THE LEGO® BUILD-IT BOOK





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About the book

"Just imagine!"

Sometimes it's not as easy as it sounds, is it? Well, help is on the way. In this book, you'll find the secrets of a true master builder—so be prepared for some pretty advanced techniques.

Because we don't want to bore you with theory, our focus is on building in practice, guiding you with step-by-step instructions. By creatively using the same pieces in 10 different configurations, you'll see the amazing potential of the LEGO brick.

We hope that this book helps you to discover the many possibilities that the LEGO system has to offer, unleashing your creativity and inspiring you to create your own original models!

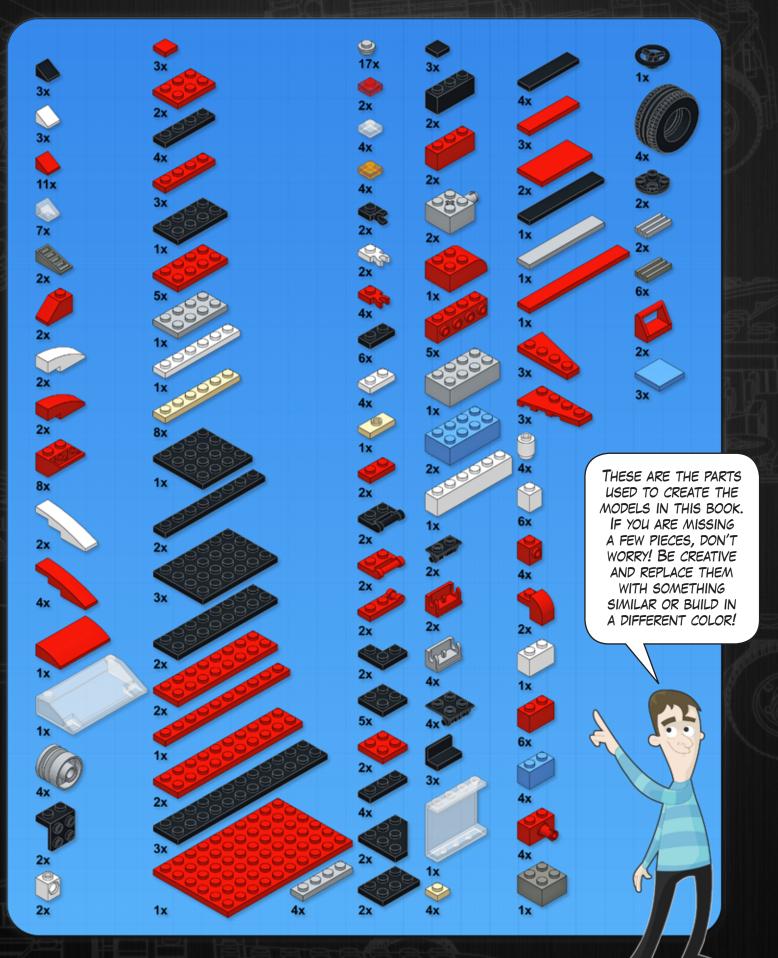
What you need

Every project in this book uses a common set of pieces—a complete list is shown in the Bill of Materials on the facing page. If you have set #5867, the LEGO CREATOR Super Speedster, you have all the bricks you need.

If you have a collection of other LEGO sets and want to determine which pieces you're missing from set #5867, we recommend using Rebrickable (*http://rebrickable .com/*). To buy the parts you're missing, you have a few options.

If you're not lucky enough to live near an official LEGO retail store with a "Pick a Brick" wall, you can buy individual pieces online (*http://shop.lego.com/en-US/ Pick-A-Brick-ByTheme*). You can also buy LEGO pieces from BrickLink (*http://www .bricklink.com/*), a comprehensive, international marketplace for buying new and used bricks.

Don't forget that you can use parts in different colors or with similar shapes, too. That's what's so cool about building with LEGO bricks! You can always redesign and customize everything using your own imagination.



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FOR EACH MODEL IN THIS BOOK, YOU'LL FIND A CLASSIFICATION LIKE THIS ON THE FIRST PAGE. THIS TELLS YOU HOW COMPLEX THE MODEL IS.

HOW DIFFICULT THE MODEL IS TO BUILD HOW MANY WORKING FUNCTIONS IT HAS HOW MANY PIECES ARE NEEDED

THE COMPLEXITY SCORE IS BASED ON THE BUILDING TECHNIQUES THAT ARE USED IN THE MODEL. CHECK OUT "BUILDING TRICKS" ON THE NEXT PAGE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE TECHNIQUES.



BUILDING TRICKS

A QUICK REFRESHER

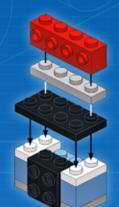
JUST TO REFRESH YOUR MEMORY, HERE'S A QUICK OVERVIEW OF SOME IDEAS WE COVERED IN VOLUME 1 OF THE LEGO BUILD-IT BOOK.

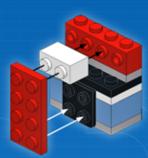
THE LENGTH AND WIDTH OF LEGO ELEMENTS ARE MEASURED IN STUDS. THE HEIGHT OF A PIECE CAN BE MEASURED IN UNITS OF BRICKS OR PLATES.



YOU CAN USE THESE TECHNIQUES TO MAKE A VERTICAL REINFORCEMENT ...

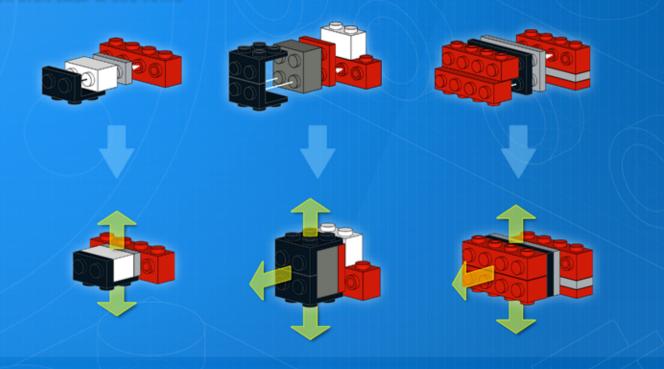






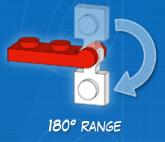


THAT'S SO COOL! OR EVEN BUILD UPSIDE DOWN!



TO MAKE THINGS EVEN MORE EXCITING, YOU CAN MIX THOSE SIDEWAYS BUILDING TECHNIQUES WITH HINGES, JOINTS, AND PINS. THIS LETS YOU CREATE PRETTY MUCH ANY TYPE OF ARTICULATION AND BUILD IN ALMOST ANY DIRECTION!

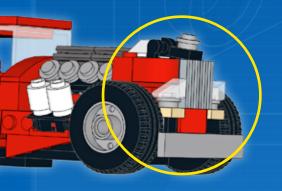




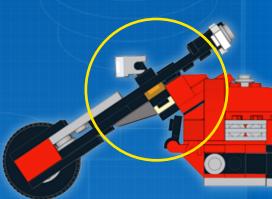




IF YOUR HEAD IS SPINNING, DON'T WORRY. THIS BOOK IS FILLED WITH LOADS OF EXAMPLES, PUTTING ALL THIS THEORY INTO PRACTICE.



HERE'S A HINT: CHECK OUT THE CONSTRUCTION ON THE FRONT OF THE HOT ROD AND THE FOREFORK OF THE CHOPPER WHILE YOU'RE BUILDING.



GETTING CREATIVE WITH PARTS

Now that you know how to build in different directions, you might start looking at your LEGO pieces in a whole new light. Depending on its orientation, a piece can now represent a multitude of different details. Let's take one piece as an example.

HERE'S A BAR IN ITS NORMAL, UPRIGHT POSITION, AS STRUCTURAL REINFORCEMENT FOR THE WRECKER'S BOOM. SIMPLE ENOUGH.



BUT WHEN WE FLIP IT SIDEWAYS, IT CAN BECOME AN AIR INTAKE ON THE SIDE OF THE FI RACER.

OR WE CAN FLIP IT FORWARD, TURNING IT INTO THE BUMPER ON THE DUNE BUGGY.



WHEN COMBINED WITH A CLIP, IT CAN EVEN BE USED AS A FUNCTIONAL ELEMENT, LIKE THE SUPPORT FOR THE BLADE ON THE EXCAVATOR.

> PRETTY NEAT. JUST ONE ELEMENT HAS A TON OF DIFFERENT USES. NOW LET'S START BUILDING!









HOT ROD

Design notes: chop top, exposed V8 engine, big exhaust pipes, wide rear axle

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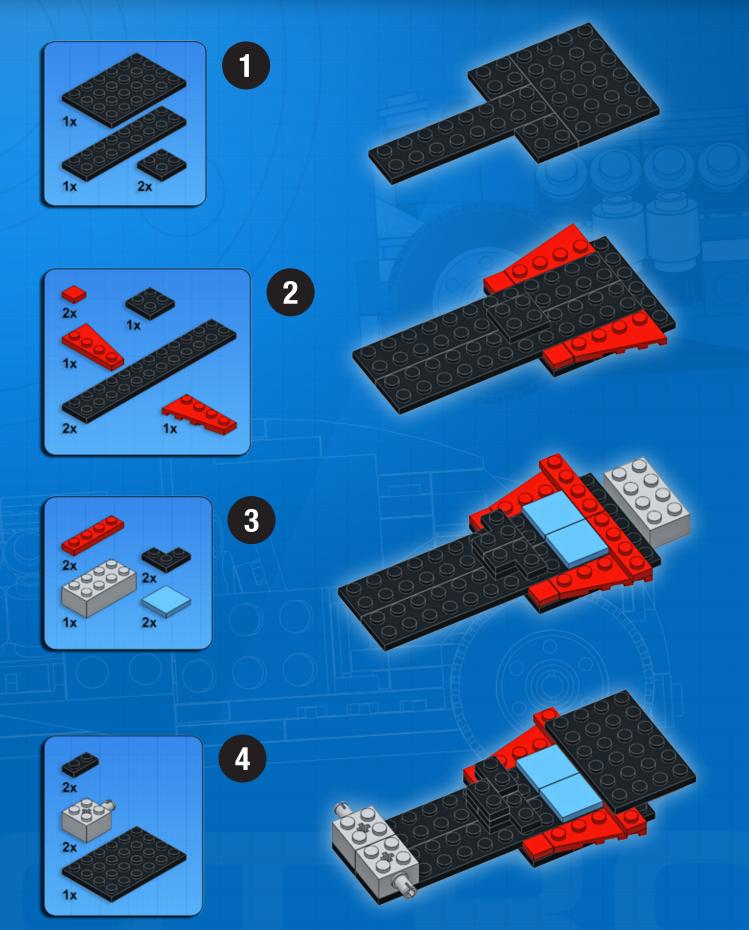
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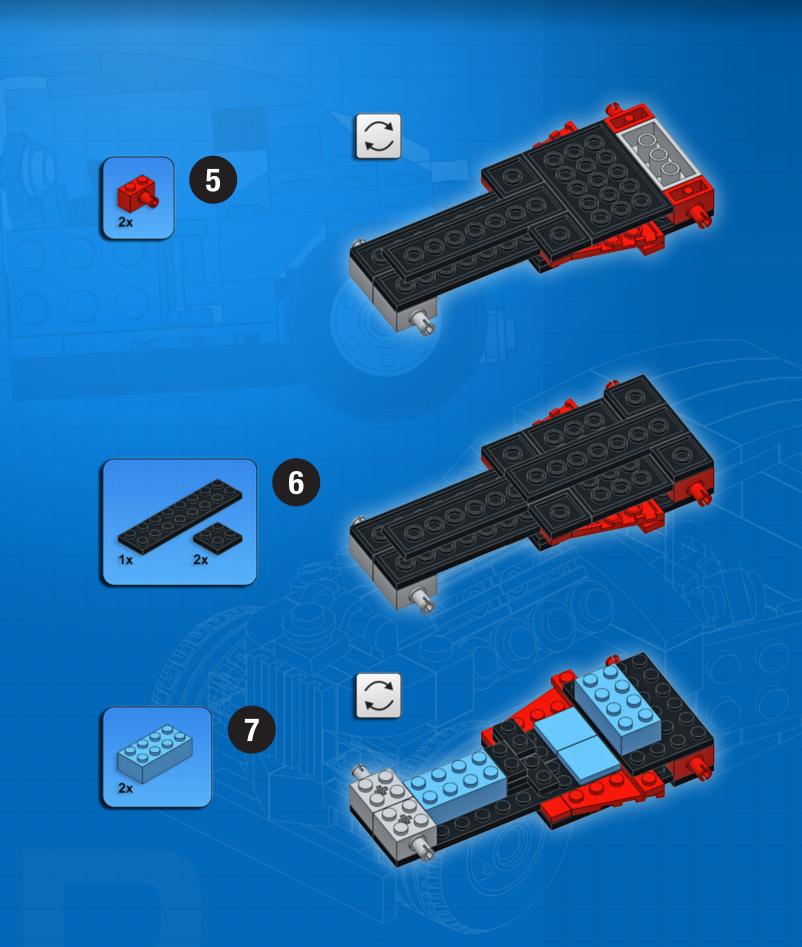
Features: opening doors





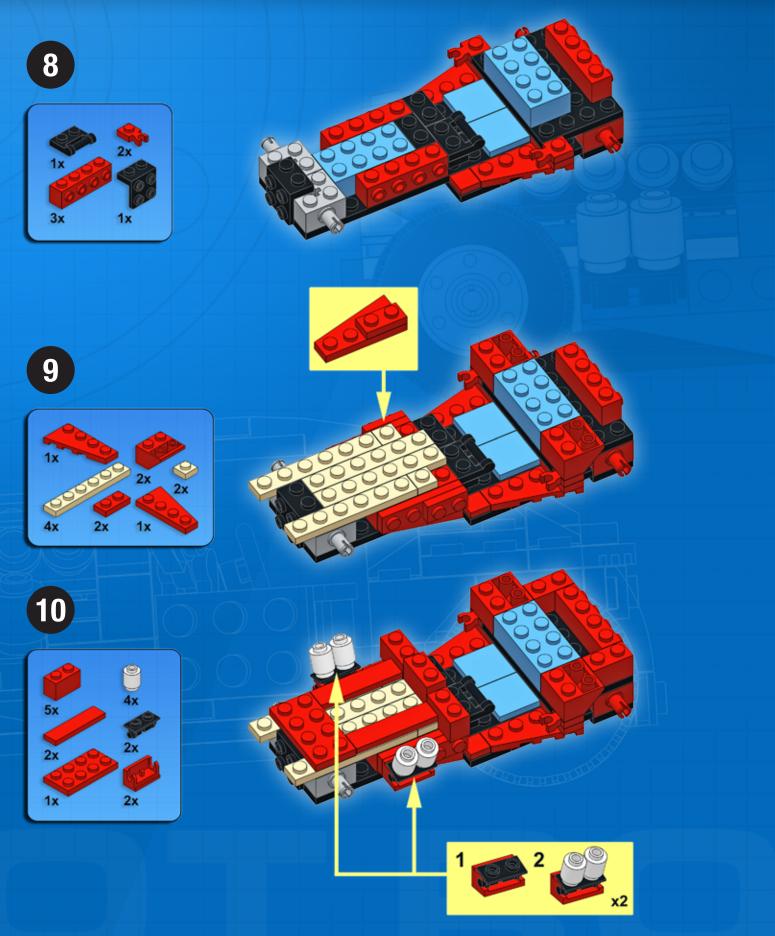


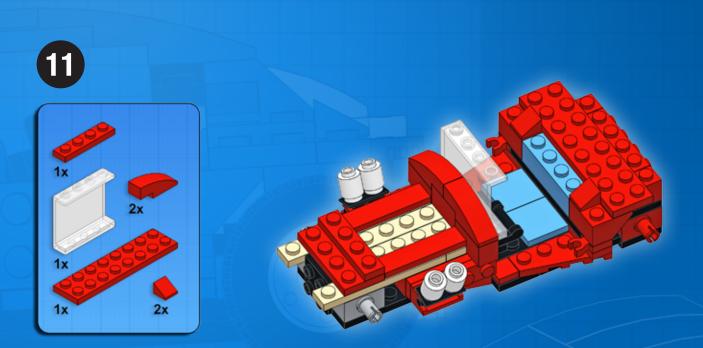






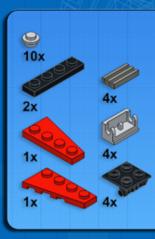




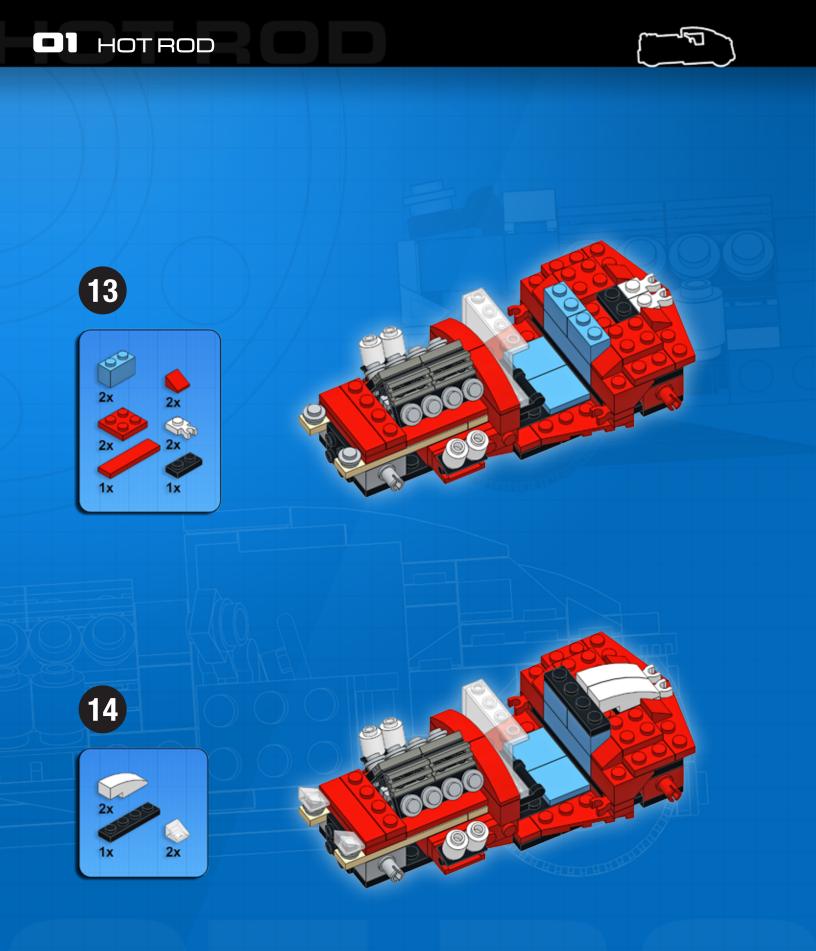




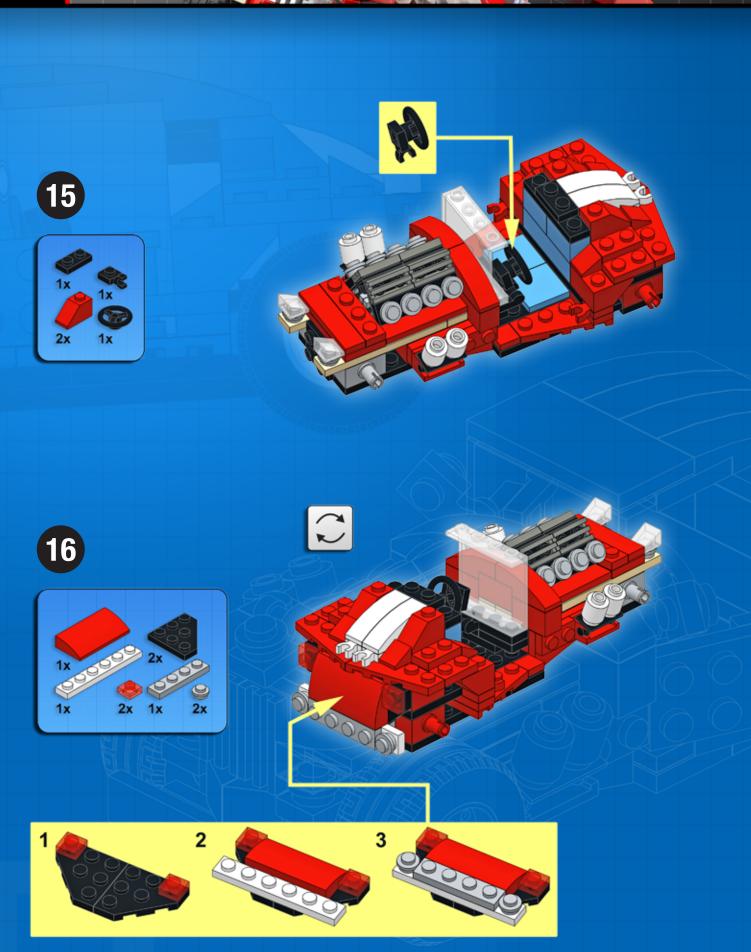


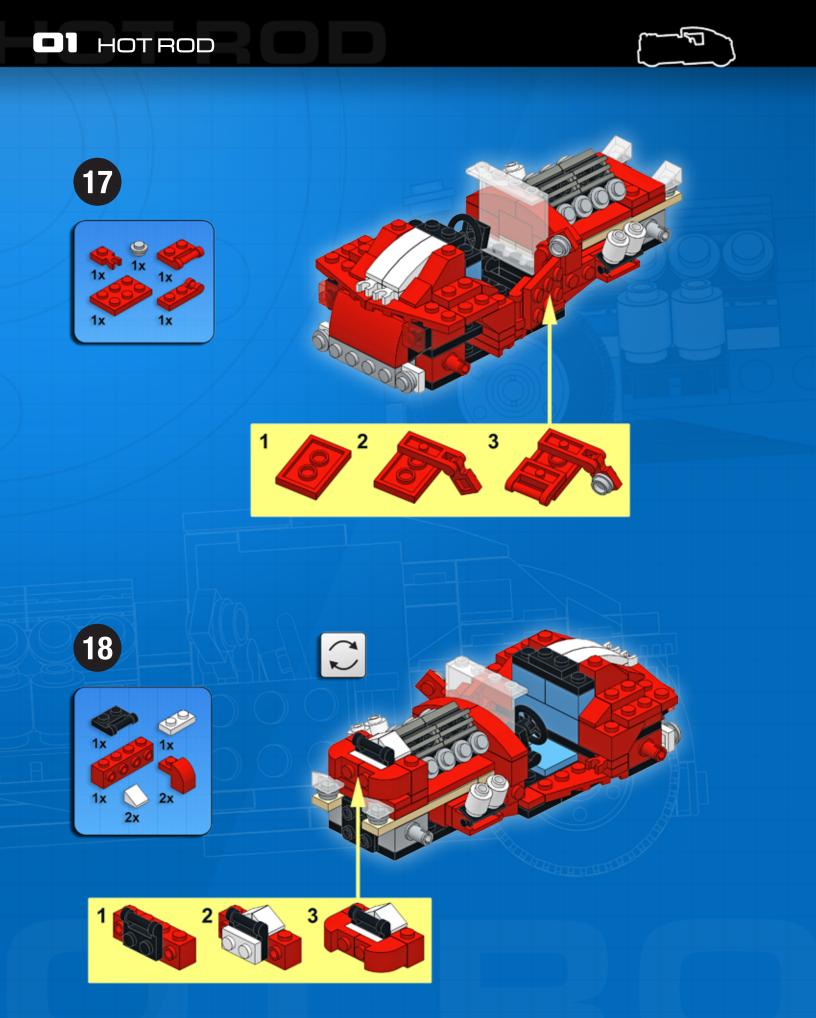
















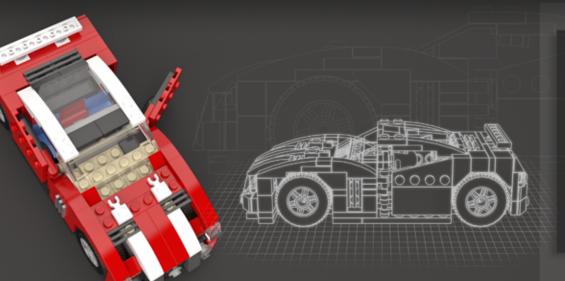












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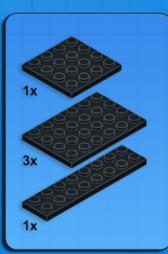
Design notes: low chassis, aerodynamic shape, sophisticated lines, racing stripes, spoiler

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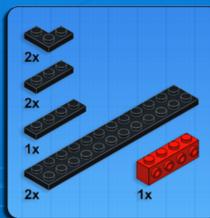
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Wheelbase:	12 studs
Axle width front/rear:	8/8 studs

Features: opening doors

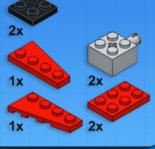






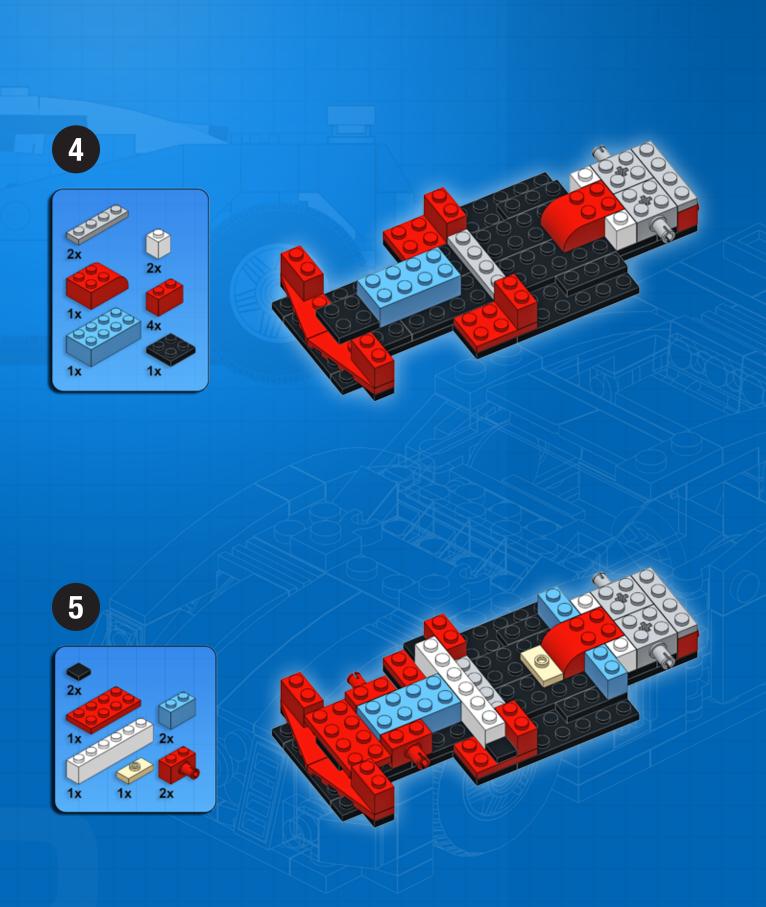




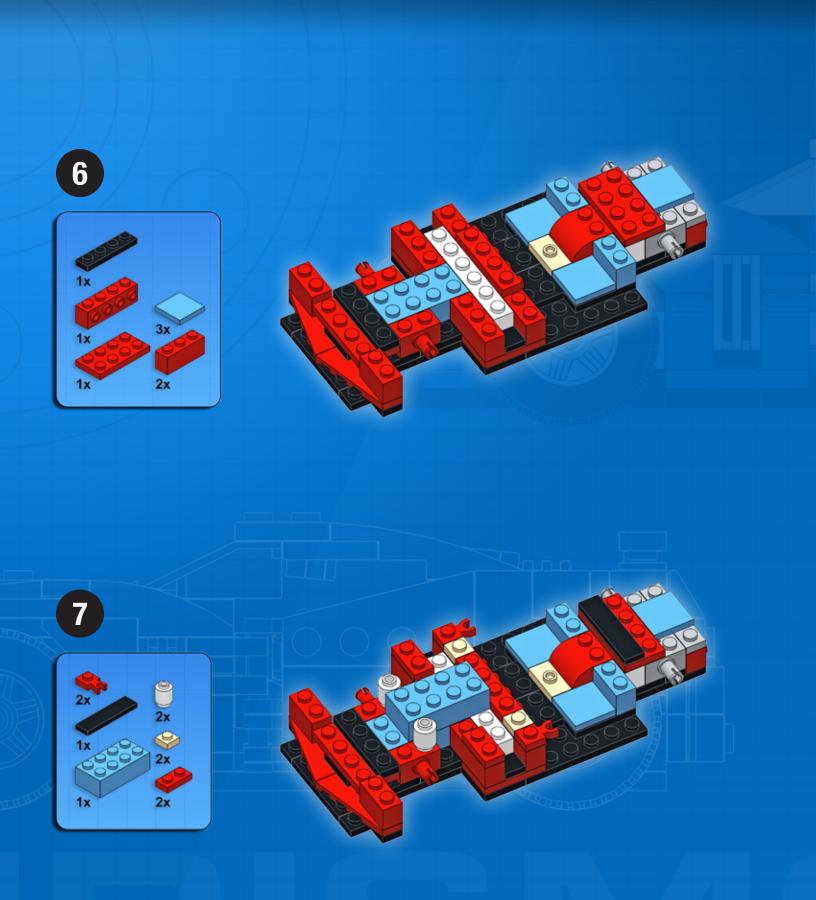








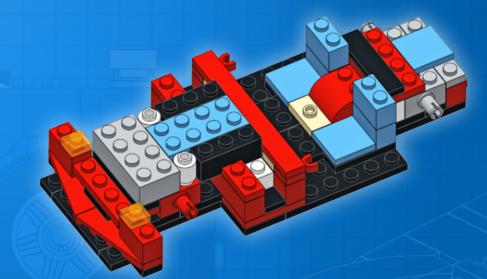


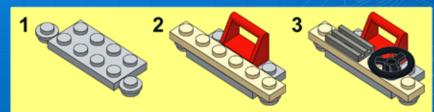




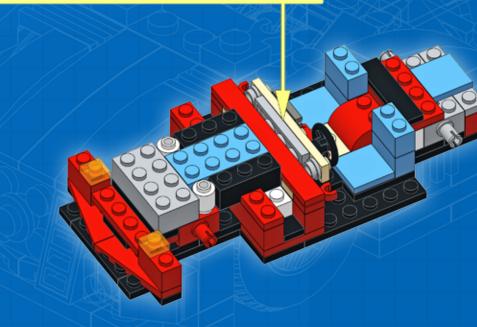




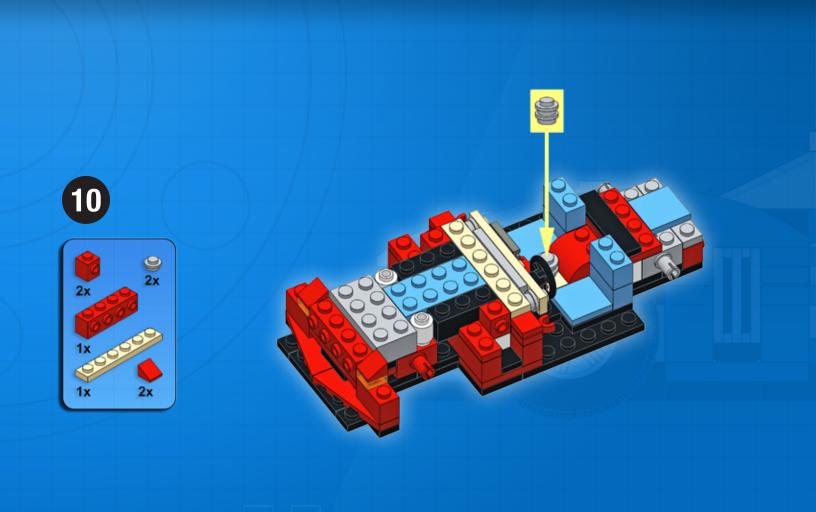




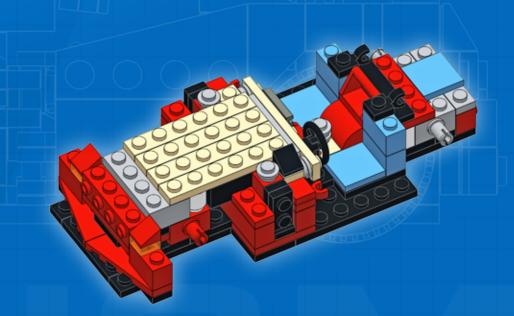


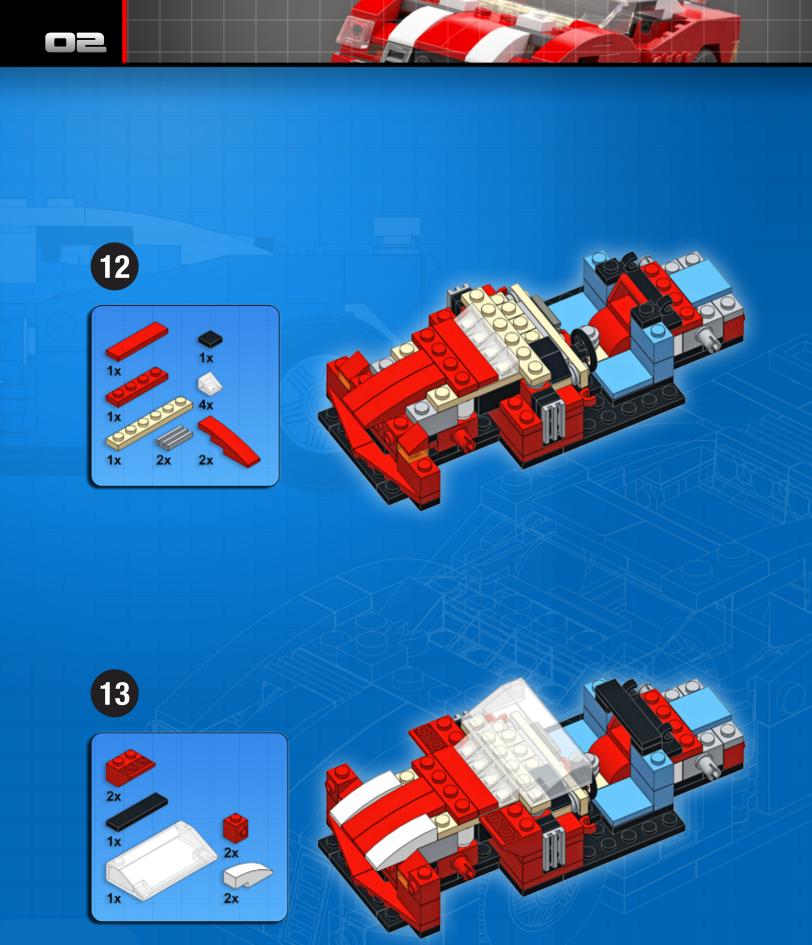




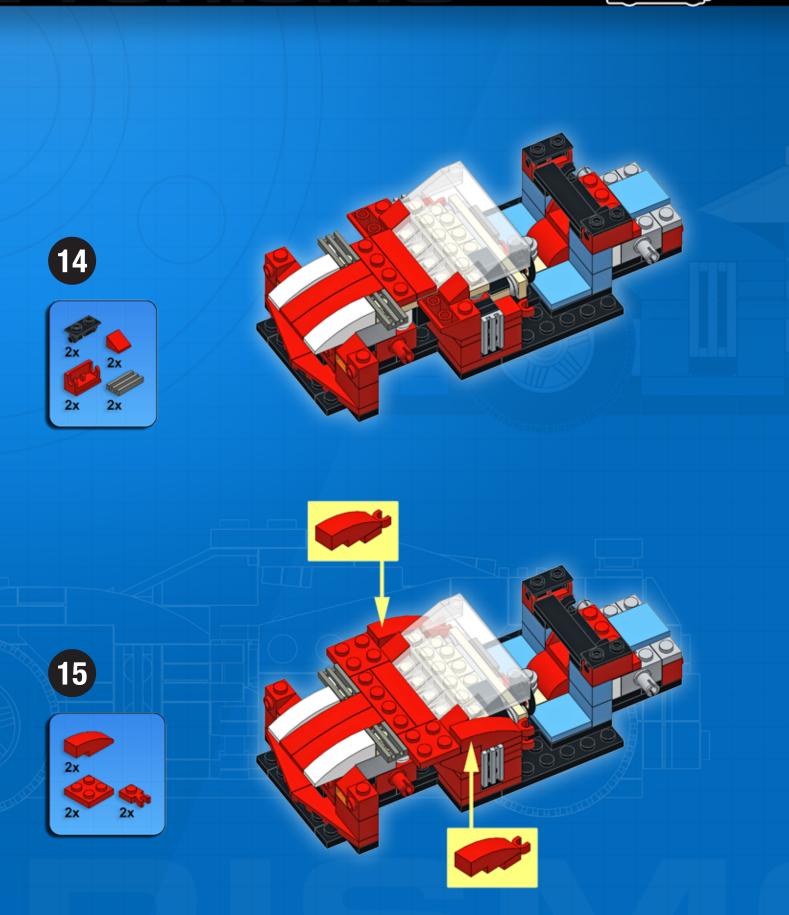


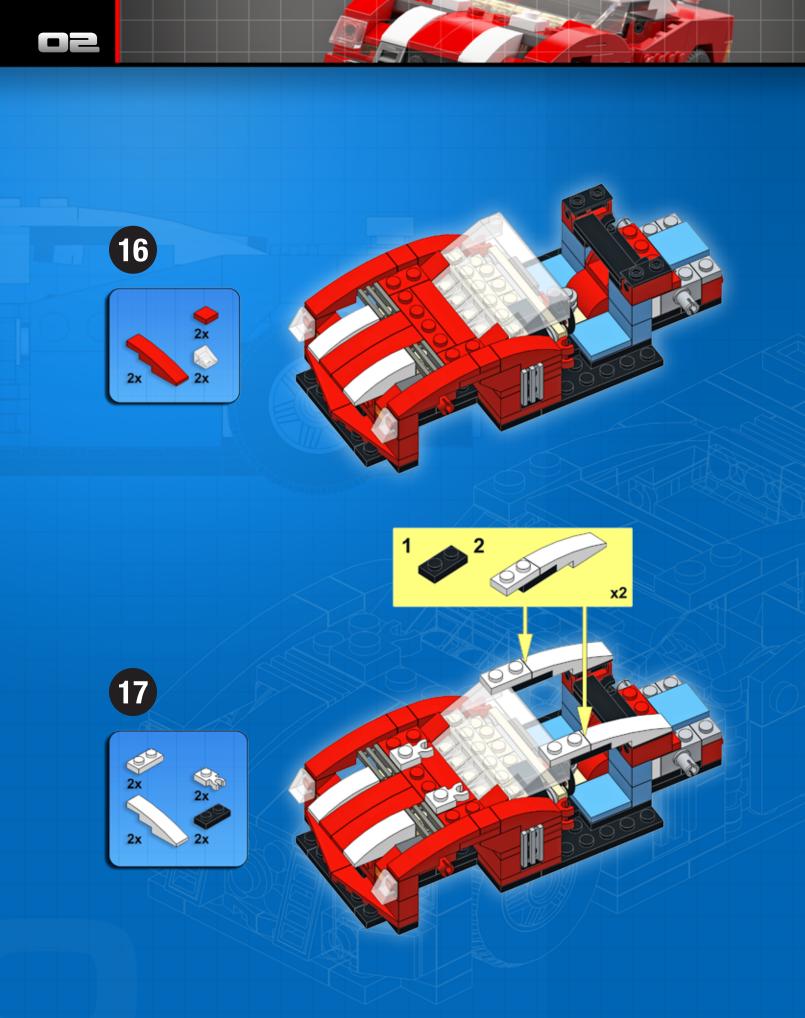




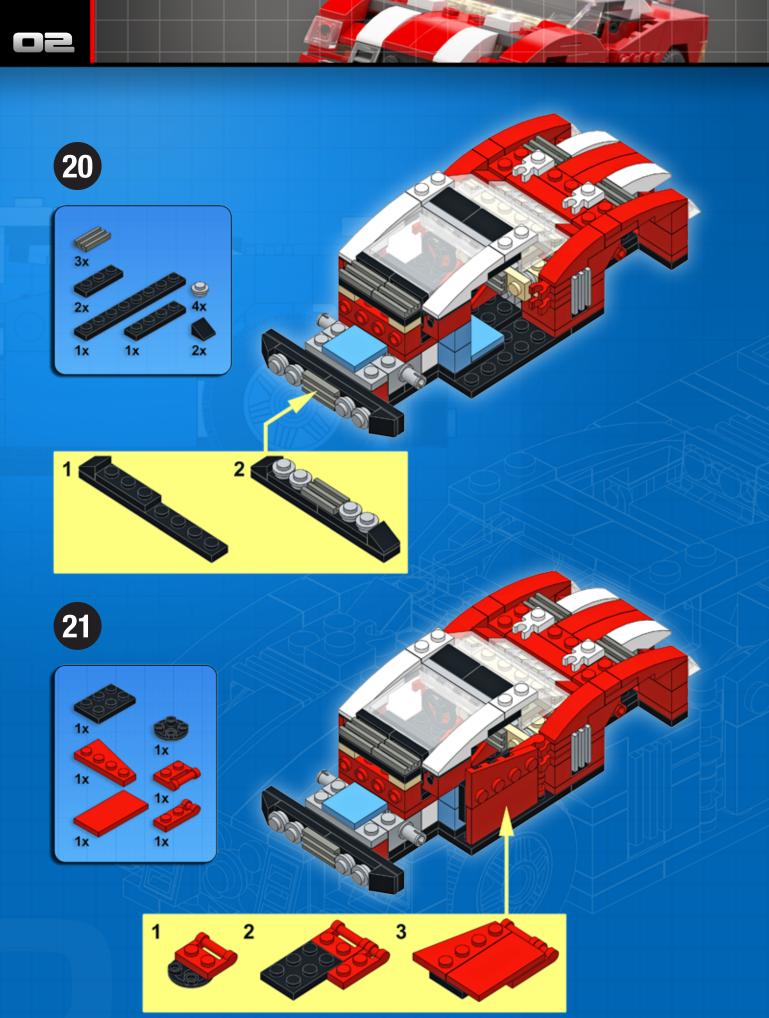


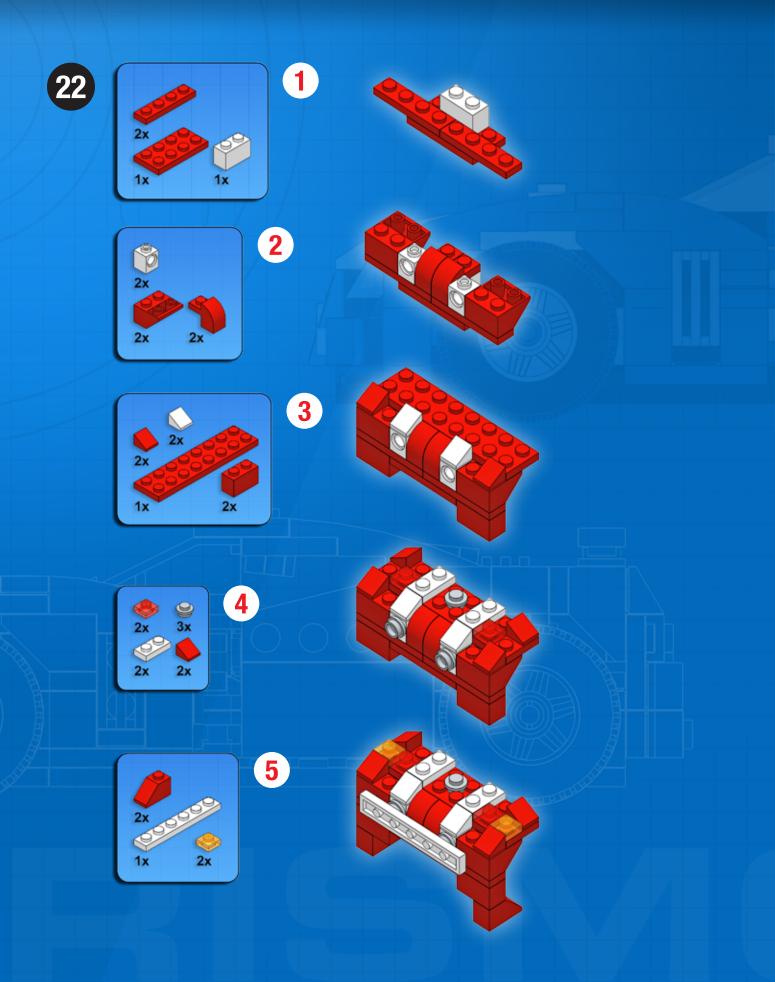




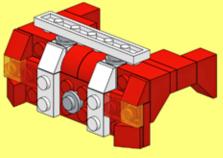


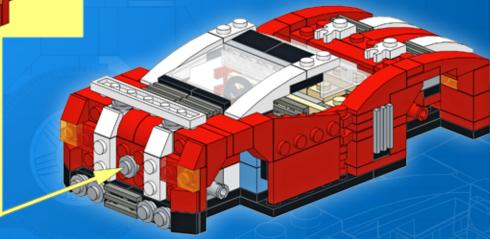




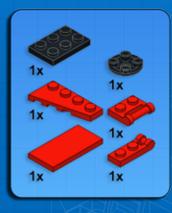


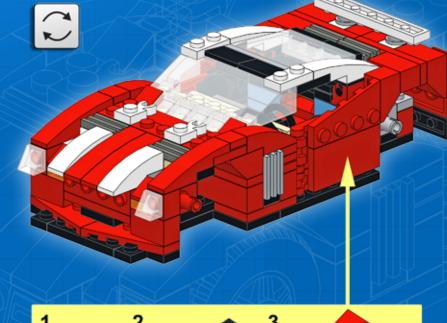


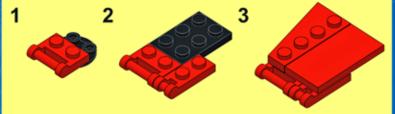






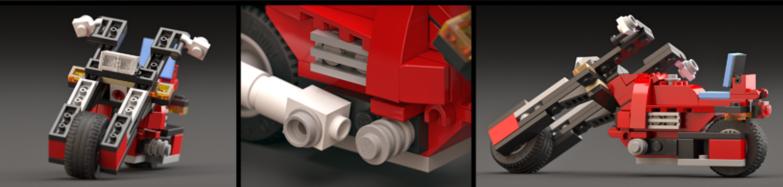














CHOPPER

Design notes: 4-cylinder engine, high handlebars, big headlight, gas tank, easy rider seat

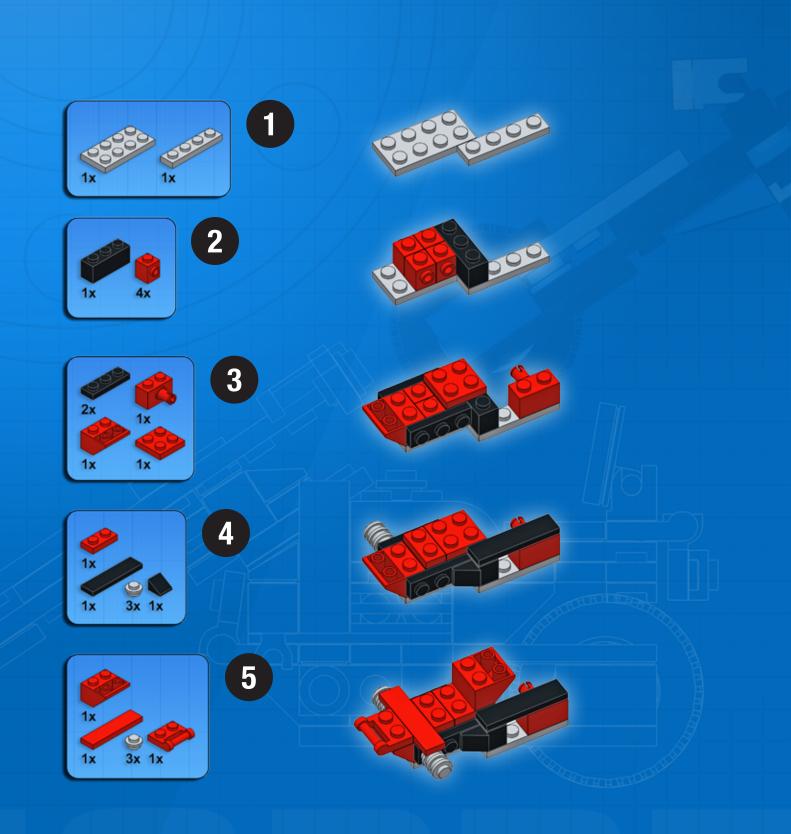
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Wheelbase:	14 studs
Axle width front/rear:	4/3 studs

Features: working steering













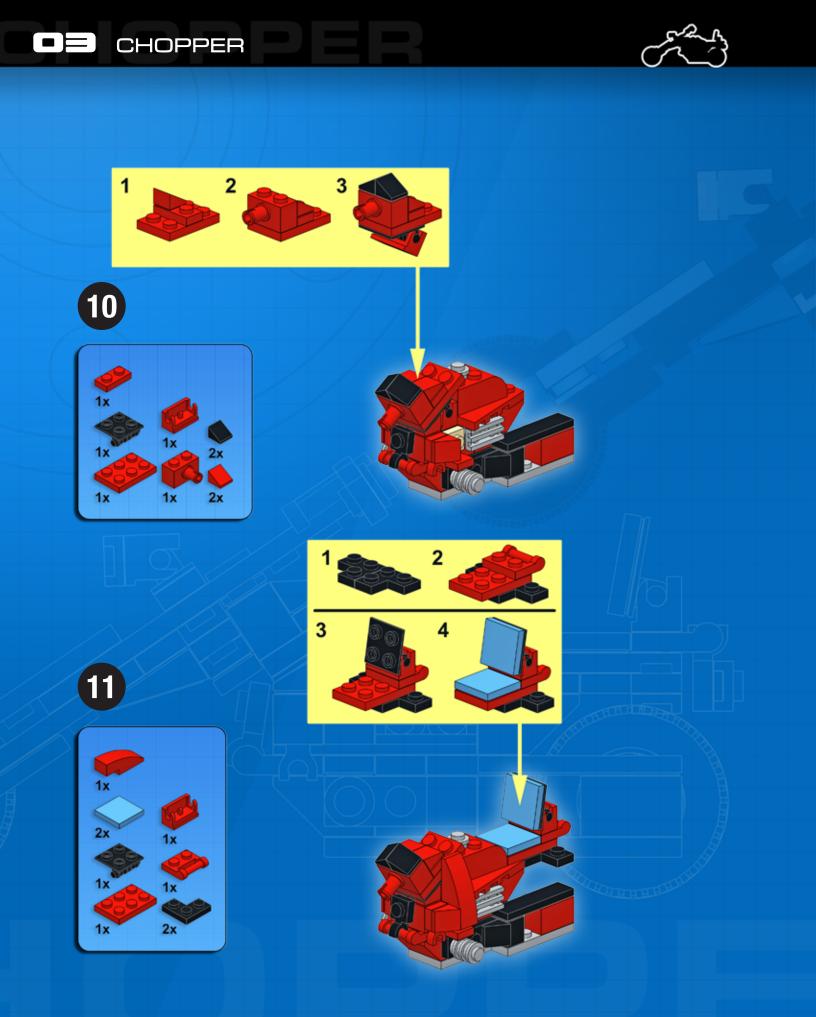




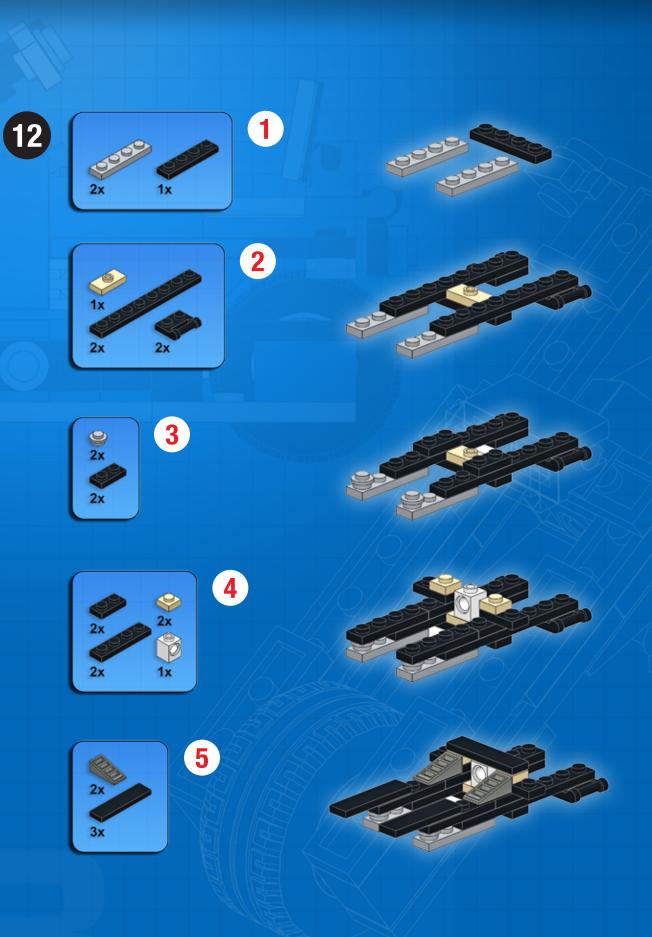


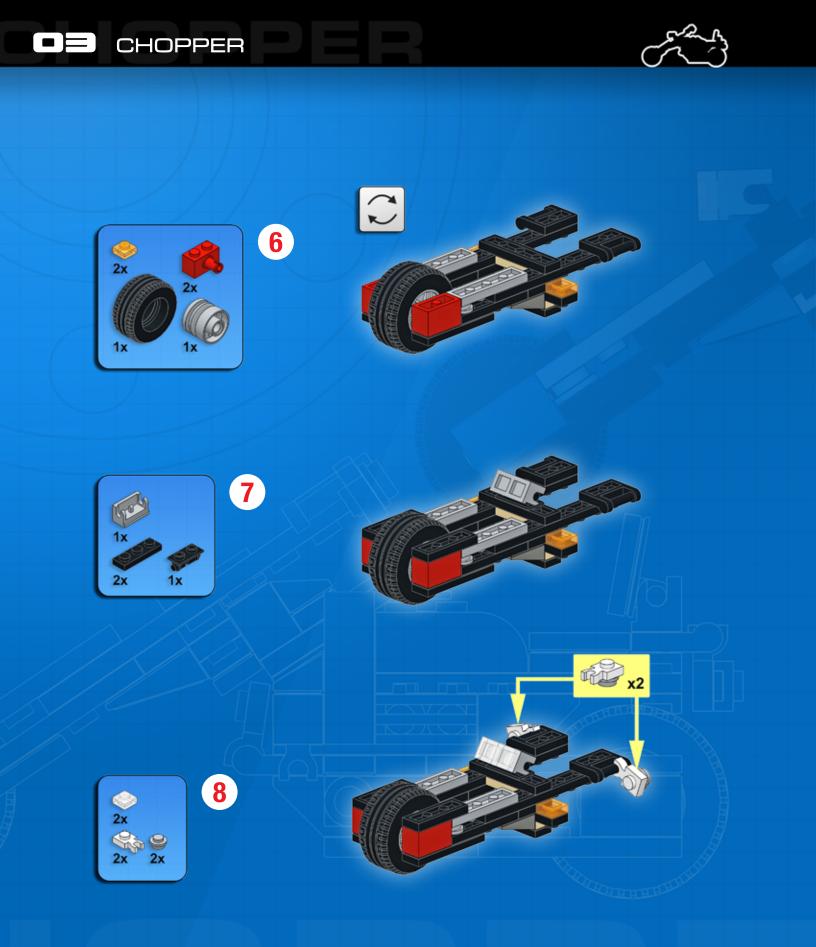




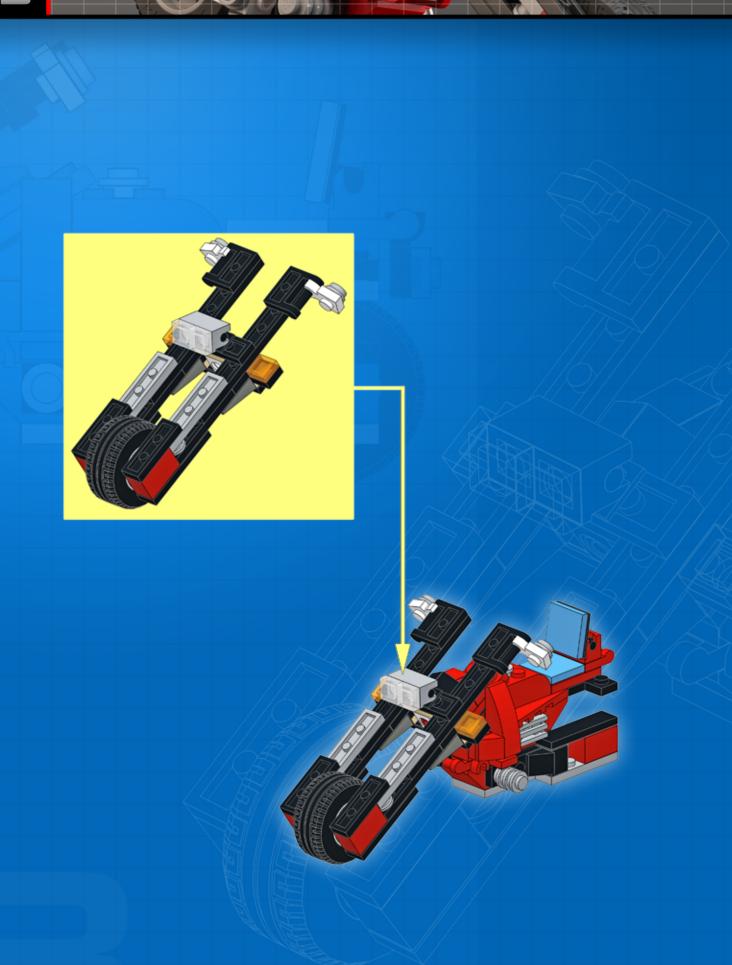




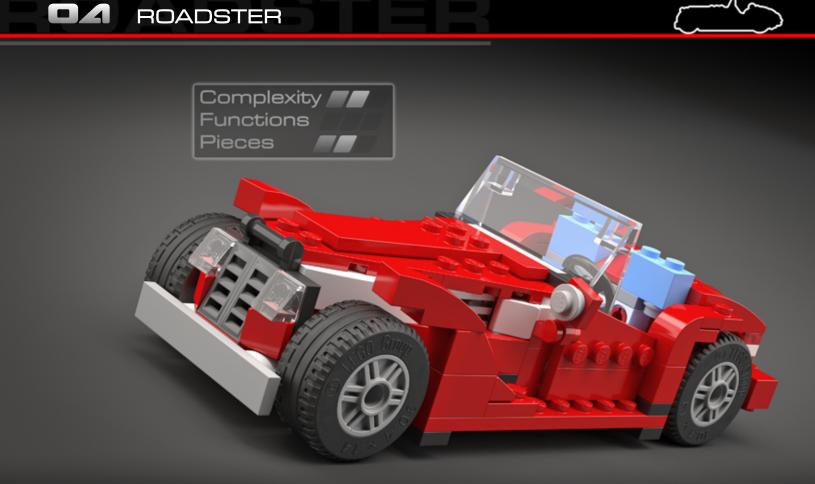
















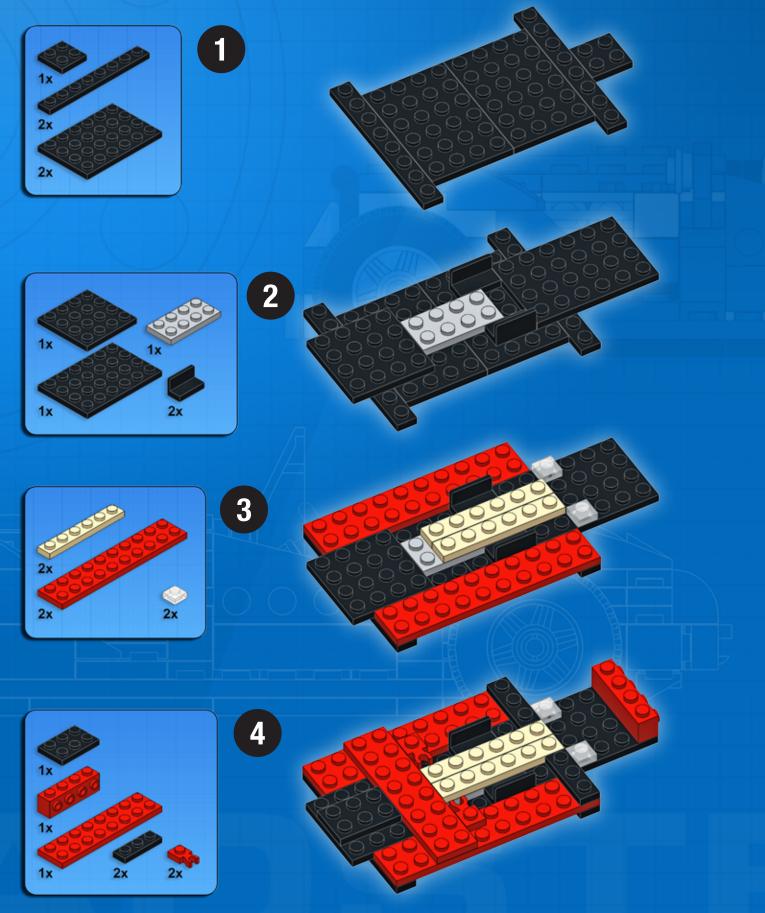
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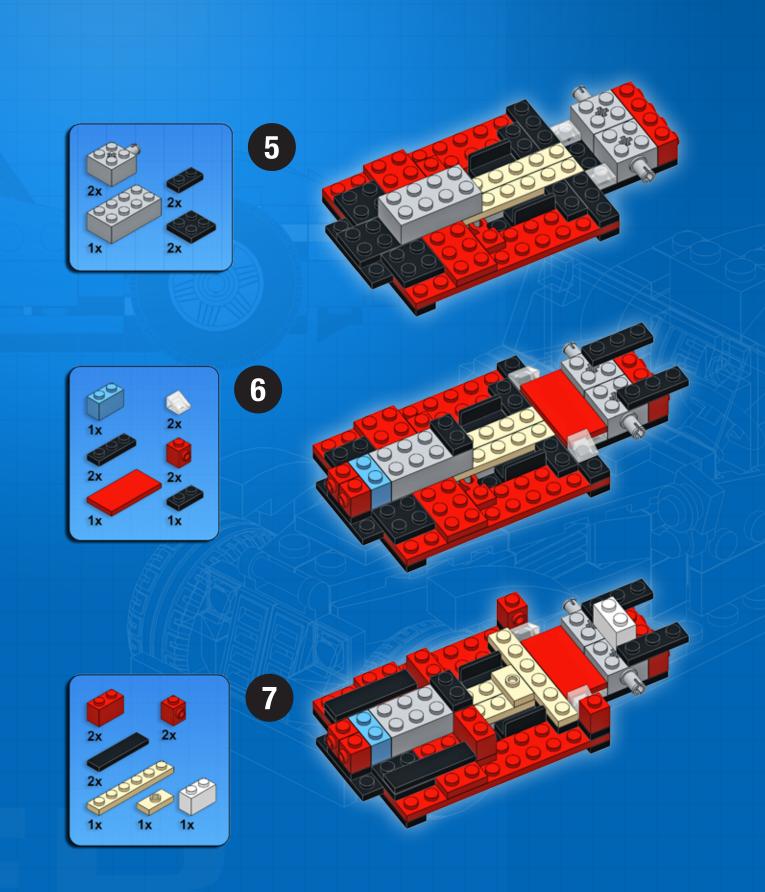
Design notes: dramatic curves; open top; long, tapered nose; classic sporty design; detailed interior

Technical specifications:

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Wheelbase:	14 studs
Axle width front/rear:	8/8 studs

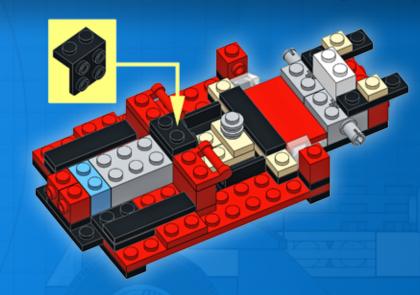






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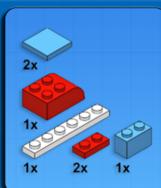


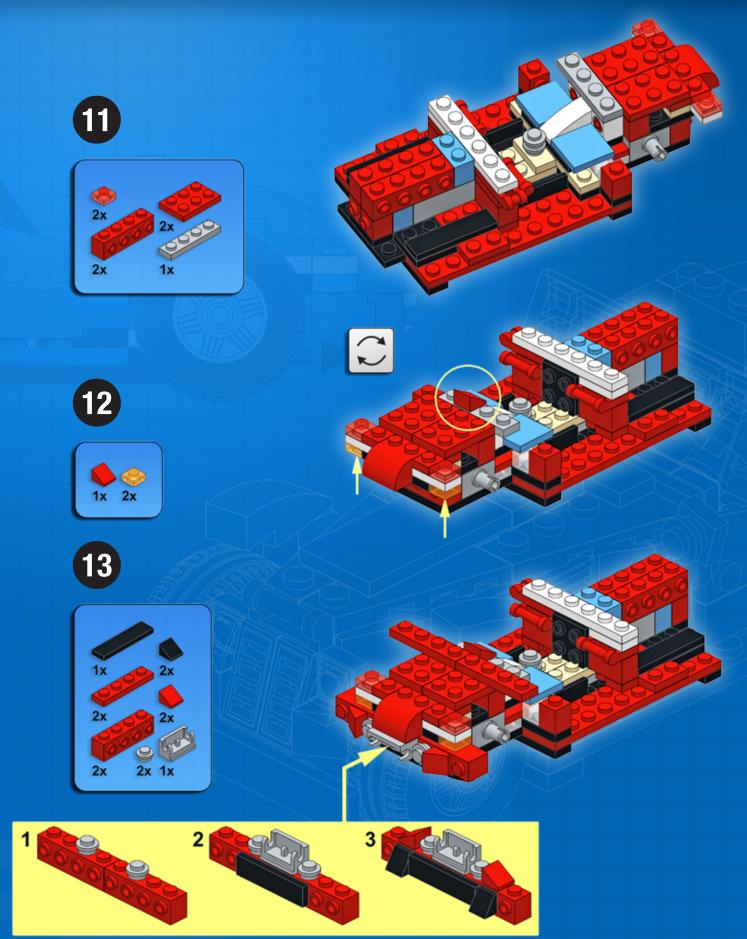




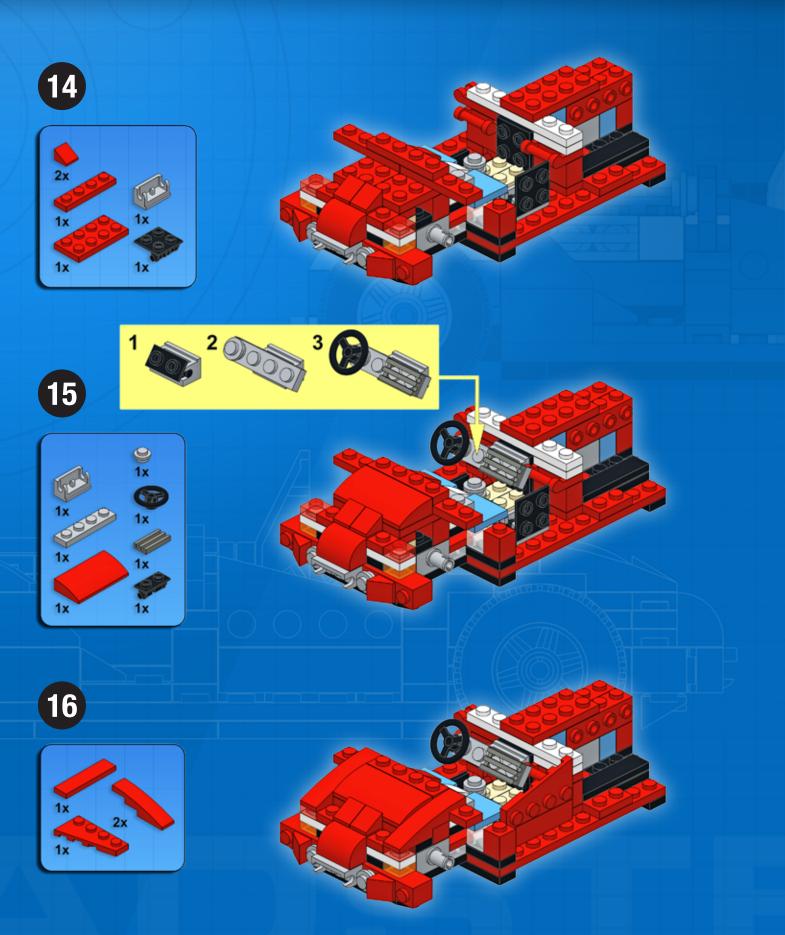








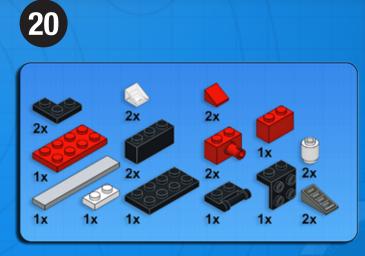


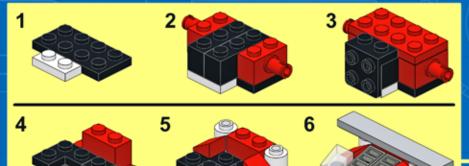




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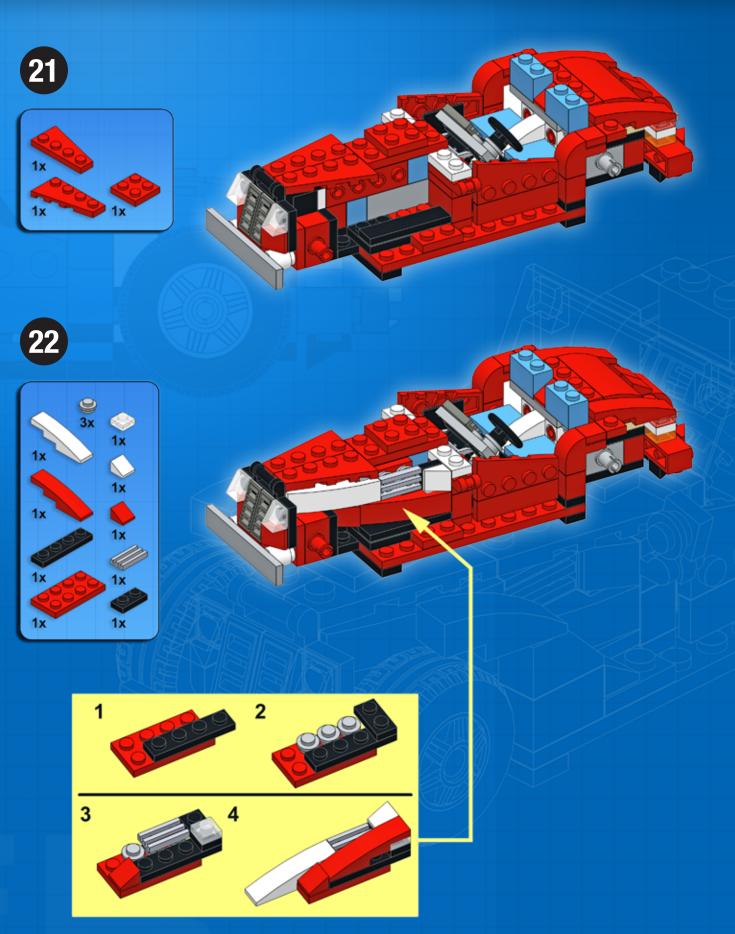


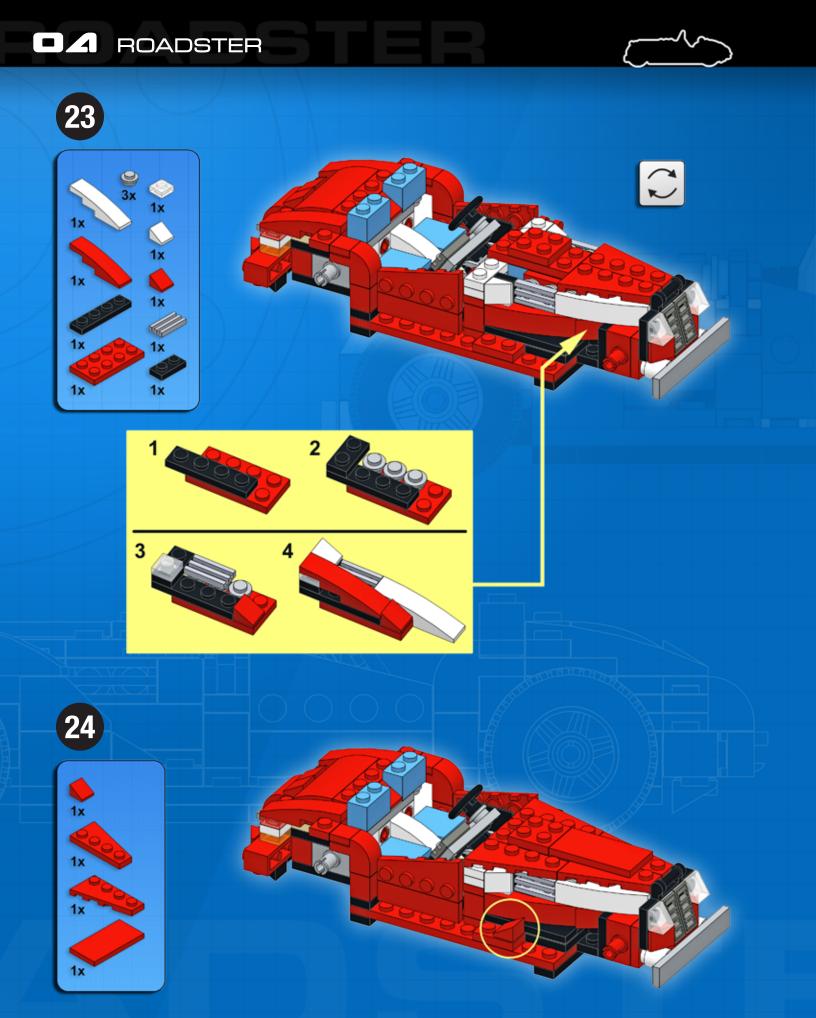


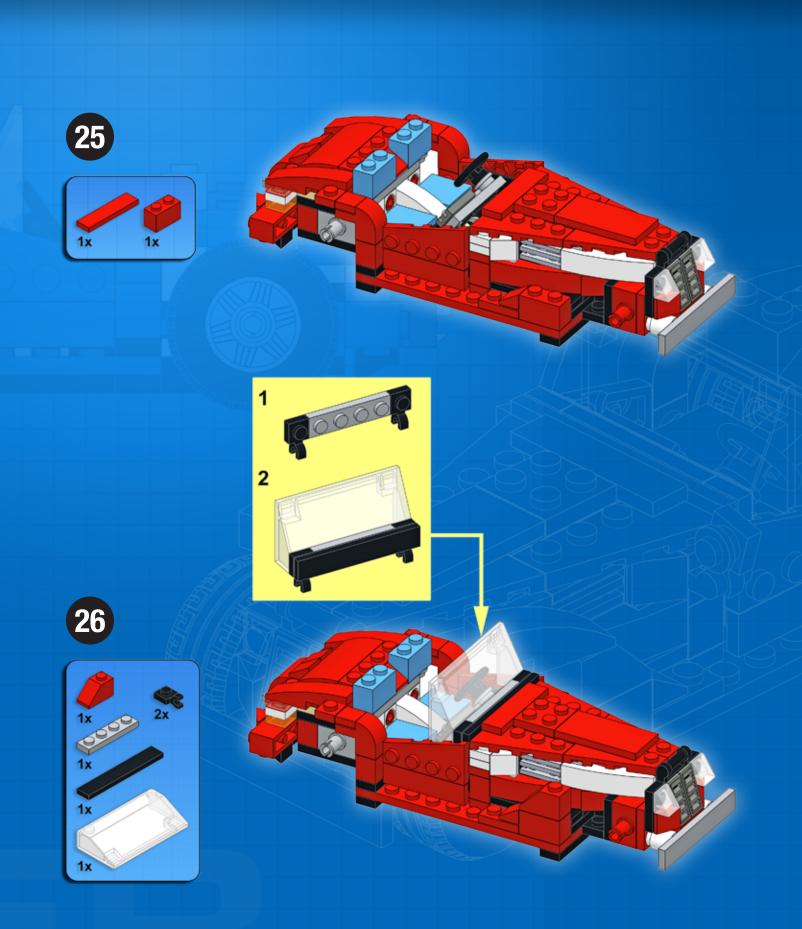






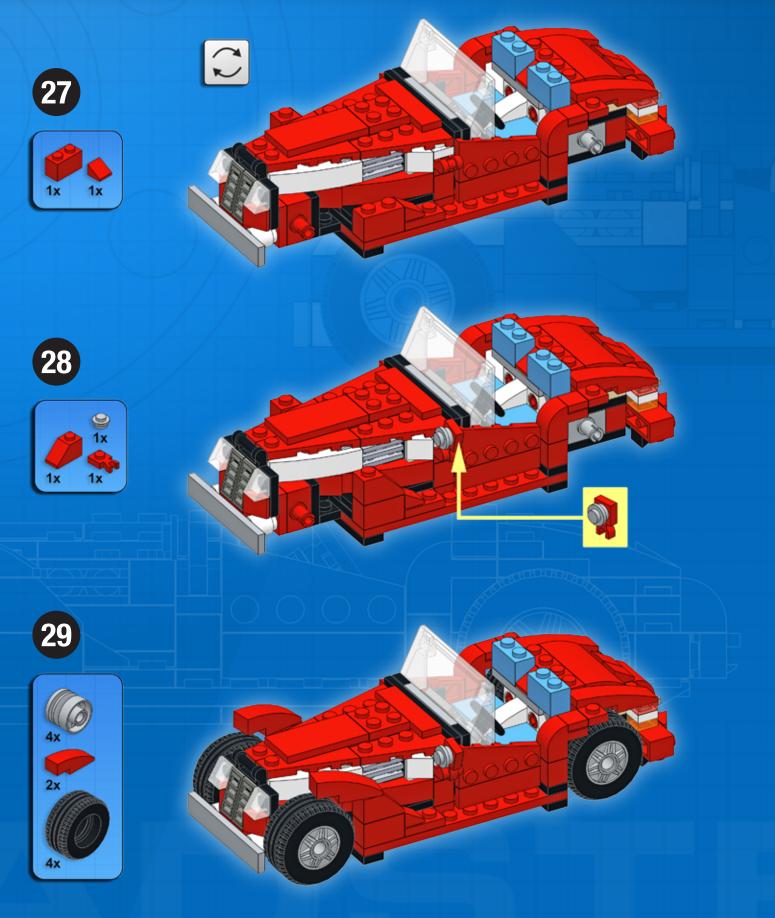


























WRECKER

Design notes: long wheelbase, high clearance, flat bed, wide rear axle, massive grille, livery lines

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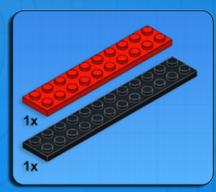
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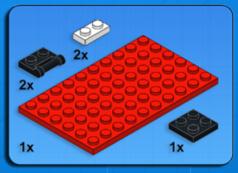
 $23 \times 10 \times 11$ studs 14 studs 8/10 studs

Features: lifting crane

DS WRECKER

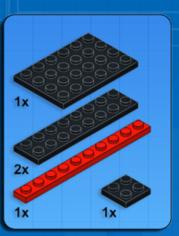










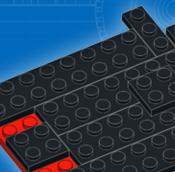


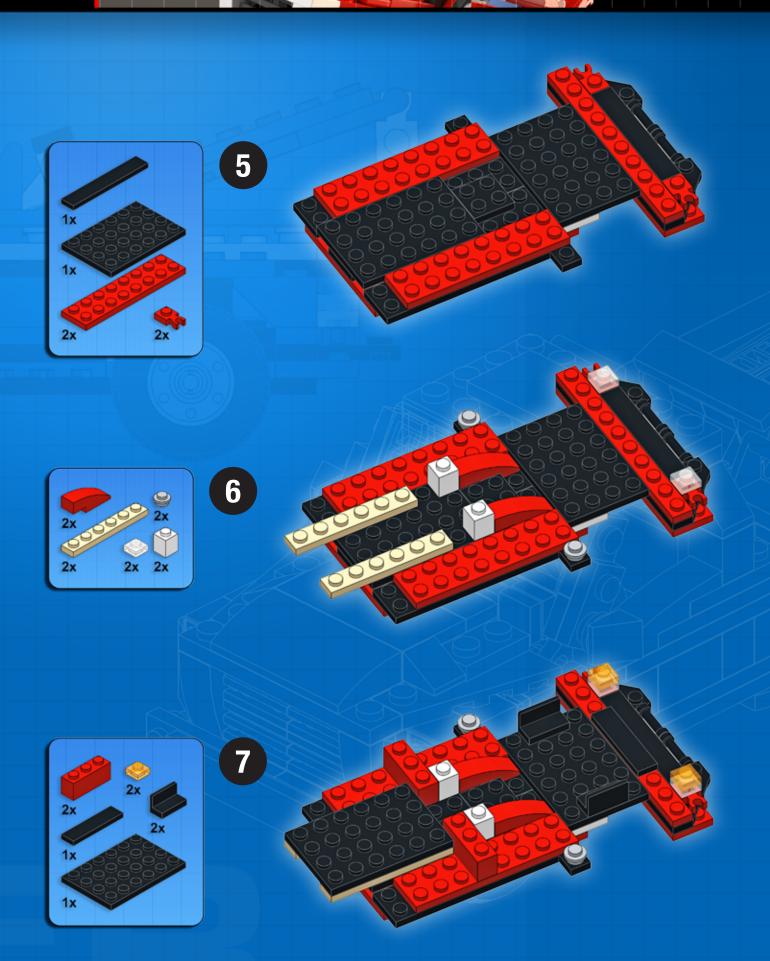






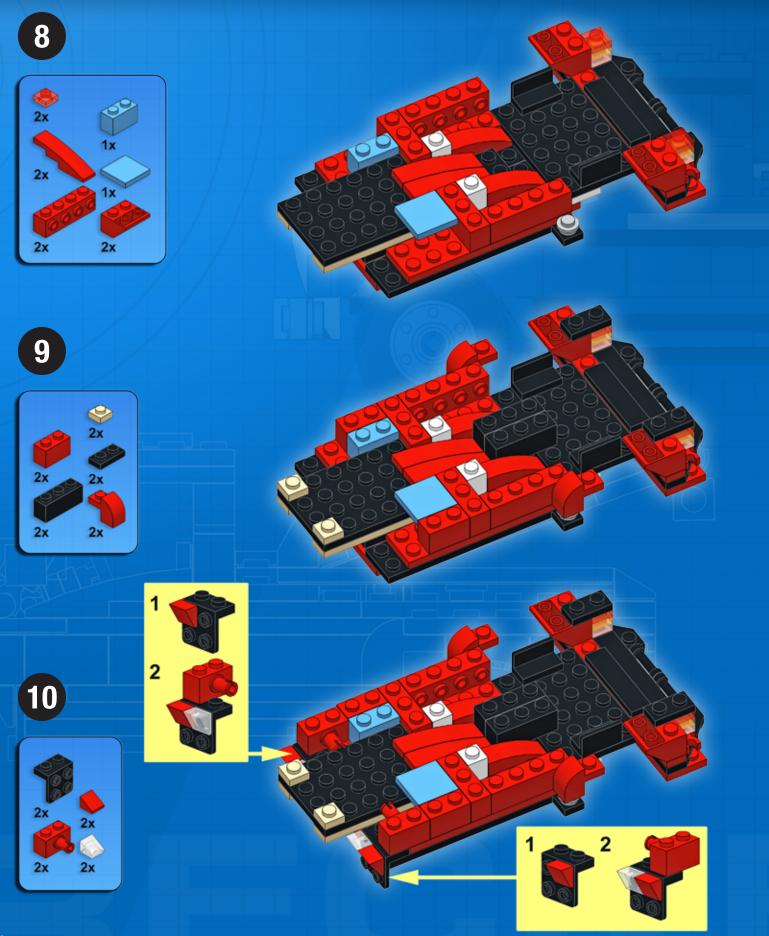






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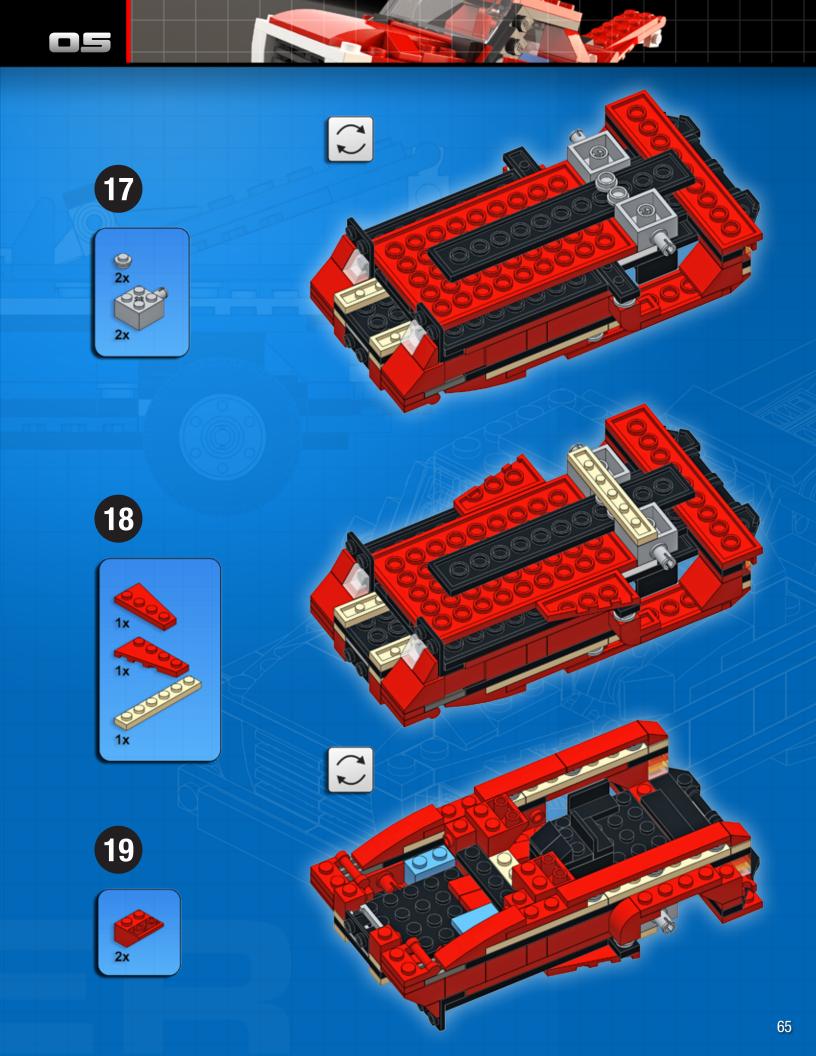




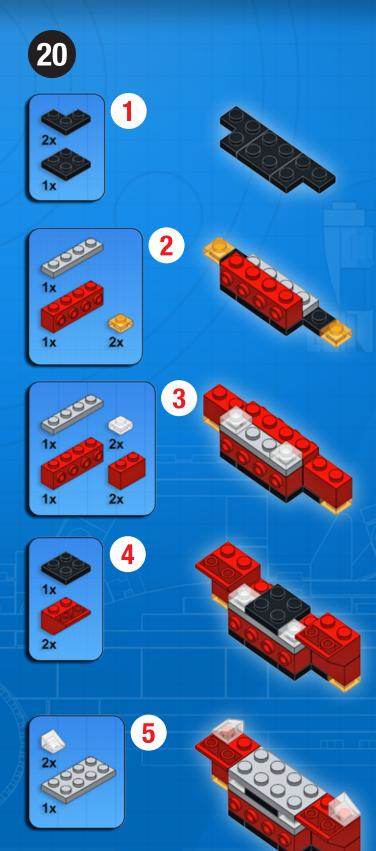


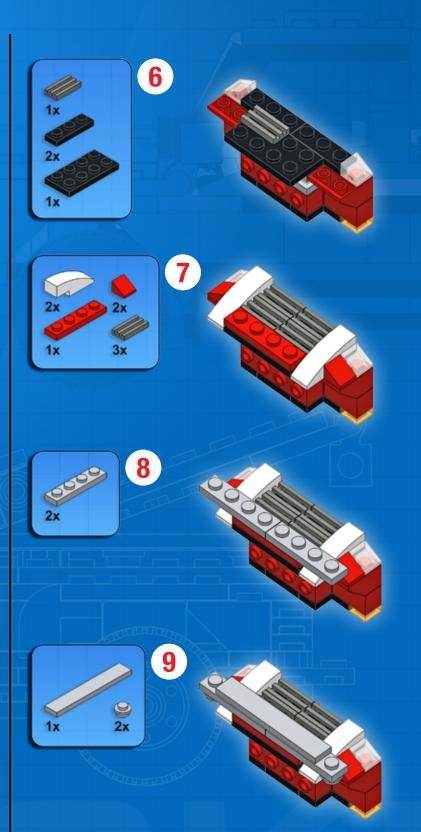




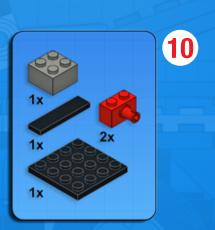


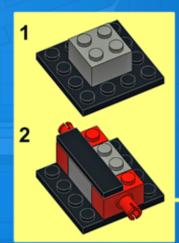


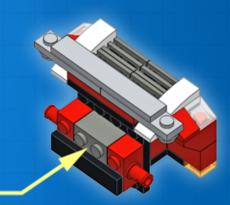


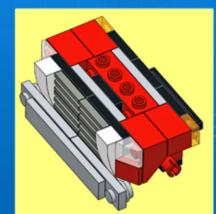


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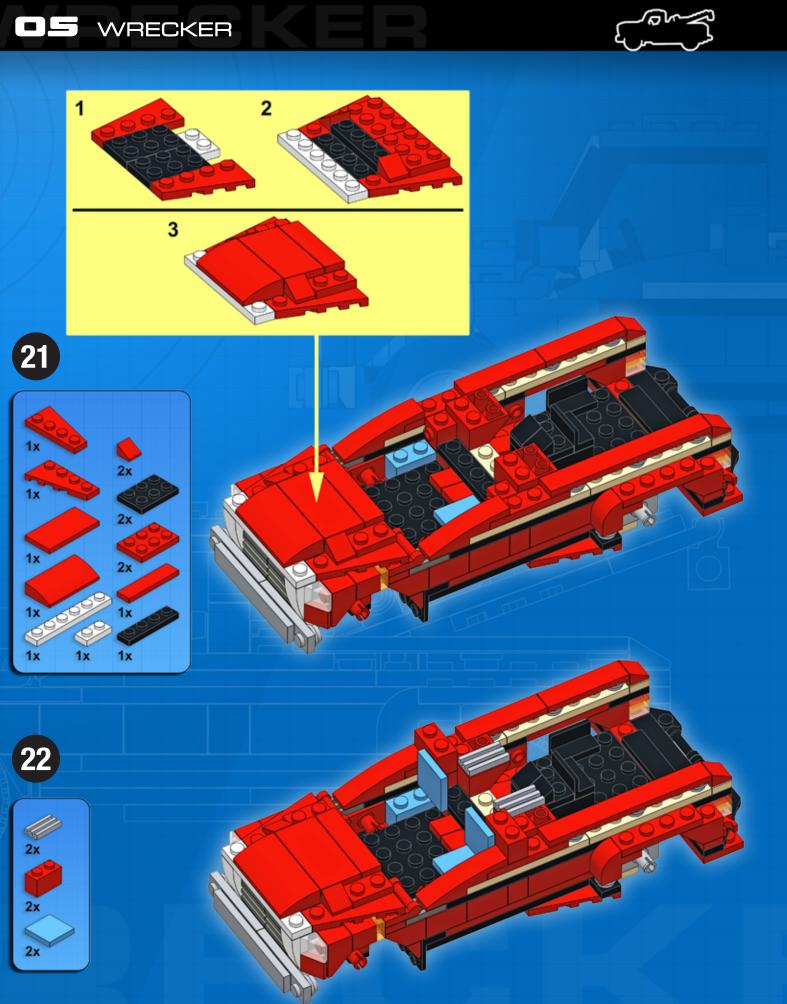
















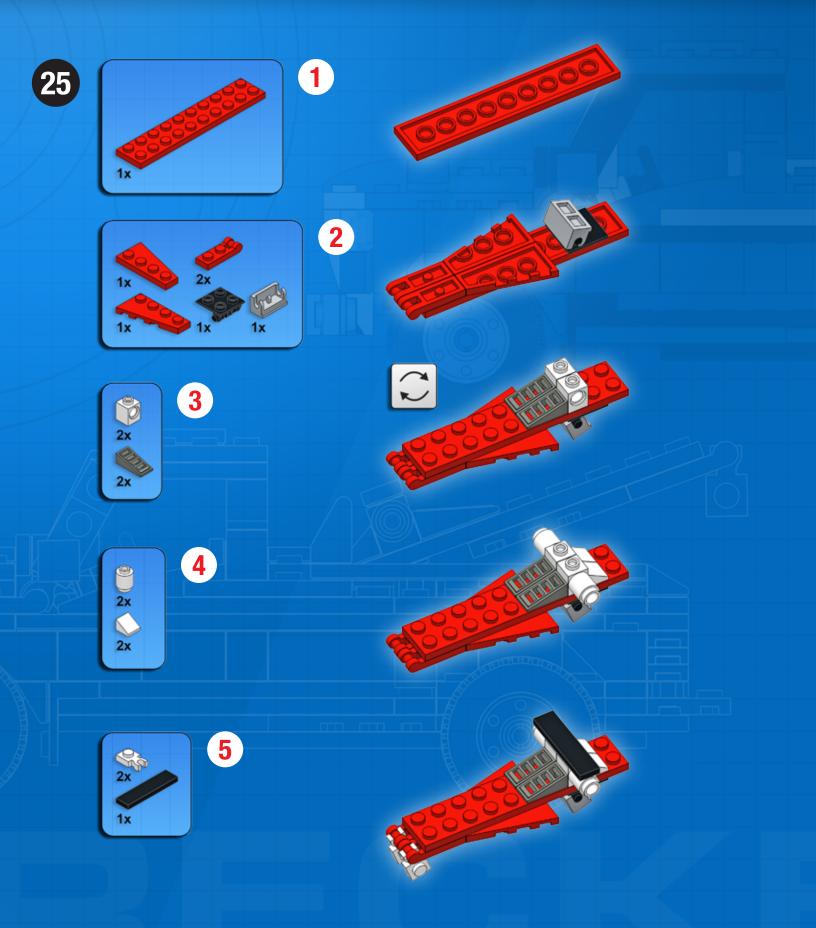
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LET'S TAKE A SHORT BREAK AND TALK ABOUT HOW YOU CAN DESIGN YOUR OWN AMAZING VEHICLES!

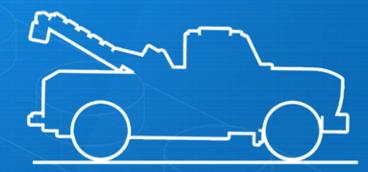
THREE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

WHEN YOU DESIGN A MODEL OF A VEHICLE, START BY THINKING ABOUT ITS PURPOSE. IS IT A SPEED MACHINE, OR IS IT AN OFF-ROAD BEAST MEANT TO BE STABLE ON ROCKY GROUND?

TO PLAN THE STRUCTURE AND PROPORTIONS OF YOUR VEHICLE, CONSIDER THESE THREE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS:

I. WHERE ARE THE WHEELS?

HEAVY-DUTY VEHICLES NEED A LONG WHEELBASE AND HIGH CLEARANCE TO COPE WITH ROUGH TERRAIN AND HEFTY LOADS.



WHAT AM I

GOING TO BUILD?

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LONG AND HIGH

SPEEDSTERS WILL BE SLUNG CLOSE TO THE GROUND TO INCREASE STABILITY.



SHORT AND LOW

RACE CARS COMBINE THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE MAXIMUM PERFORMANCE.



VERY LONG AND VERY LOW



2. WHERE IS THE ENGINE?

IN MOST VEHICLES, THE ENGINE IS BETWEEN THE FRONT WHEELS.

BUT RACE CARS OFTEN HAVE AN ENGINE BETWEEN THE FRONT AND REAR AXLES. HAVING THE WEIGHT OF THE ENGINE IN THE CENTER OF THE CAR PROVIDES GREATER BALANCE AND HANDLING, SO DRIVERS CAN TAKE CURVES AT EXTREME SPEEDS.

FOR CONSTRUCTION VEHICLES THAT NEED TO LIFT HEAVY LOADS, THE ENGINE IS OFTEN MOUNTED IN THE REAR, WHERE IT ACTS AS A COUNTERWEIGHT.

3. WHERE IS THE DRIVER SEATED?

THE DRIVER SITS BEHIND THE ENGINE IN MOST STANDARD CARS, BUT HE OR SHE MIGHT SIT IN FRONT OF THE ENGINE IN A CONSTRUCTION VEHICLE OR A TRUE RACING CAR.

IN "CAB-OVER" TRUCKS AND BUSES, THE DRIVER IS SEATED ABOVE THE ENGINE.



PUT YOUR BEST FACE FORWARD

ONCE YOU HAVE A GOOD BASE FOR YOUR VEHICLE, IT'S TIME TO DRESS IT UP WITH DETAILS. SMALL TOUCHES CAN GIVE A VEHICLE UNIQUE CHARACTER AND EXTRA REALISM. THE FRONT OF A CAR IS VERY IMPORTANT—IT'S SOMETHING LIKE A PERSON'S FACE! THINK ABOUT DETAILS—LIKE HEADLIGHTS, GRILLES, COOLING VENTS FOR THE ENGINE, AND REARVIEW MIRRORS—THAT CAN MAKE THE DESIGN REALLY POP. (JUST DON'T FORGET TO ADD SOME DETAIL TO THE SIDES AND REAR AS WELL.)









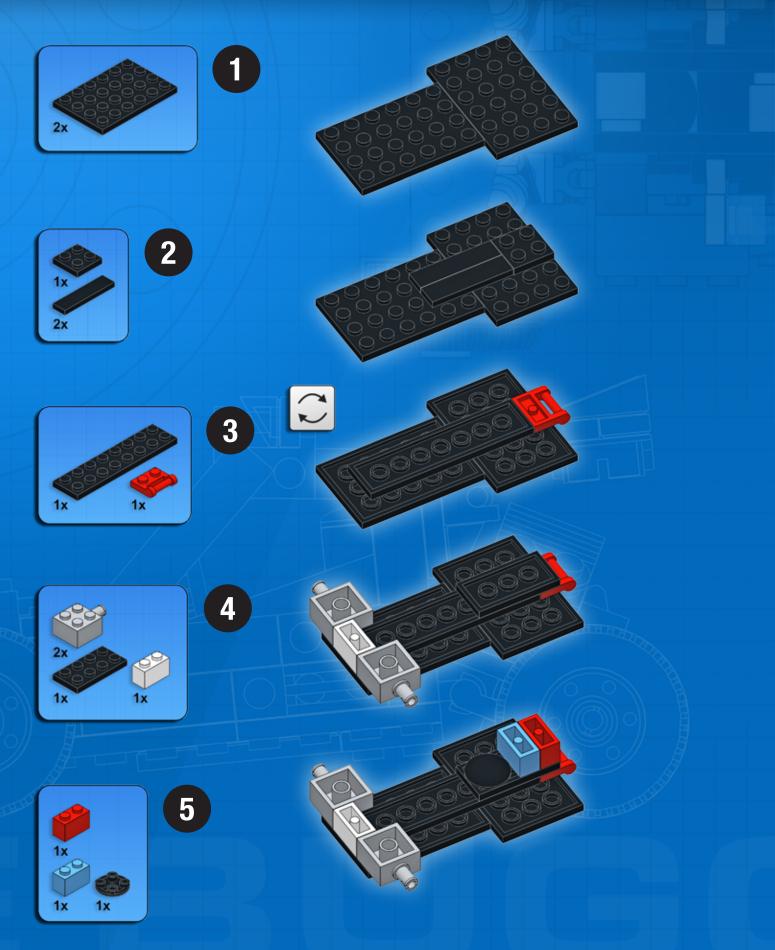
DUNE BUGGY

Design notes: roll cage, rear V4 engine, bull bar, exposed shocks, big rear wing, spotlights

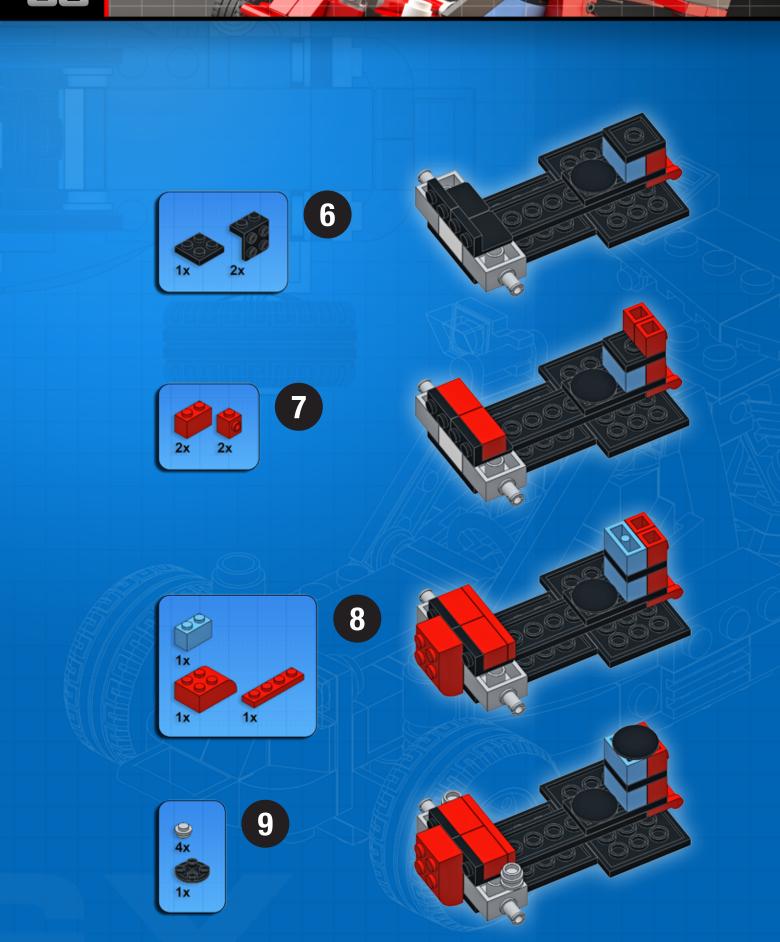
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Dimensions $(I \times w \times h)$:	$18 \times 10 \times 9$ studs
Wheelbase:	12 studs
Axle width front/rear:	10/10 studs

Features: hinged rear axle





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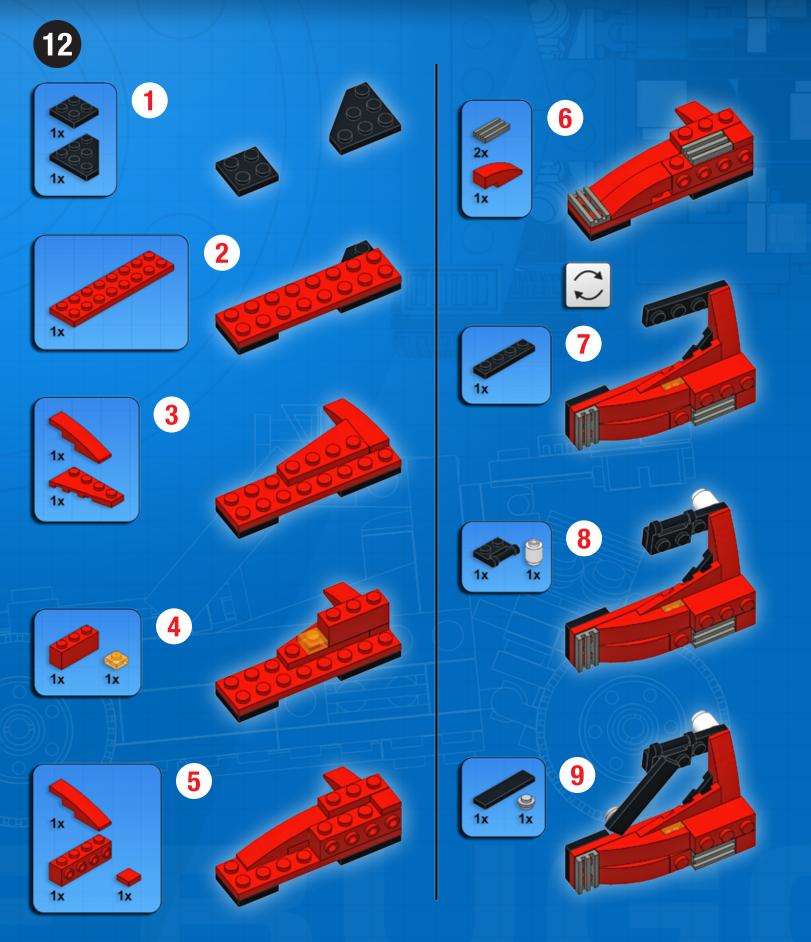


















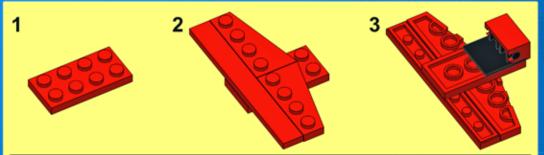


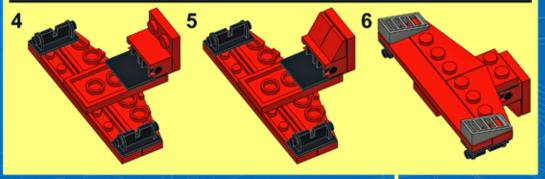


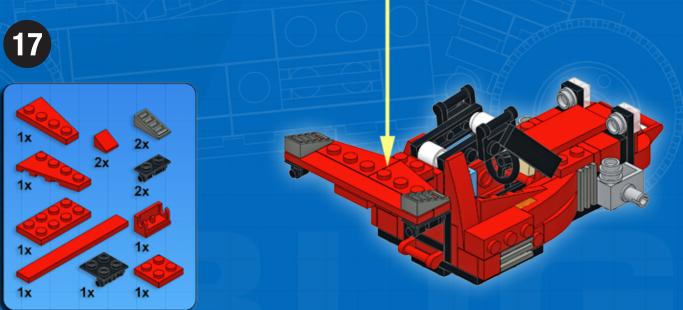




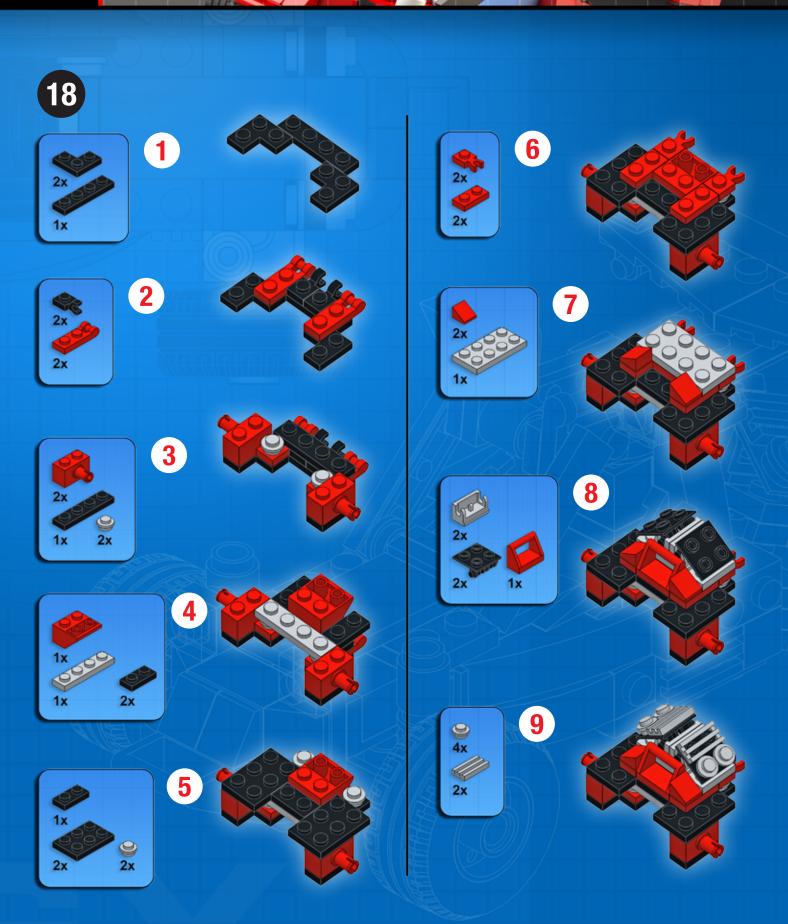








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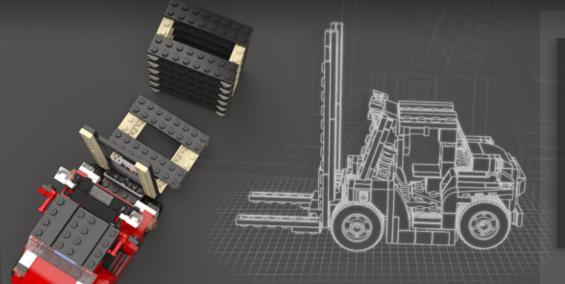












FORKLIFT

Design notes: short wheelbase, open cabin, big mirrors, spotlights

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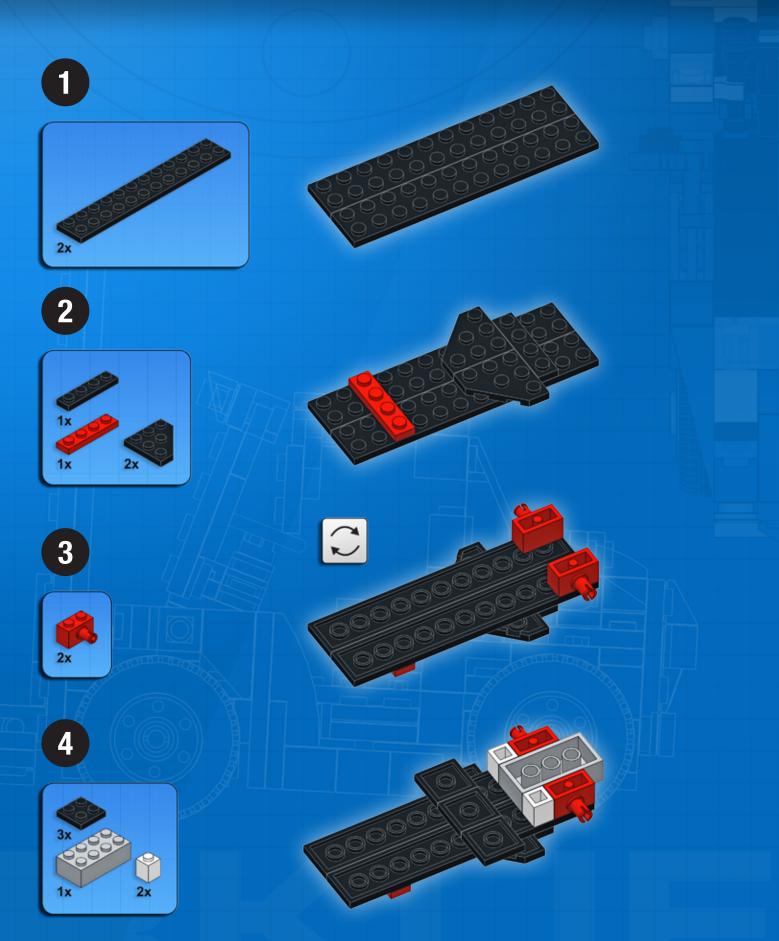
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Wheelbase:	9
Axle width front/rear:	8,

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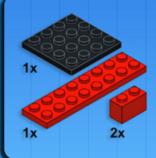
Features: tilting mast, folding fork, pallet

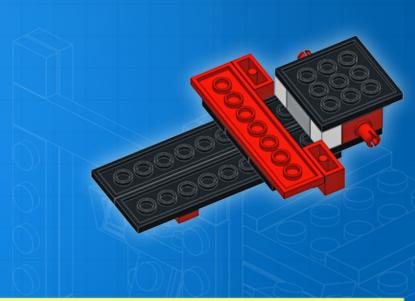


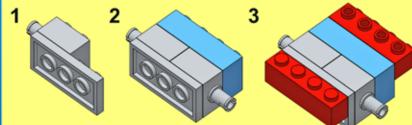


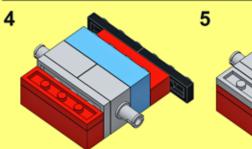


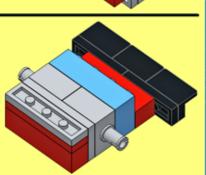




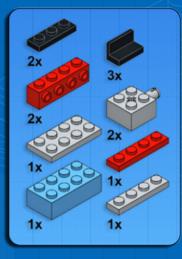


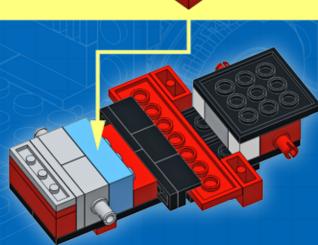






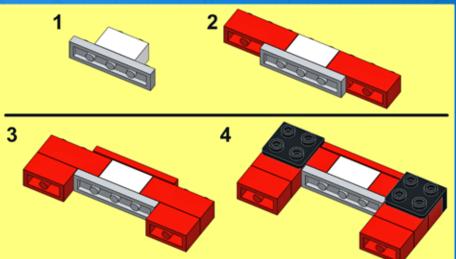


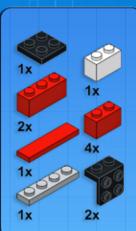


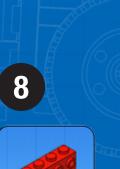








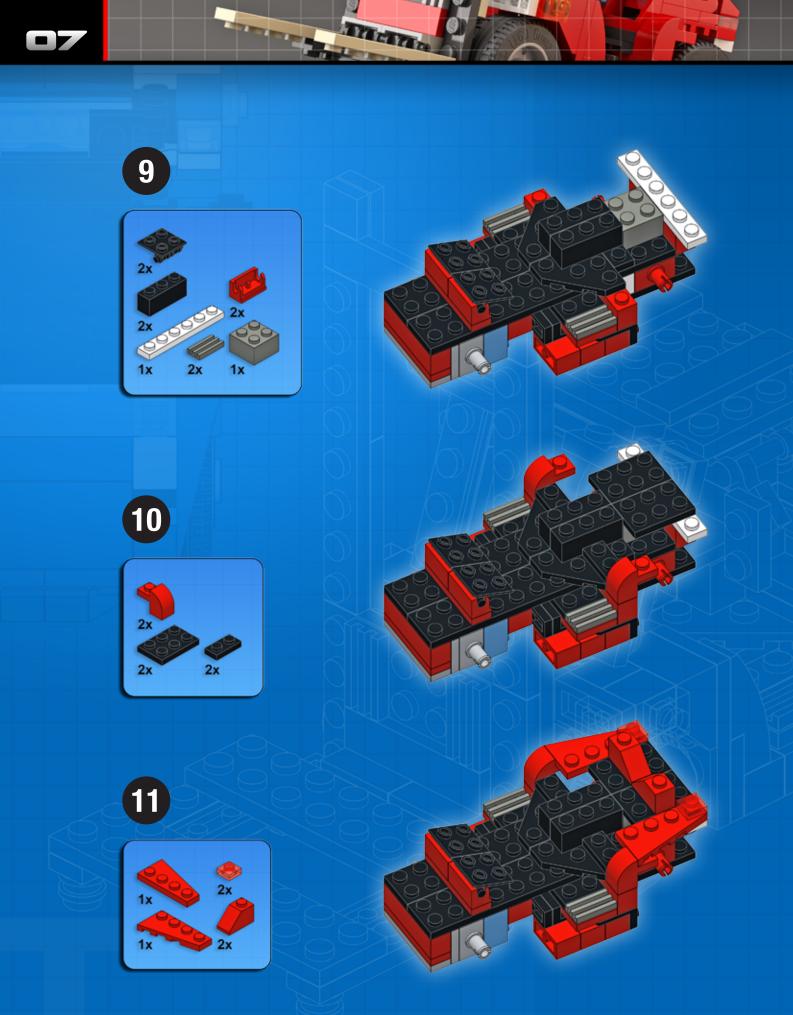


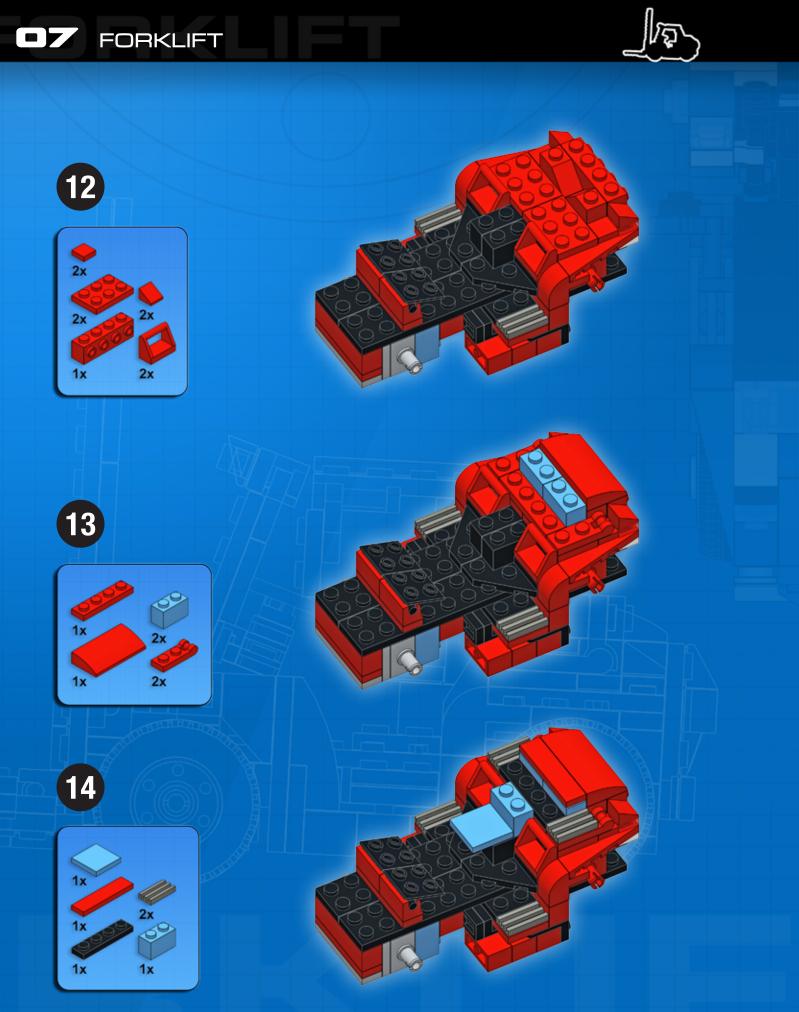


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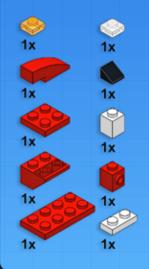


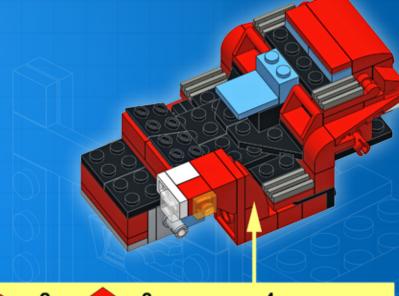
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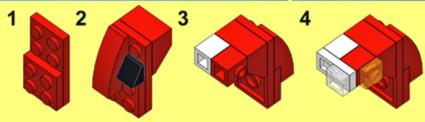








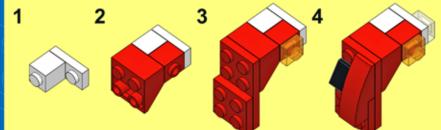
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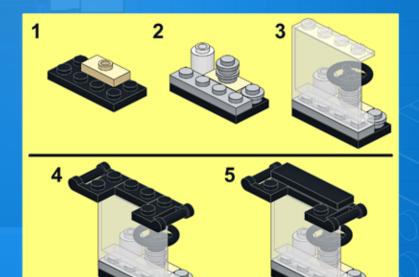










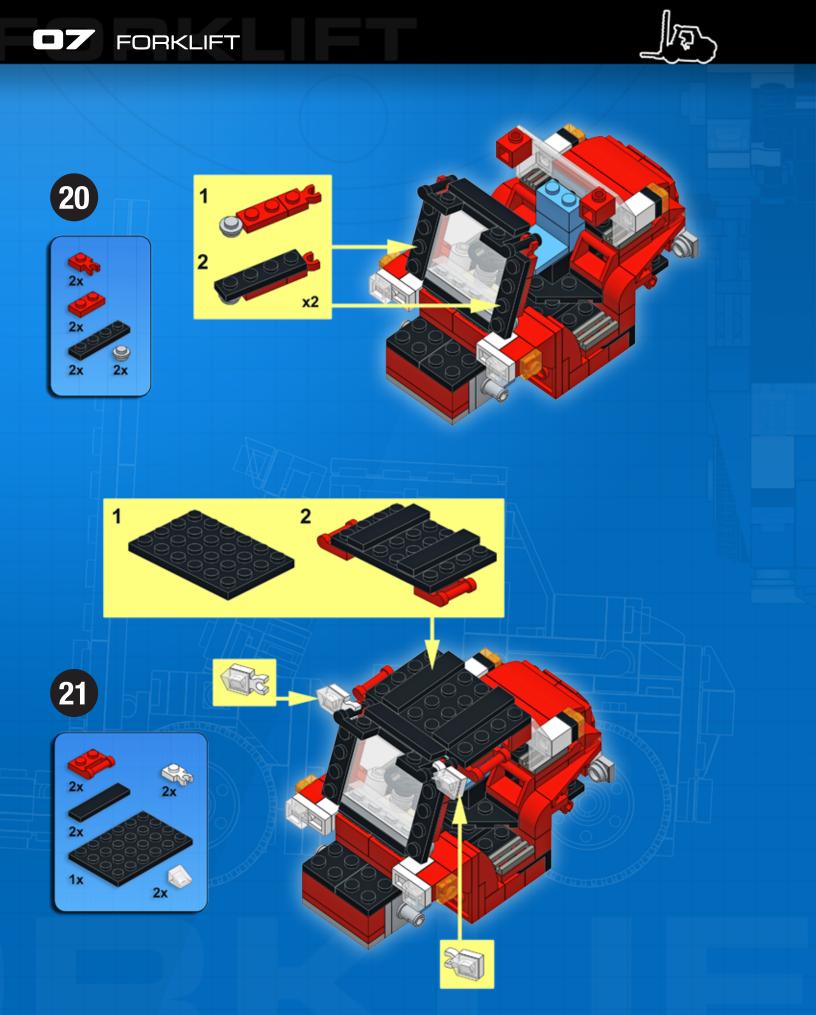






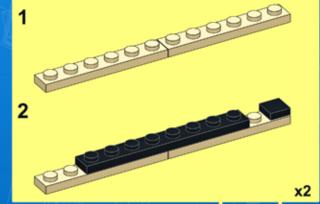


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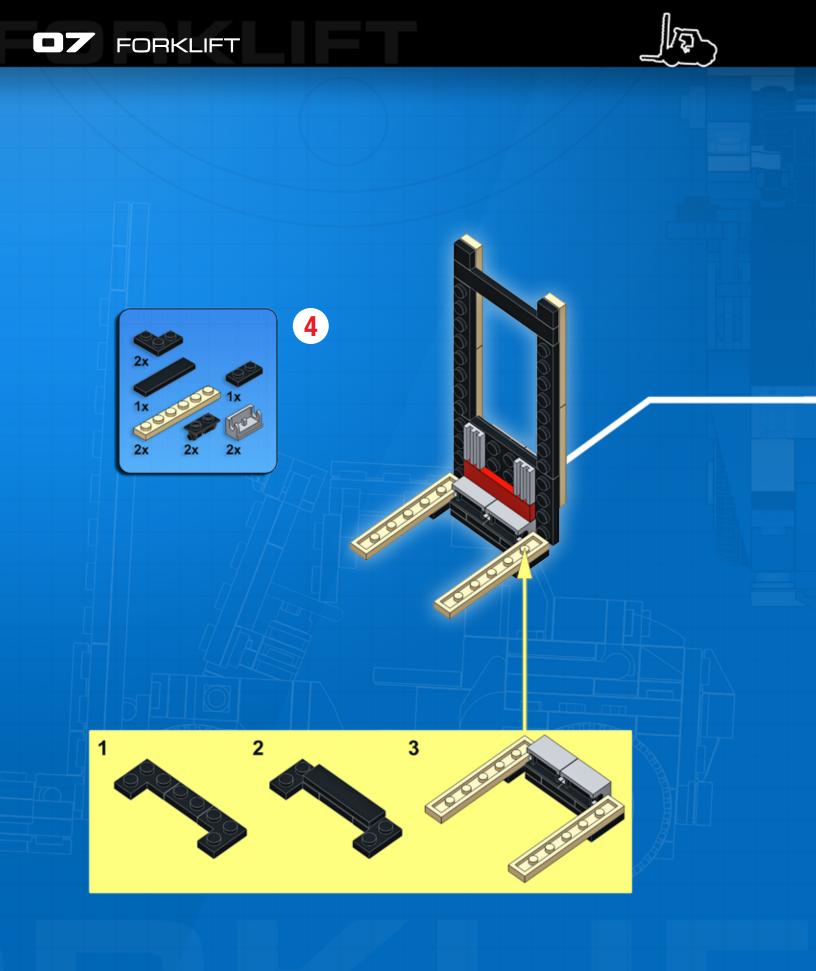




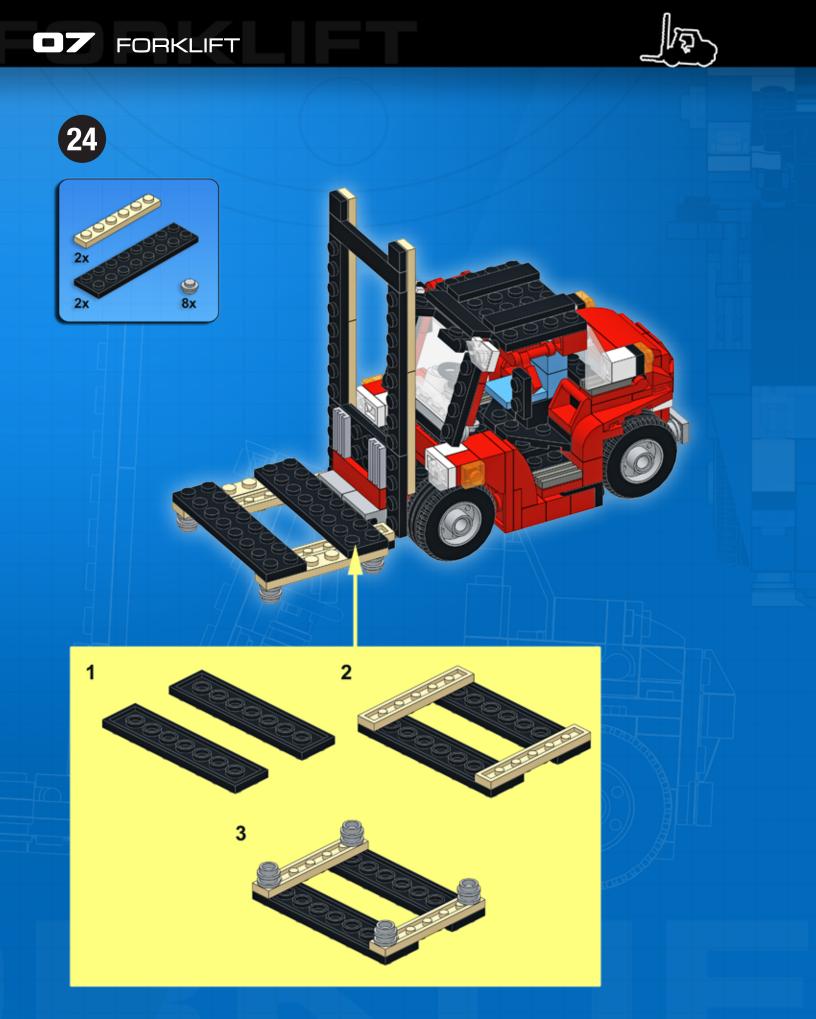












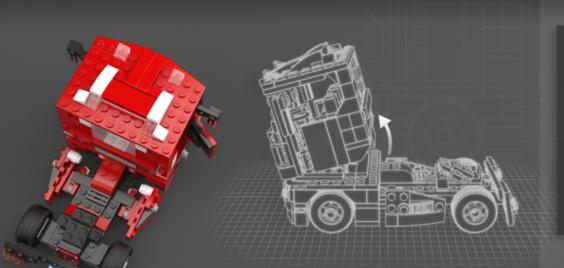












BIG RIG

Design notes: spacious cabin, big mirrors, massive grille, airfoil, fifth wheel, mudguards

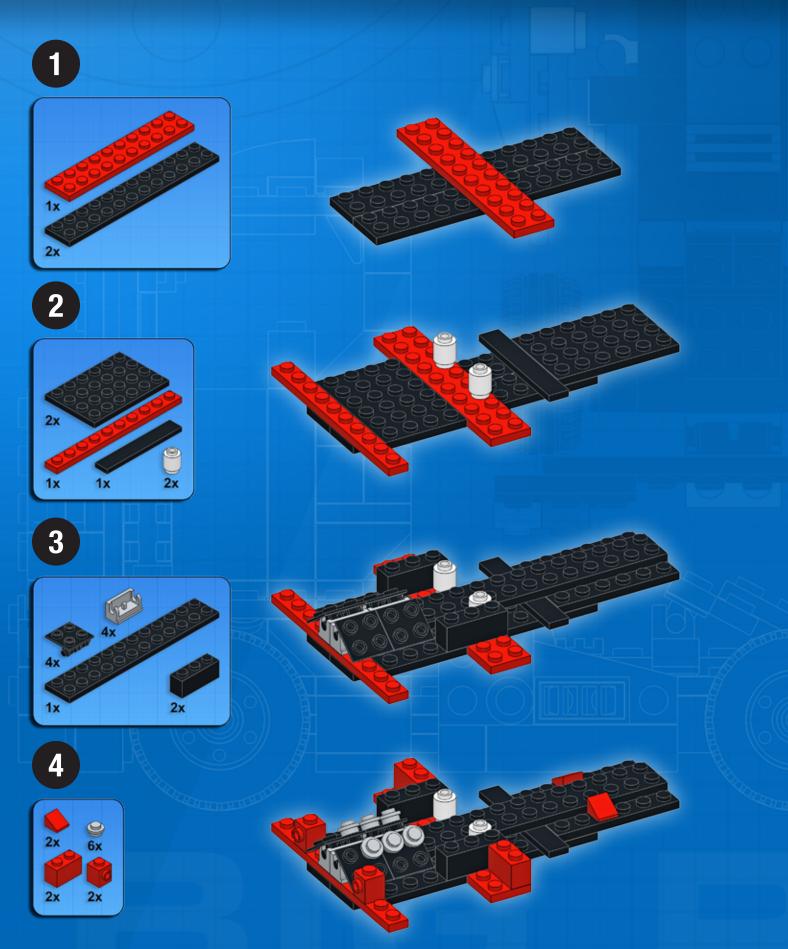
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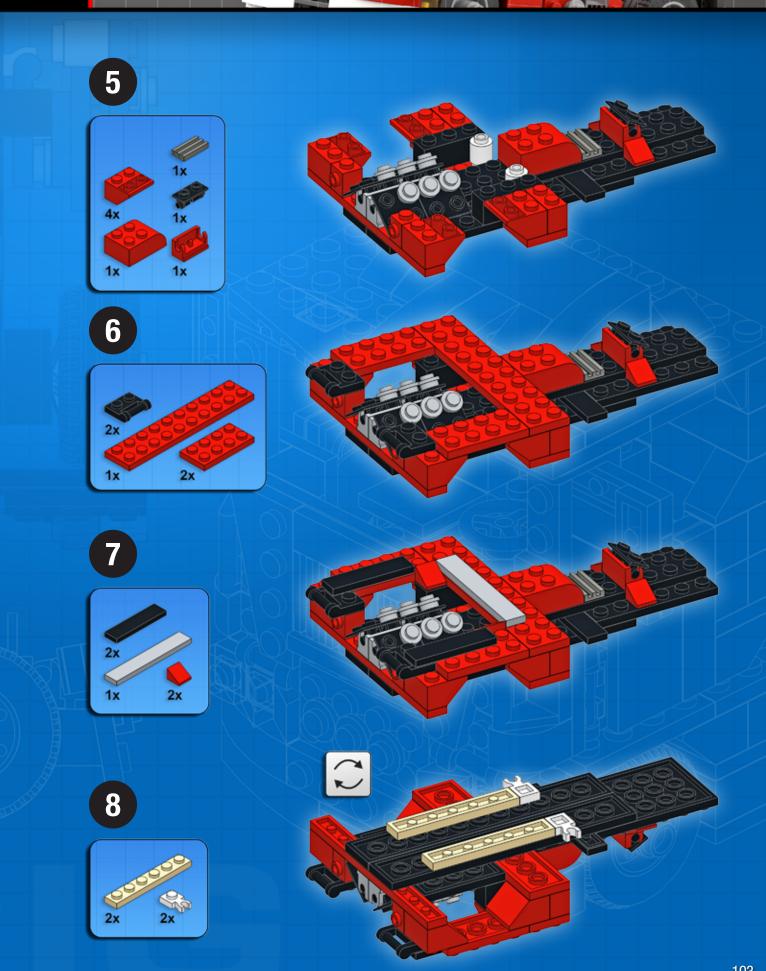
Features: opening doors, tipping cabin









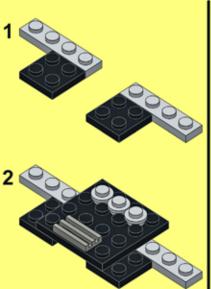


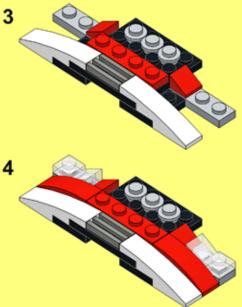






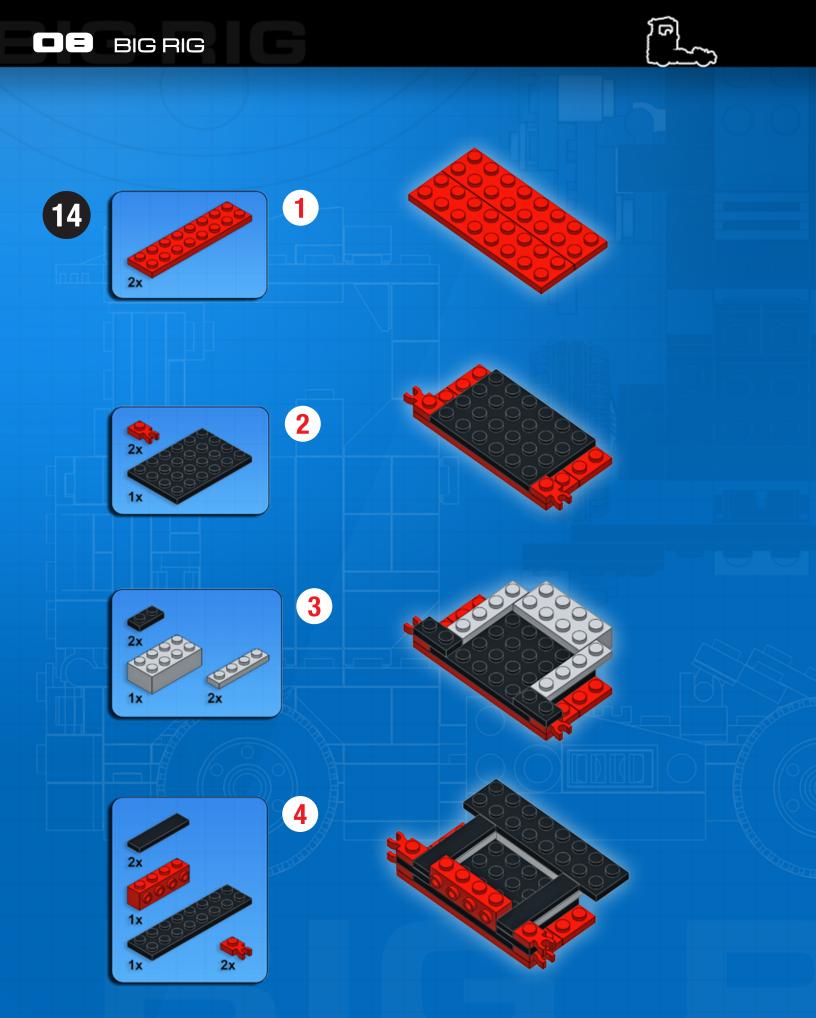




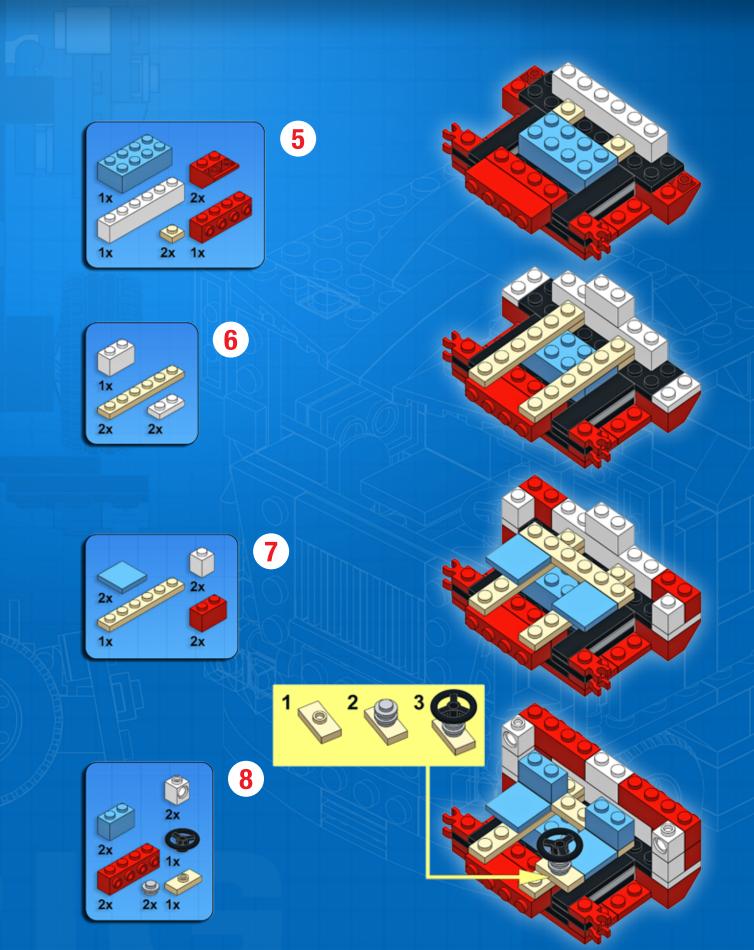


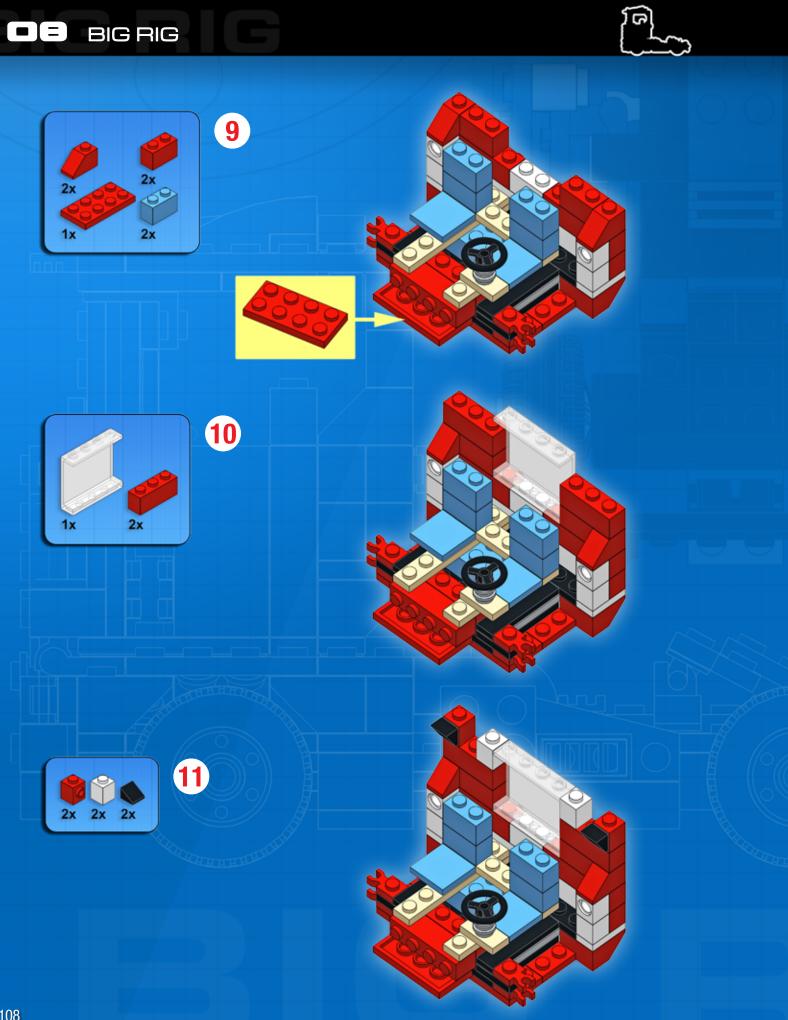


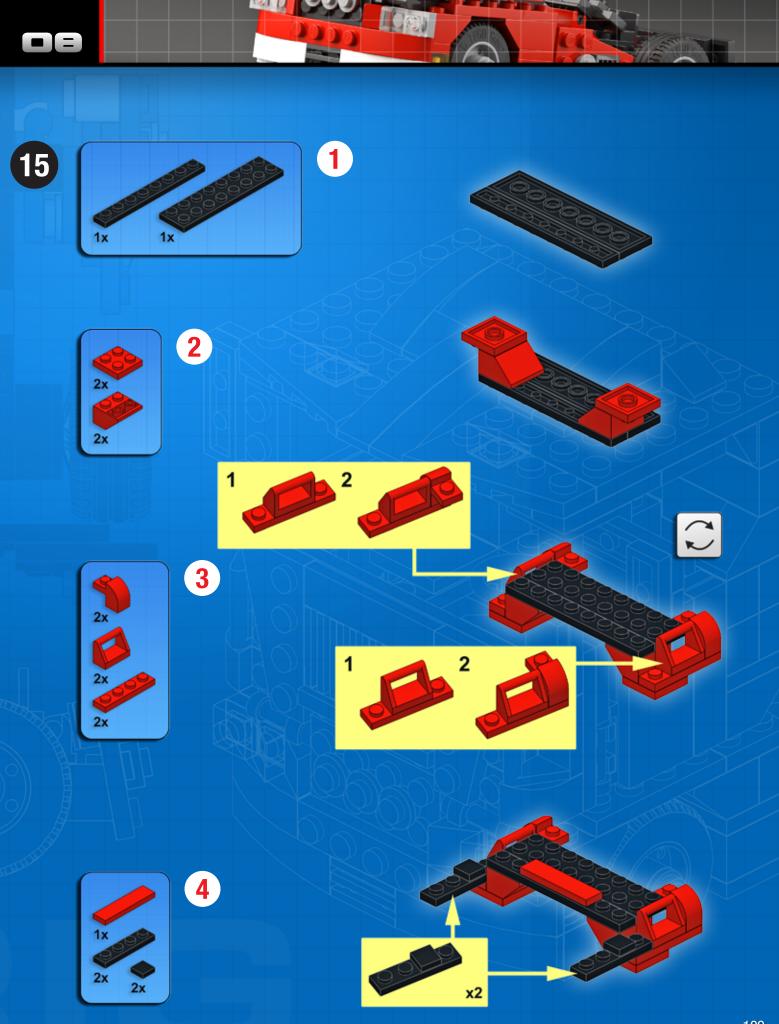






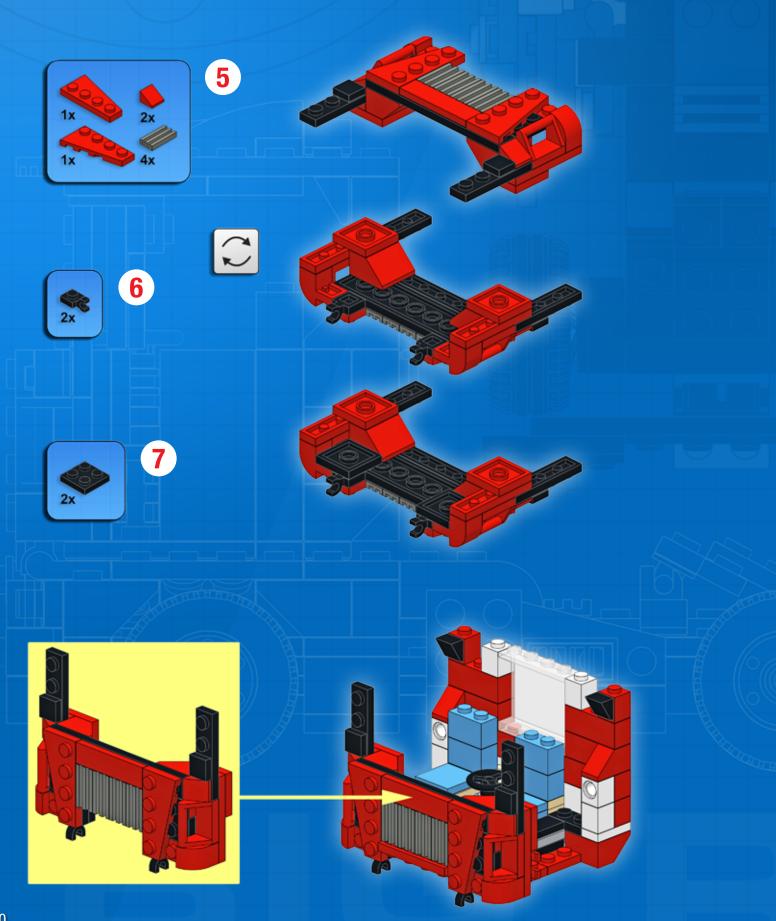




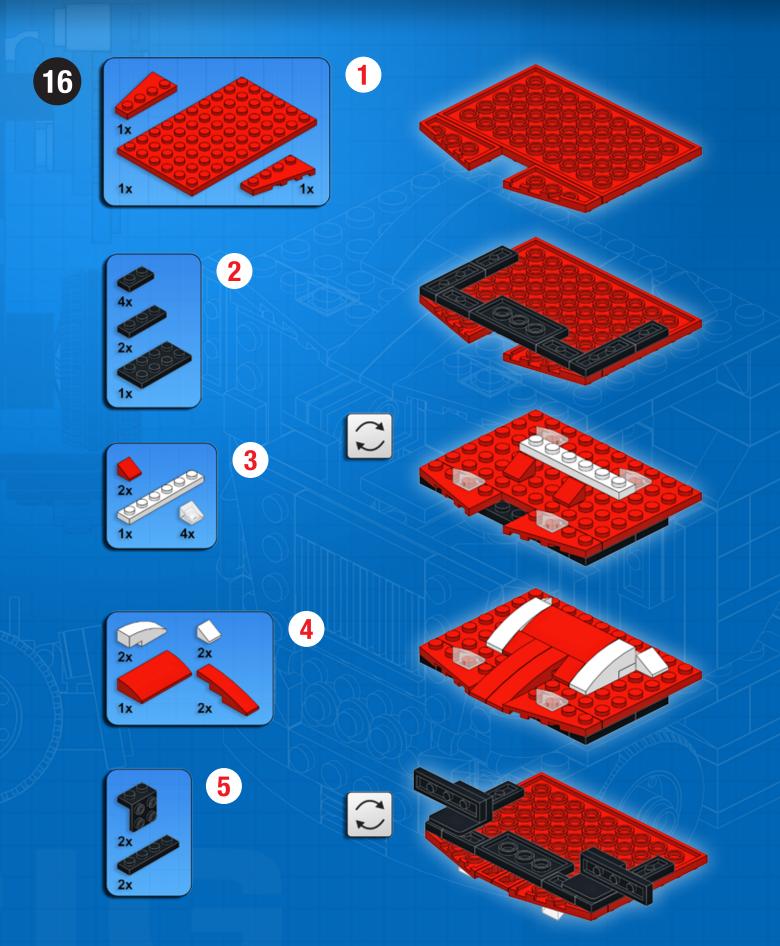


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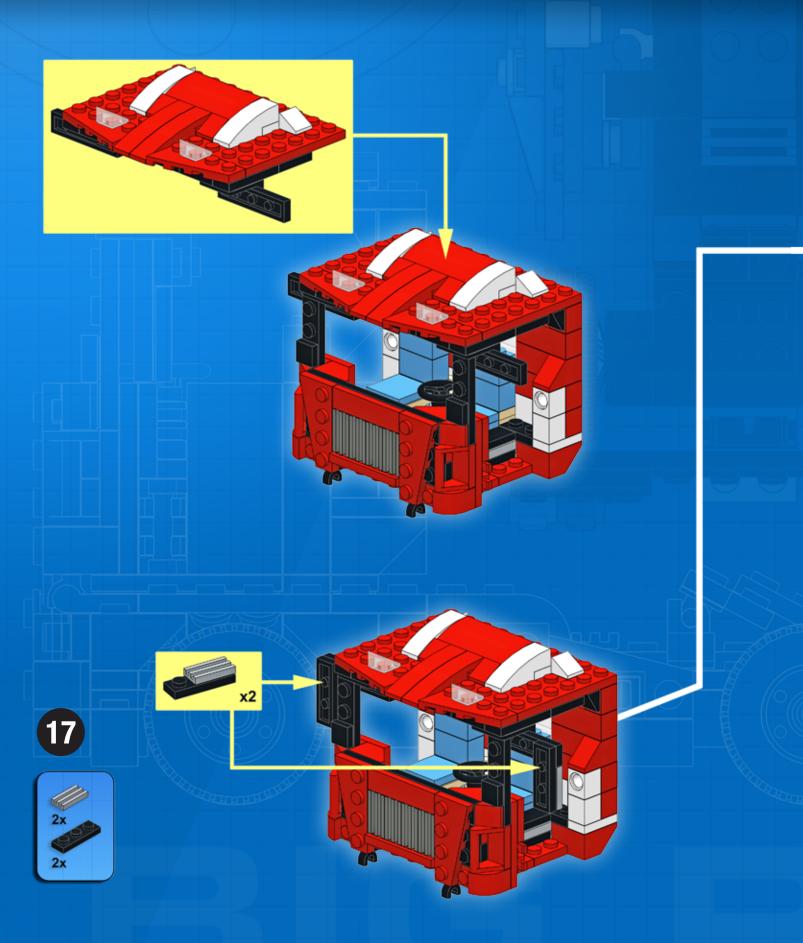


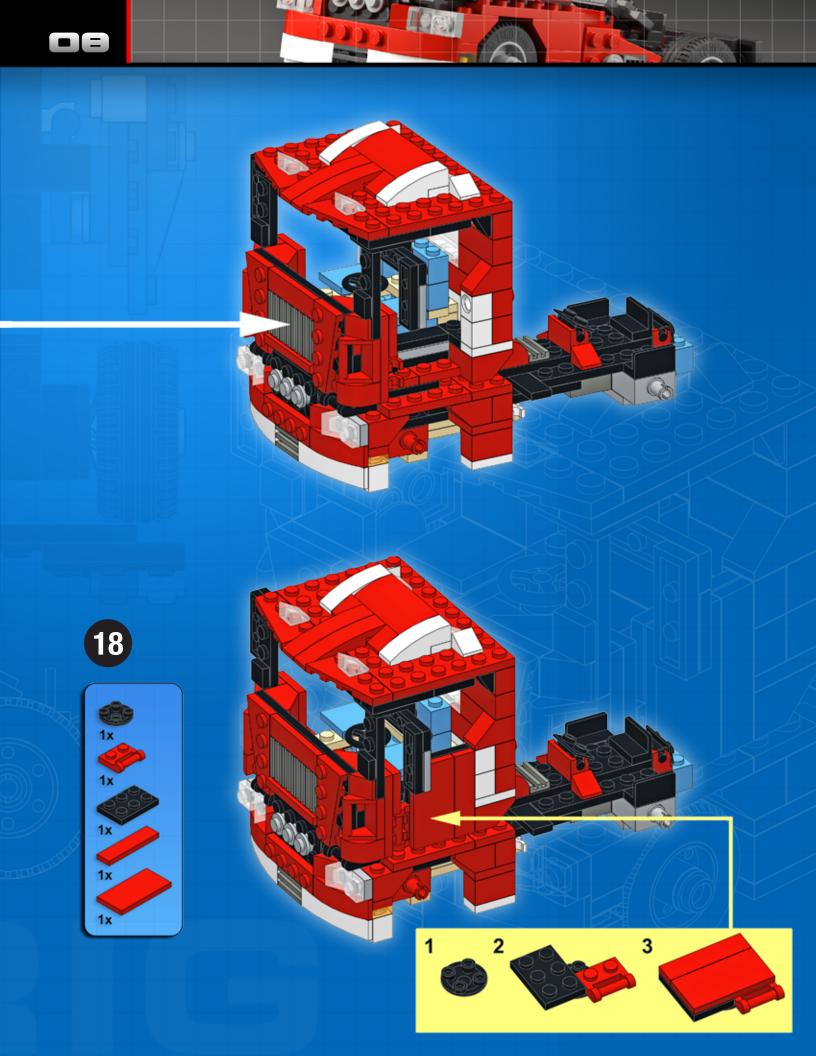




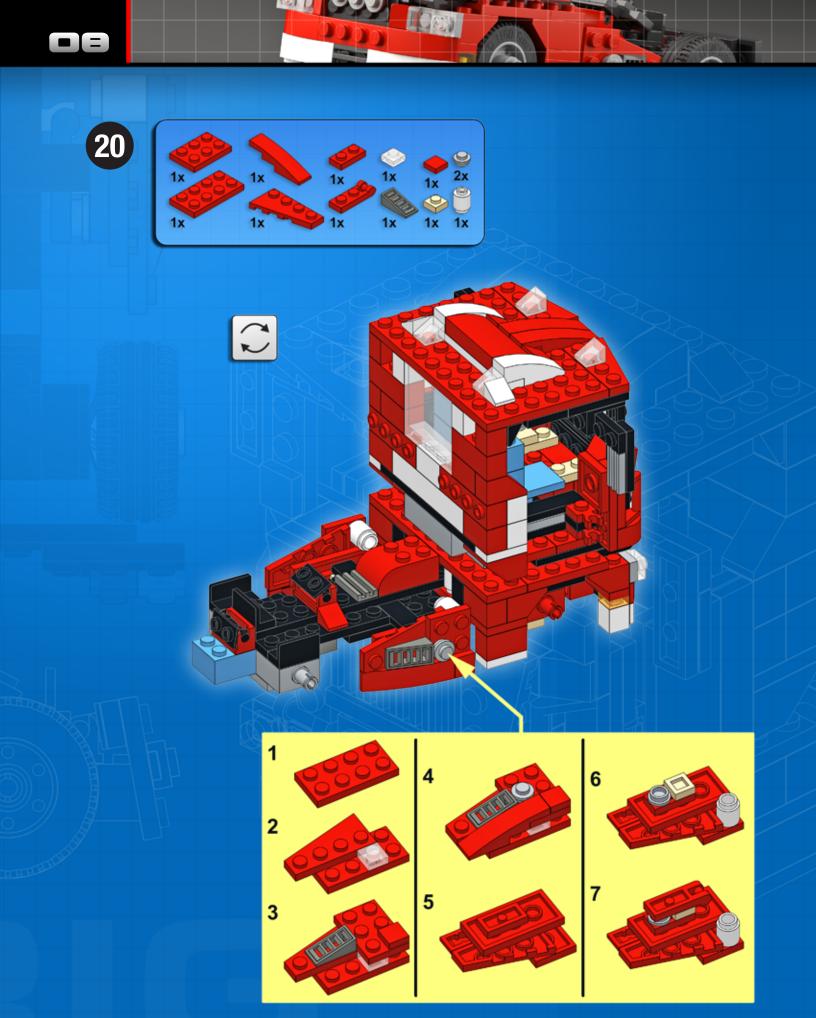


















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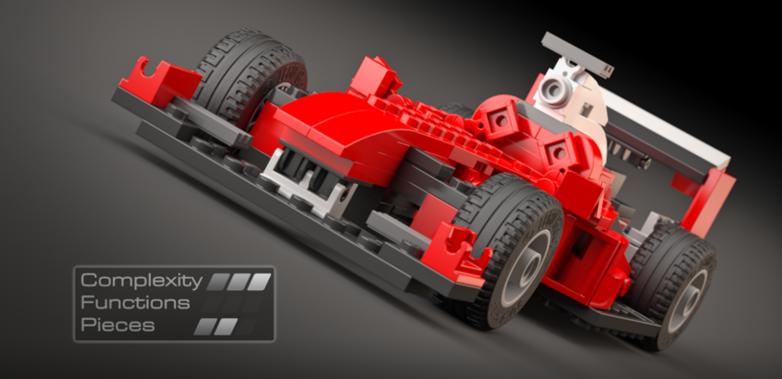




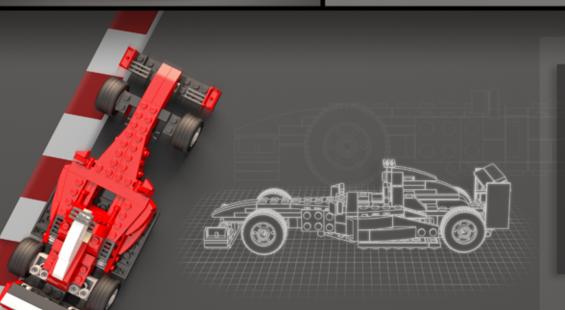










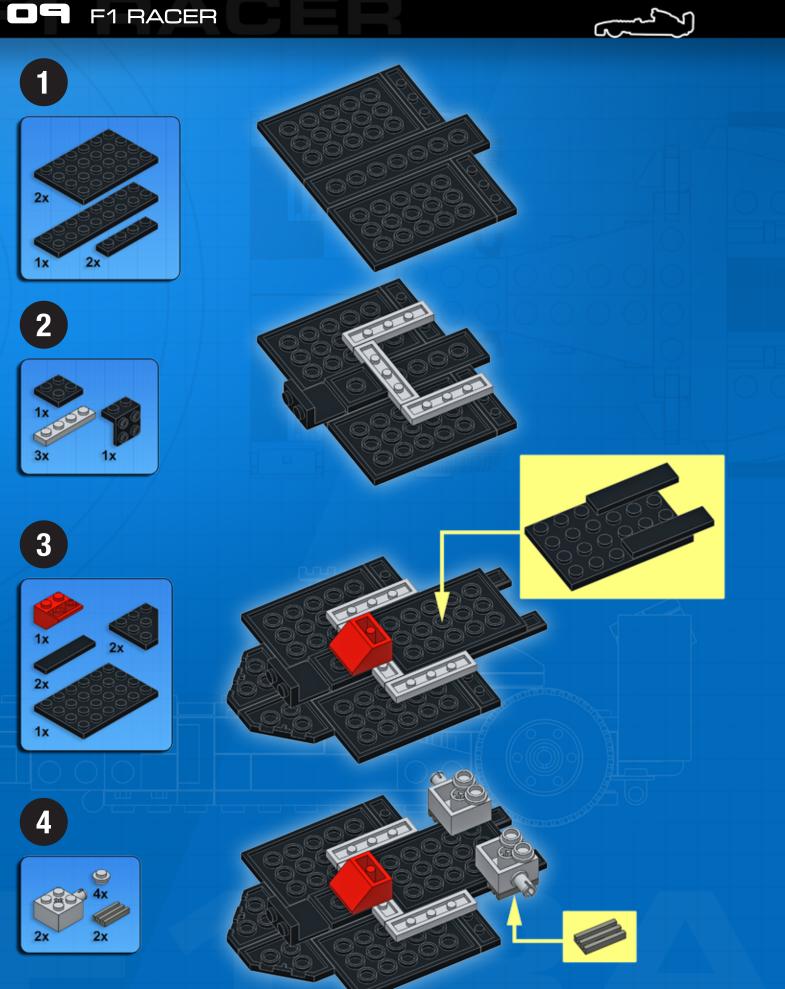


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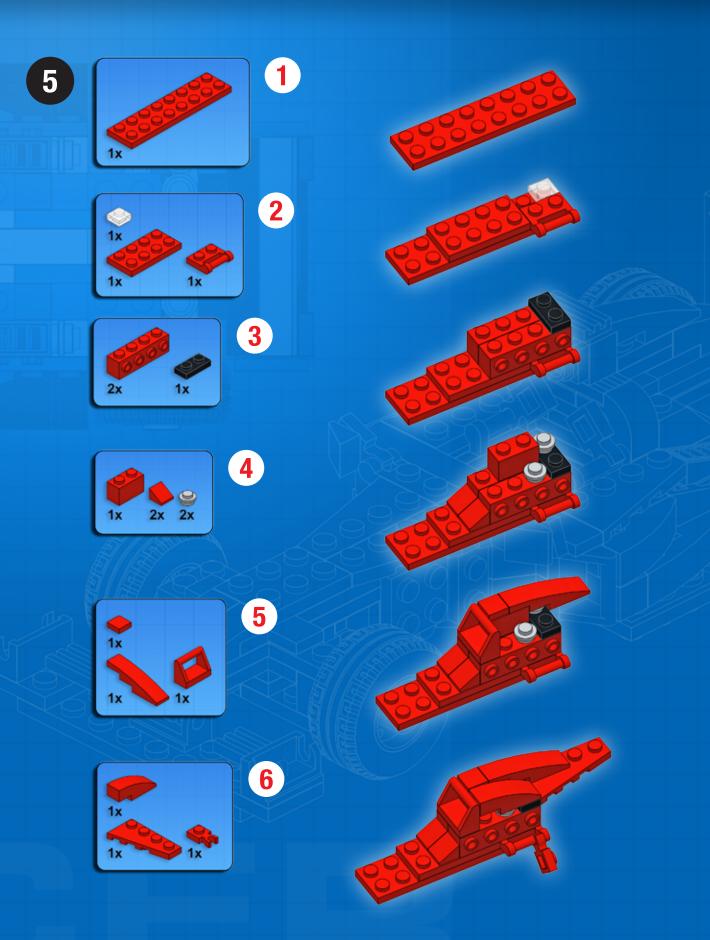
Design notes: low chassis, aerodynamic shape, open-wheeled design, air intakes, front and rear wings

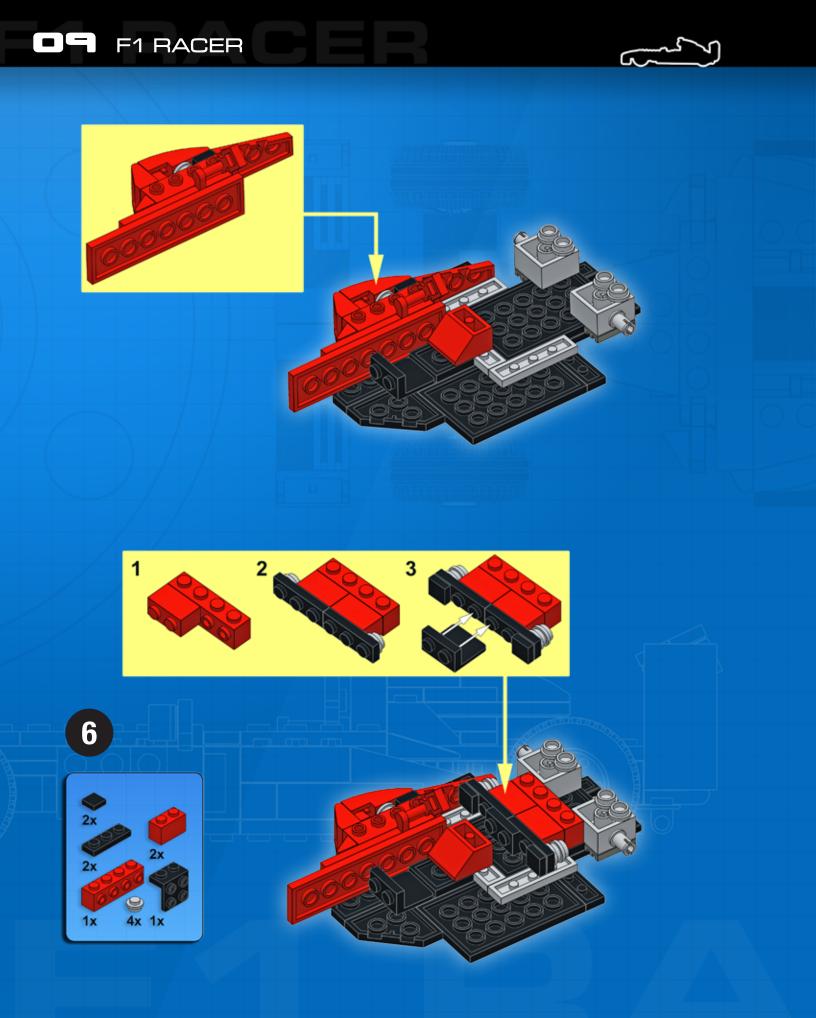
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 $27 \times 10 \times 8$ studs 17 studs 10/10 studs



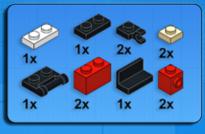


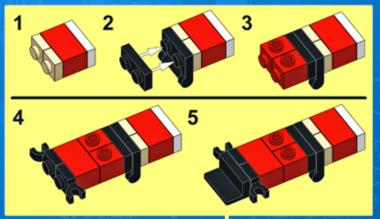


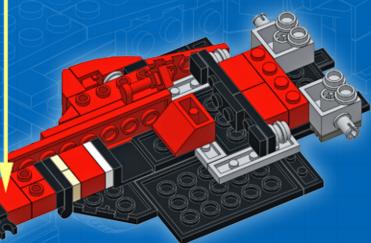






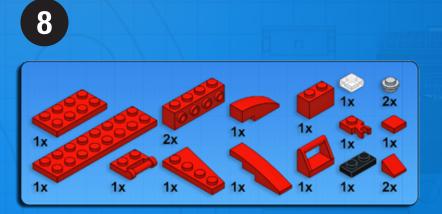


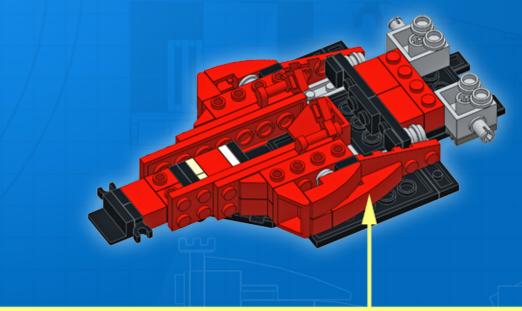


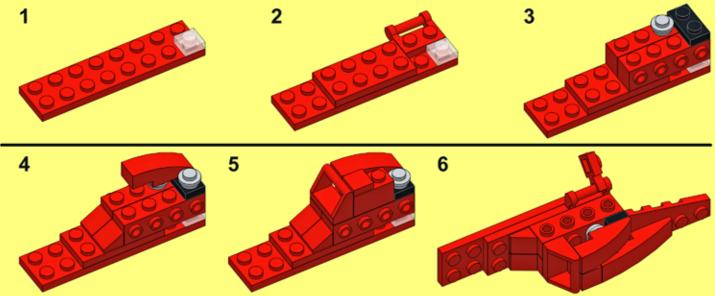




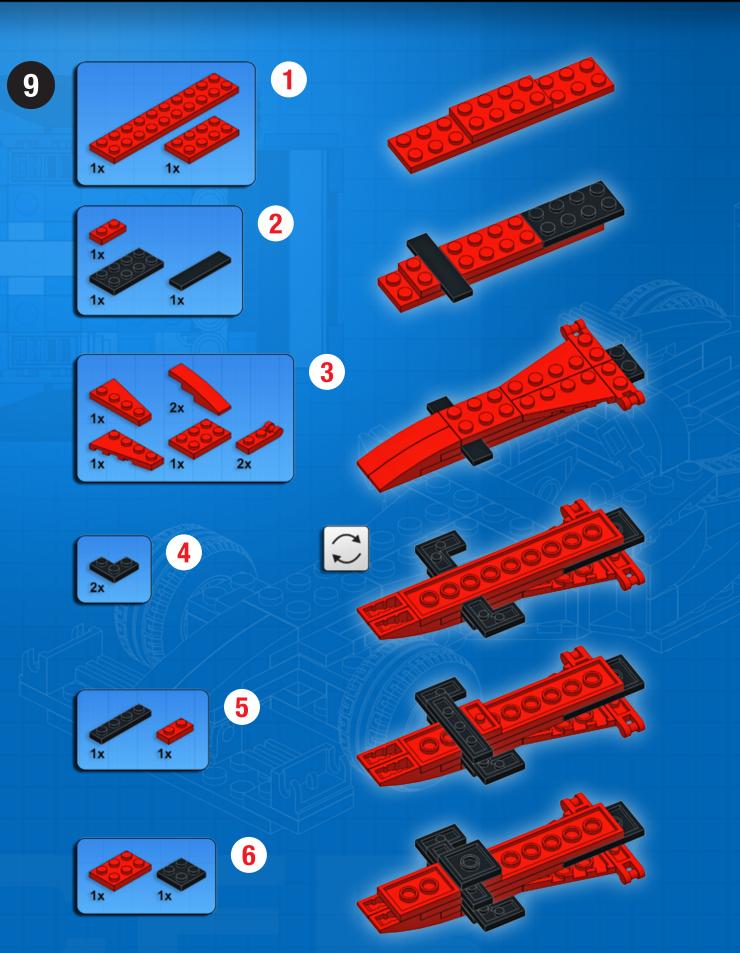


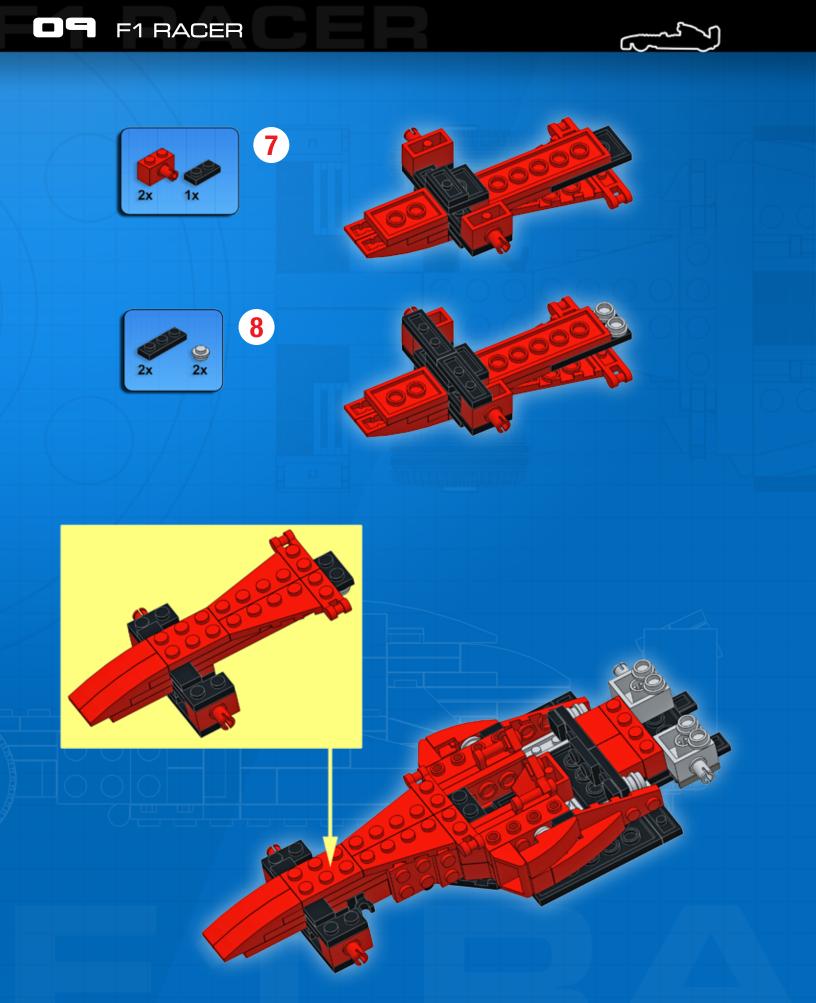


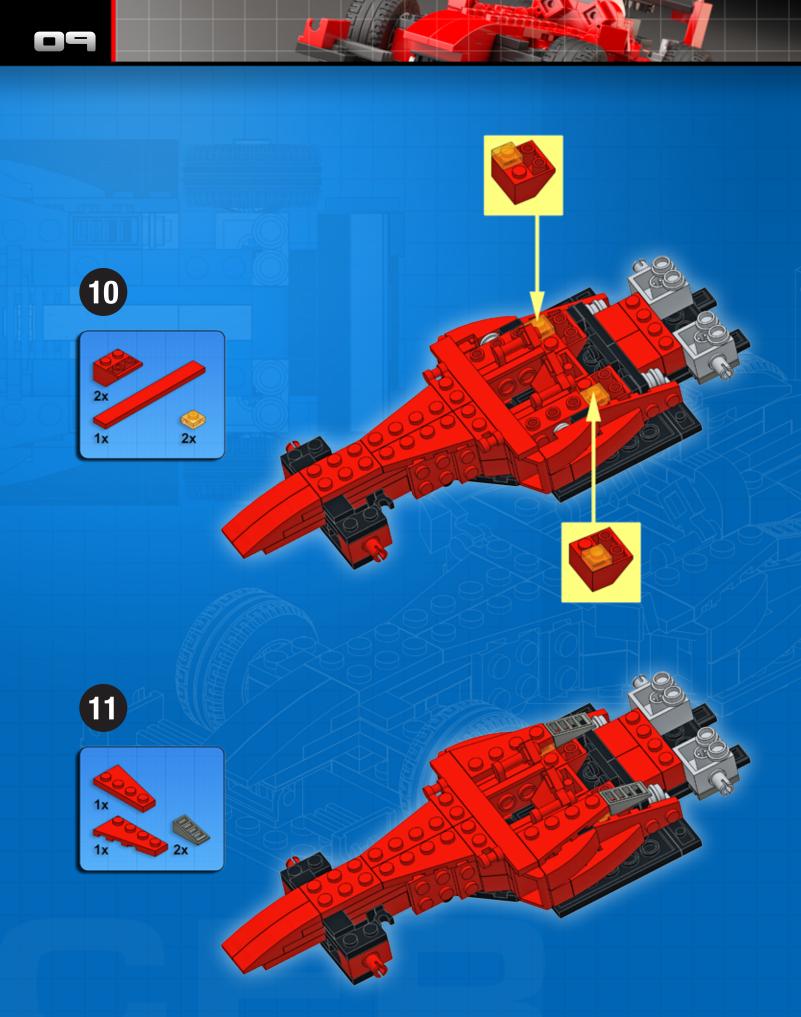






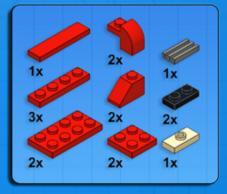


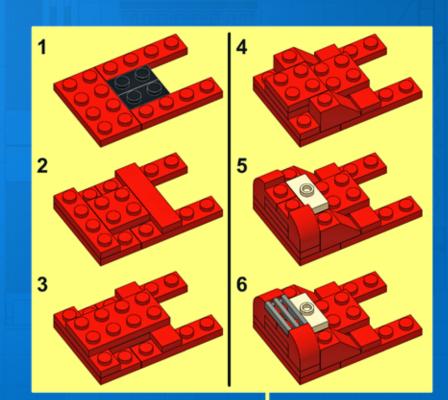




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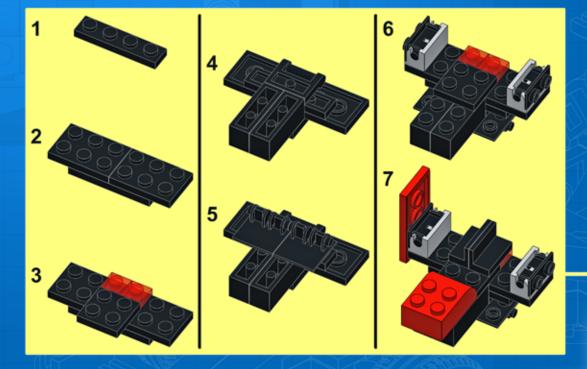






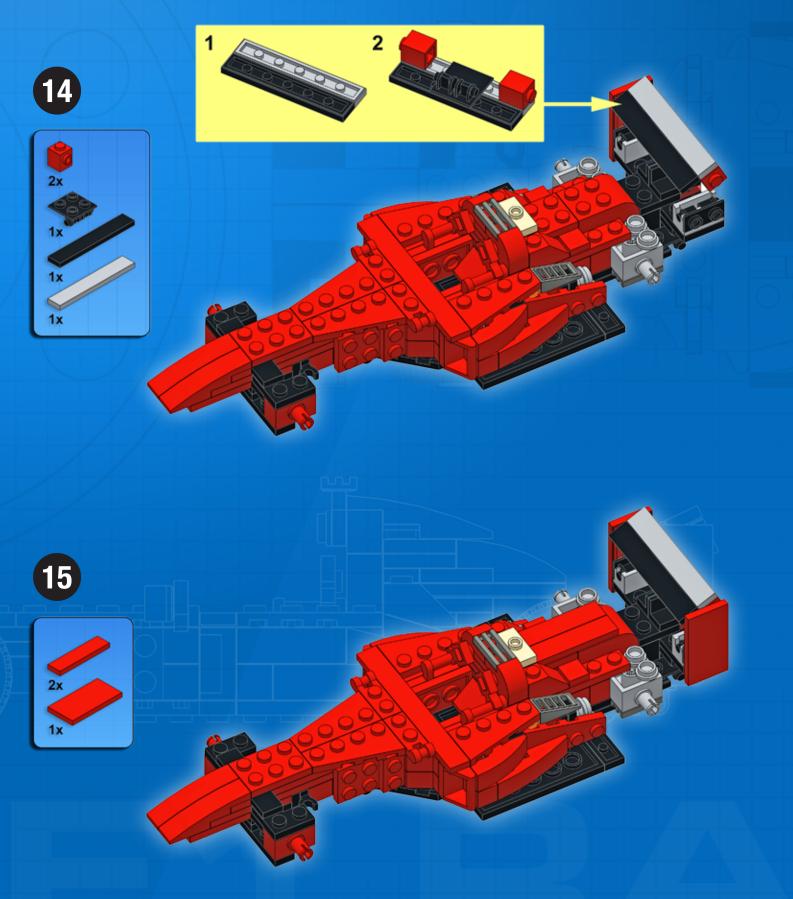


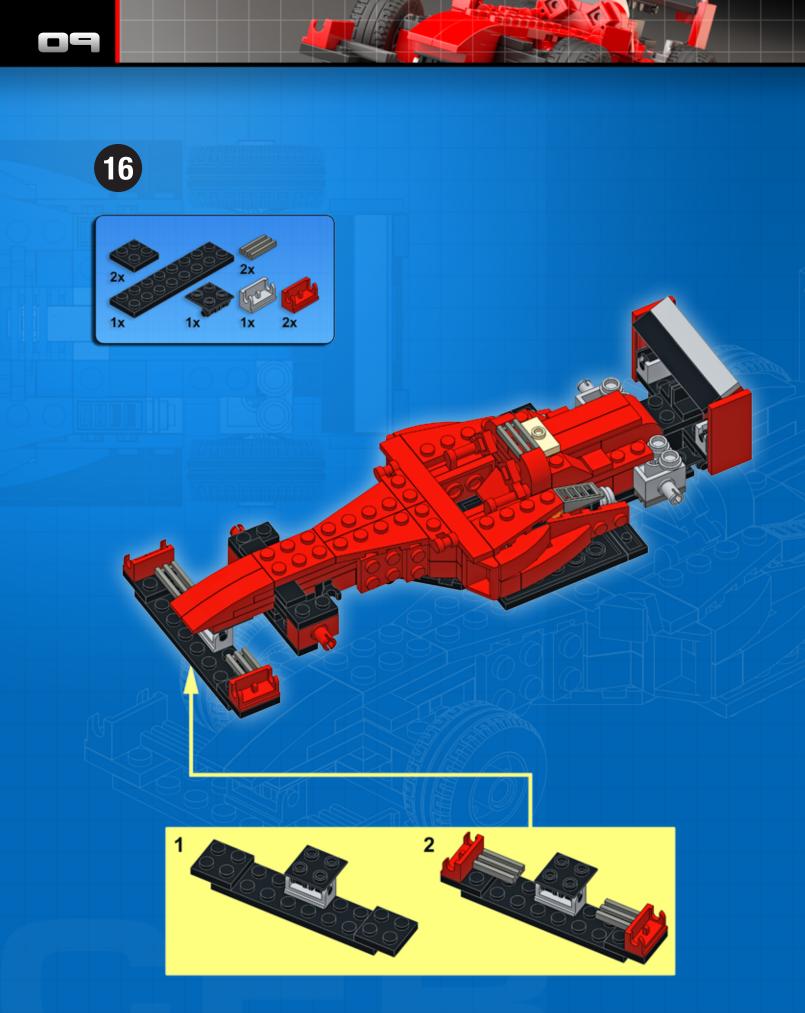


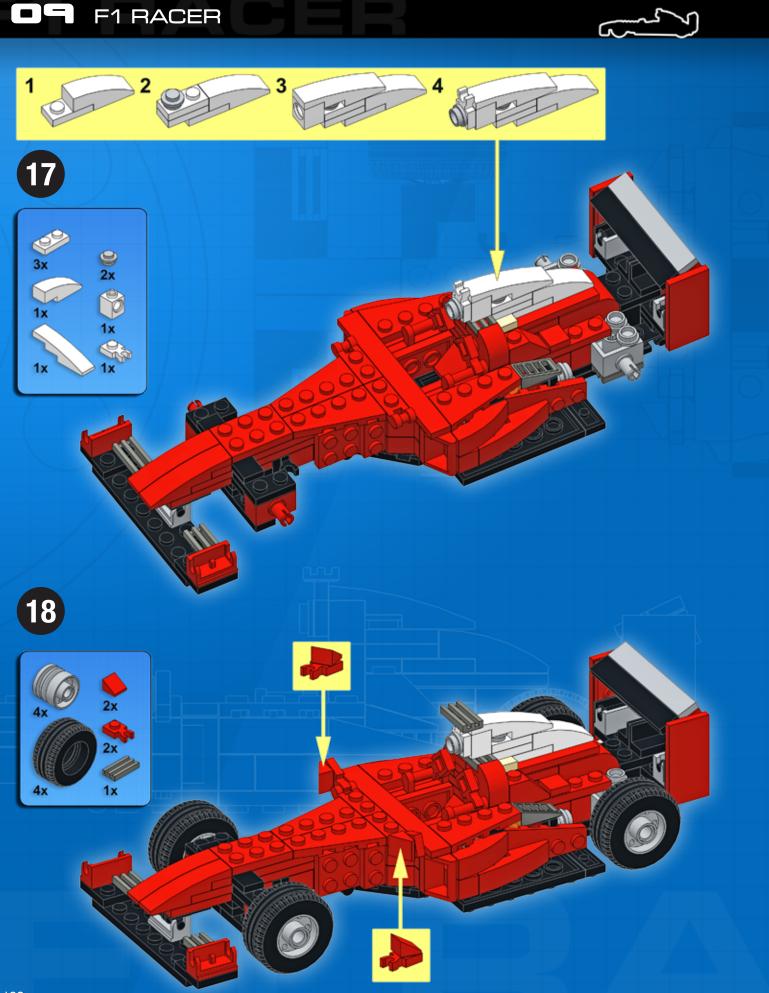


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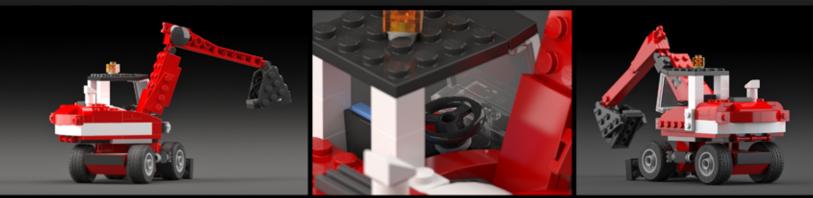














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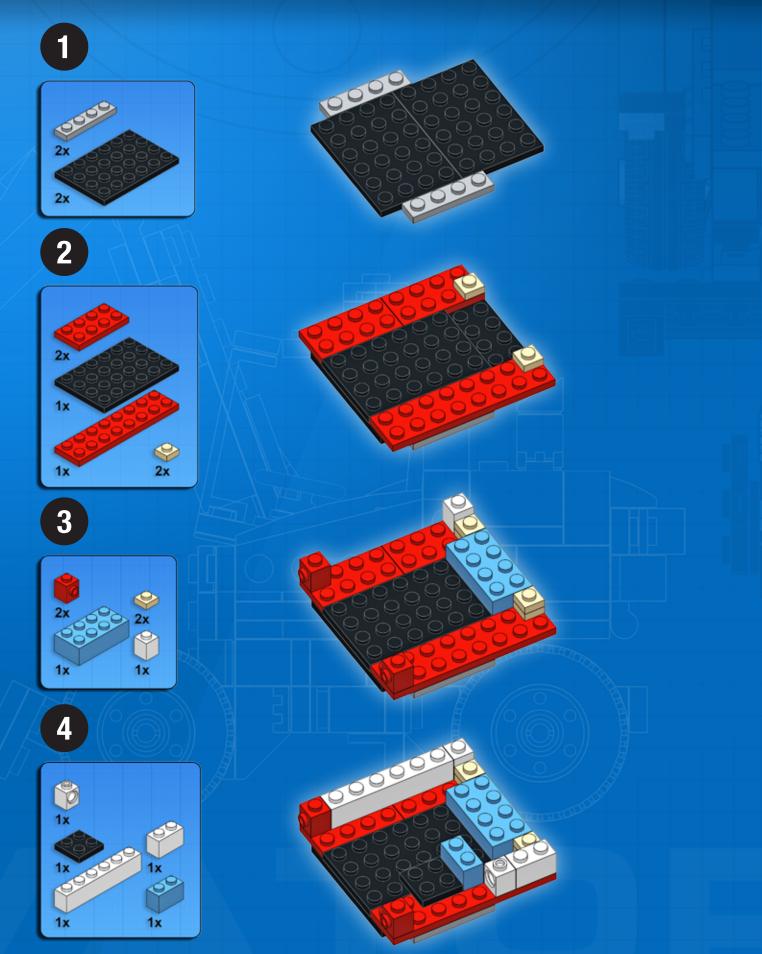
Design notes: short wheelbase, high clearance, offset cabin, vertical exhaust, hazard light

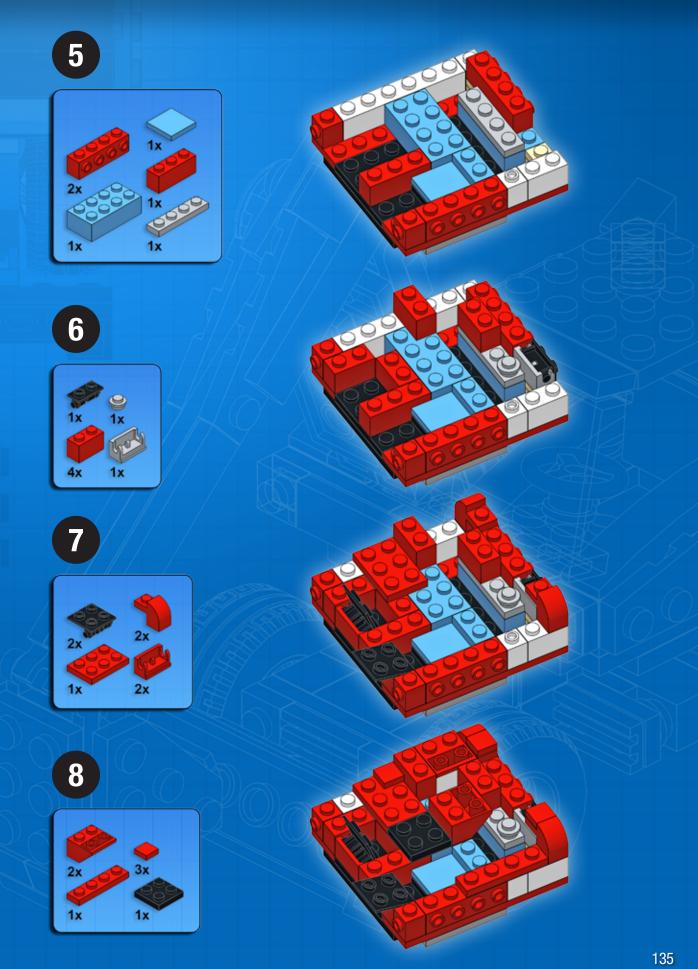
Technical specifications:

Dimensions ($I \times w \times h$):	$17 \times 9 \times 16$ studs
Nheelbase:	9 studs
Axle width front/rear:	8/8 studs

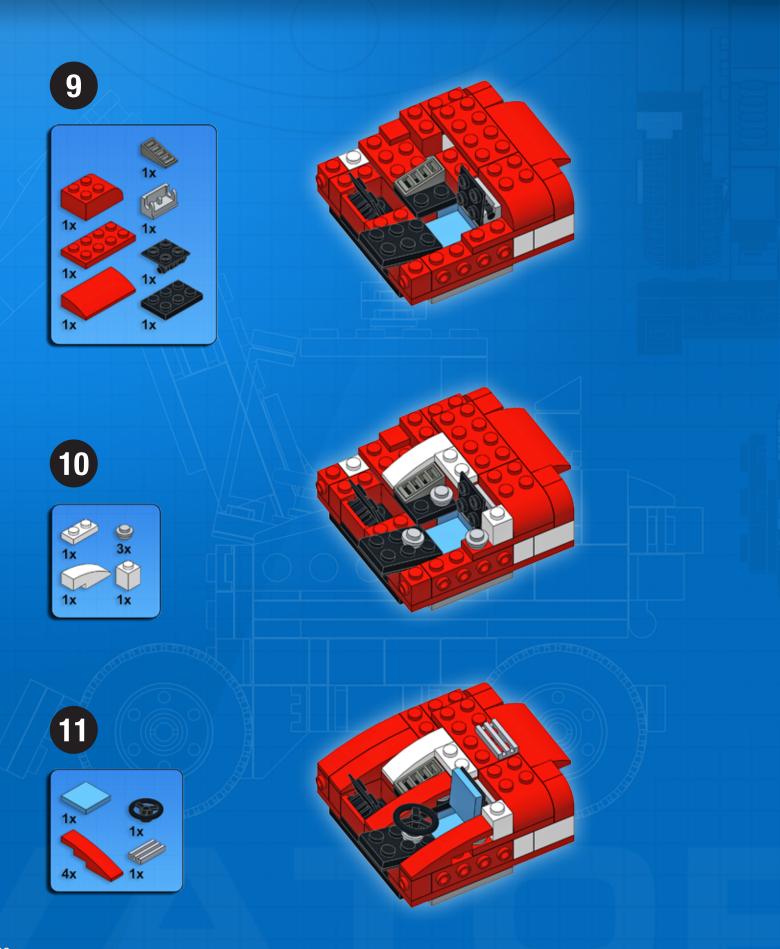
Features: rotating turret; front blade; articulated arm, dipper, and bucket





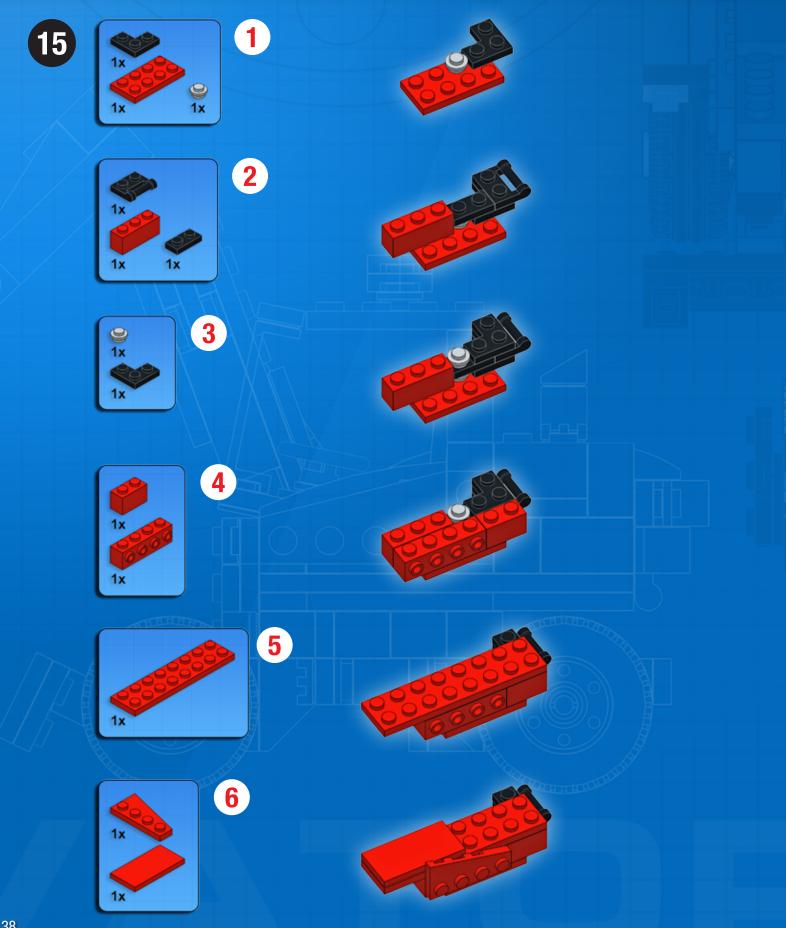


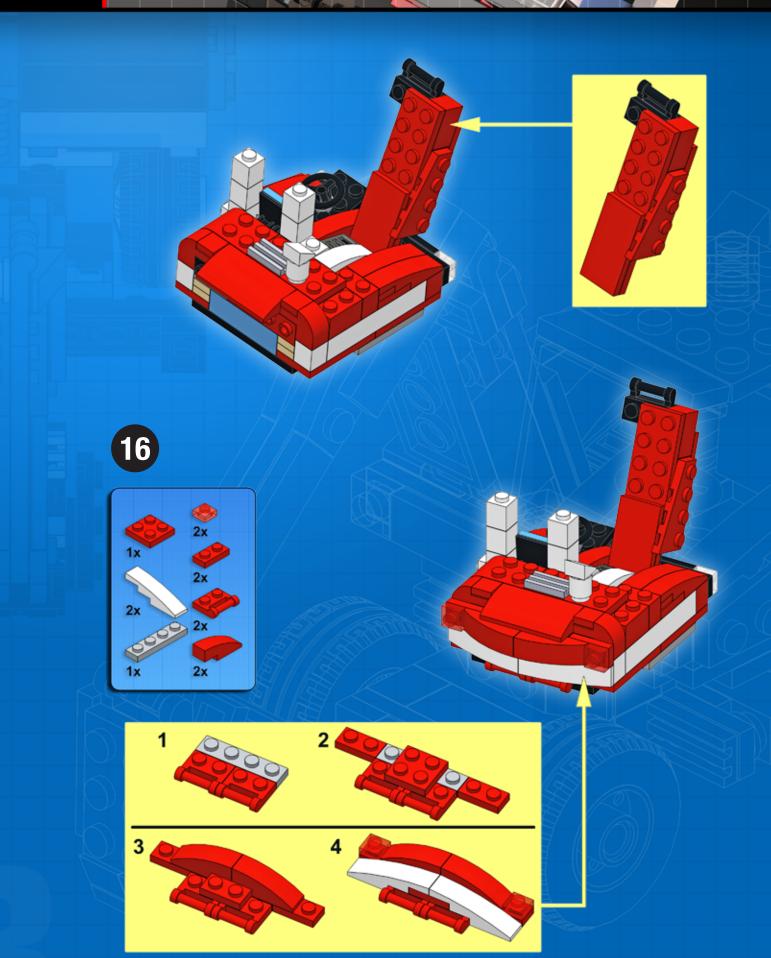




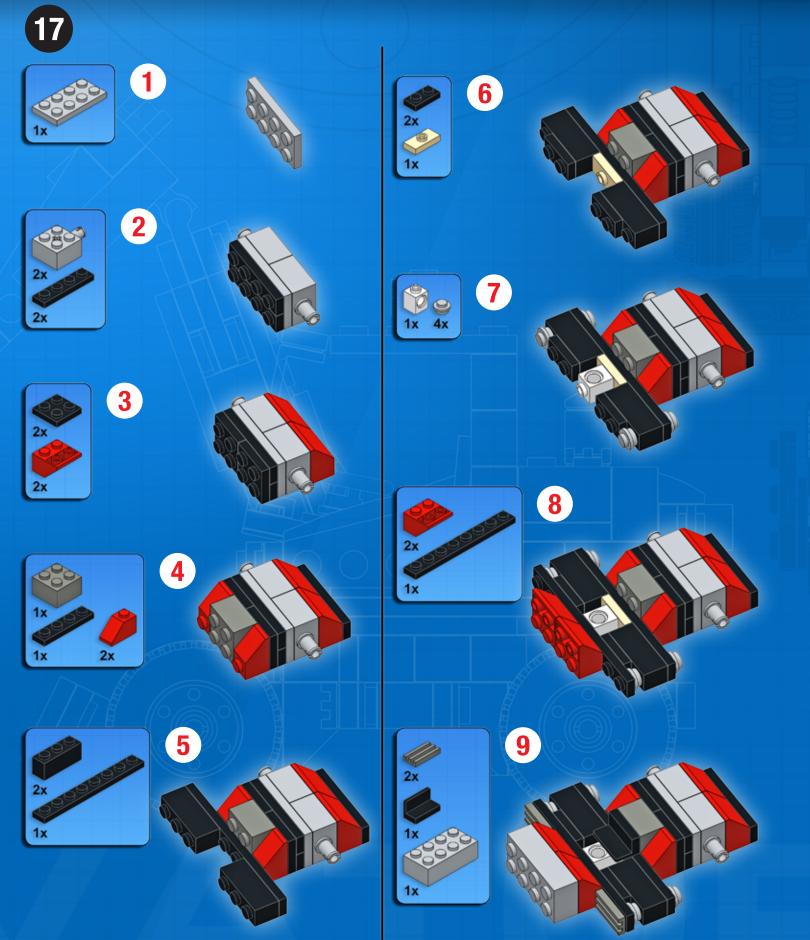




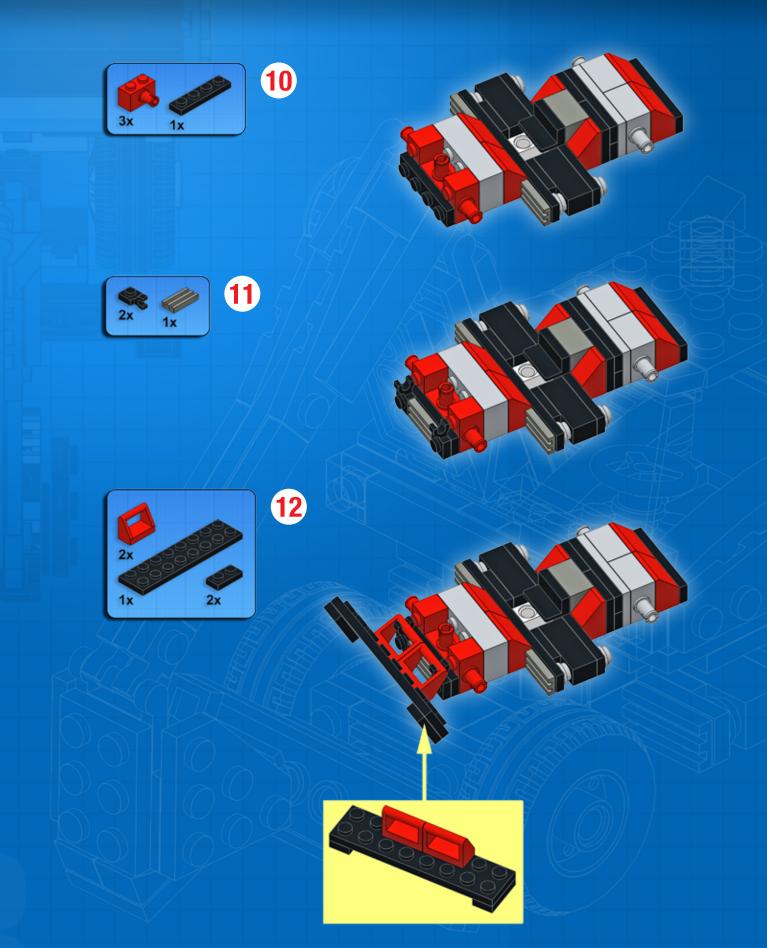








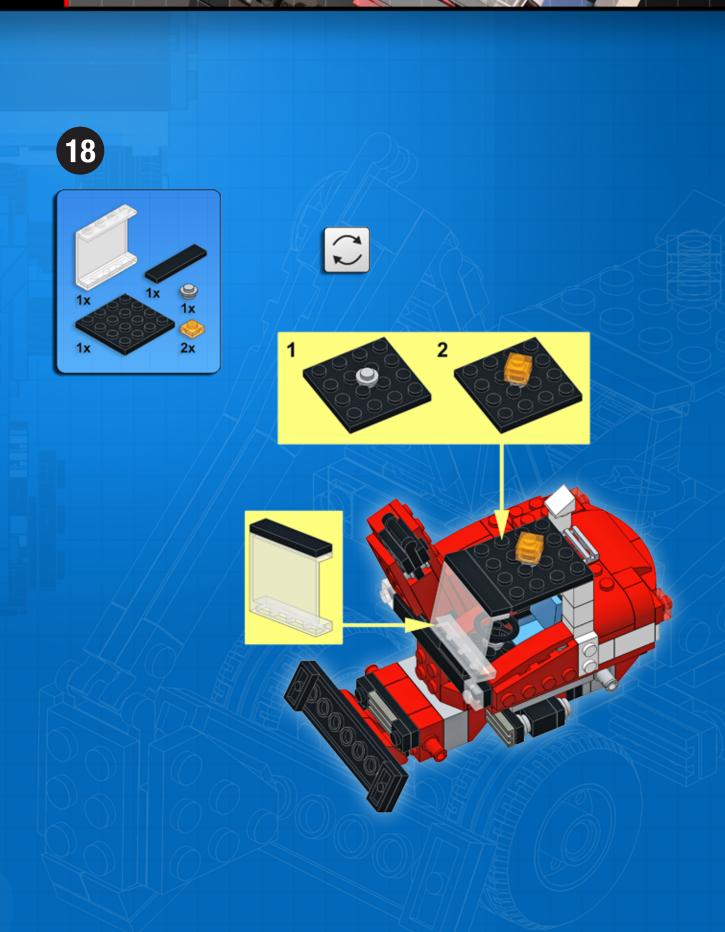




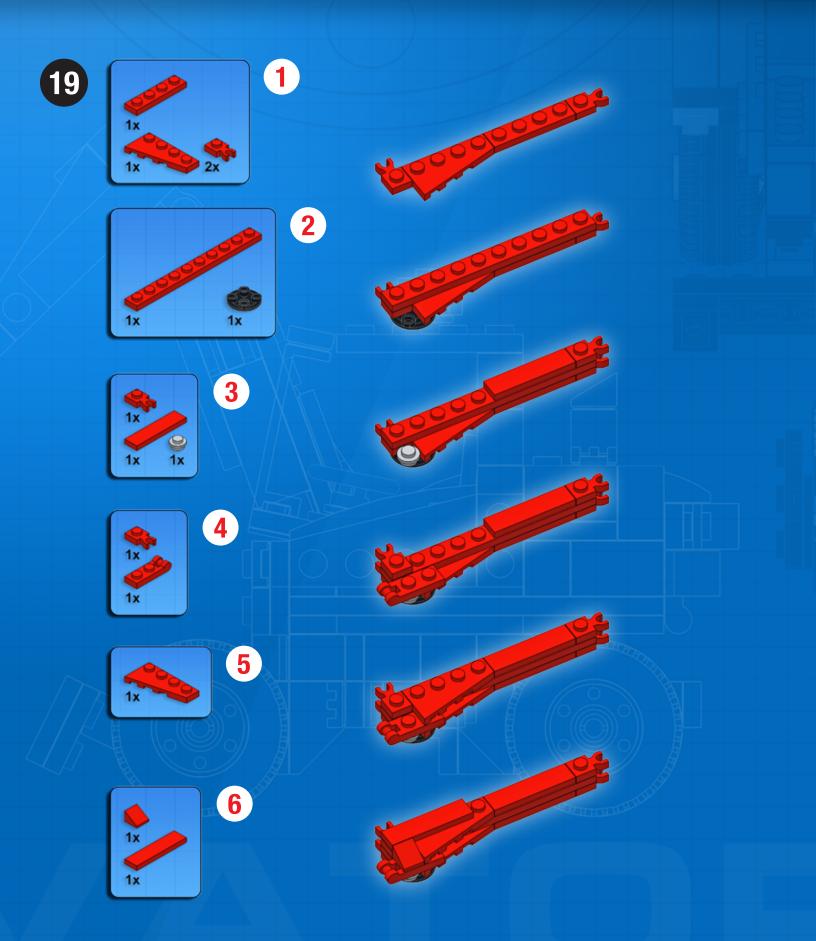










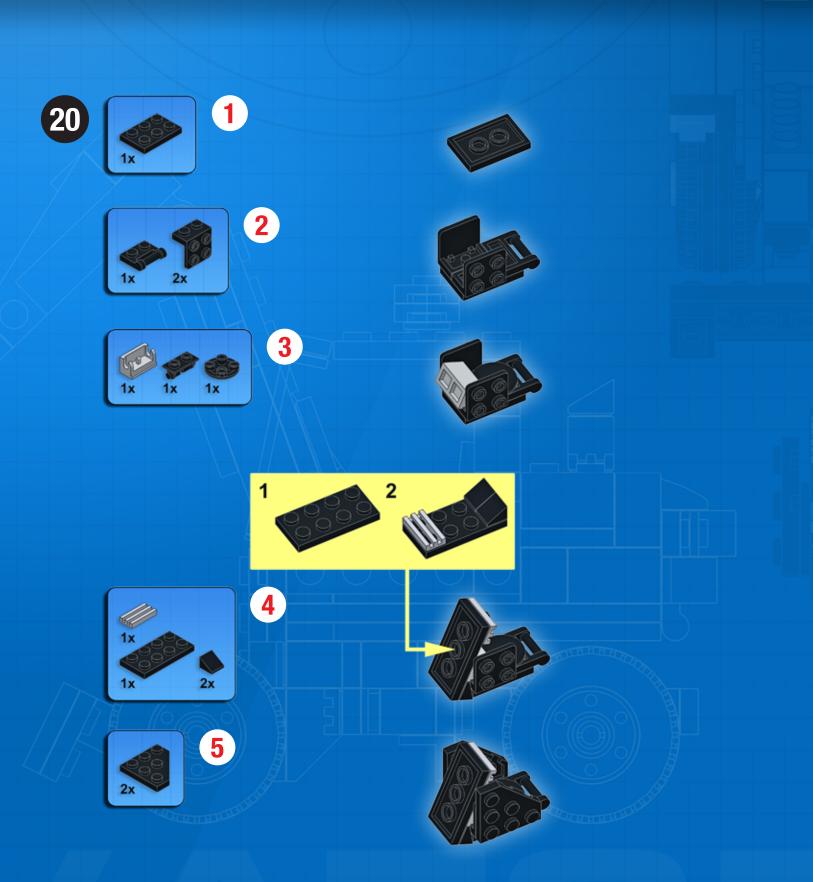




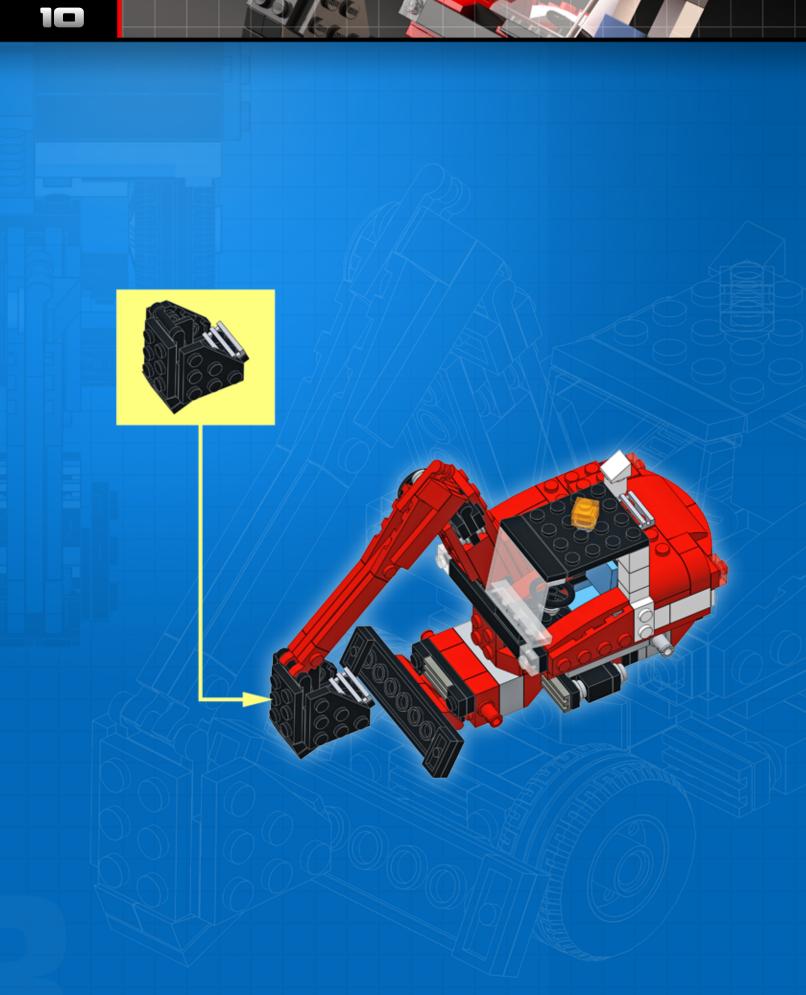






















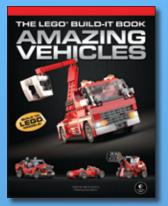




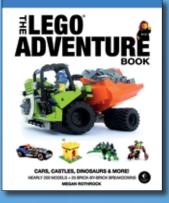
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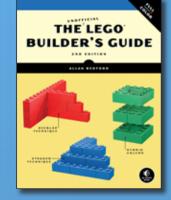


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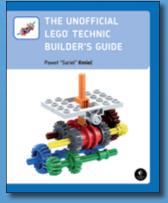
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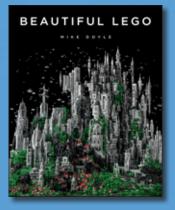
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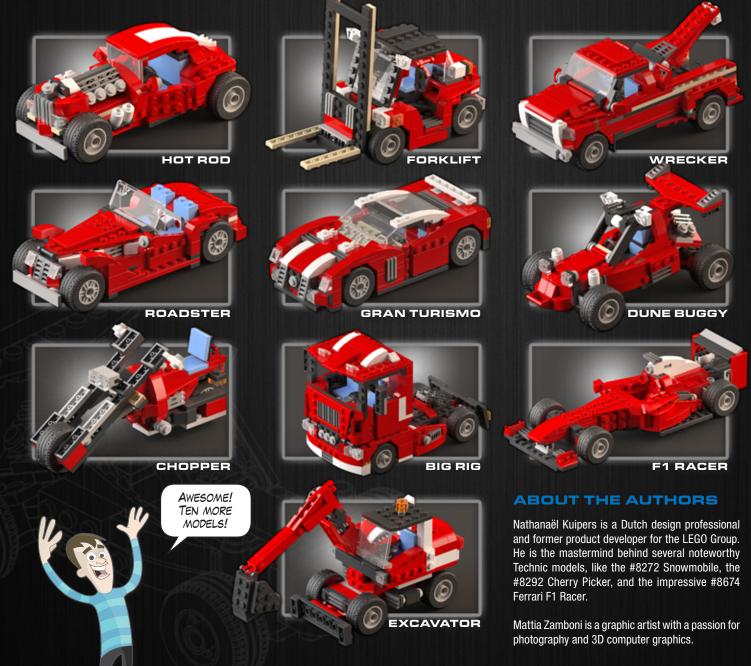
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