

Zürich Hauptbahnhof



986 pieces · 99 different parts

A brick-built souvenir model, compatible with standard bricks.

On its display stand: 27.2 × 38.4 cm, 12.2 cm tall.

Parts list and BrickLink Wanted List: see the project website.

ABOUT THE LANDMARK

Zürich Hauptbahnhof

Zürich HB is Switzerland's largest railway station and one of the busiest in Europe. Its grand sandstone front, with an entrance shaped like a triumphal arch, was finished in 1871 and is still the face of the station. Behind it, the old main hall is now a huge open space for markets and events.

At the north end of Bahnhofstrasse, where the Sihl meets the Limmat, on the edge of the old town.

Opened	1871 (first station on this site 1847)
Architect	Jakob Friedrich Wanner
Style	neo-Renaissance, sandstone
Main hall	about 131 m long, 43 m wide and 26 m high
Tracks	26, on several levels
Traffic	around 3,000 trains and over 400,000 travellers on a weekday
Visitors can	walk through the main hall and see Niki de Saint Phalle's flying angel



The brick-built model you are about to build.

Through the centuries

- August 1847** ● The first station opens as the end of the 'Spanish Bun Railway' to Baden, the first railway built entirely in Switzerland.
- 1865 to 1871** ● The small station is replaced by Jakob Friedrich Wanner's large new building. It opens in October 1871.
- 1889** ● A bronze statue of Alfred Escher, the railway pioneer, is unveiled on a fountain in front of the station.
- 1893** ● When Zurich merges with its suburbs, the station takes the name Hauptbahnhof (main station).
- about 1930** ● Trains stop running into the old hall and move to a new platform hall behind it.
- 1970** ● Shopville, an underground shopping passage, opens under the station square.
- 1990** ● The S-Bahn suburban network starts, with a new underground station below the square.
- 1997** ● Niki de Saint Phalle's colourful 'Guardian Angel' is hung in the main hall.
- 2014** ● A second deep station, Löwenstrasse, opens under the tracks.

LOOK CLOSER

The Spanish Bun Railway

Switzerland's first home-grown railway ran from Zurich to Baden. The story goes that it got its nickname because Zurich families sent servants on it to fetch a famous pastry, the 'Spanisch Brötli', fresh from Baden. Before the railway, the servants had to walk there overnight.

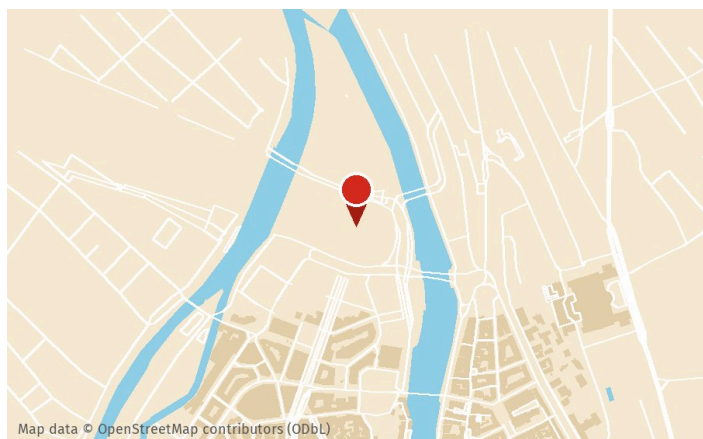
A river under the platforms

The Sihl flows right under the station, through a tunnel about 150 m long with five channels. There are tracks above it and more tracks below it. Just behind the station it joins the Limmat.

Look up at the arch

Three zinc figures stand on top of the main entrance. In the middle is Helvetia, the female figure of Switzerland, here as a symbol of transport. Four more statues by another sculptor stand below them.

FIND IT IN ZÜRICH



Address

Bahnhofplatz, 8001 Zürich

Getting there

Trains arrive here from all over Switzerland, and many trams stop on Bahnhofplatz or Bahnhofquai right outside.

Tip

Step back onto Bahnhofplatz, by the Escher fountain, for the best view of the arch. Then walk through the main hall, where you will often find a market or event; check what is on before you go.

My visit

Zürich Hauptbahnhof, Zürich

Date of my visit

I was there with

The weather was

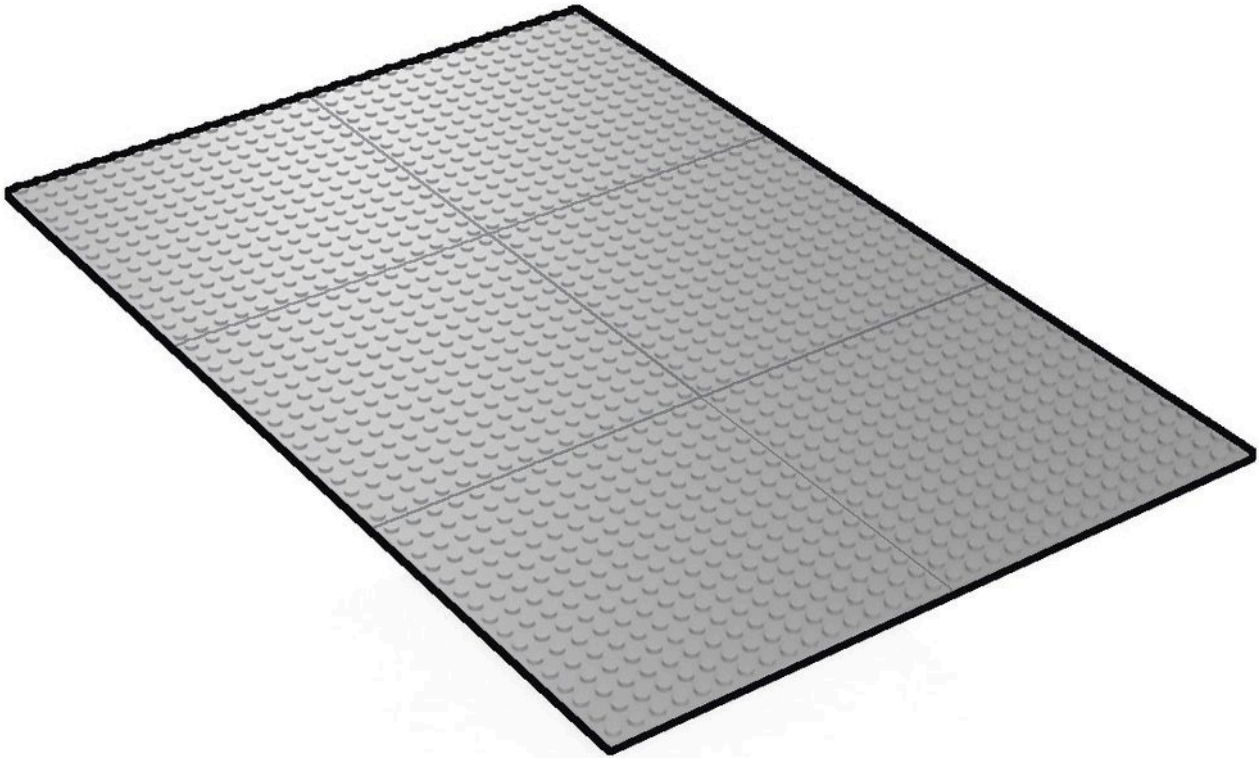
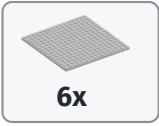
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Building time

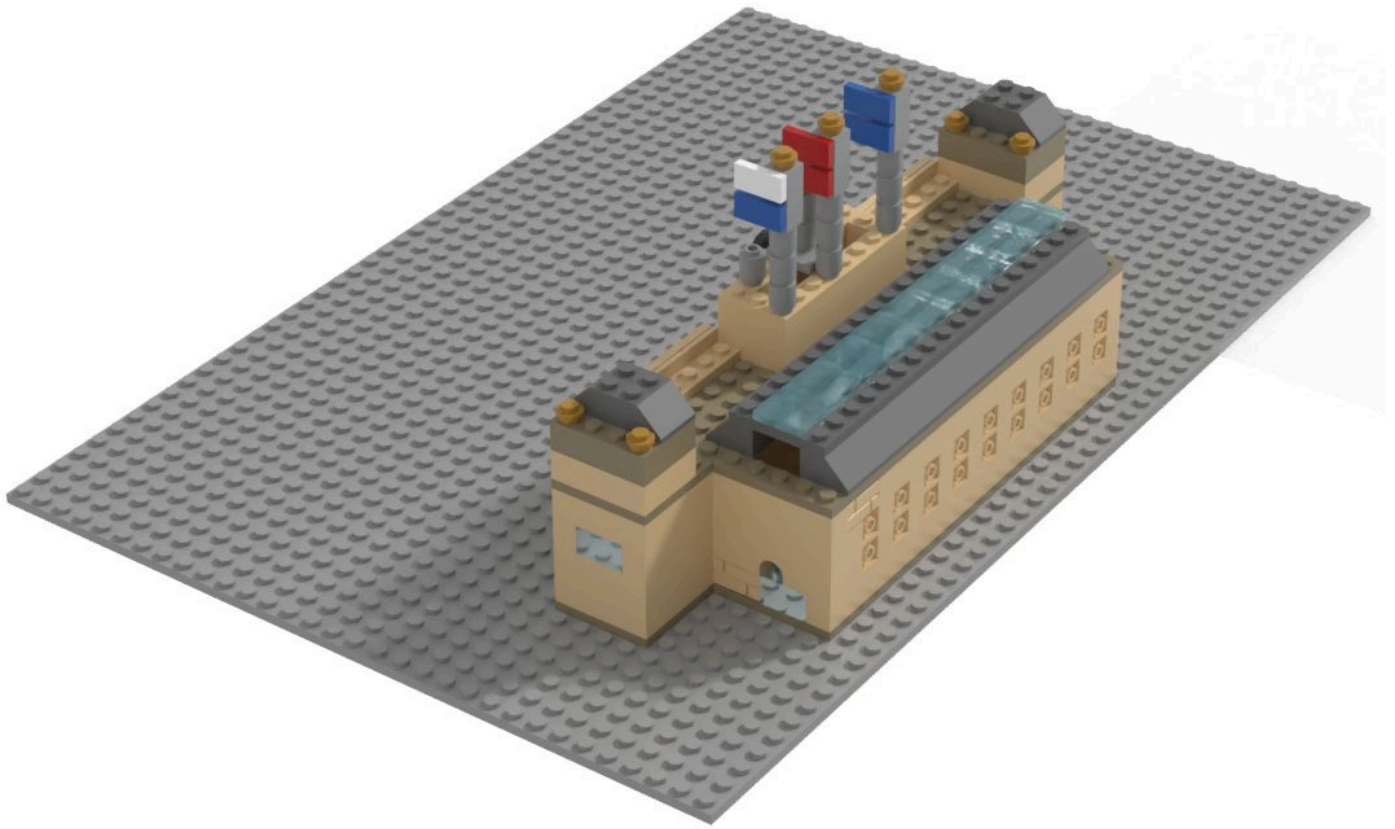
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Chapter 1

Facade and portal

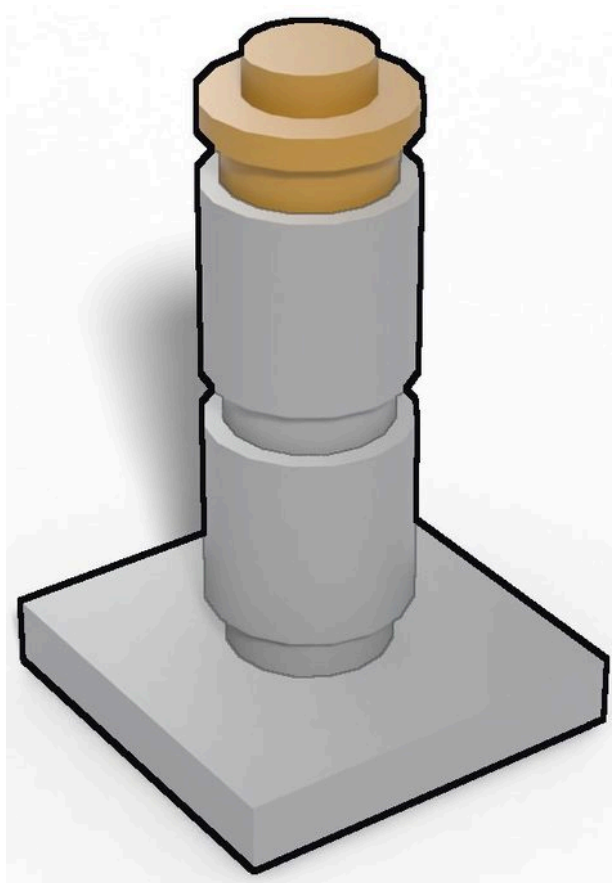
Steps 2–62



Helvetia

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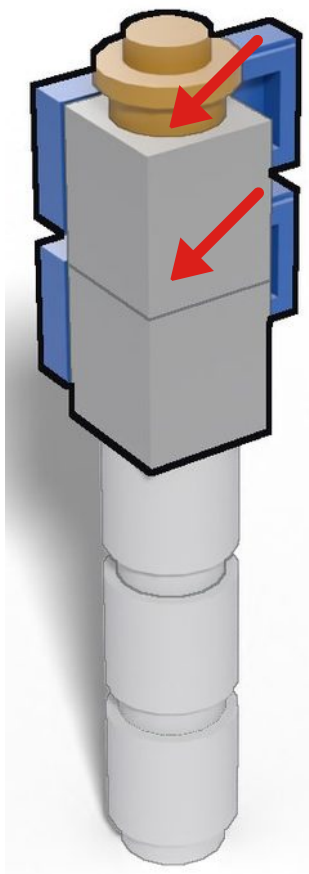
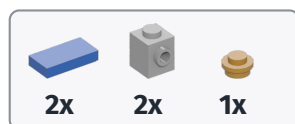
Blue flag

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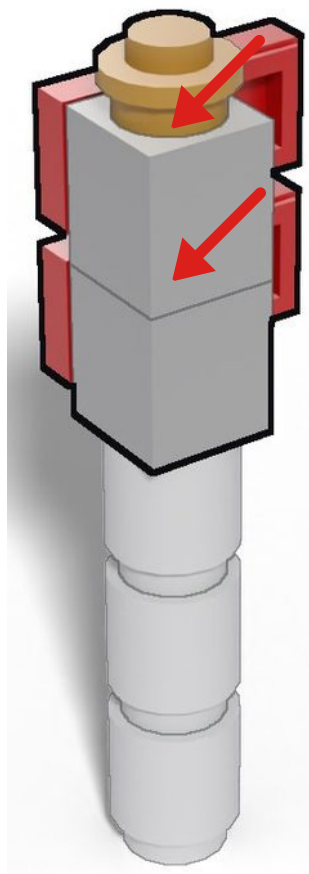
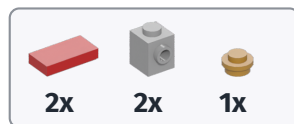
Swiss flag

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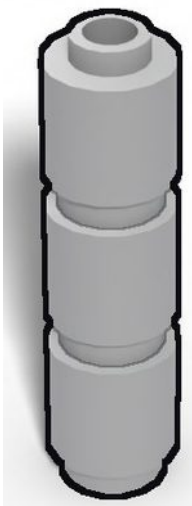
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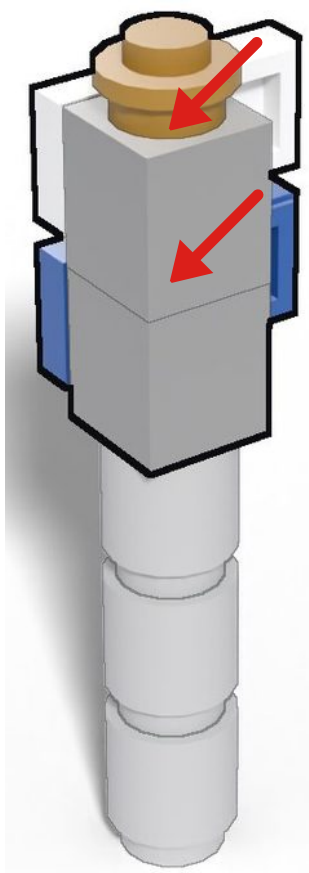
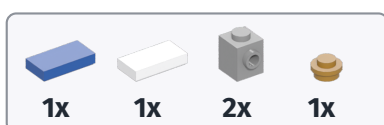
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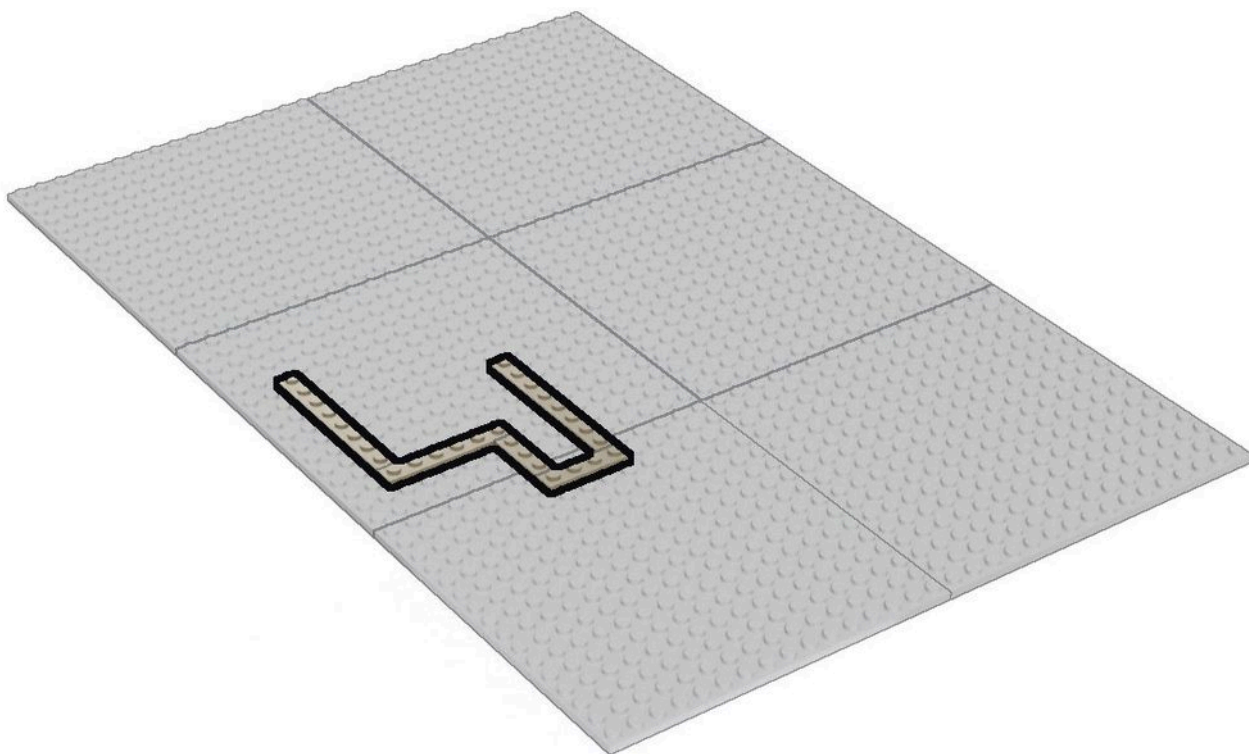
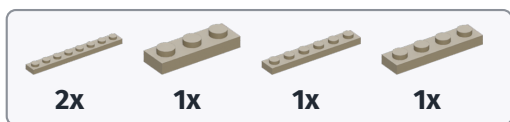


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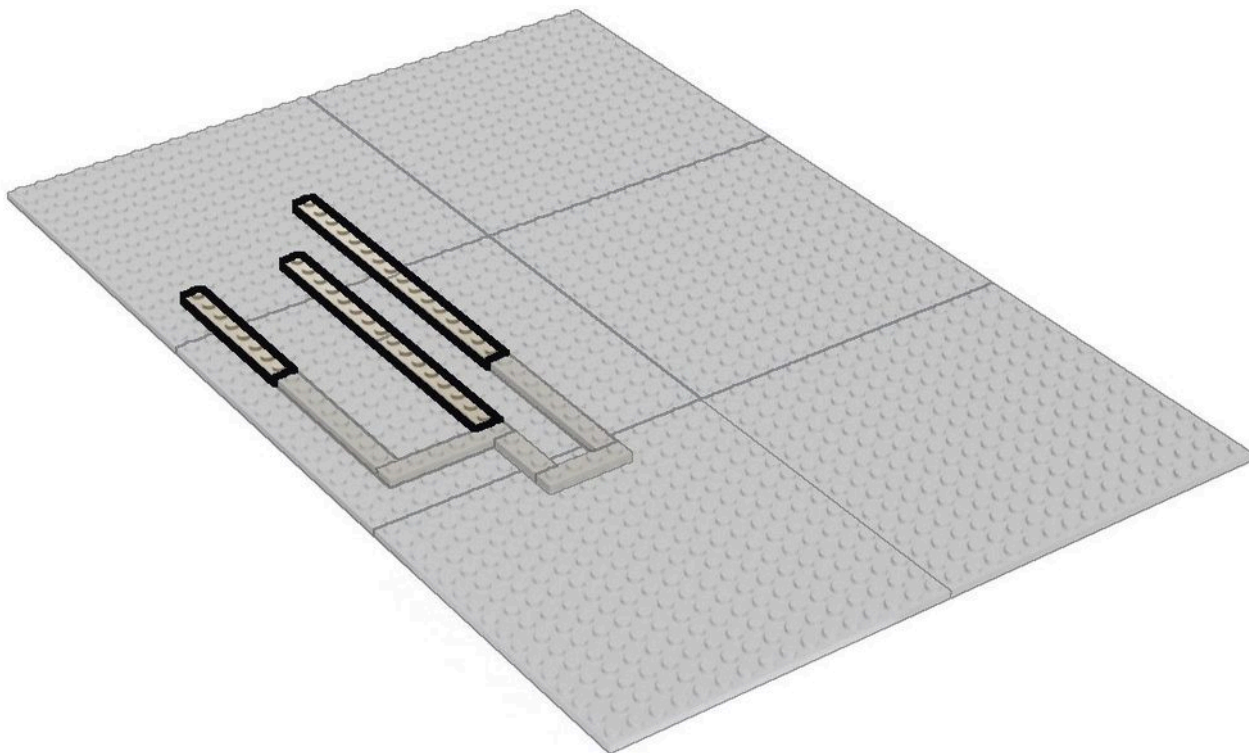


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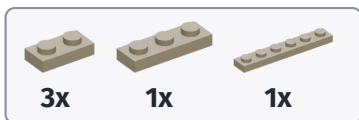


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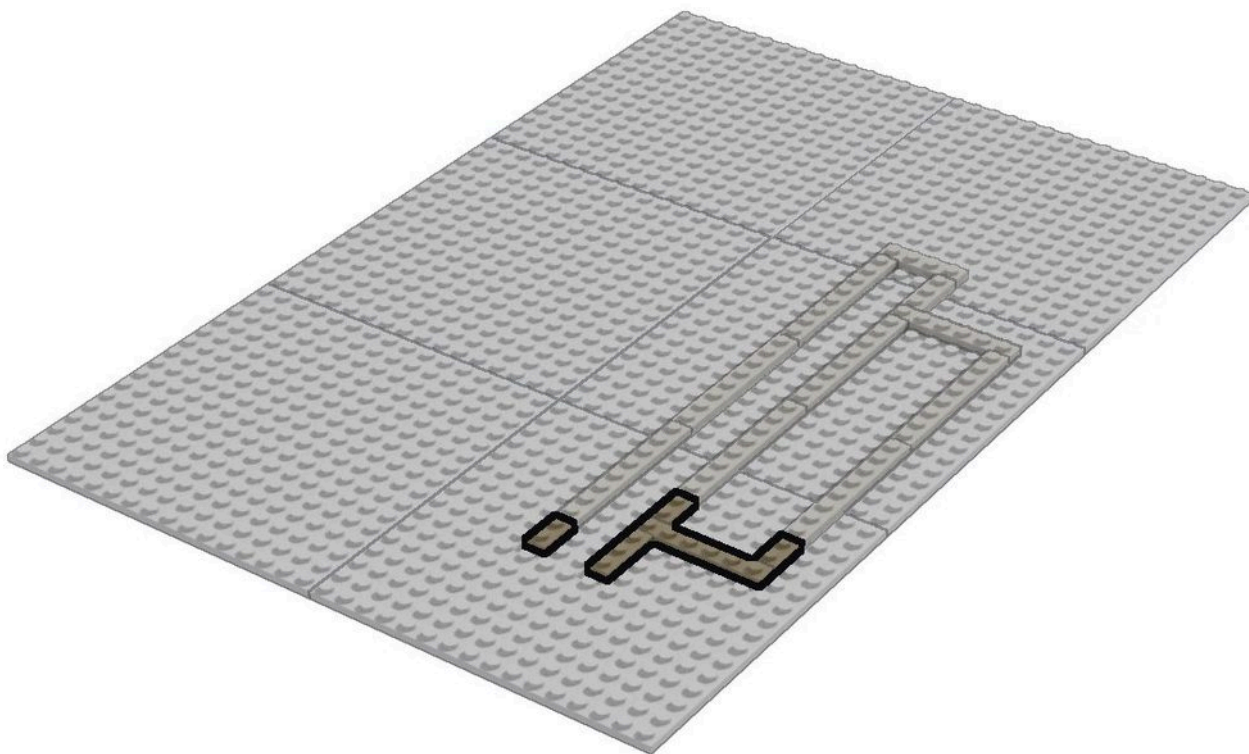


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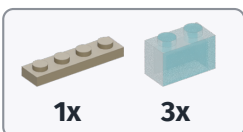
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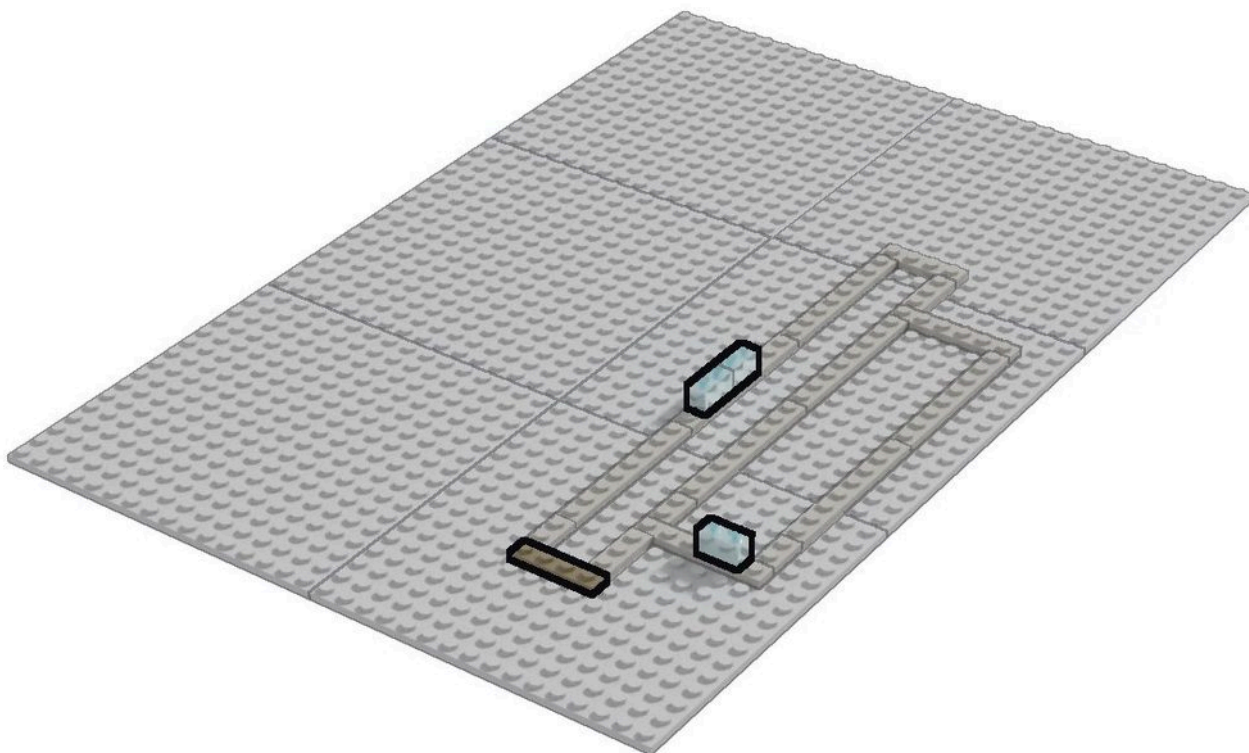
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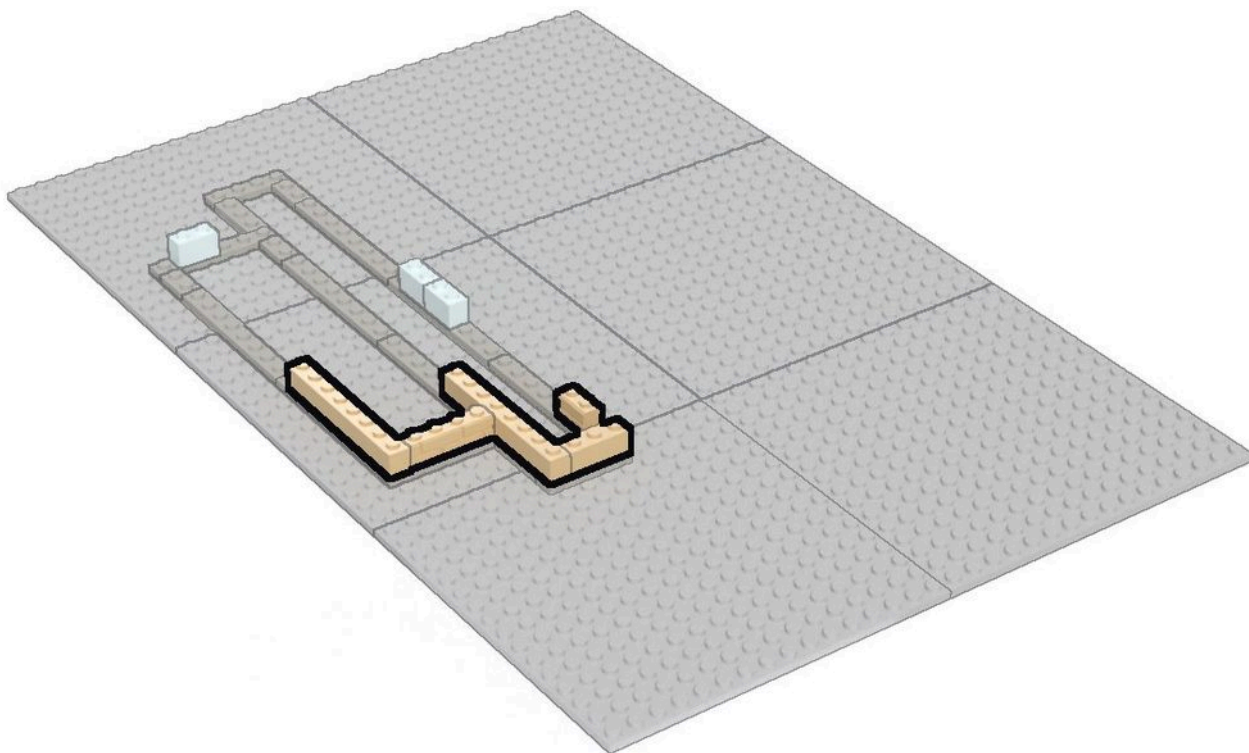
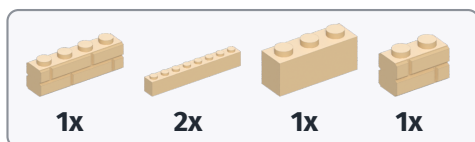
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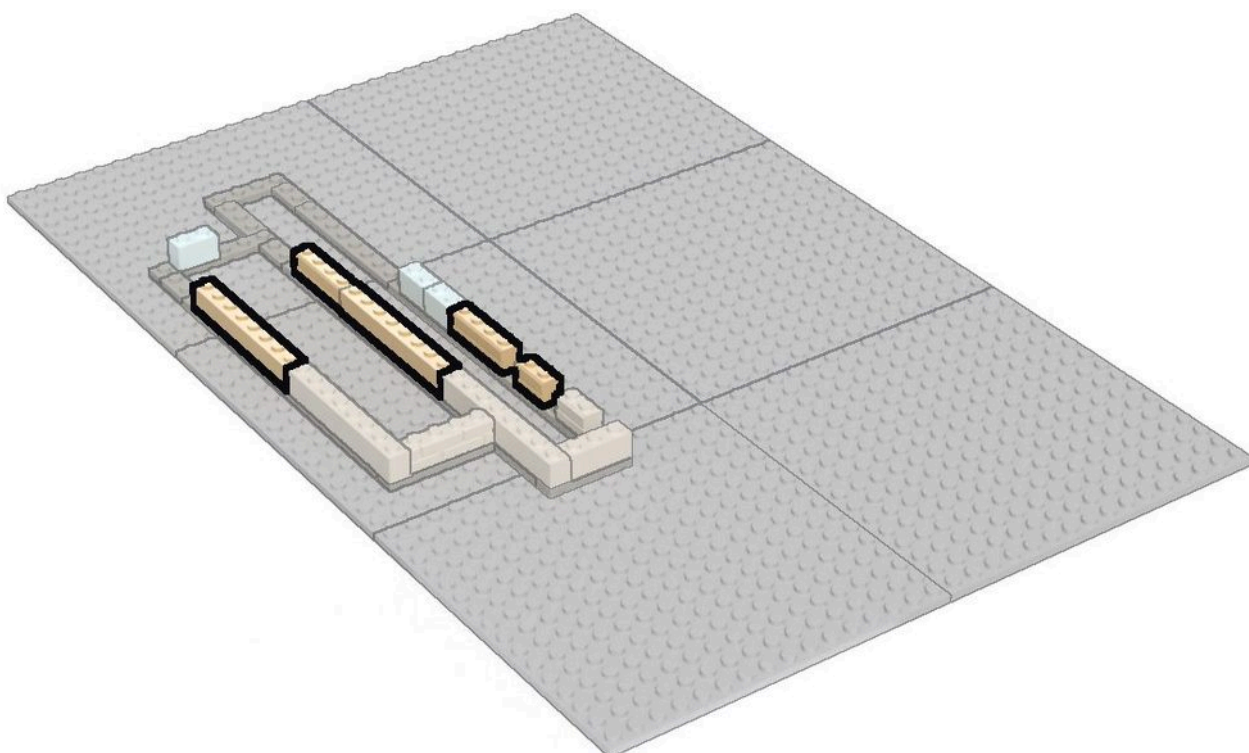
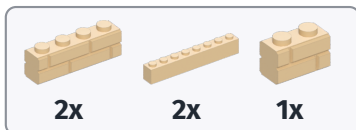
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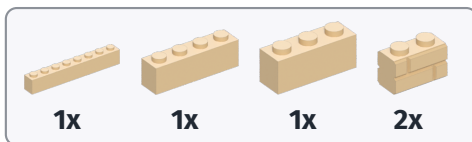
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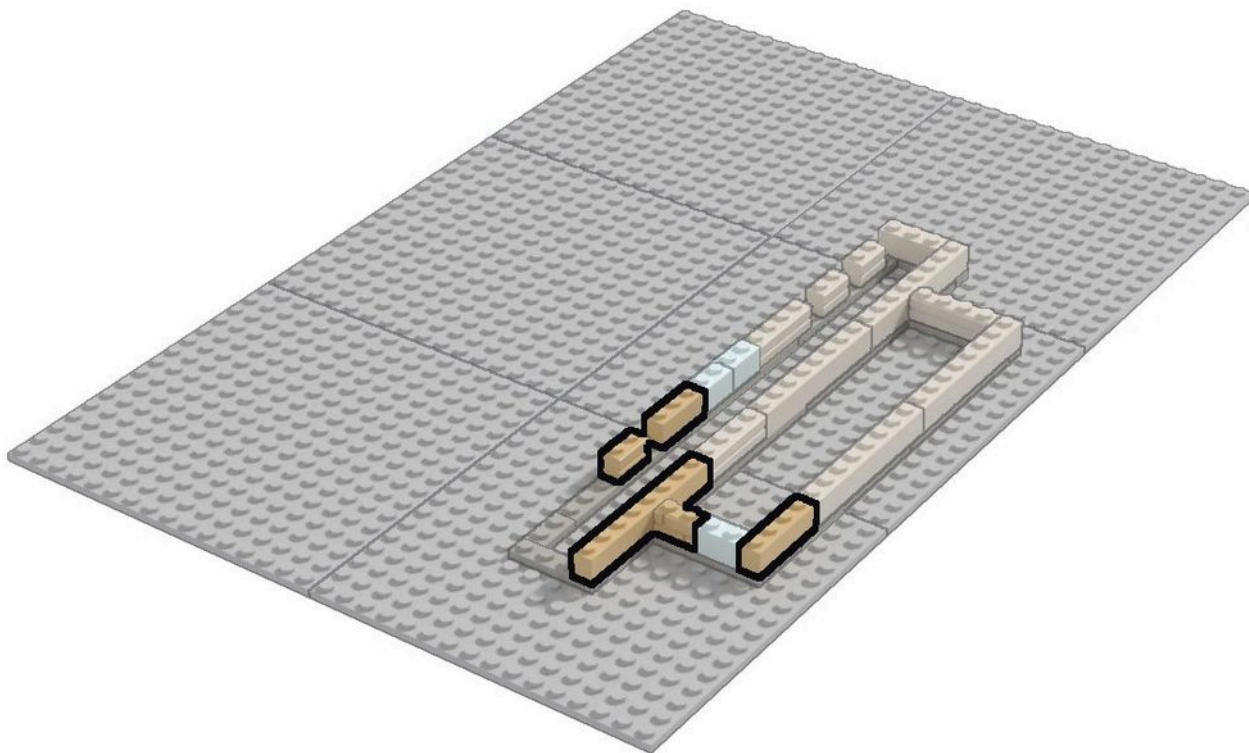
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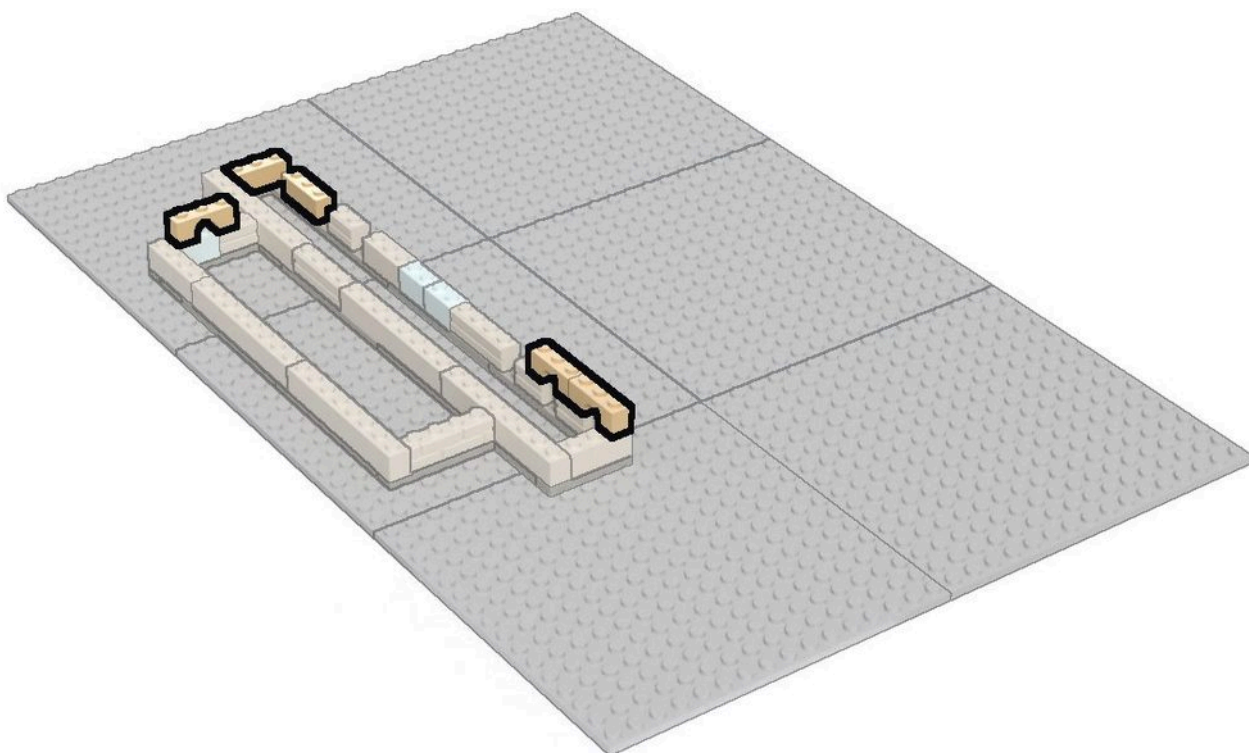
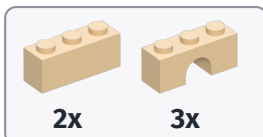
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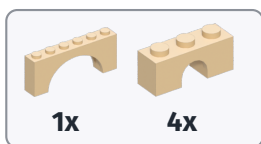
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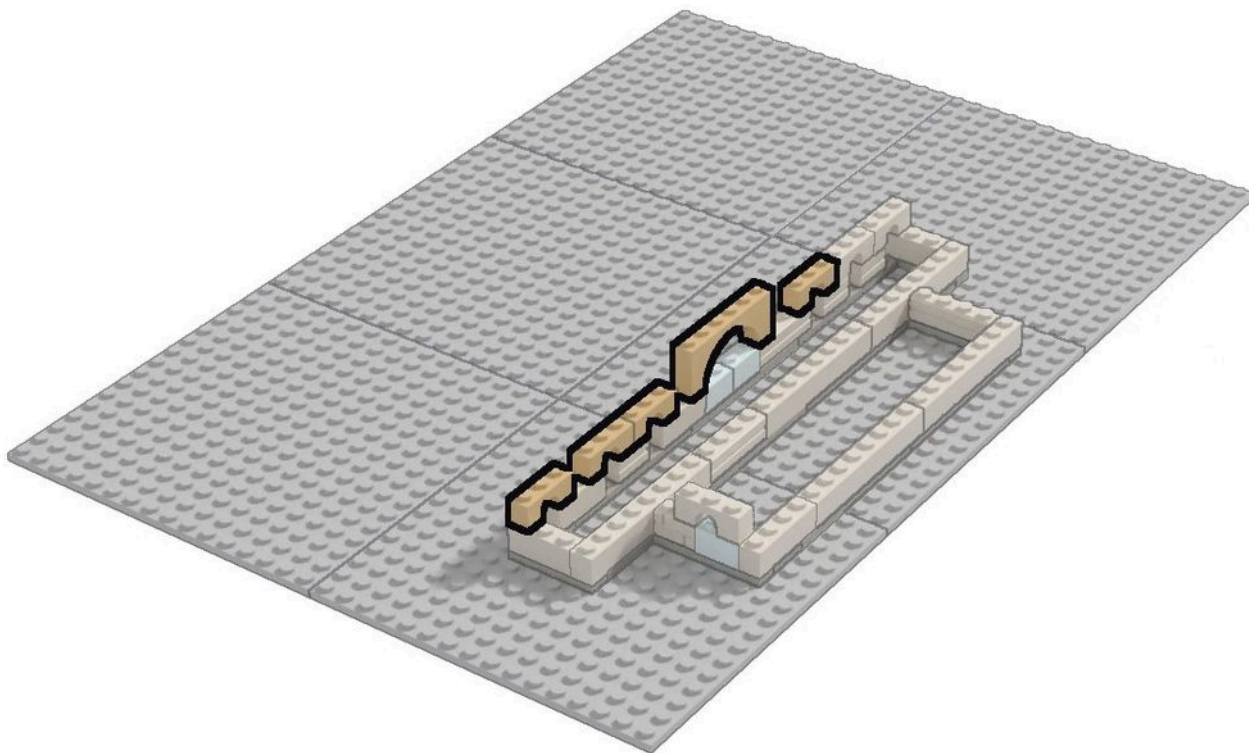
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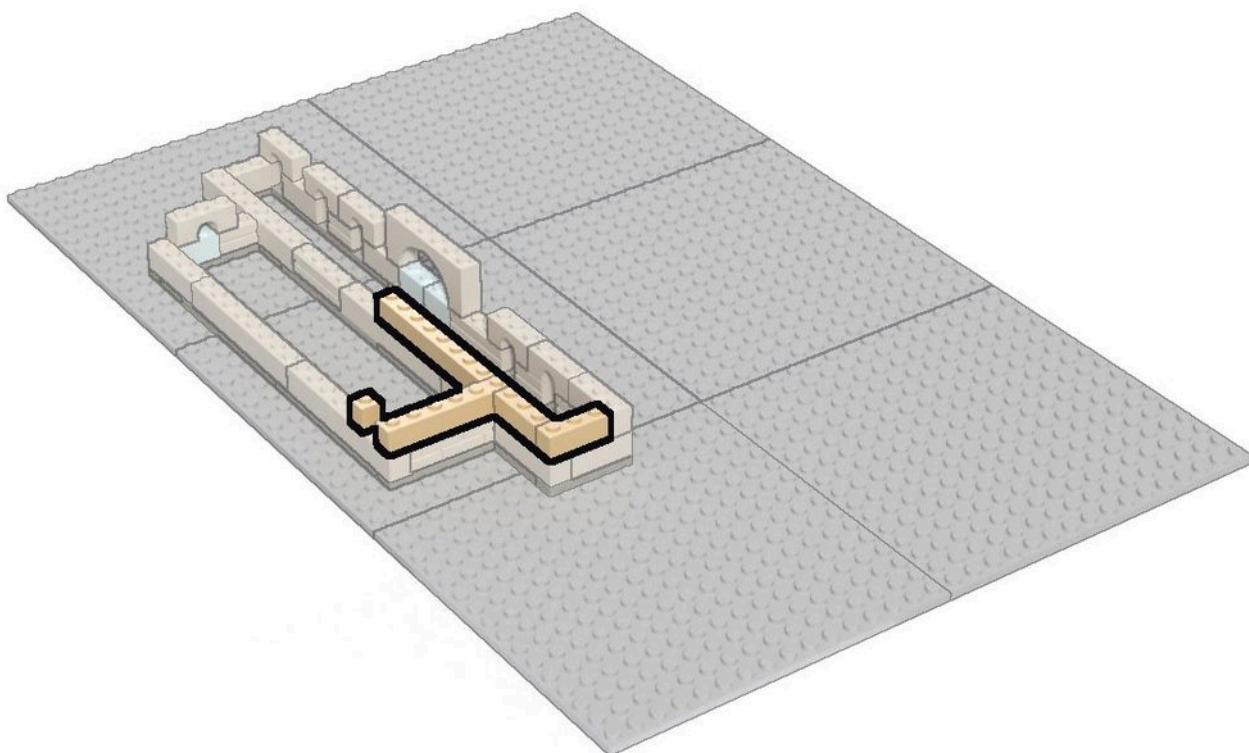
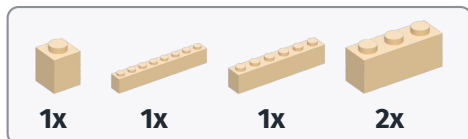
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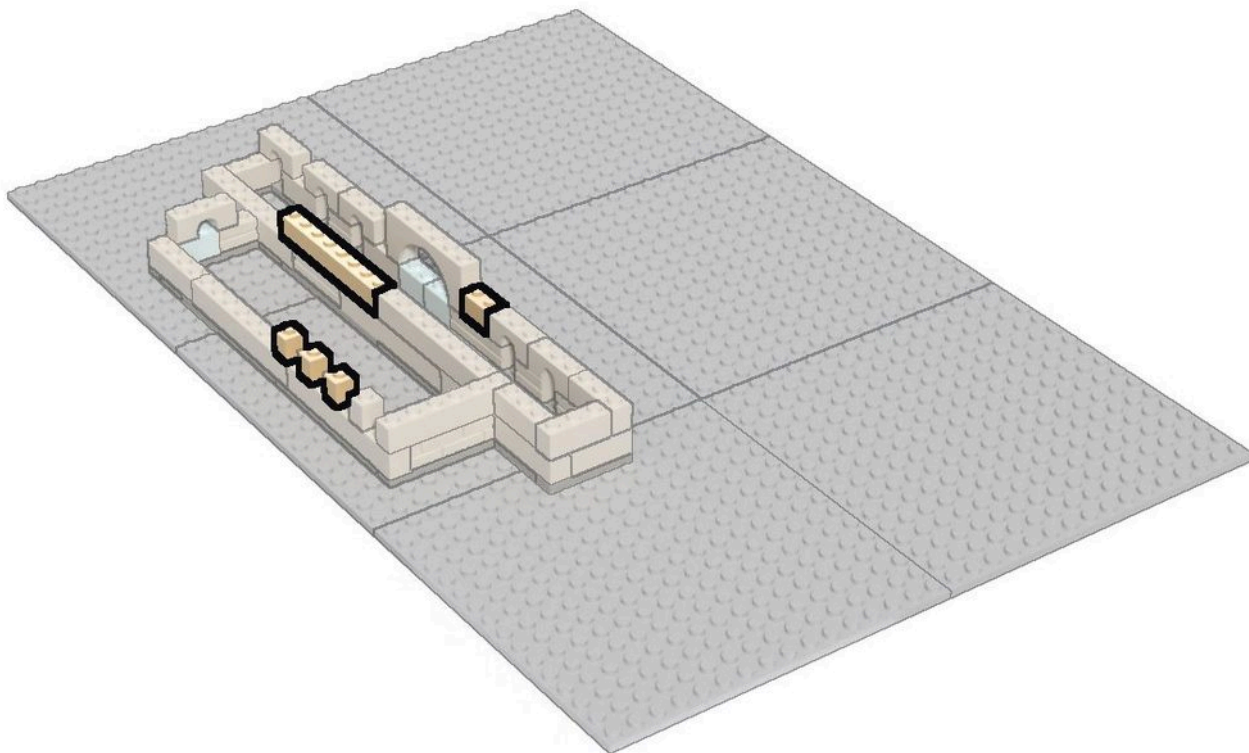
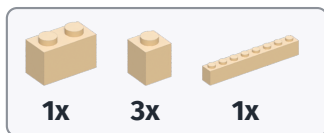
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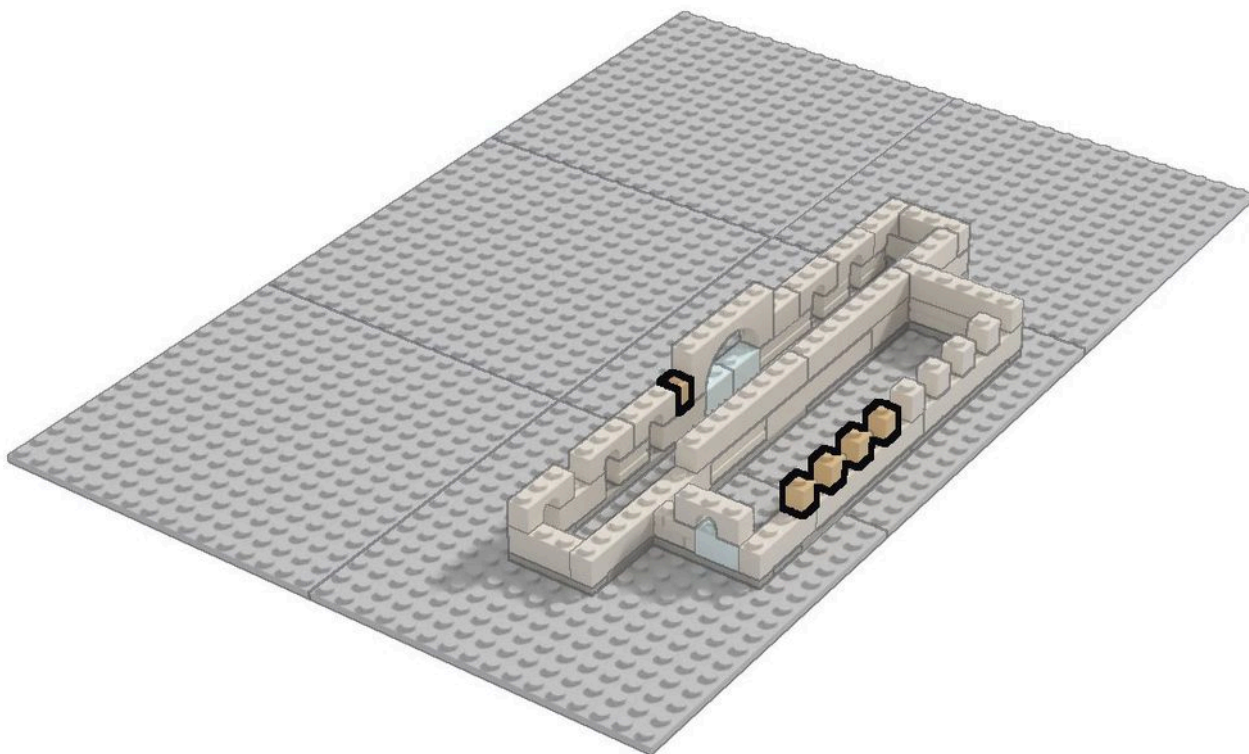
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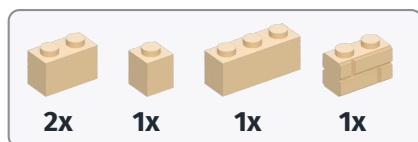
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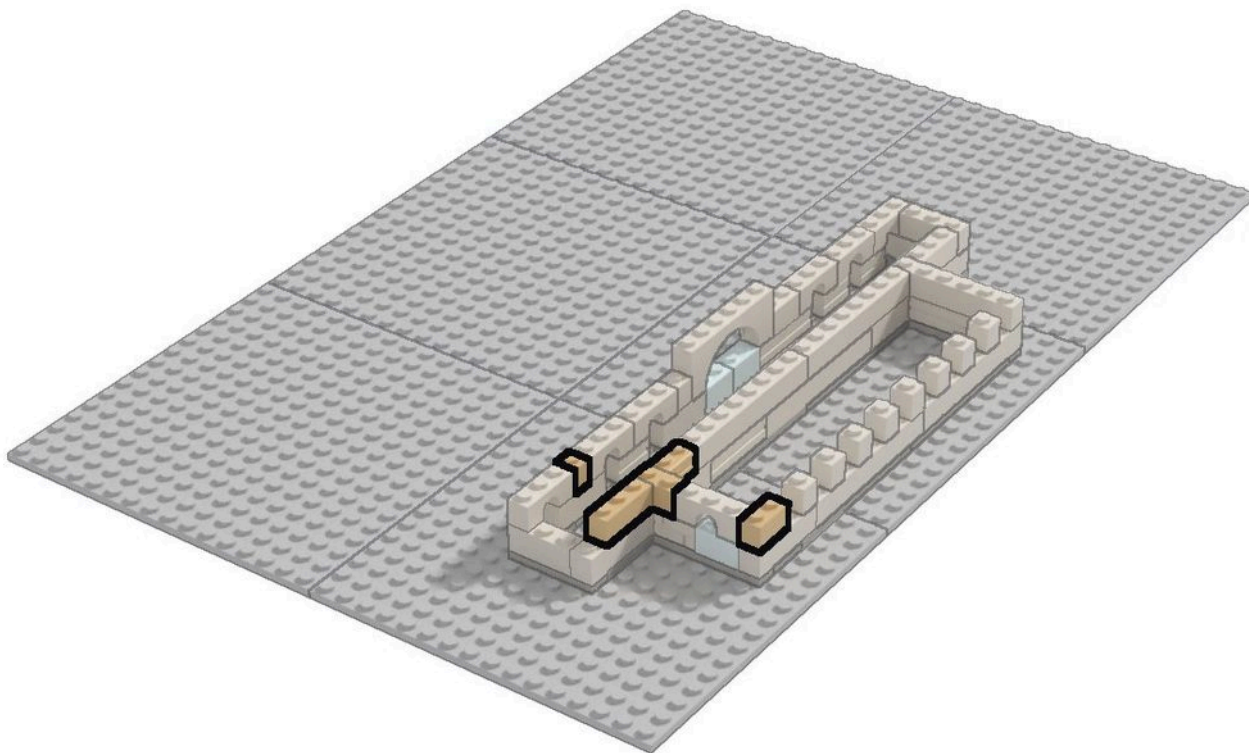
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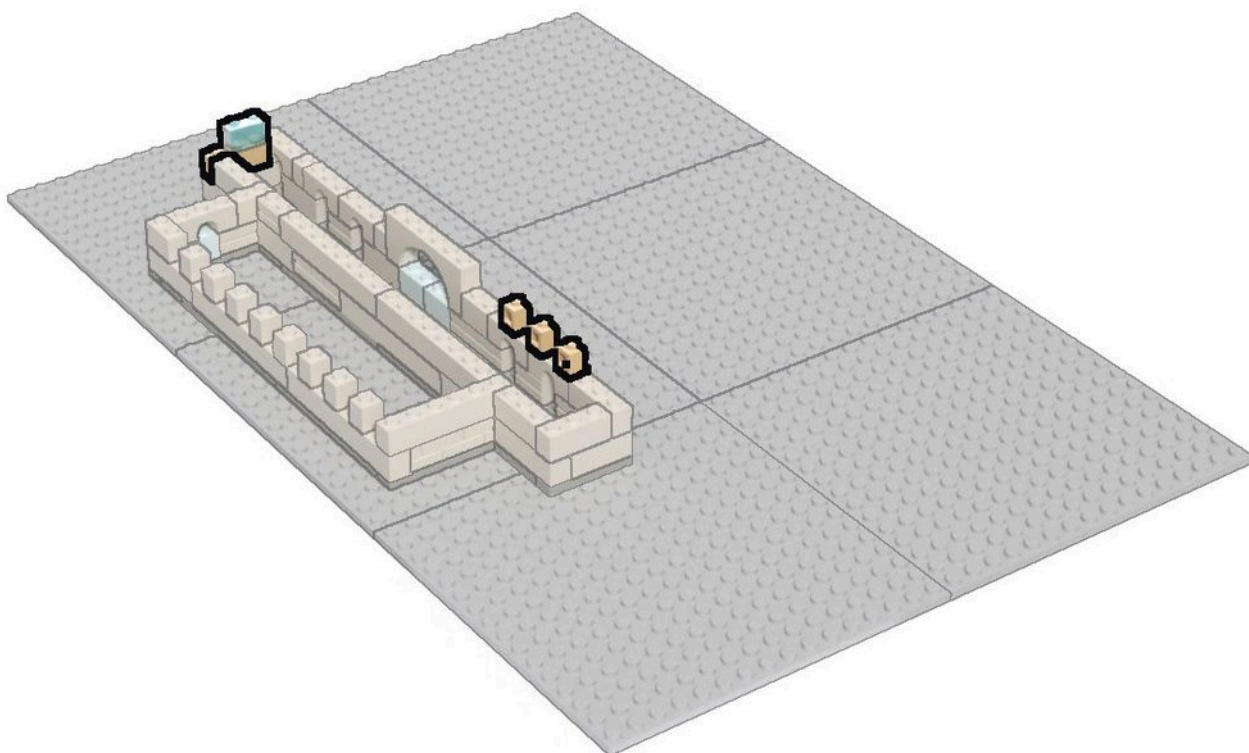
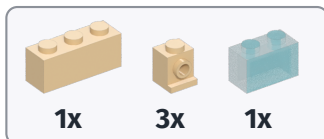
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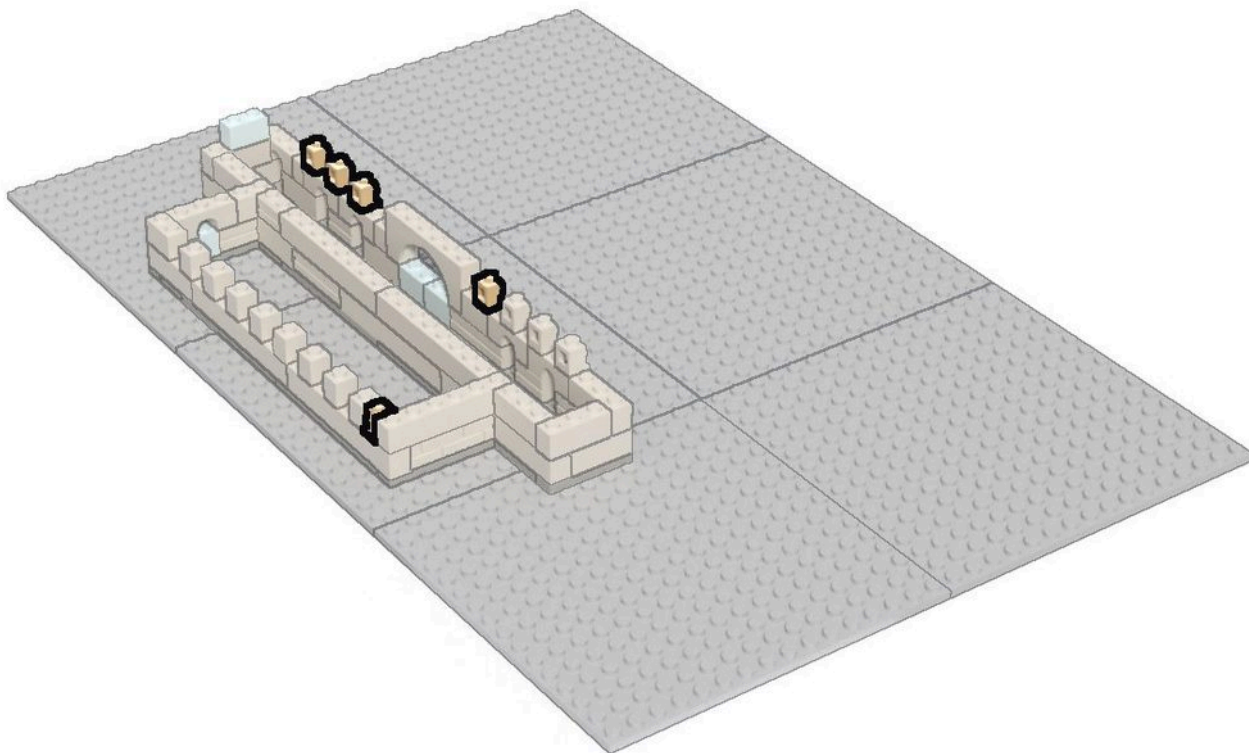
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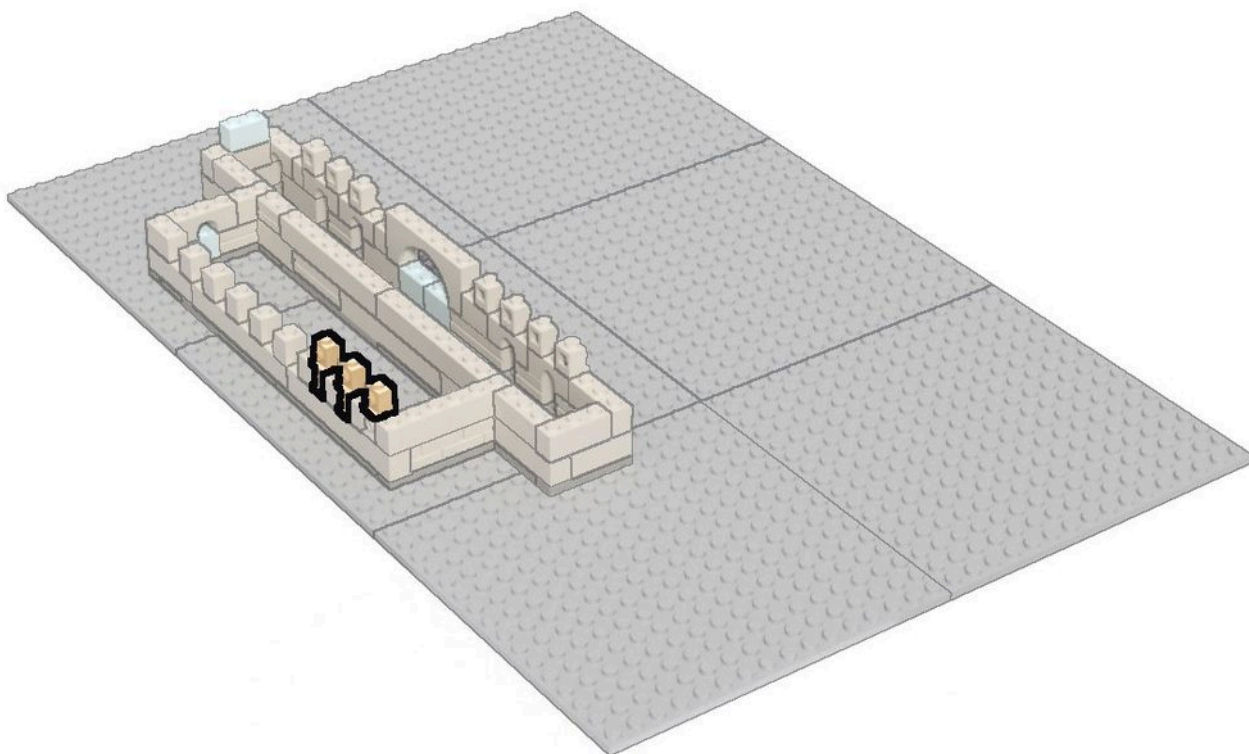
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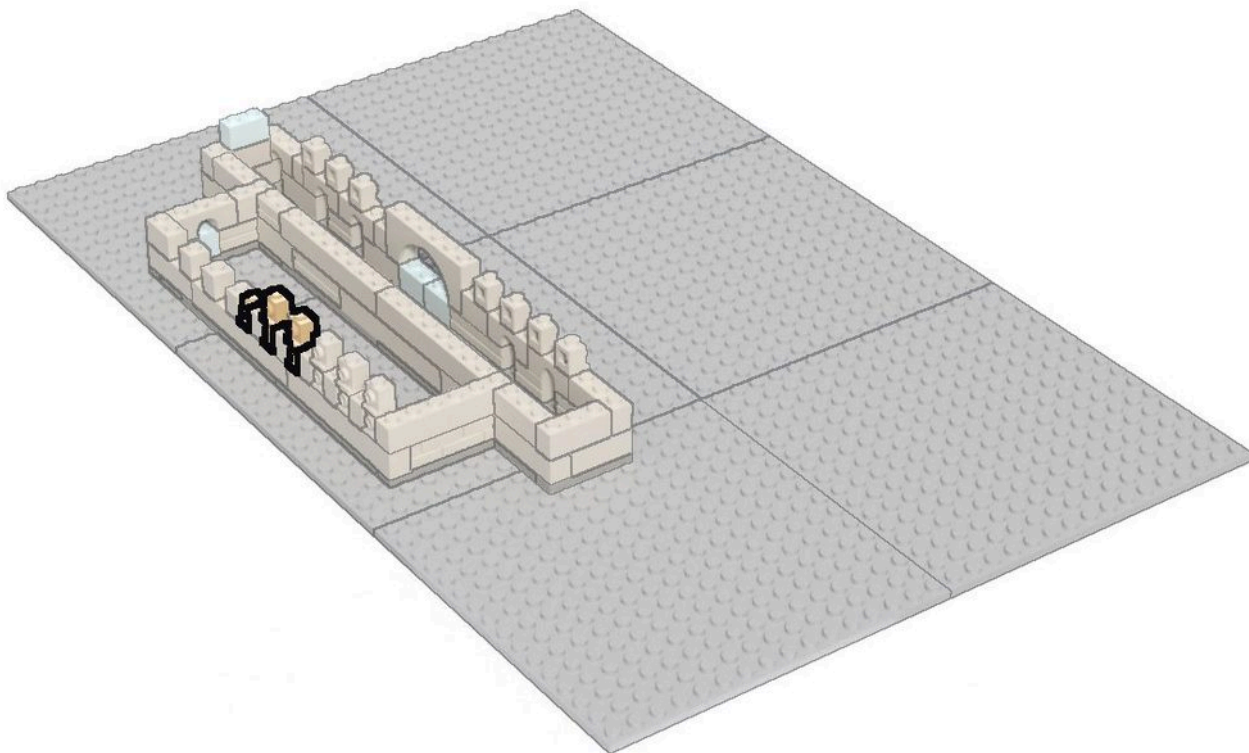
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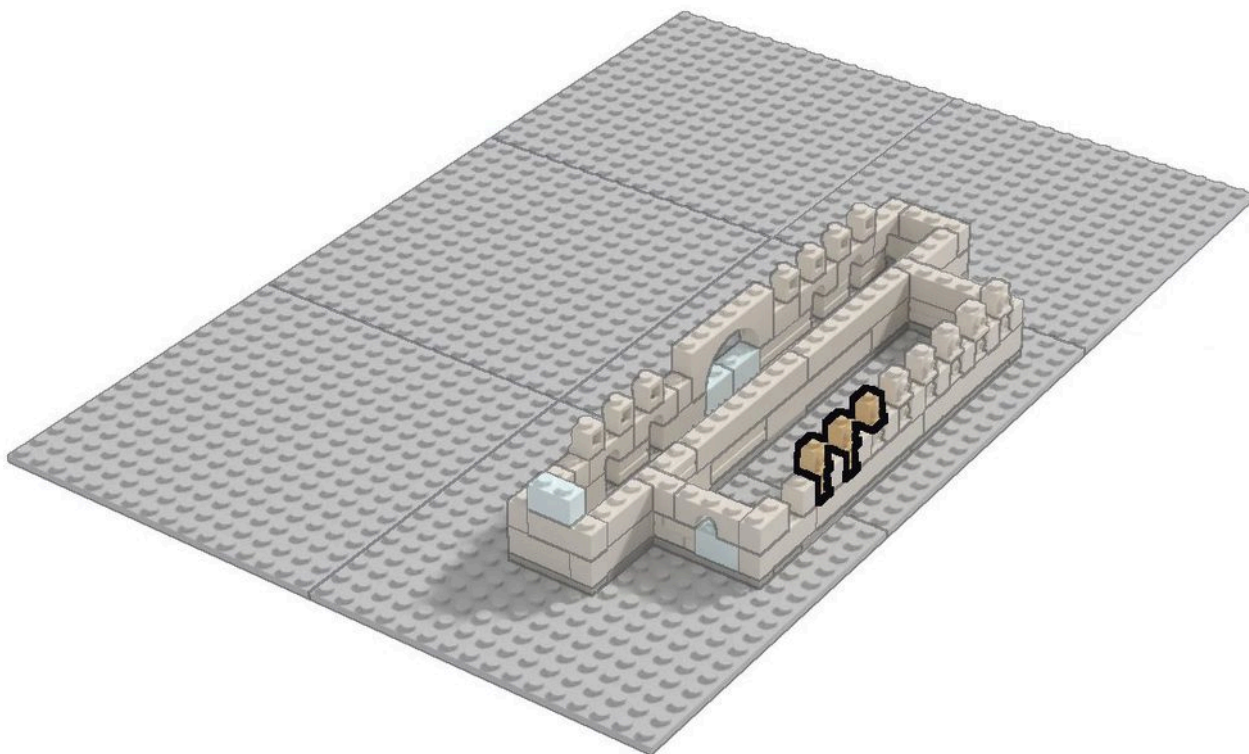
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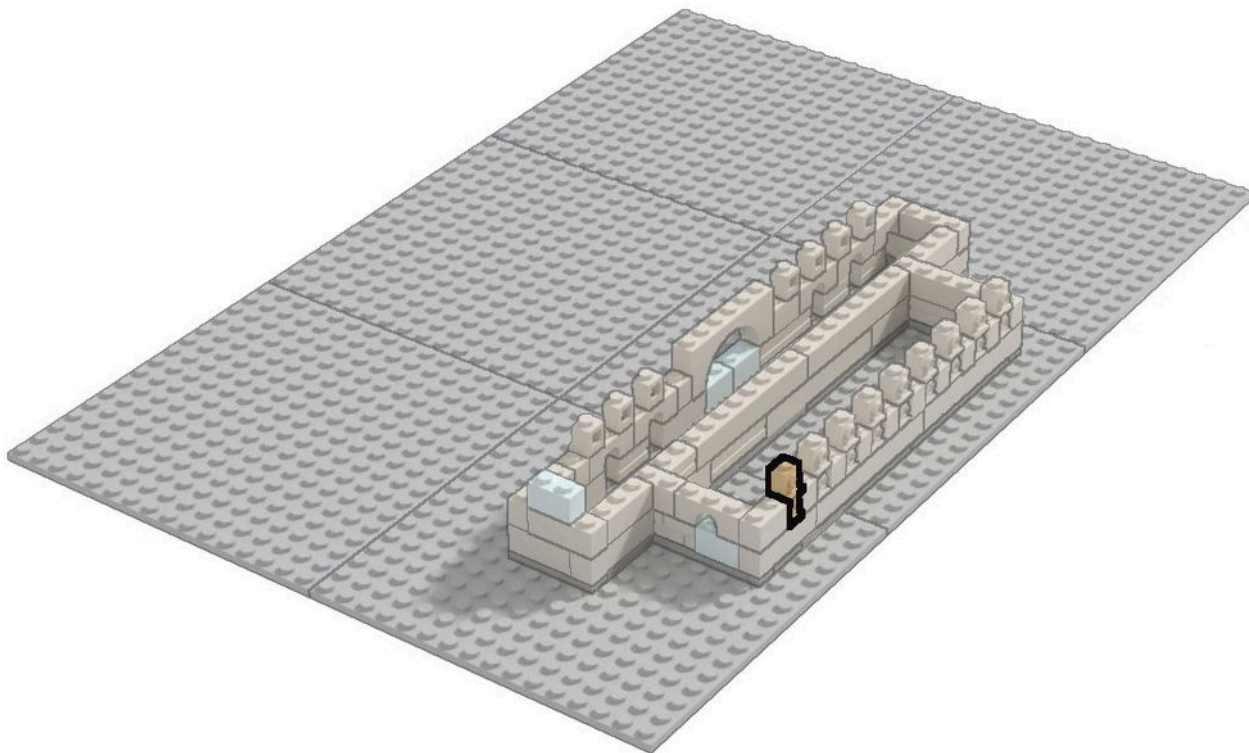
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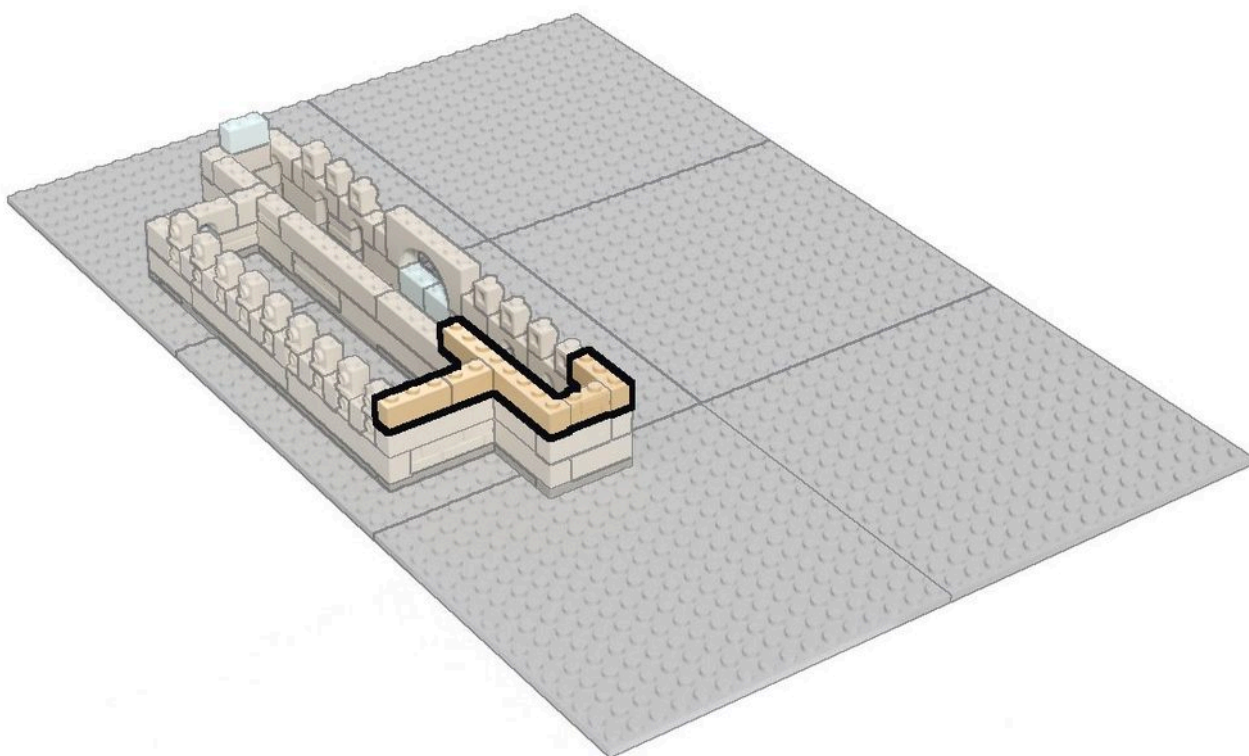
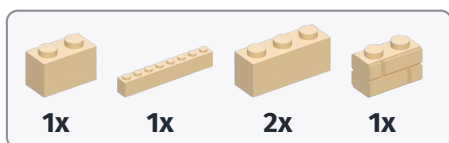
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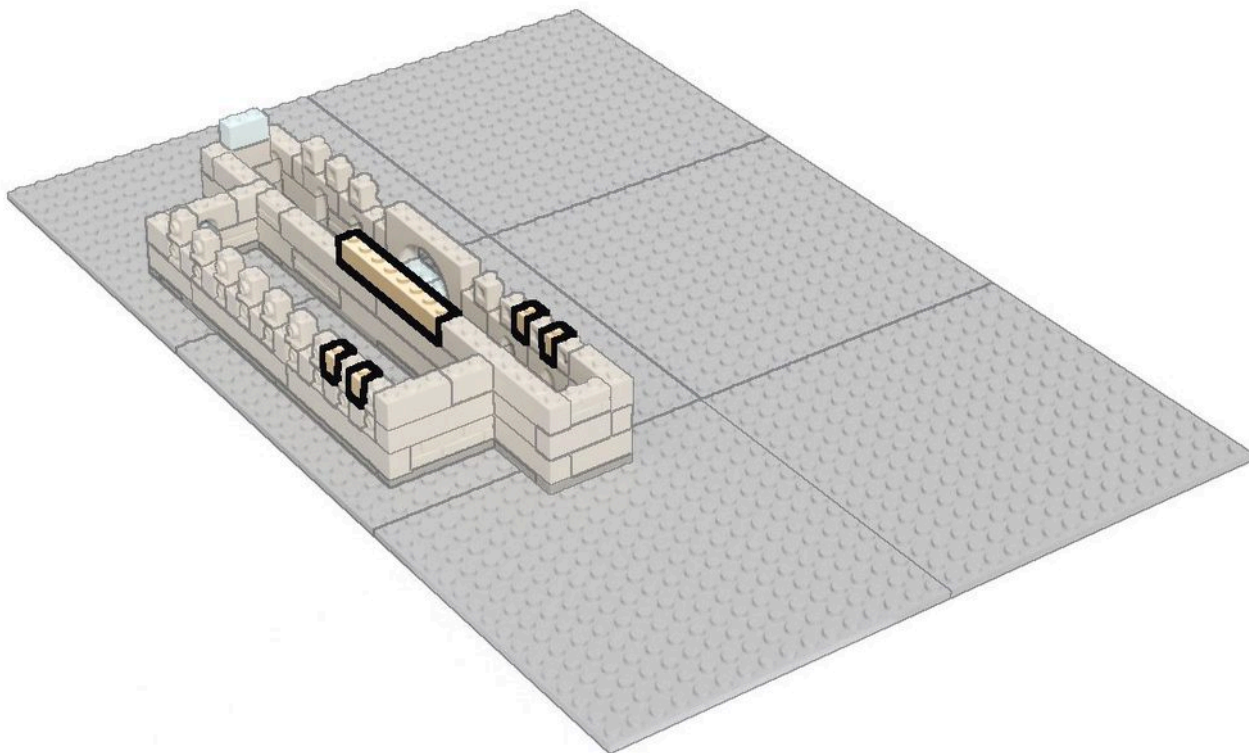
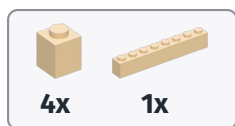
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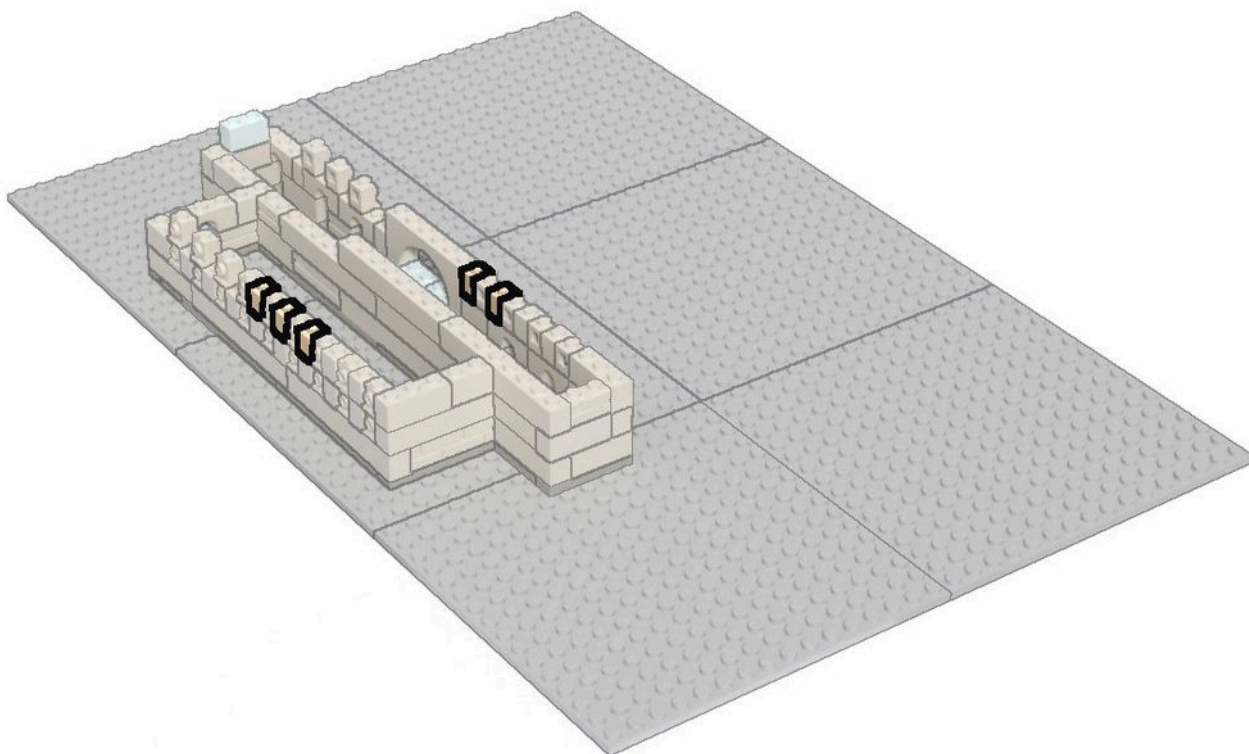
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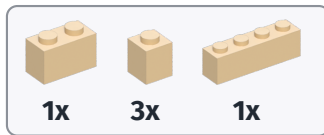
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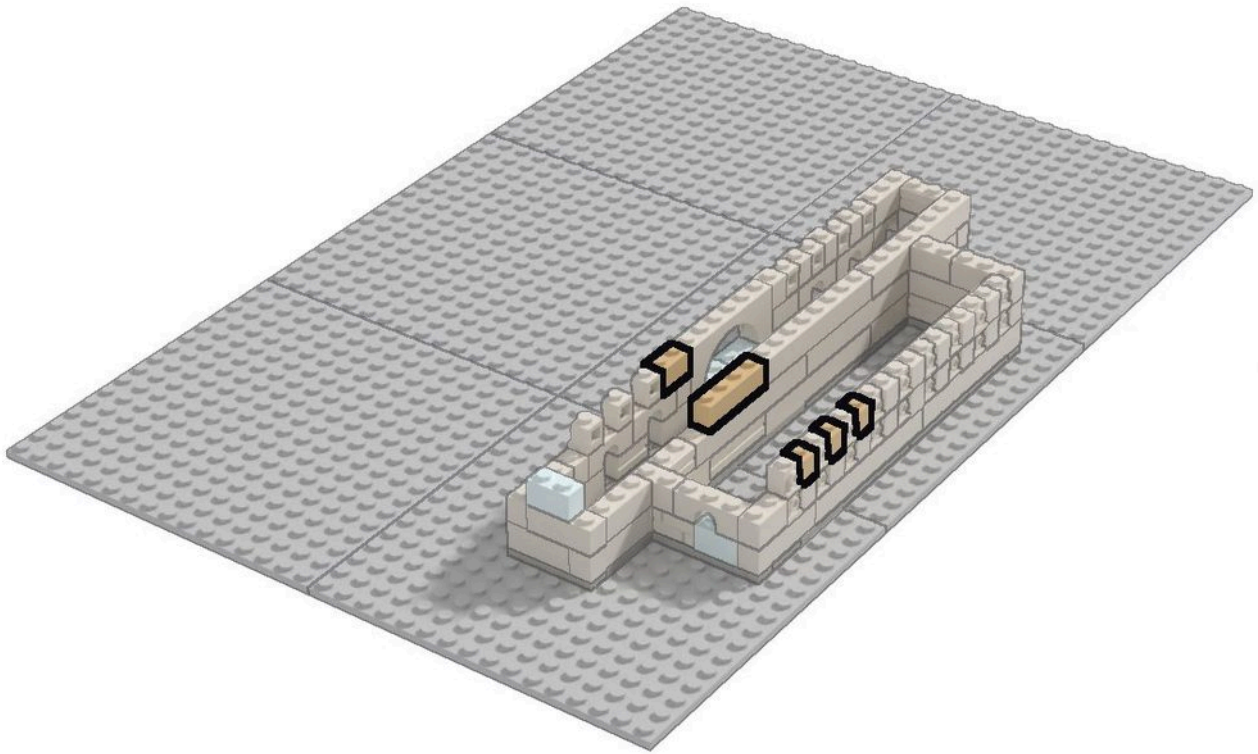
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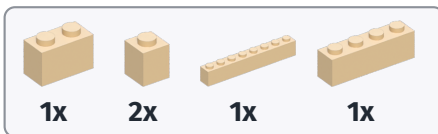
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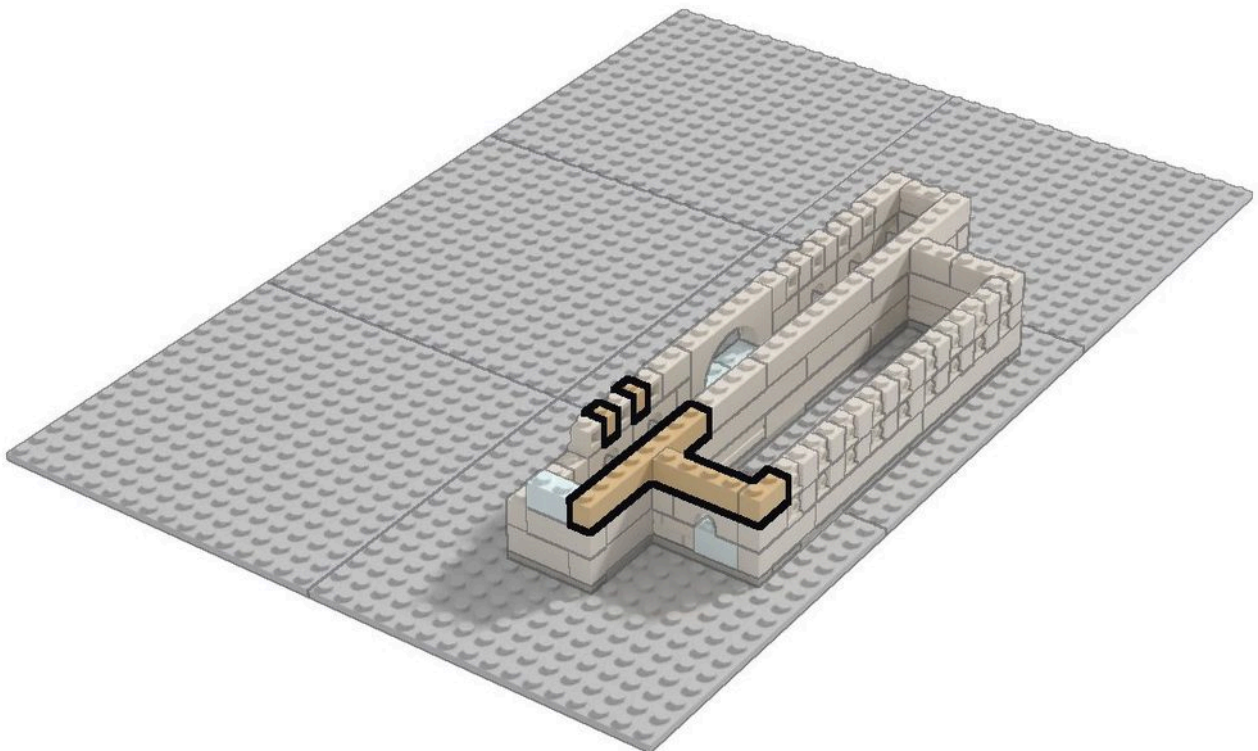
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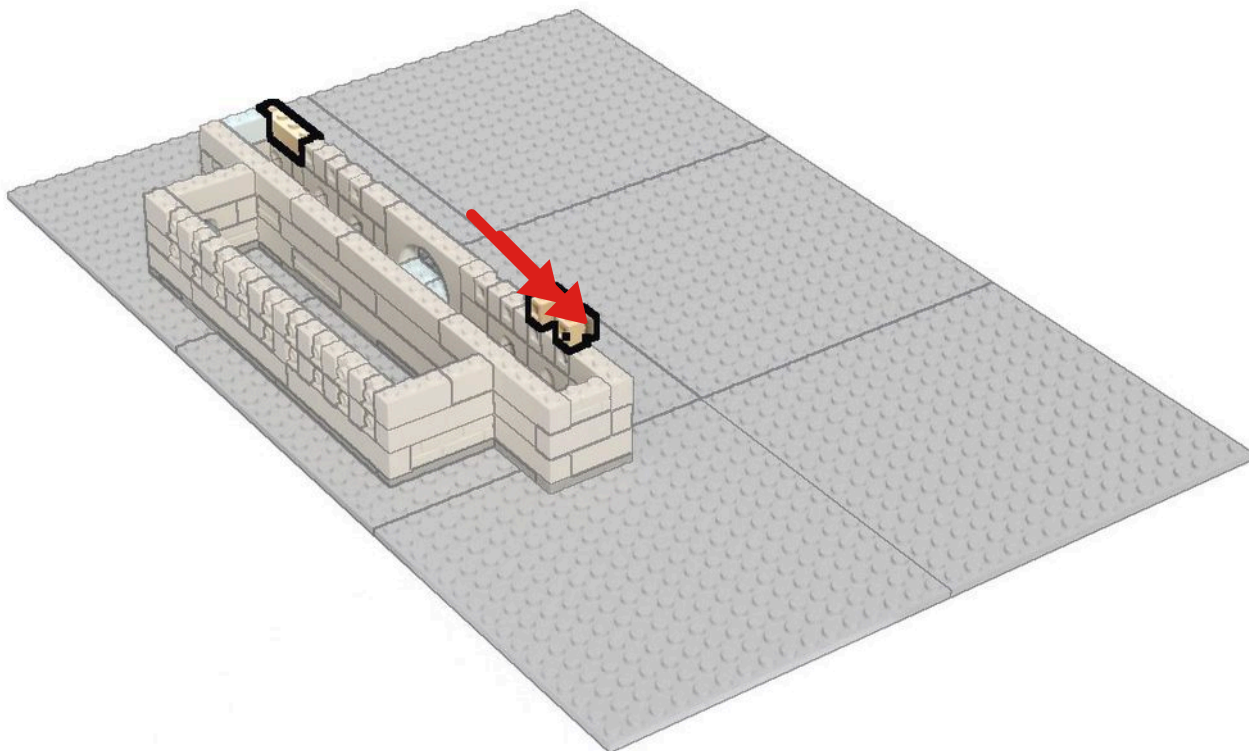
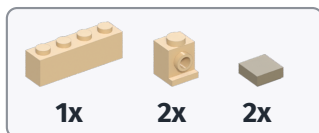
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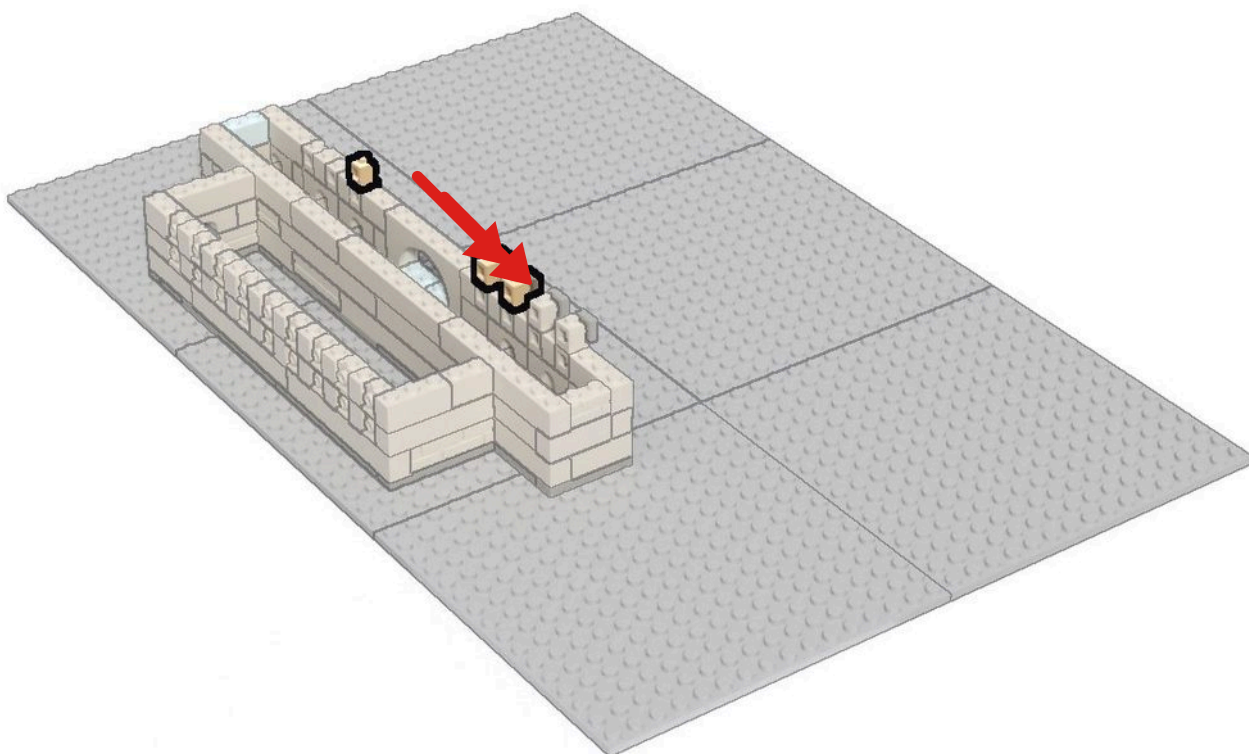
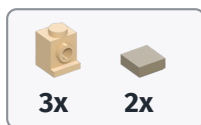
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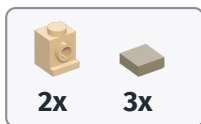
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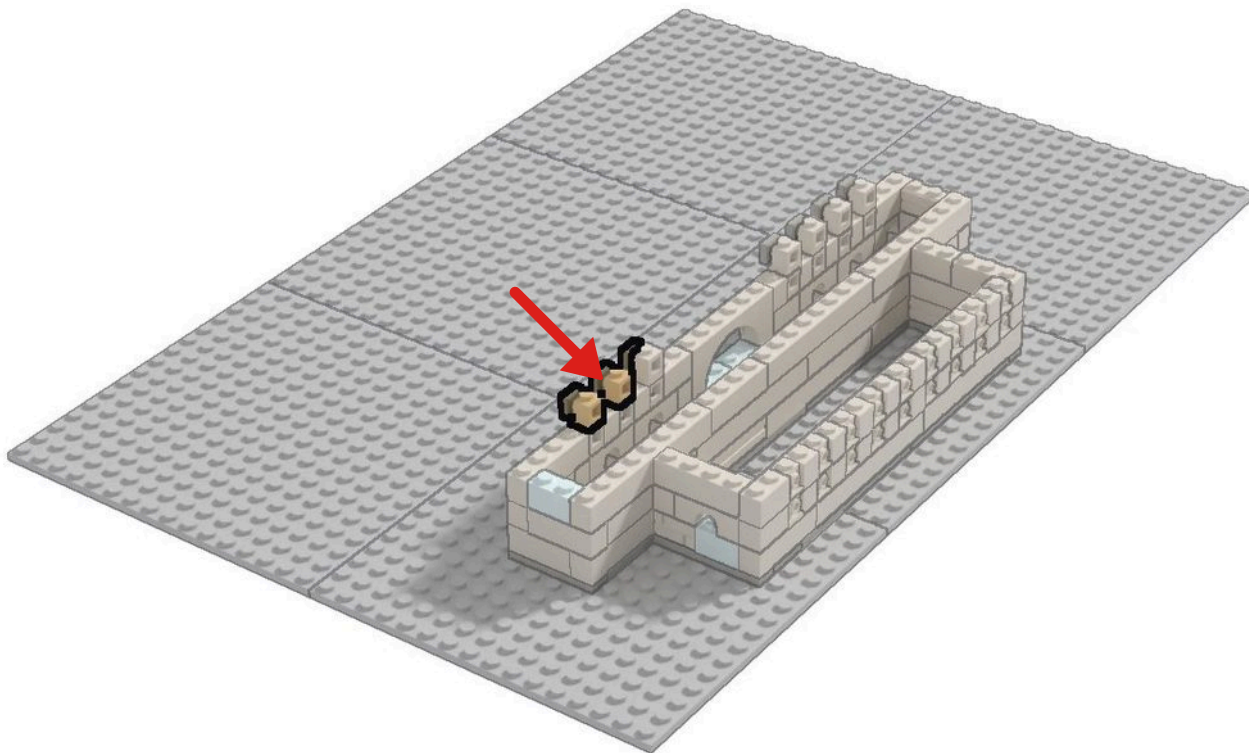
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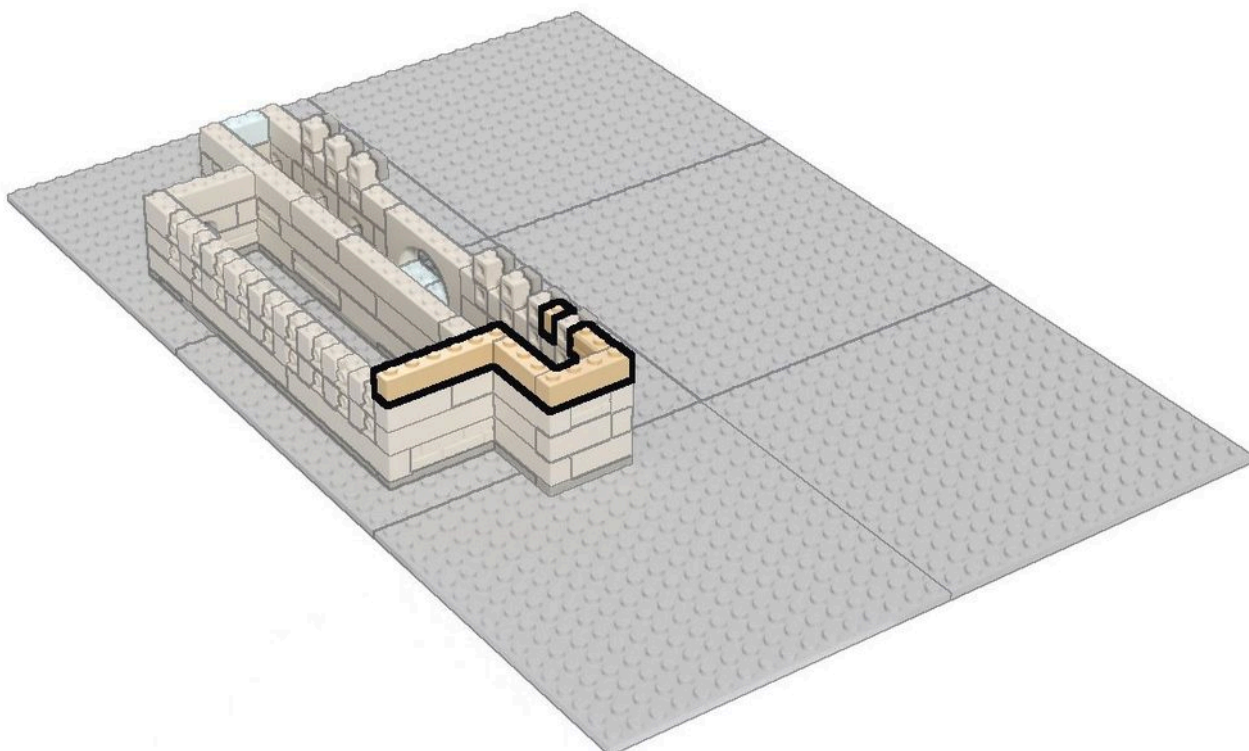
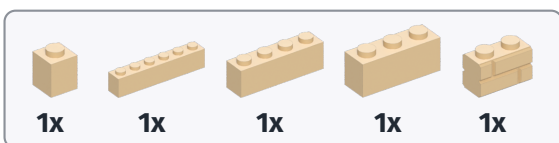
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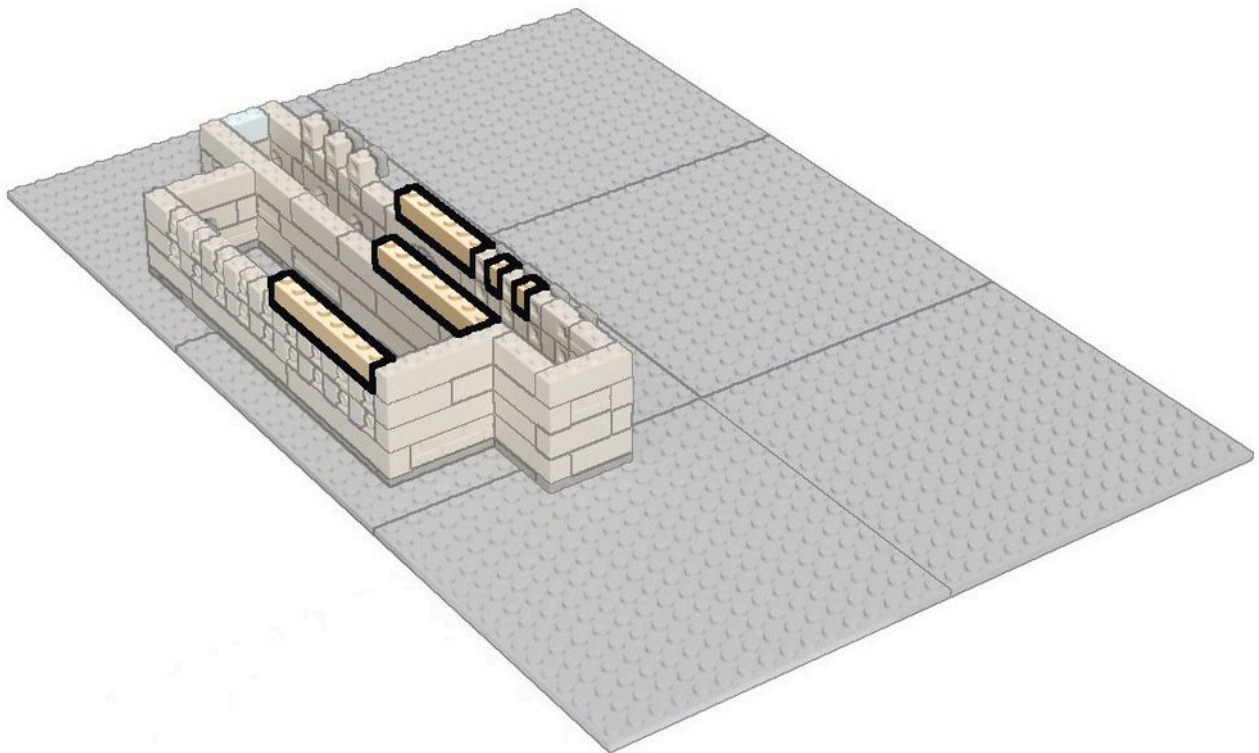
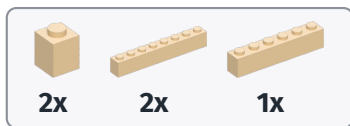
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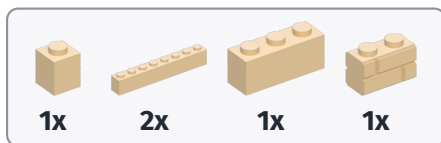
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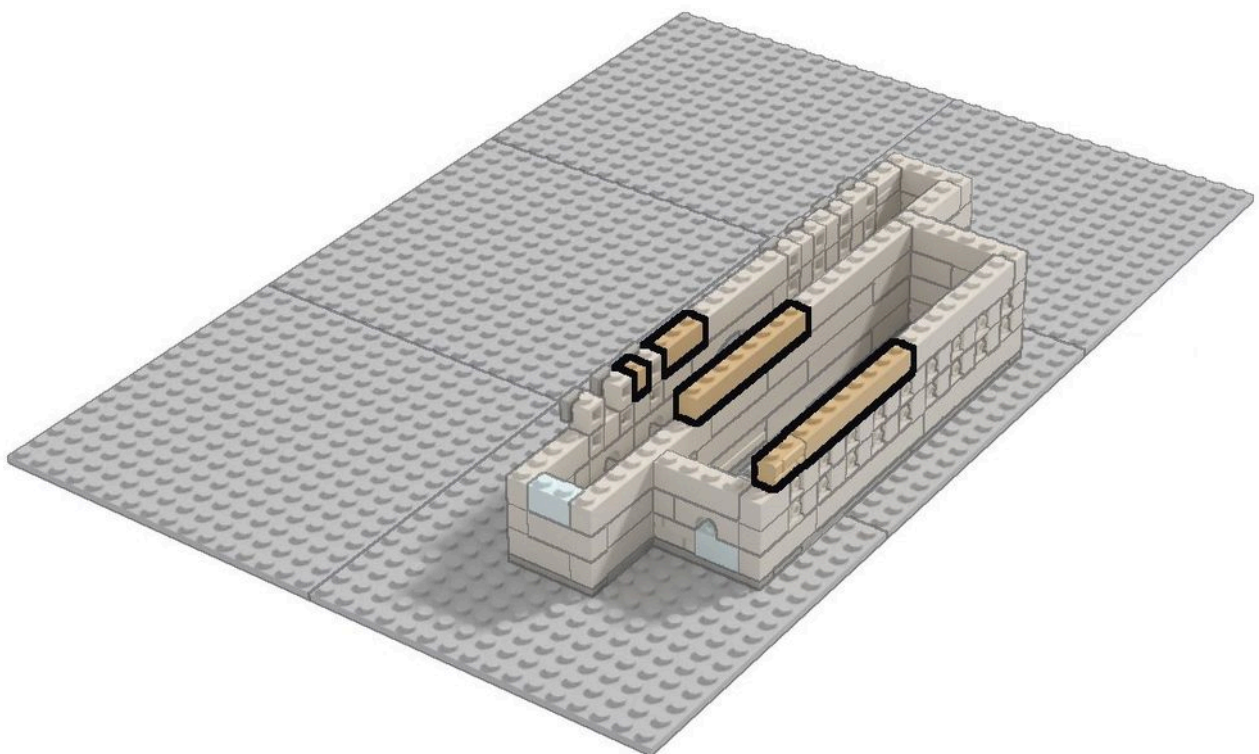
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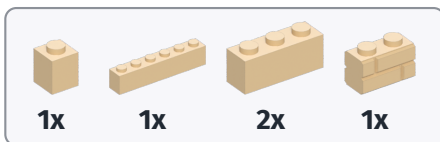
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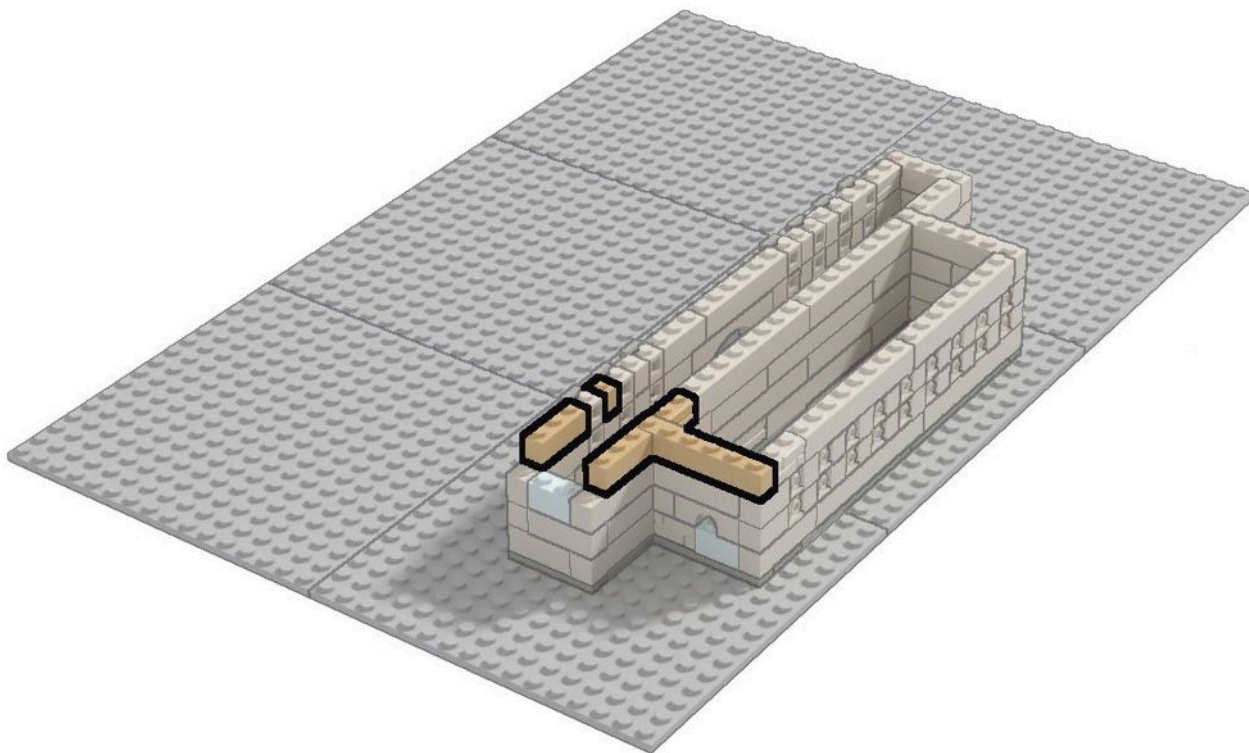
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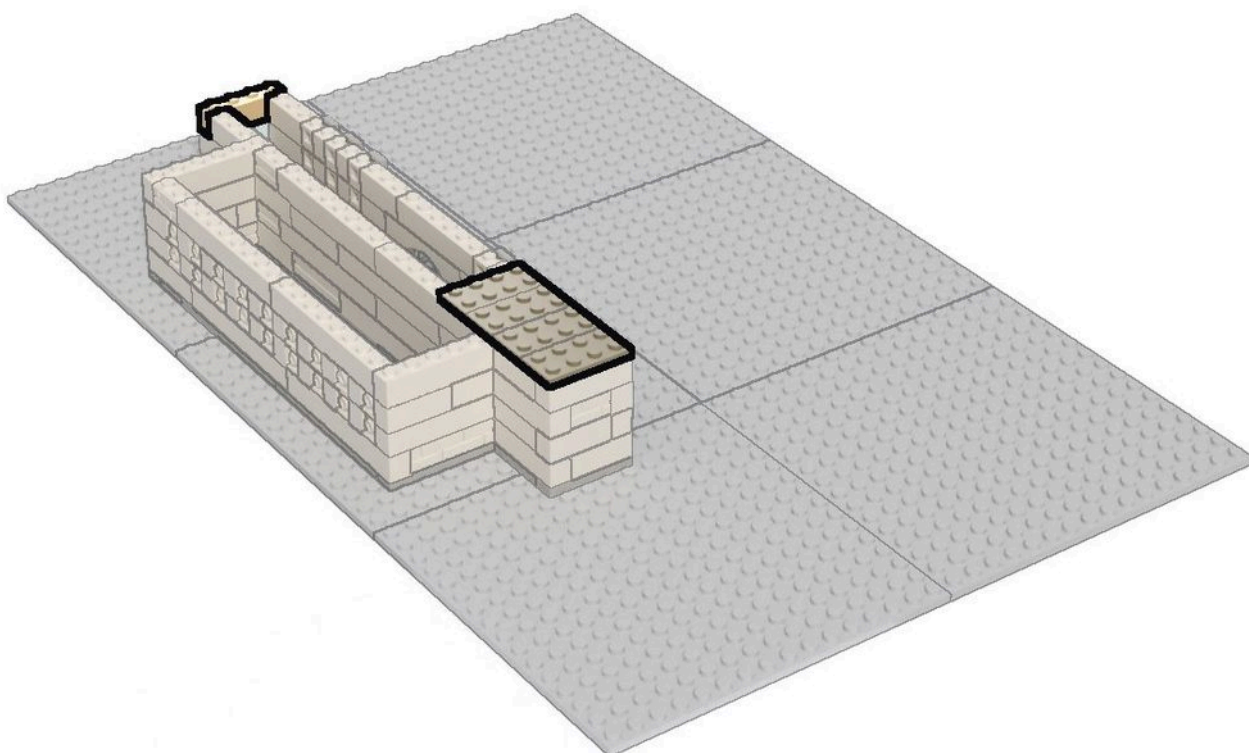
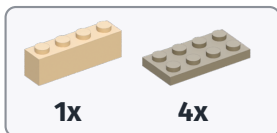
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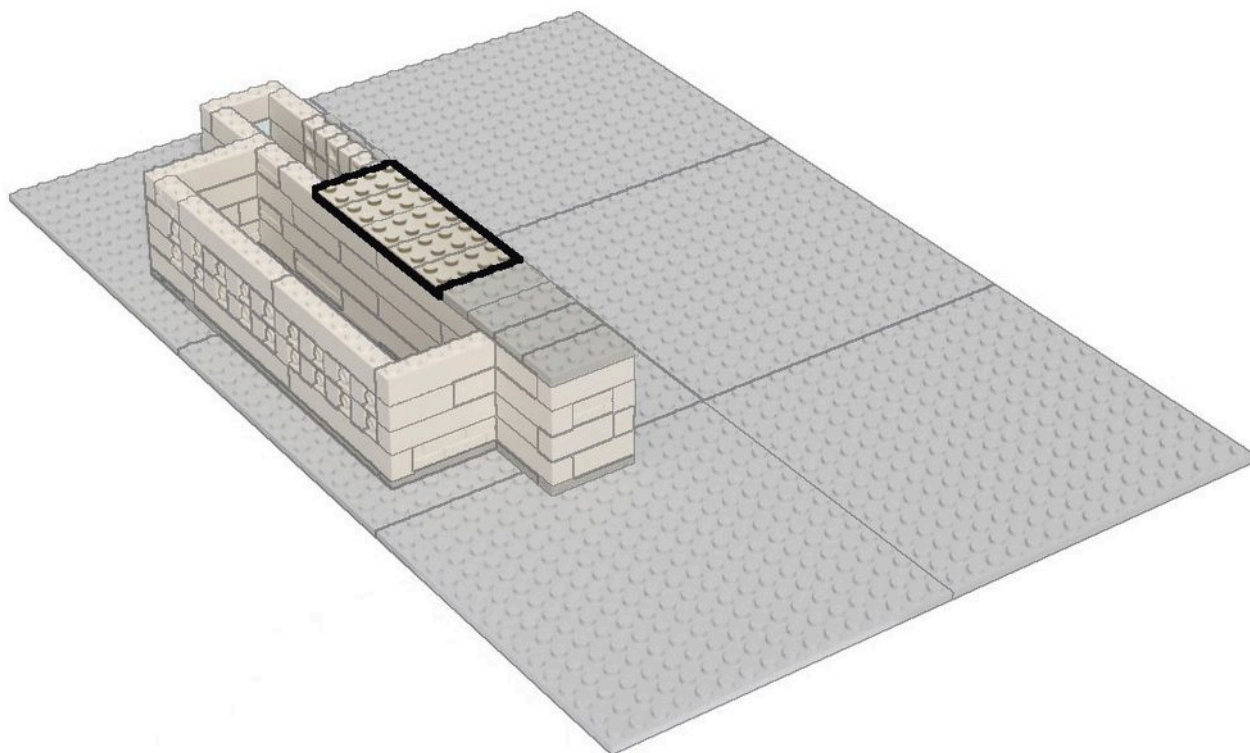
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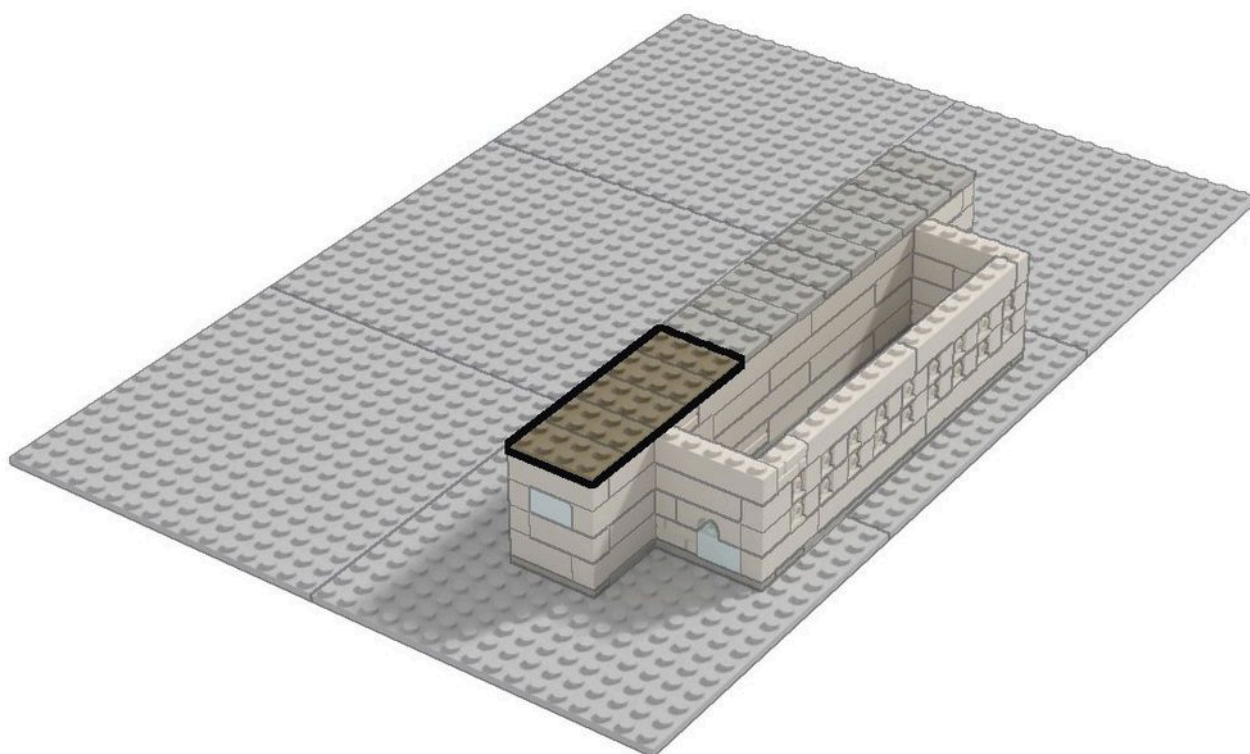
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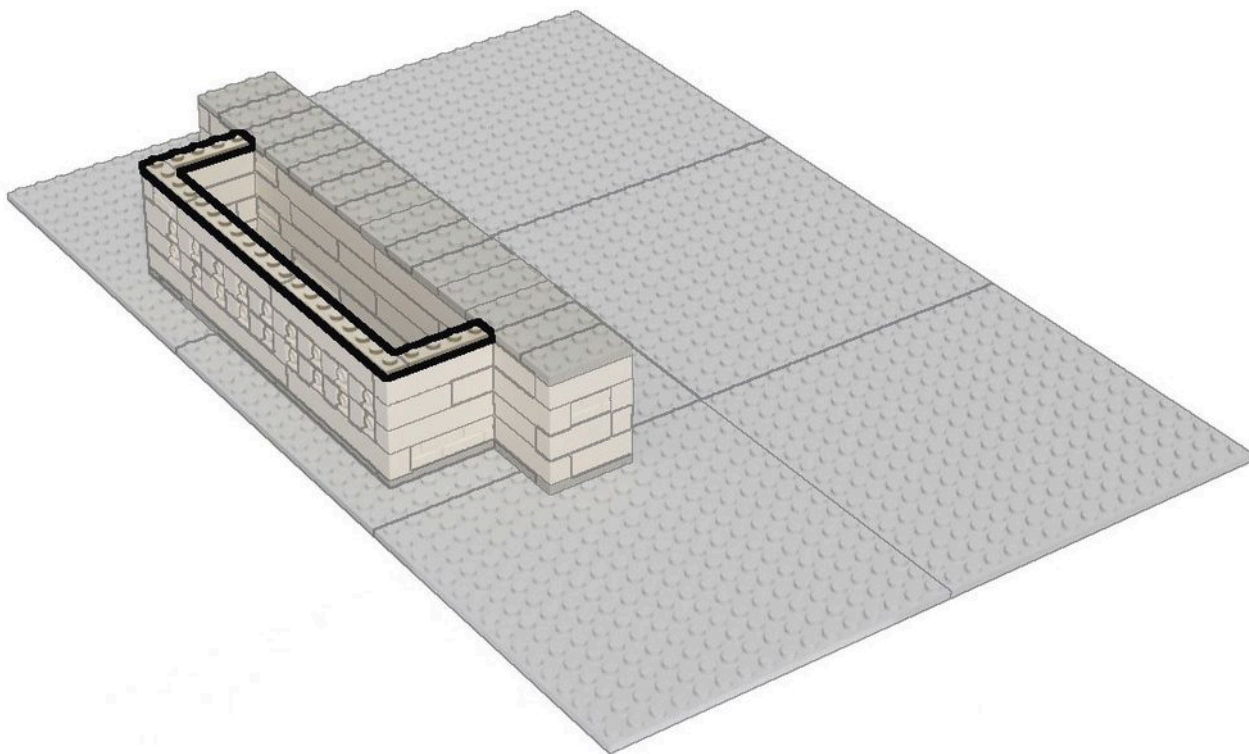
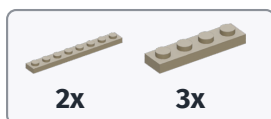
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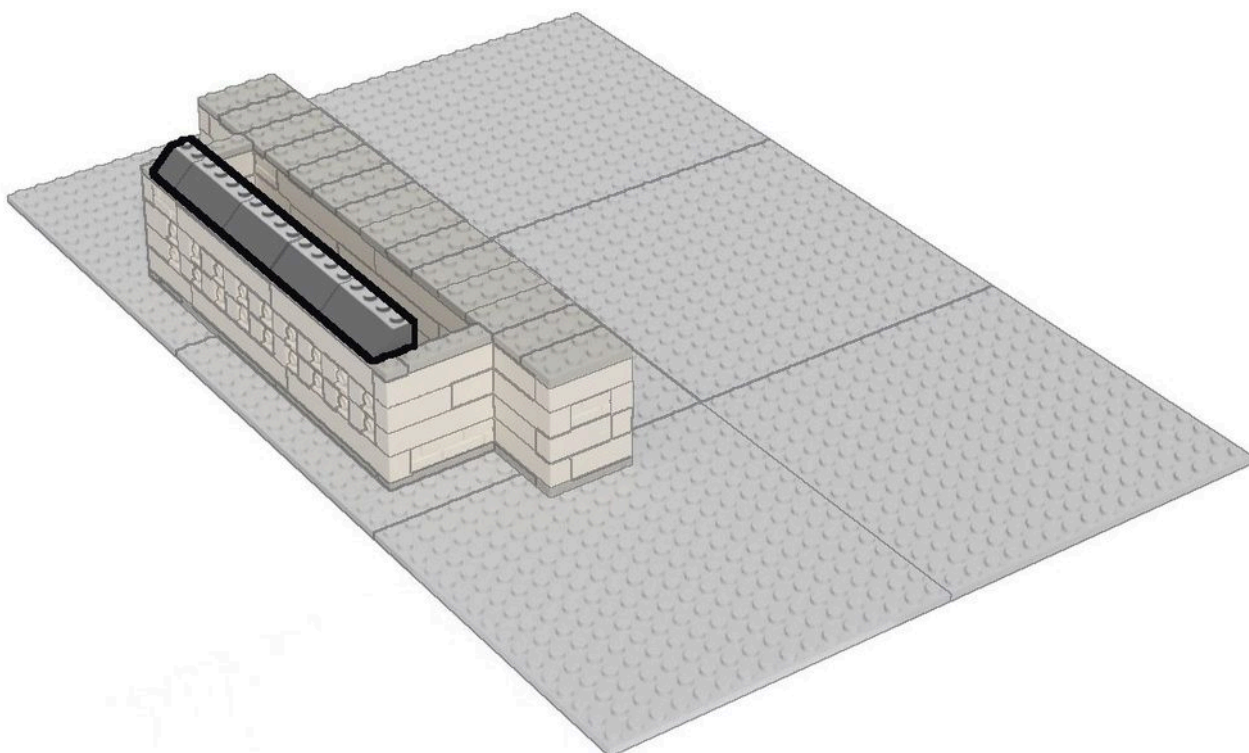
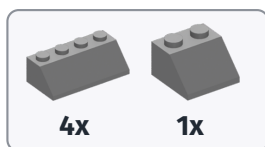
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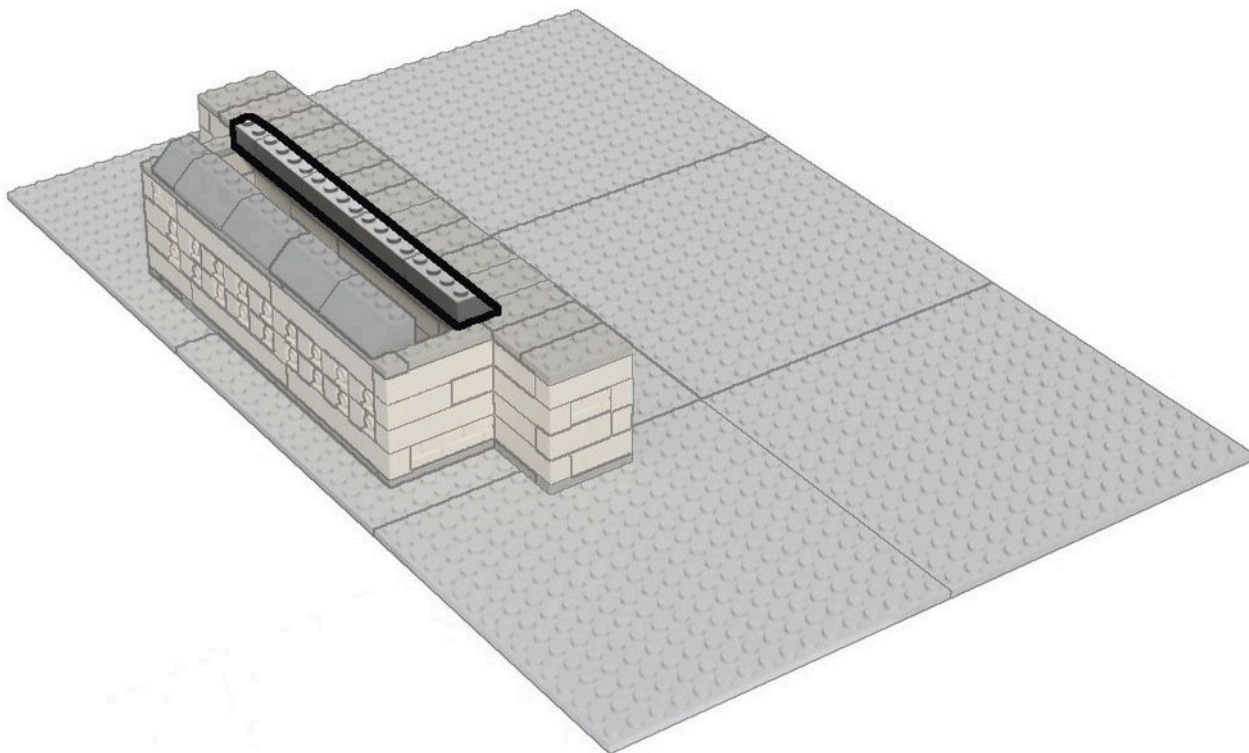
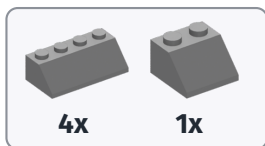
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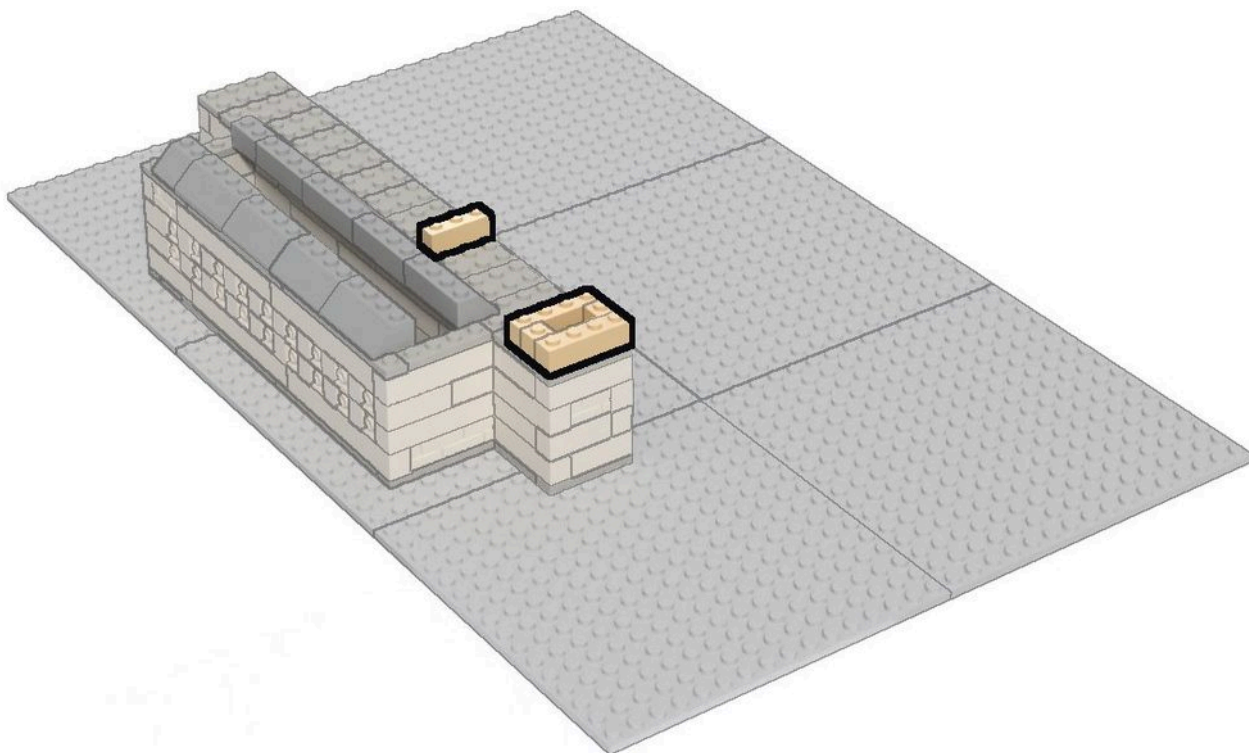
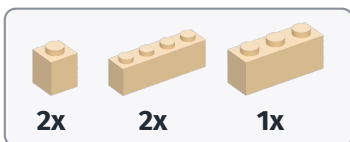
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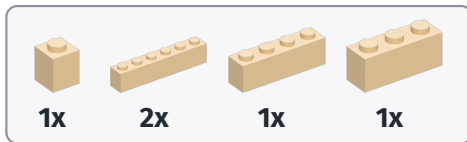
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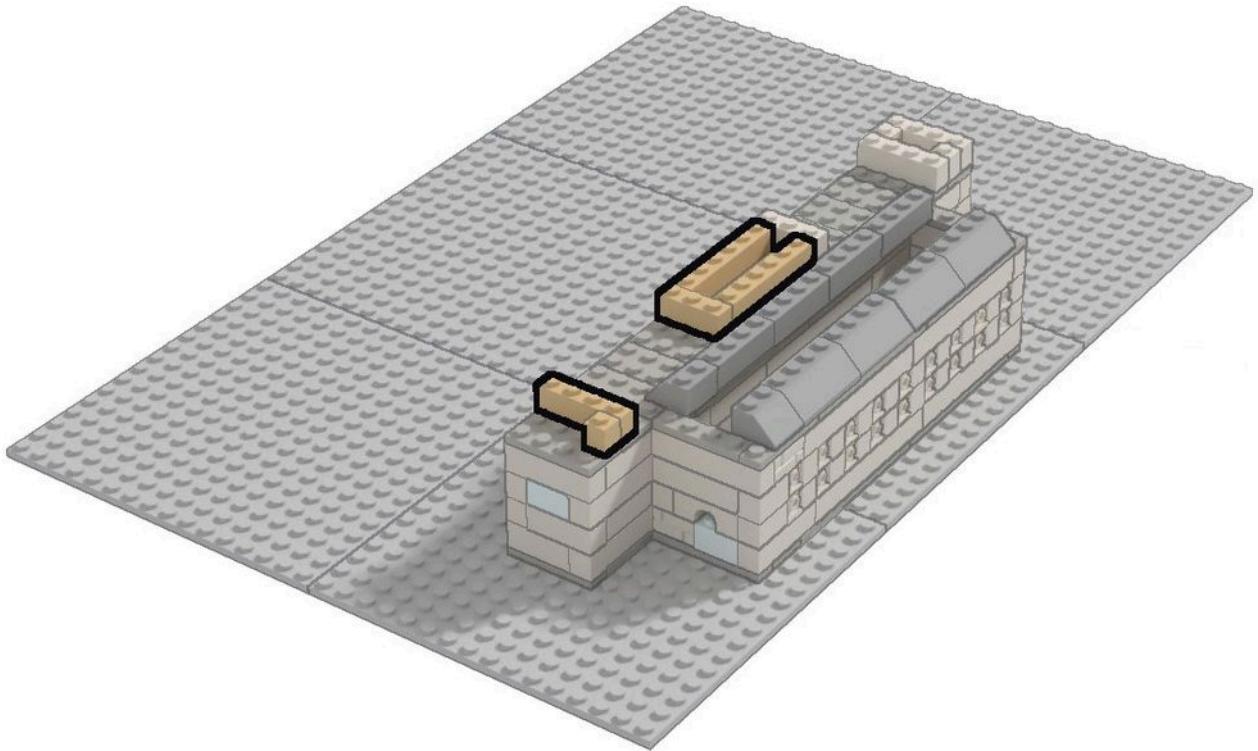
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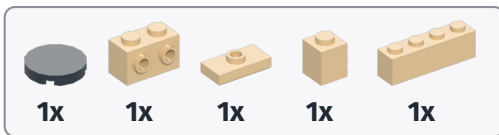
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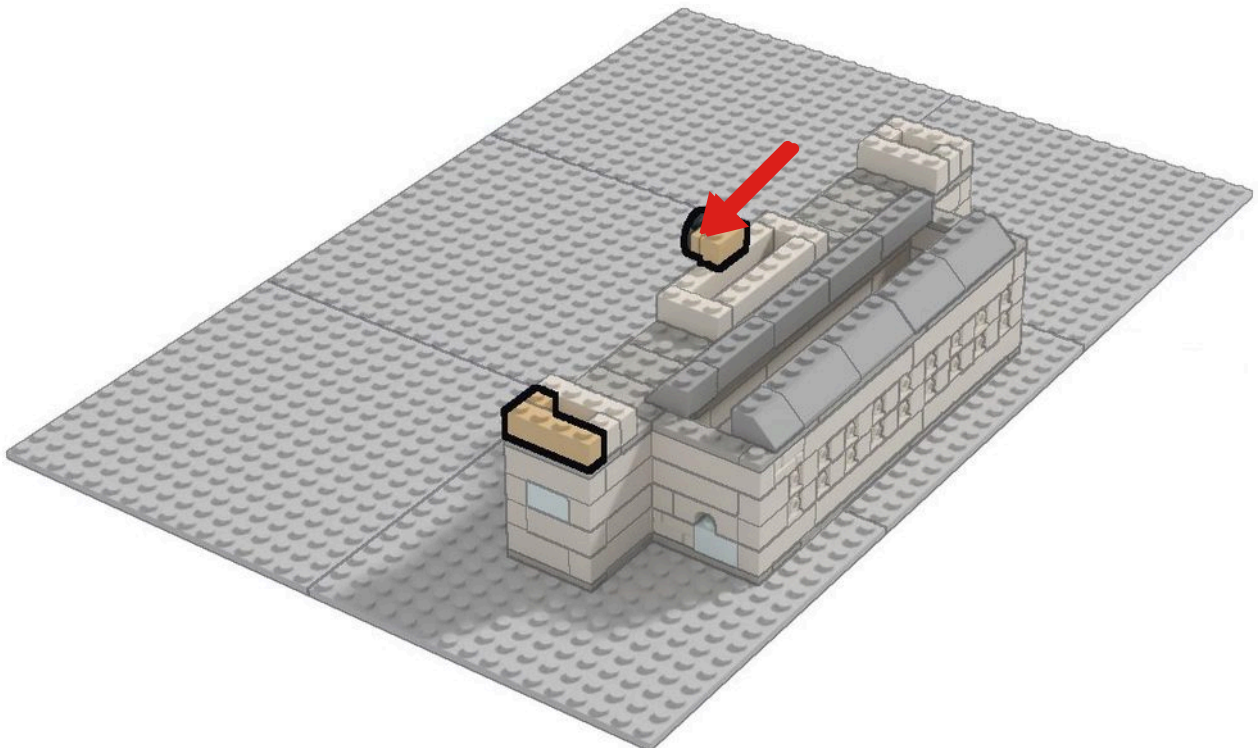
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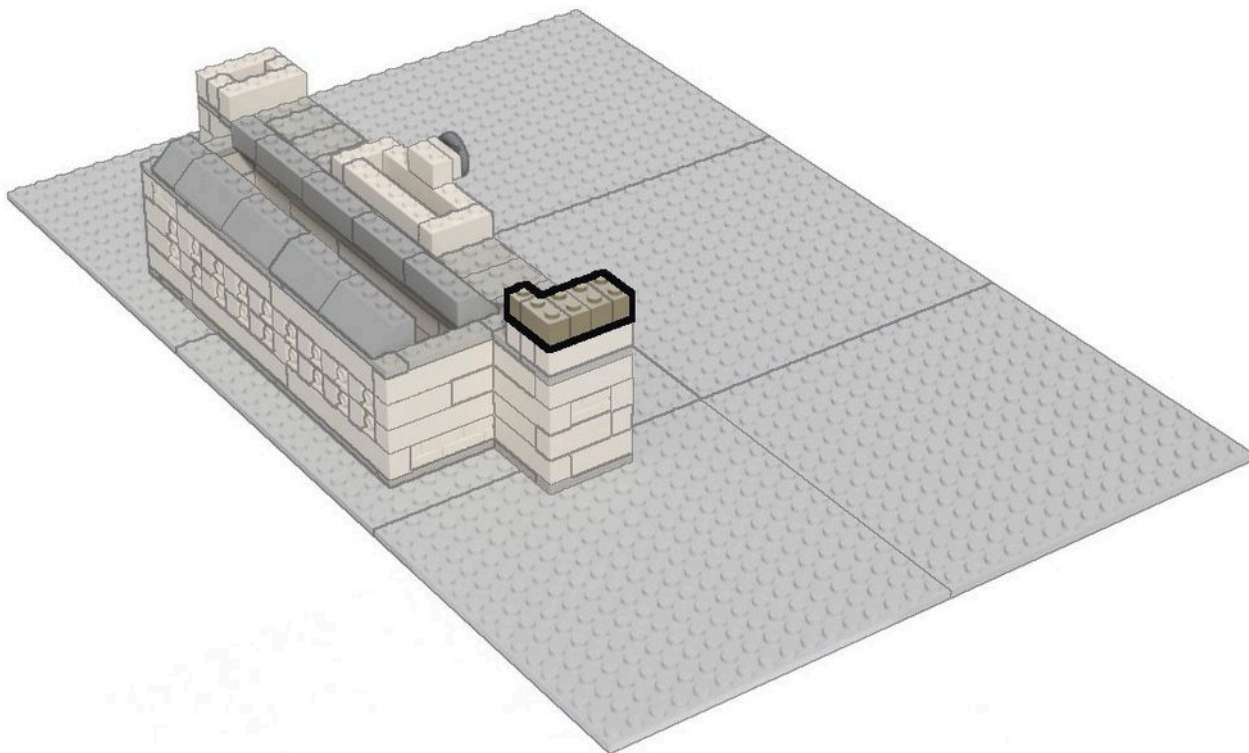
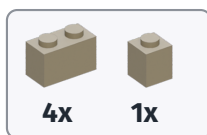
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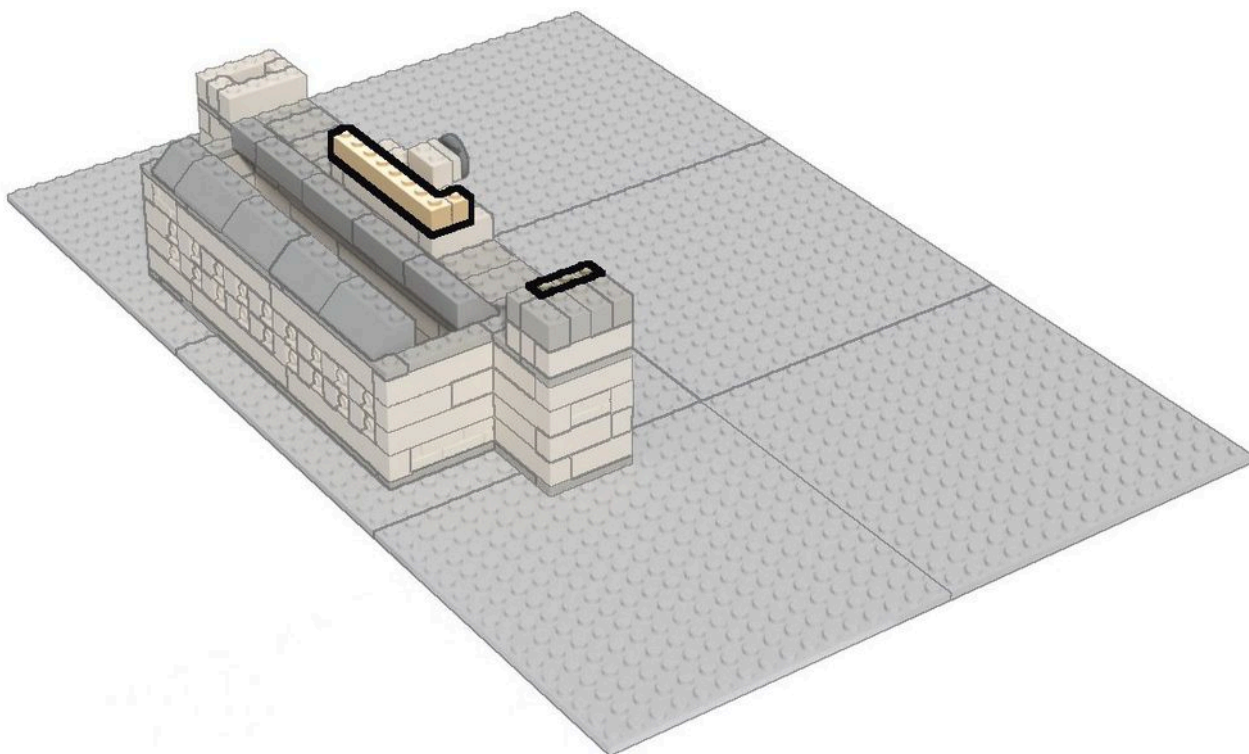
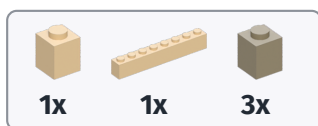
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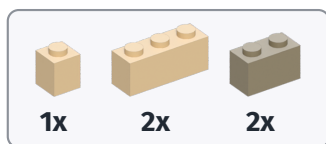
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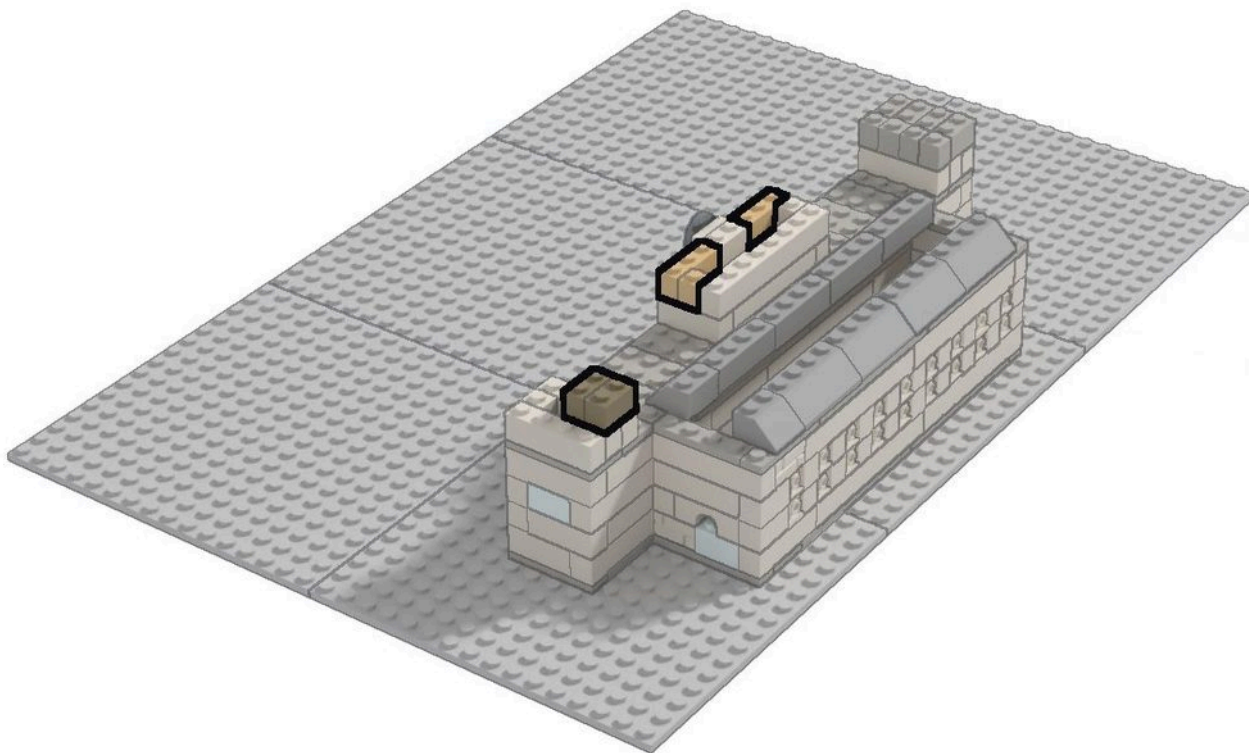
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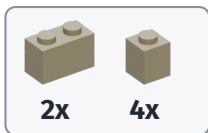
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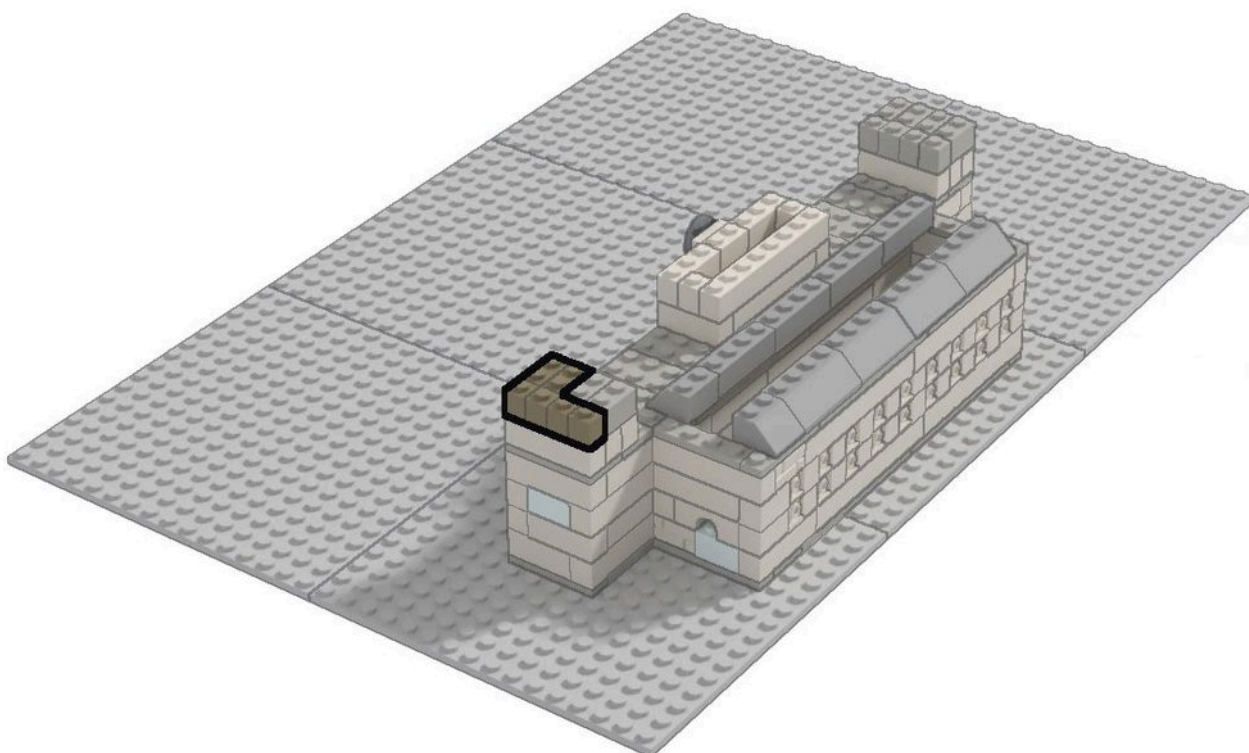
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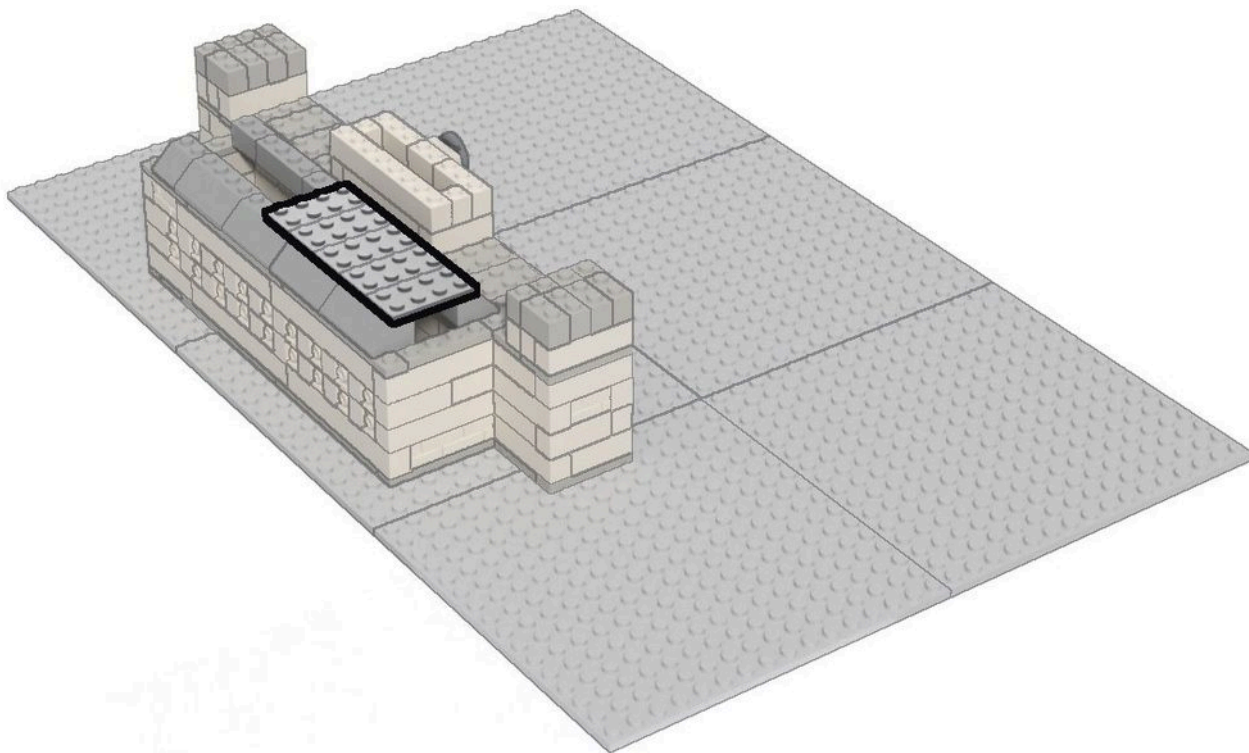
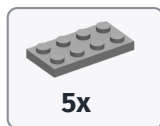
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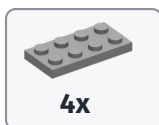
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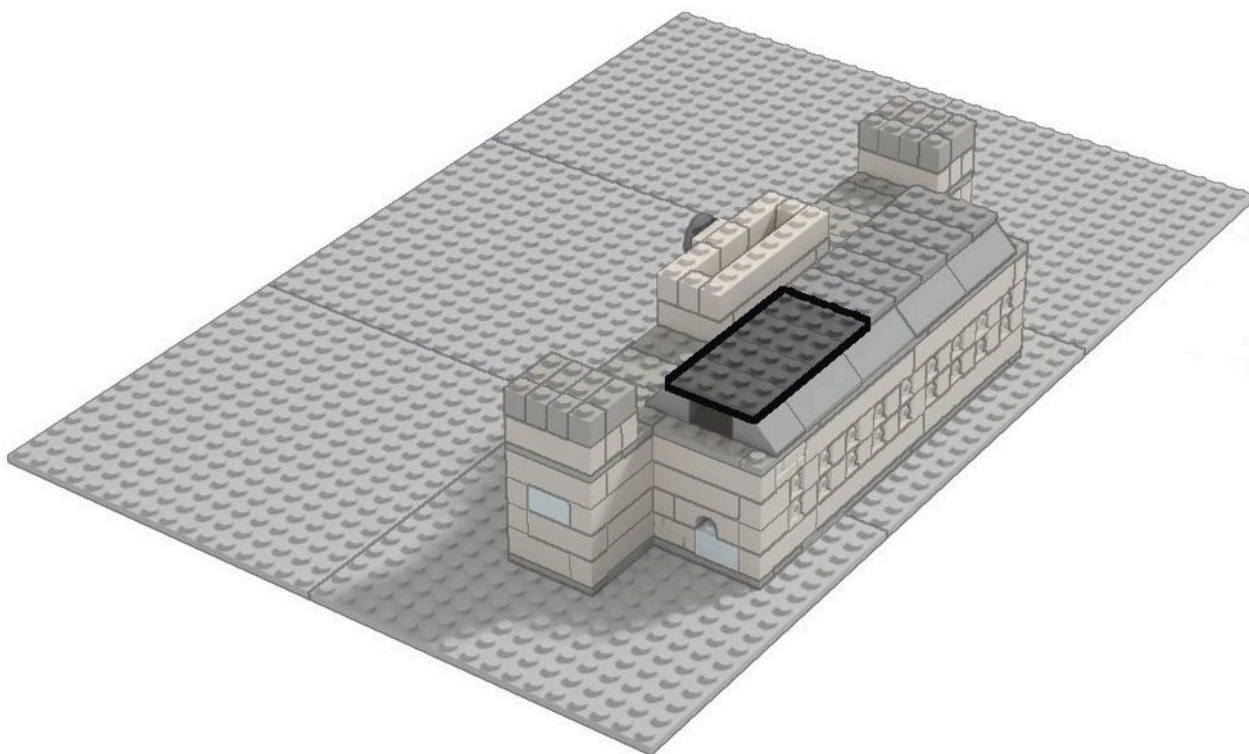
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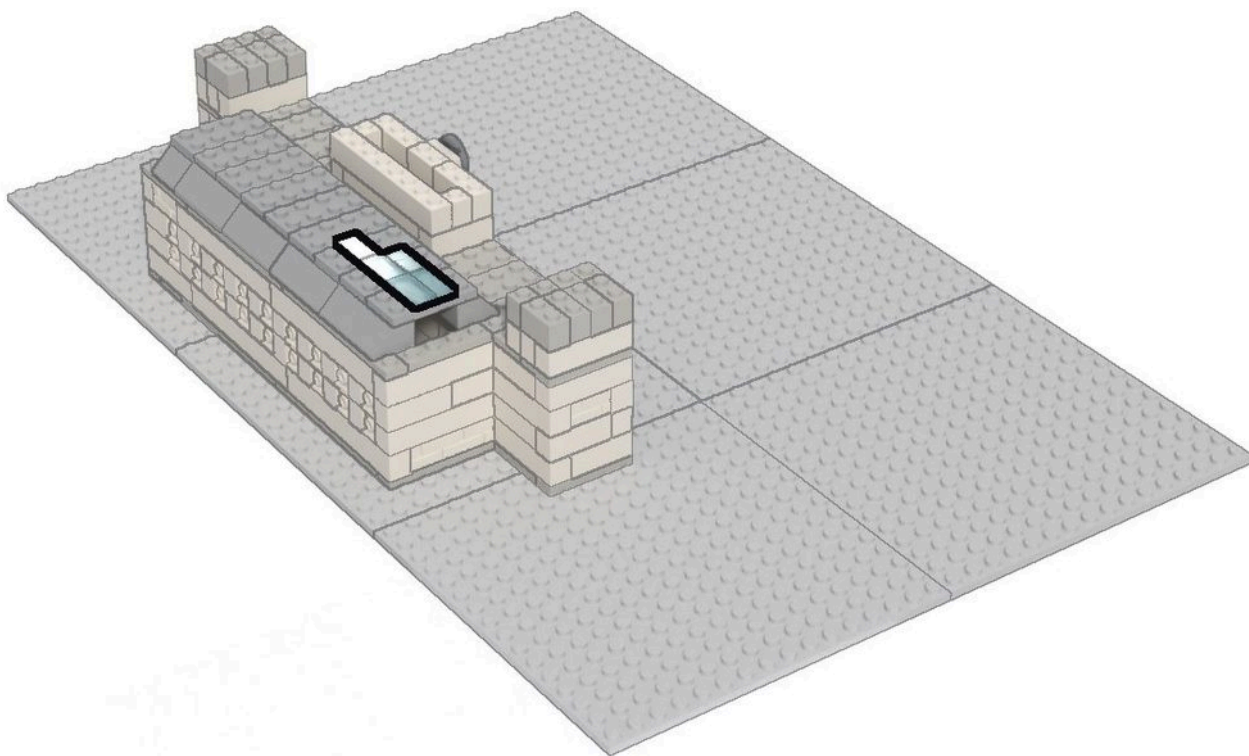
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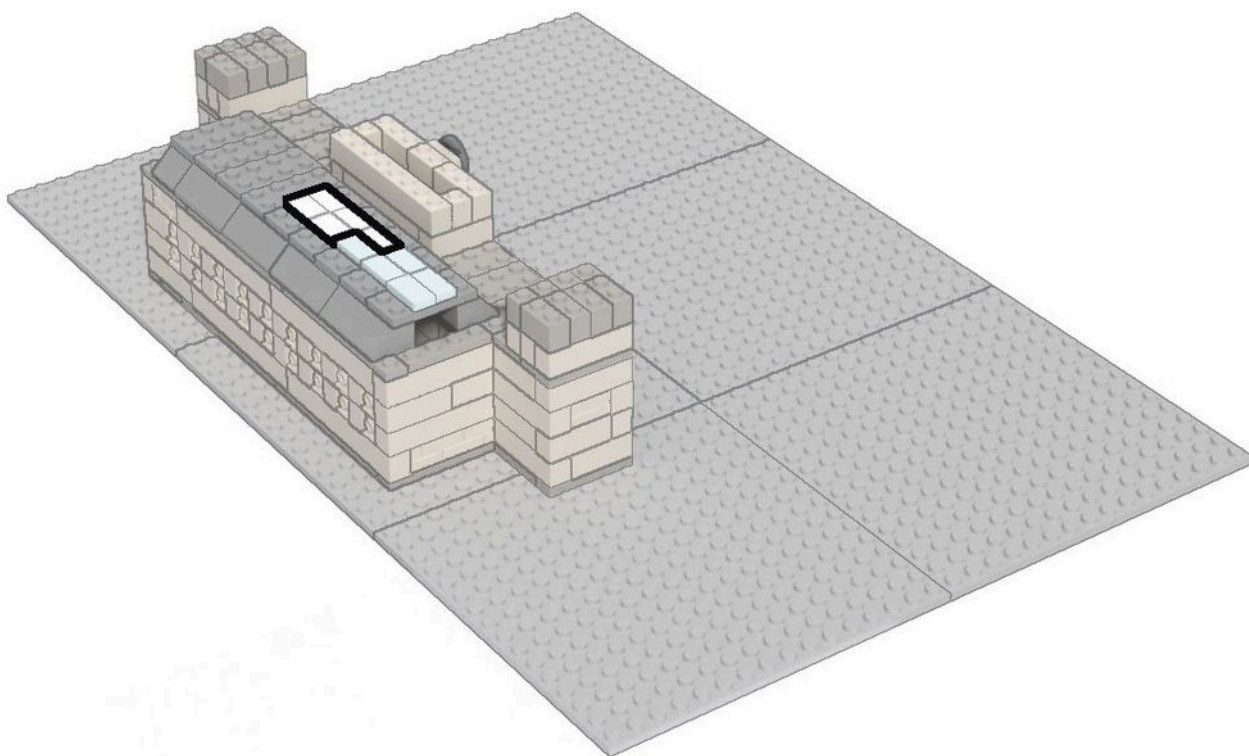
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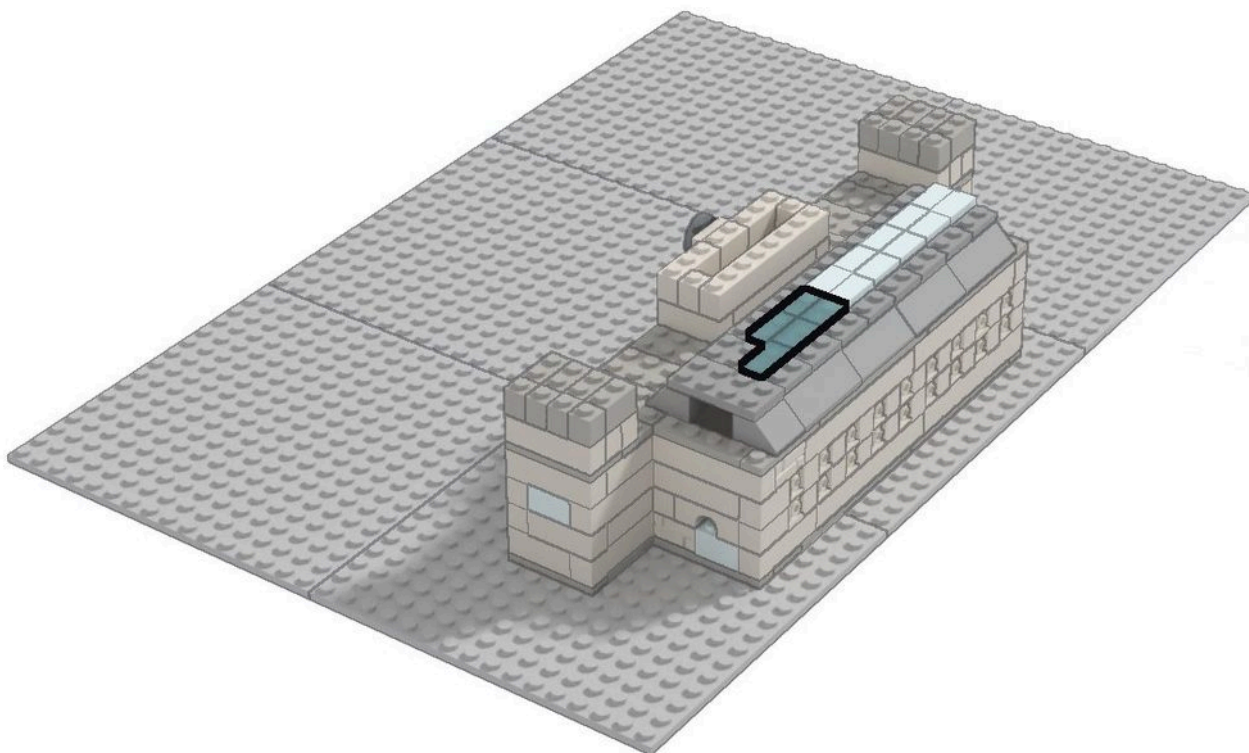
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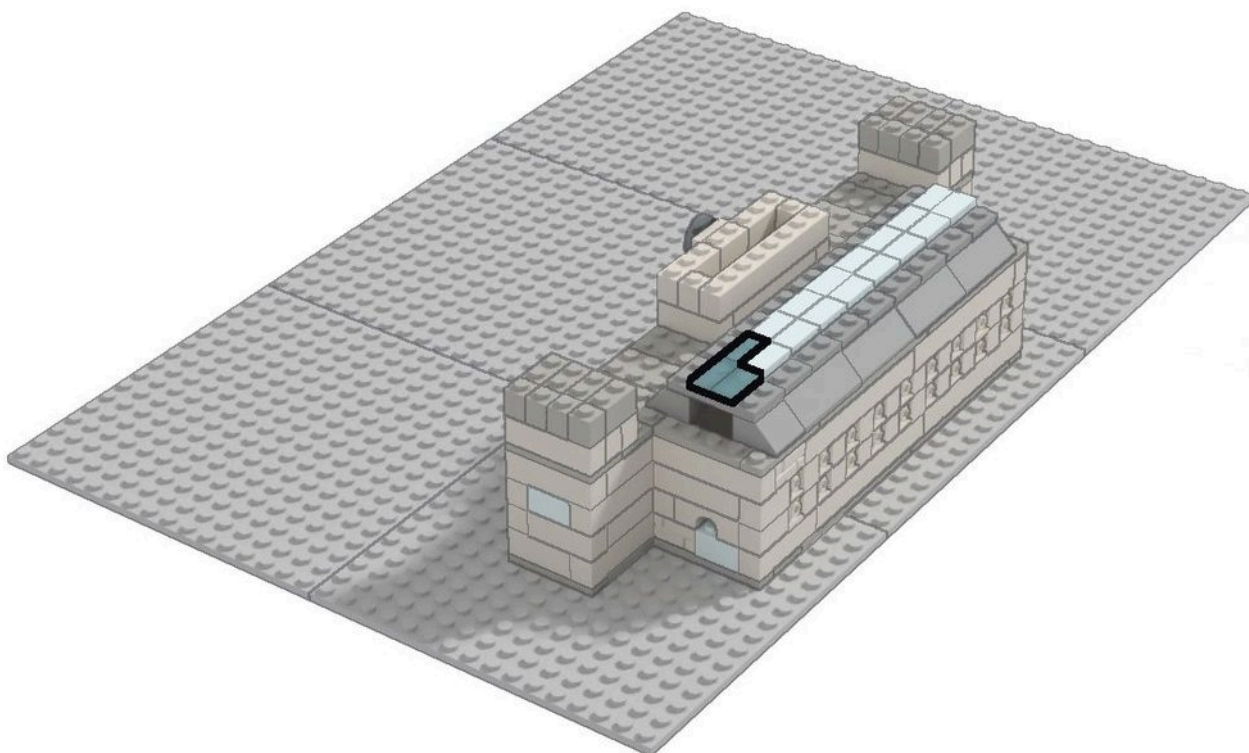
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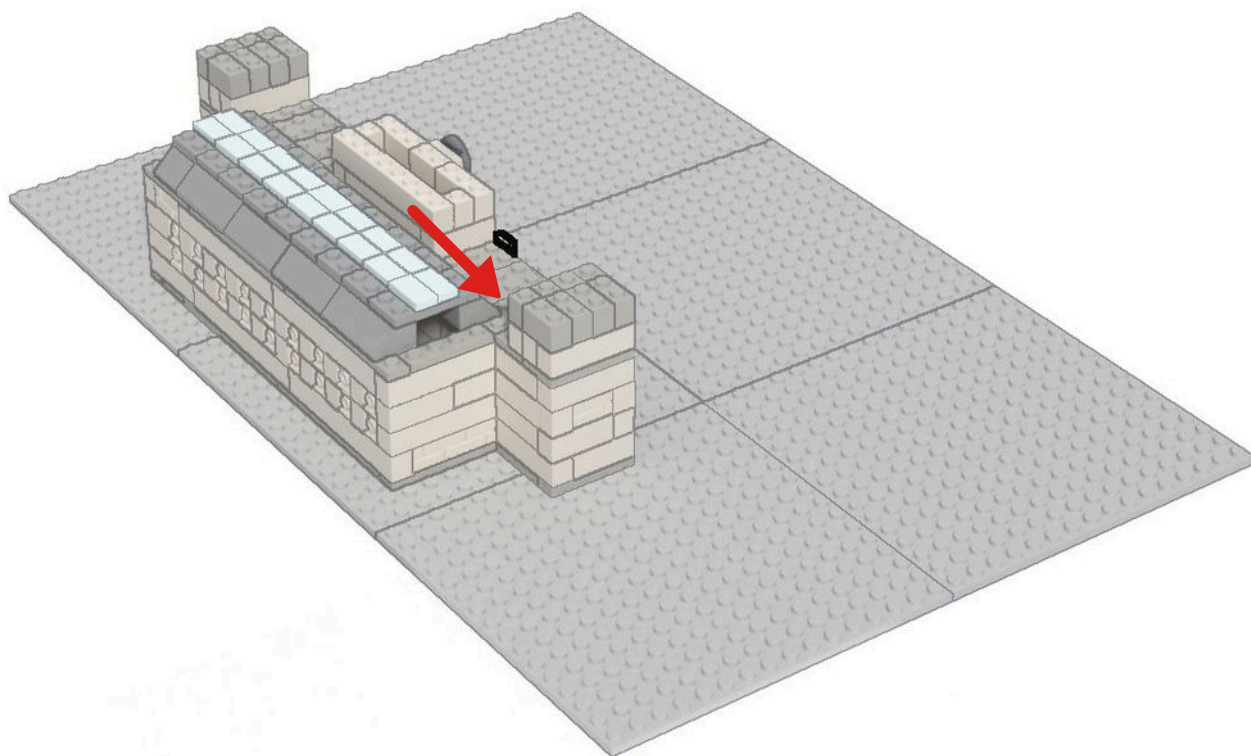
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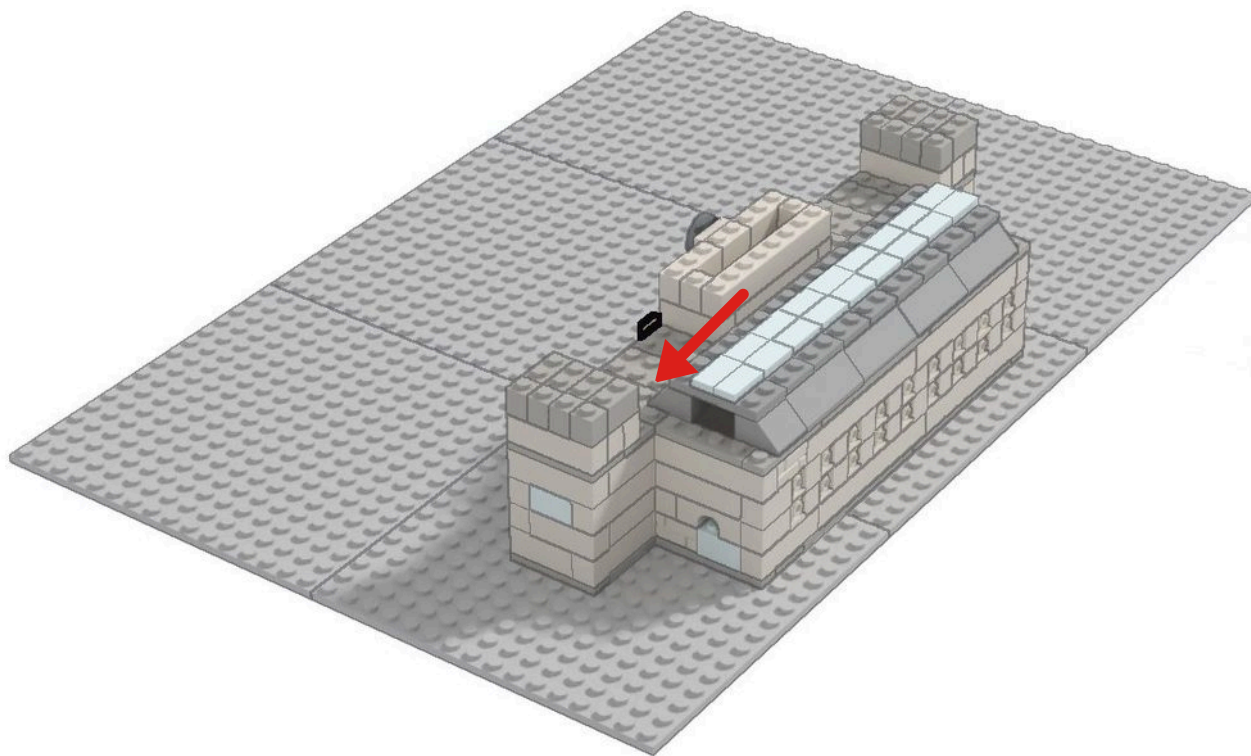
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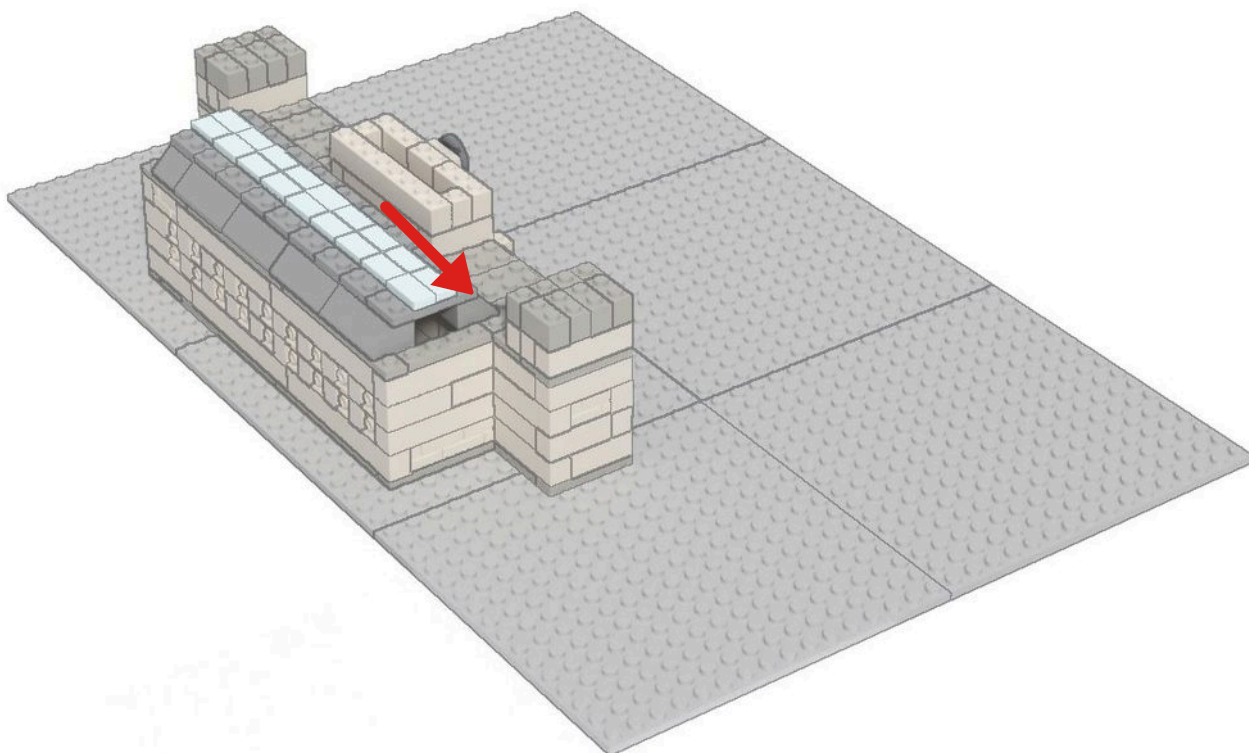
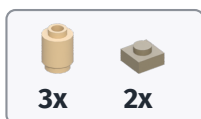
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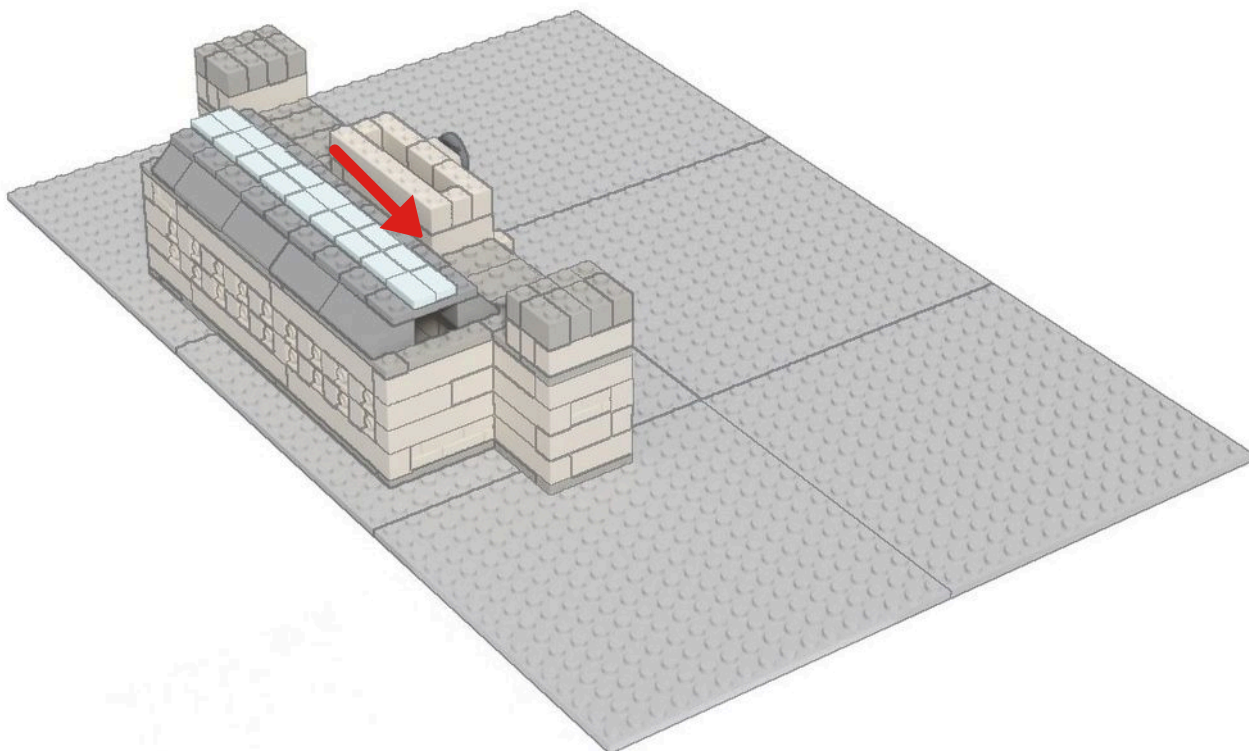
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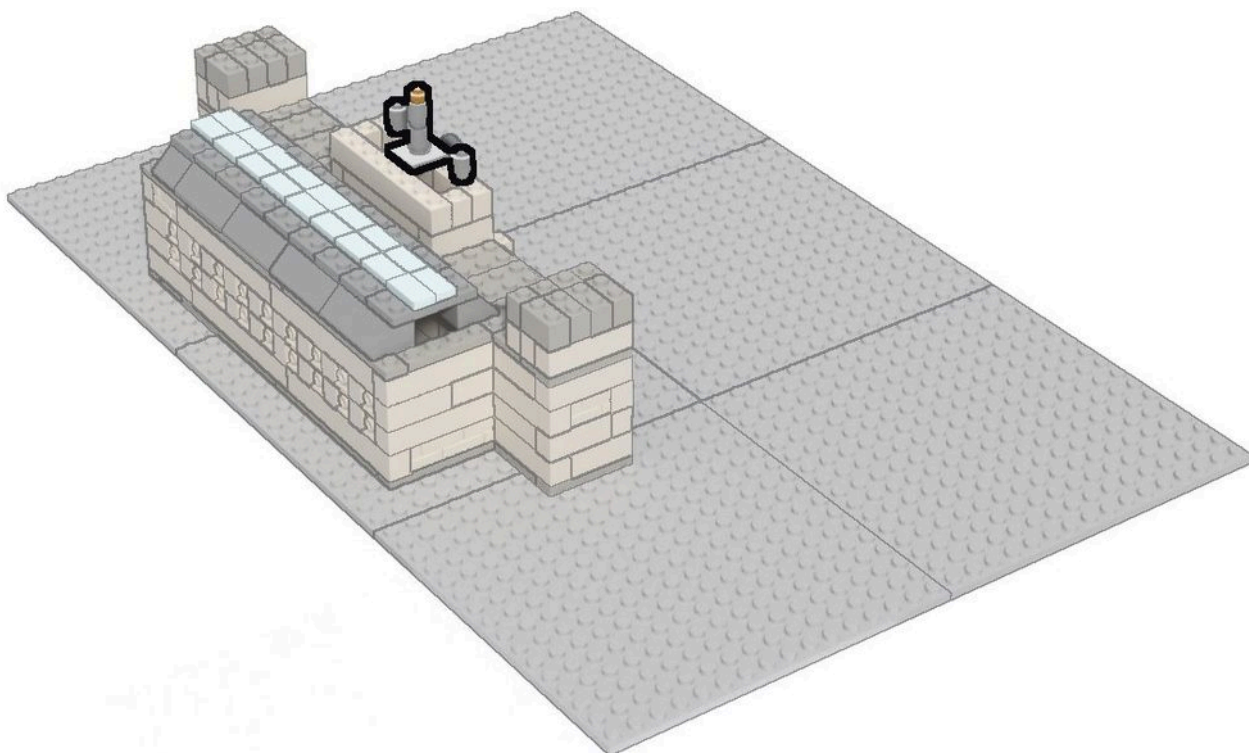
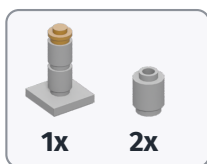
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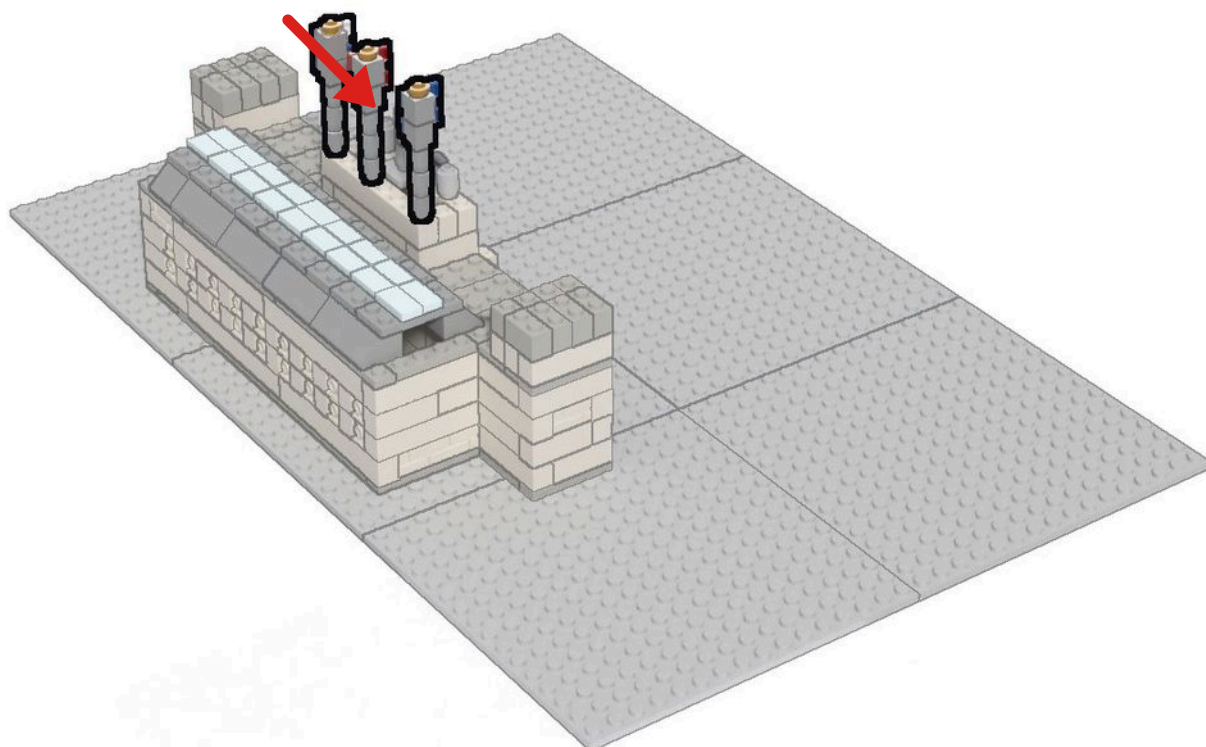
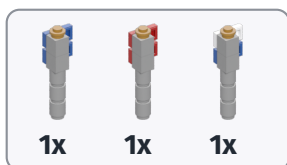
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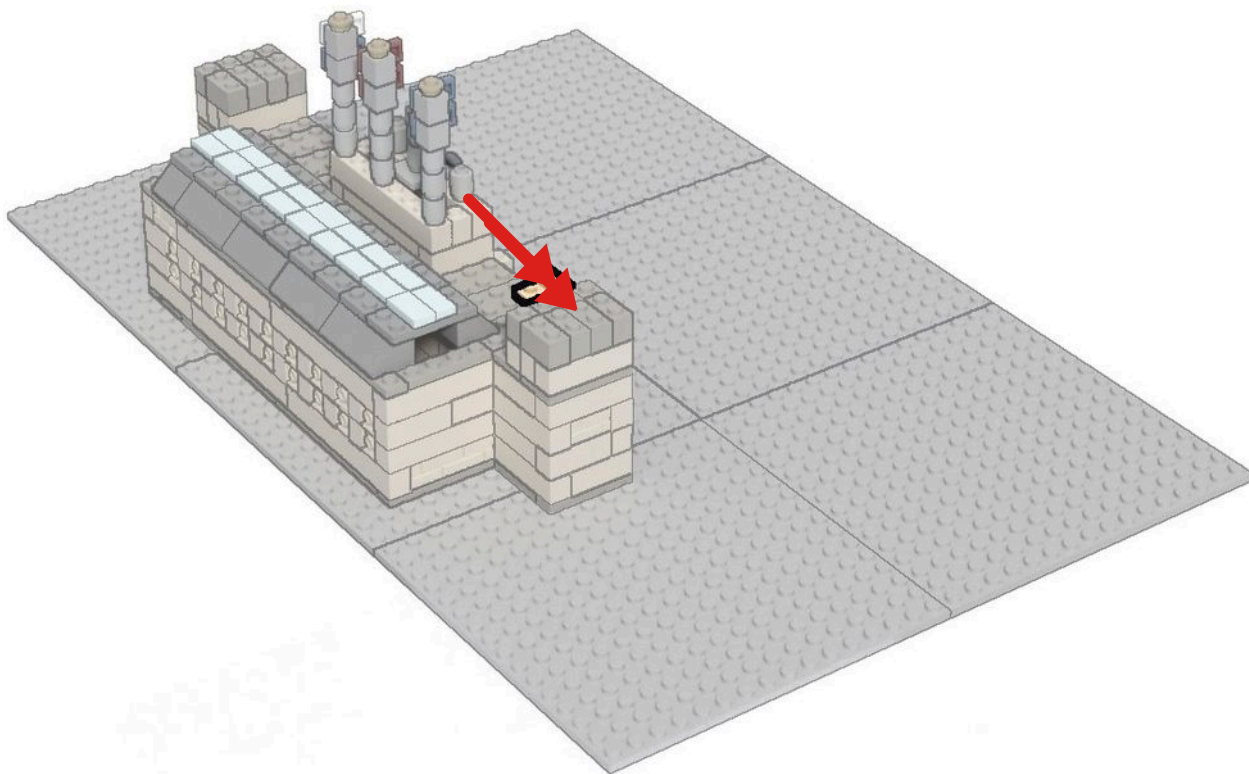
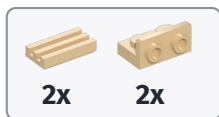
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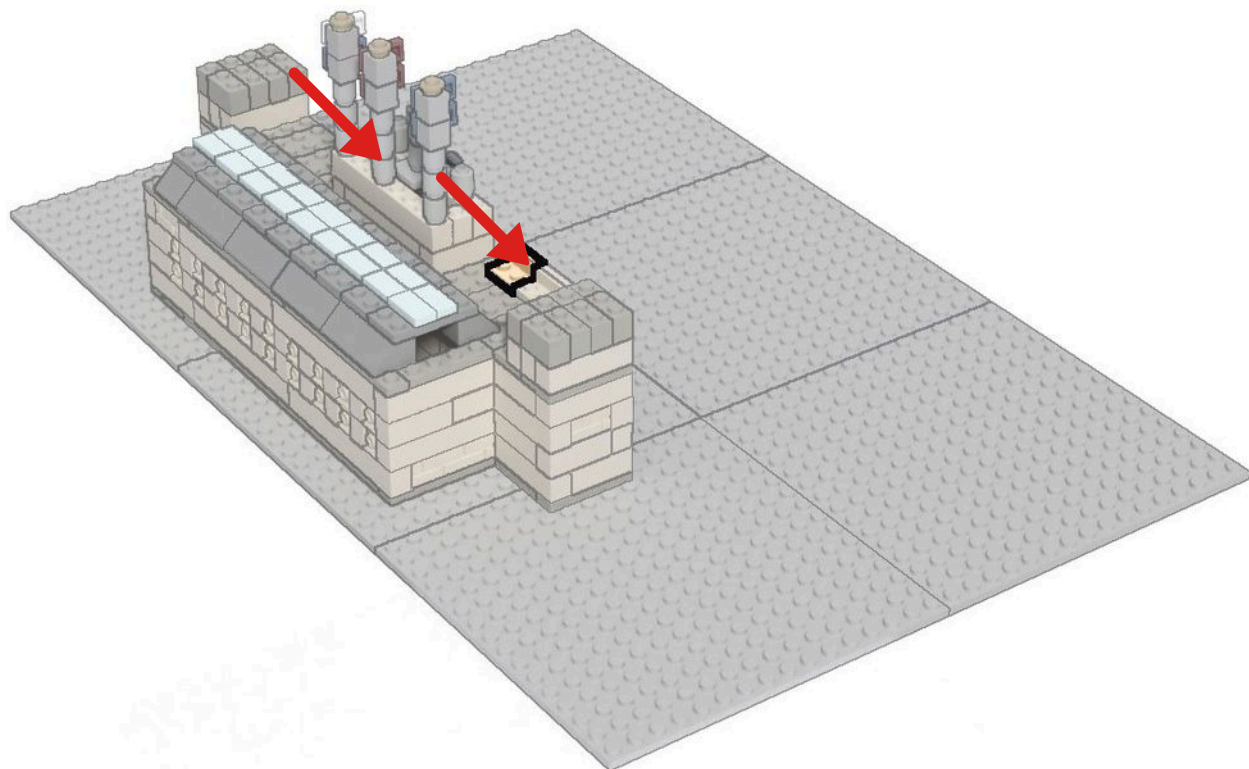
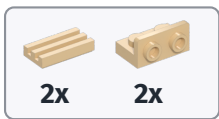
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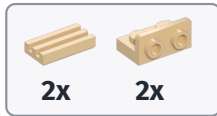
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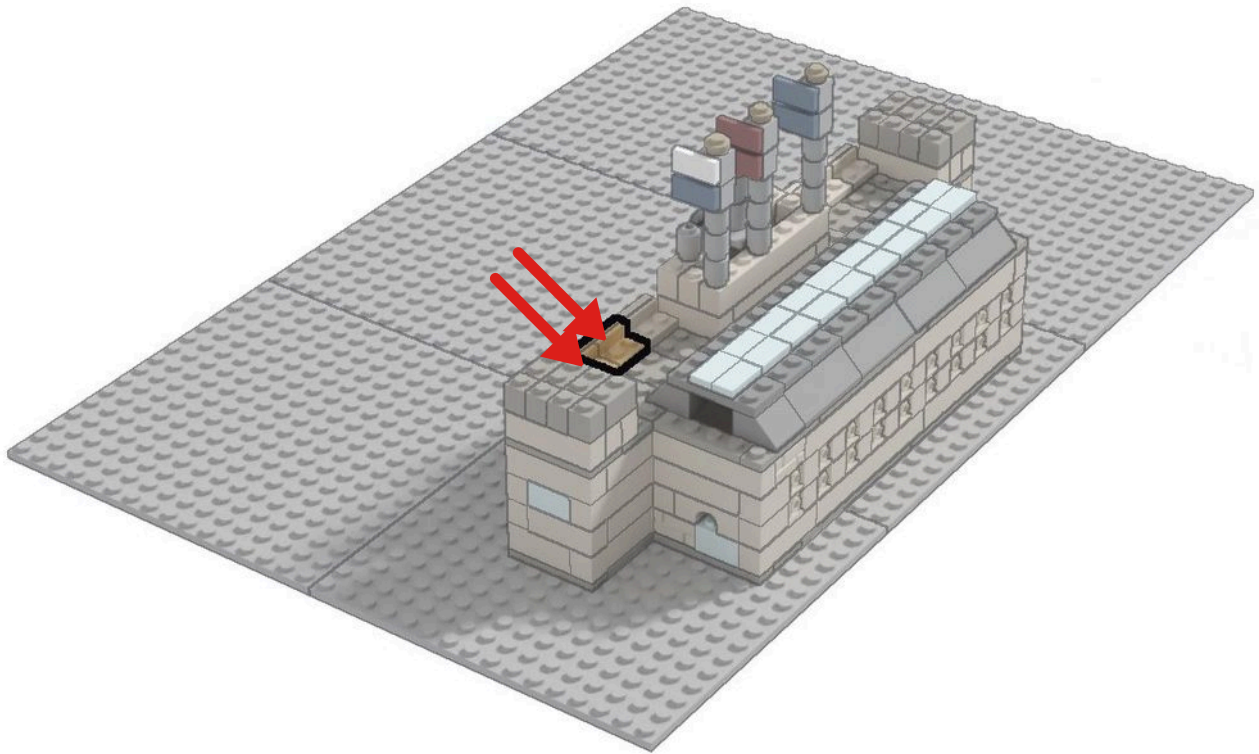
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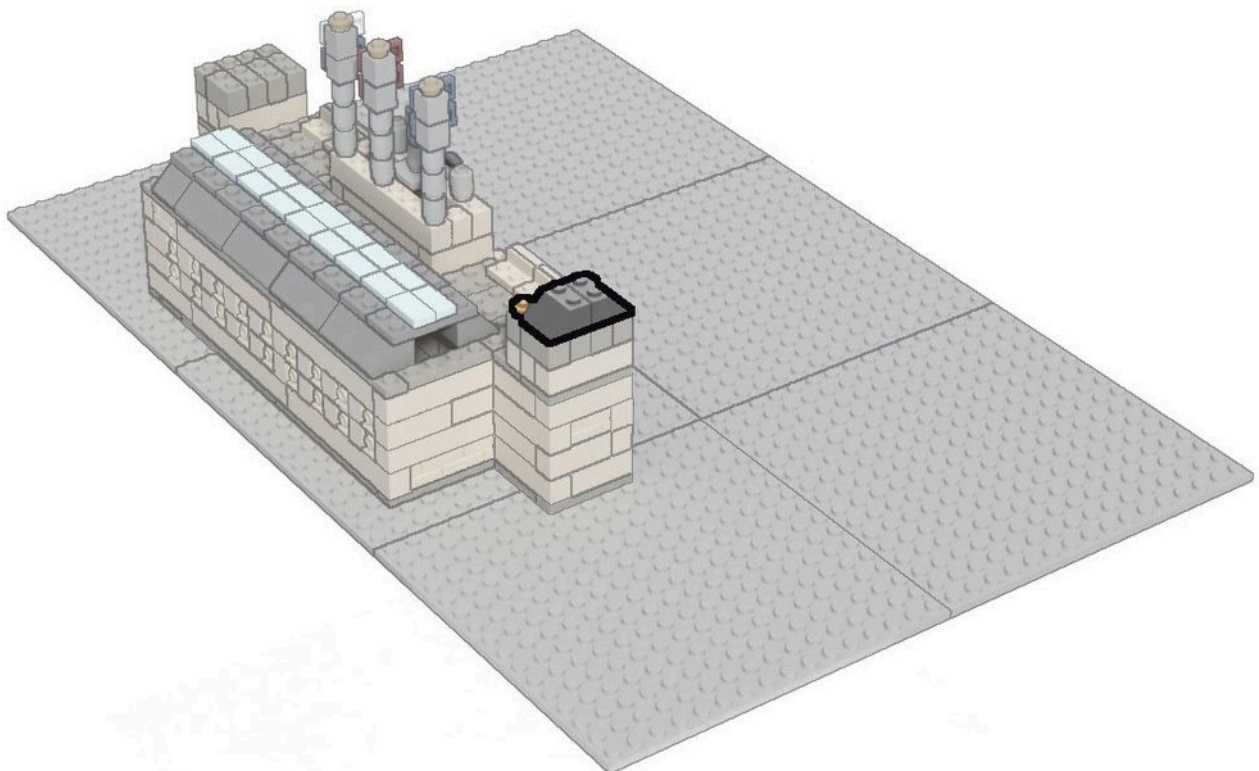
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turn the model around



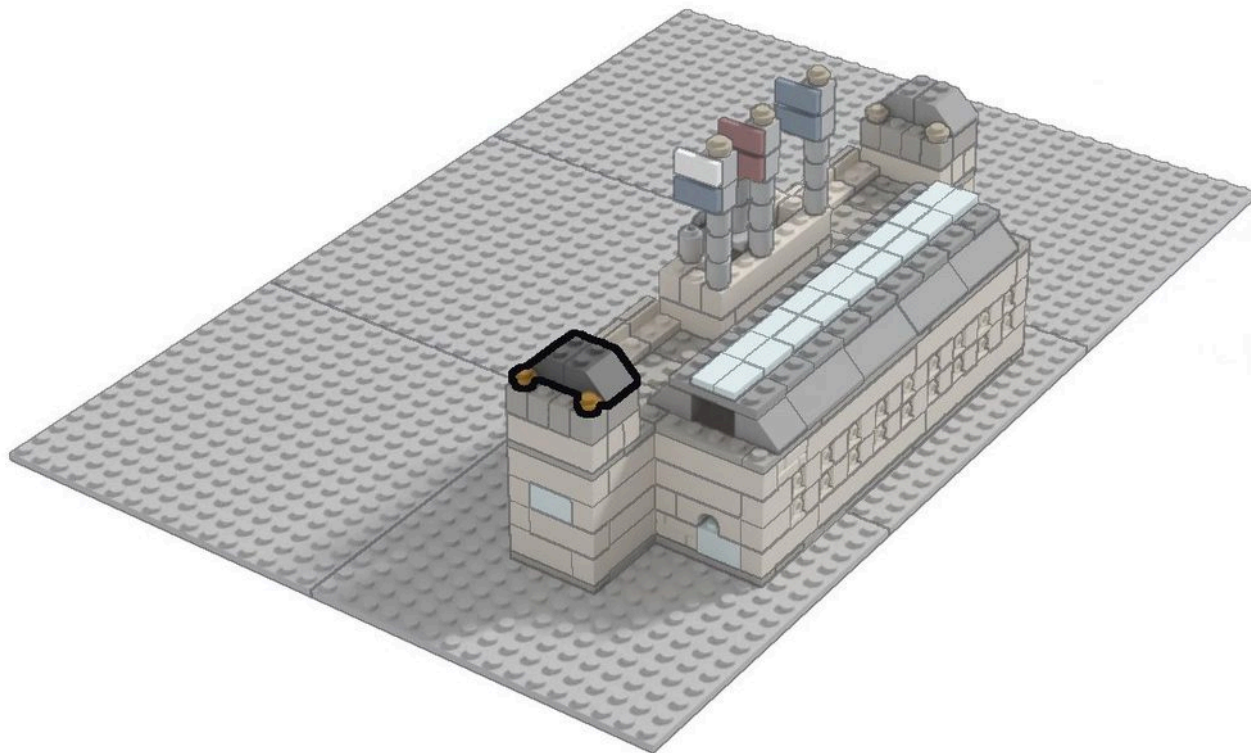
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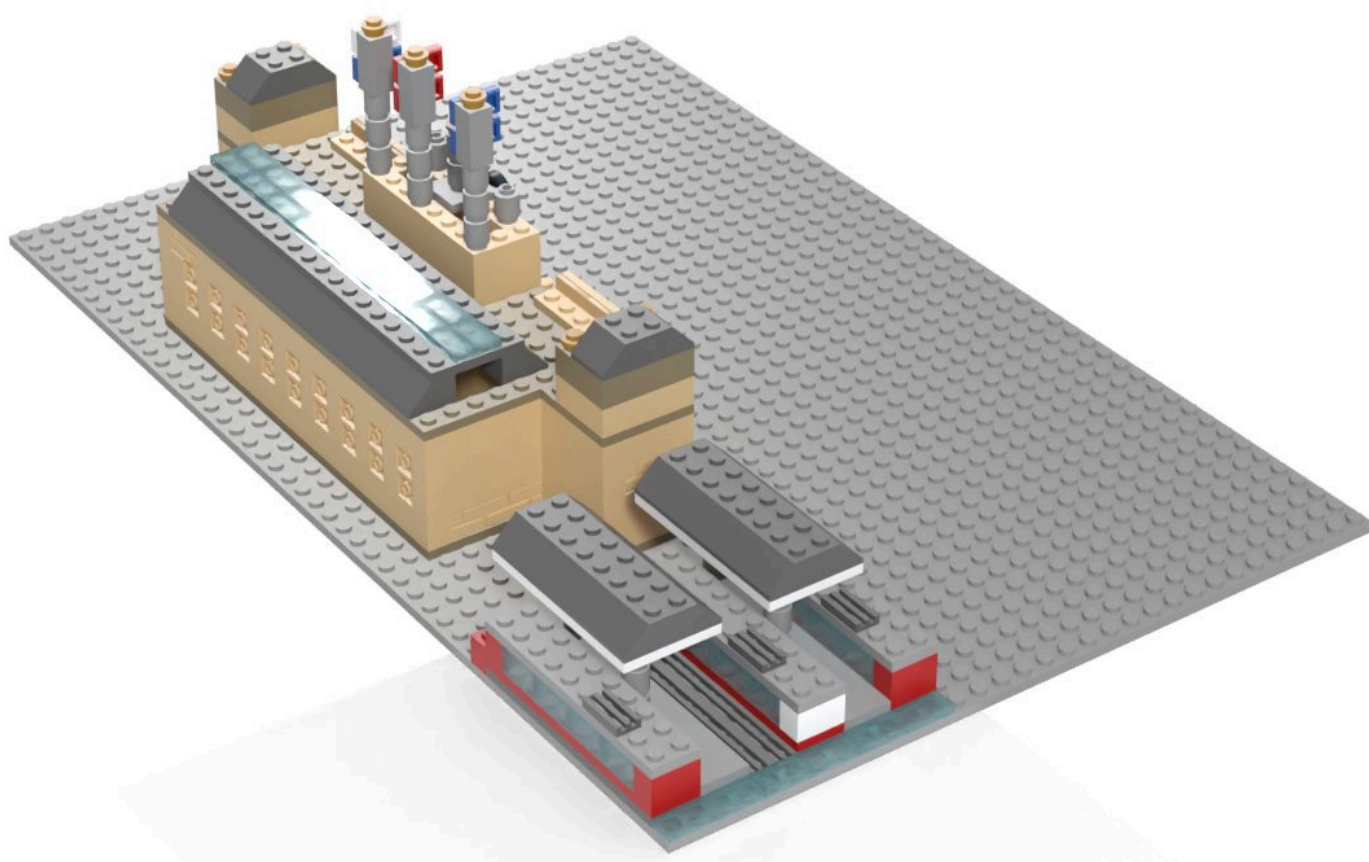
turn the model around



Chapter 2

Tracks and trains

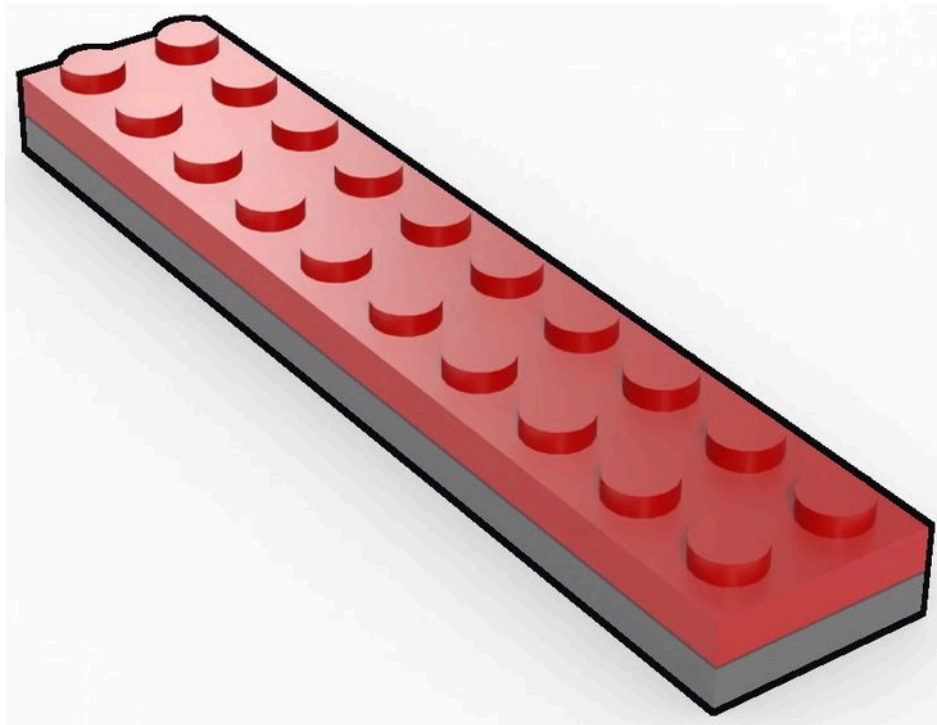
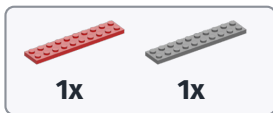
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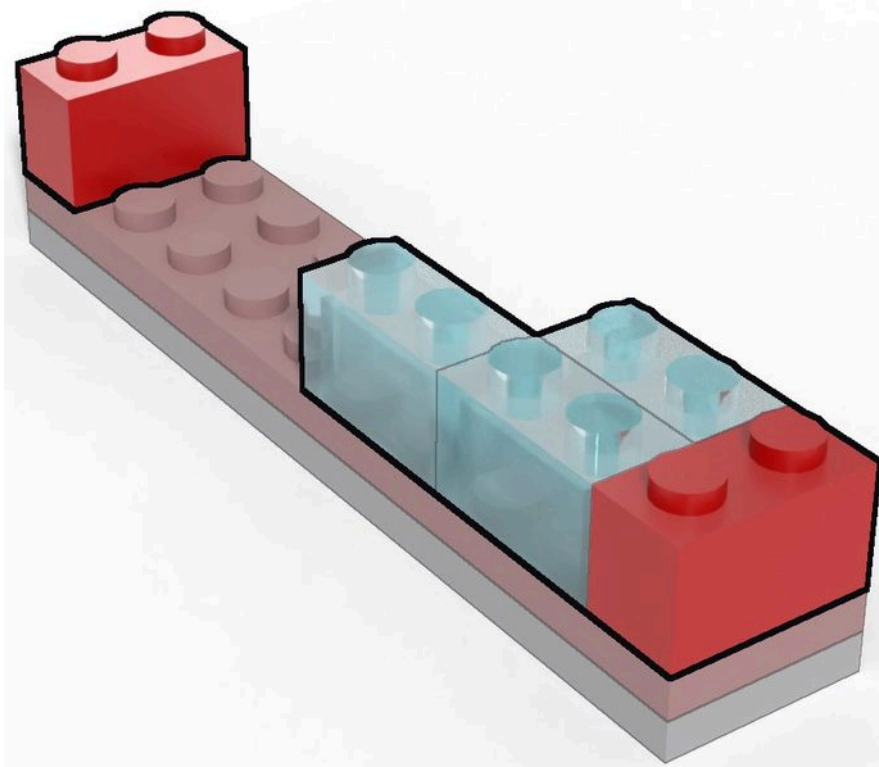
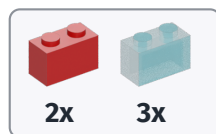
Train red ×2

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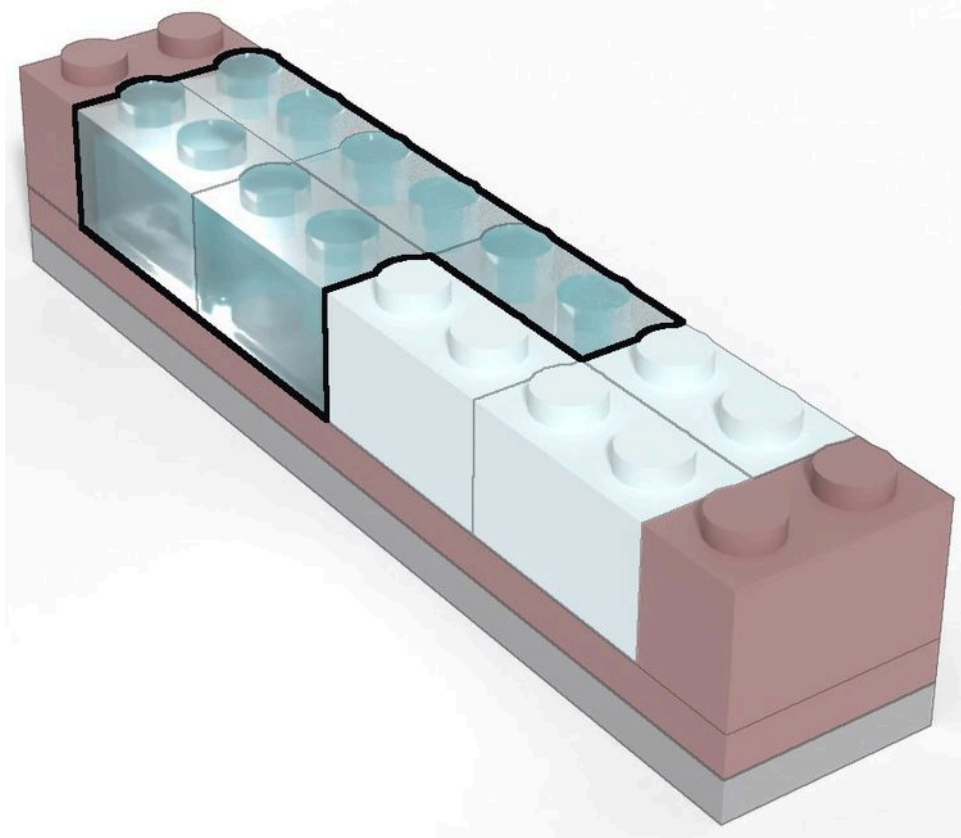


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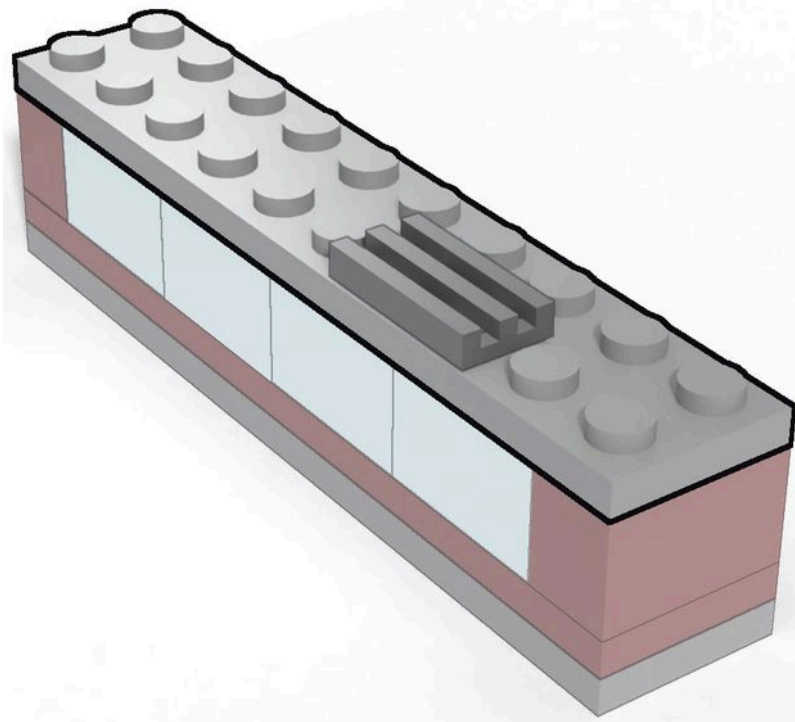
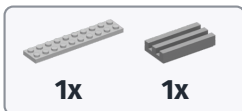


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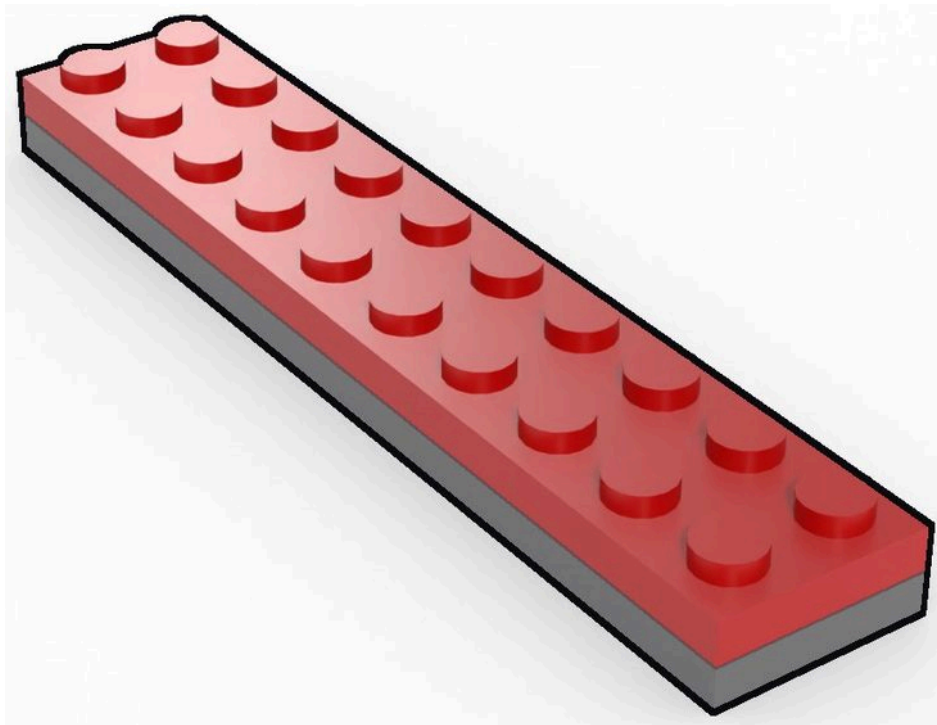
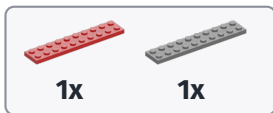
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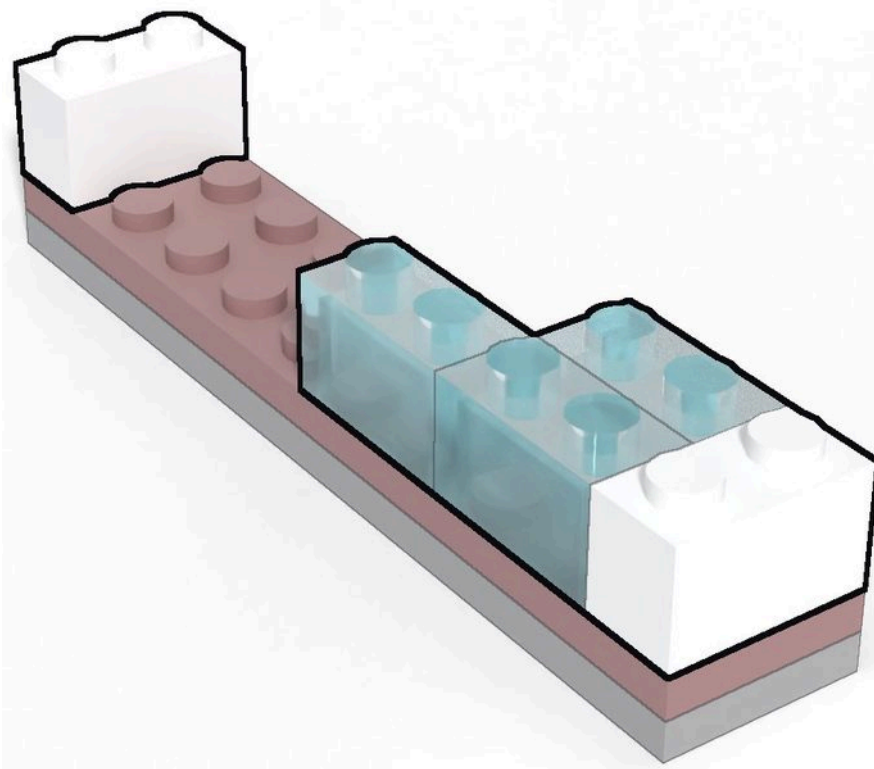
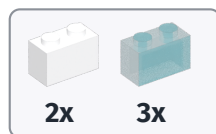
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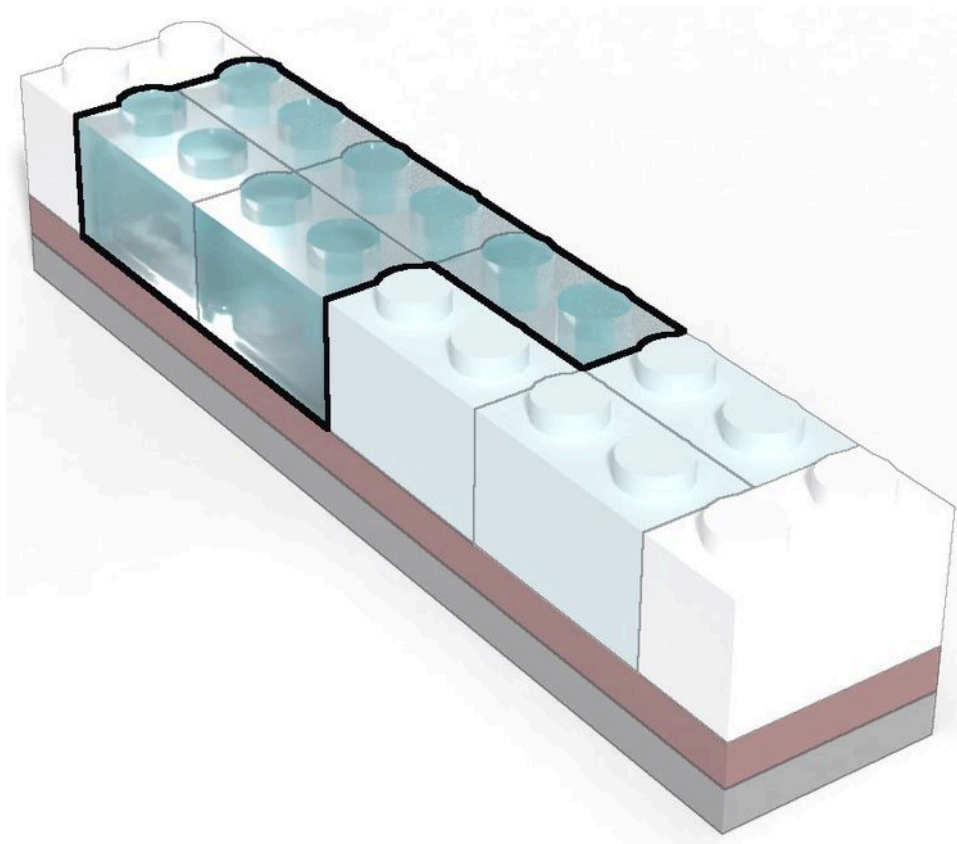


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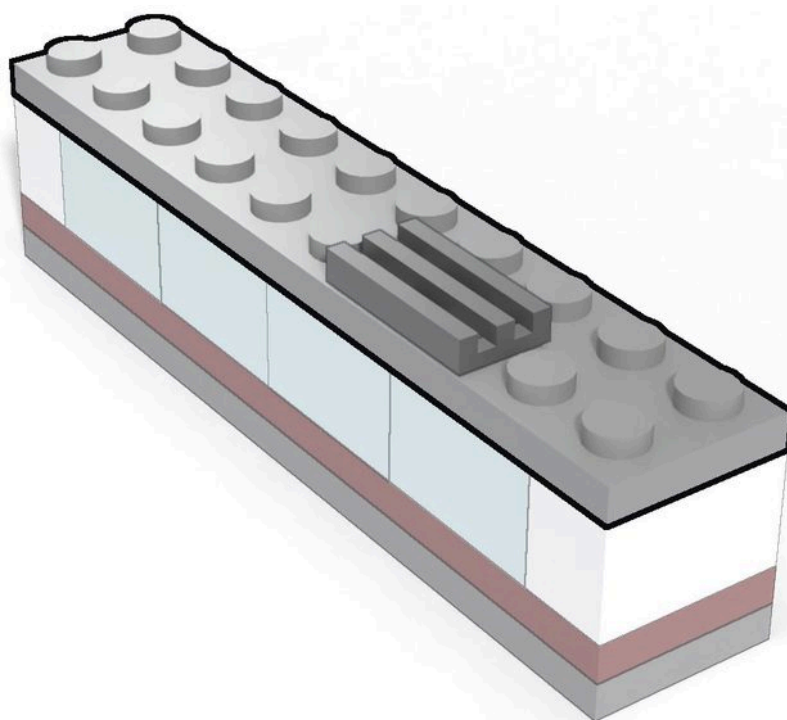
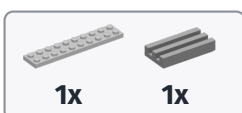


Train white

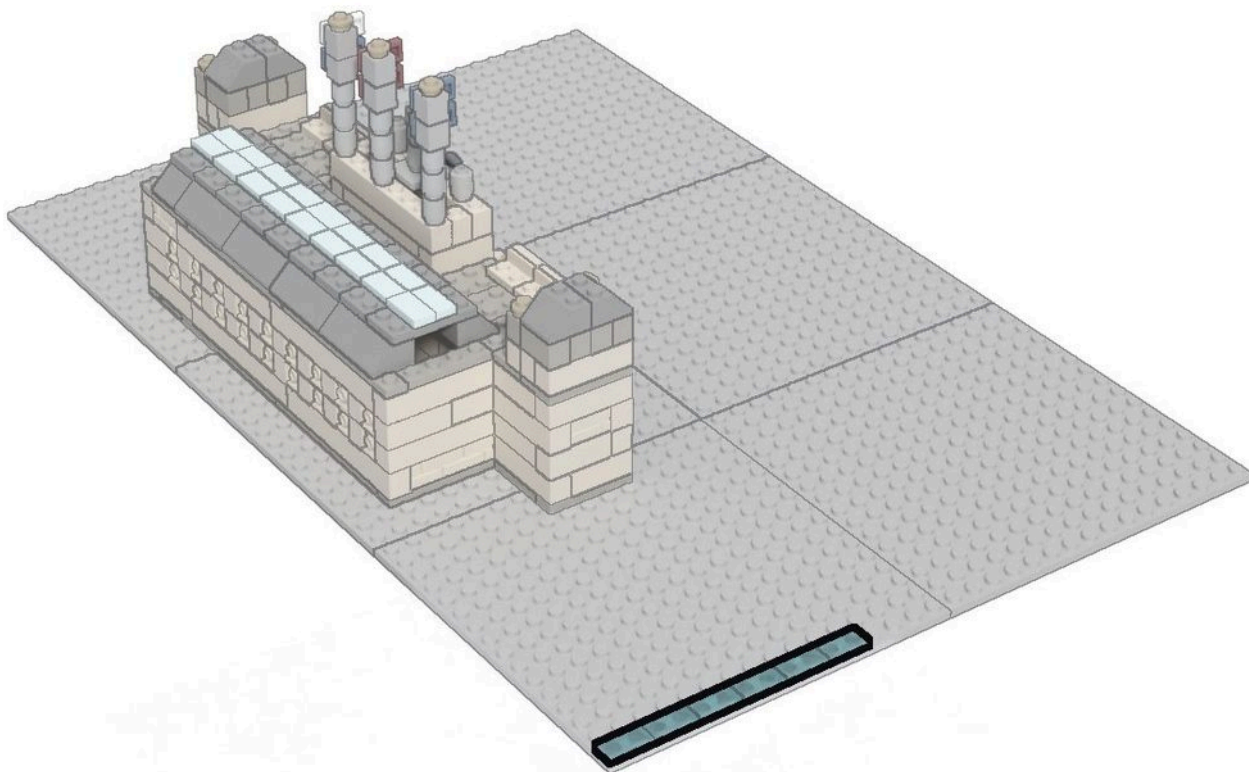
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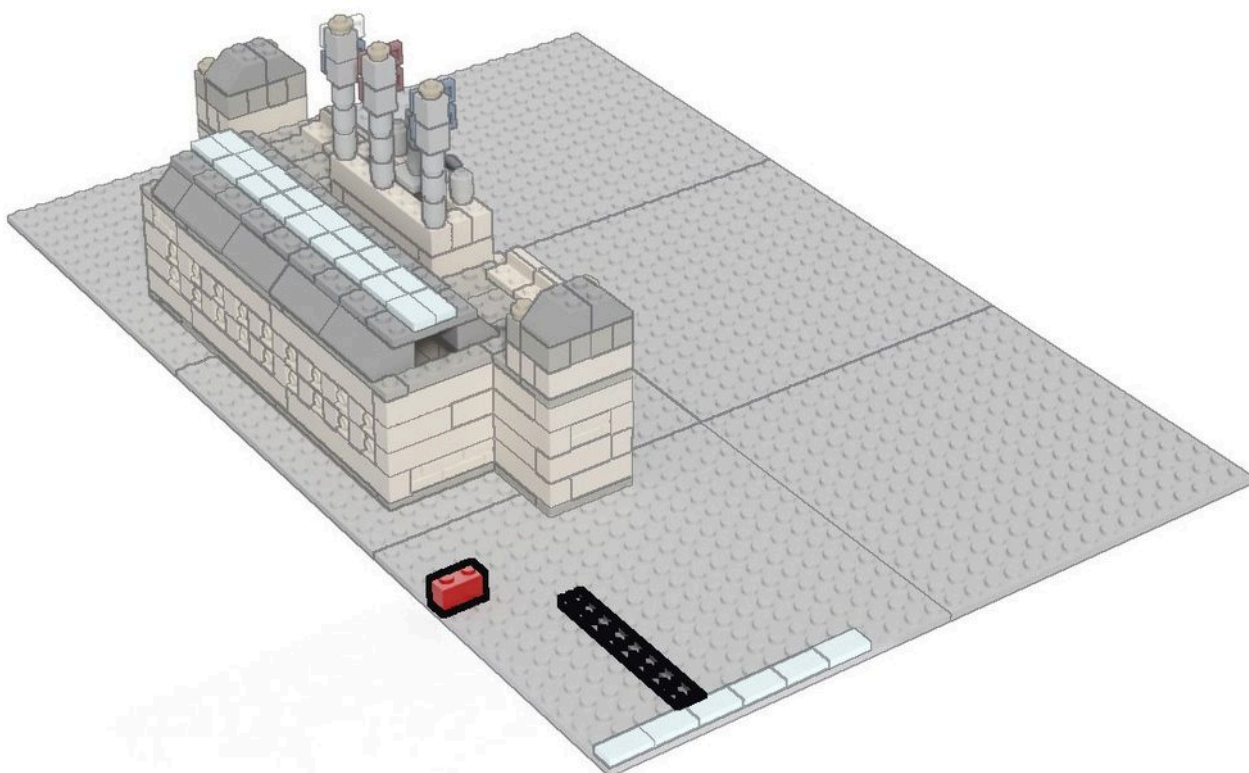
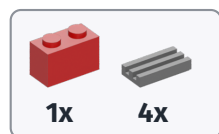
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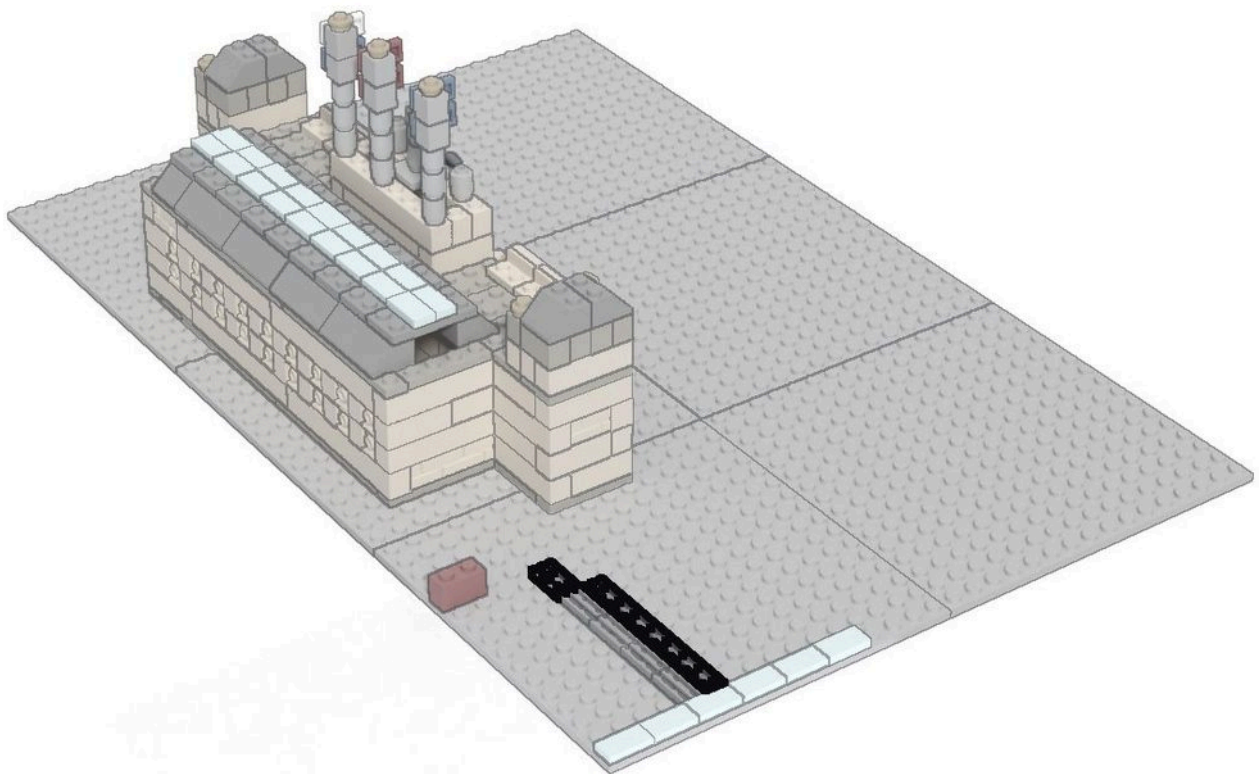
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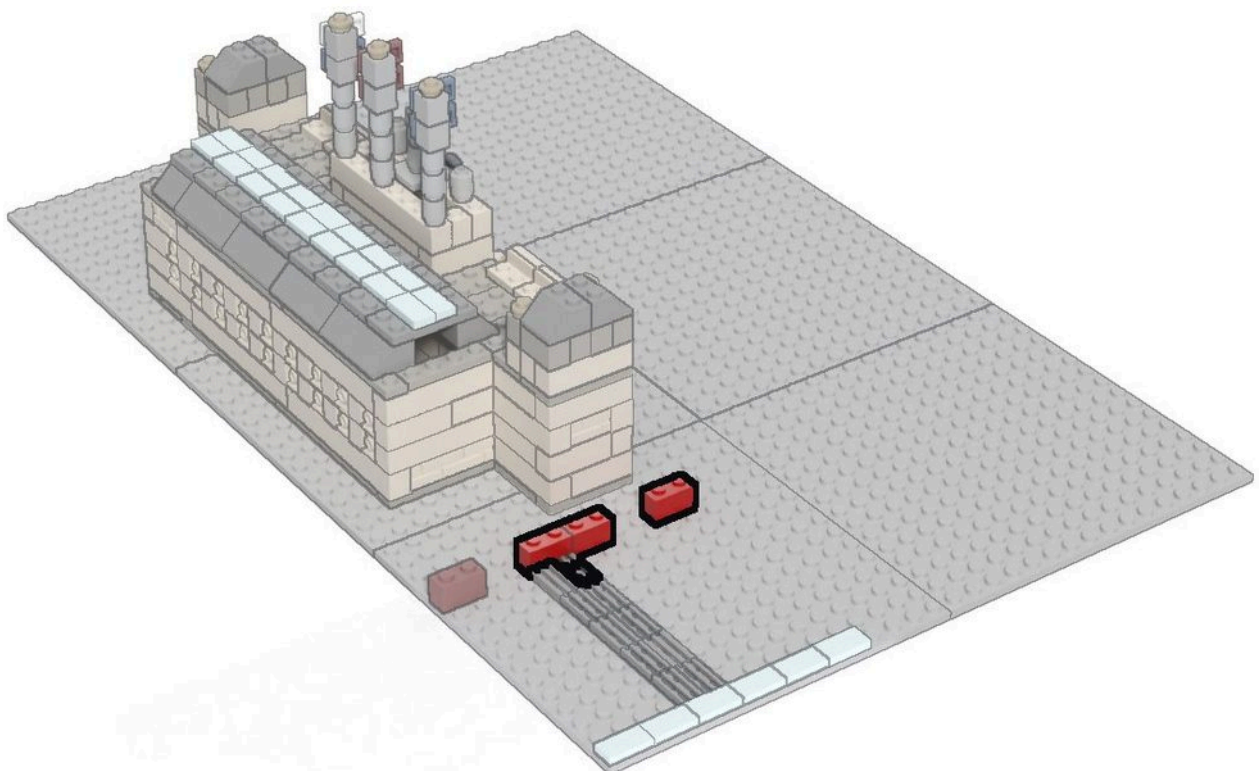
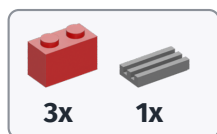
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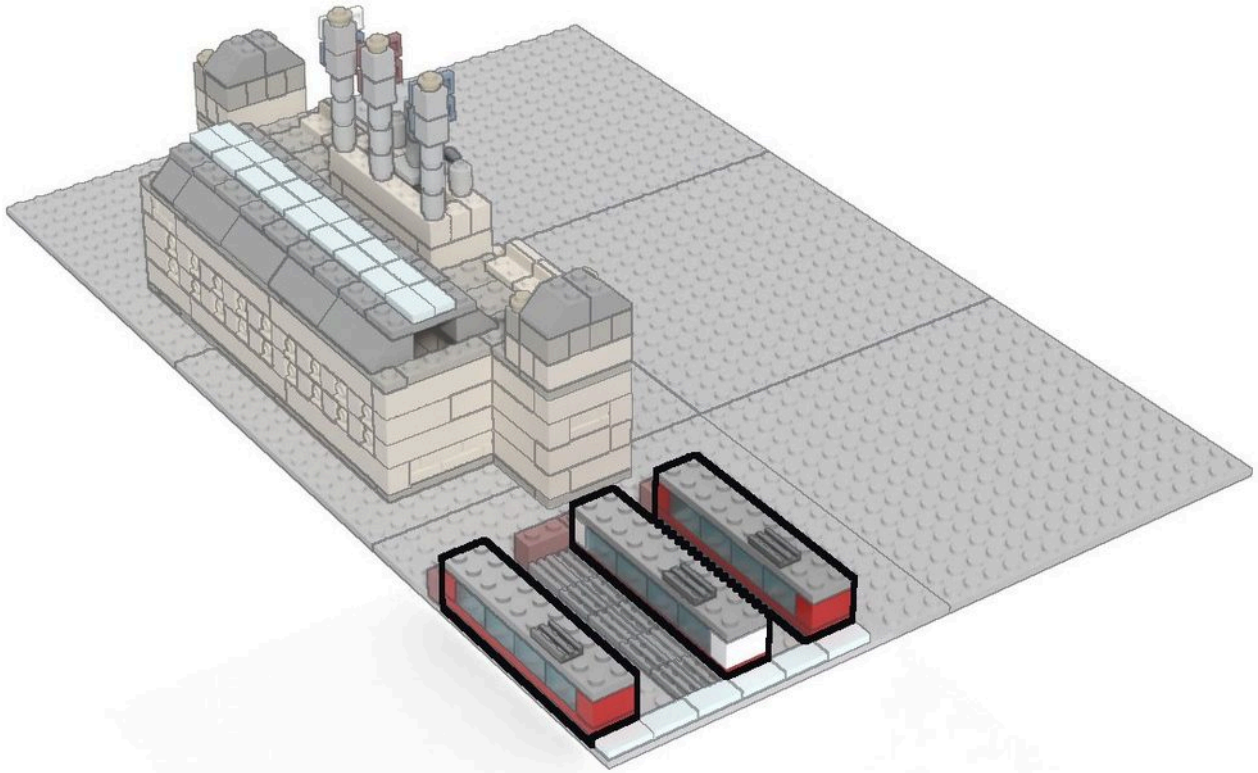
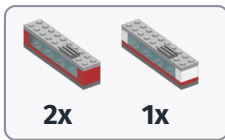
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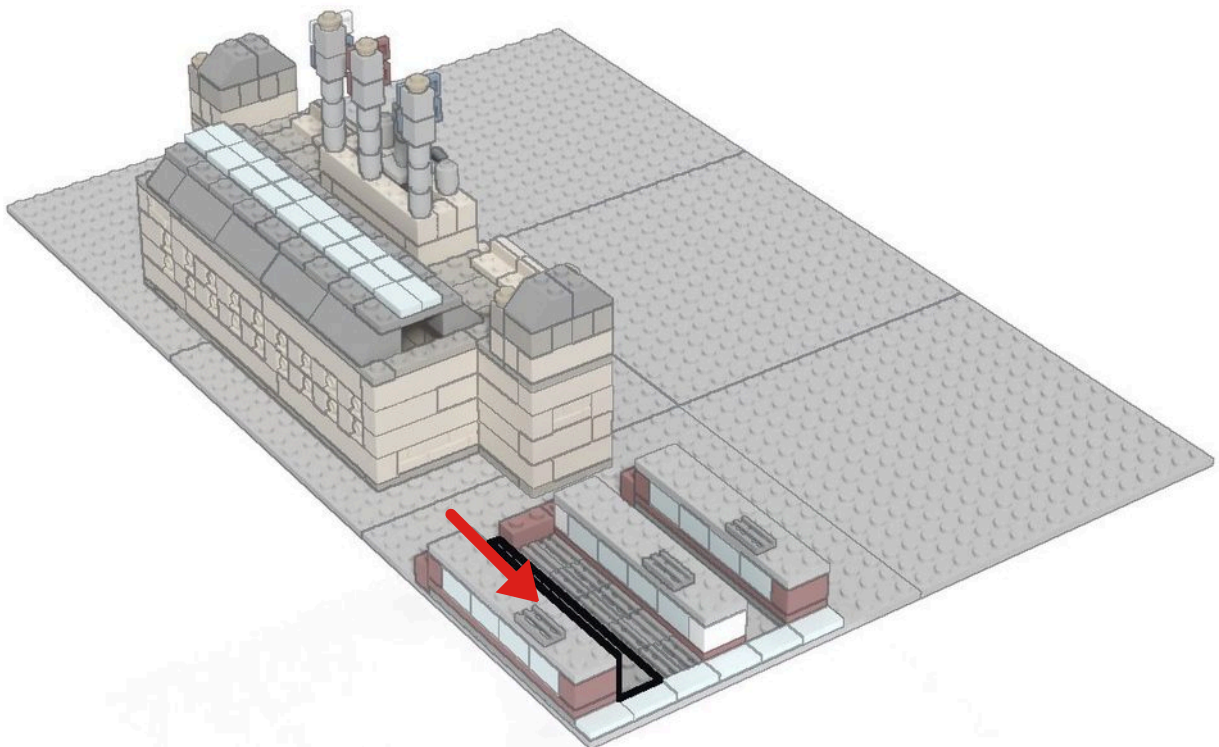
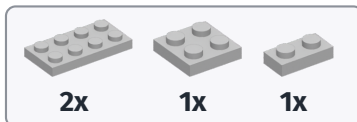
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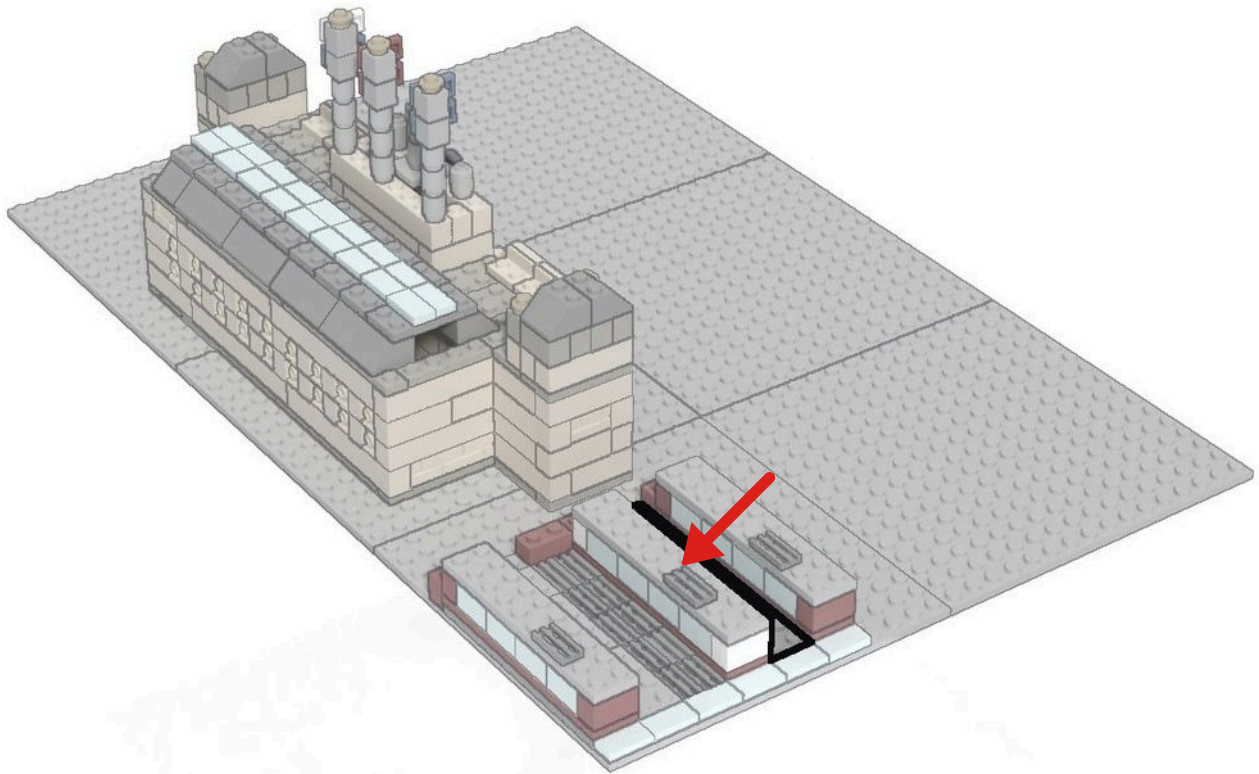
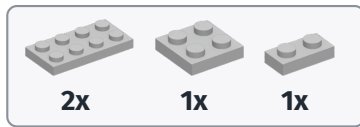
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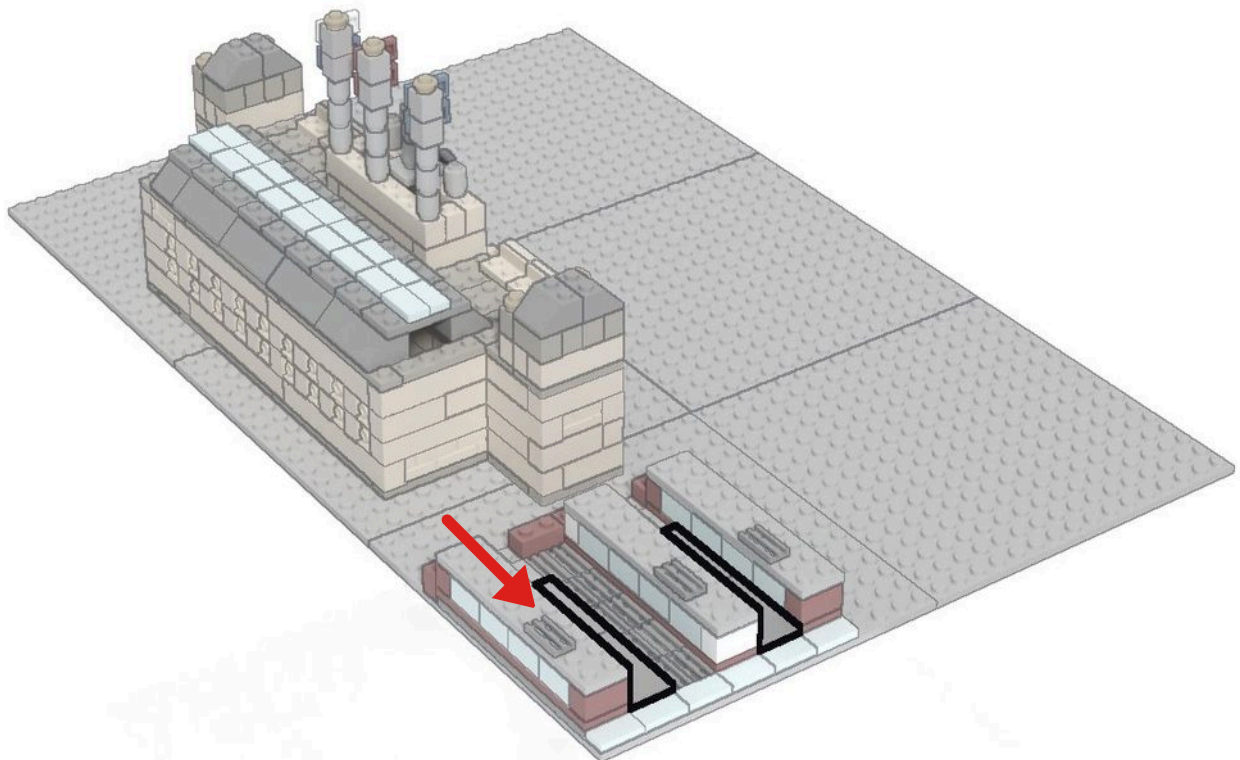
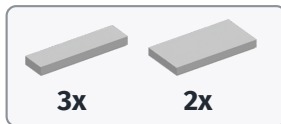
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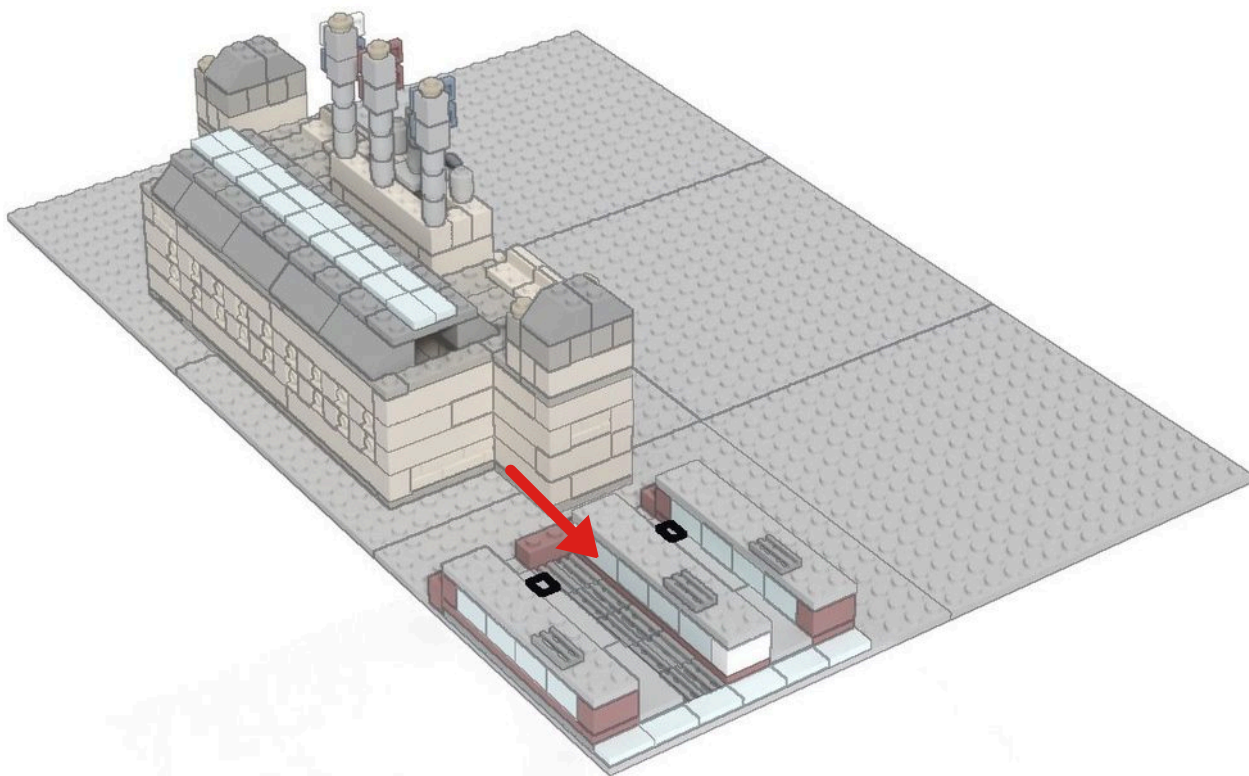
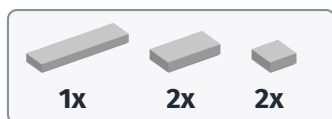
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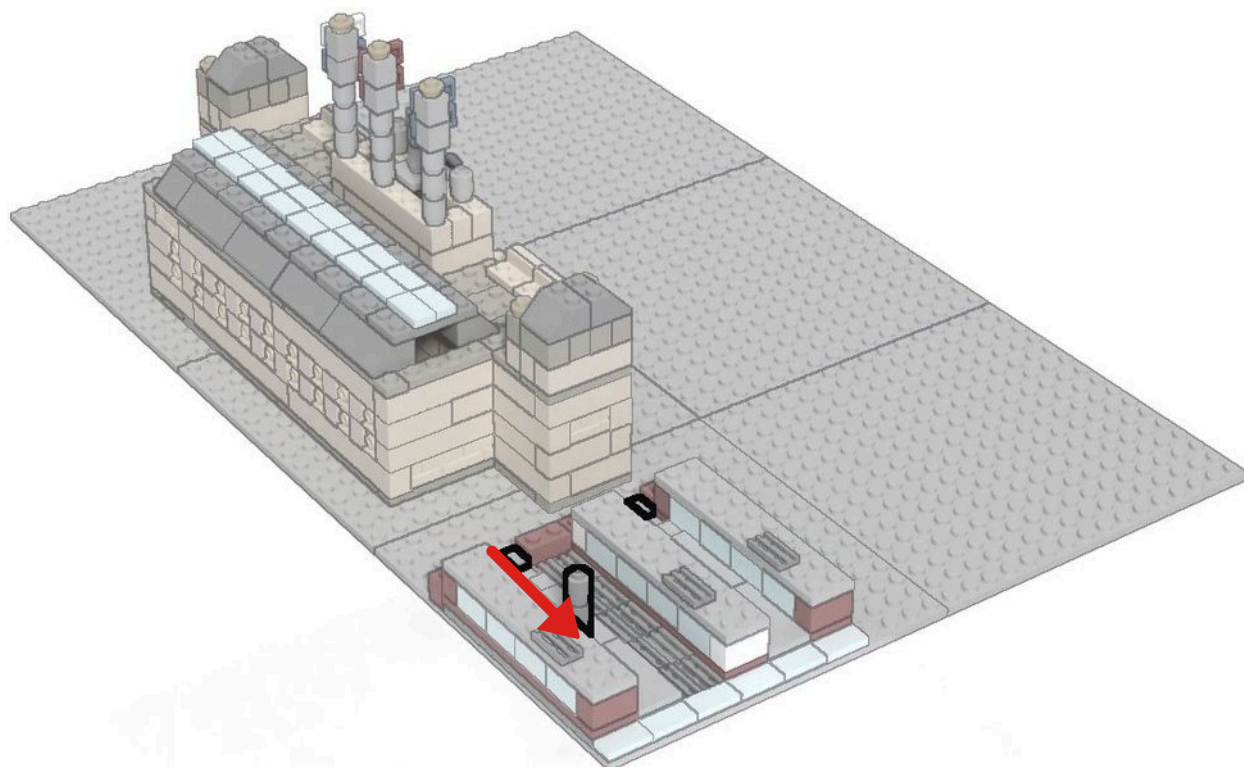
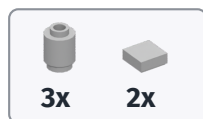
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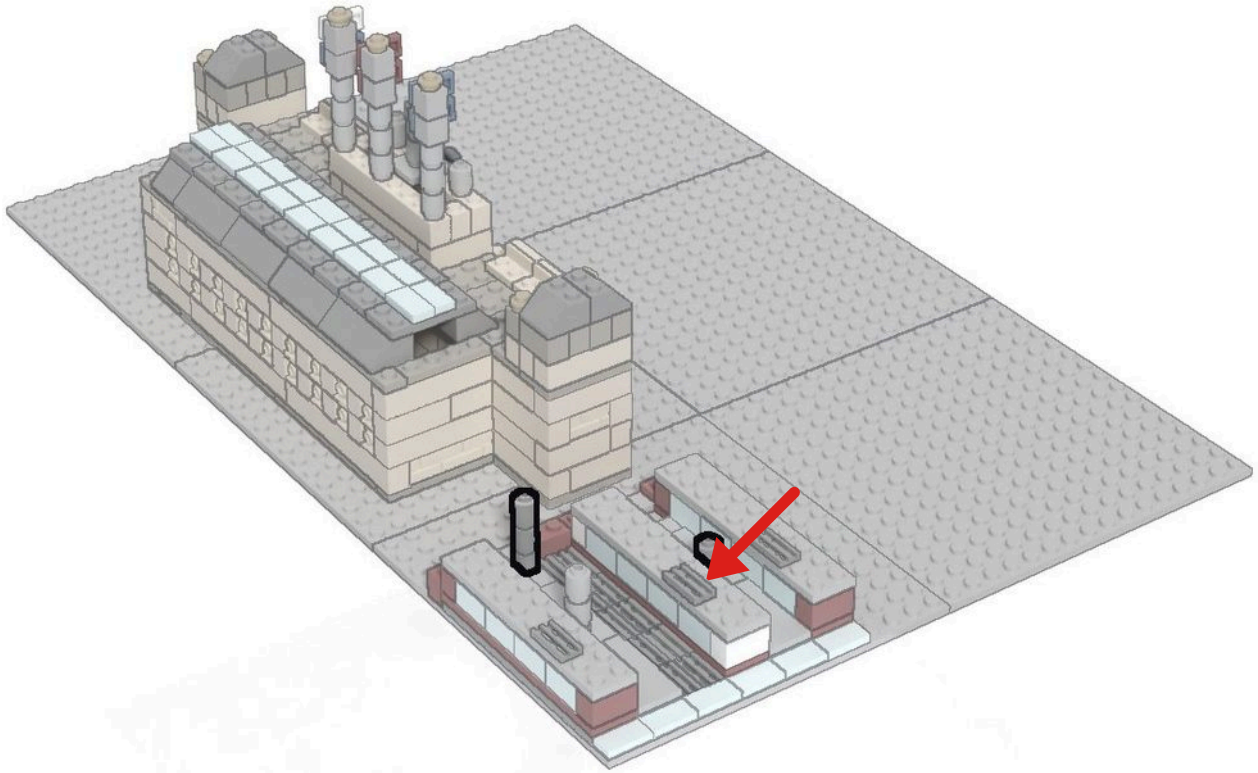
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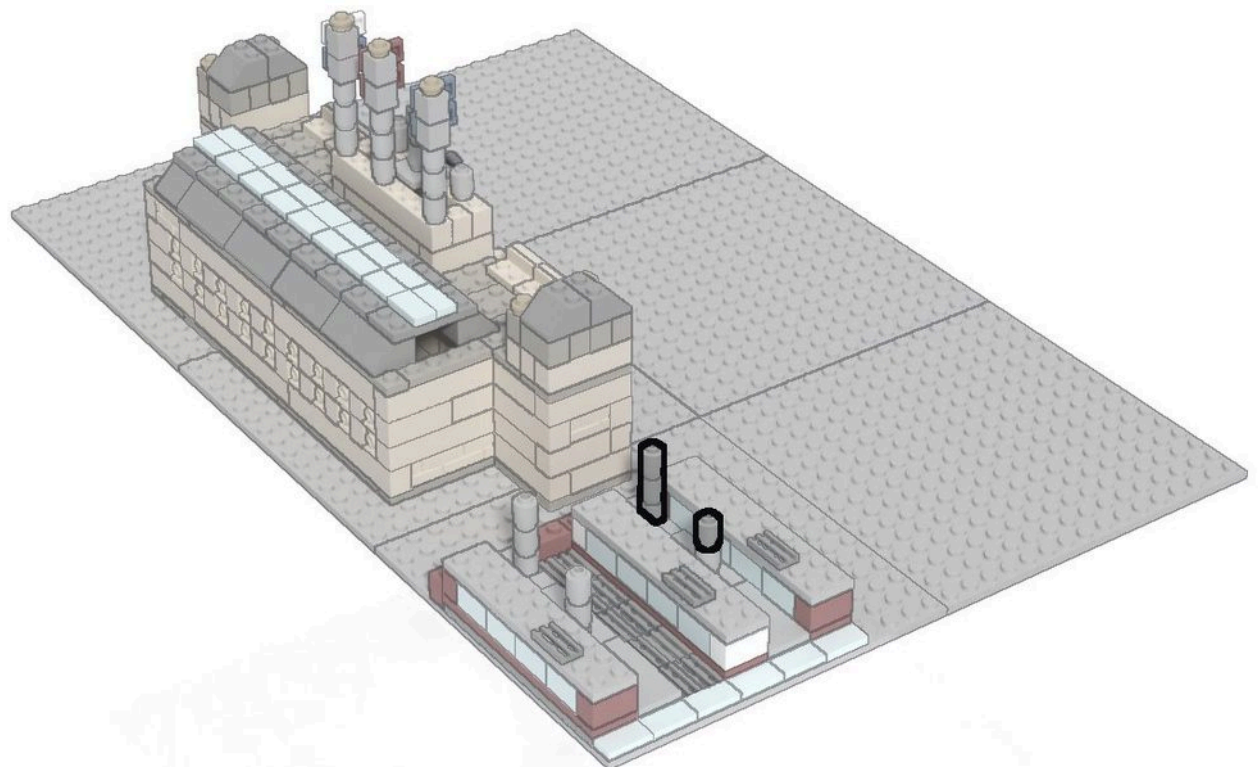
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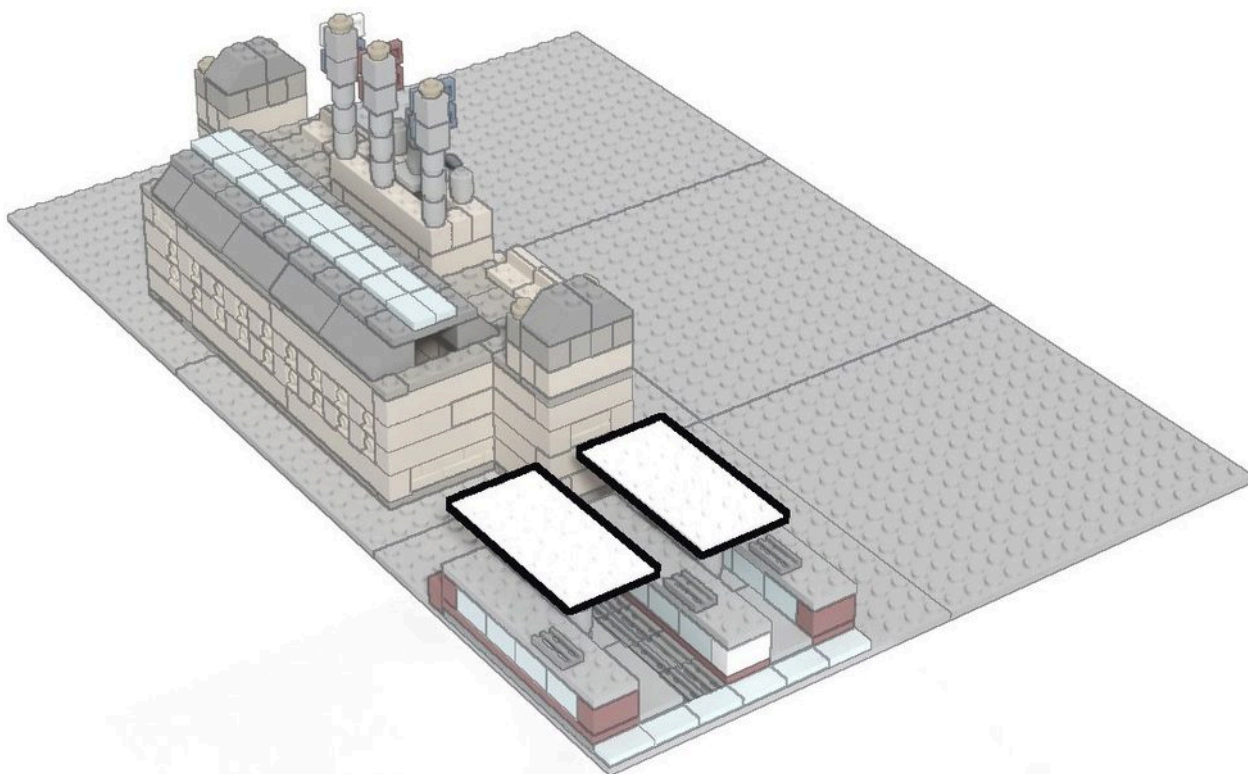
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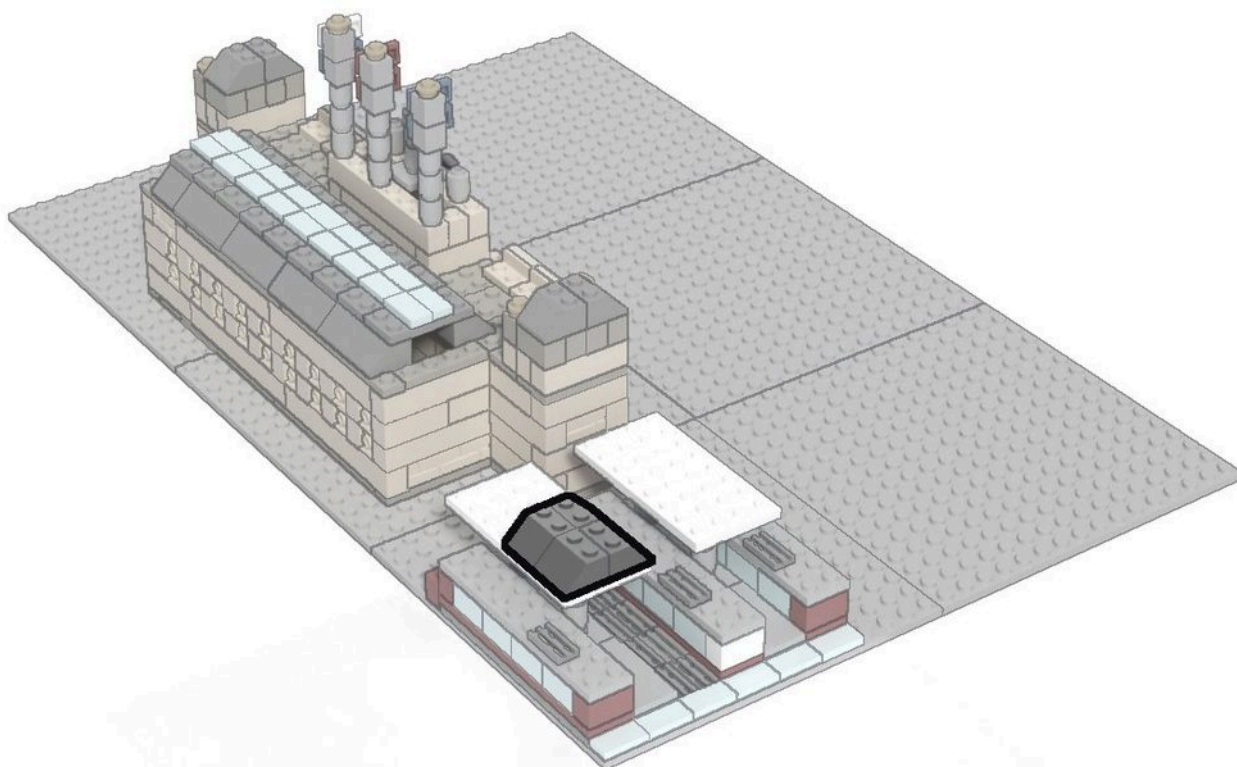
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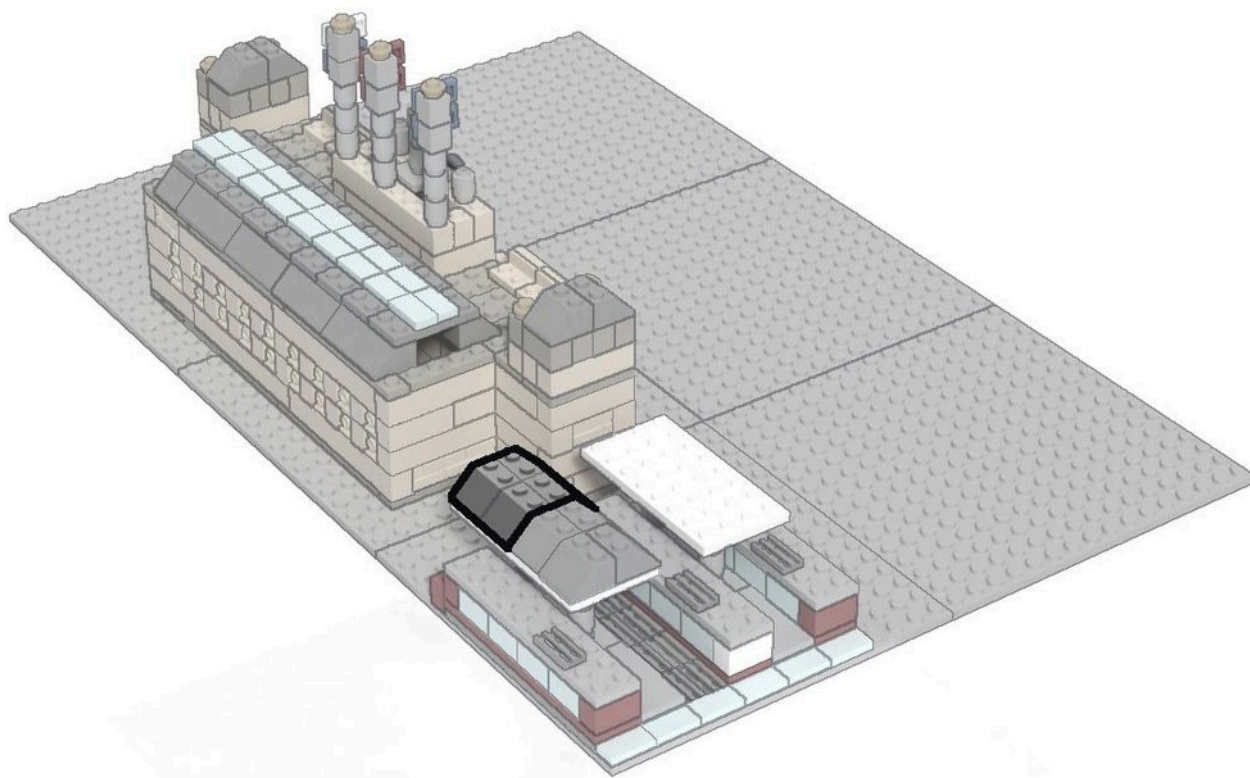
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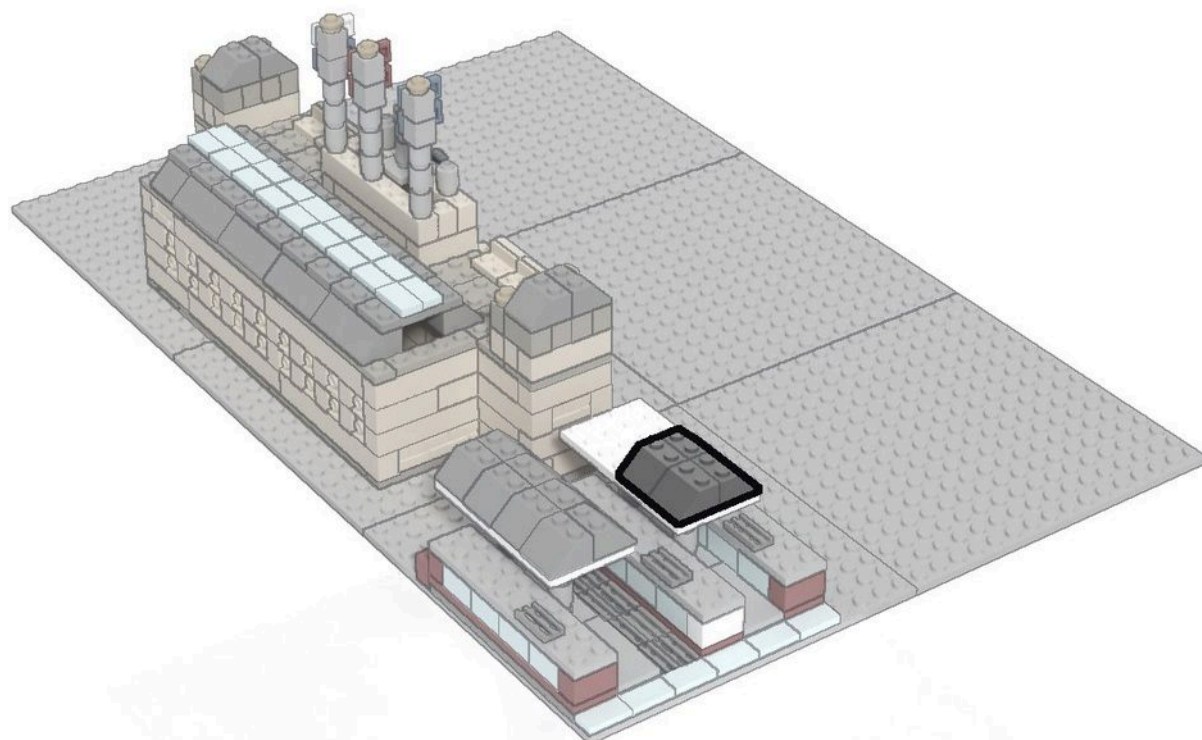
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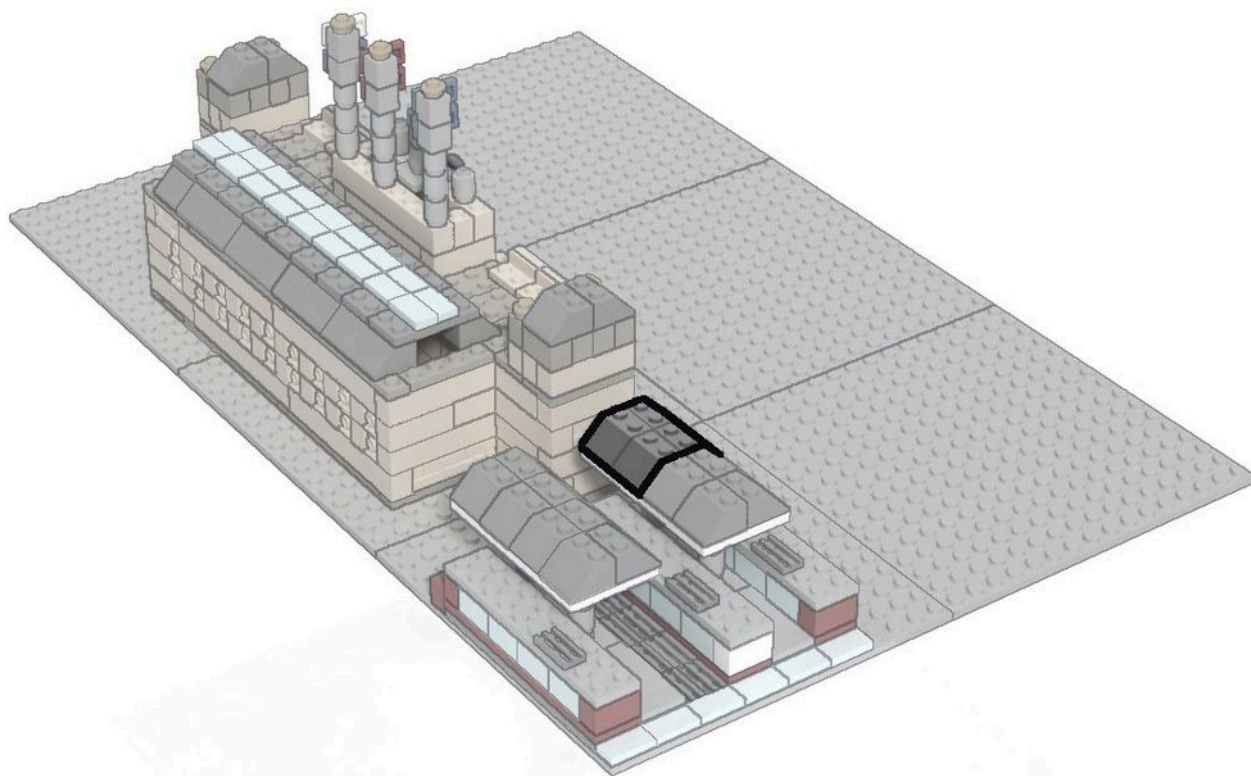
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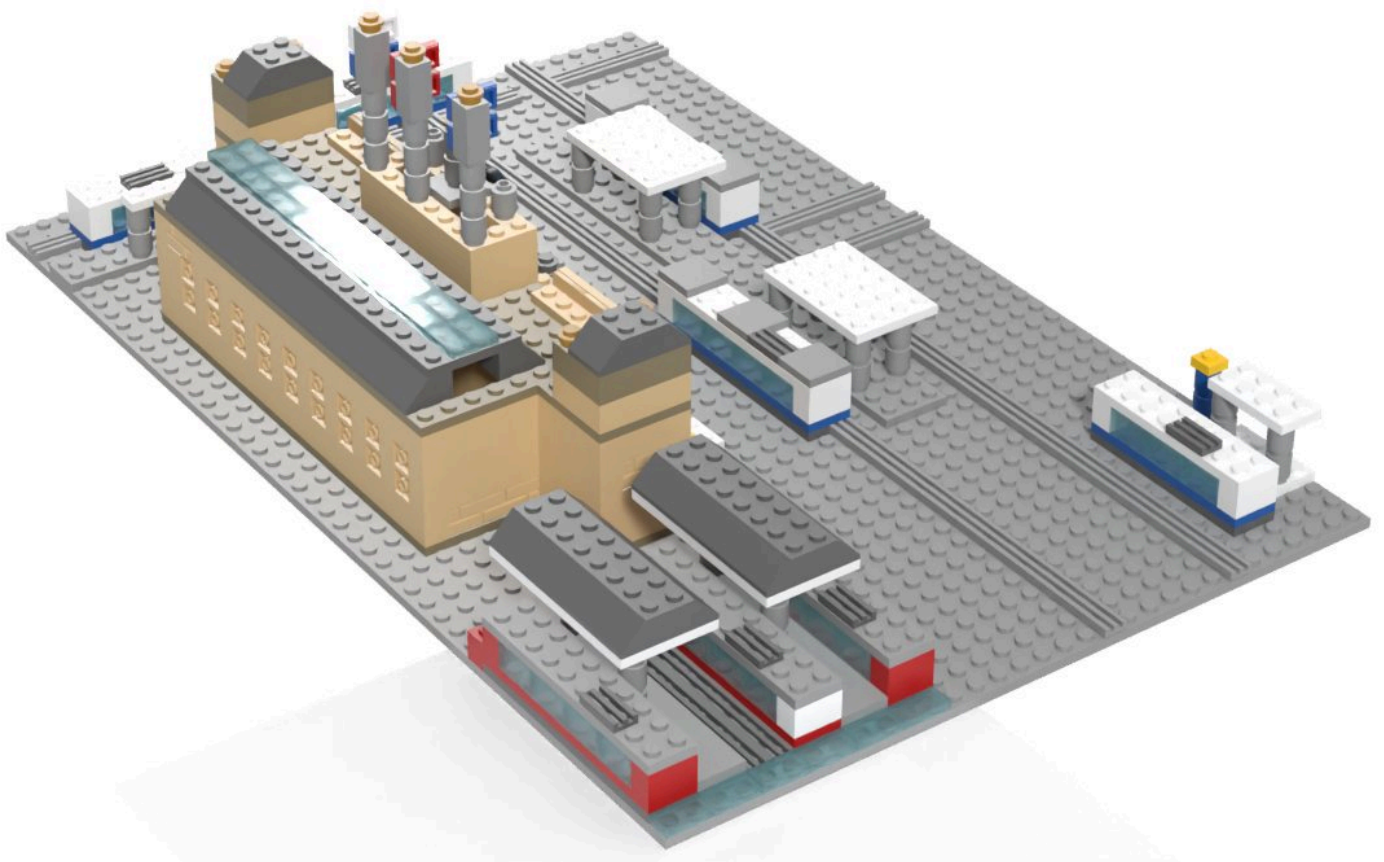
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Chapter 3

Bahnhofplatz and the stops

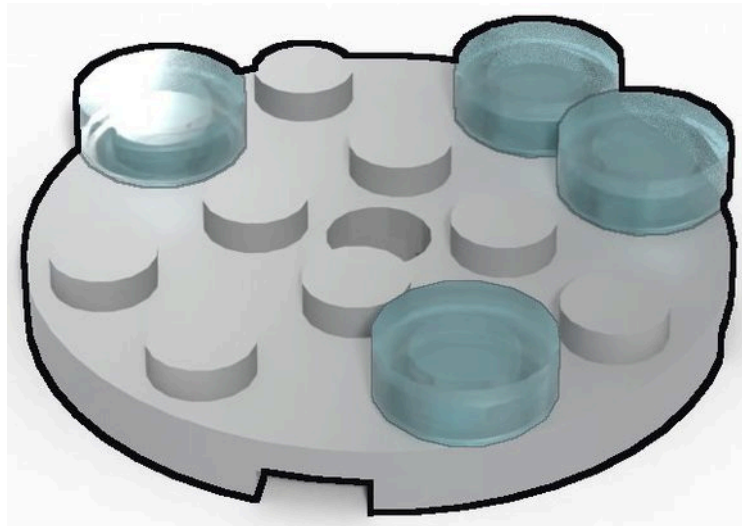
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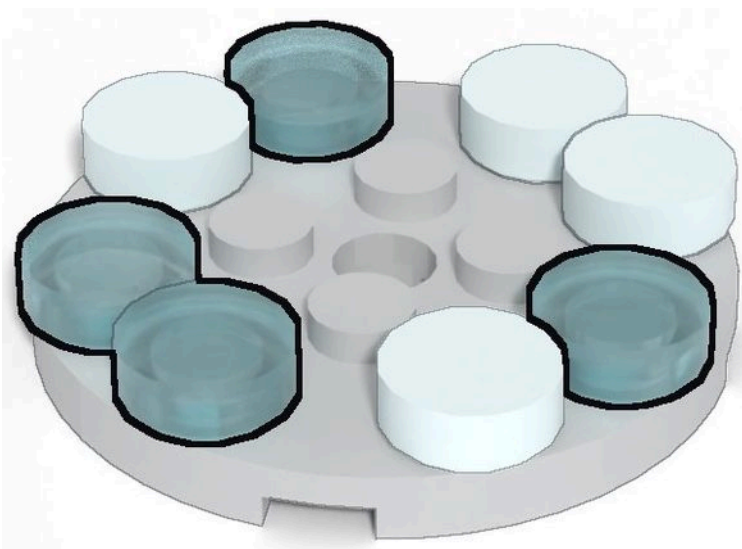
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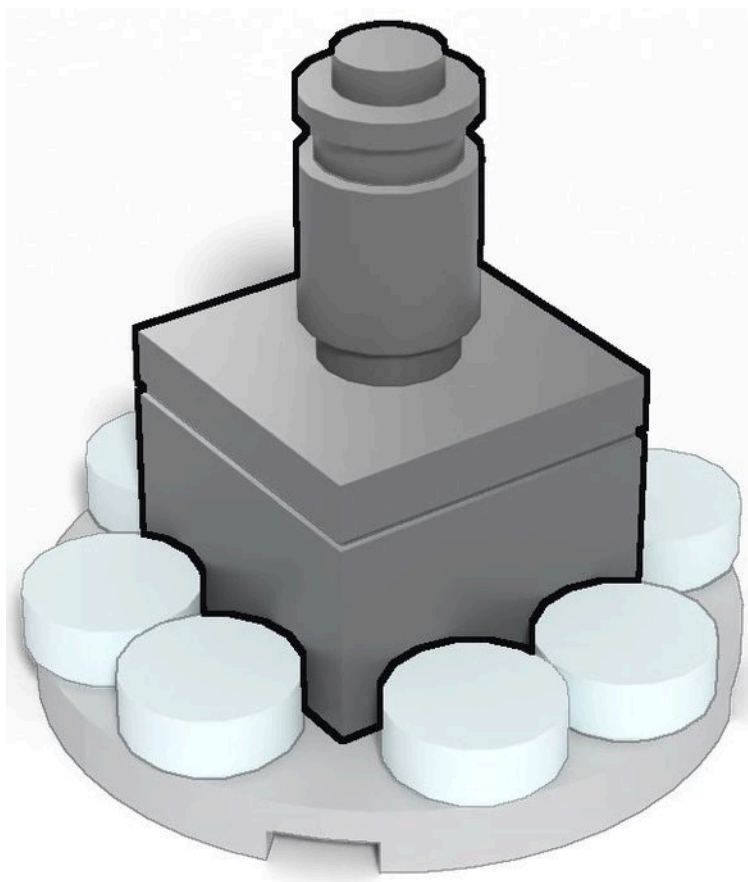
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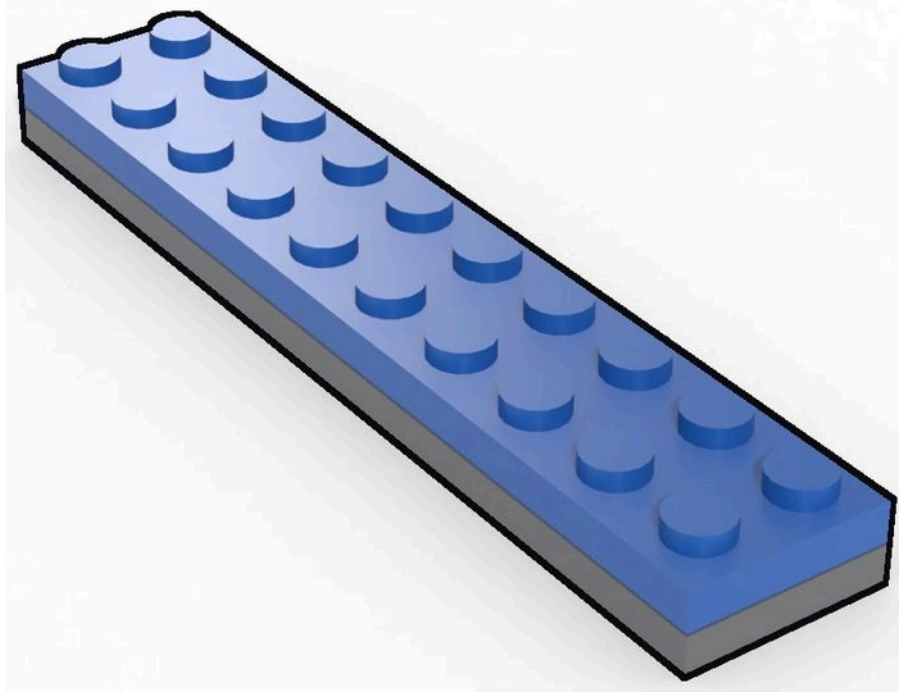
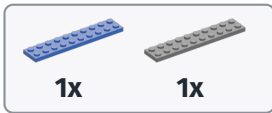
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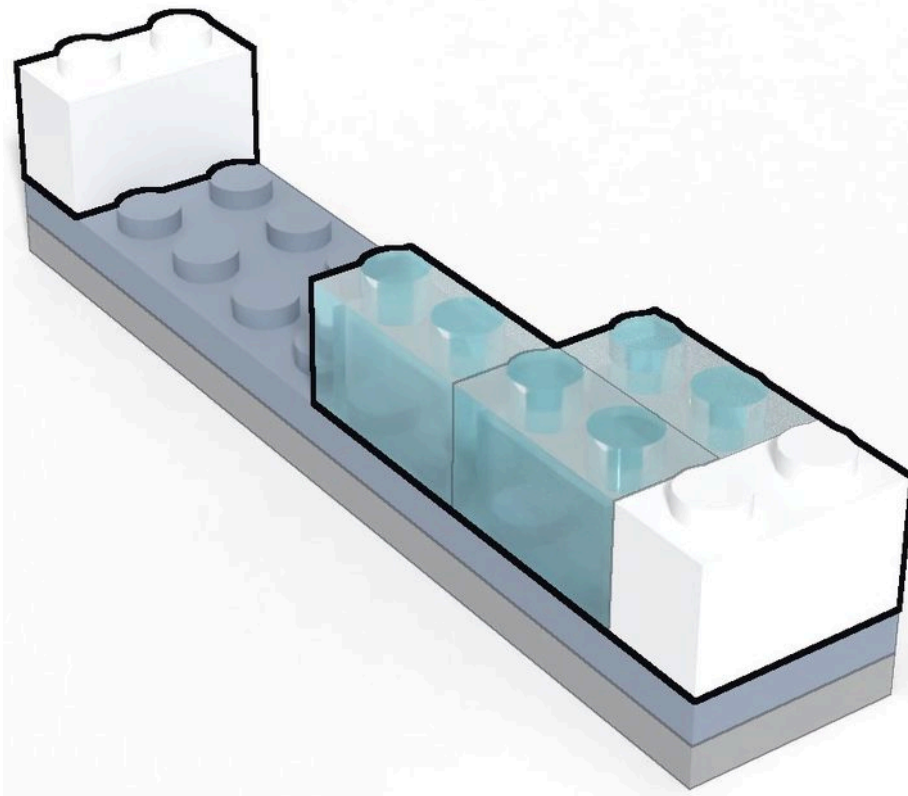
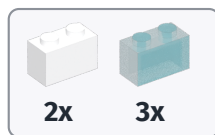
Tram ×2

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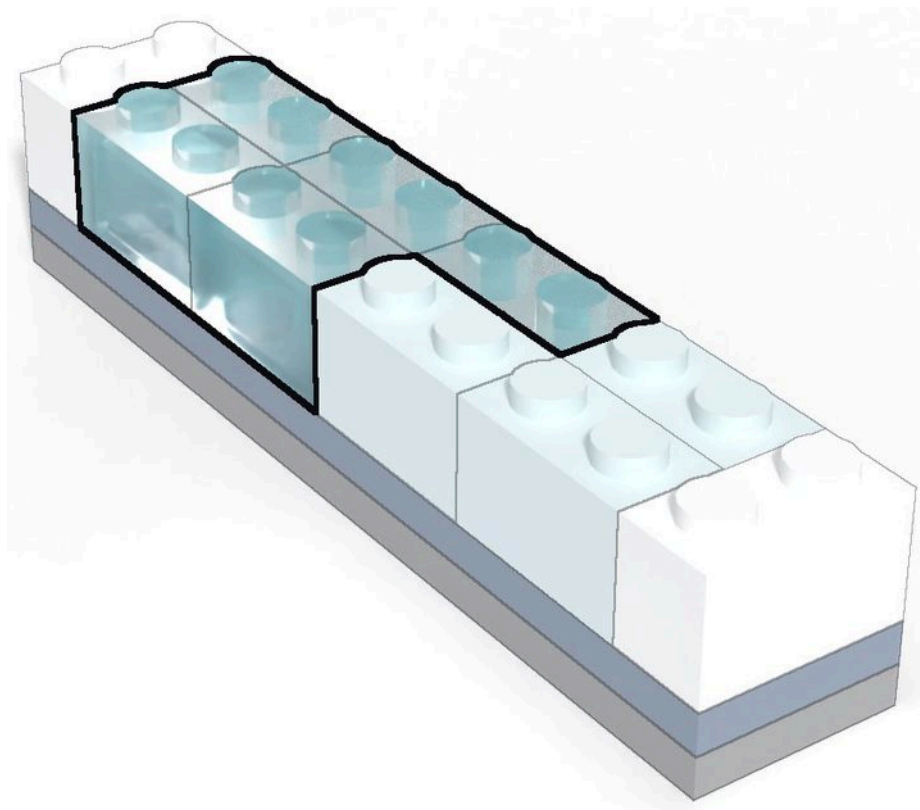


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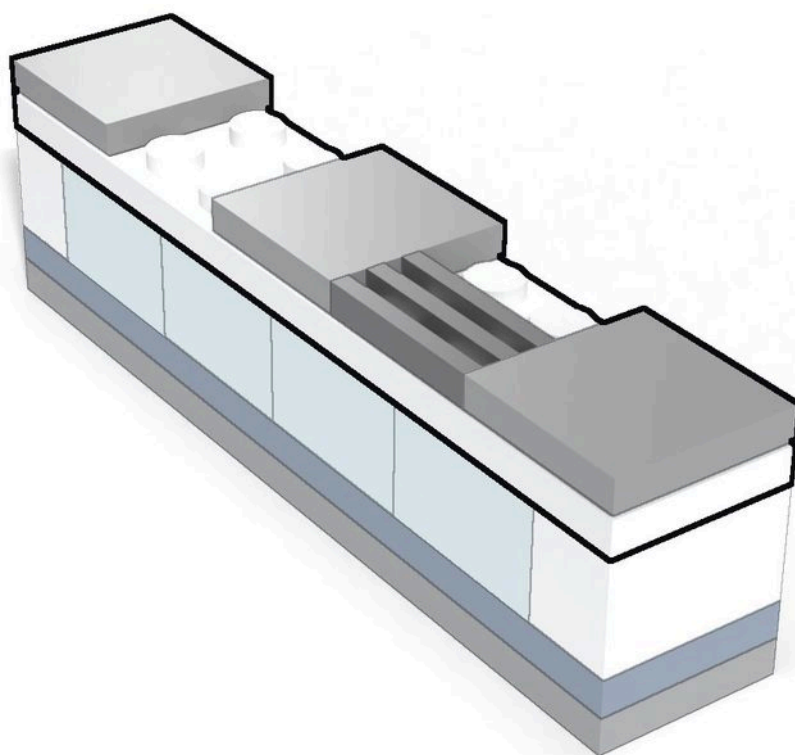
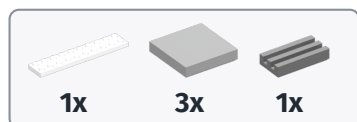


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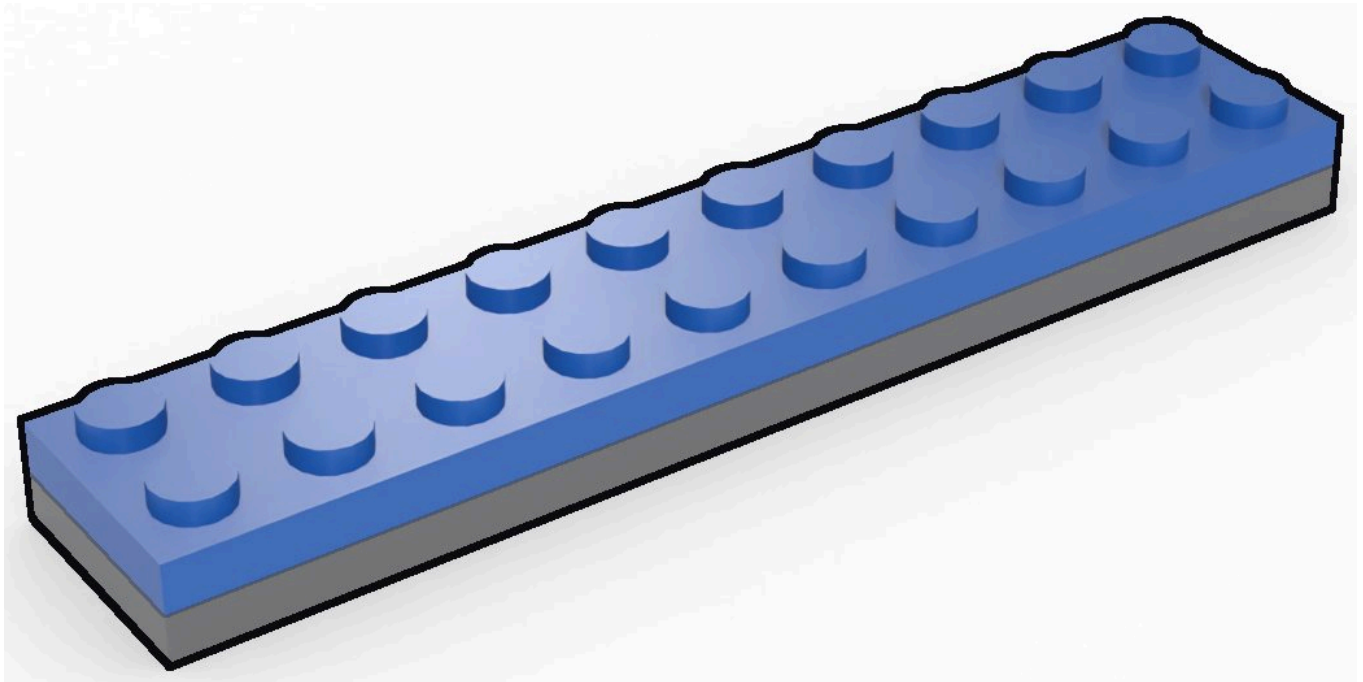
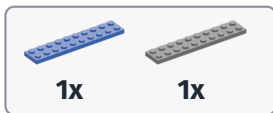
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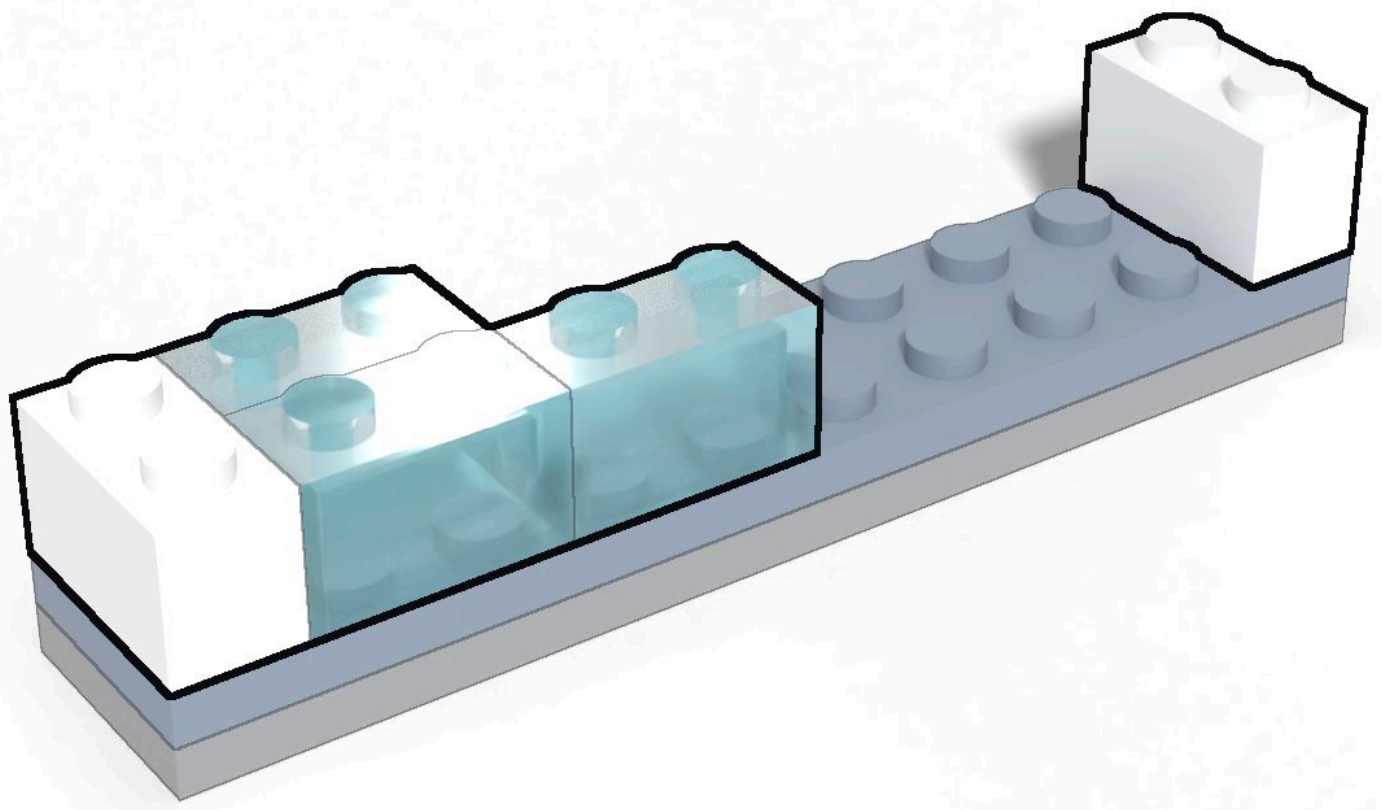
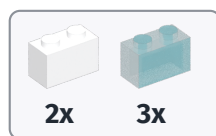
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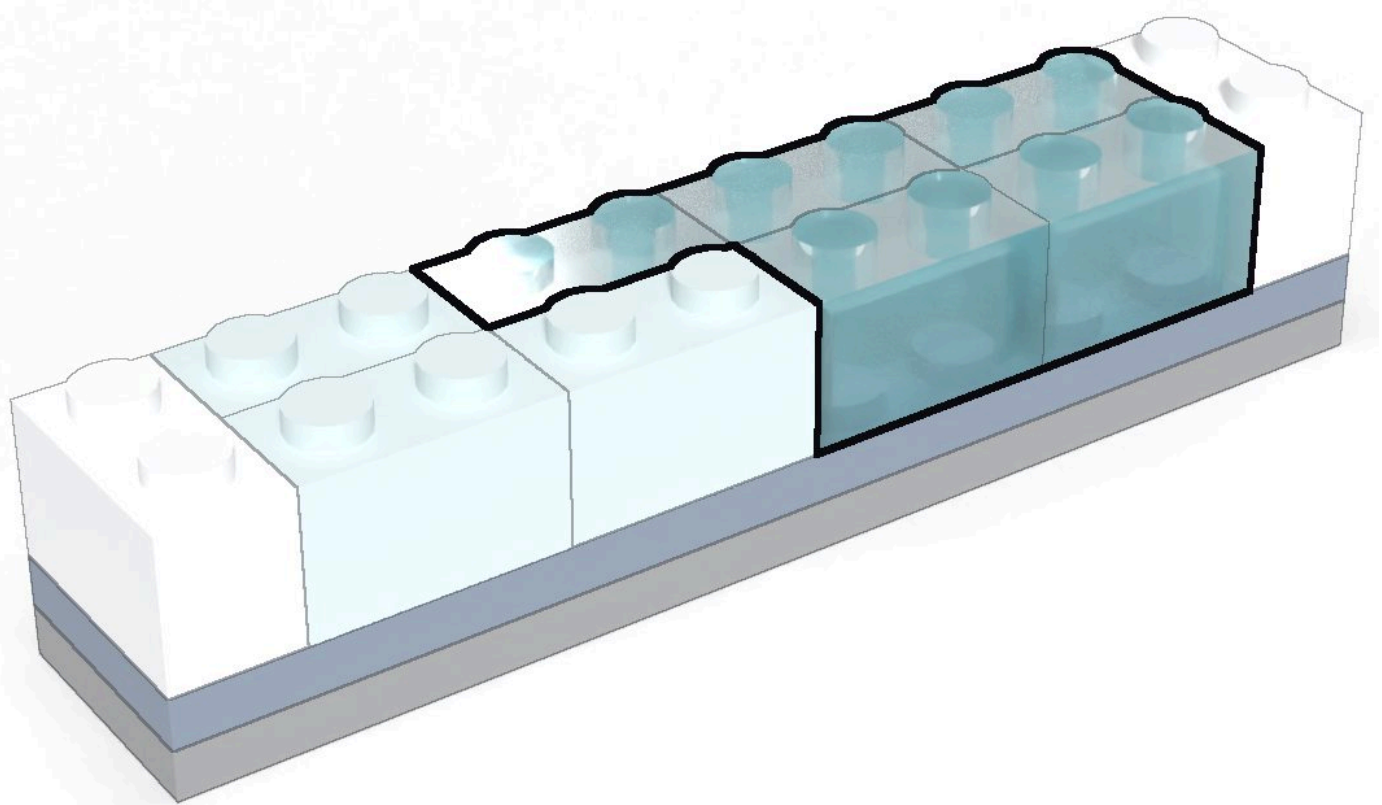


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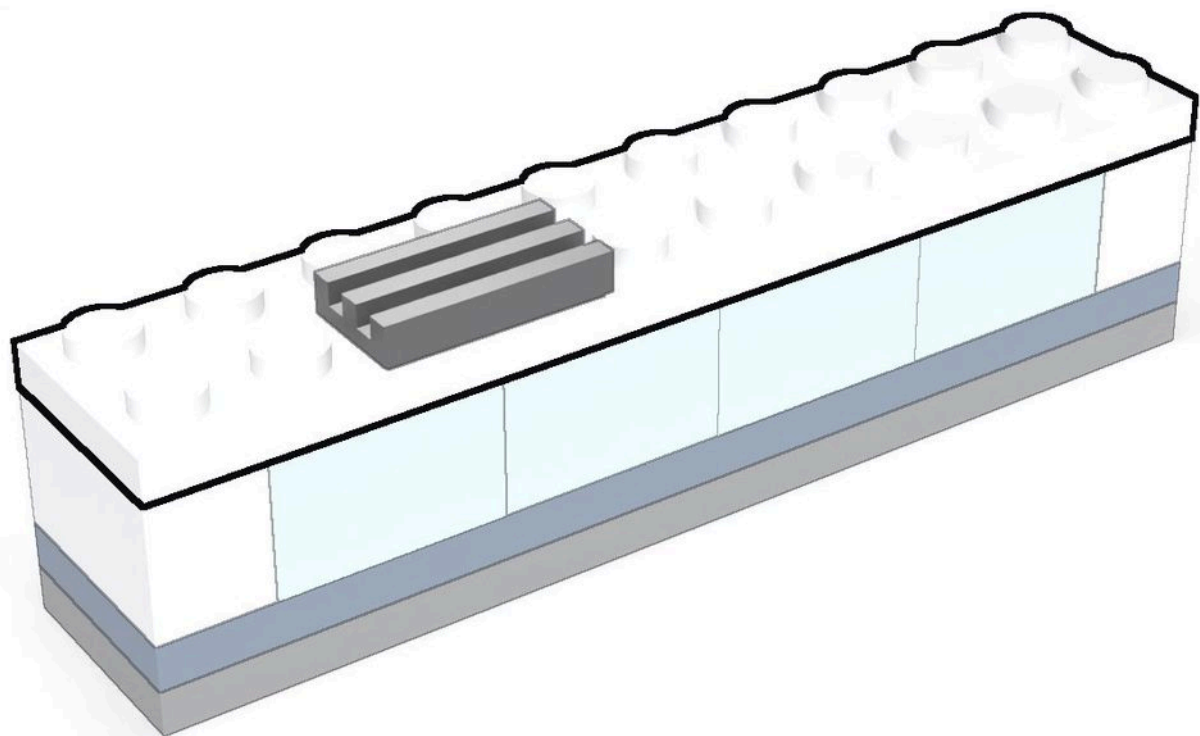
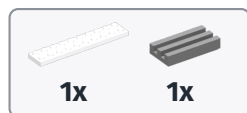


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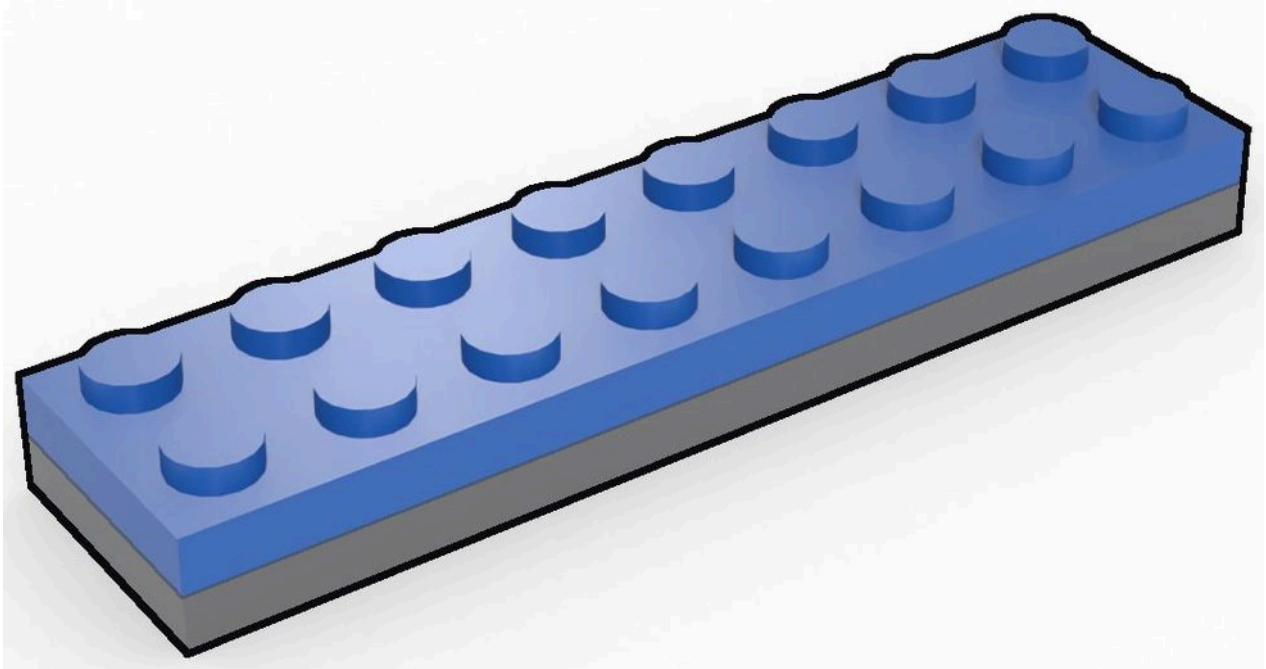
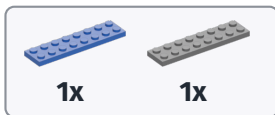
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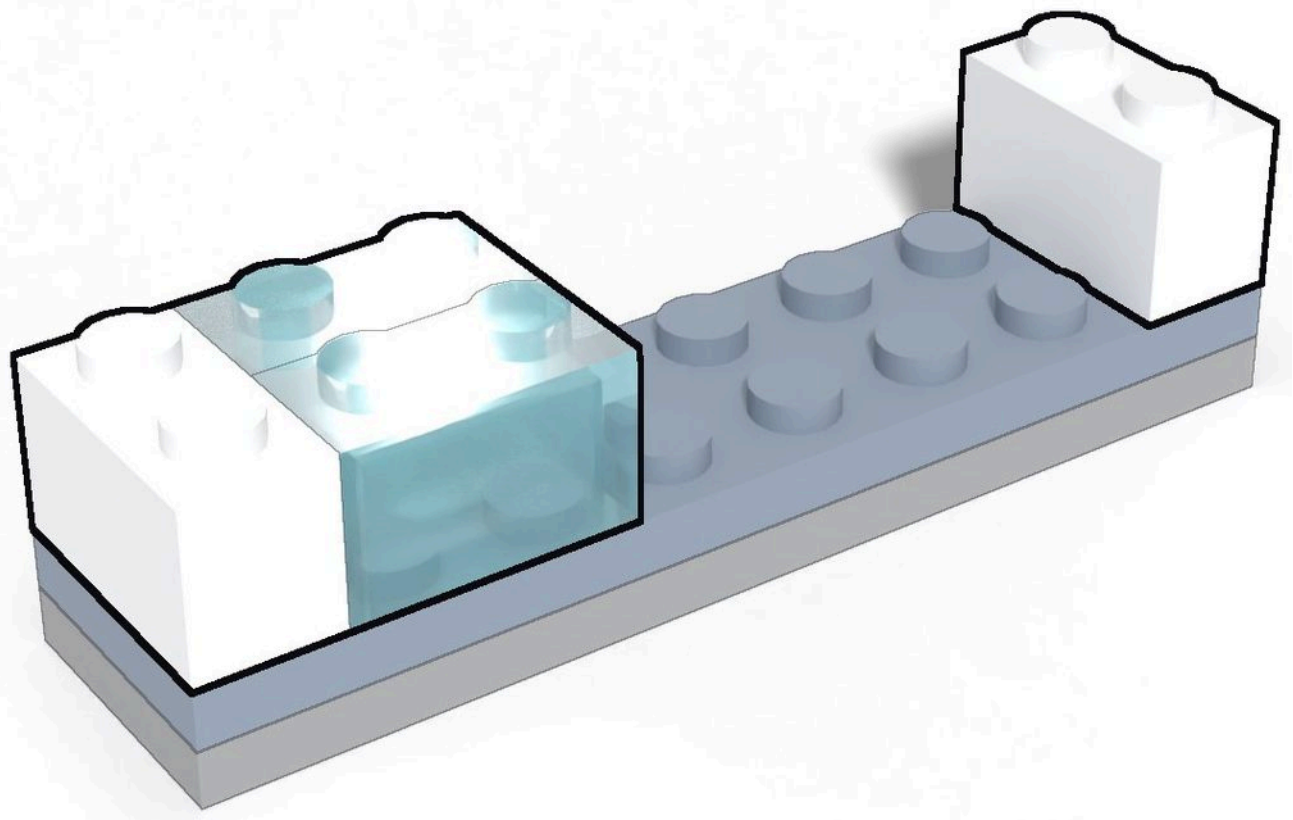
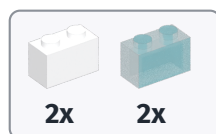
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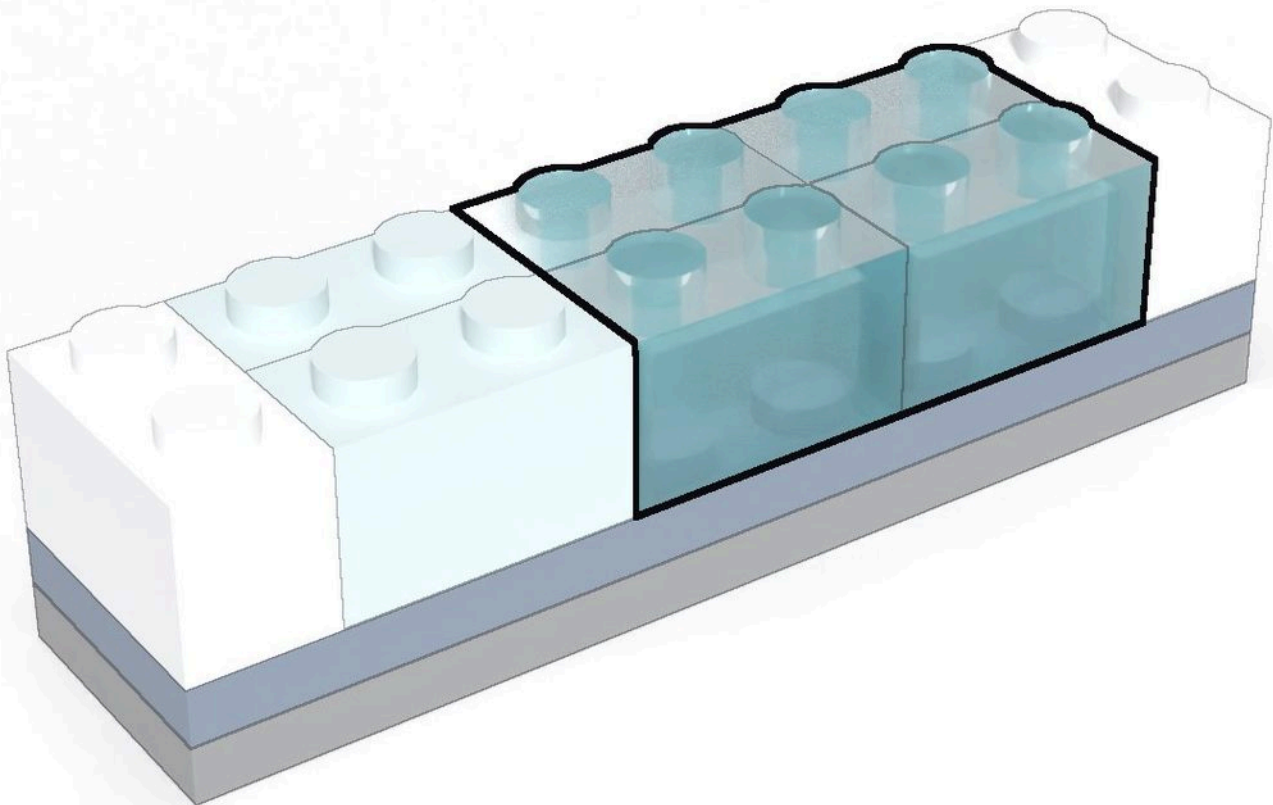


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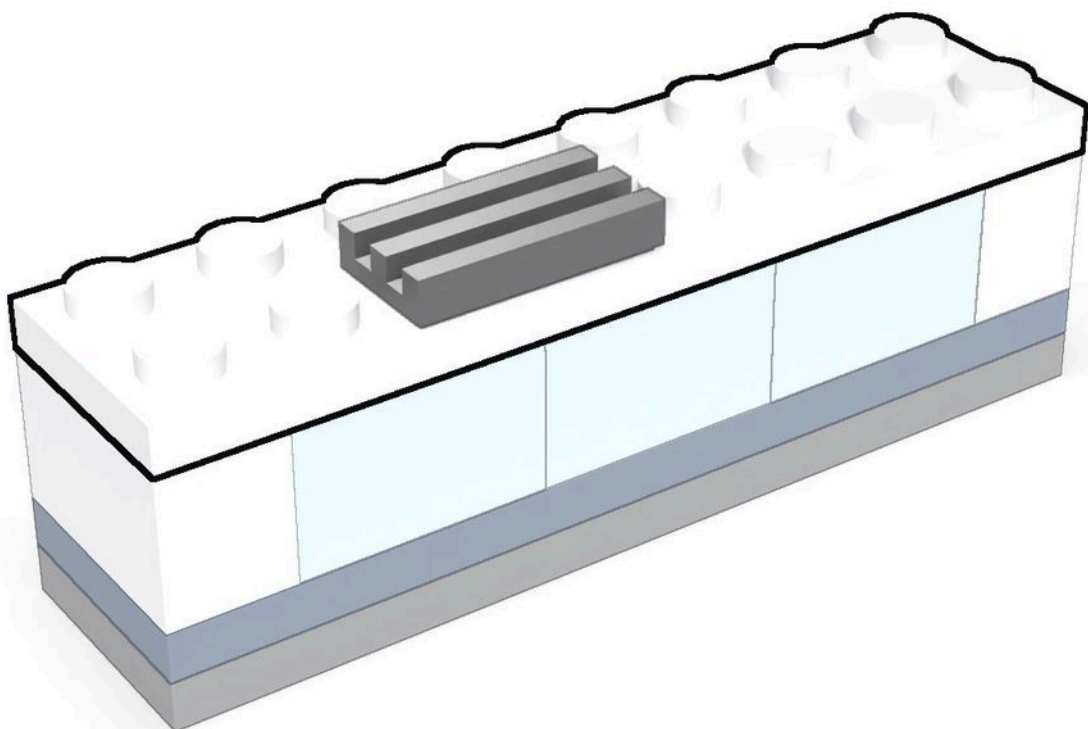
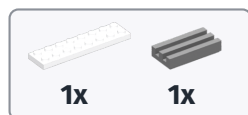


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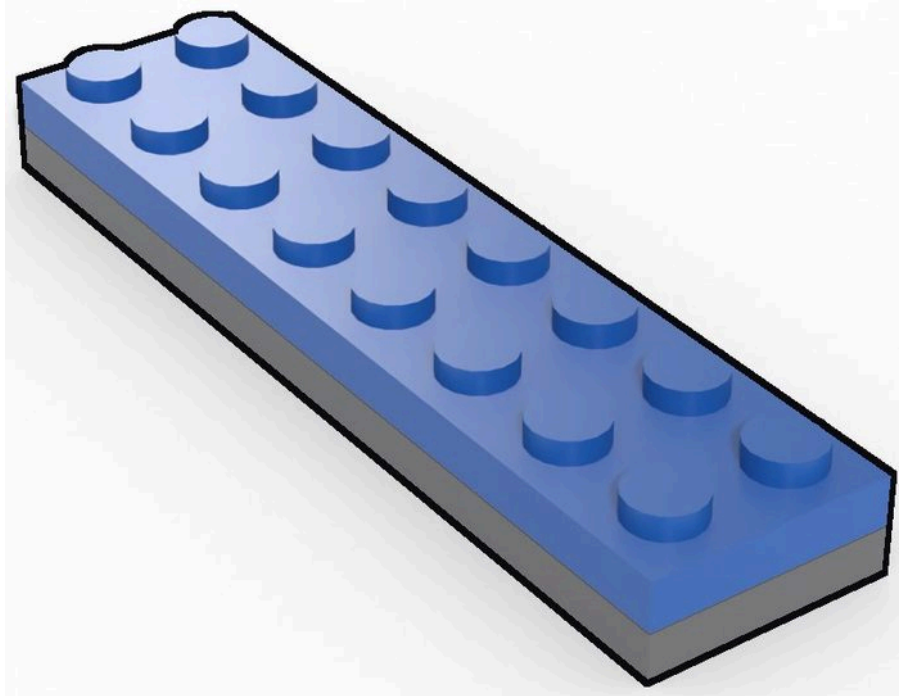
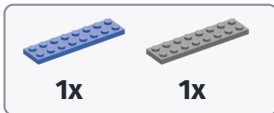
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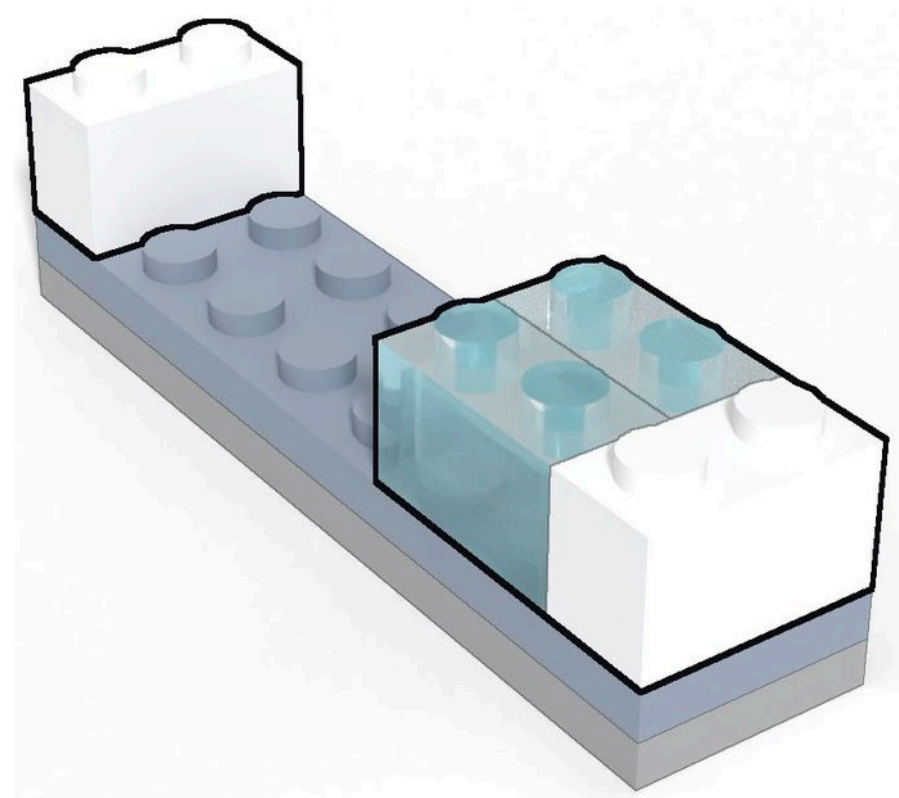
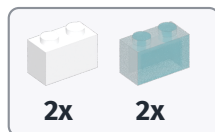
Trolleybus

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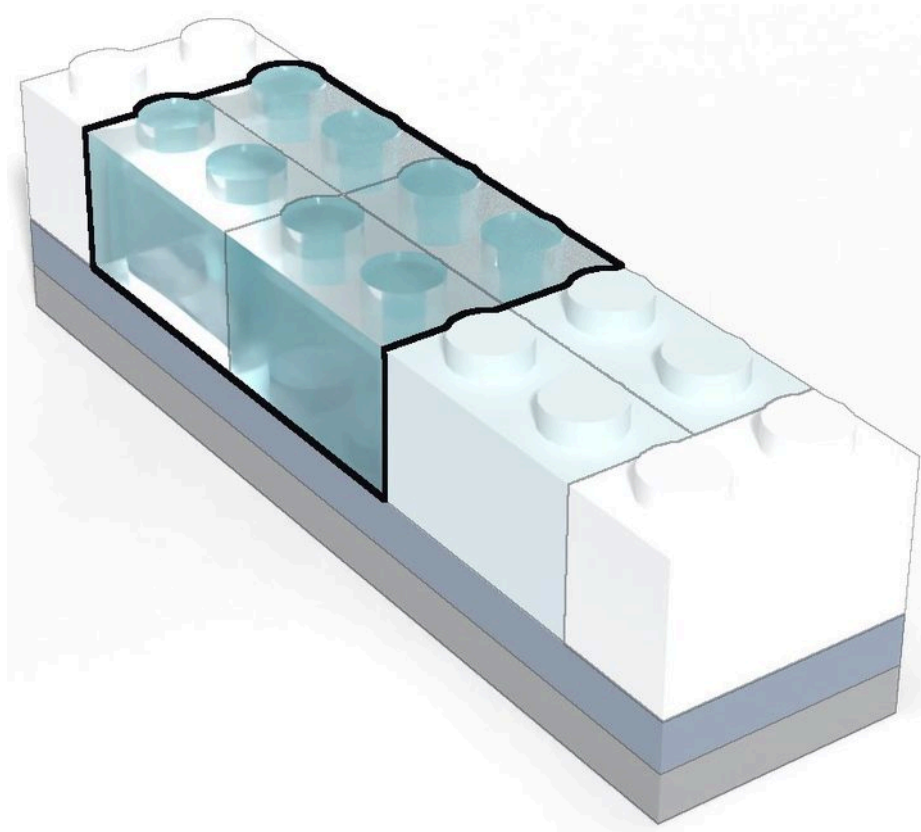


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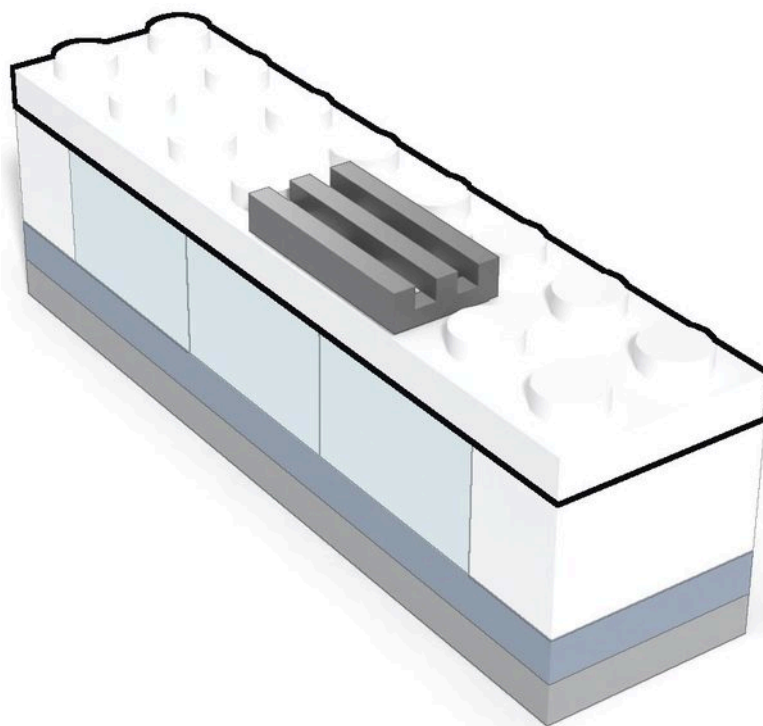
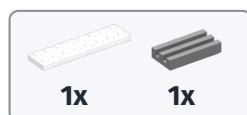


Trolleybus

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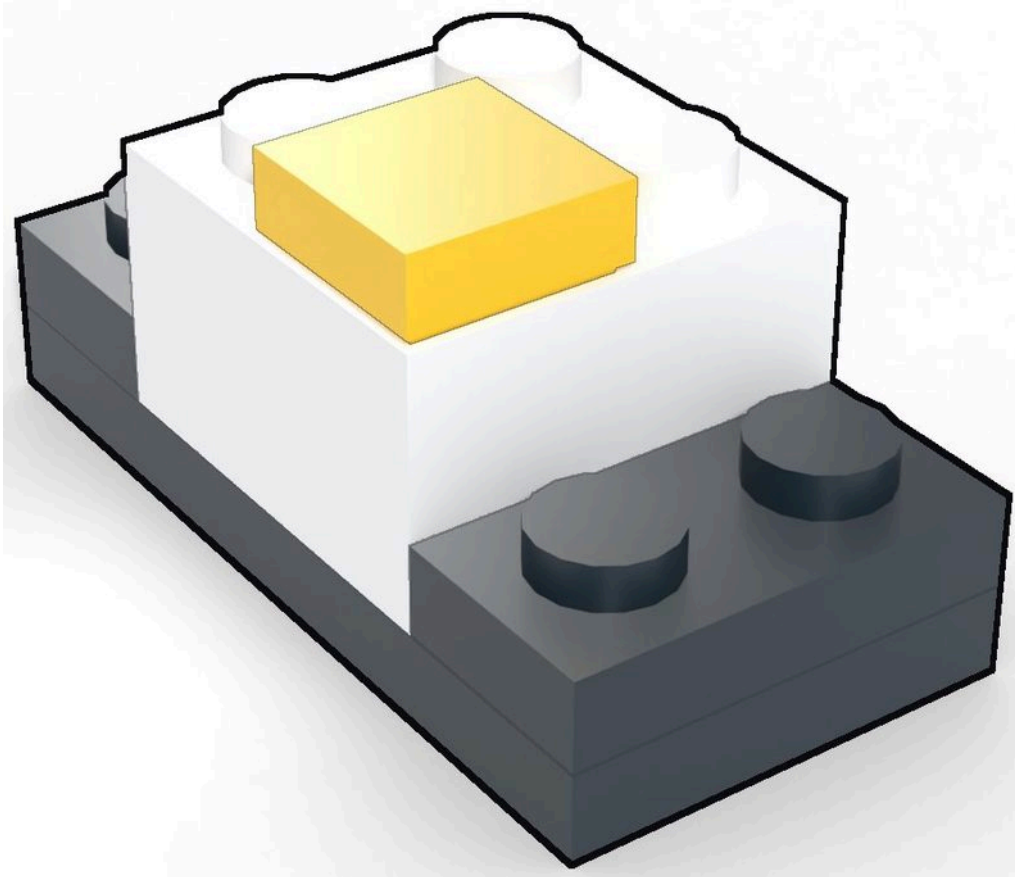
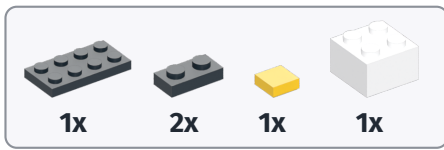
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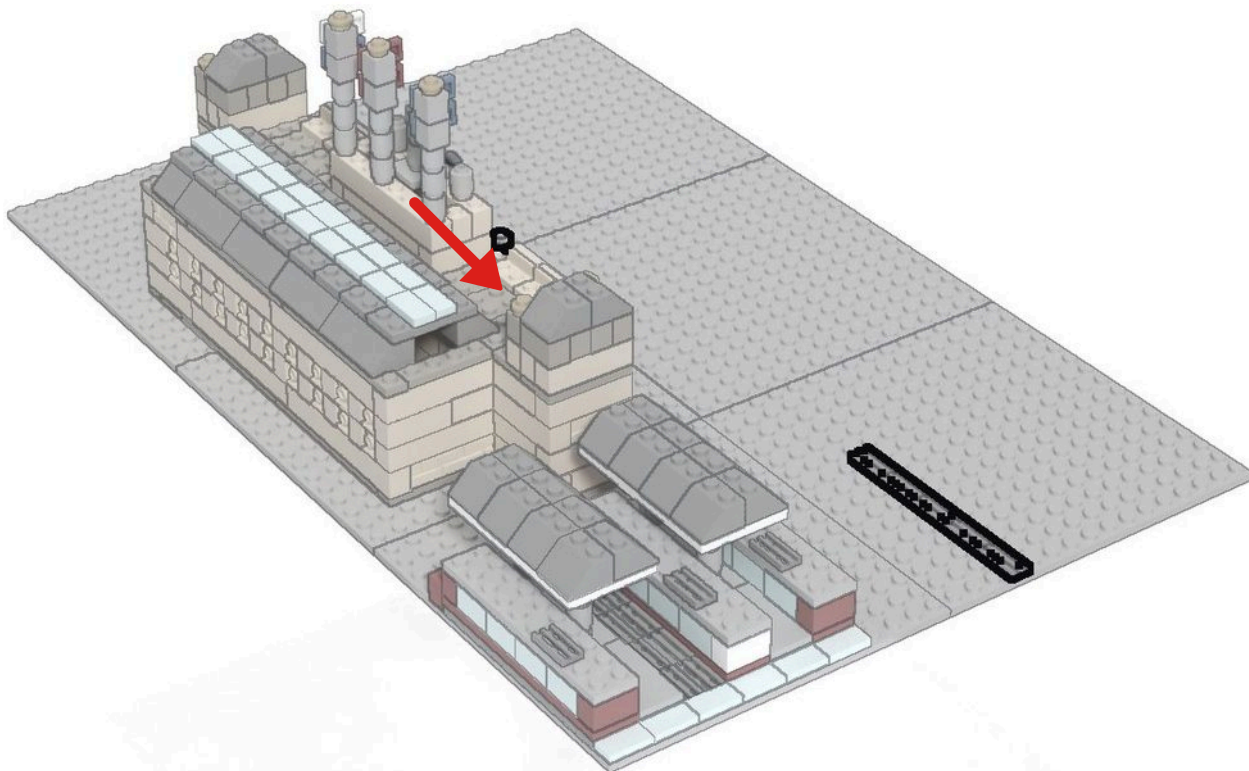
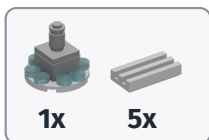
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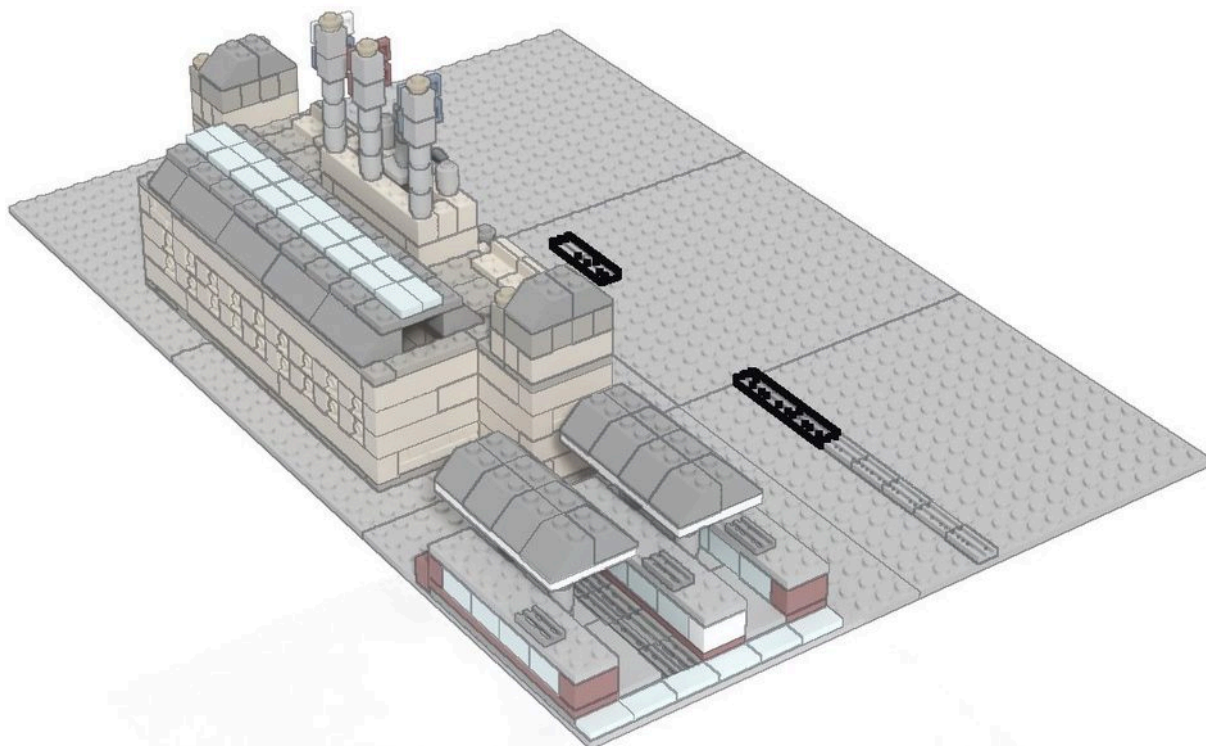
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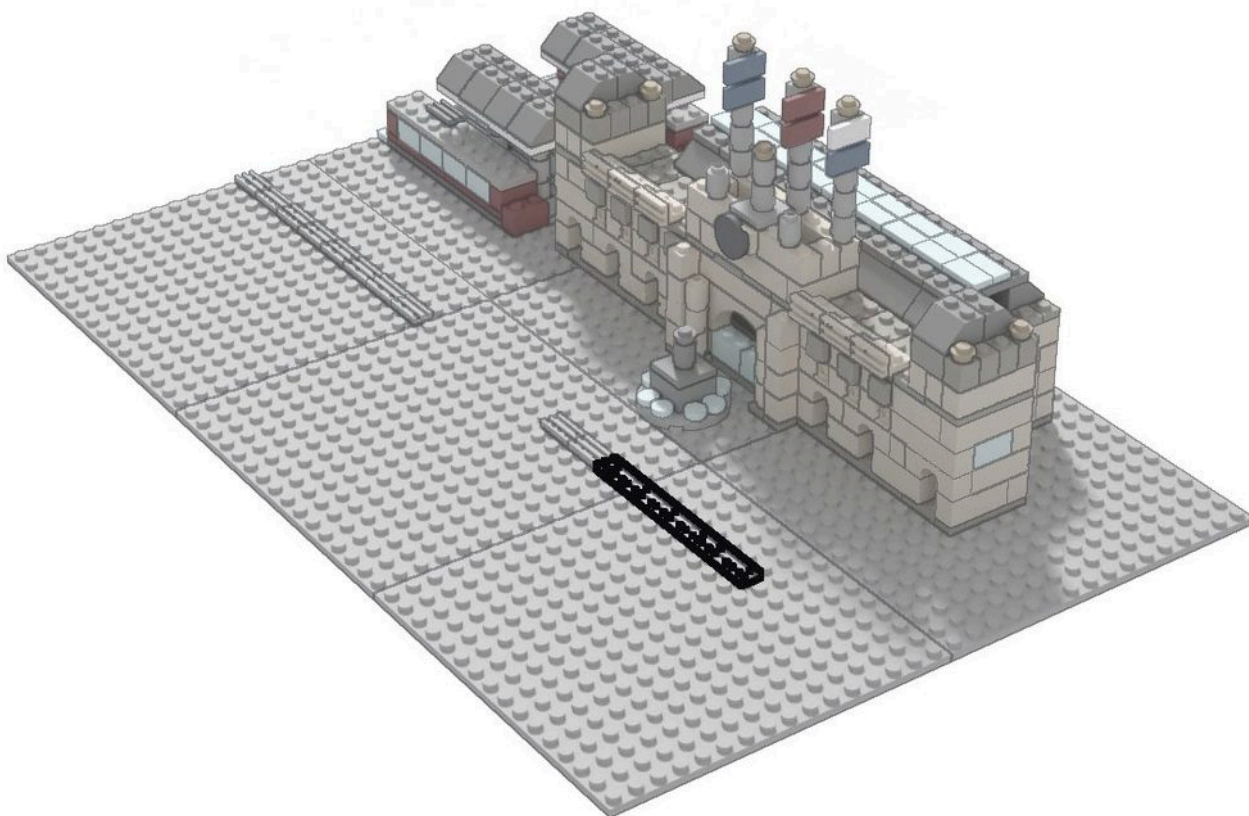
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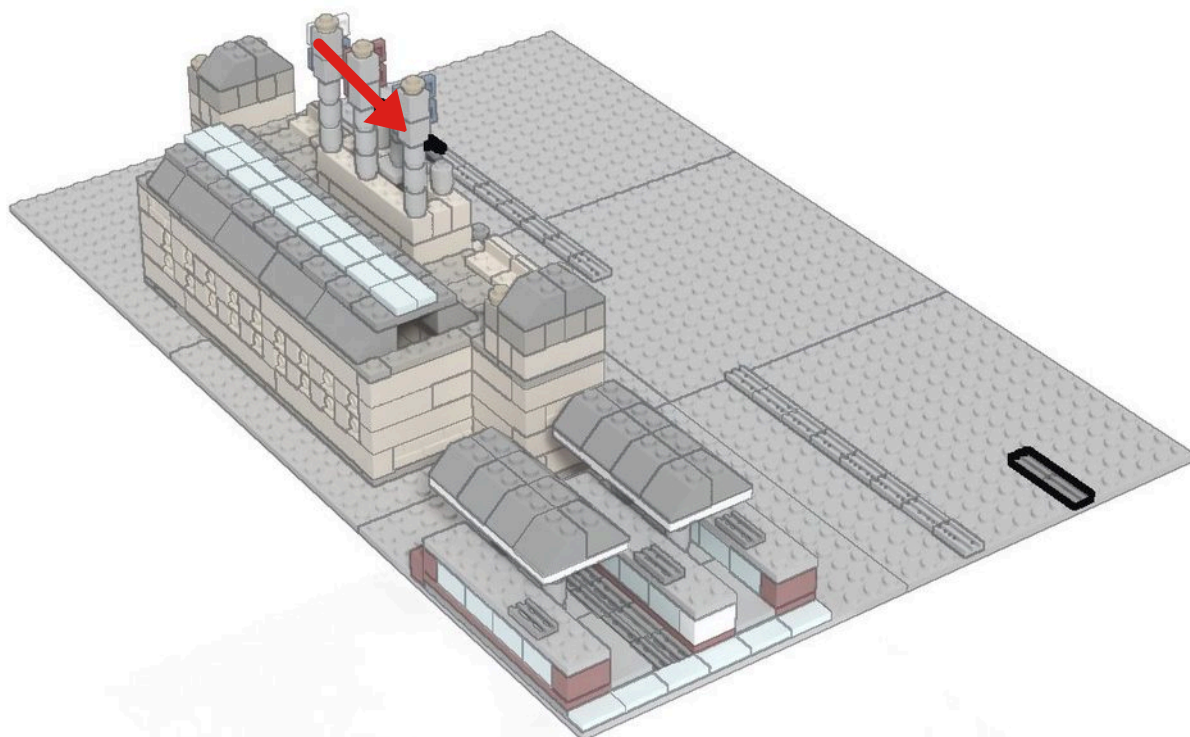
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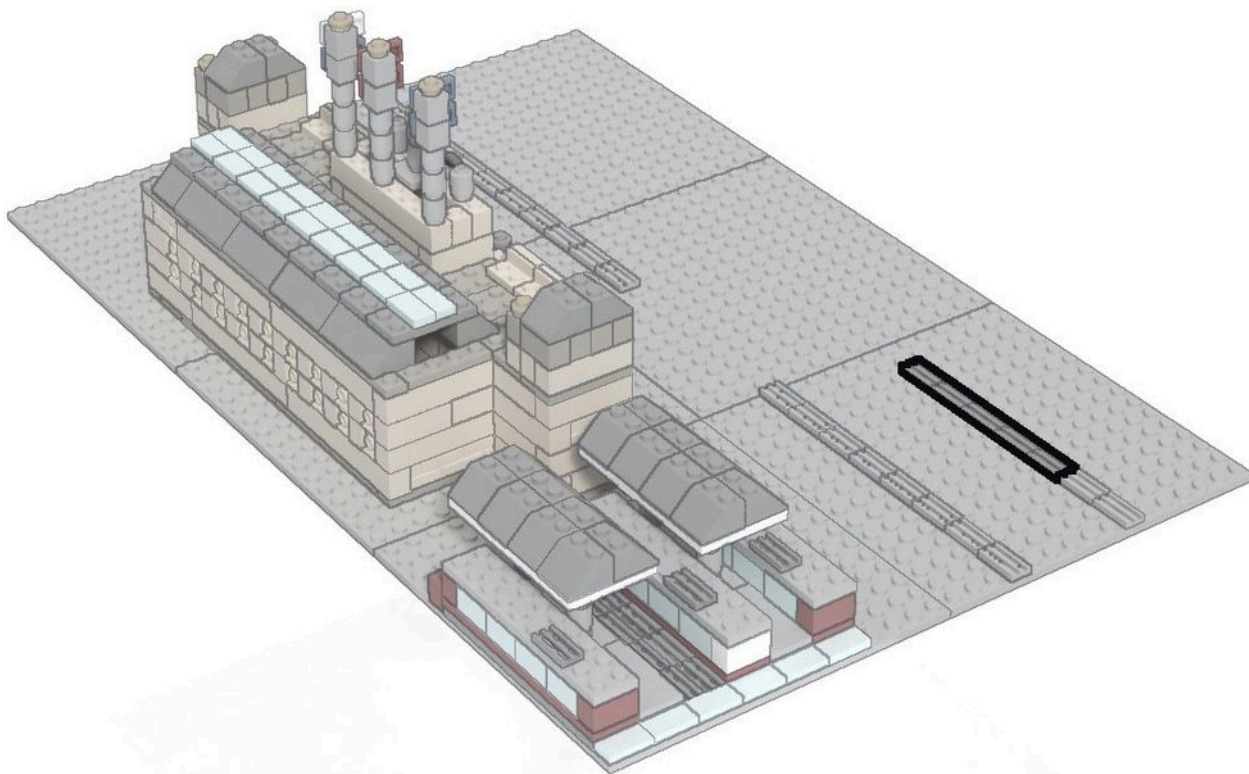
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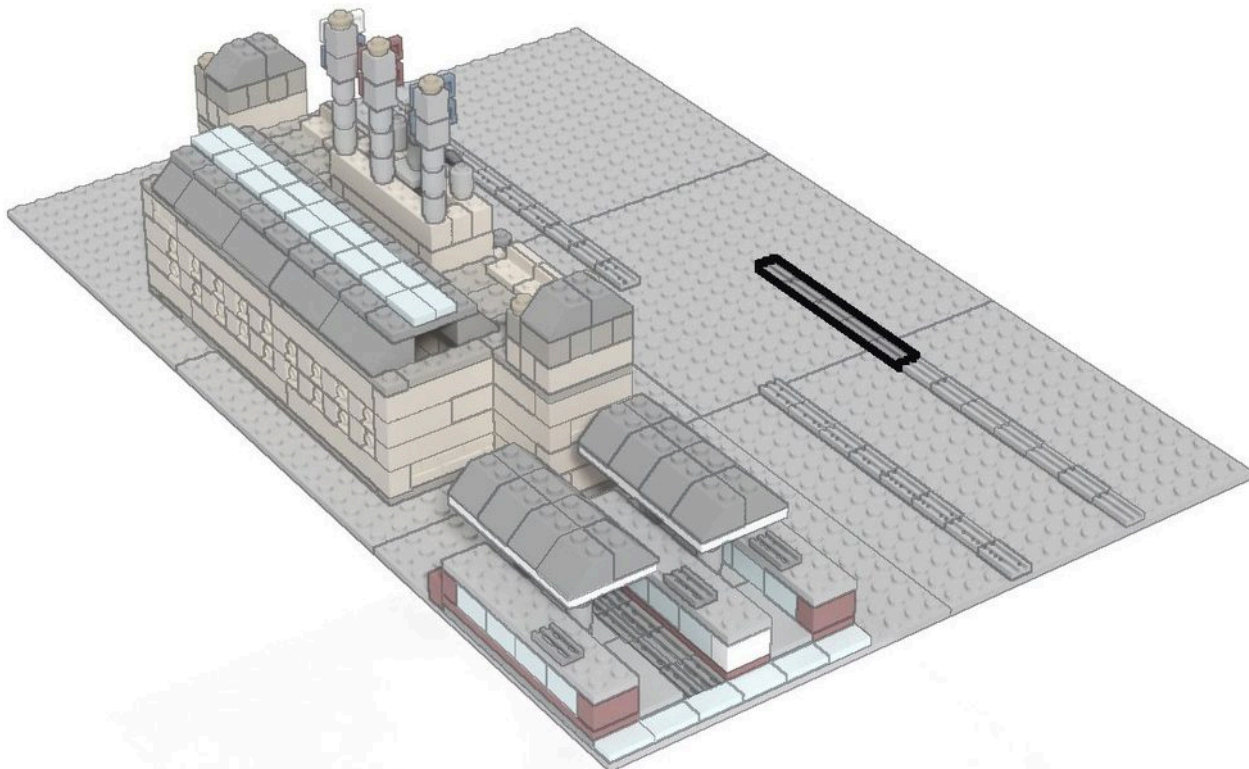
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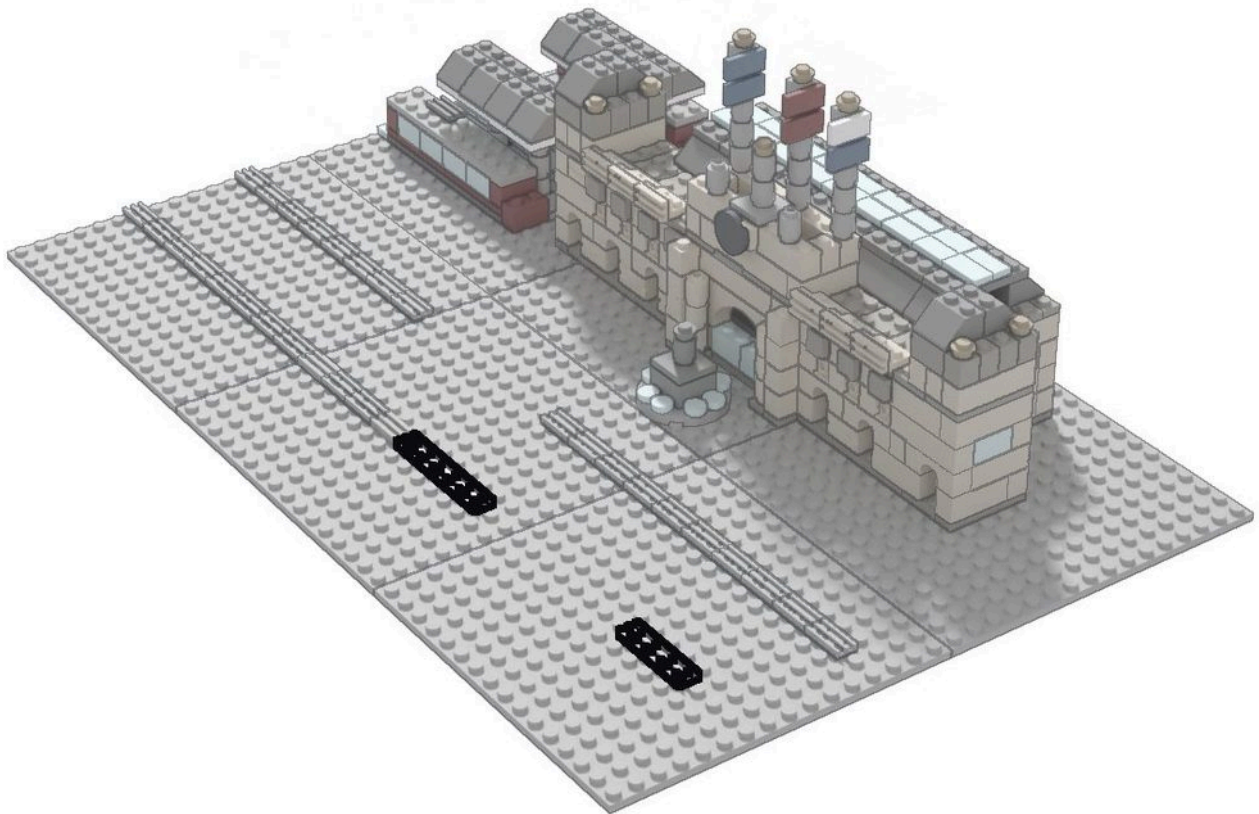
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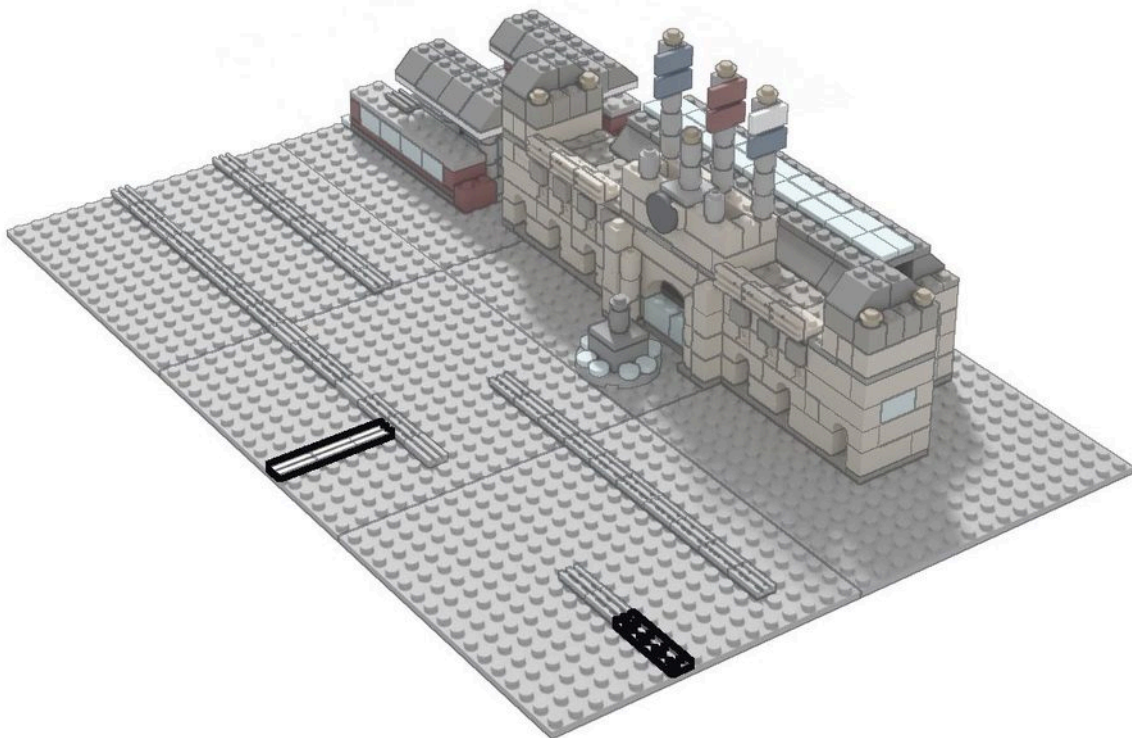
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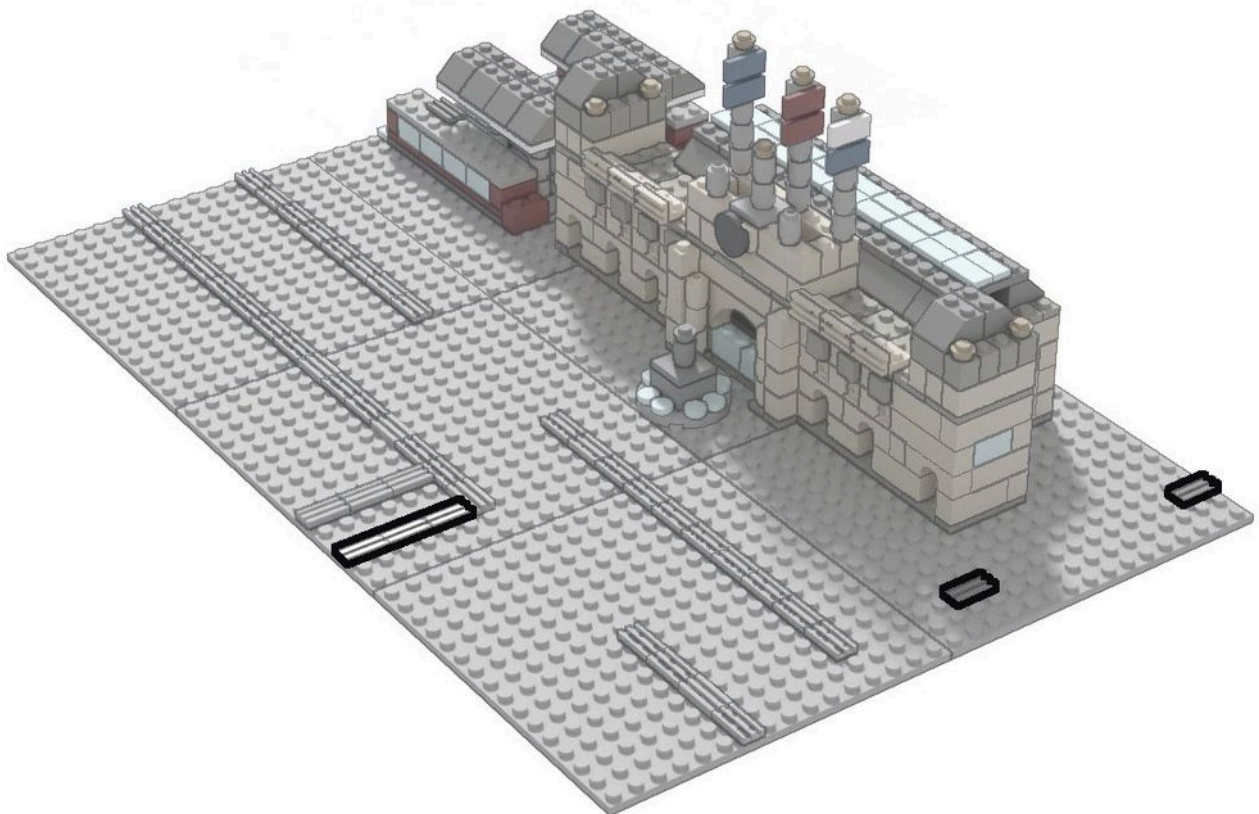
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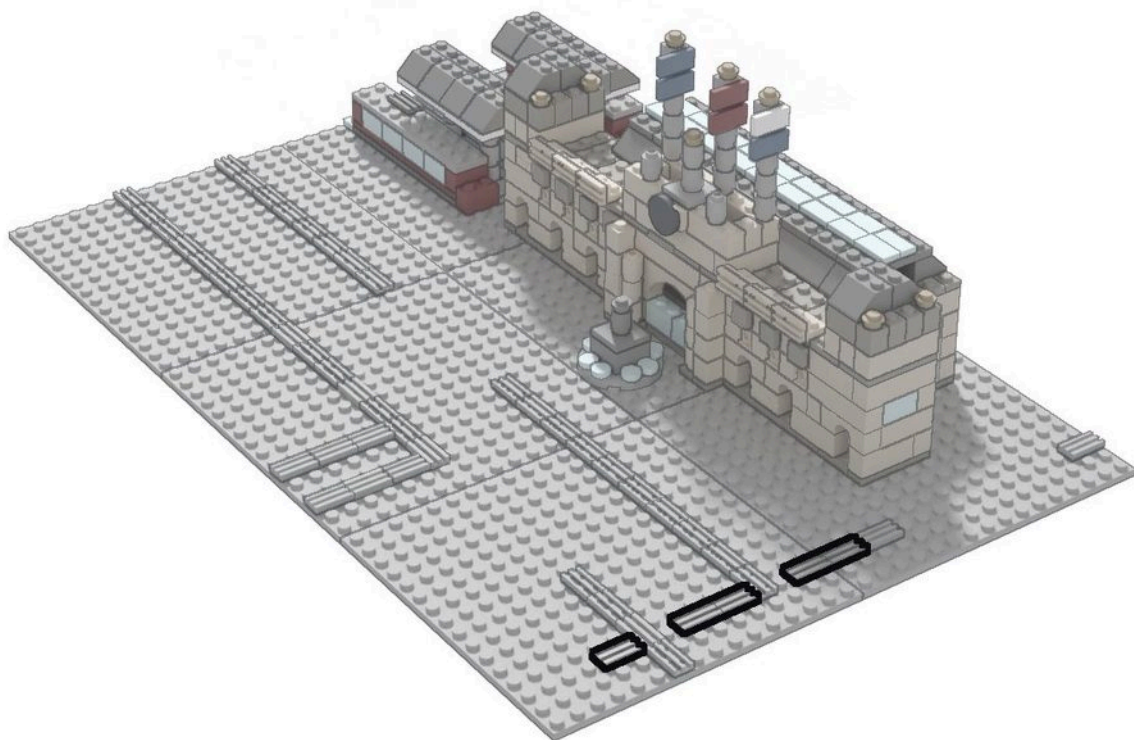
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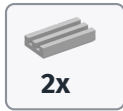
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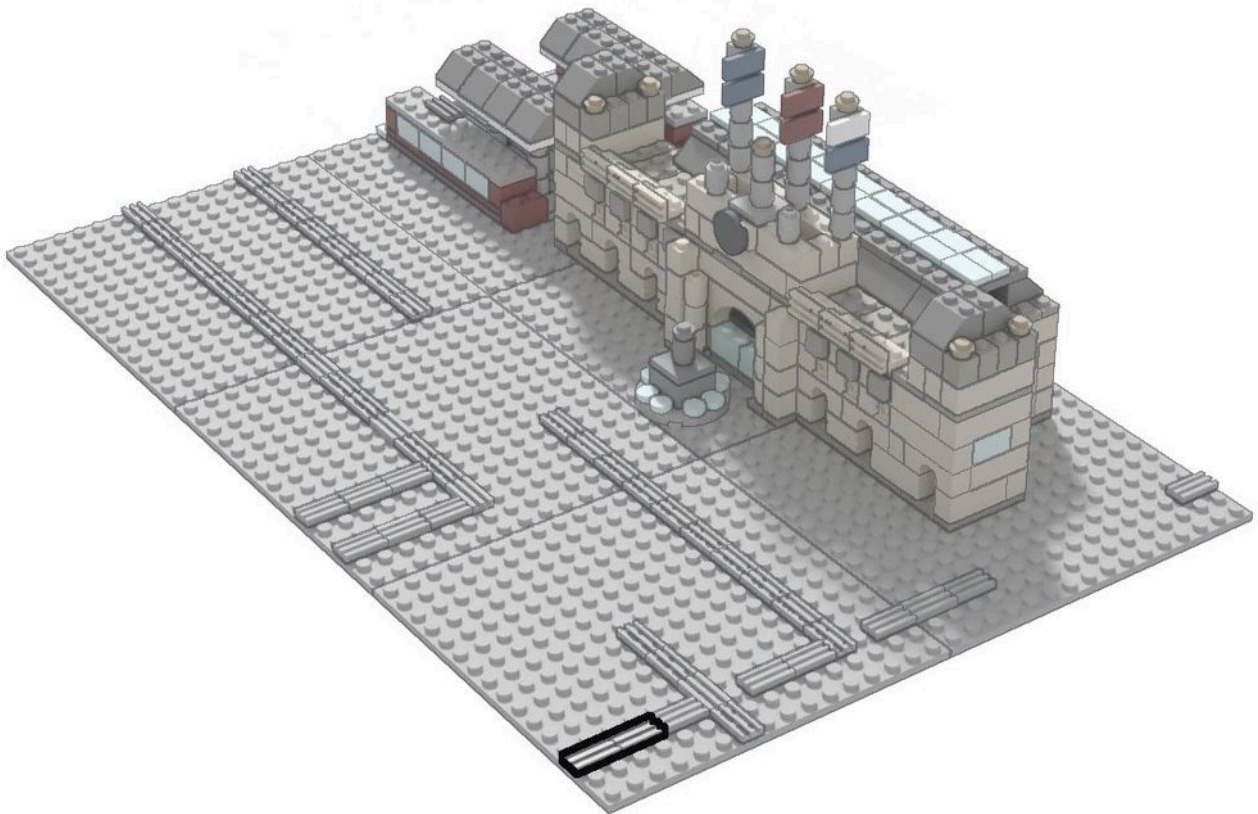
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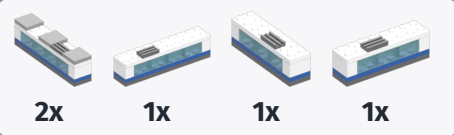
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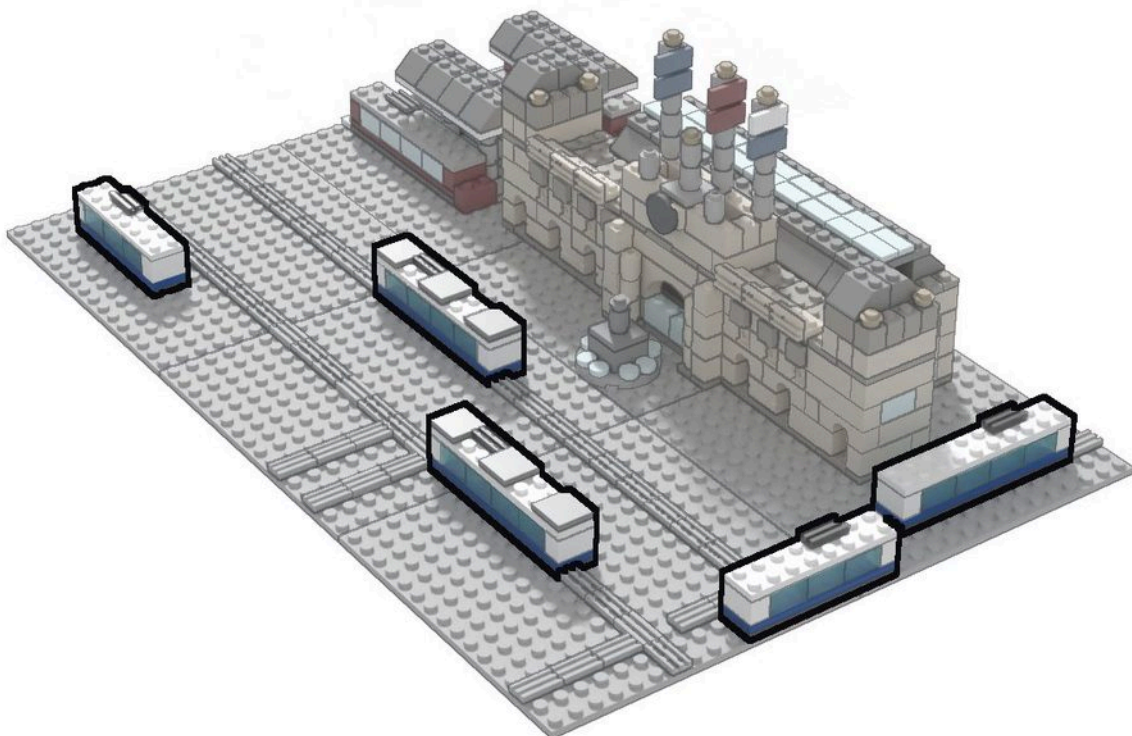
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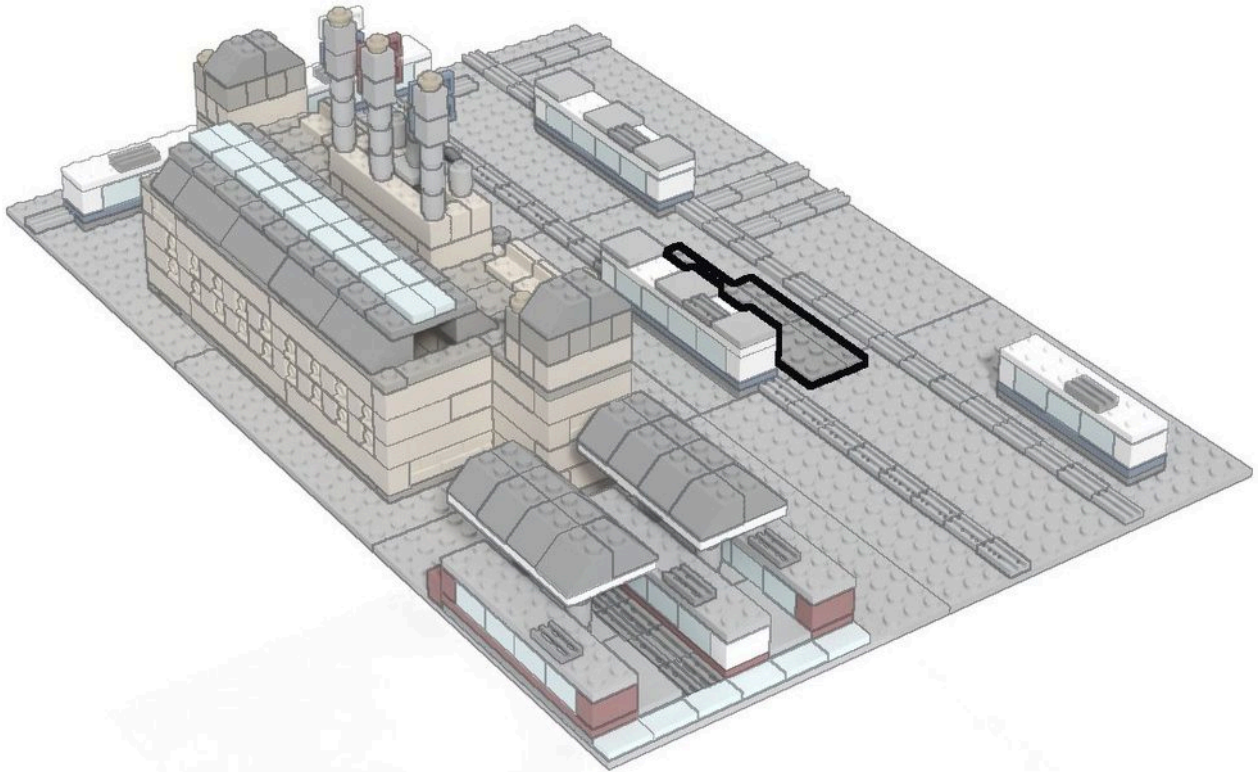
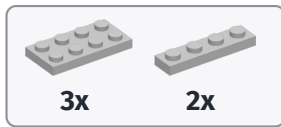
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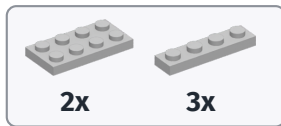
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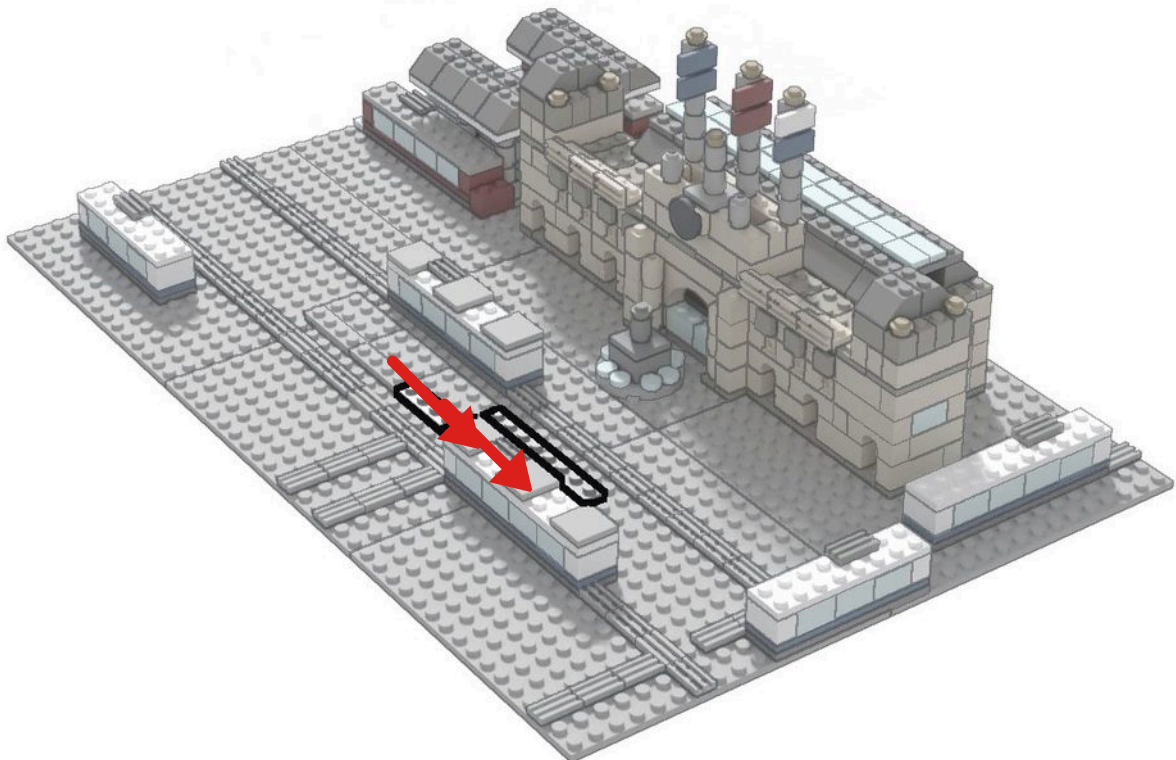
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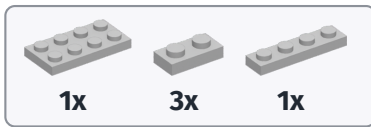
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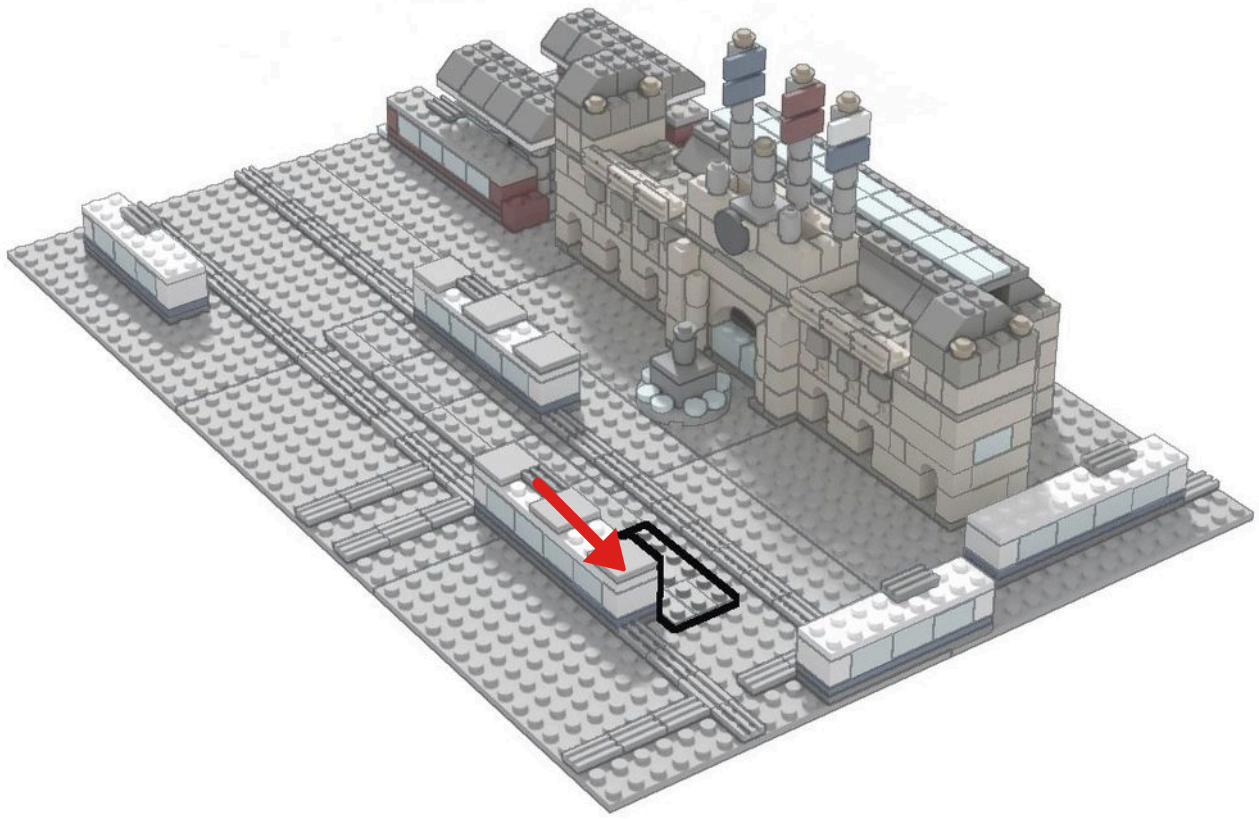
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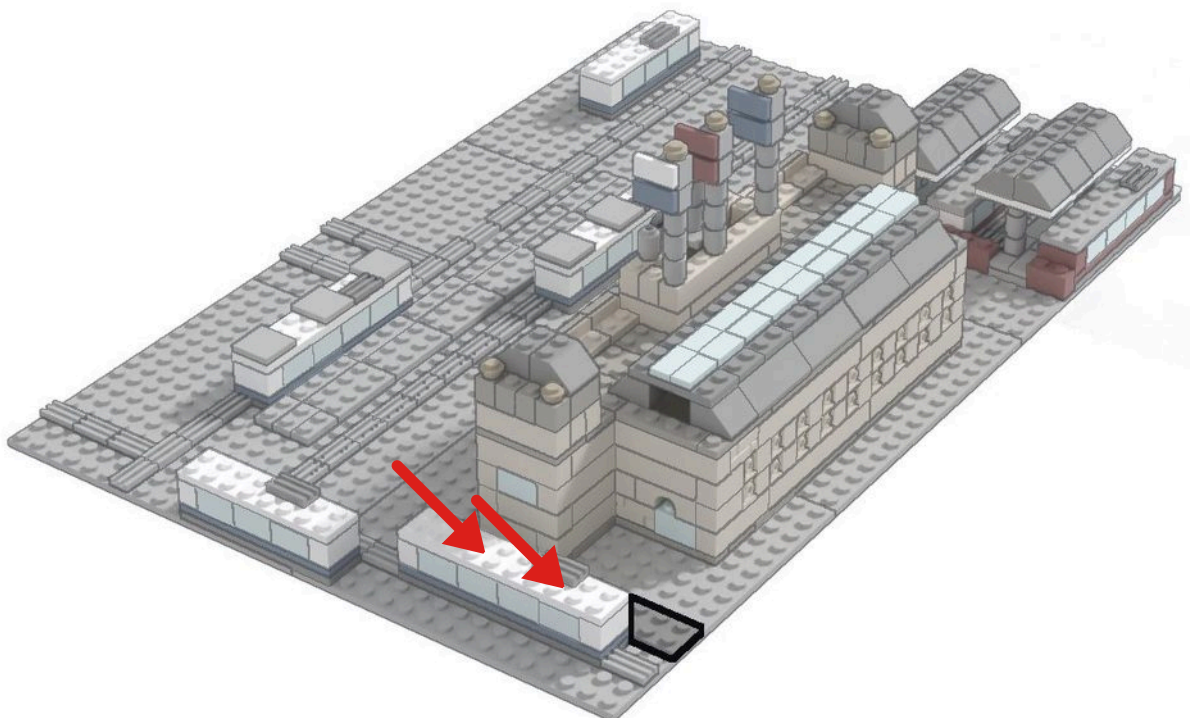
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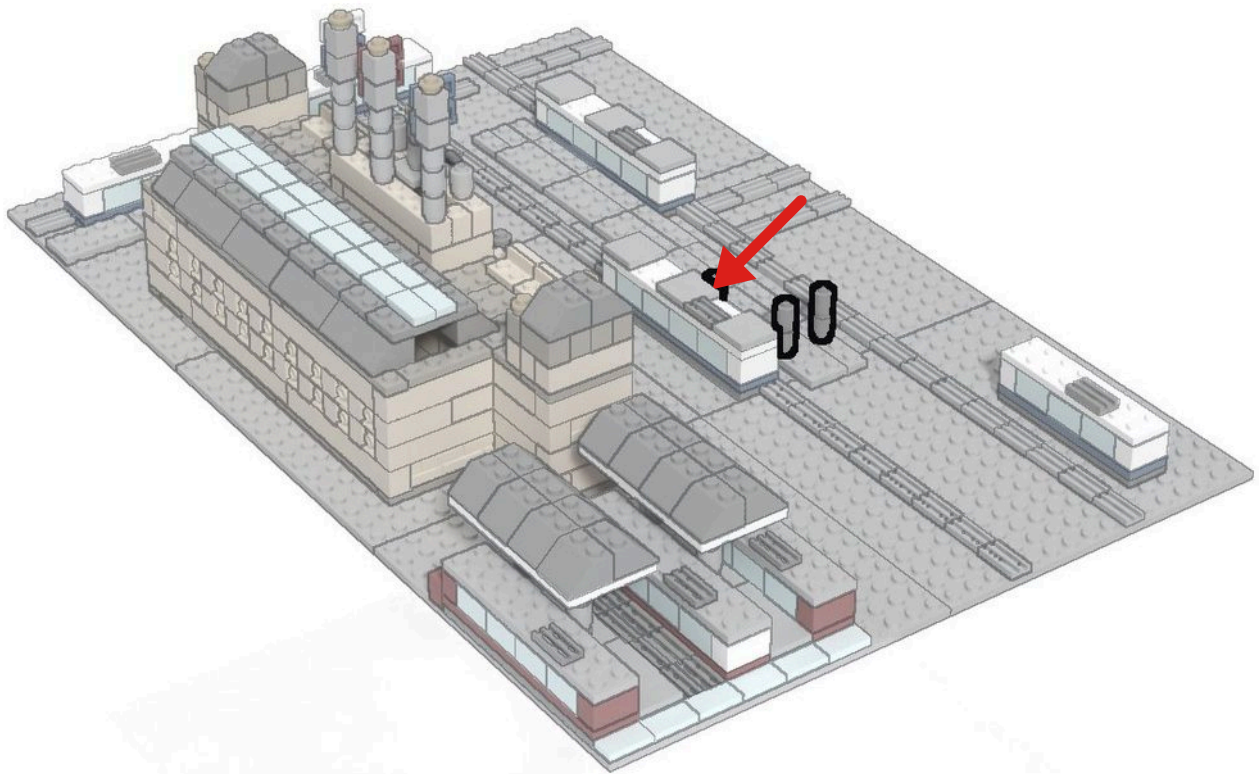
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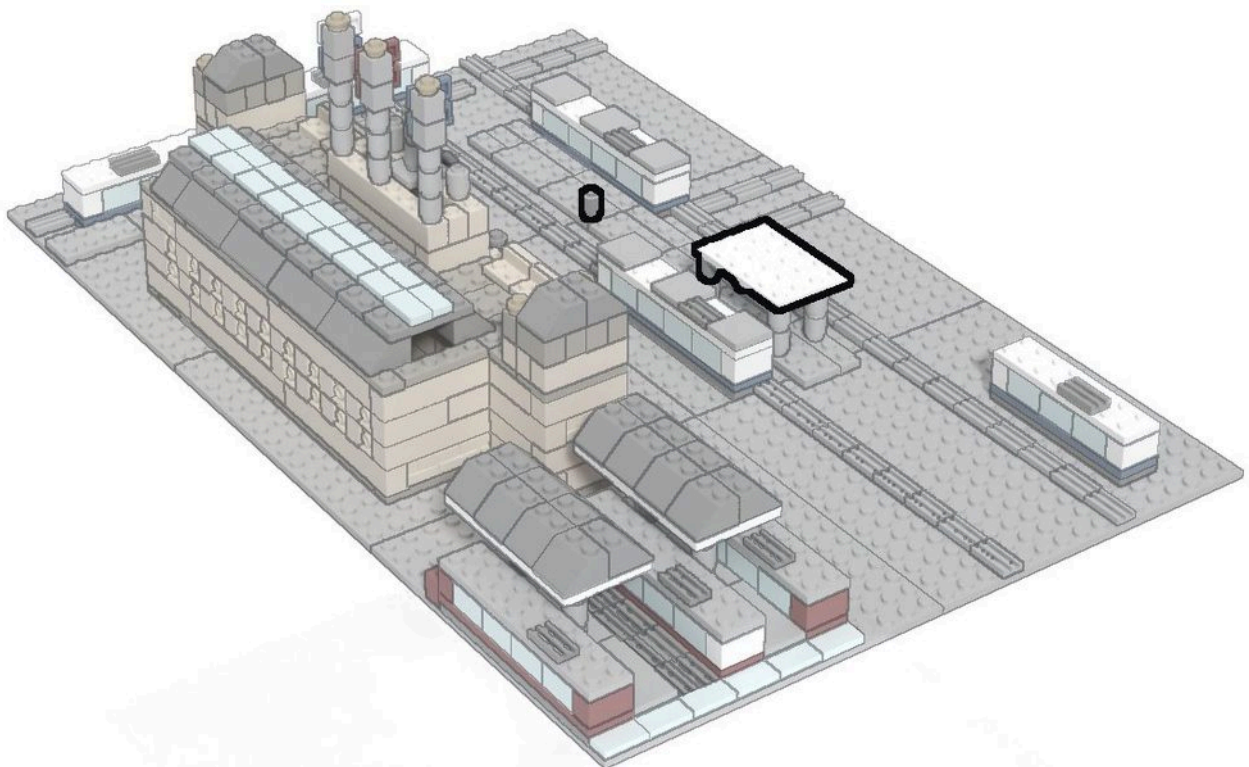
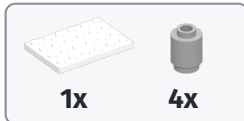
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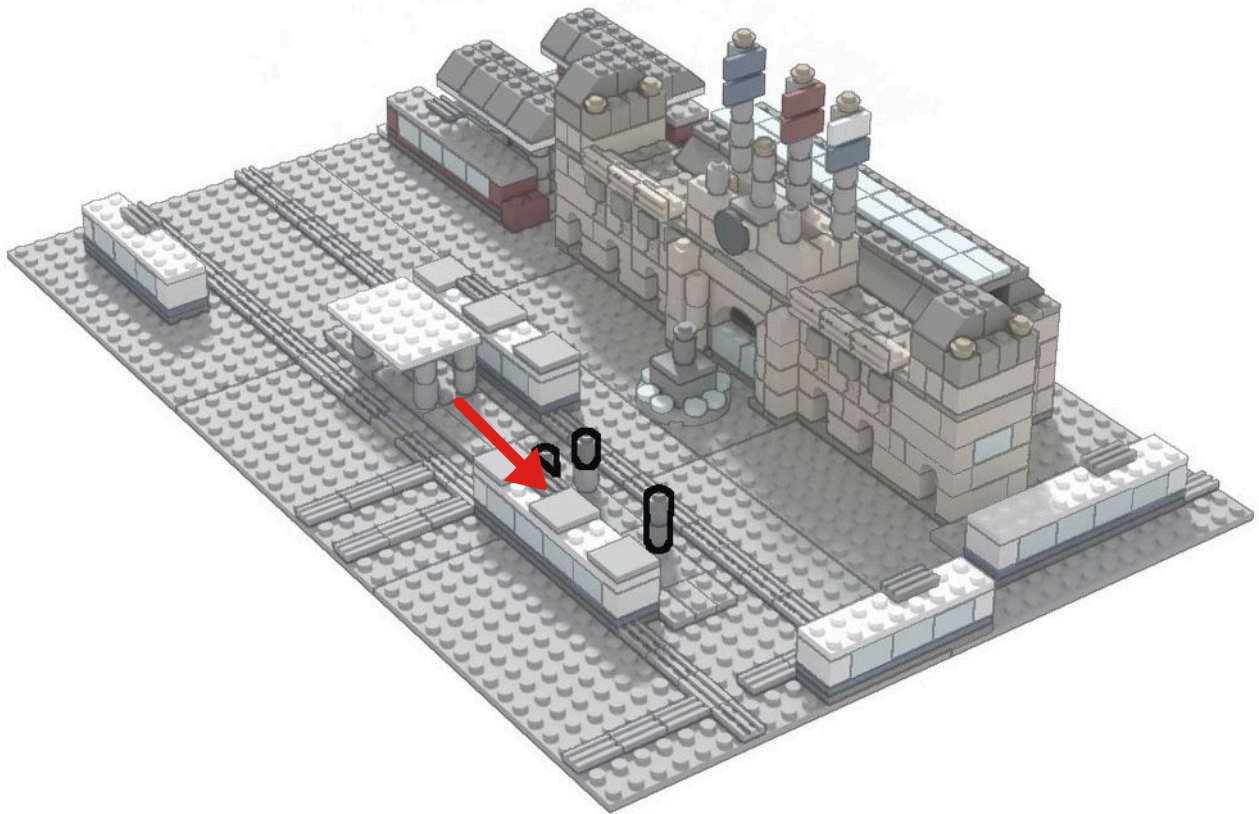
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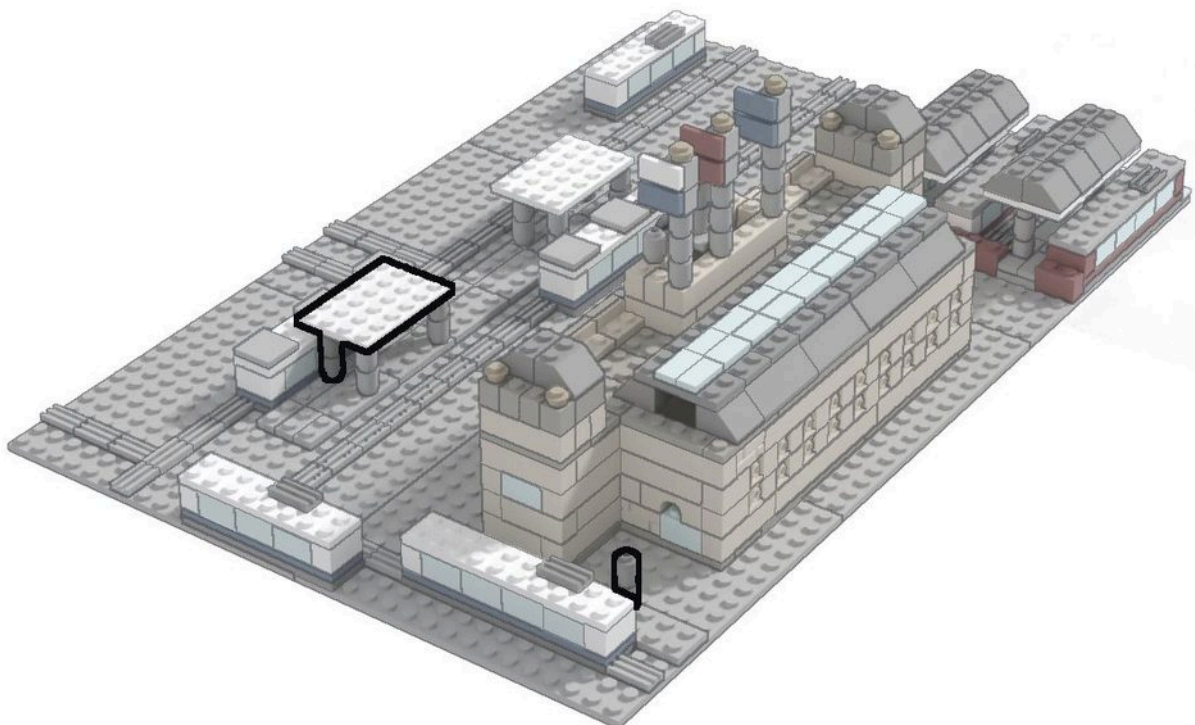
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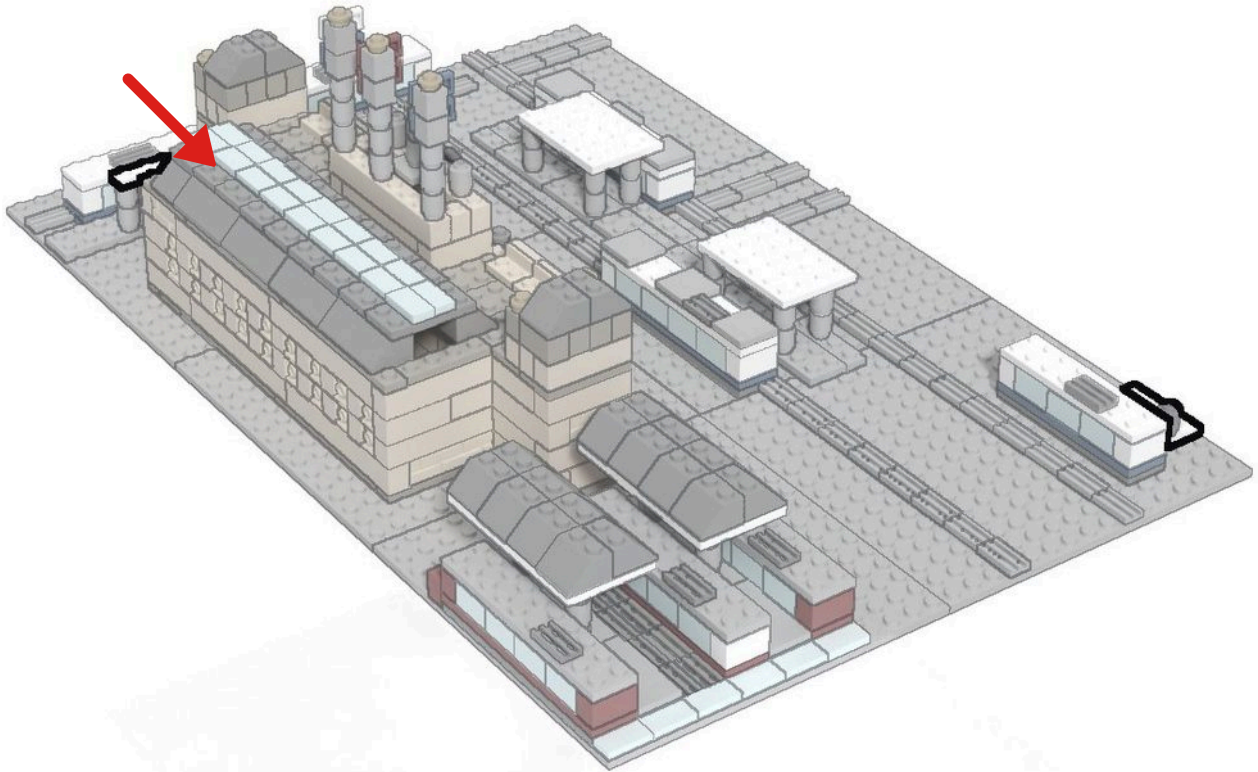
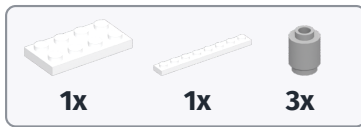
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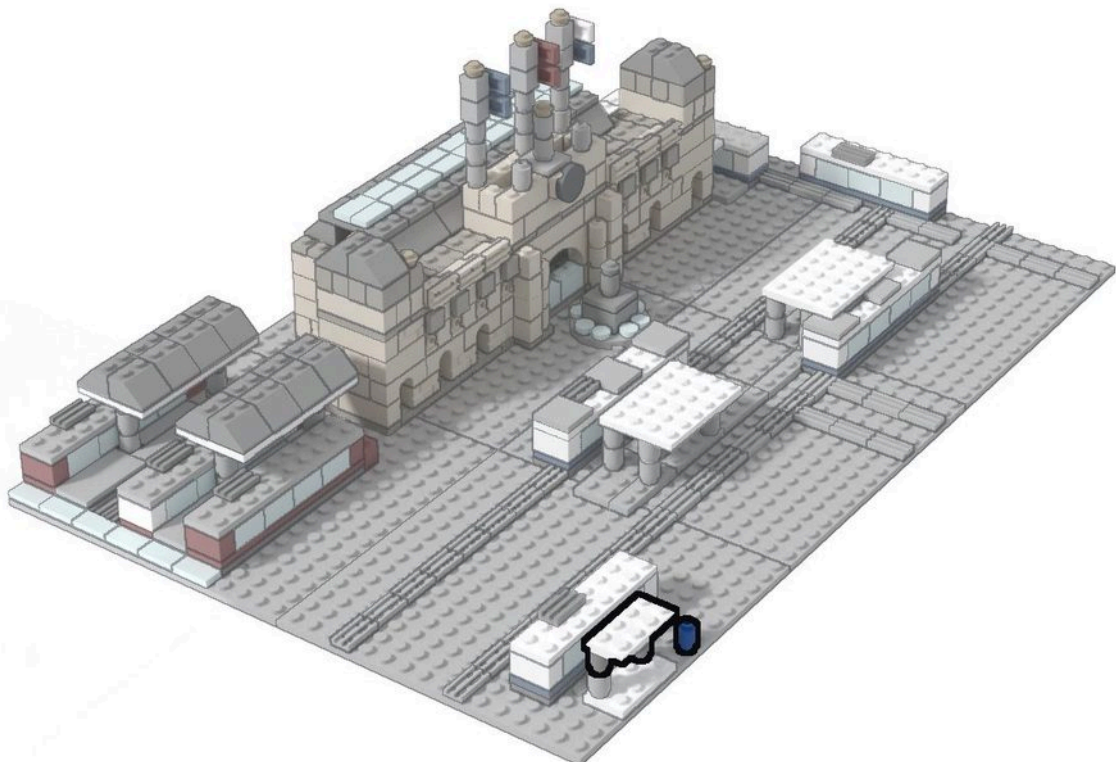
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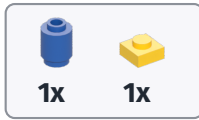
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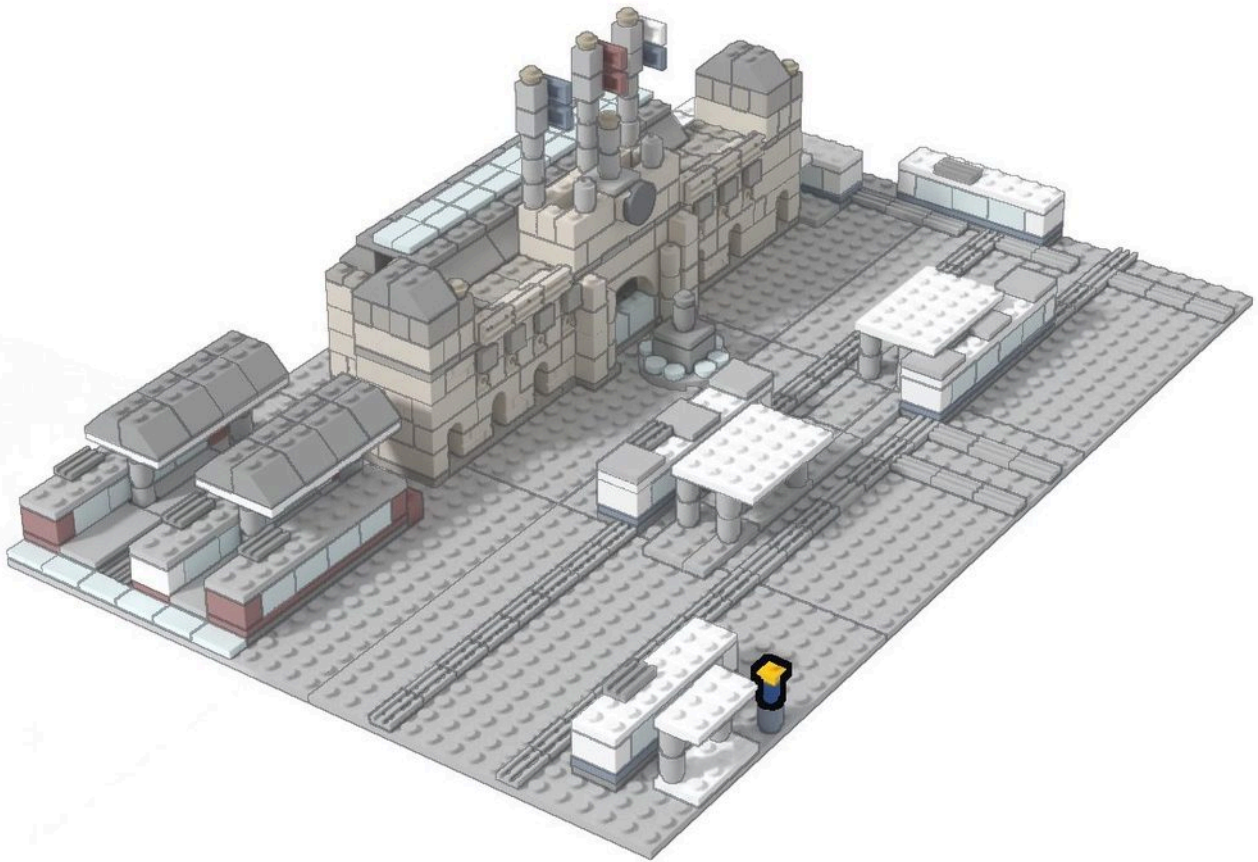
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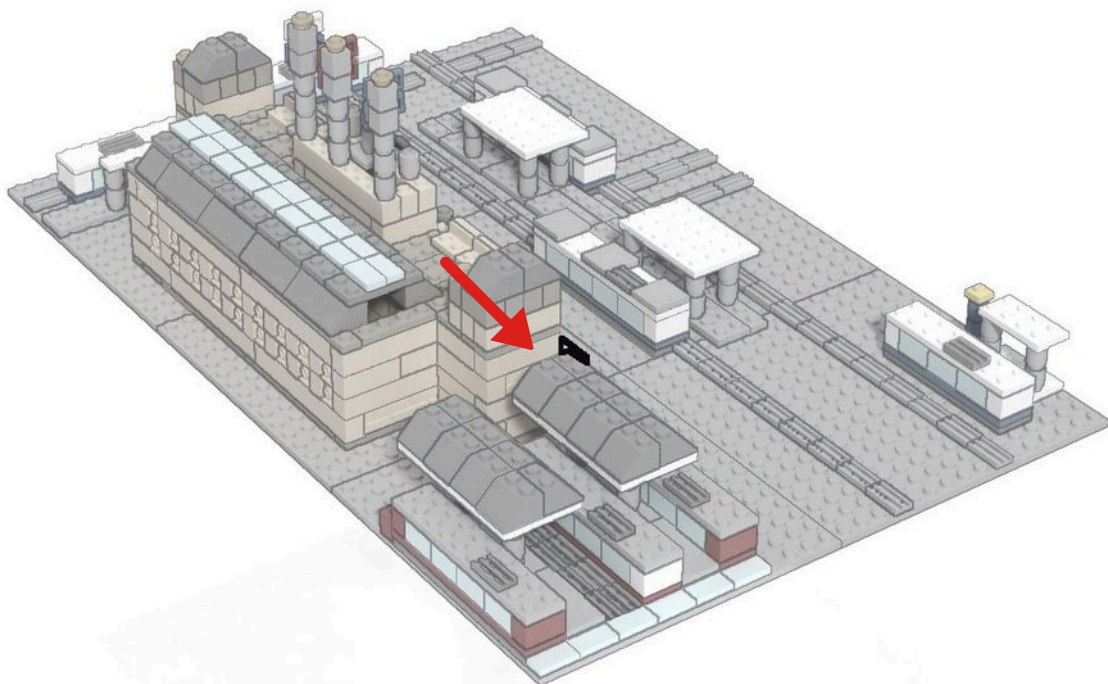
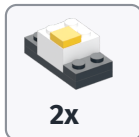
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turn the model around



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Chapter 4

Trees, lamps and paving

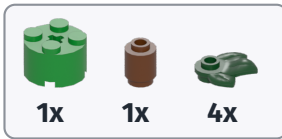
Steps 104–149



Tree ×6

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1



2



Tree (×6)

3



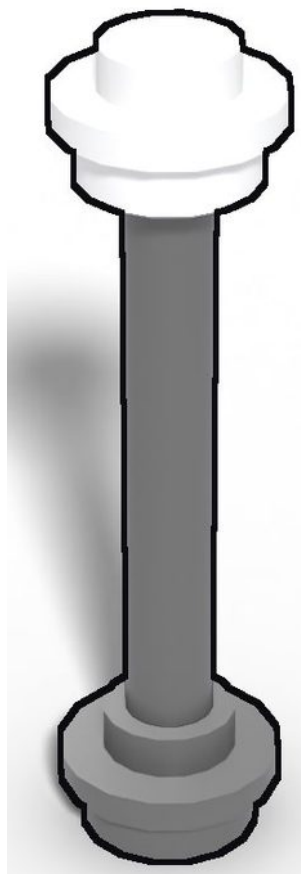
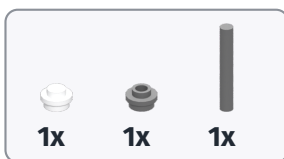
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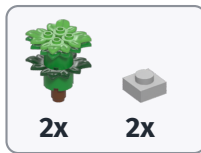
Lamp ×11

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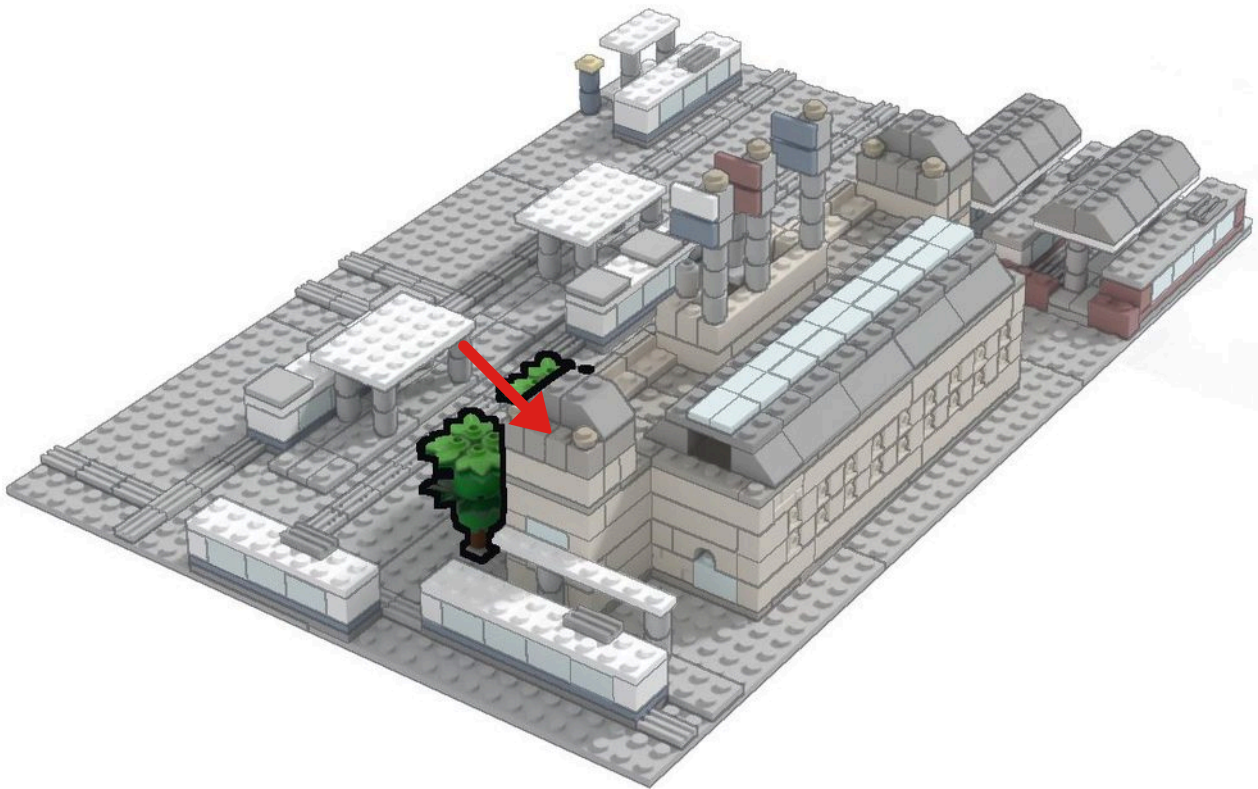
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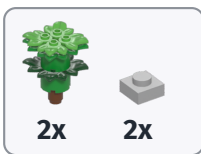
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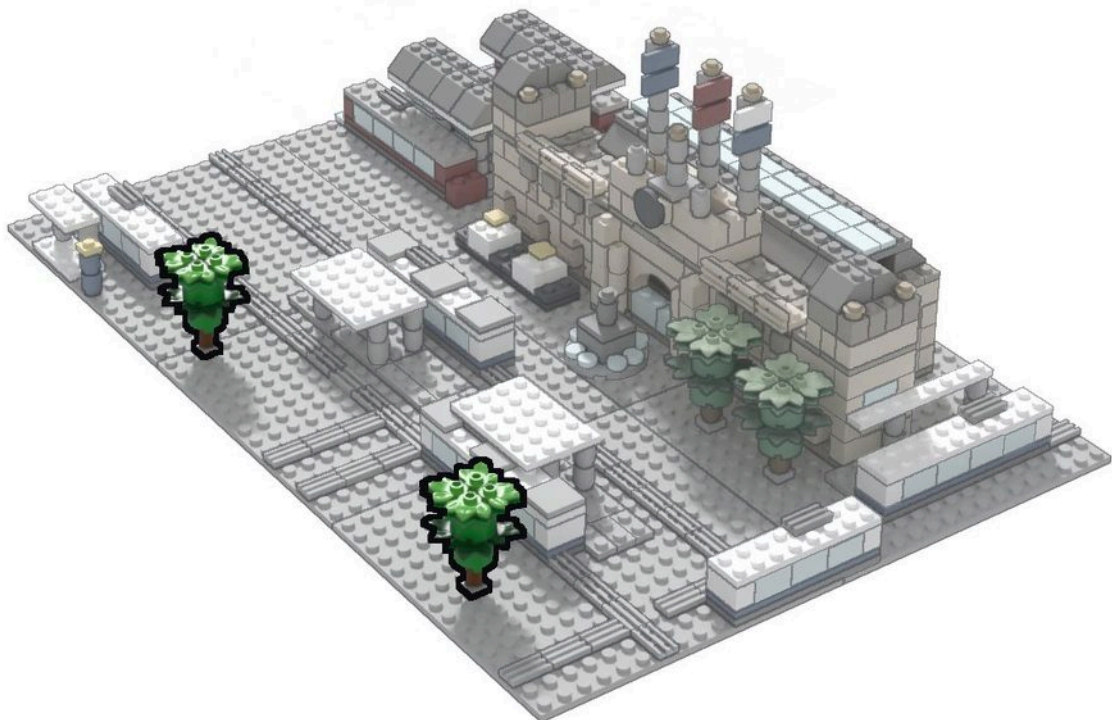
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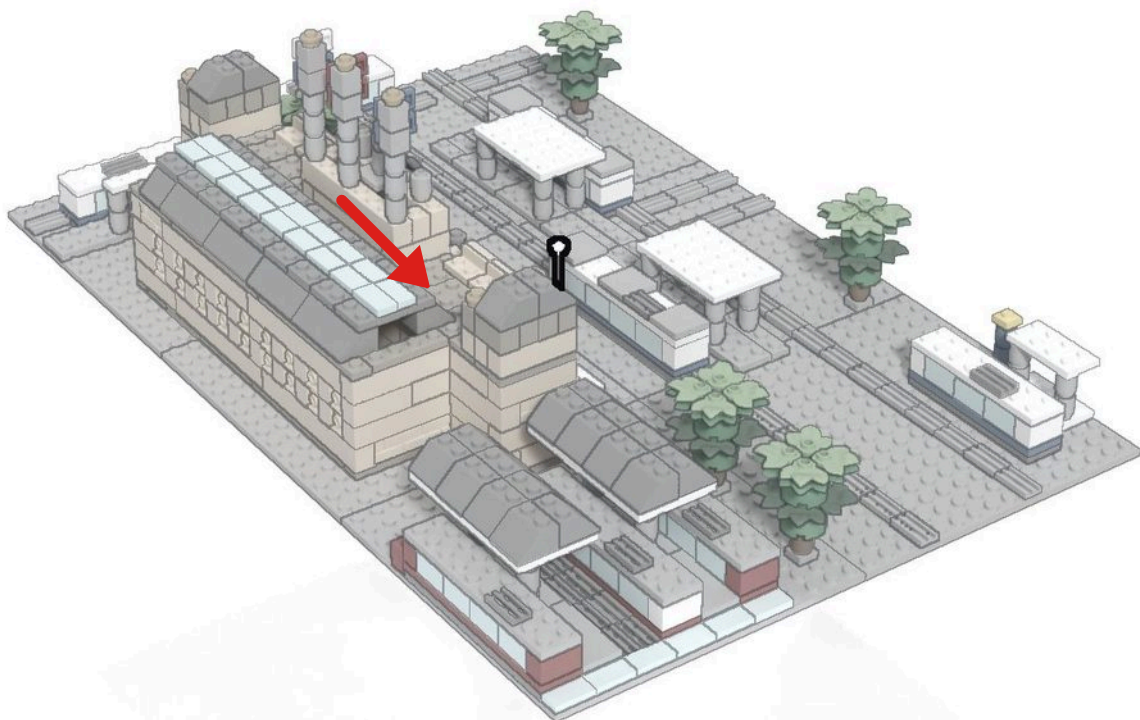
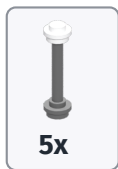
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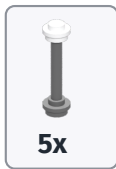
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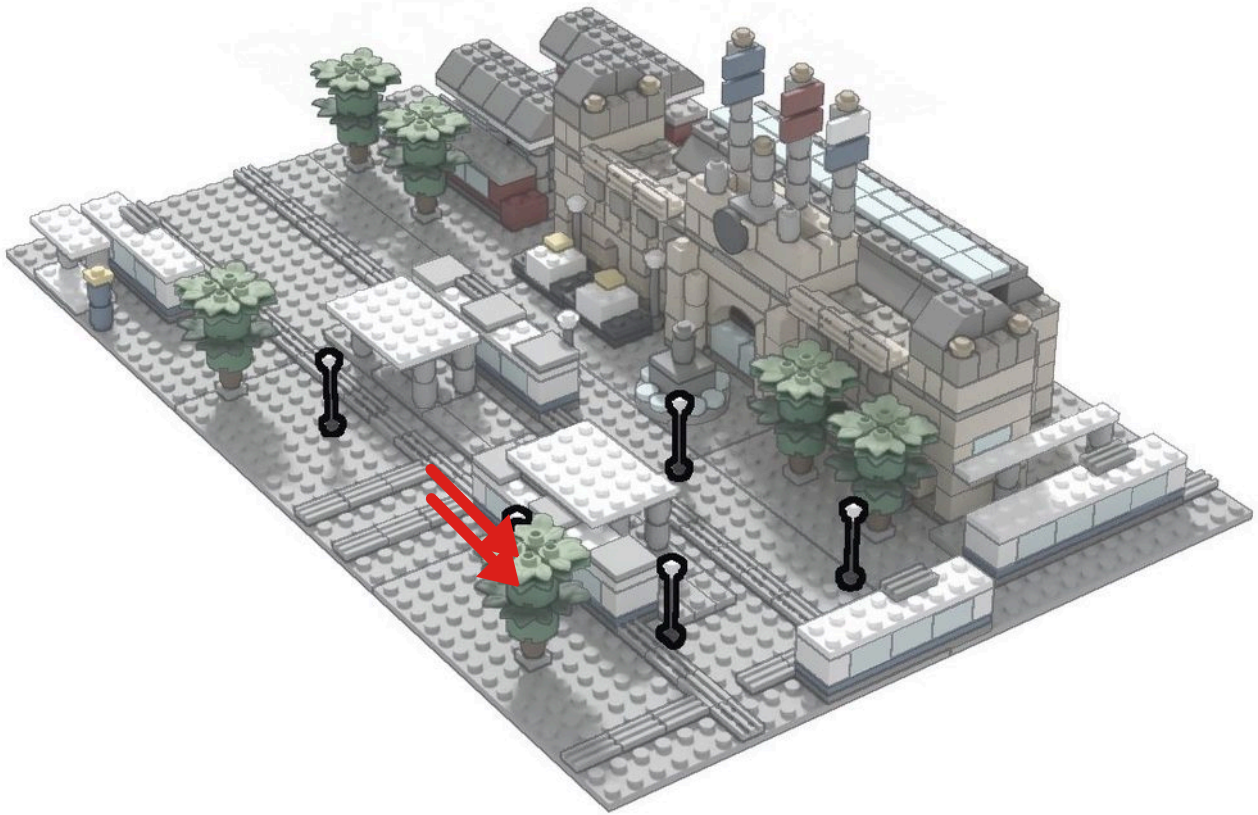
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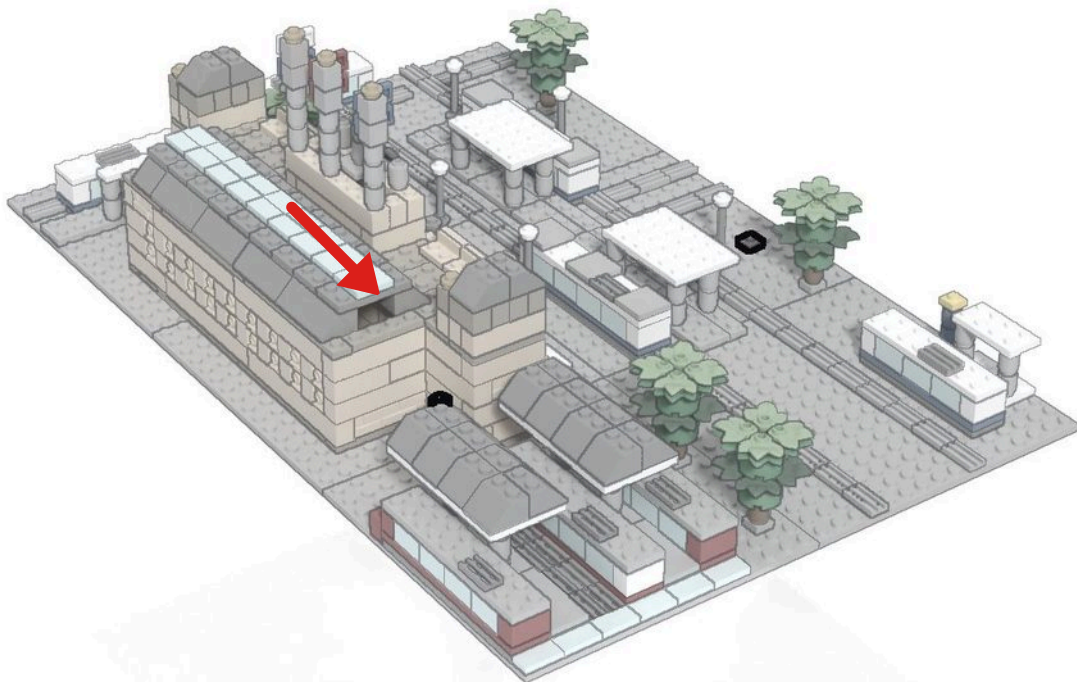
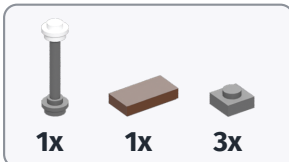
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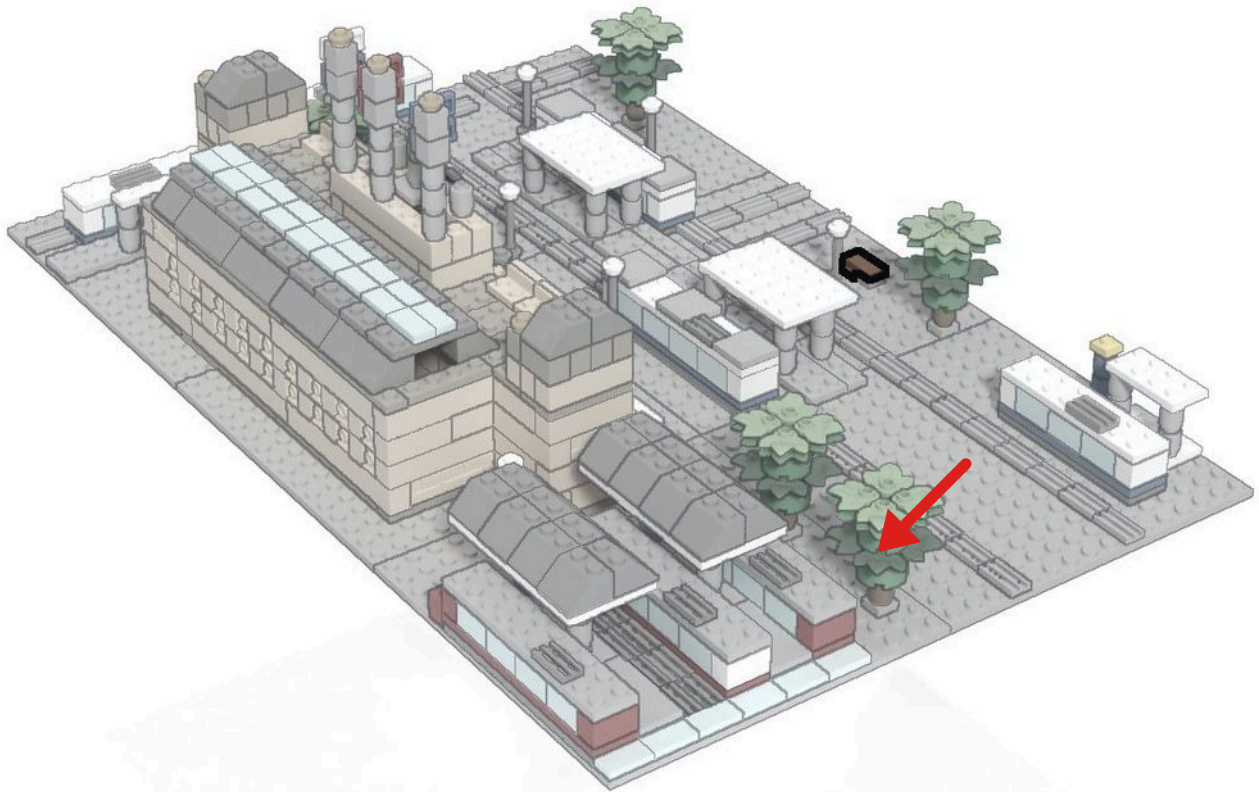
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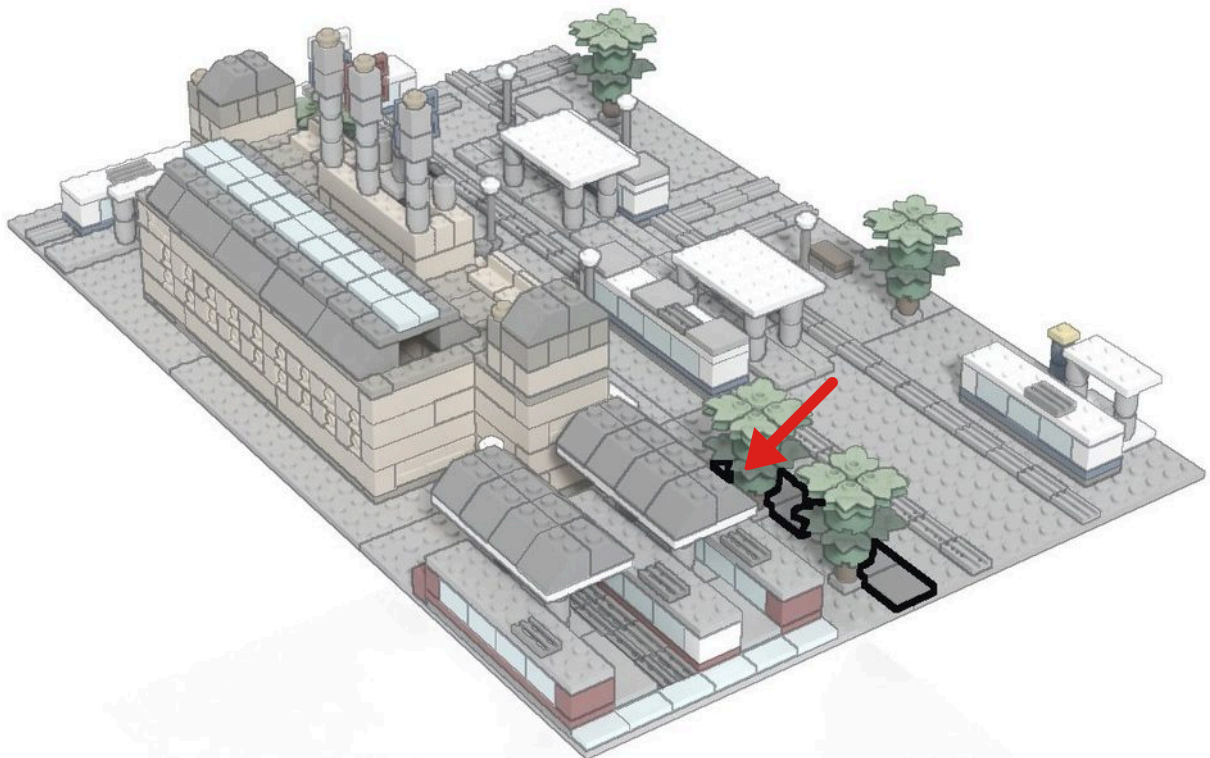
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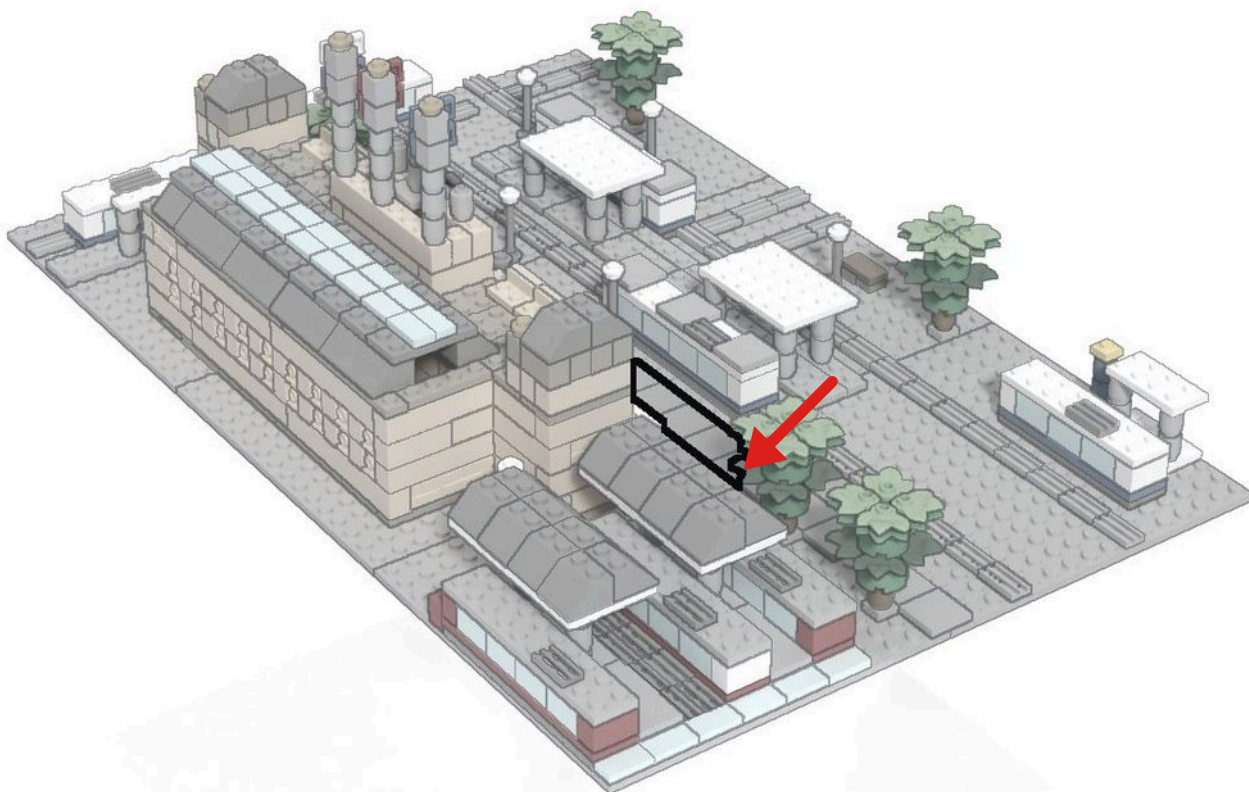
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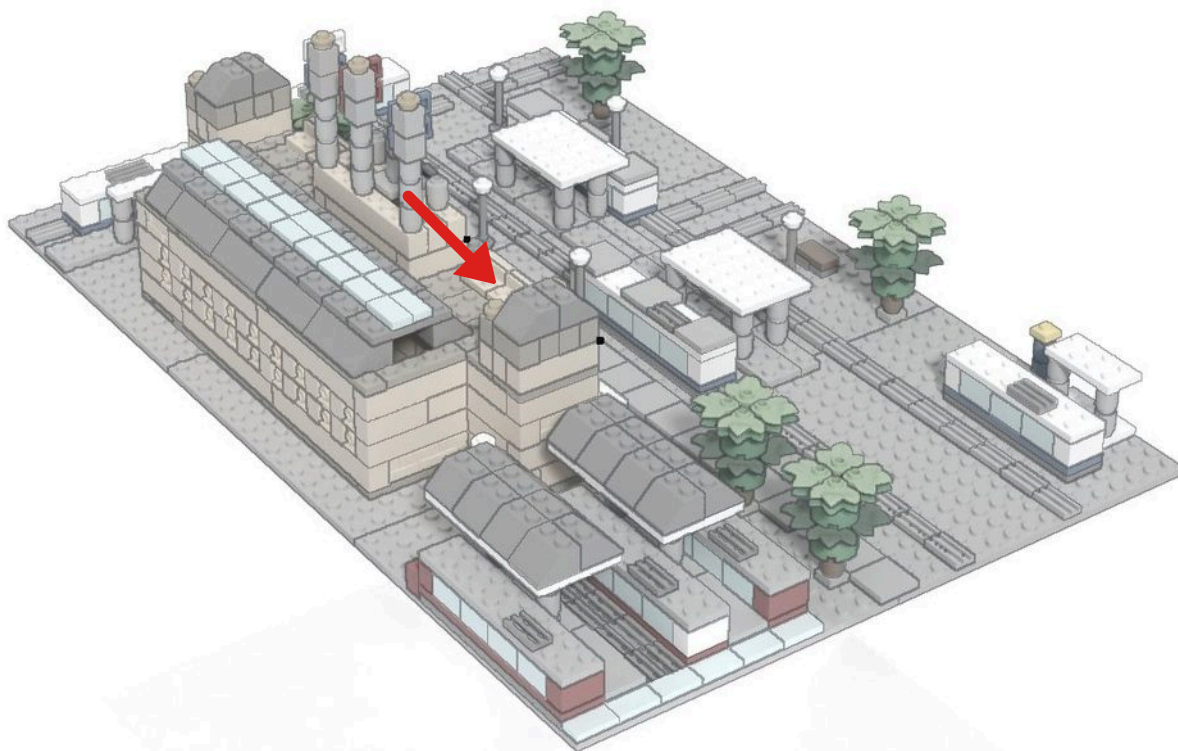
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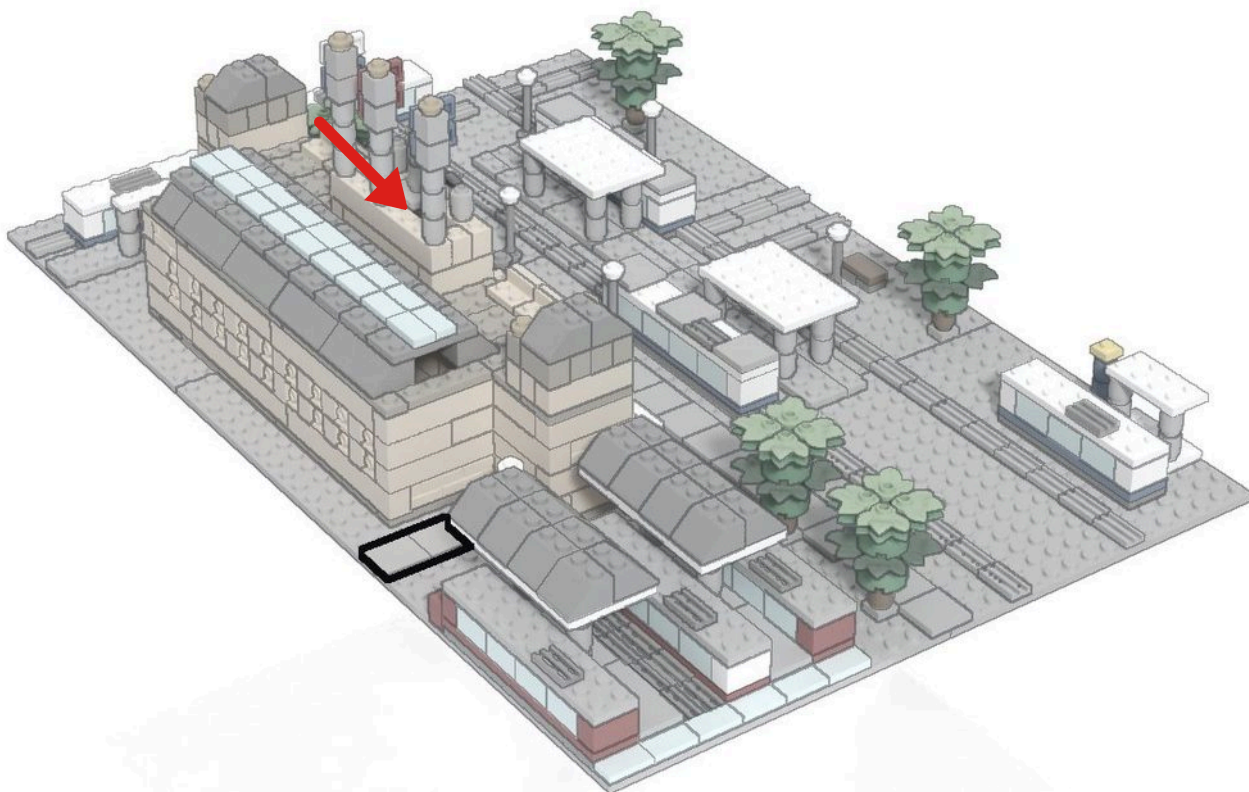
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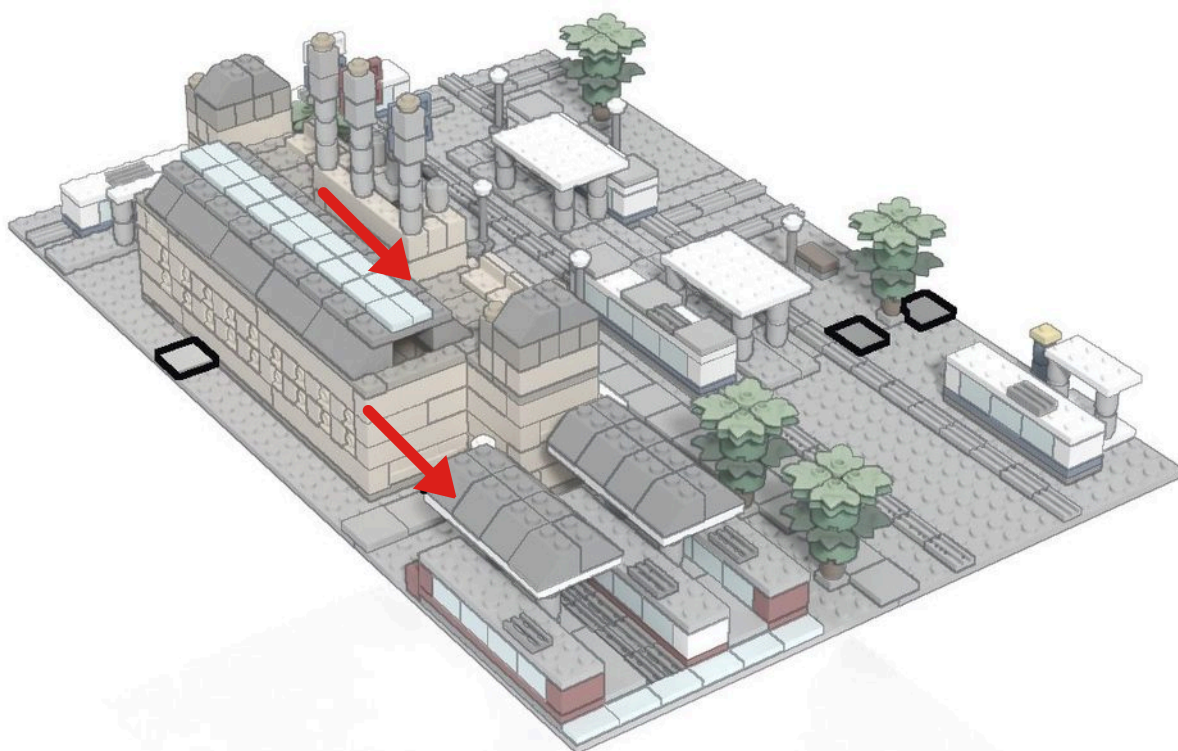
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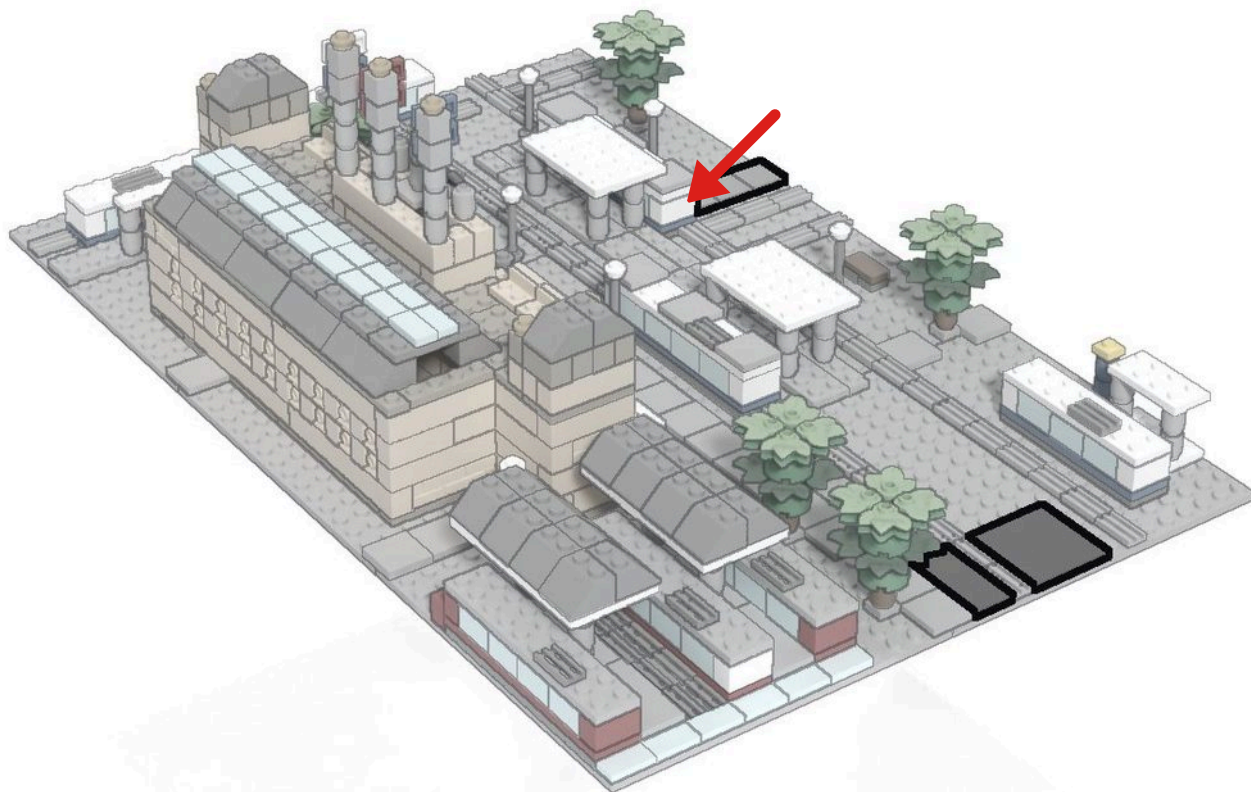
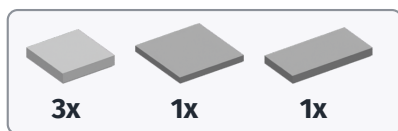
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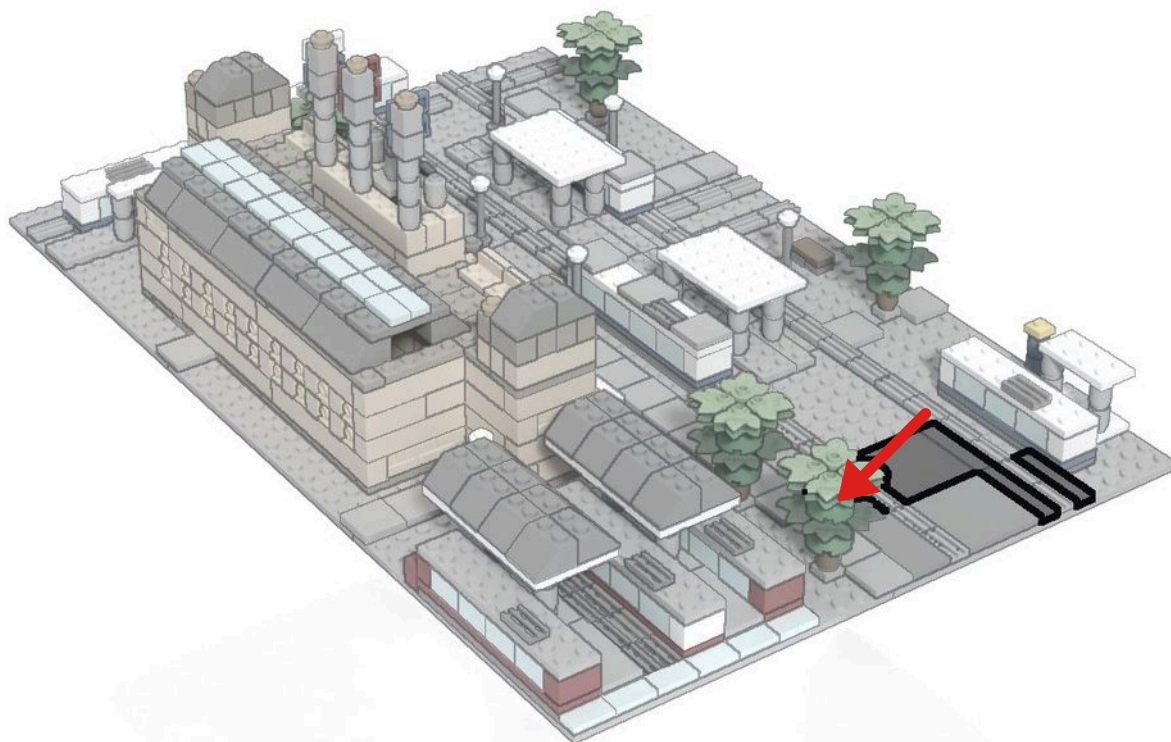
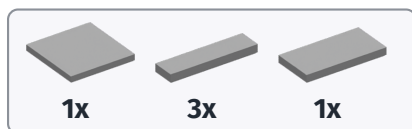
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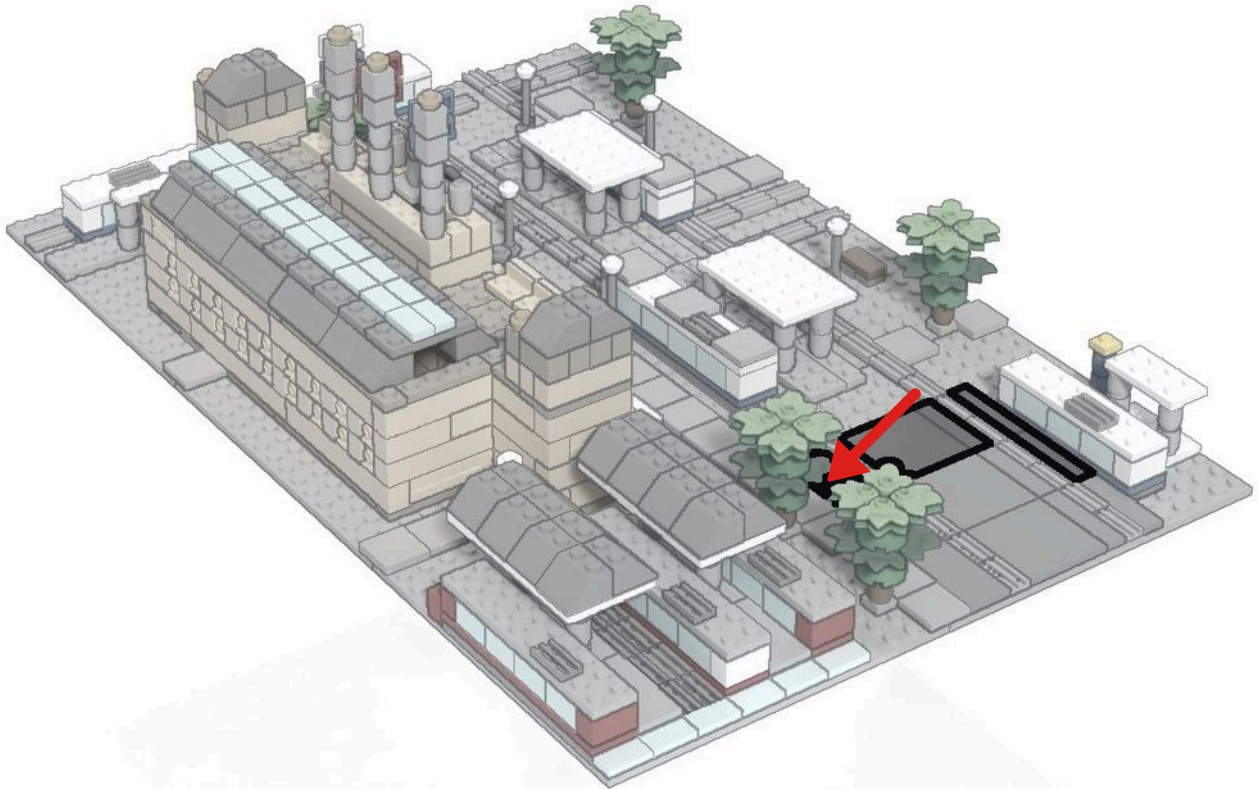
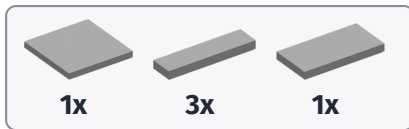
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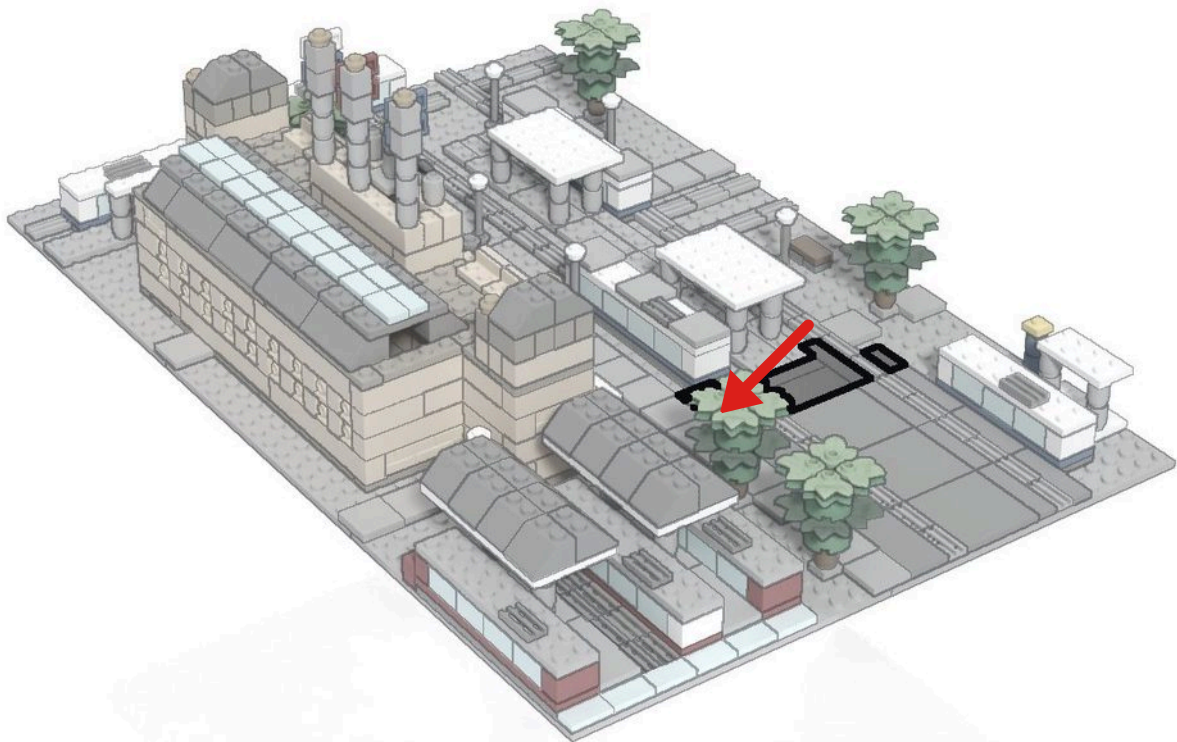
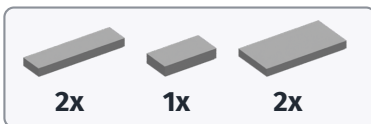
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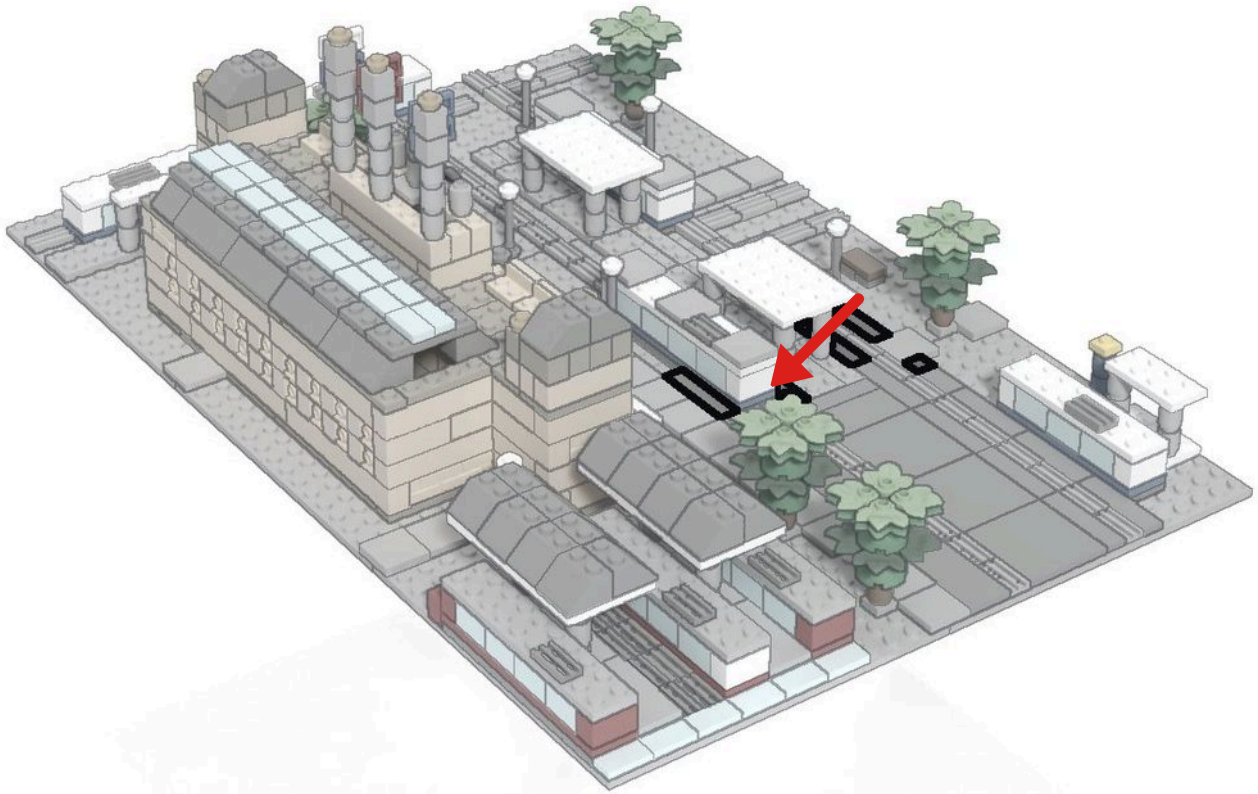
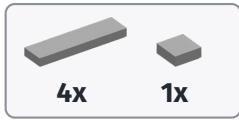
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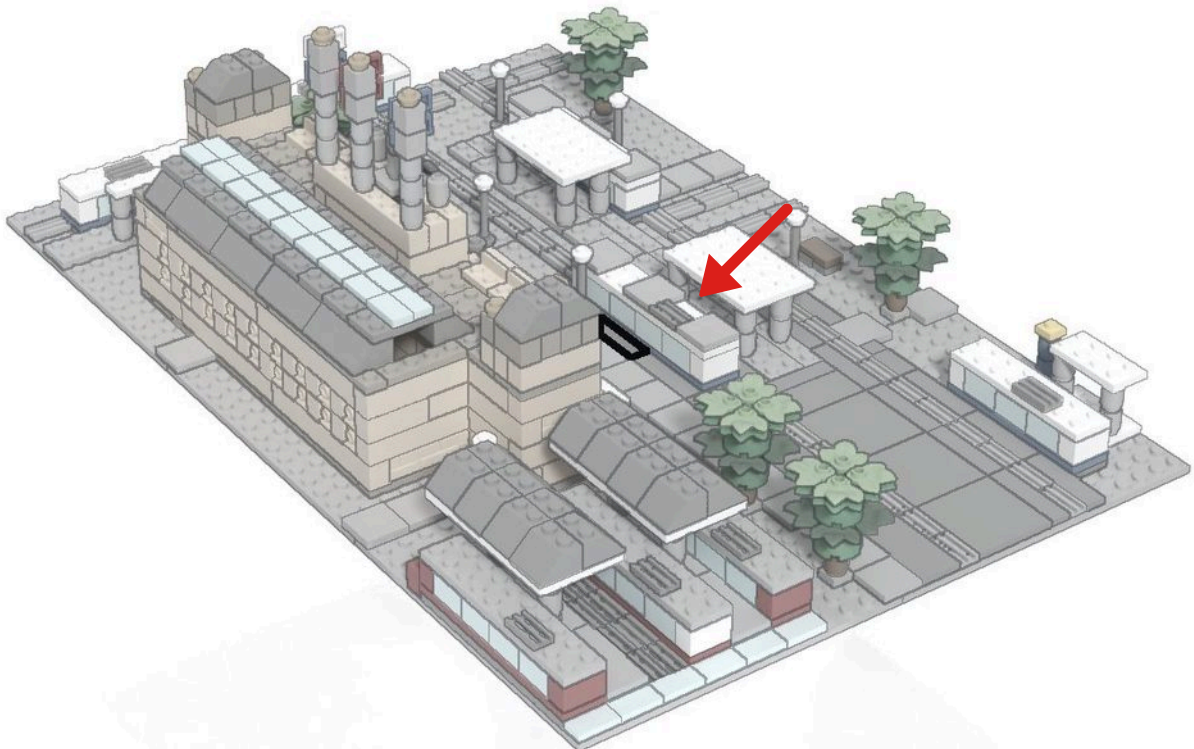
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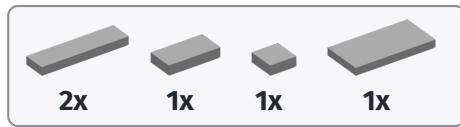
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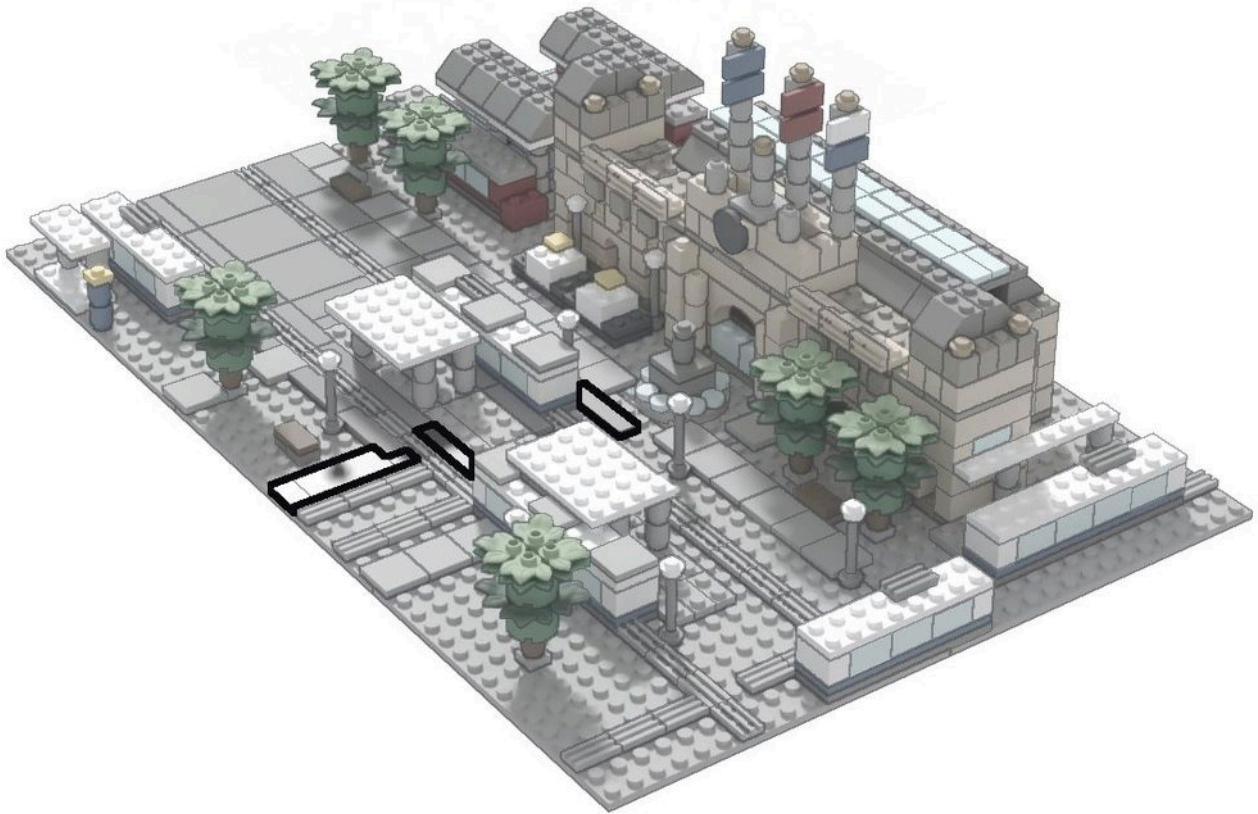
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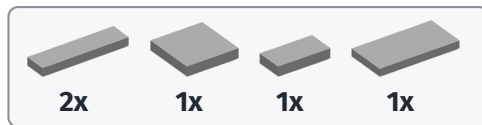
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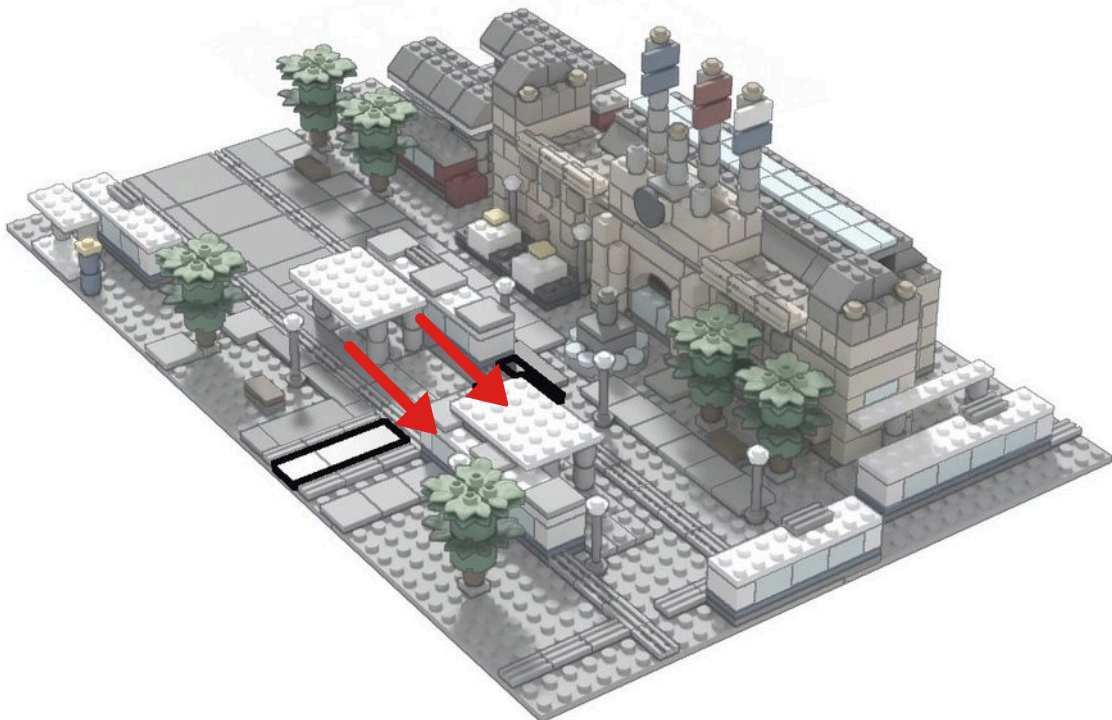
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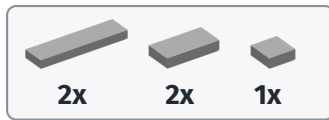
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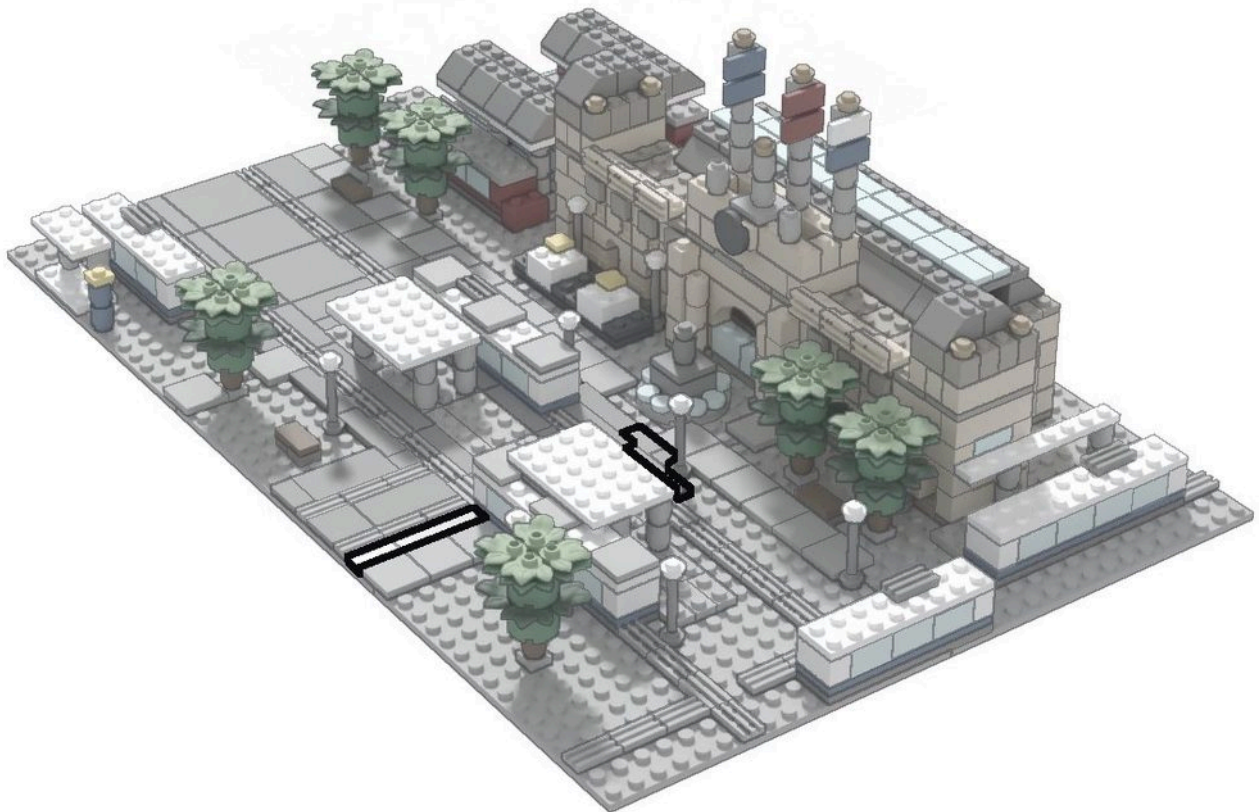
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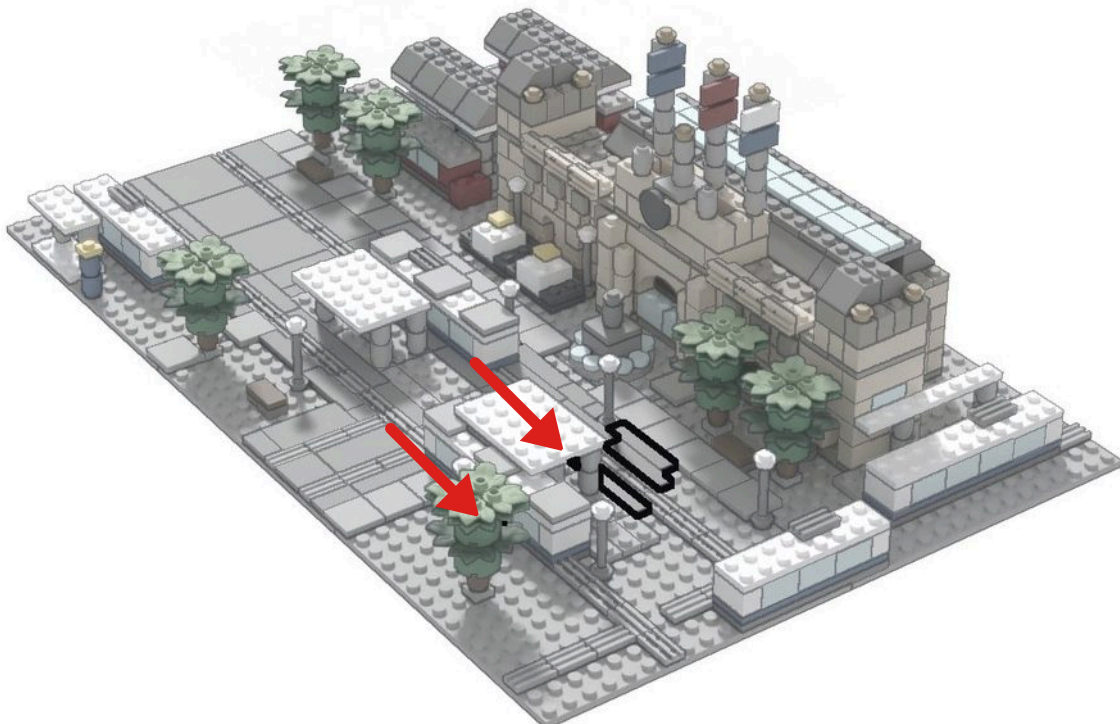
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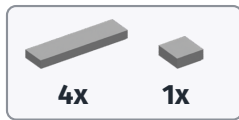
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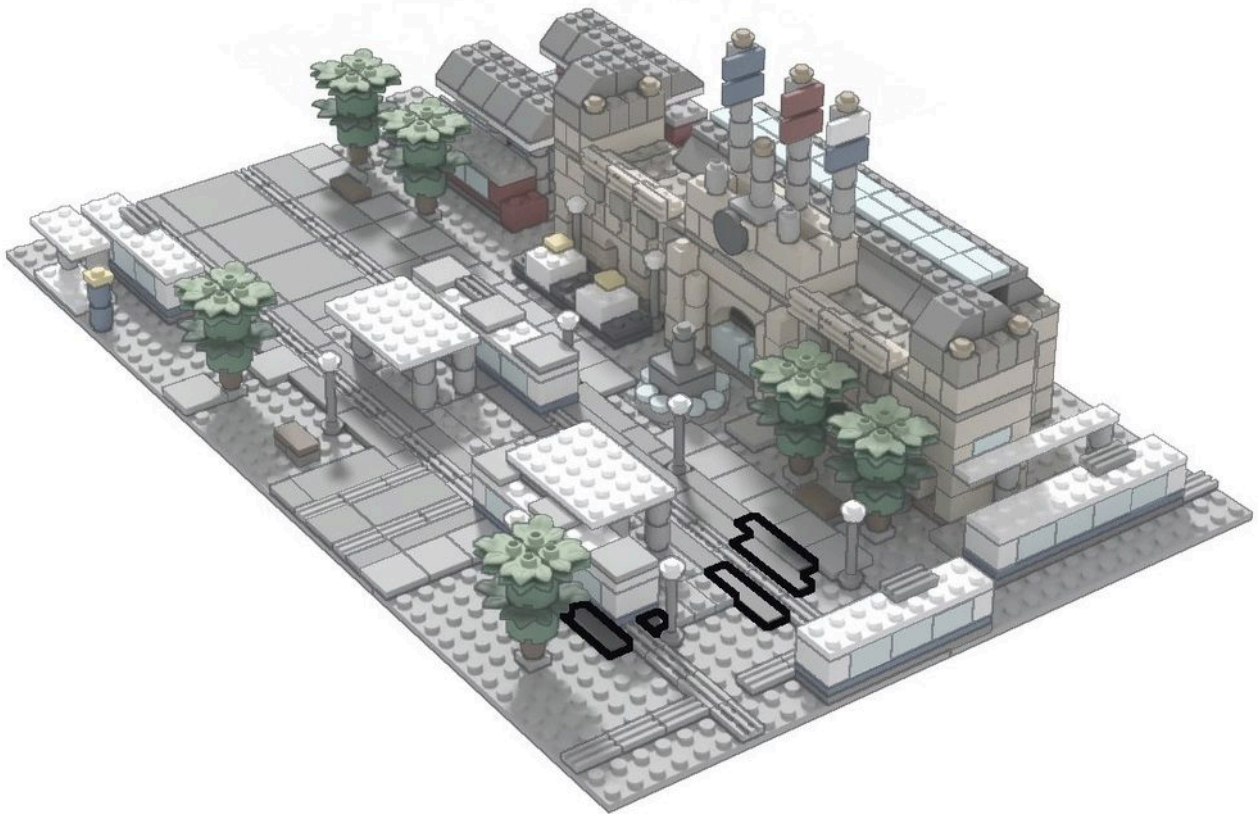
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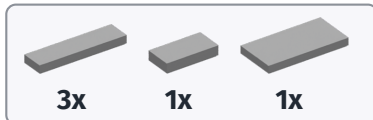
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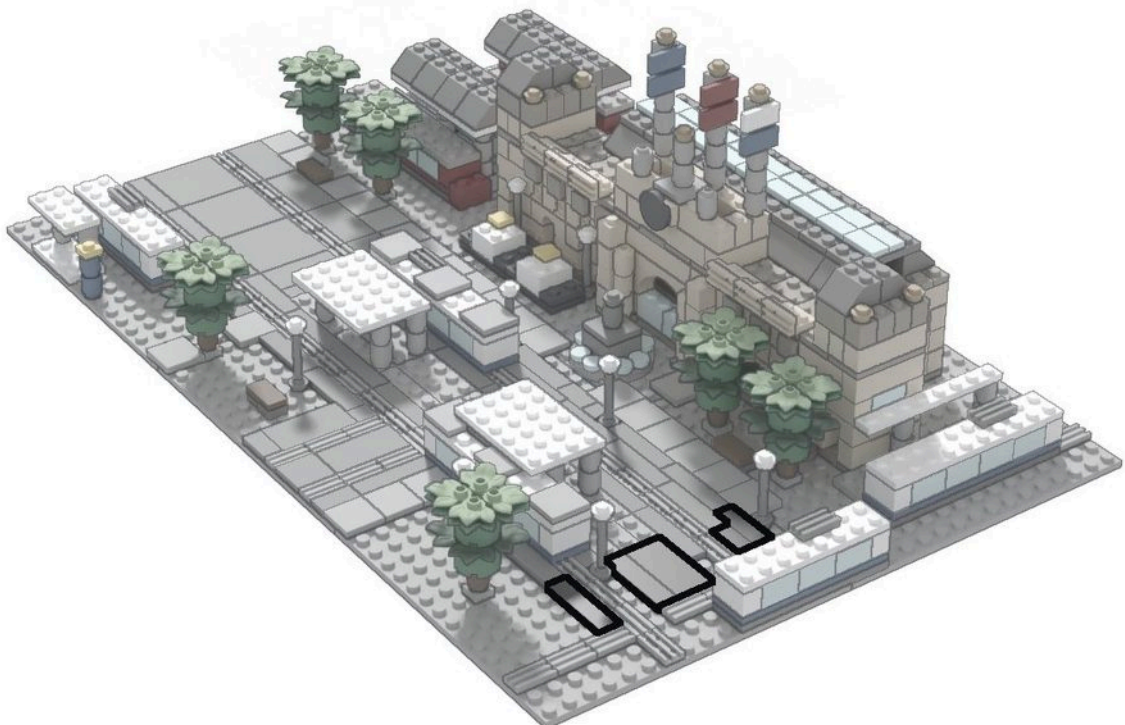
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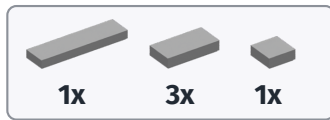
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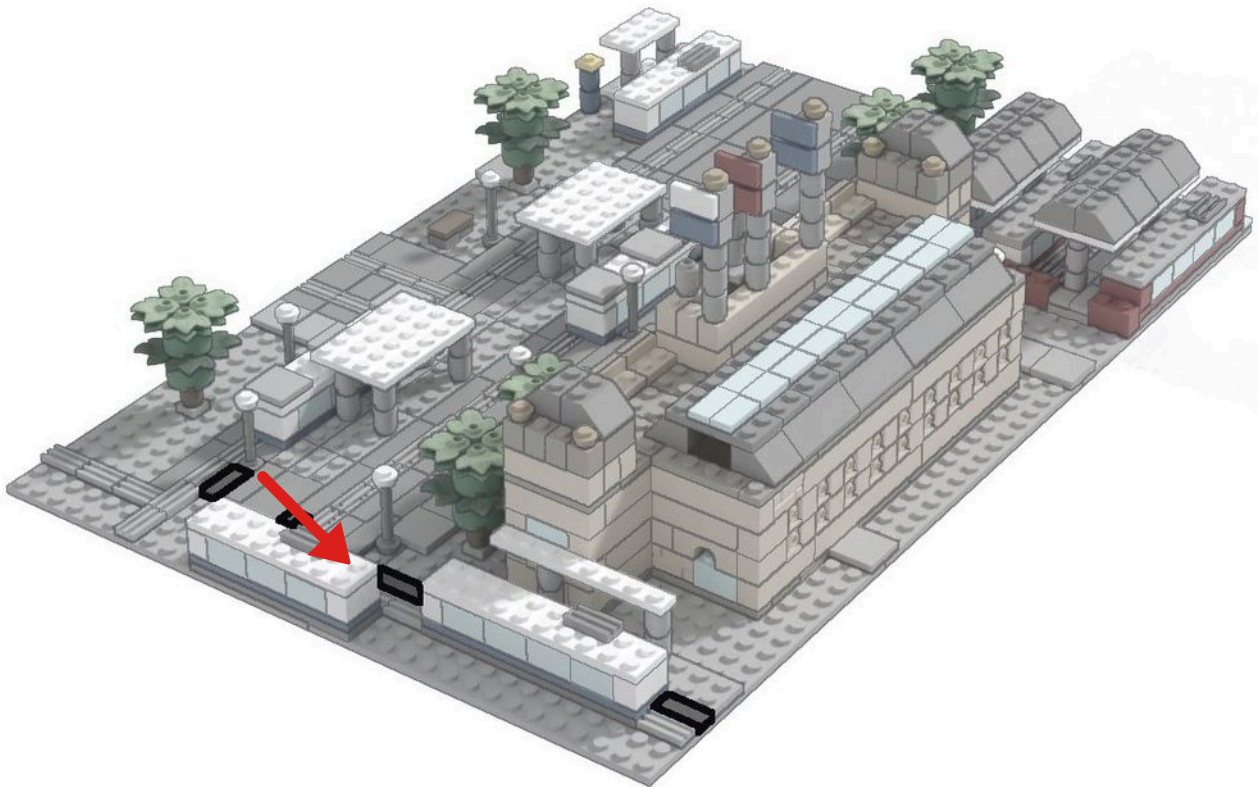
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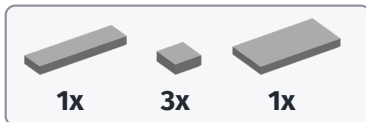
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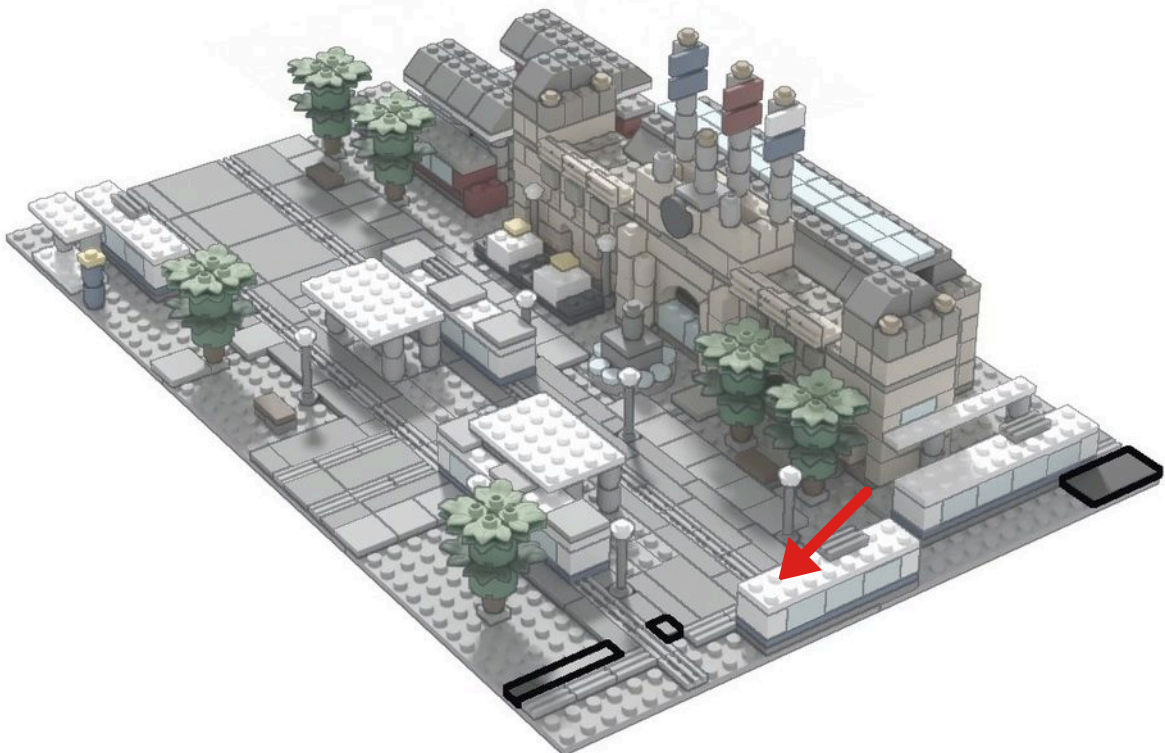
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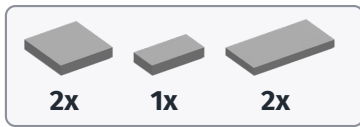
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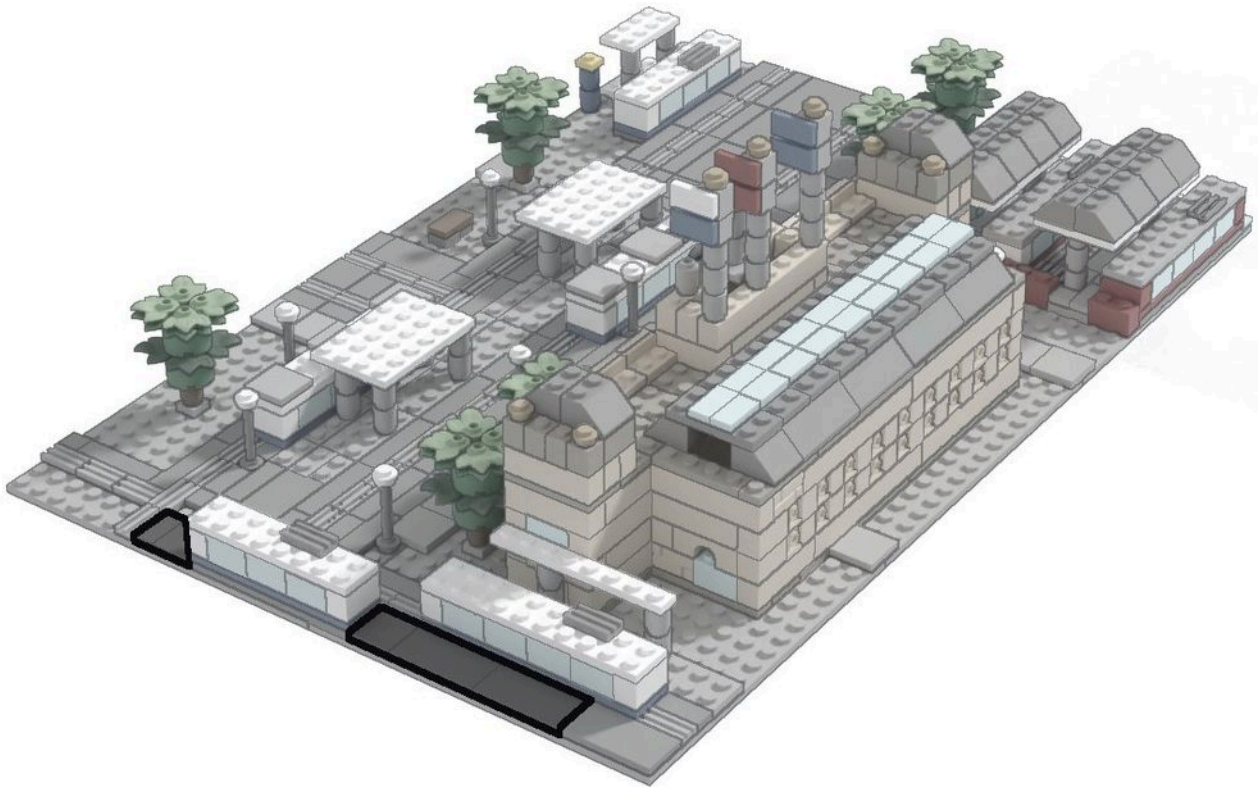
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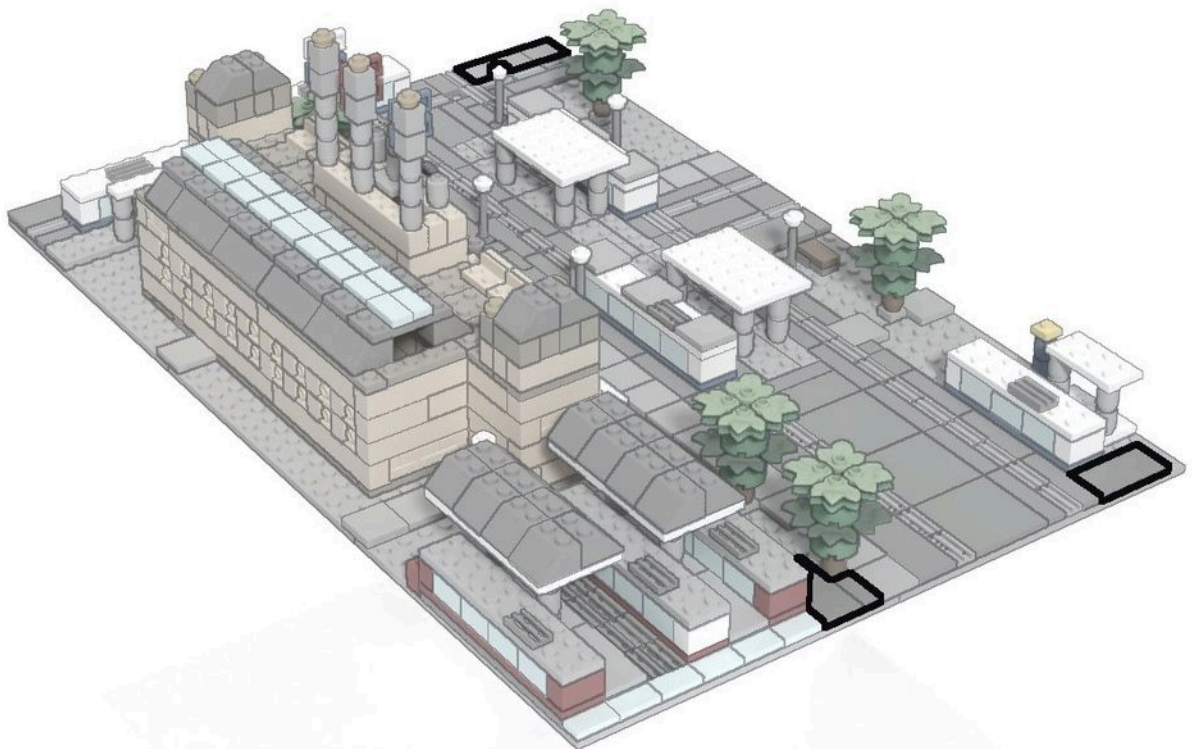
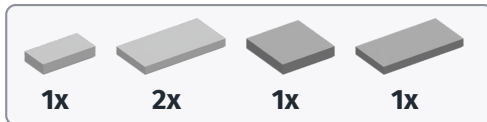
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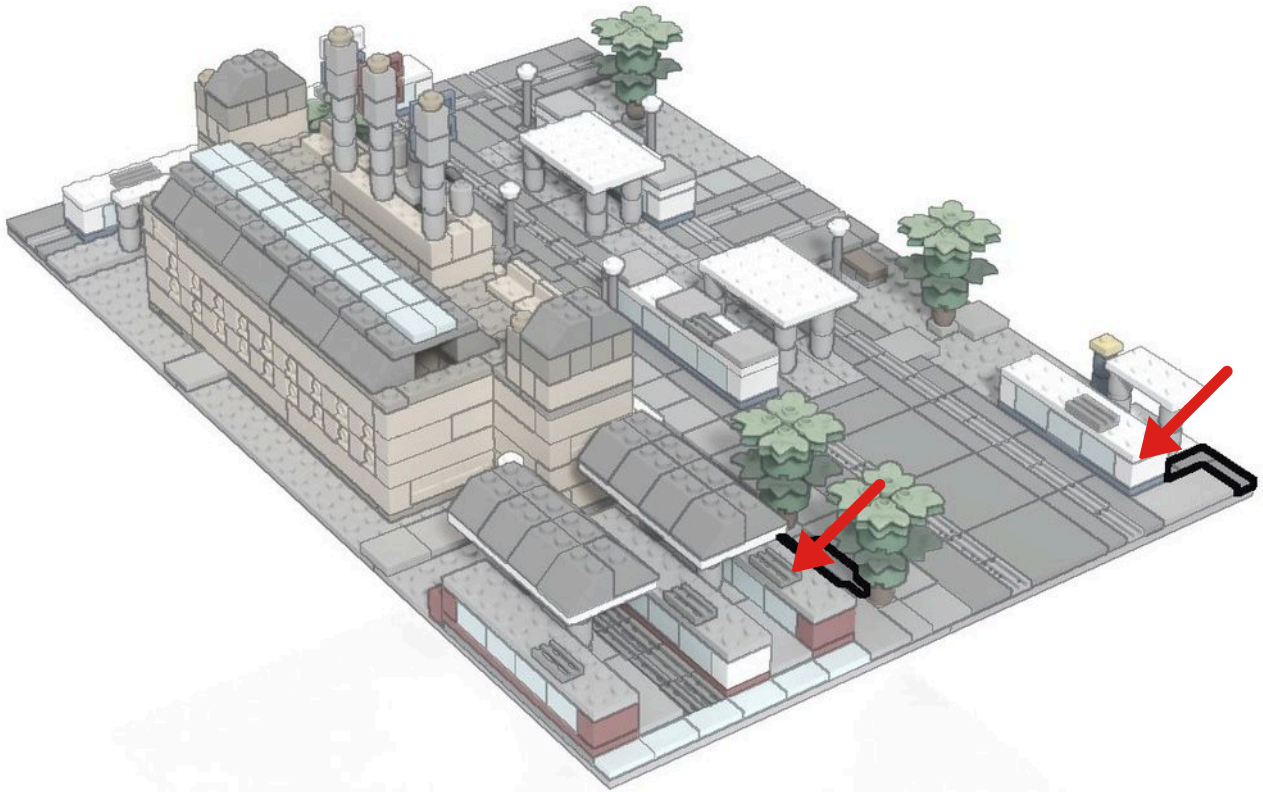
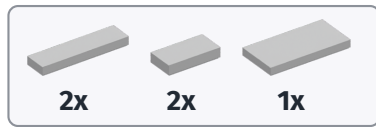
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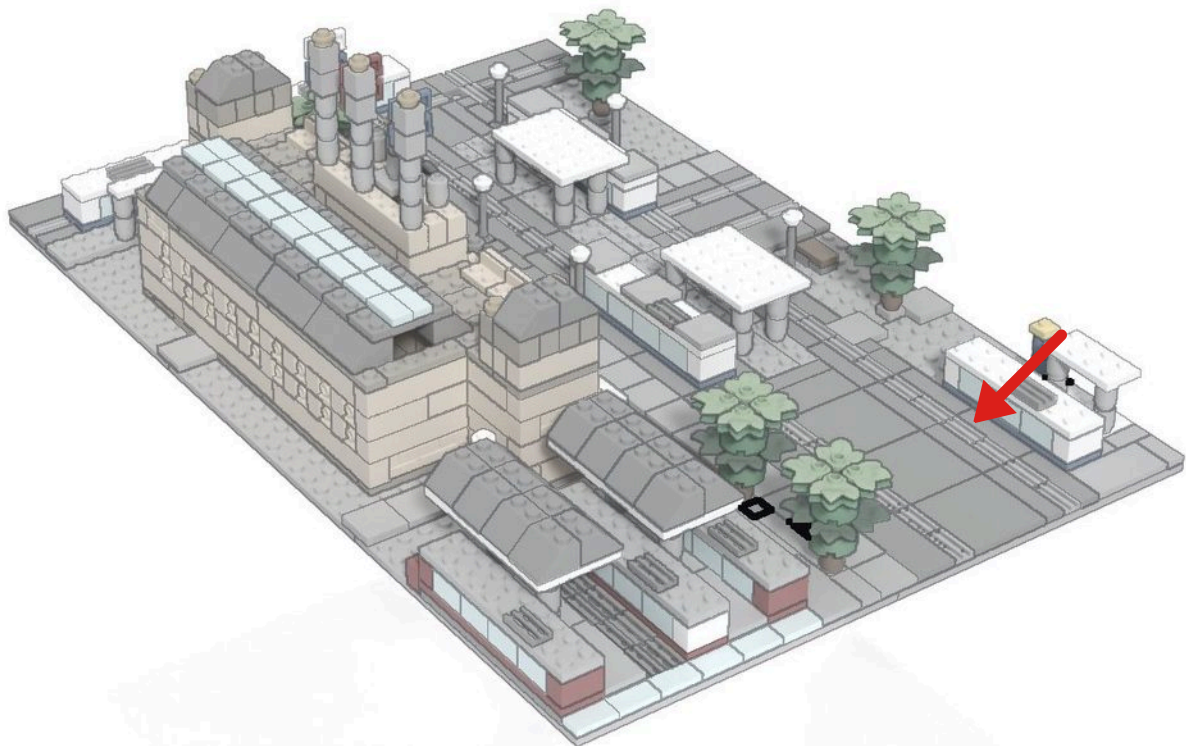
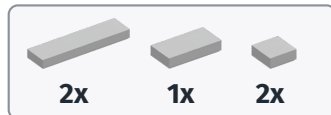
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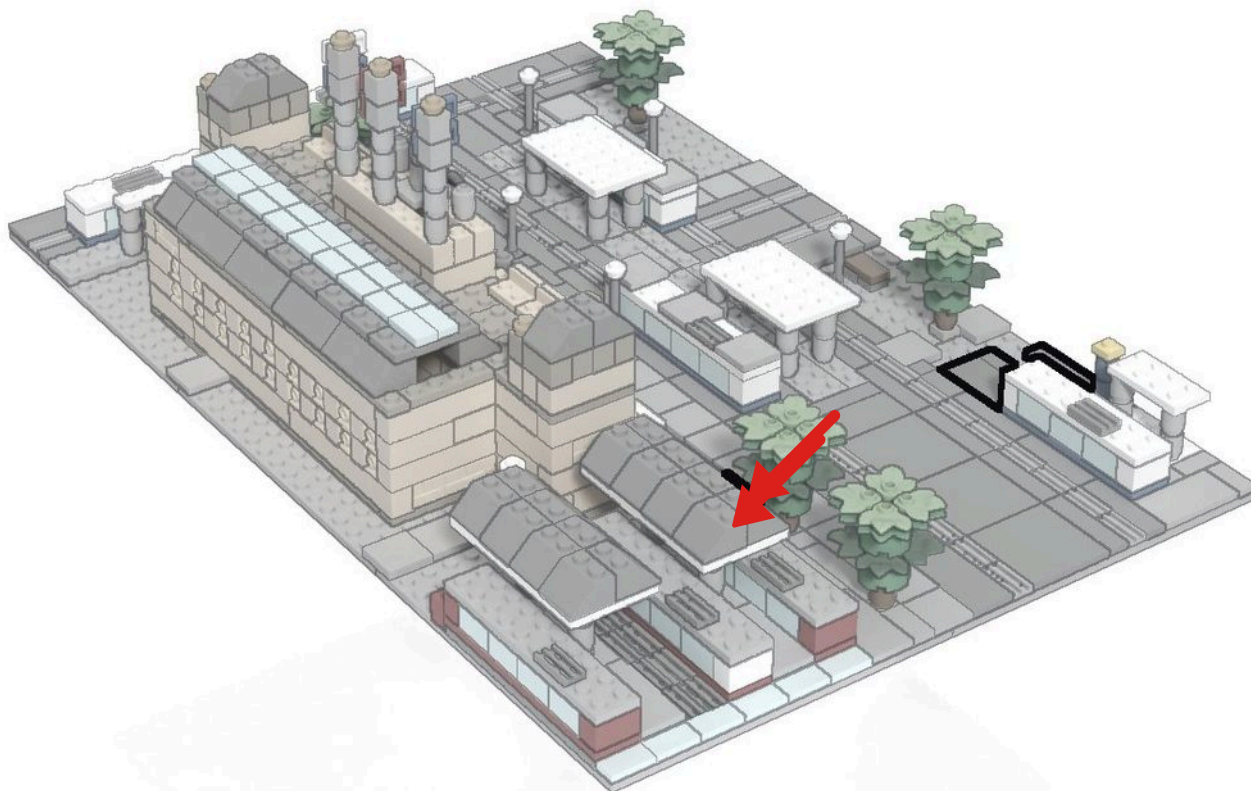
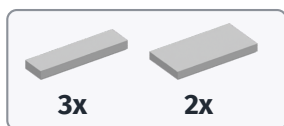
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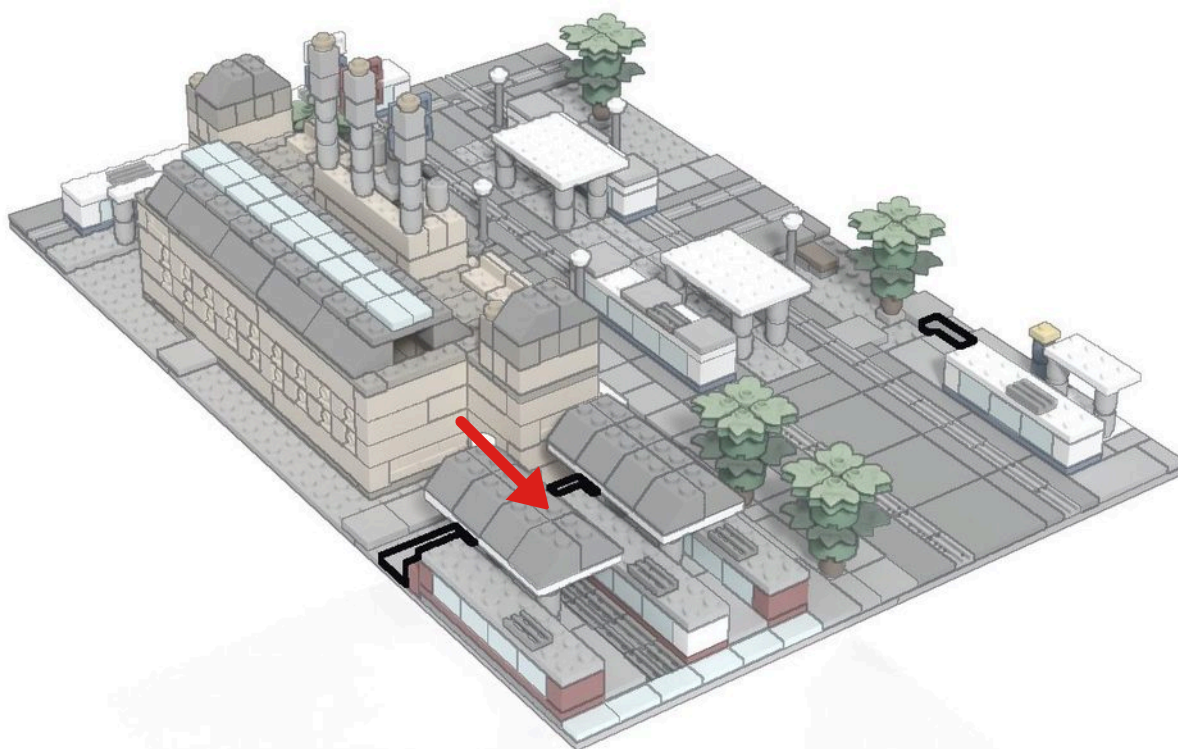
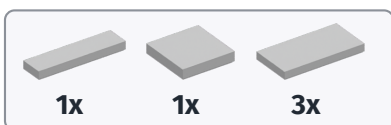
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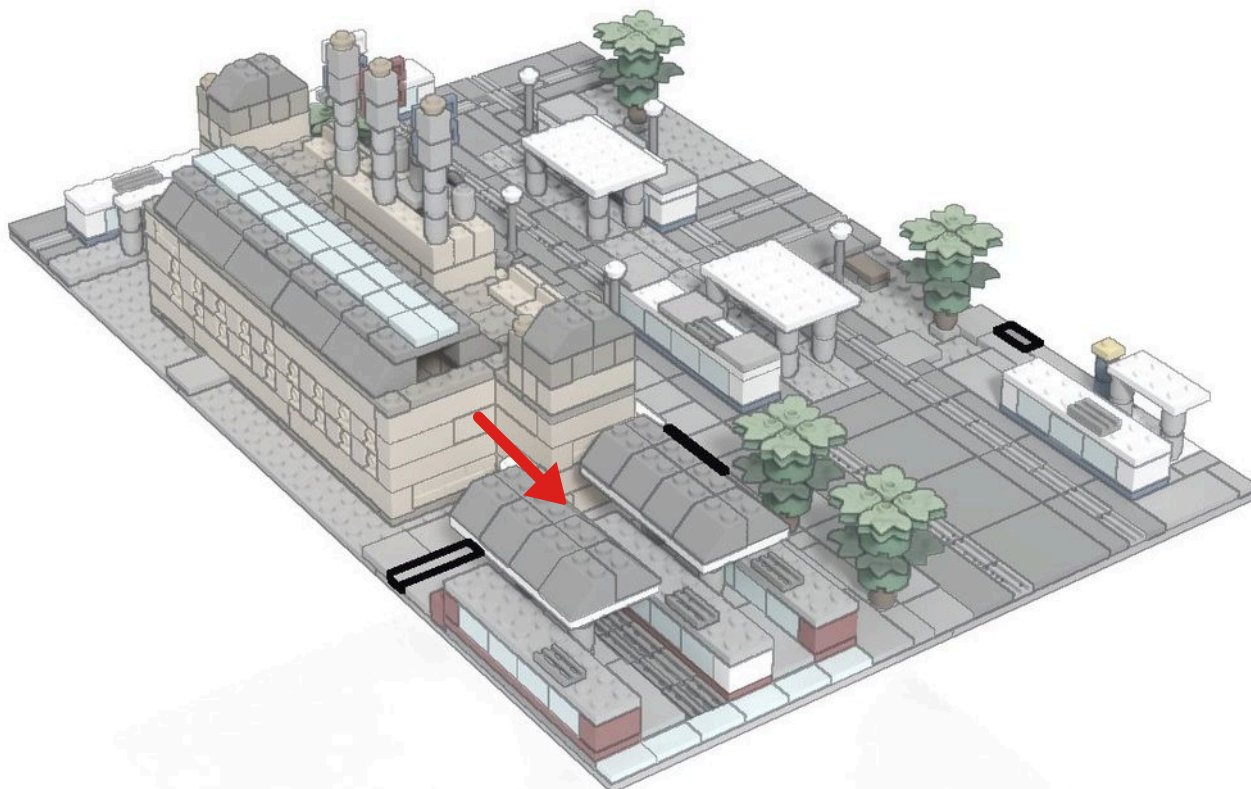
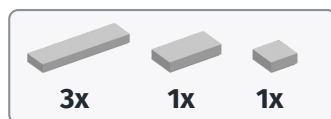
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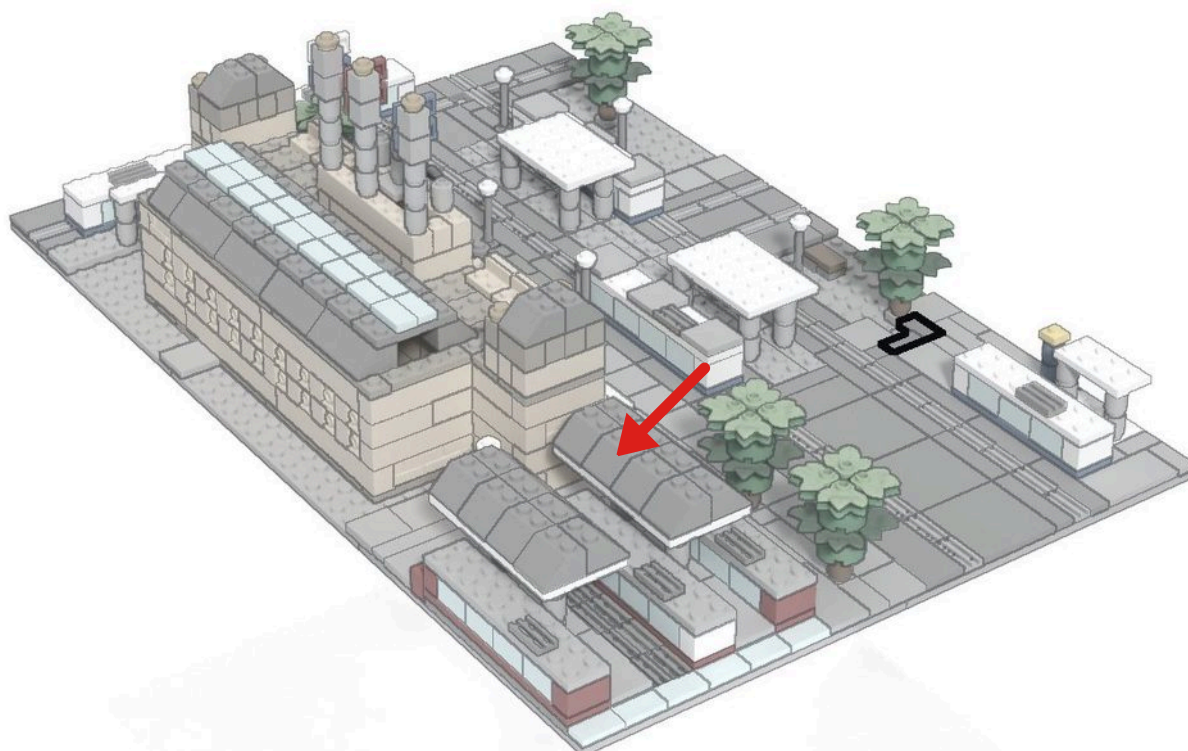
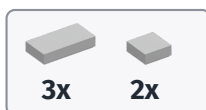
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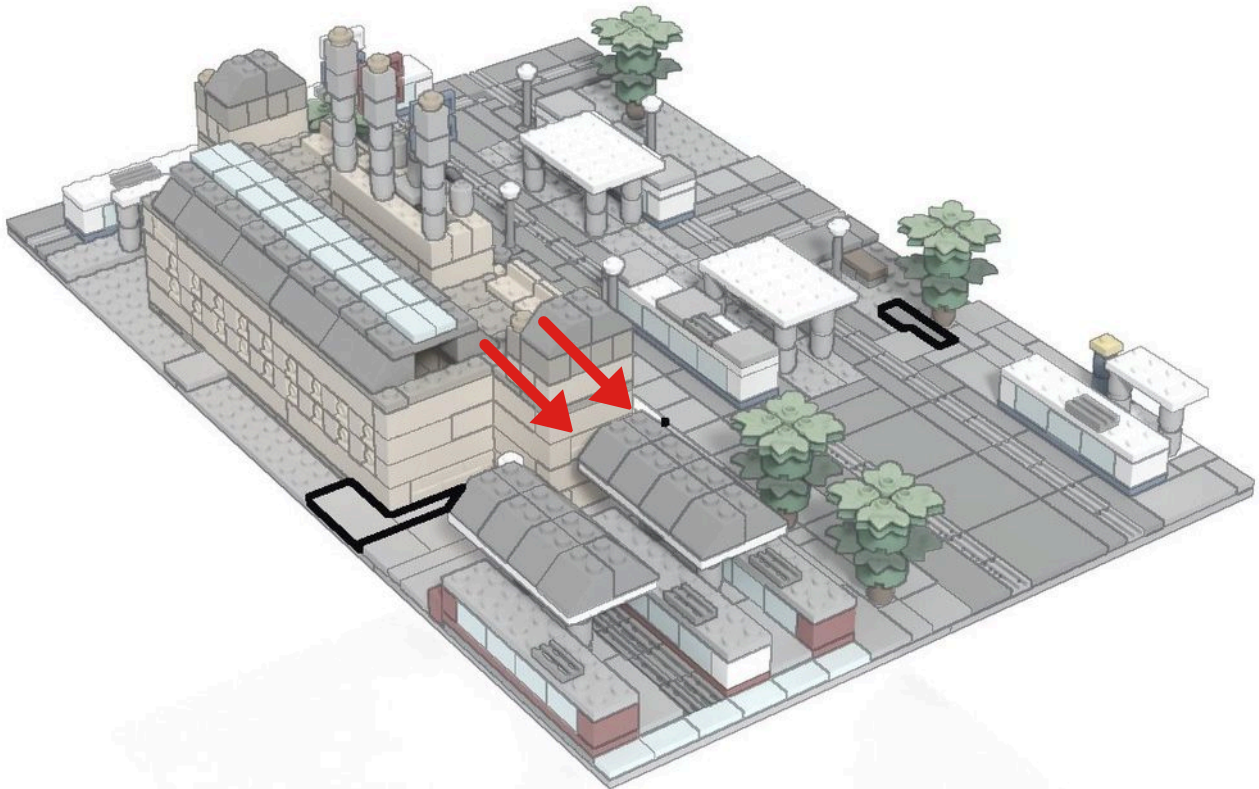
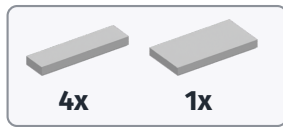
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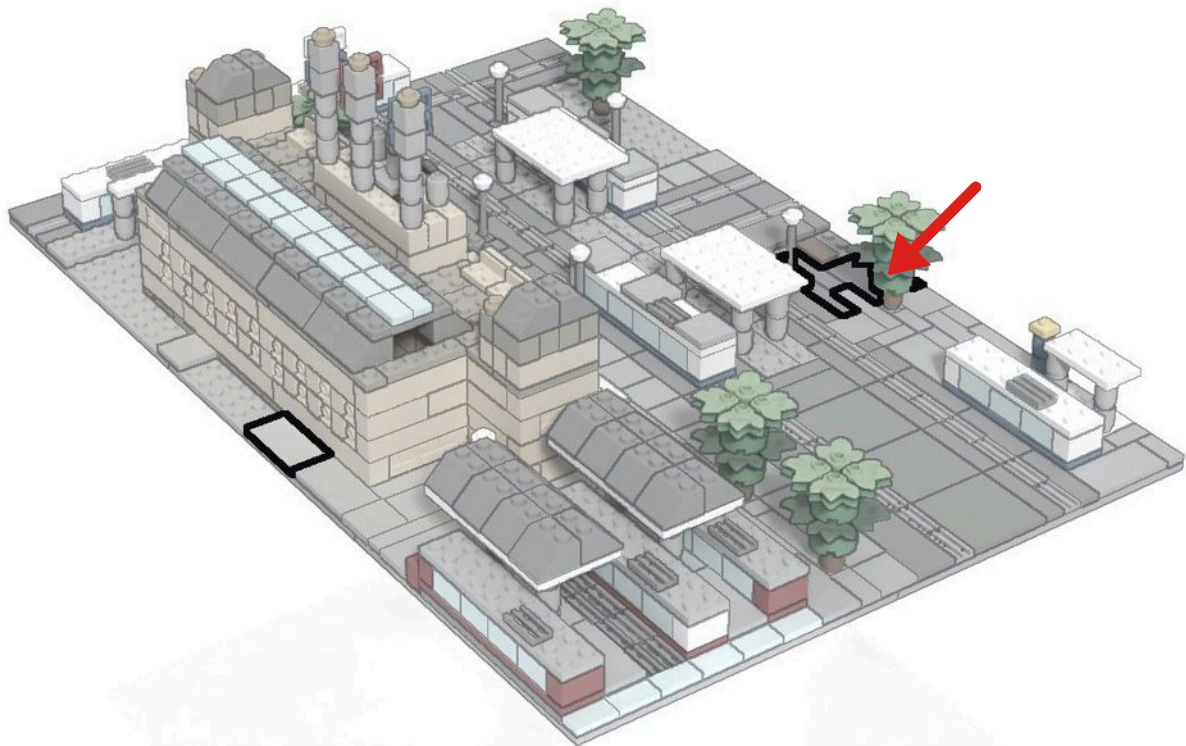
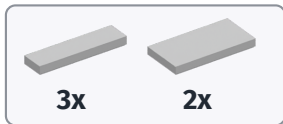
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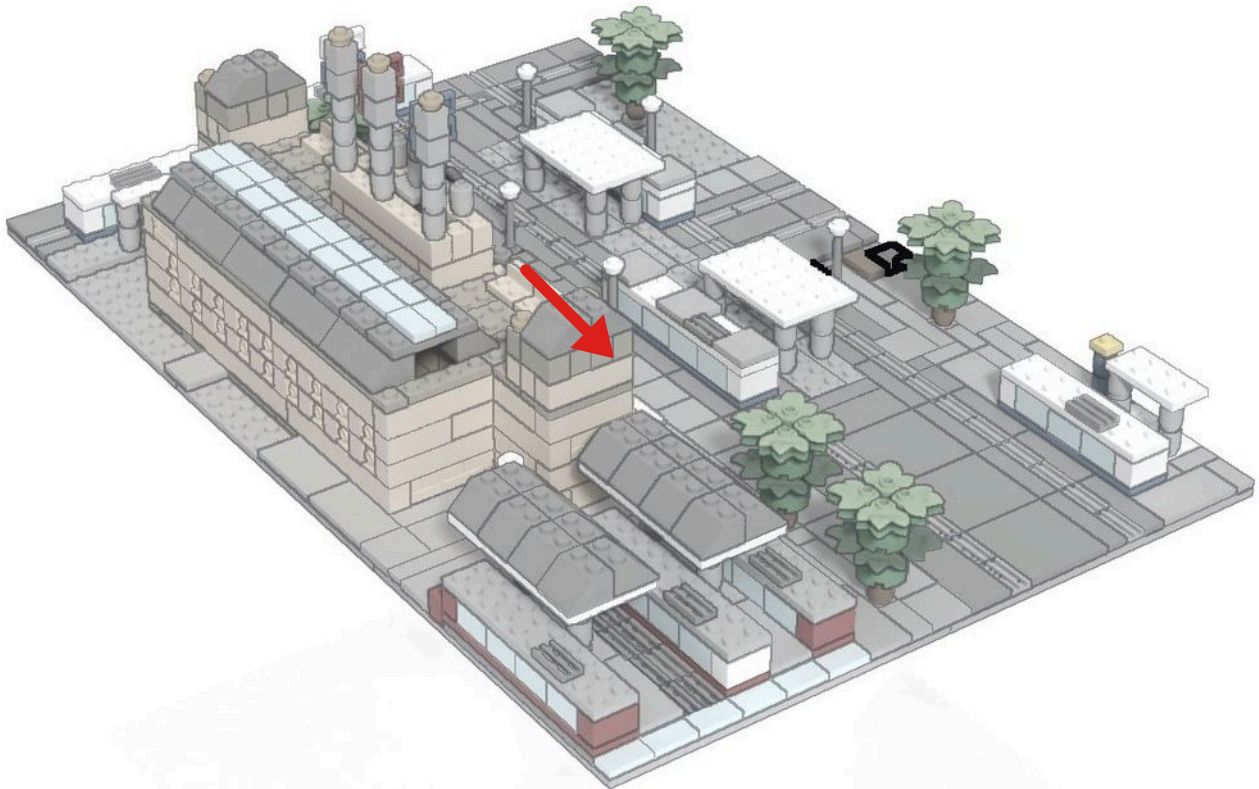
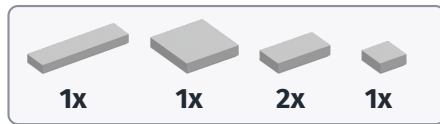
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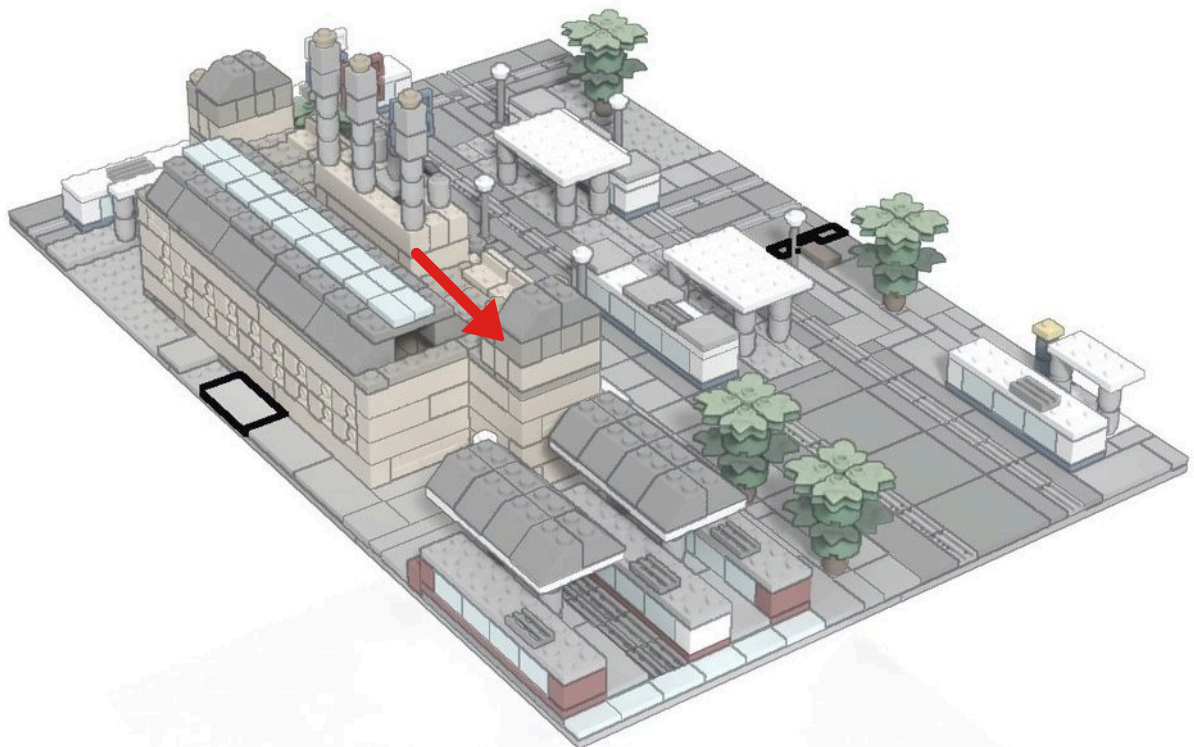
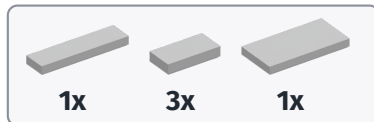
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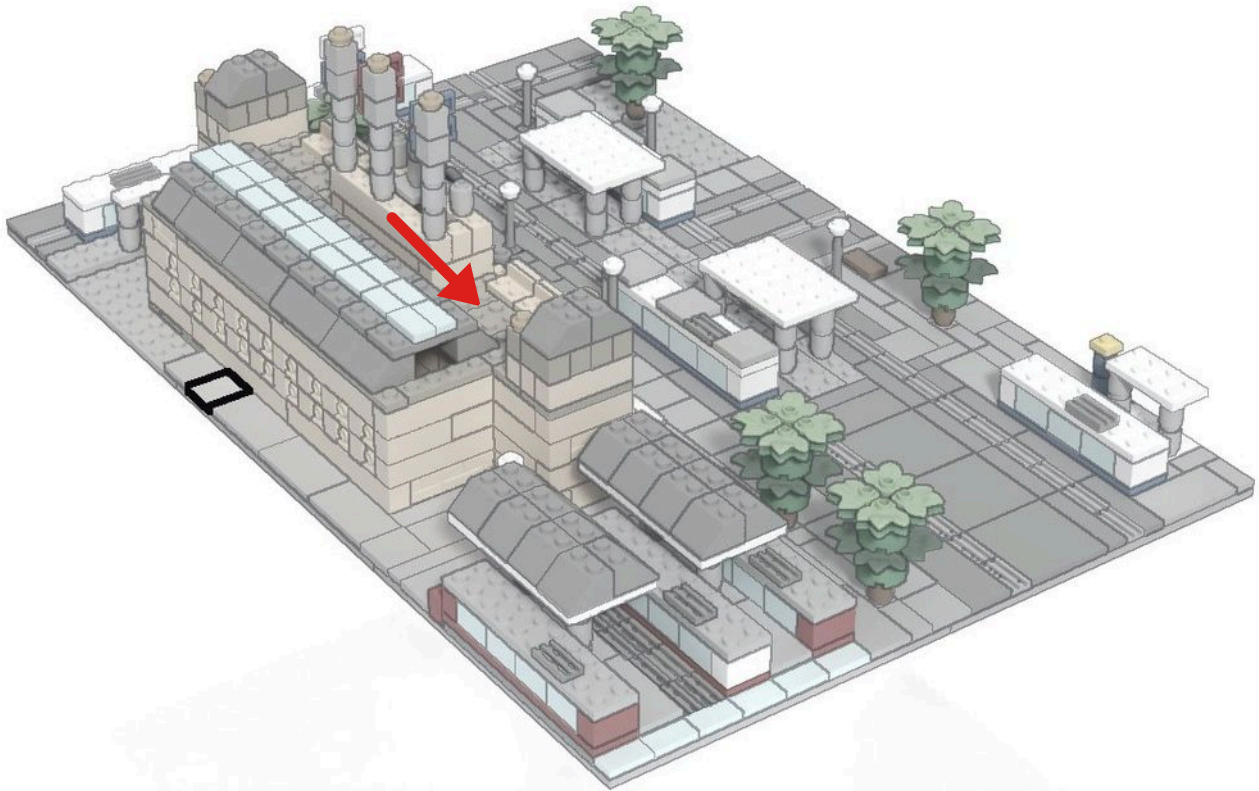
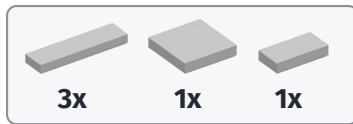
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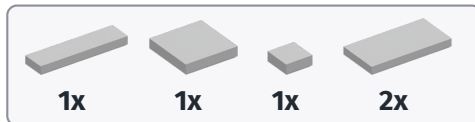
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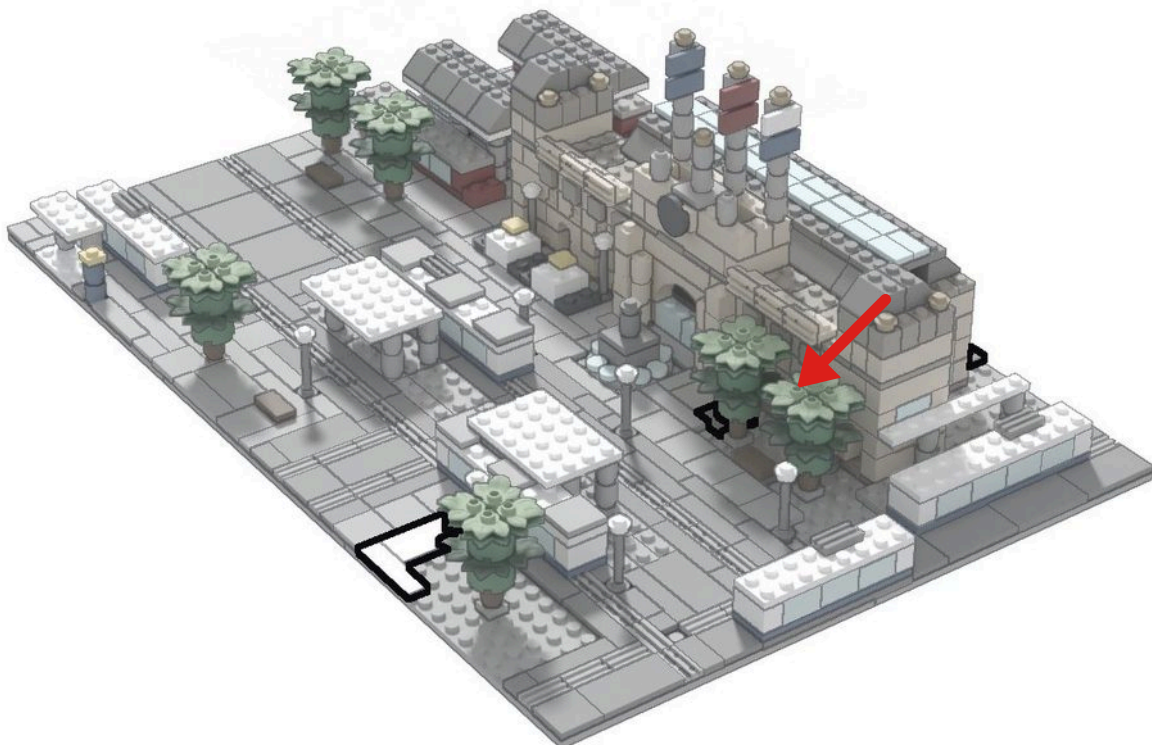
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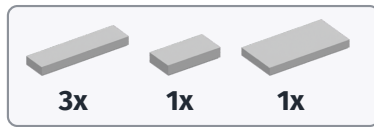
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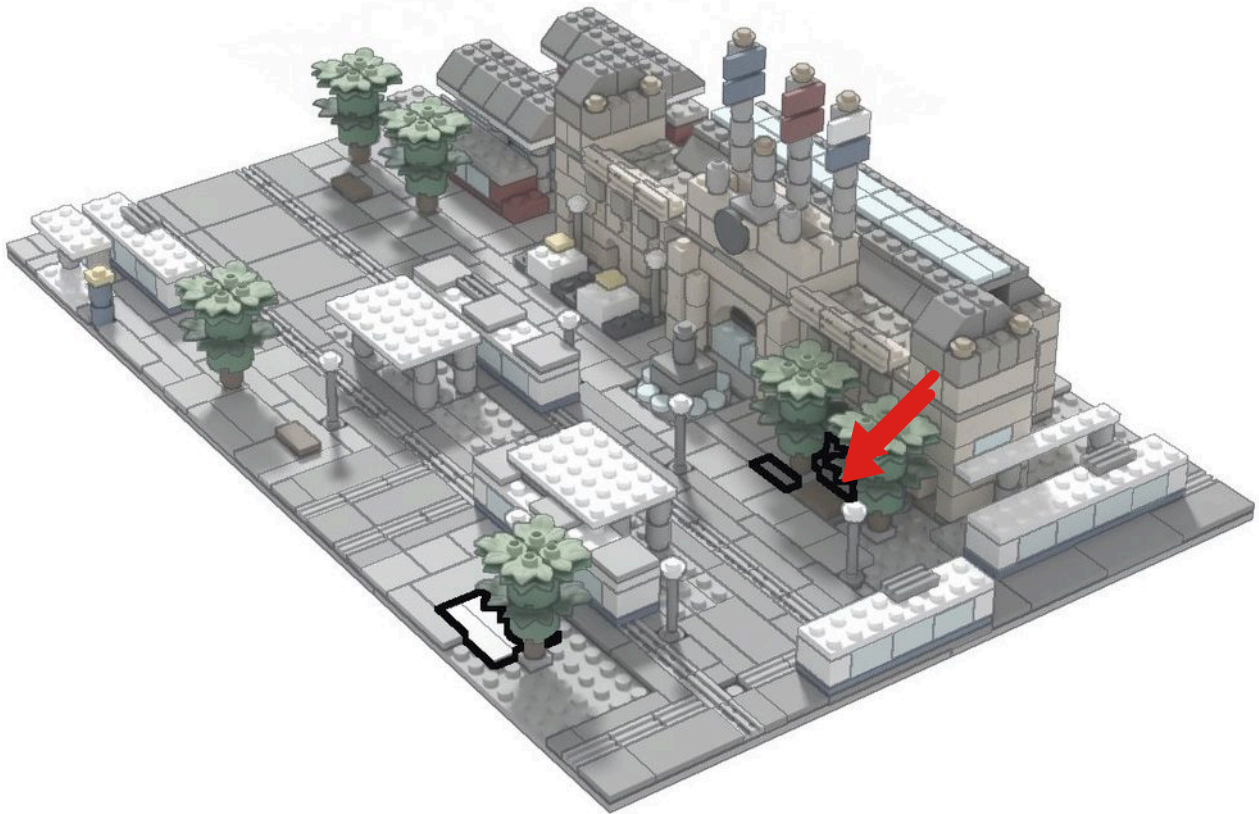
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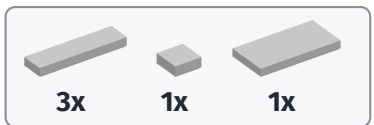
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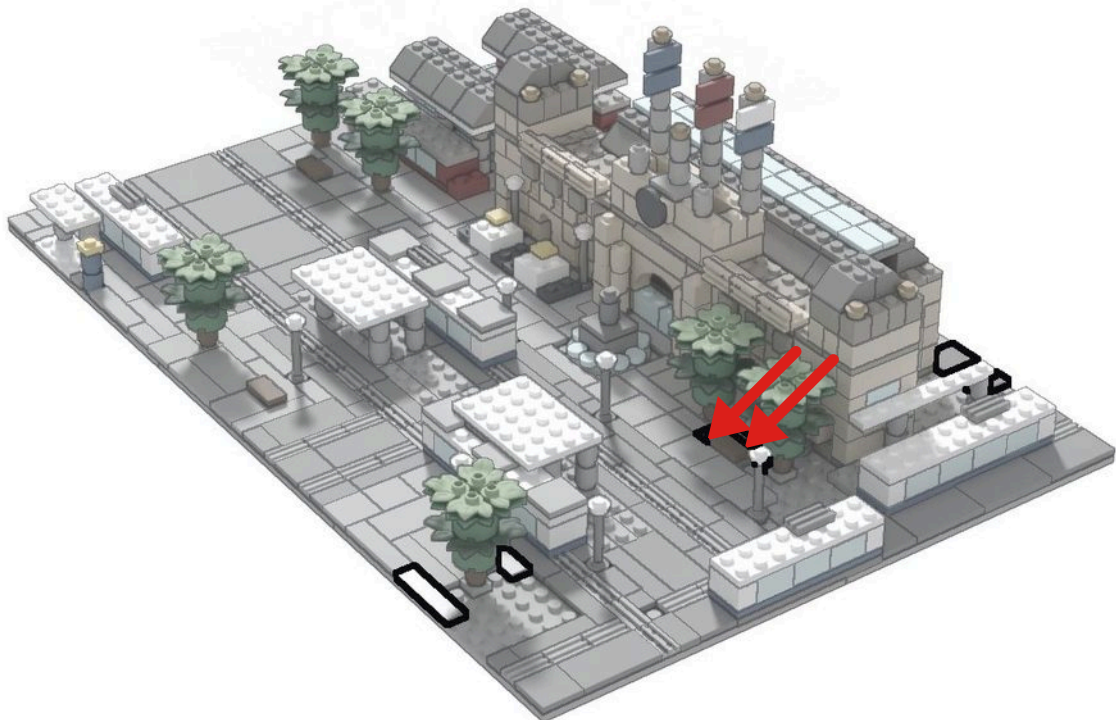
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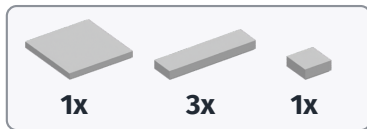
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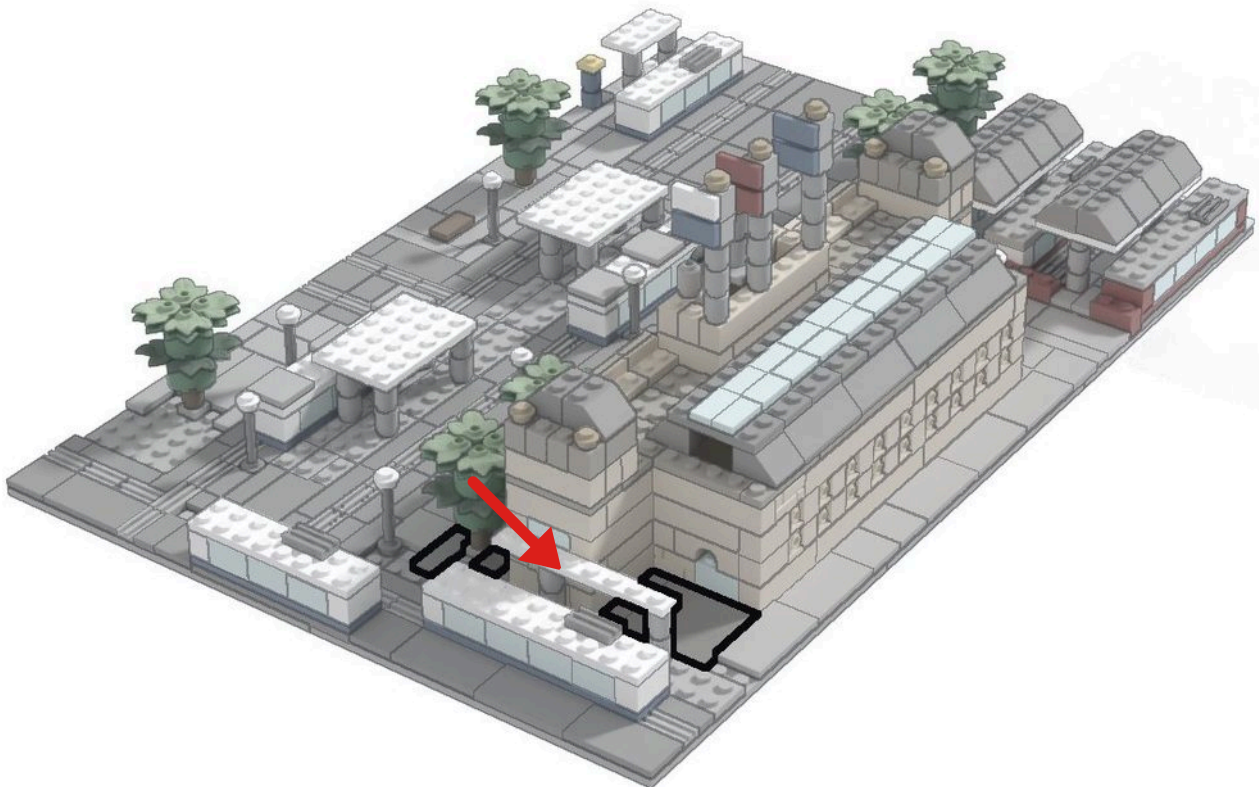
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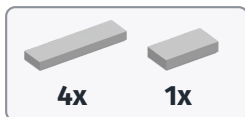
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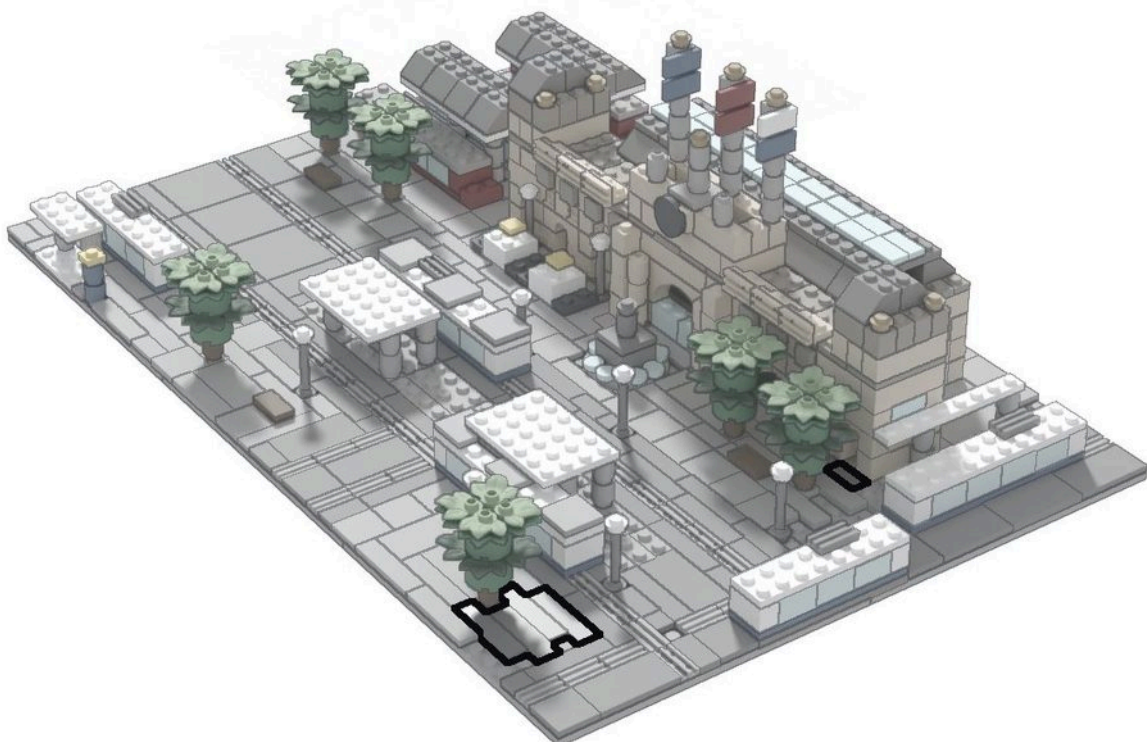
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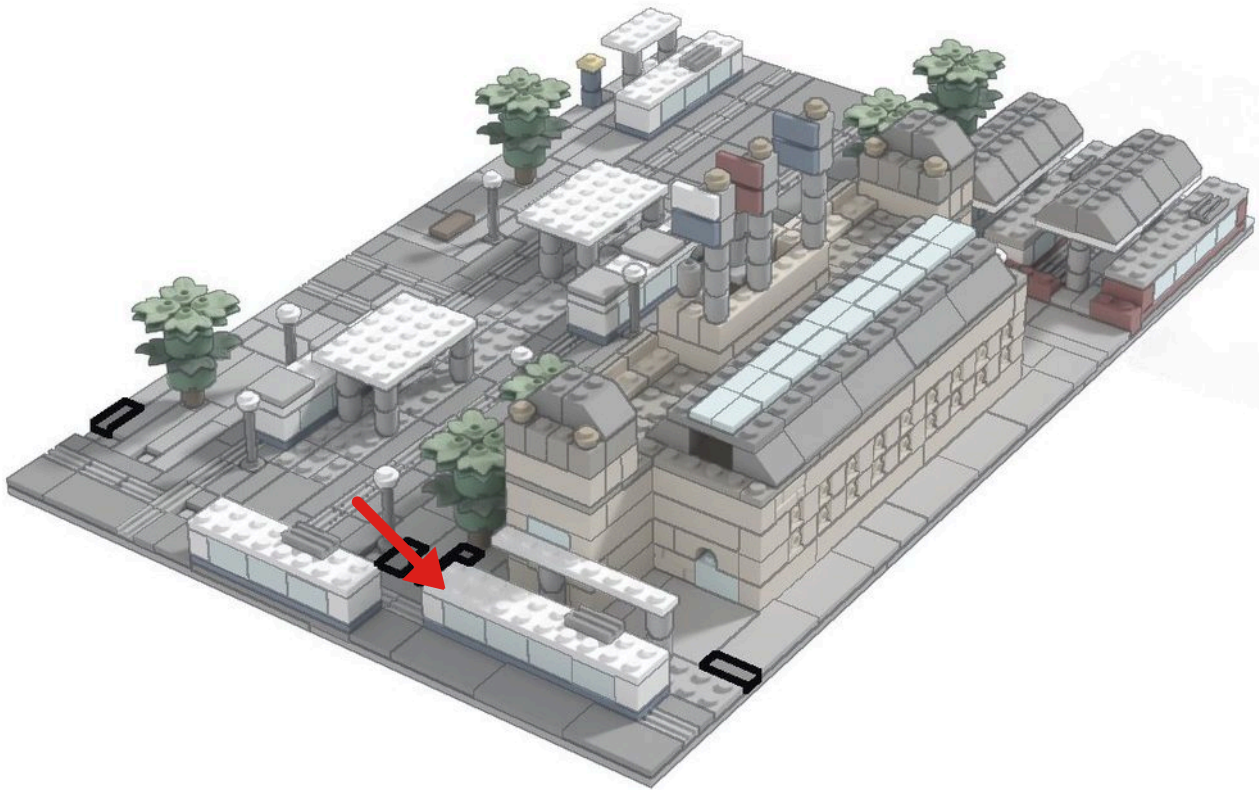
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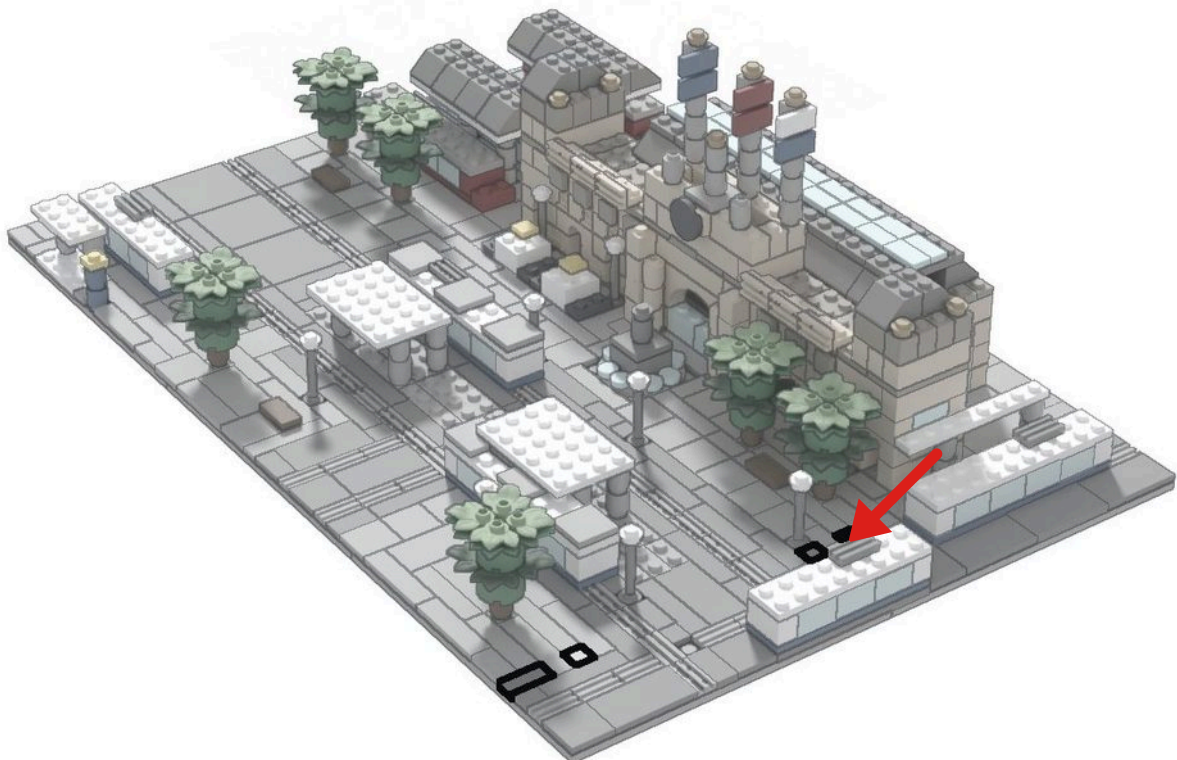
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turn the model around



Last chapter

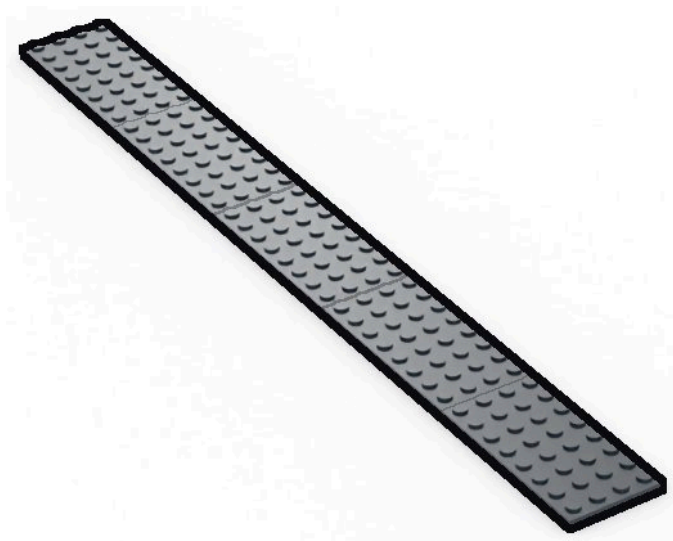
The display stand

Every model in the series stands on the same black stand with a nameplate, so your souvenirs line up on the shelf. Build the black strip, press it under the front edge of the model, and press the small 2 × 4 plates (the feet) under its back corners. Then stick the label from the nameplate page on the tan tiles.

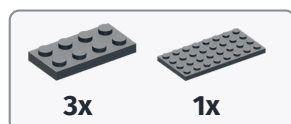


The display stand

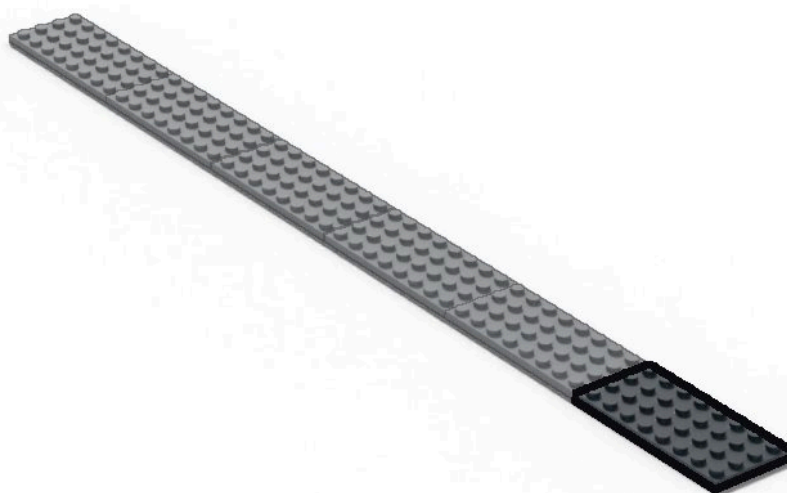
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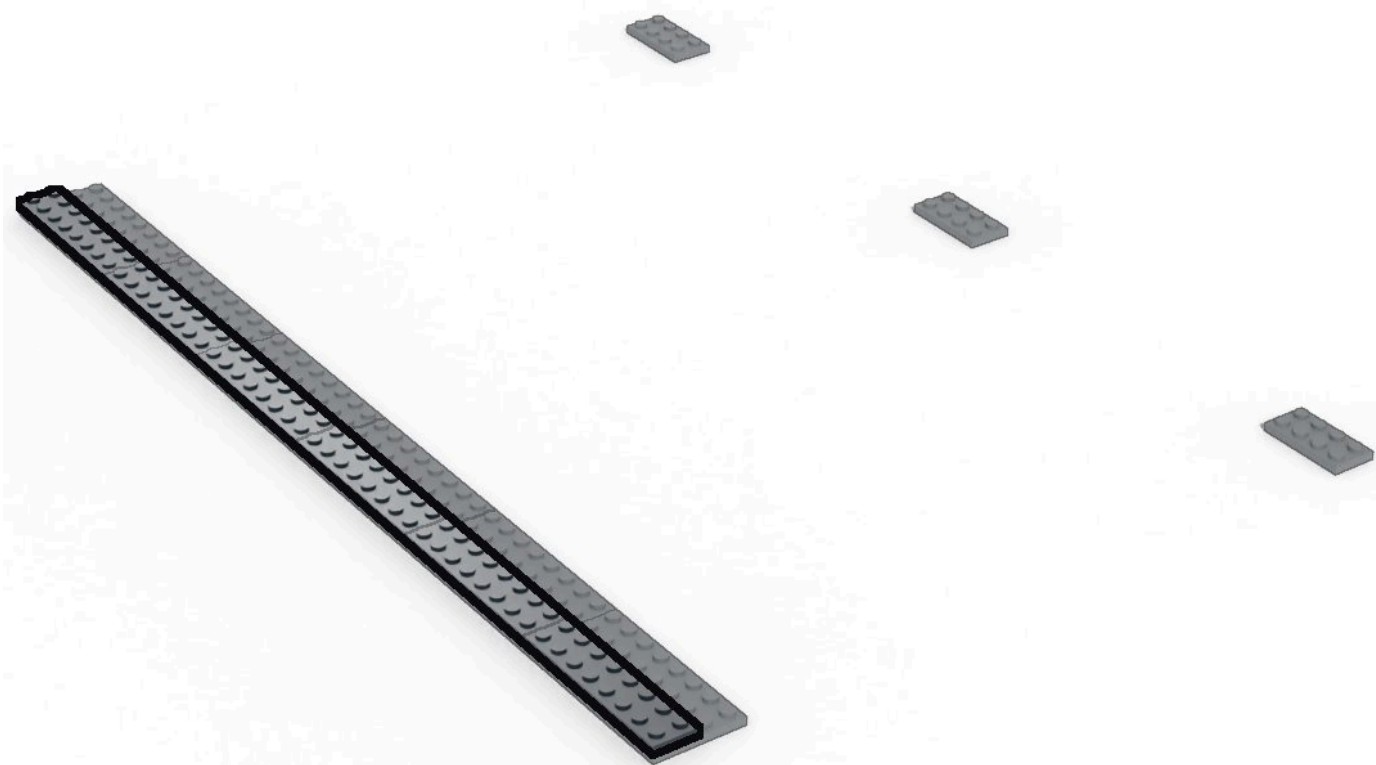
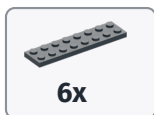


turn the model around

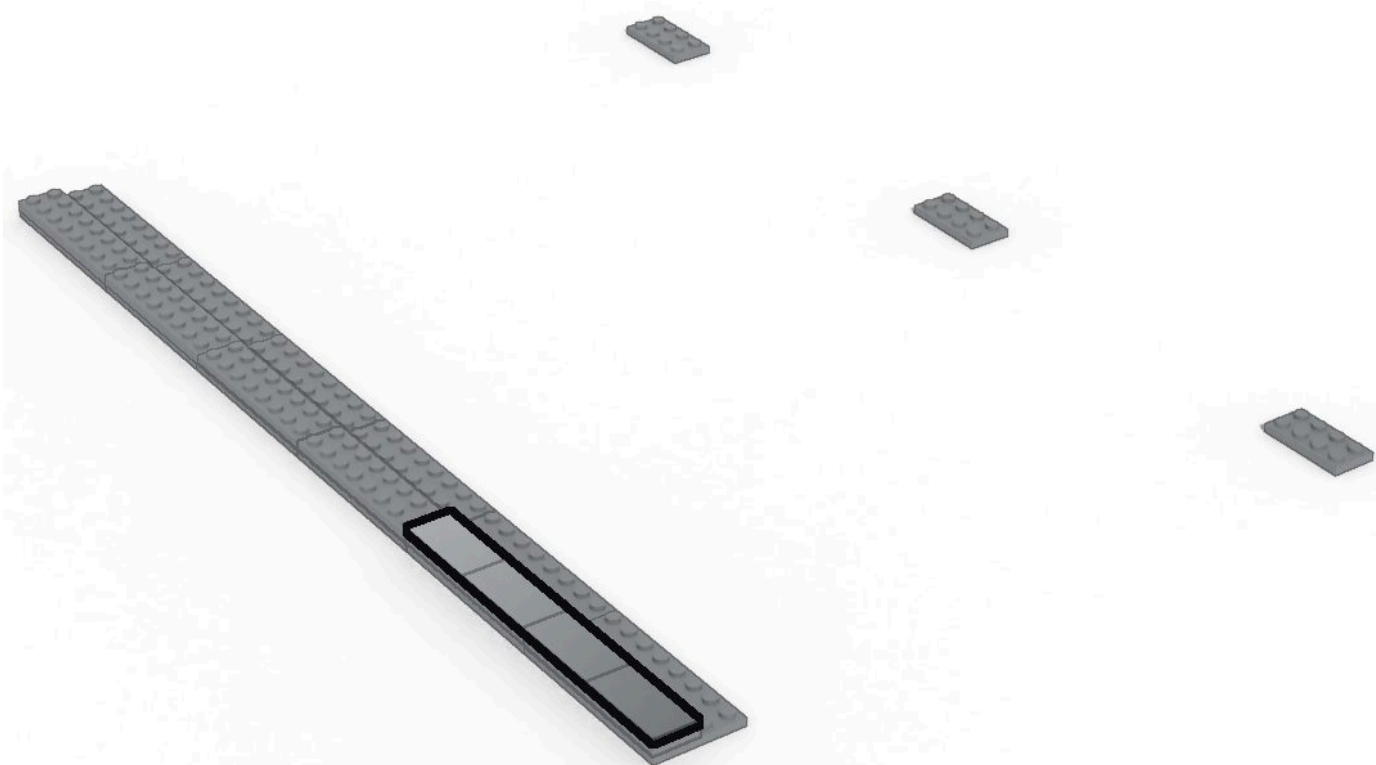
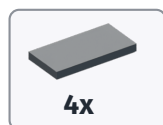


The display stand

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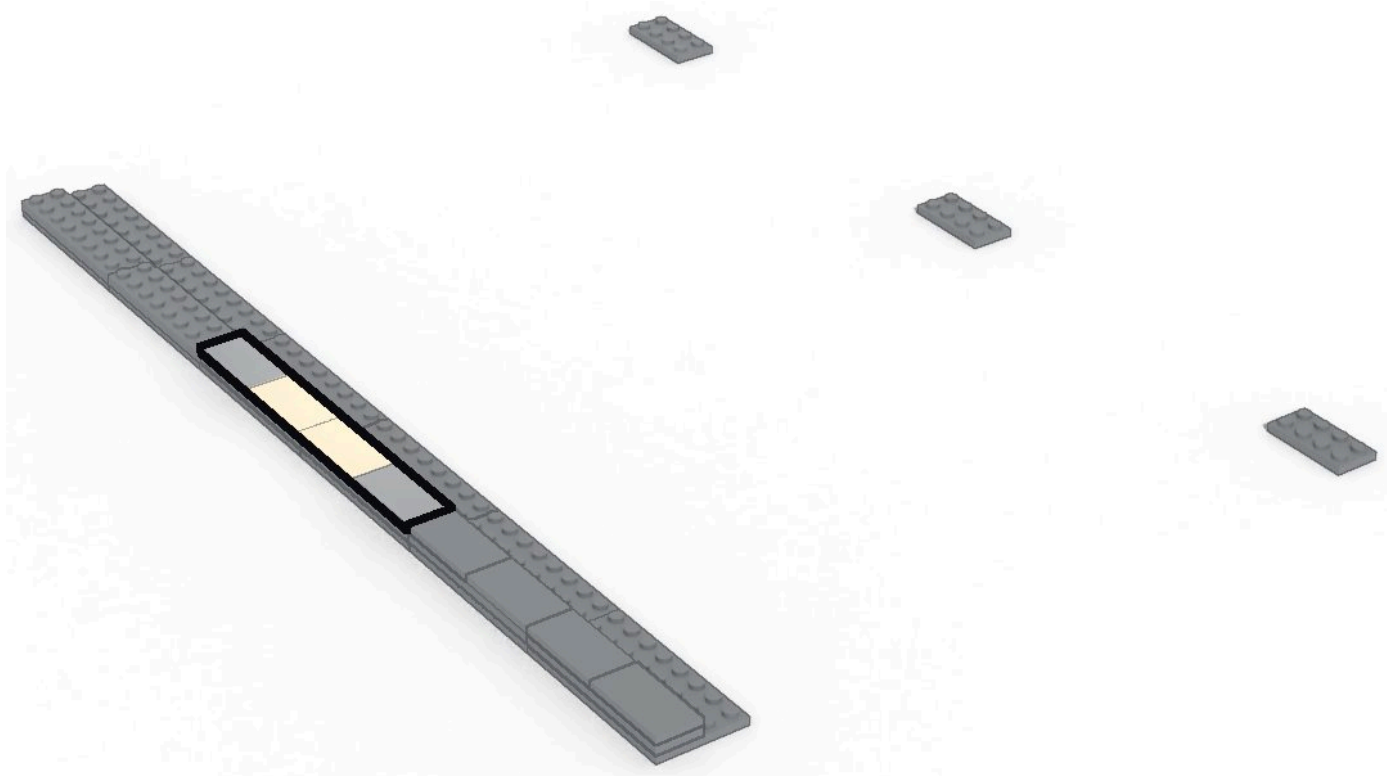
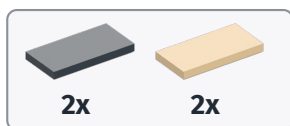


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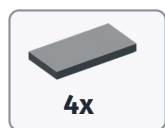


The display stand

5



6



turn the model around



Your nameplate

Print this page at 100 % (no “fit to page”), cut out a label along the grey line and stick it on the tan 2 × 8 nameplate of the display stand. Tip: sticker paper or a strip of clear tape on top makes it last.

Zürich Hauptbahnhof

Zürich · 1871

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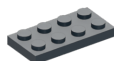
Zürich · 1871

Labels: three colours to choose from (tan, navy, Swiss red).

Parts list



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14769 · Black



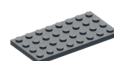
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4x
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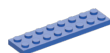
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6x
3035 · Black



10x
87079 · Black



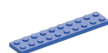
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3034 · Blue



2x
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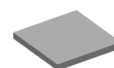
3x
3069 · Blue



3x
3832 · Blue



24x
32607 · Bright Green



3x
1751 · Dark Bluish Gray



18x
2412b · Dark Bluish Gray



37x
2431 · Dark Bluish Gray



1x
3003 · Dark Bluish Gray



9x
3020 · Dark Bluish Gray



6x
3024 · Dark Bluish Gray



2x
3034 · Dark Bluish Gray



8x
3037 · Dark Bluish Gray



22x
3039 · Dark Bluish Gray



1x
3062 · Dark Bluish Gray



4x
3068 · Dark Bluish Gray



10x
3069 · Dark Bluish Gray



8x
3070 · Dark Bluish Gray



6x
3832 · Dark Bluish Gray



1x
4073 · Dark Bluish Gray



11x
85861 · Dark Bluish Gray



12x
87079 · Dark Bluish Gray



1x
87580 · Dark Bluish Gray



11x
87994 · Dark Bluish Gray



24x
32607 · Dark Green



8x
3004 · Dark Tan



8x
3005 · Dark Tan



14x
3020 · Dark Tan



3x
3023 · Dark Tan



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7x
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3623 · Dark Tan



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3666 · Dark Tan



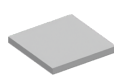
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24x
32607 · Green



12x
3941 · Green



1x
1751 · Light Bluish Gray



52x
2412b · Light Bluish Gray



41x
2431 · Light Bluish Gray



13x
3020 · Light Bluish Gray



2x
3022 · Light Bluish Gray

Parts list



5x
3023 · Light Bluish Gray



6x
3024 · Light Bluish Gray



49x
3062 · Light Bluish Gray



38x
3068 · Light Bluish Gray



24x
3069 · Light Bluish Gray



16x
3070 · Light Bluish Gray



6x
3710 · Light Bluish Gray



3x
3832 · Light Bluish Gray



1x
60474 · Light Bluish Gray



18x
87079 · Light Bluish Gray



6x
87087 · Light Bluish Gray



1x
87580 · Light Bluish Gray



6x
91405 · Light Bluish Gray



8x
4073 · Pearl Gold



8x
3004 · Red



2x
3069 · Red



3x
3832 · Red



6x
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3x
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3x
15533 · Tan



1x
15573 · Tan



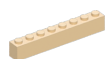
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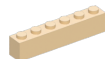
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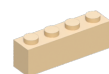
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15x
3008 · Tan



6x
3009 · Tan



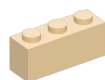
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18x
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32x
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7x
4490 · Tan



2x
87079 · Tan



9x
98283 · Tan



6x
99780 · Tan



64x
3065 · Trans-Light Blue



24x
3069 · Trans-Light Blue



8x
98138 · Trans-Light Blue



2x
3003 · White



12x
3004 · White



2x
3020 · White



2x
3032 · White



2x
3034 · White



2x
3035 · White



1x
3069 · White



1x
3460 · White



3x
3832 · White

Parts list



11x
4073 · White



1x
3024 · Yellow



2x
3070 · Yellow

A river under the station

Look at the west edge of the base: a strip of water runs under a grate.

The river Sihl flows right under Zurich's main station, through long tunnels beneath the platforms, before it joins the Limmat just behind the station.

The statue on the fountain in front of the portal is Alfred Escher, the railway pioneer who led the founding of the Gotthard railway.

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Zürich Hauptbahnhof

Zürich



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