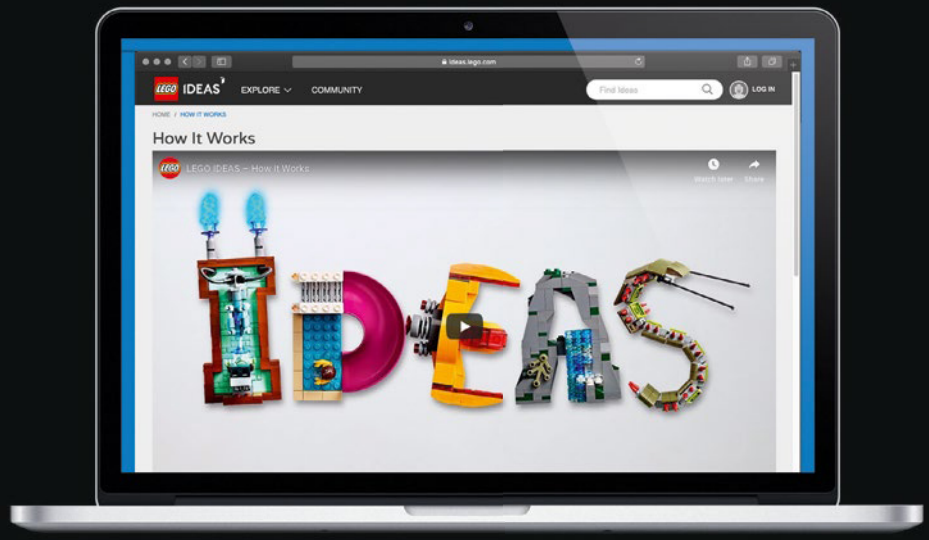

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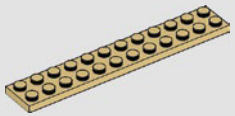
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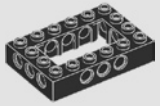
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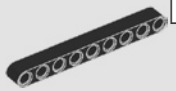
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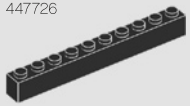
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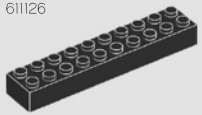
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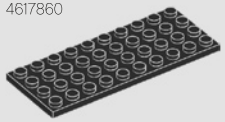
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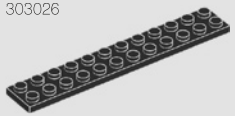
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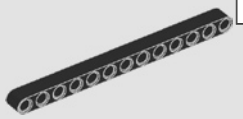
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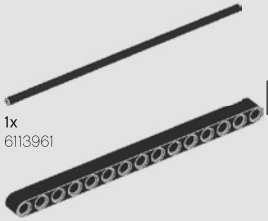
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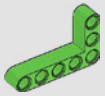
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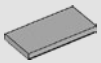
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