

CLASSIC SPACE REMOTE CONTROLLED VEHICLE

PROTOTYPE (1985)

INSTRUCTIONS

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Introduction

"A Classic Space remote controlled vehicle from 1985." – An odd looking prototype, reconstructed as depicted in "The Truth About Space!", an awesome interview with Jens Nygaard Knudsen by Mark Stafford, in BrickJournal issue 6, vol. 2 released in 2009. It's a beefy rover with a small detachable jet on top and loads of Light & Sound elements.

At first sight this experimental build looks like a mixed bag of Technic Arctic Team set 8660 Arctic Rescue Unit, and Classic Space set 6783 Sonar Transmitting Cruiser, both released in 1986.

Especially set 6783 resembles a lot if you look at how the Light & Sound elements are set up, the use of set-exclusive 1x2 decorated slopes, its cockpit design with fences & hoses, and definitely the stanchion with dish on top.

Besides the blue decorated tile on the flyer and the white decorated slope in front, also the blue remote and red controlled battery box with white sides are parts that never got produced. I used the red battery box from monorail set 6399 Airport Shuttle from 1990 (which also aligns with the red from the Technic Arctic set), replaced the others with similar looking parts and improvised the blue remote.

The remote however isn't added in these instructions as its shape in totality is very much unclear – and it brings no function whatsoever. I have quite some peeves with this thing, but I kept all of them in there to stay true to the build. I don't think this vehicle is motorised, whatever the prototype battery box, as there's no wire or electric plates conducting any juice to the wheels in the front. With an engine in the back, the front section would be uncontrollable in steering. More importantly, the black pins in the back wheels means very little torque. If they are friction ridged instead of the rare smooth ones, it wouldn't roll without being motorised either.

After many attempts I have no idea what's going on at the rear end – The rocket engine tails are clearly placed on white brackets, probably reversed ones that never made it into production. I've made a quick fix placing them rotated by using a hinge vehicle roof (nice for battery access as well) plus tall black slopes to create a visual resemblance.

Have fun building! Chris (cosmic.brick)



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Exerpt from "The Truth About Space!"



Comparison

Photo from Niels Milan Pedersen's personal LEGO archives, as published in BrickJournal issue 6, volume 2 (2009).



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The model

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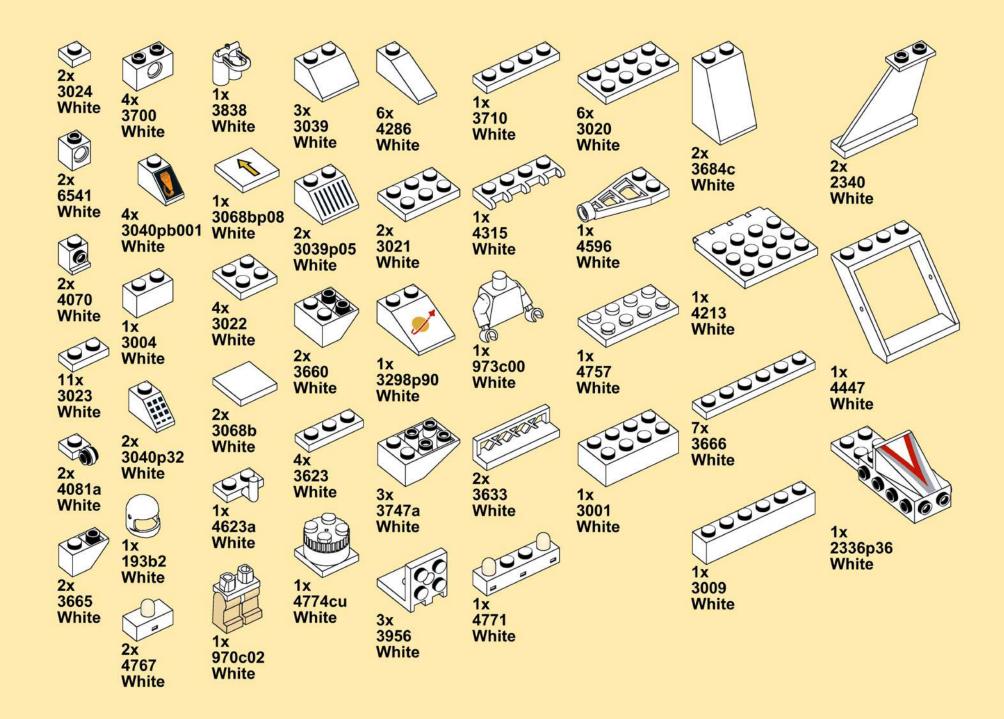
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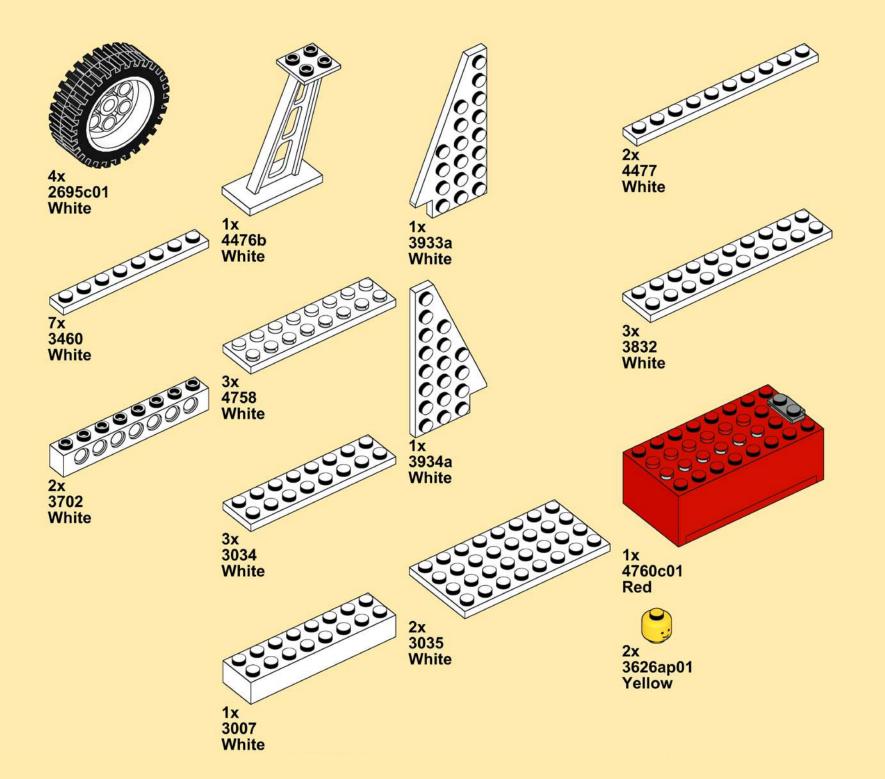


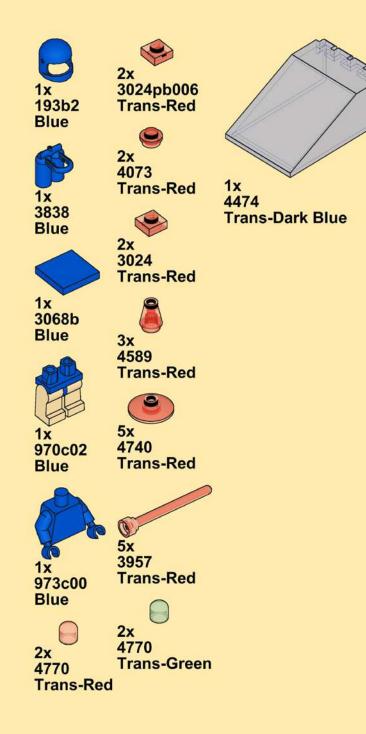


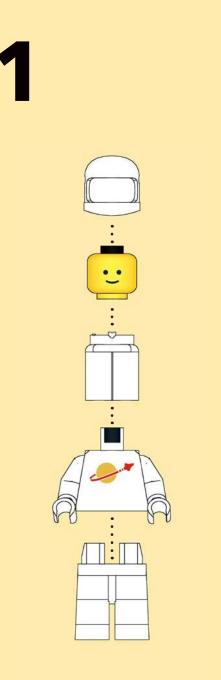
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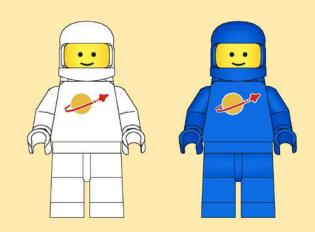




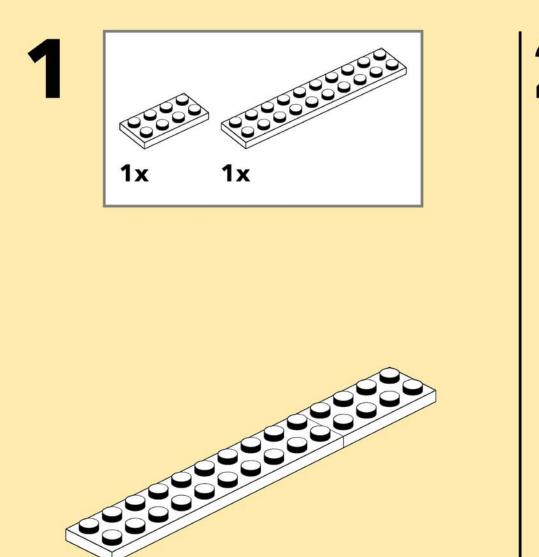


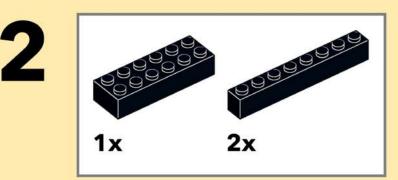


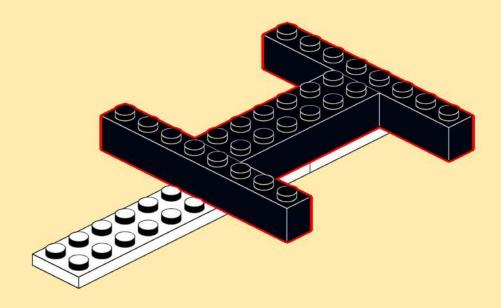






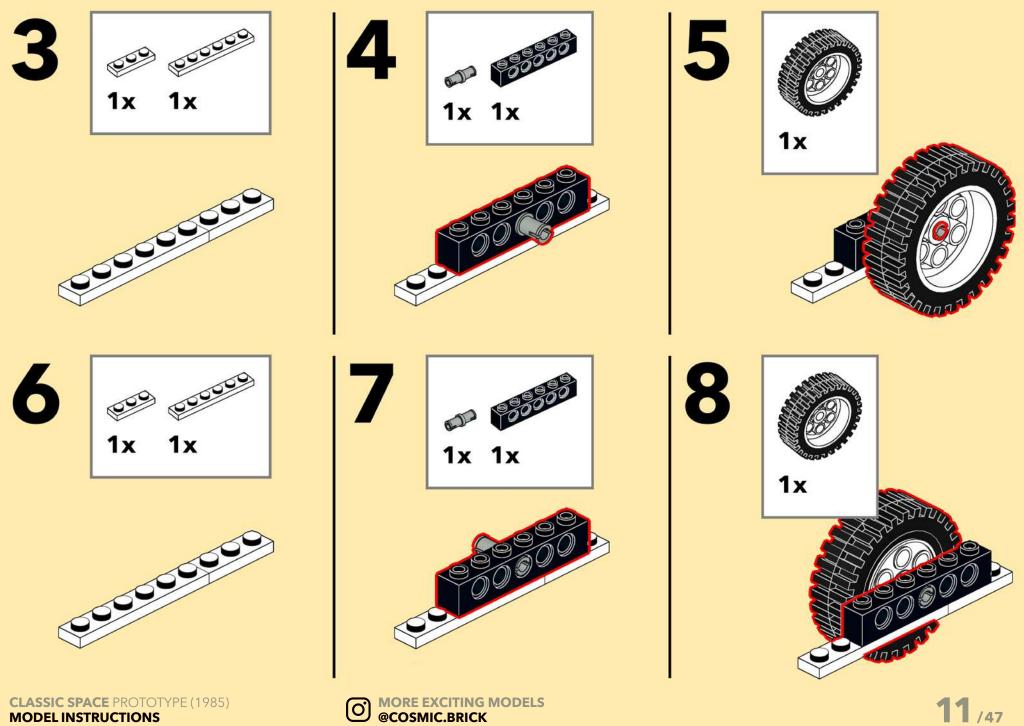






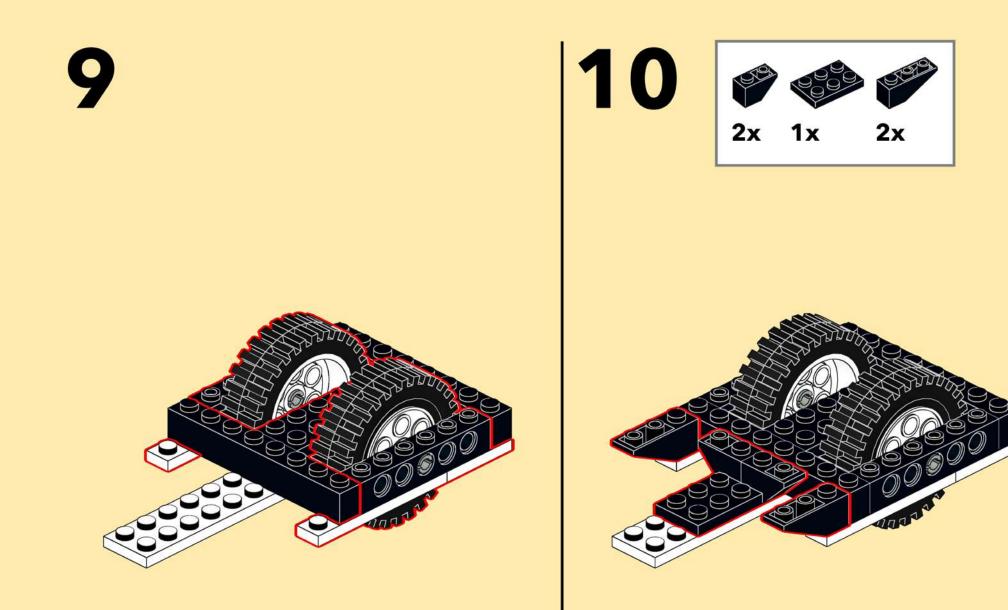






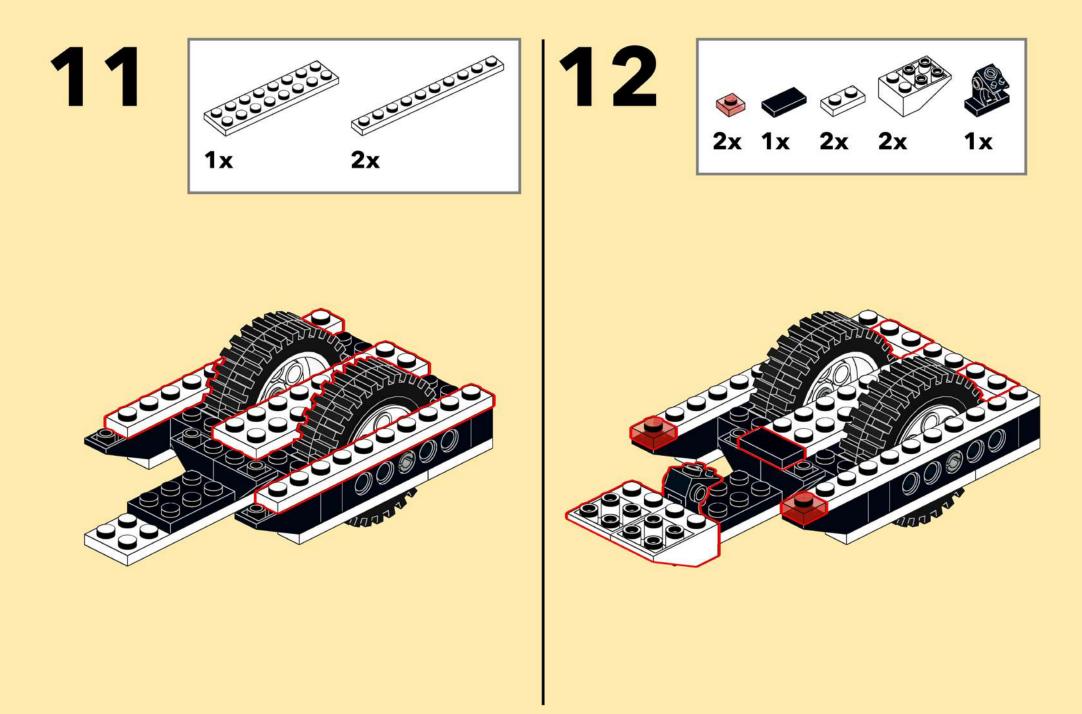
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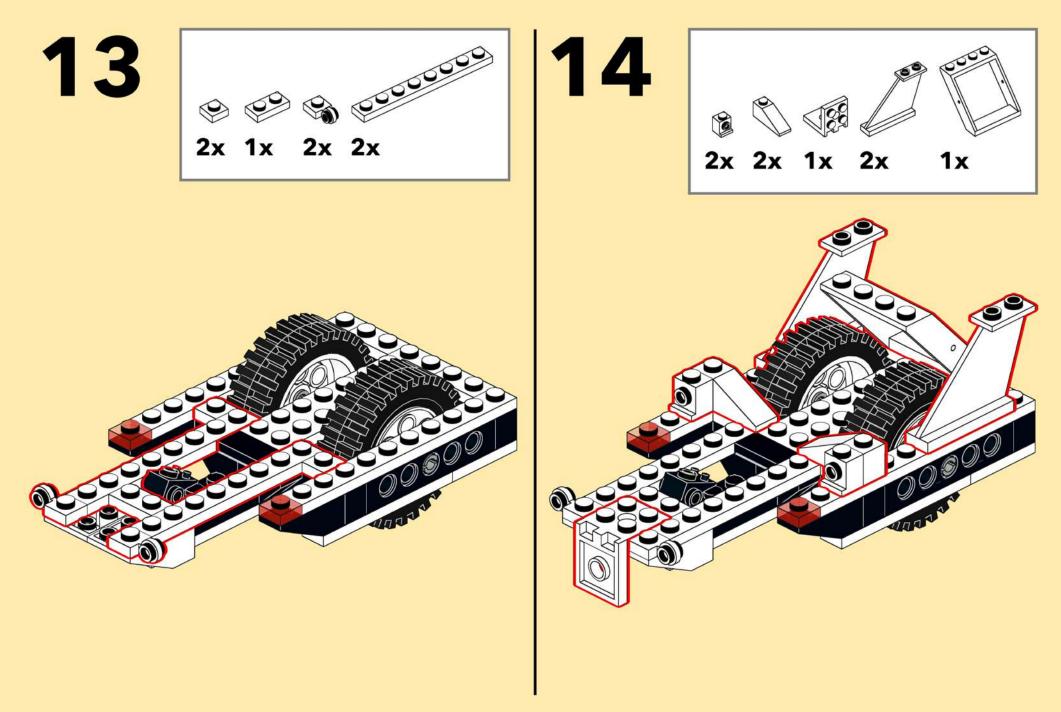




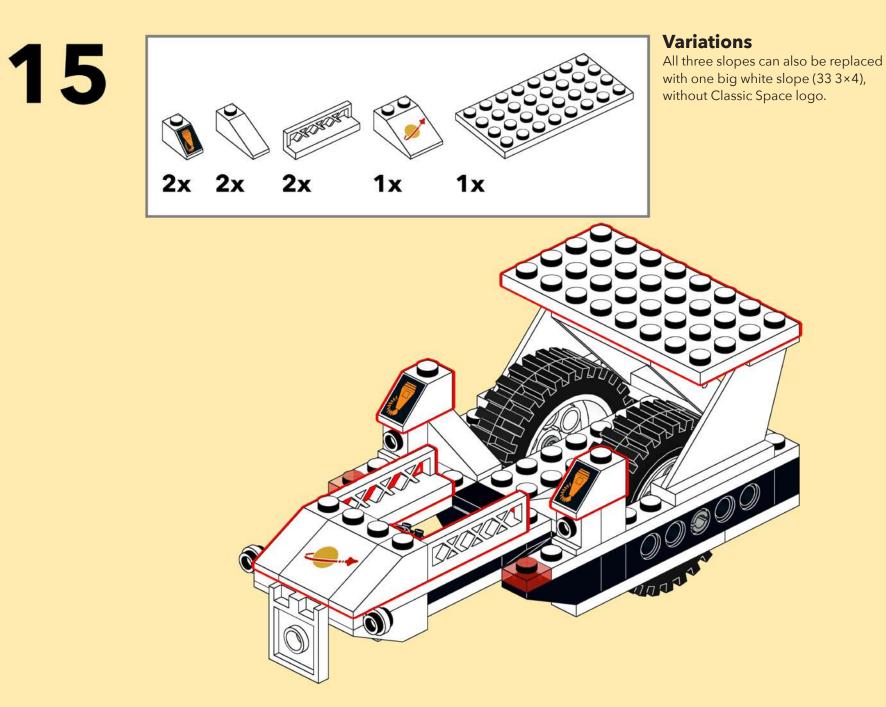




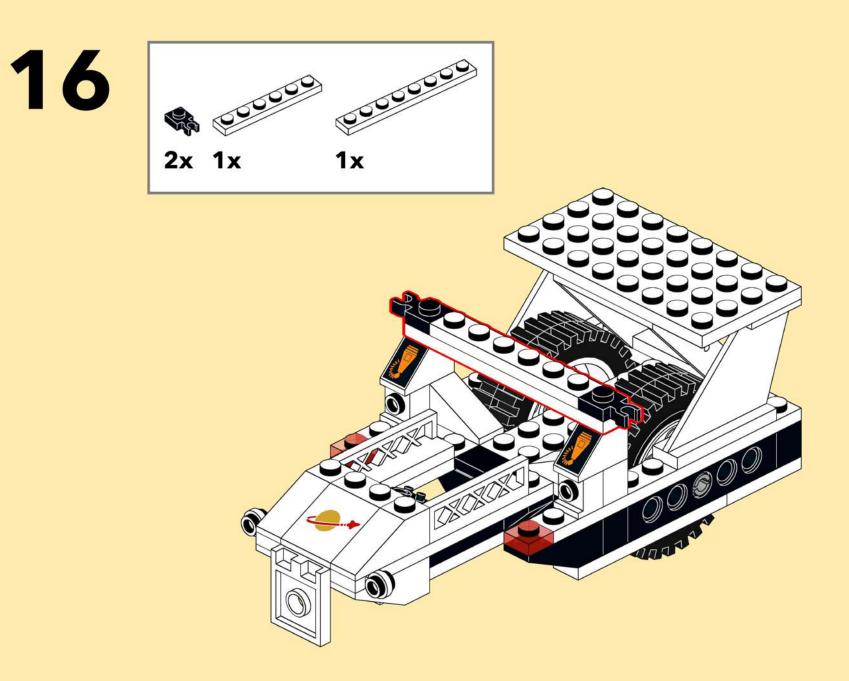




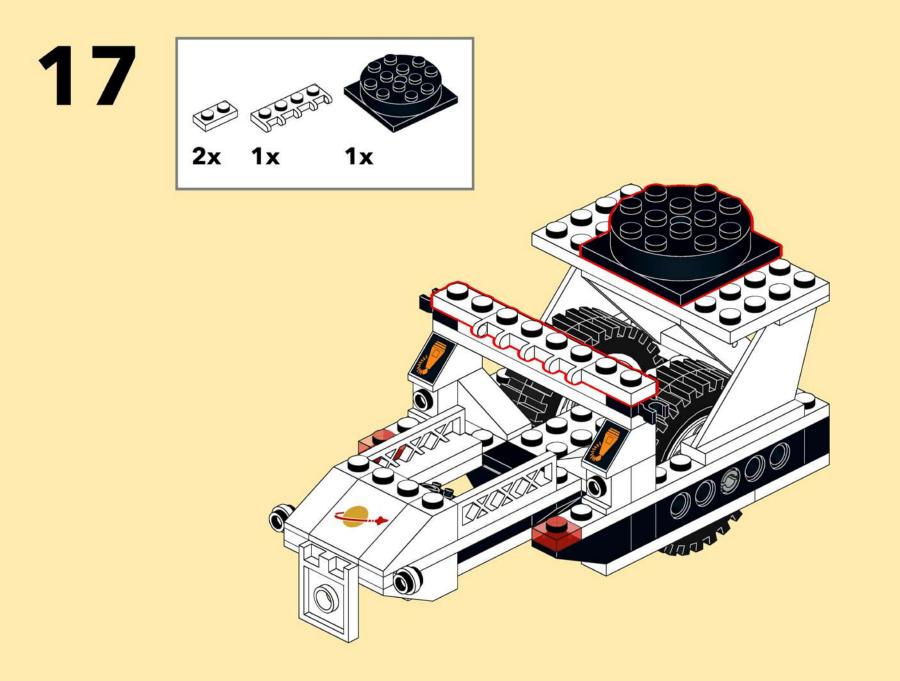




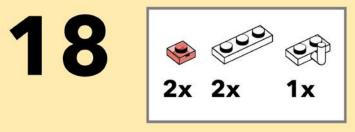


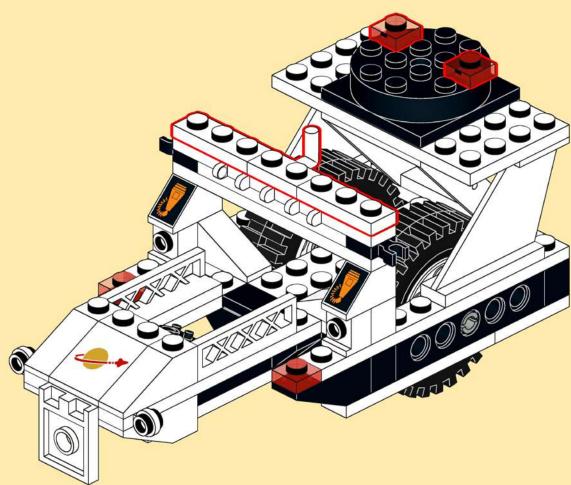






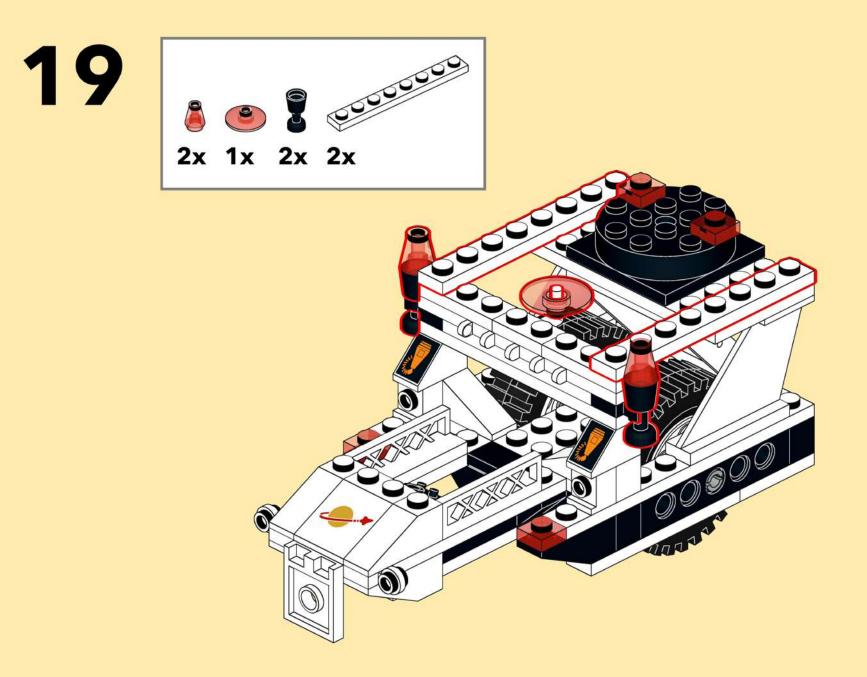






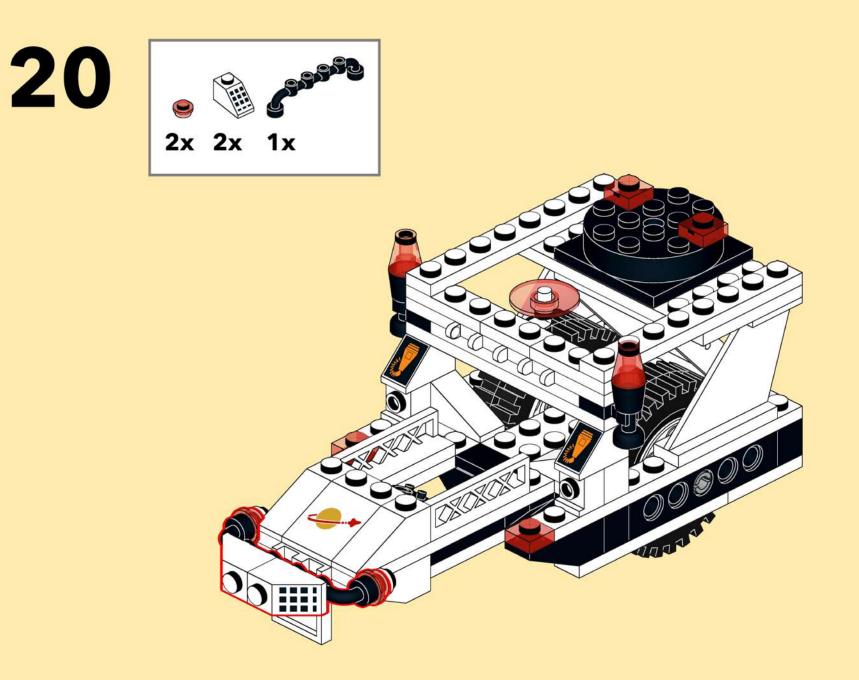




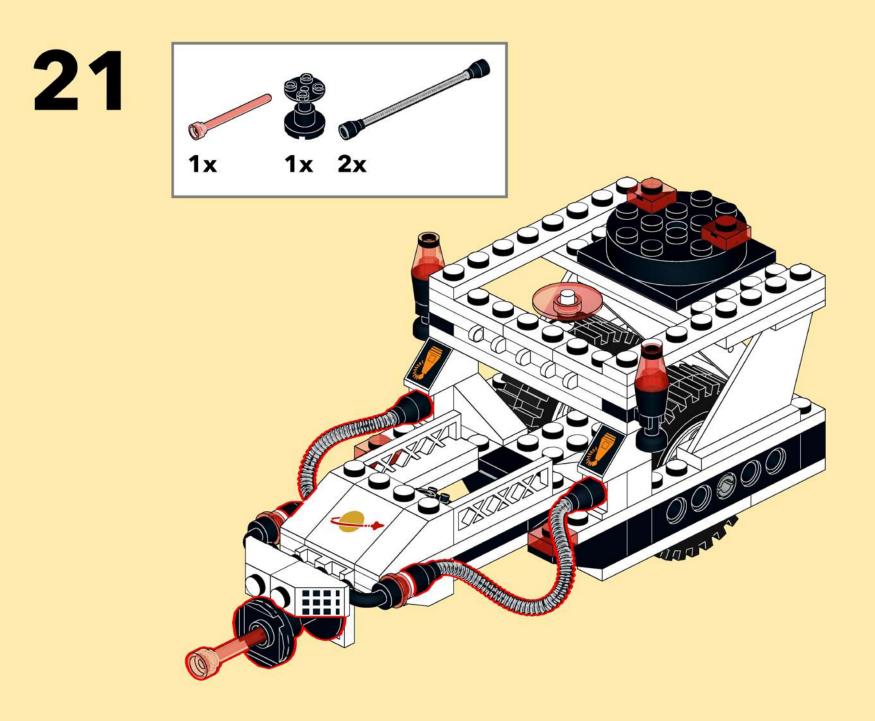




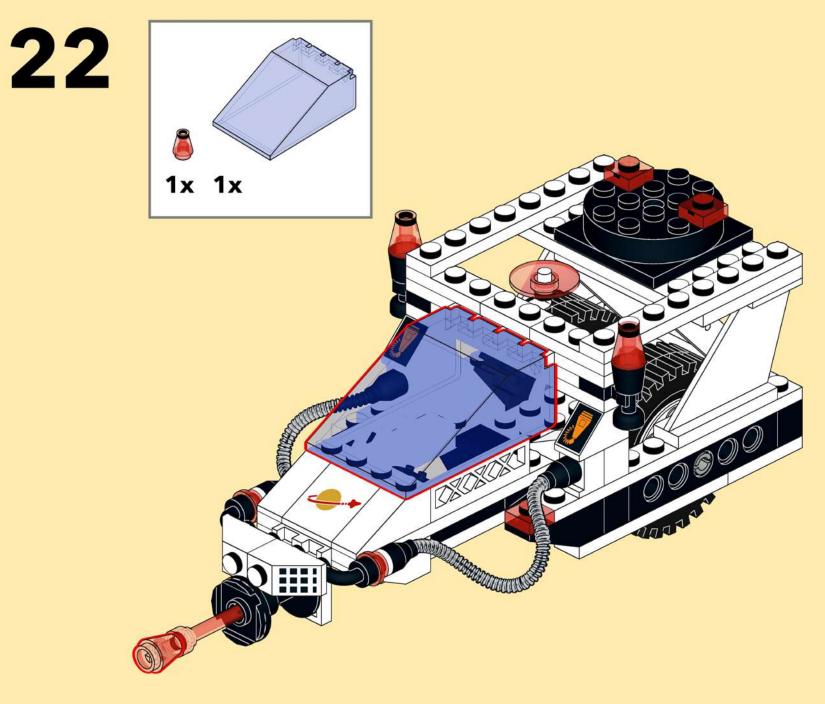




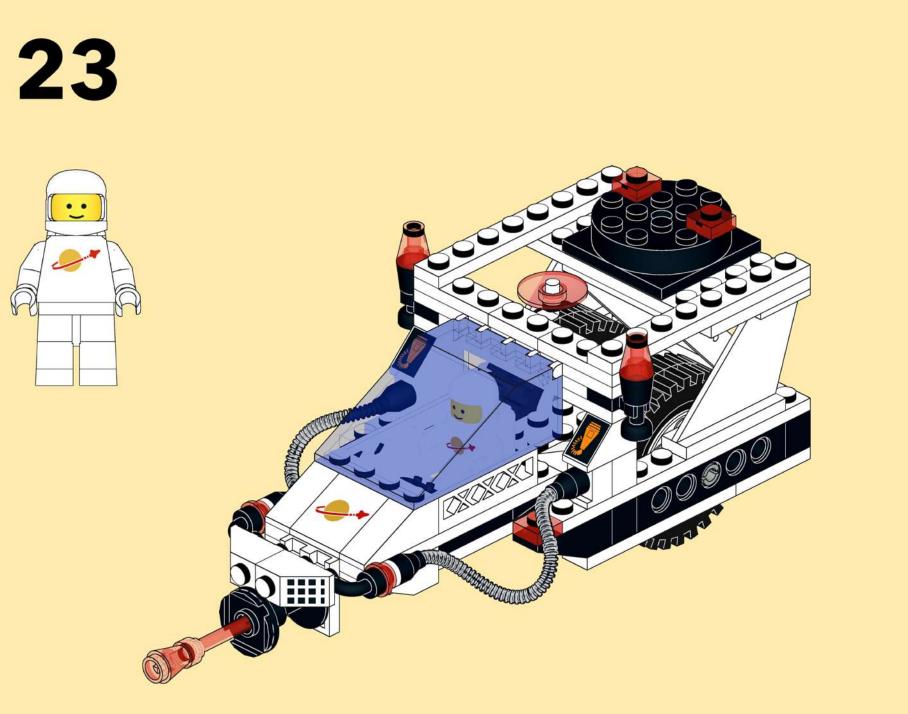








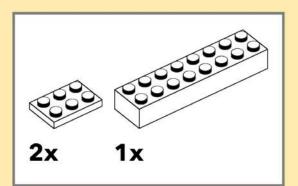




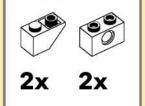


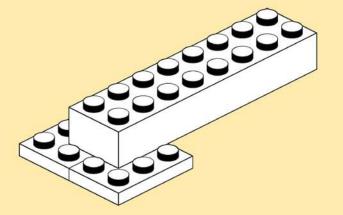


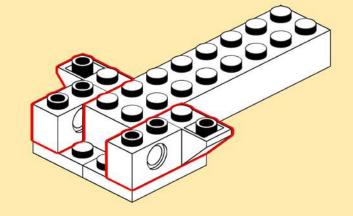








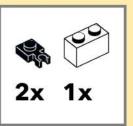


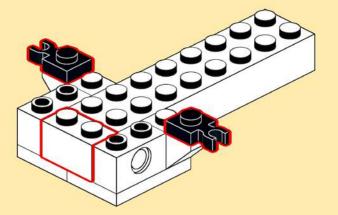




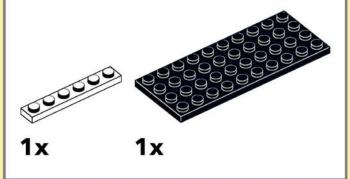


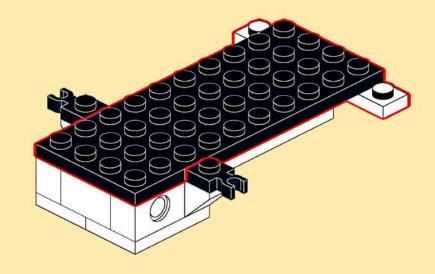






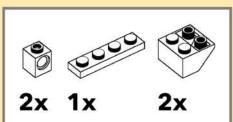






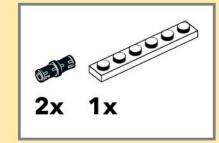






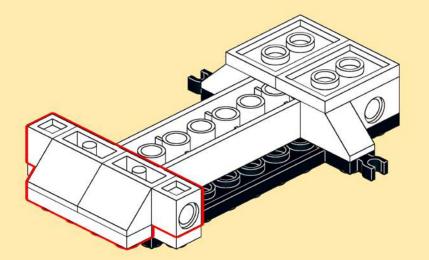


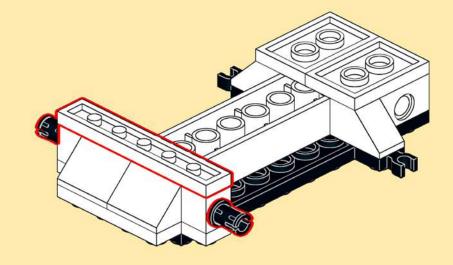




Construction tip

The building steps show how to build an exact replica of the original model. However, I can recommend replacing the pins with frictionless pins to ensure smooth rolling.

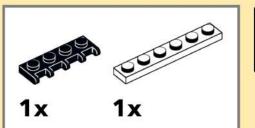






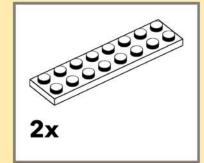






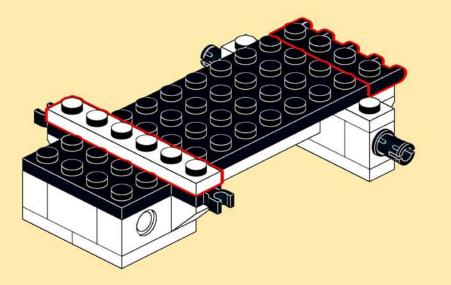
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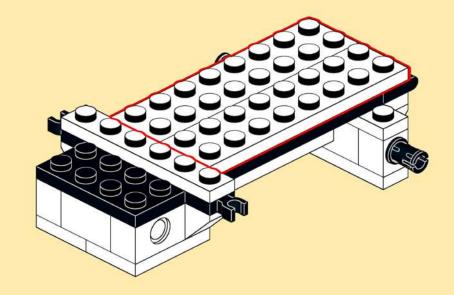
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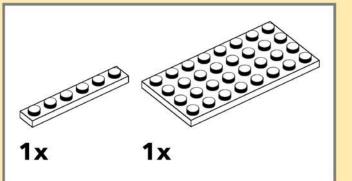
Variations

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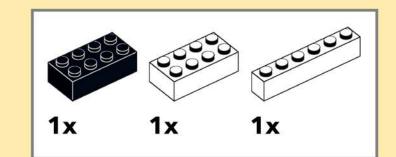


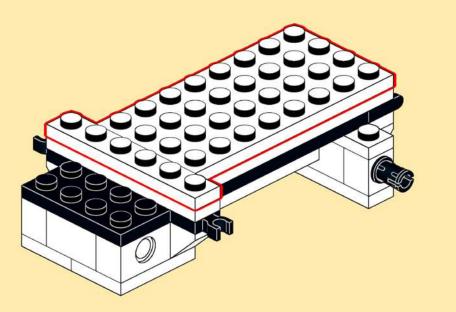


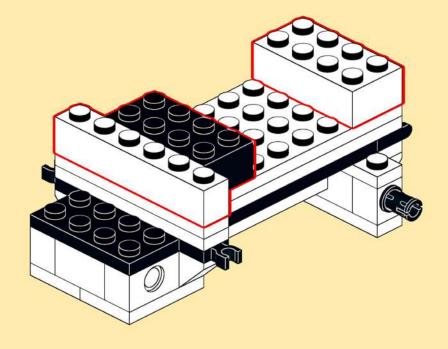




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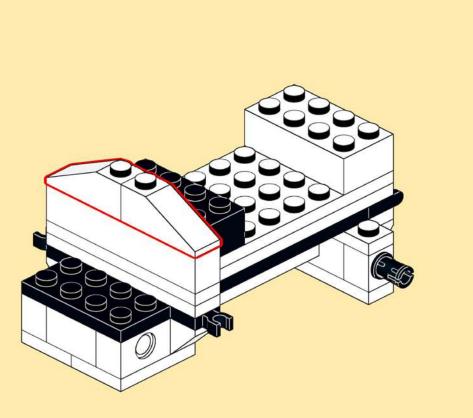


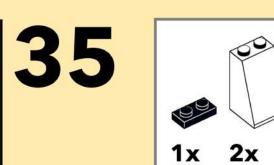
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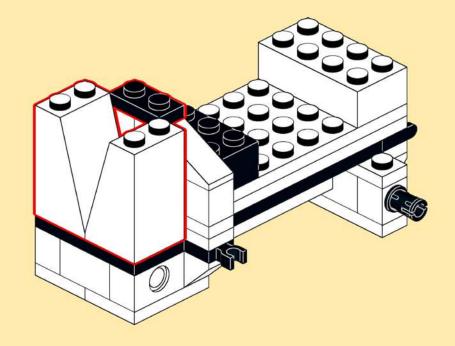




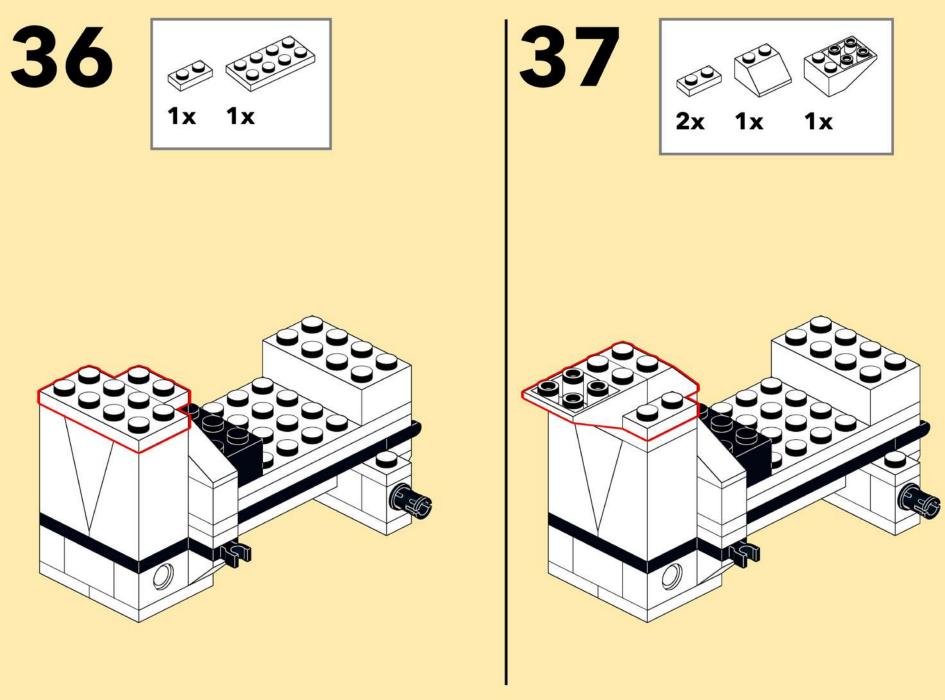






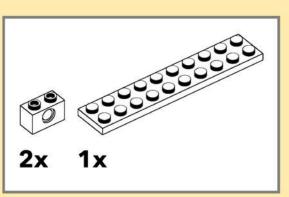


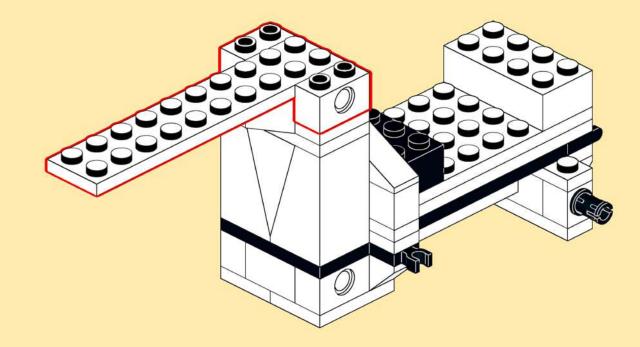








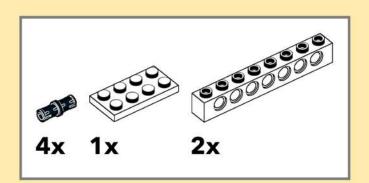


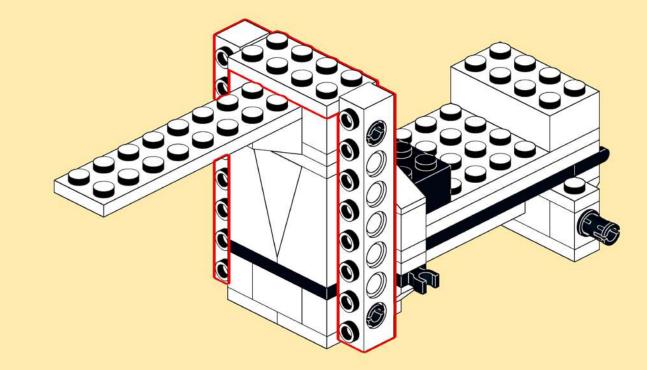




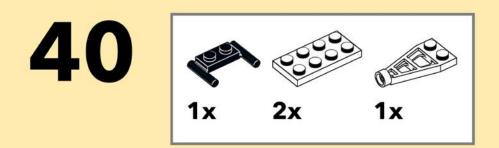


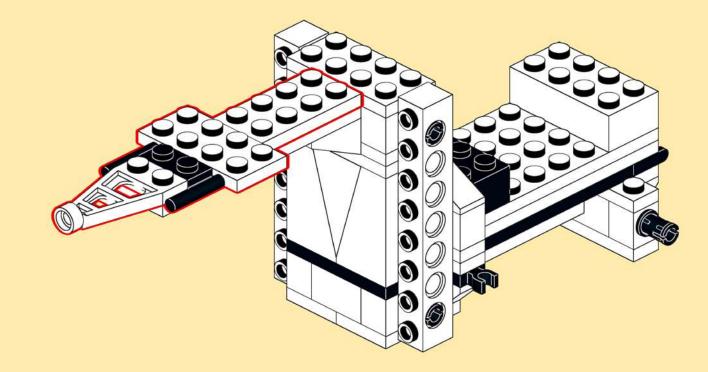




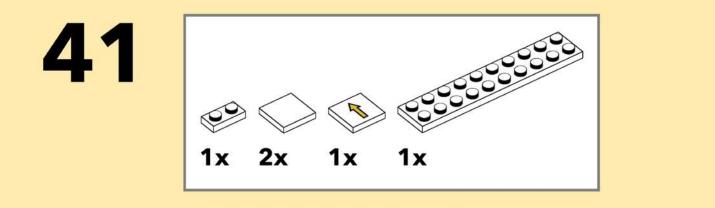


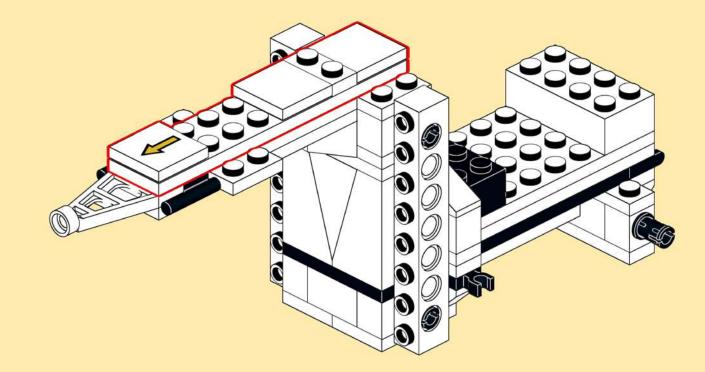






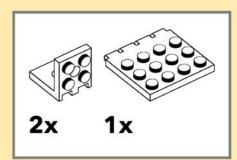




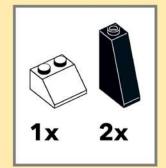


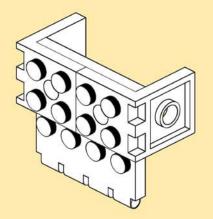


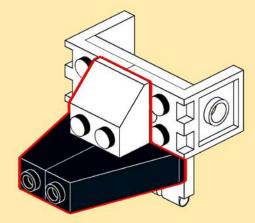












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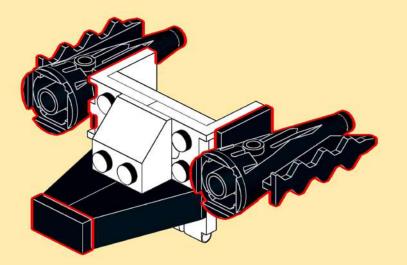


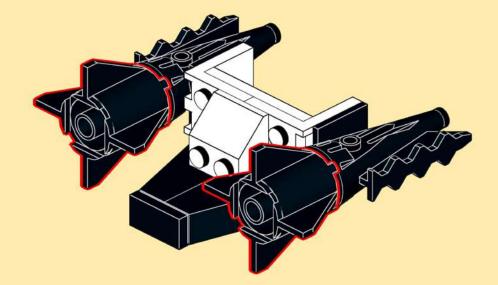






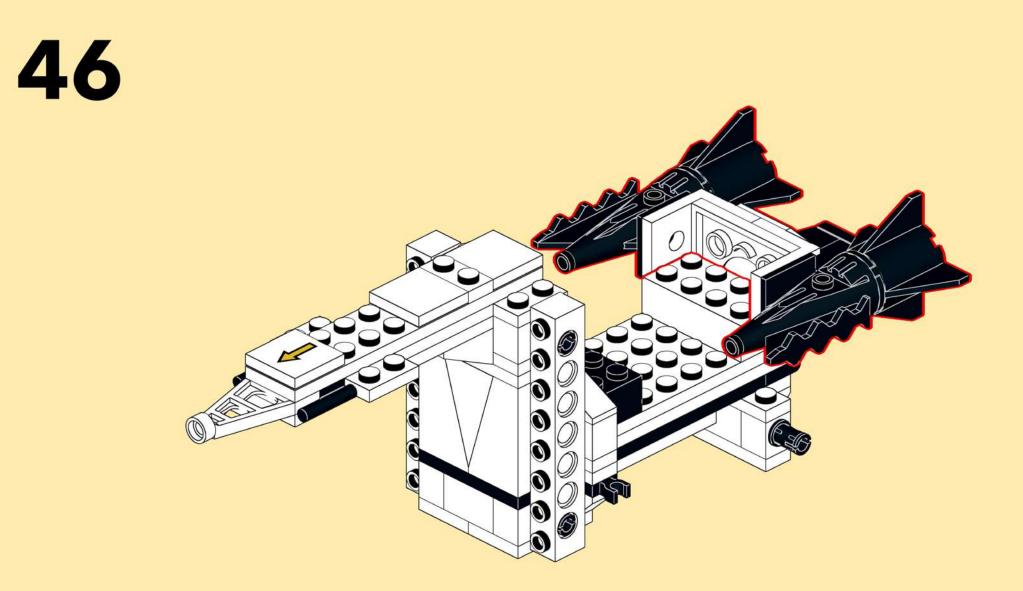




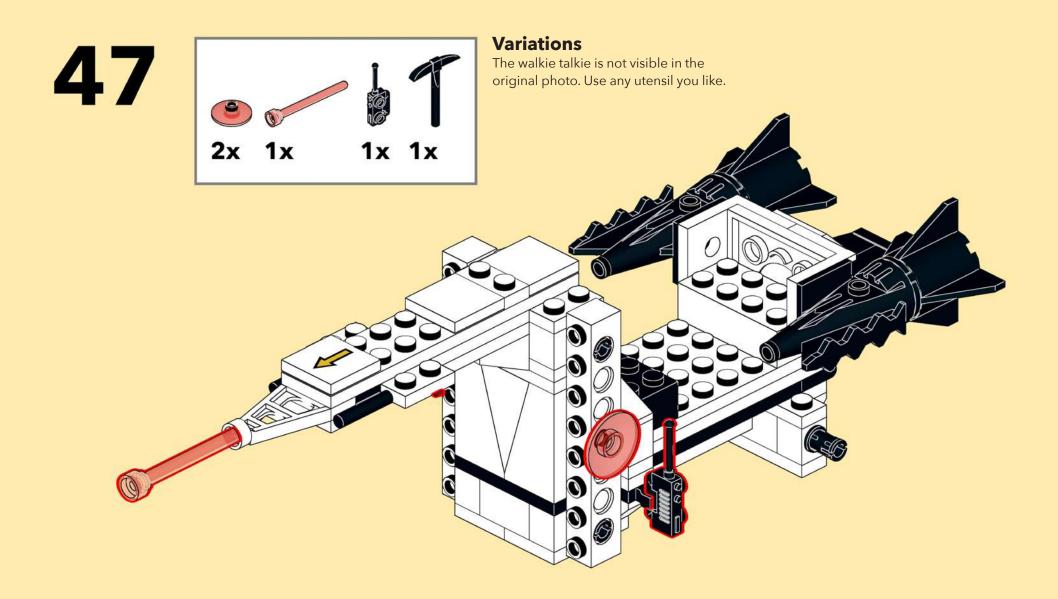




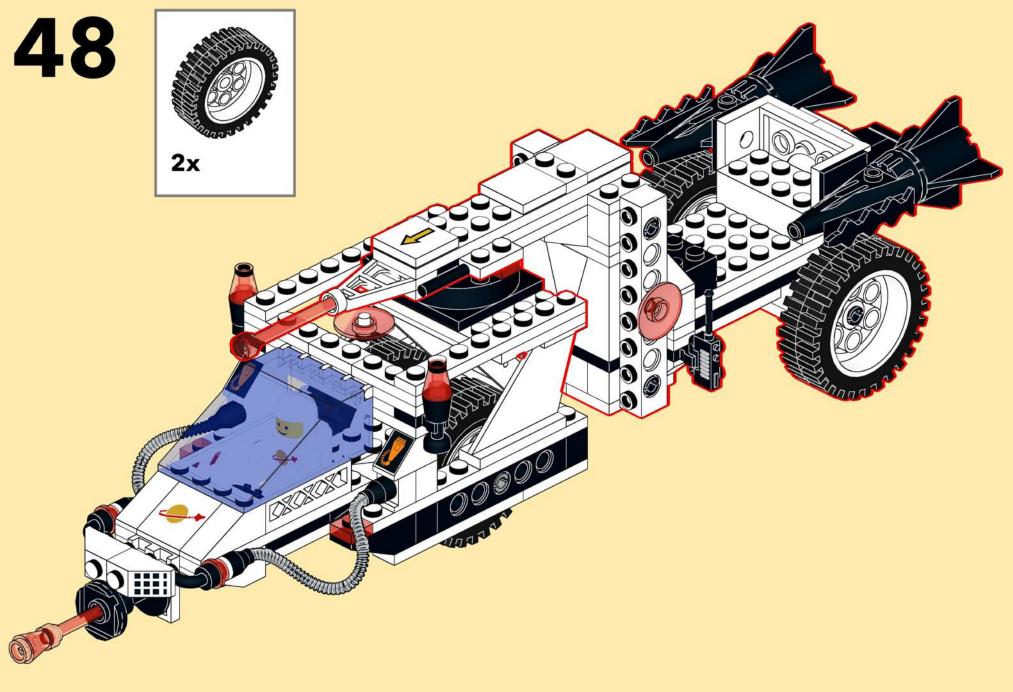




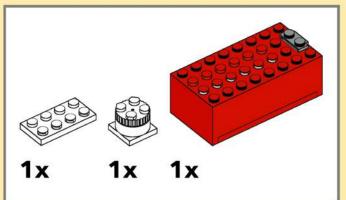




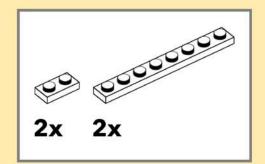


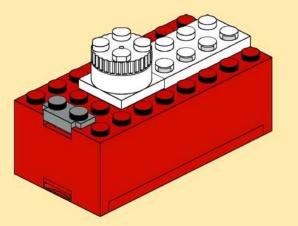


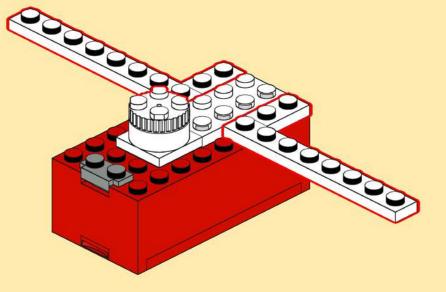




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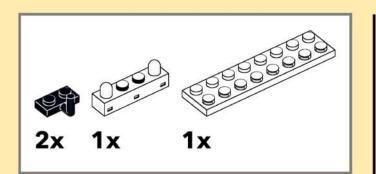


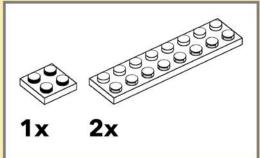


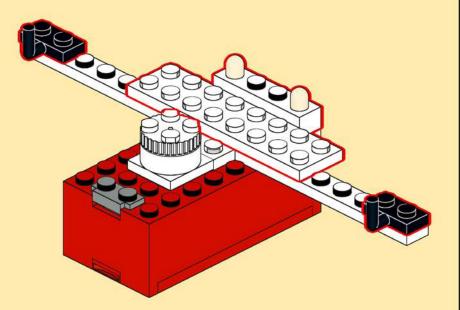


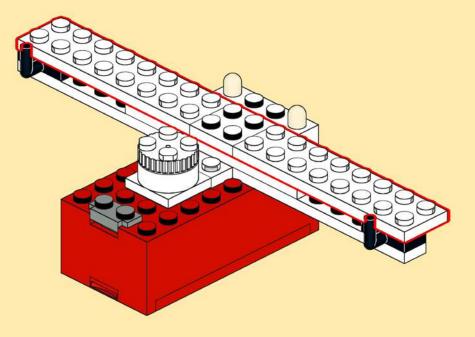




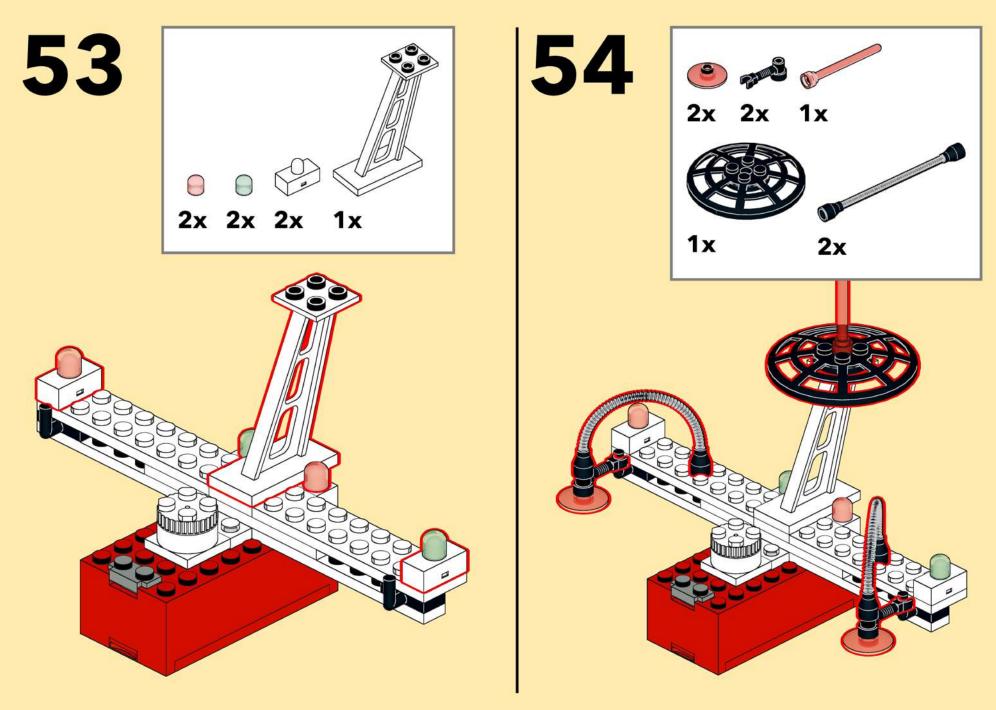




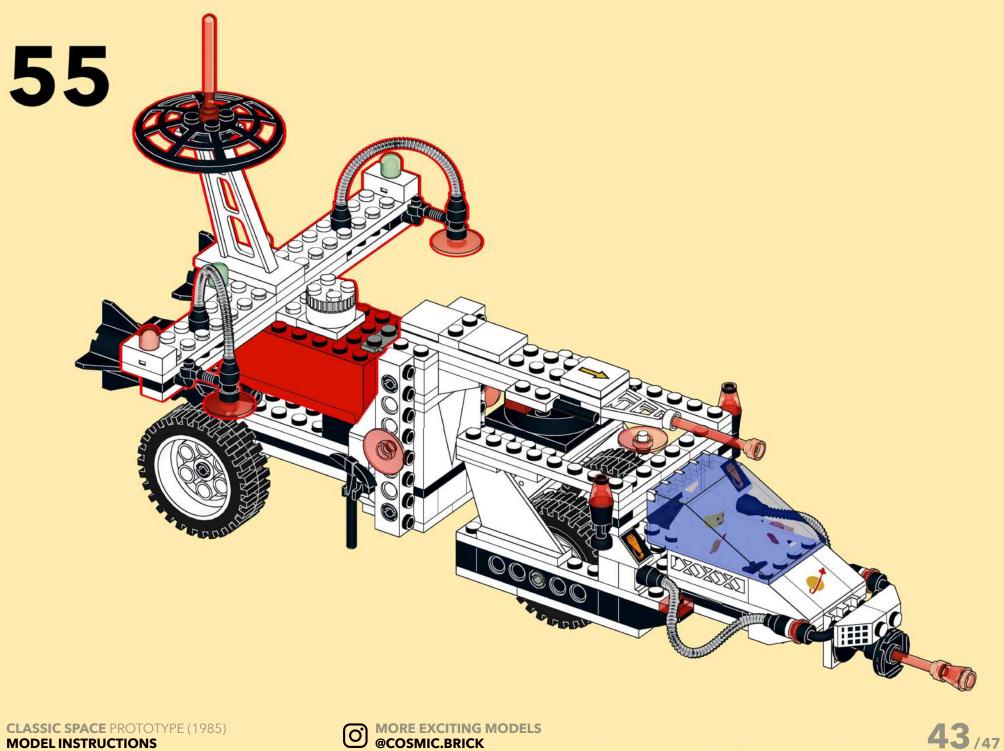




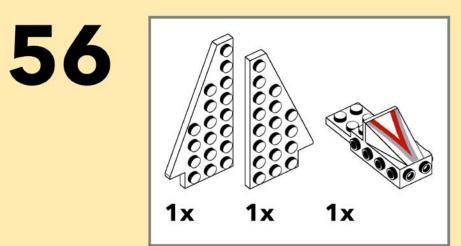


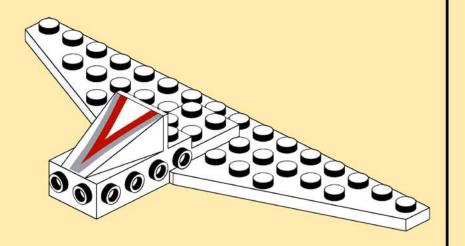


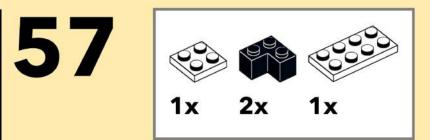


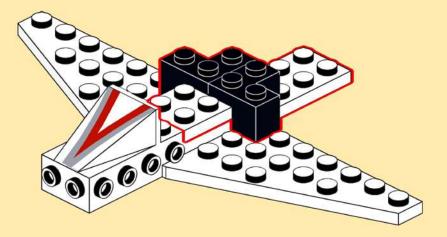






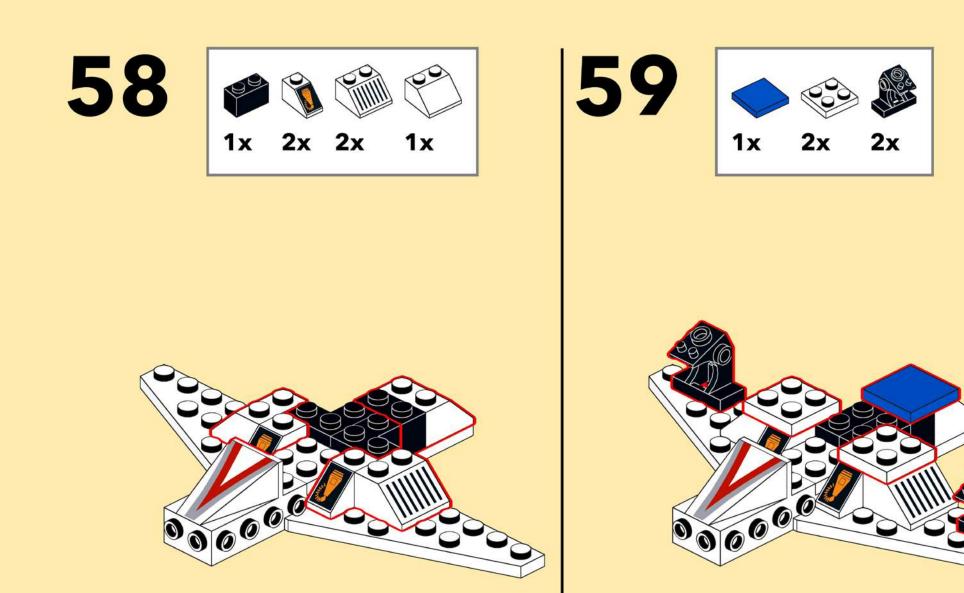






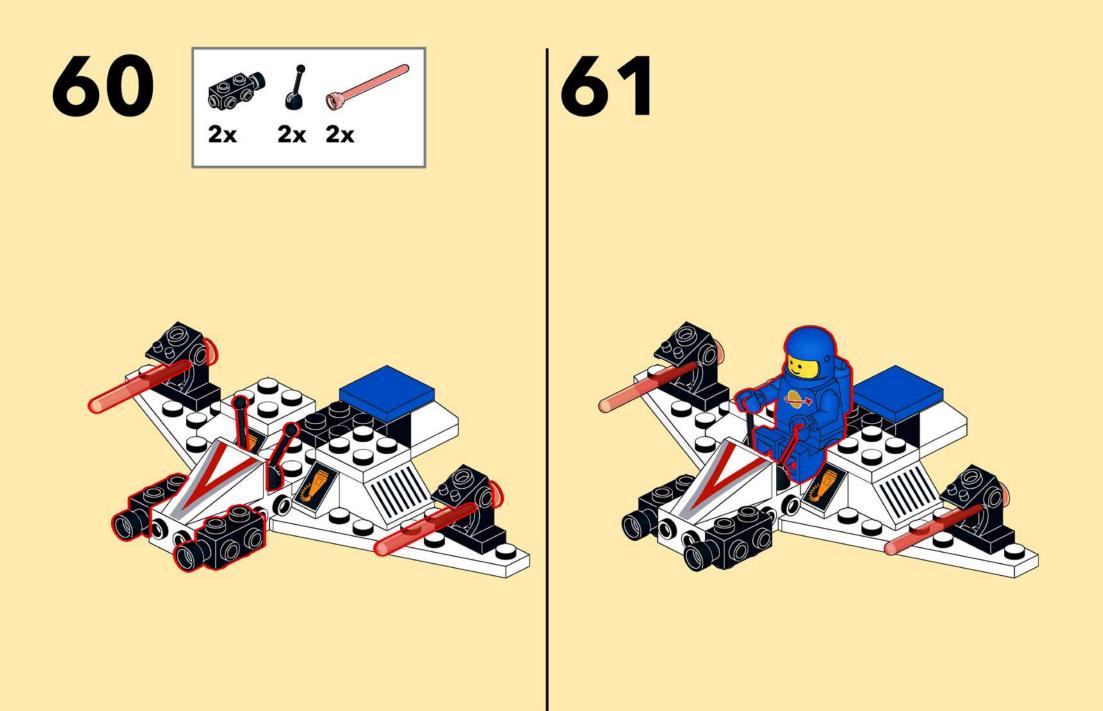














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