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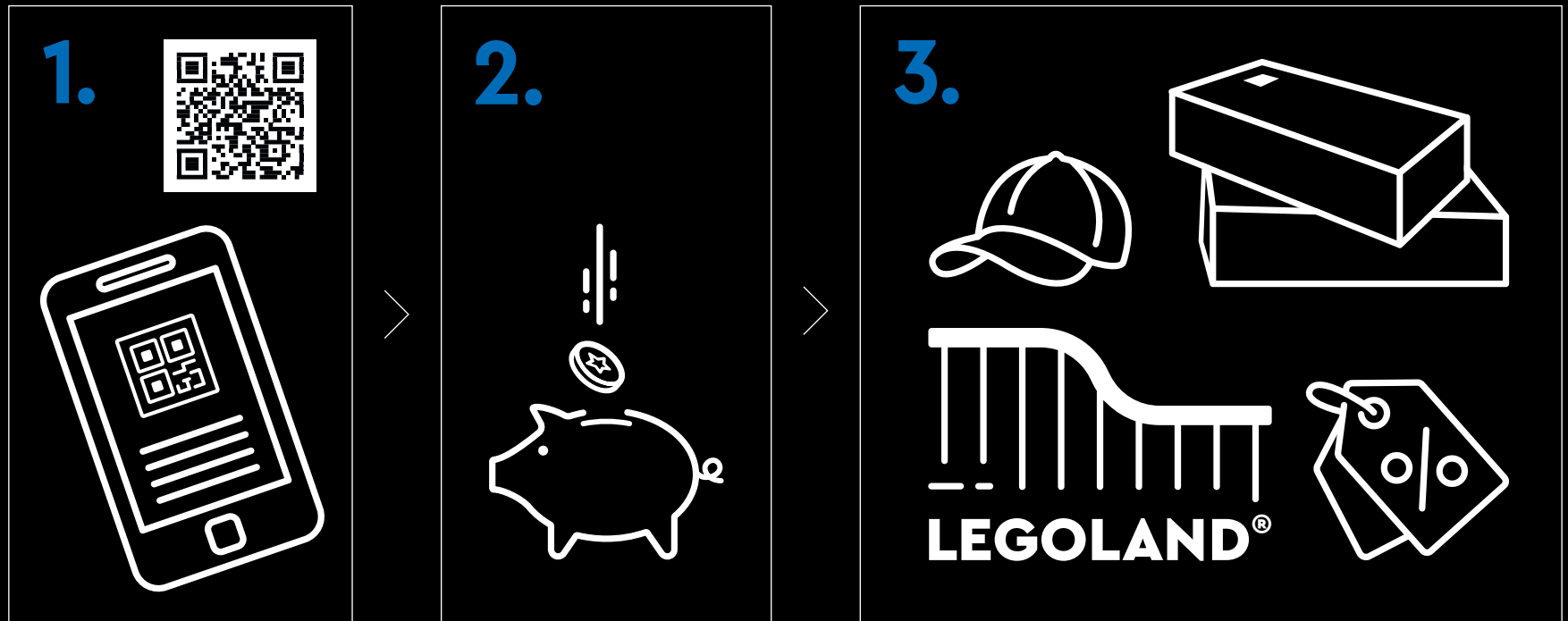
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# 姫路城

## HIMEJI CASTLE / THE CASTLE OF THE WHITE HERON

🌸 Majestically overlooking the Japanese city of Himeji, the breath-taking Himeji Castle is an architectural gem on UNESCO's World Heritage list. First built as a fortress in 1333, towards the end of an era of civil wars, the castle has undergone several transformations over the centuries. In 1600 a major reconstruction began, resulting in the current structure which has been preserved in its integrity until today, initially by feudal masters and later by the Japanese government. Mazes of intricate pathways once designed to confuse and trap enemies now weave an intriguing journey for visitors. Through wars, earthquakes, fires and times of peace, the Castle of the White Heron stands as a serene monument to Japanese culture. Discover the intricate details of the Main Keep and the history of the castle as you build.

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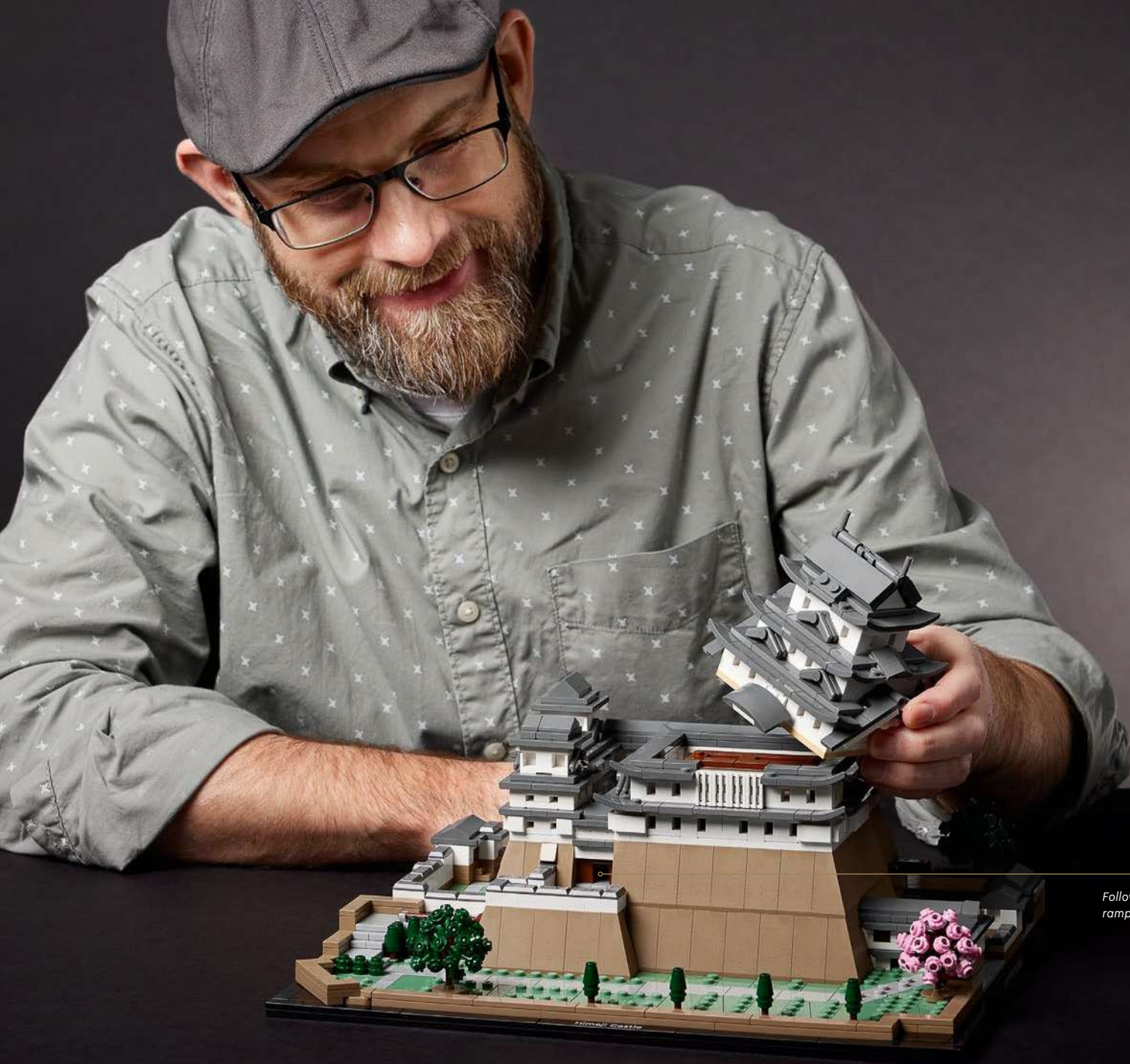
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## A TRIBUTE TO A REVERED LANDMARK

🍷 '2023 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Himeji Castle's inscription to UNESCO's World Heritage list, and its architecture and history are still like a mystery to decode. We created the Main Keep as a natural focal point and played with proportions and scales to make it stand out. If you have visited the castle you may recognise some of the interiors, and if you haven't seen it in person, we hope it sparks your imagination and curiosity.'

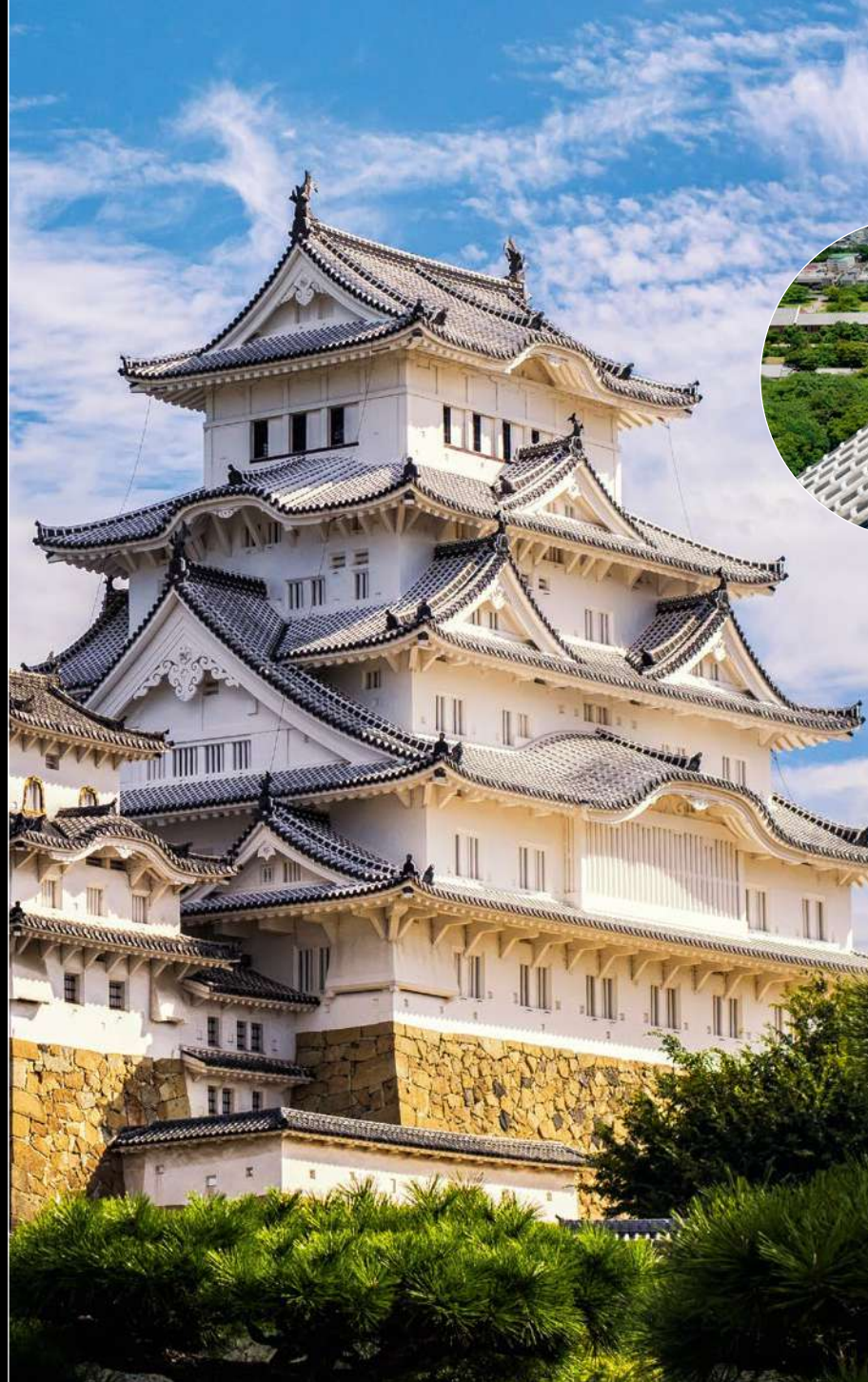






*Follow some of the intricate pathways, ramps and stairways through the castle.*





## AN OPTICAL ILLUSION

🍷 Himeji Castle's roofing method uses interlocking black rectangular and semi-circular tiles. Several layers of white clay line the tiles, giving the roofing a high-contrast, mesh-like appearance up close. However, at a distance, the mesh pattern appears grey. The roof tiles in this set are *Dark Stone Grey* to reflect the aging of the tiles.

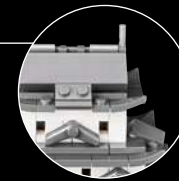




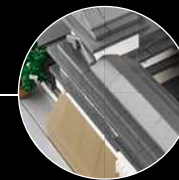
*Peek inside after the model is built.*



*Each tower is constructed differently - even their heights.*



*A mesh of black tiles and white clay makes the roof appear grey from a distance.*



*Each layer or floor in the Main Keep evokes the actual structure of the castle.*

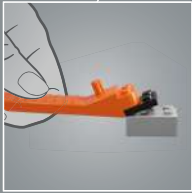
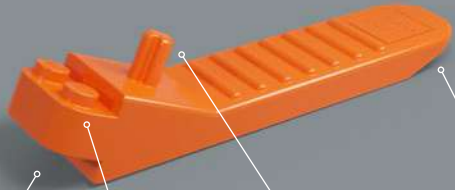


*Irregular angles are predominant throughout the castle and walls.*

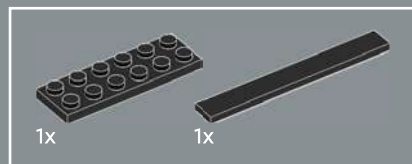


*Decorate the cherry trees with pink blossoms or green leaves.*

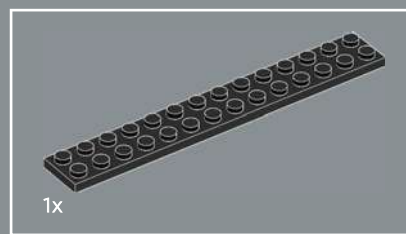
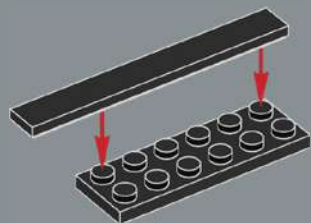




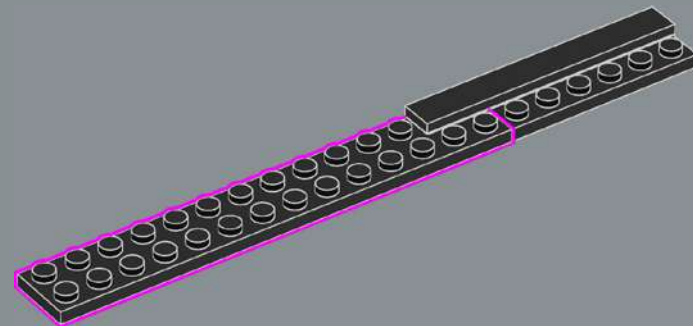




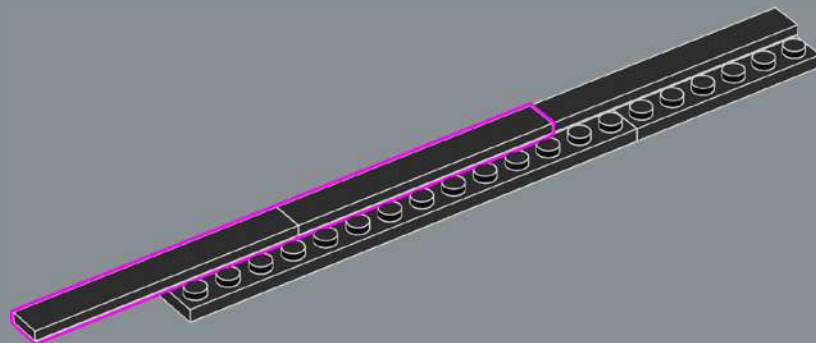
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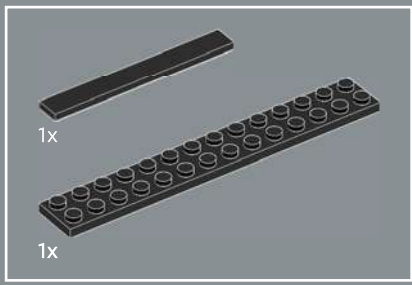


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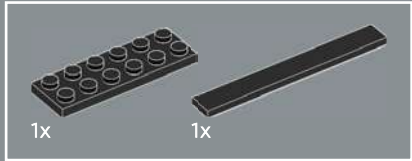
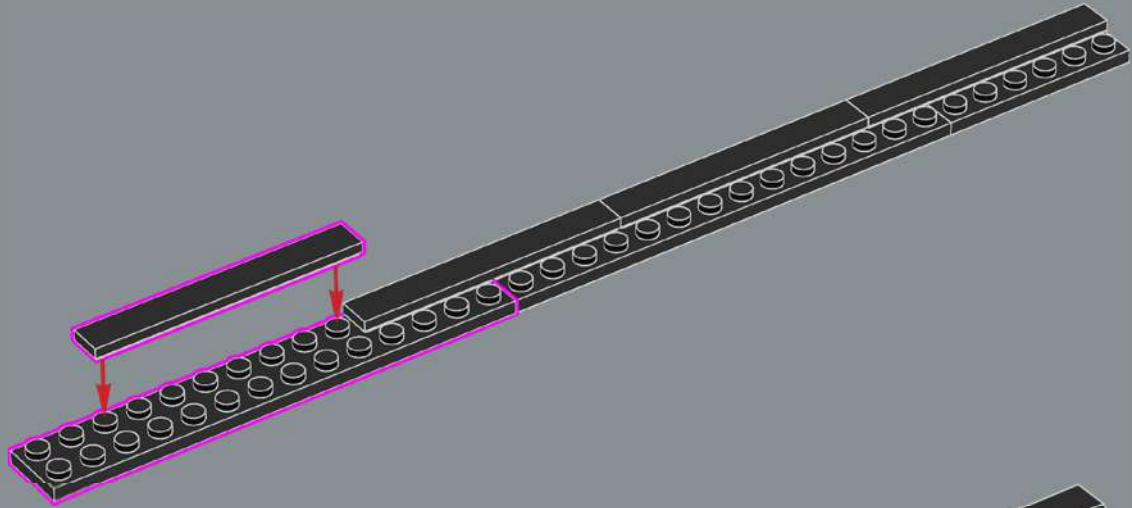


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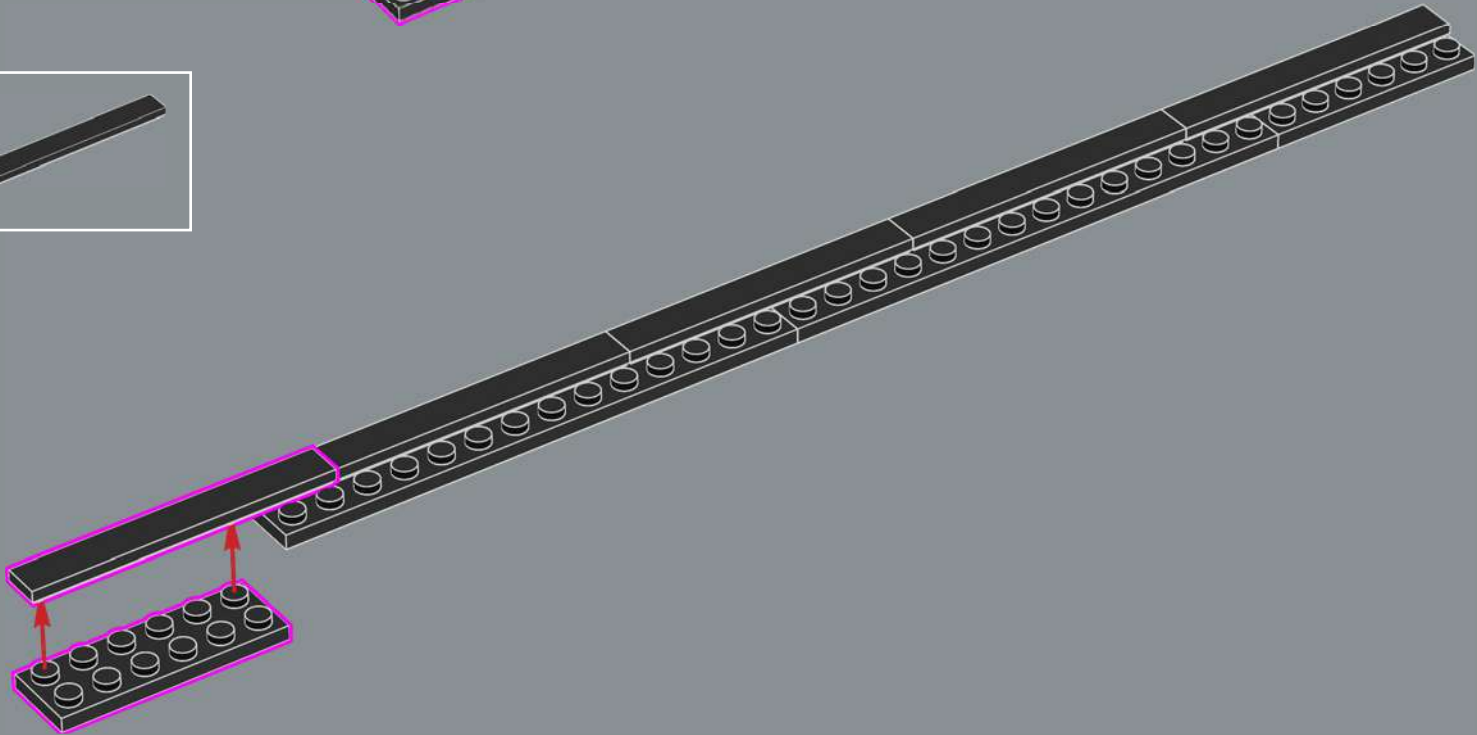




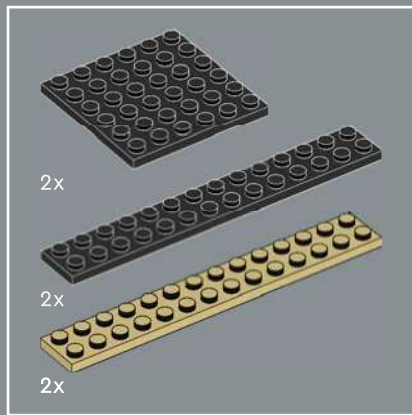
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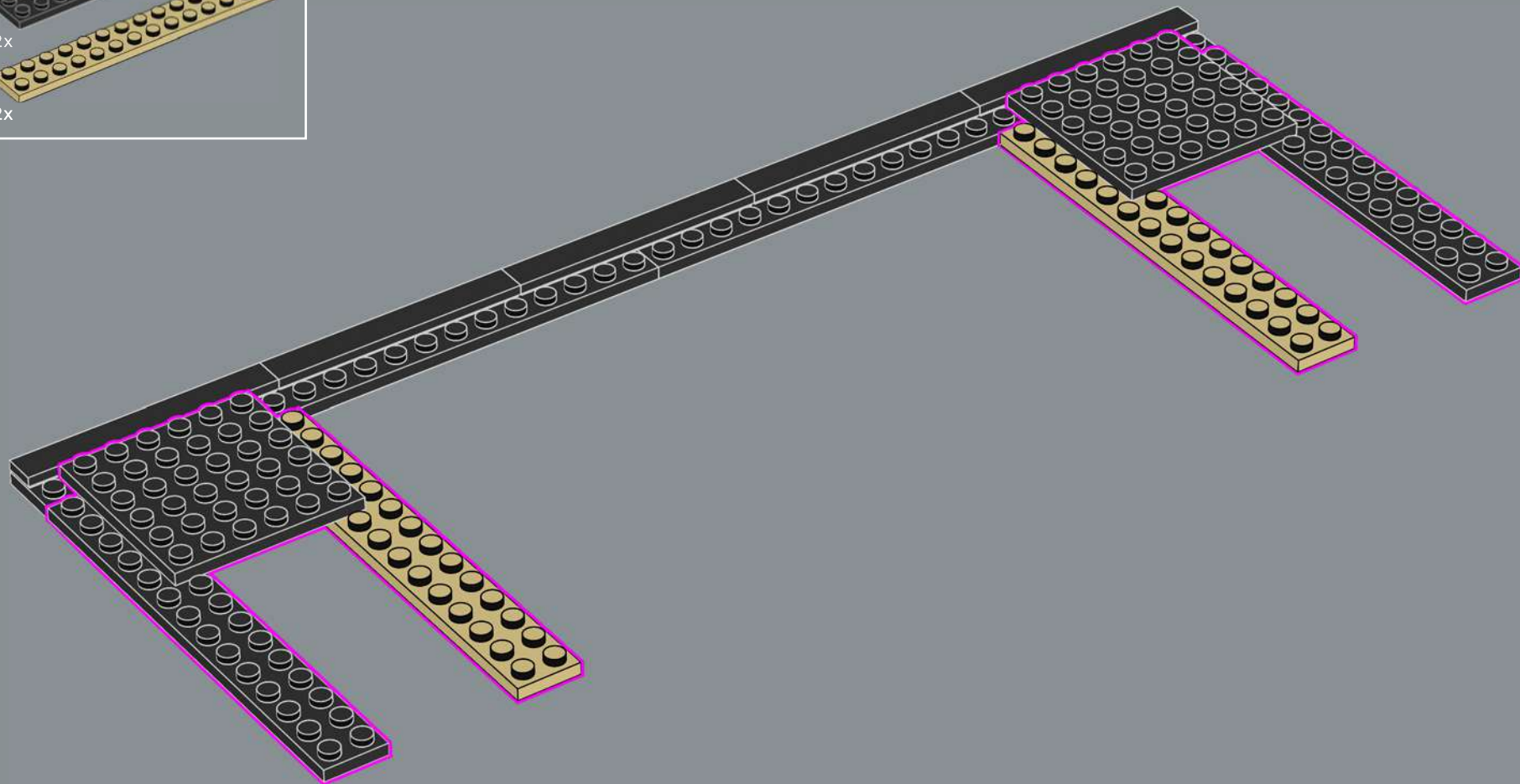
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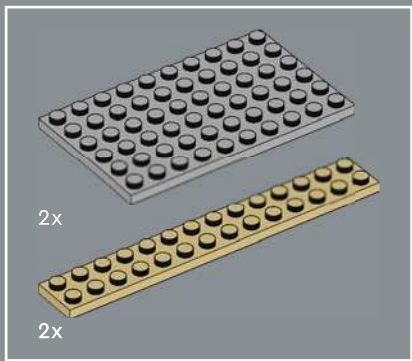




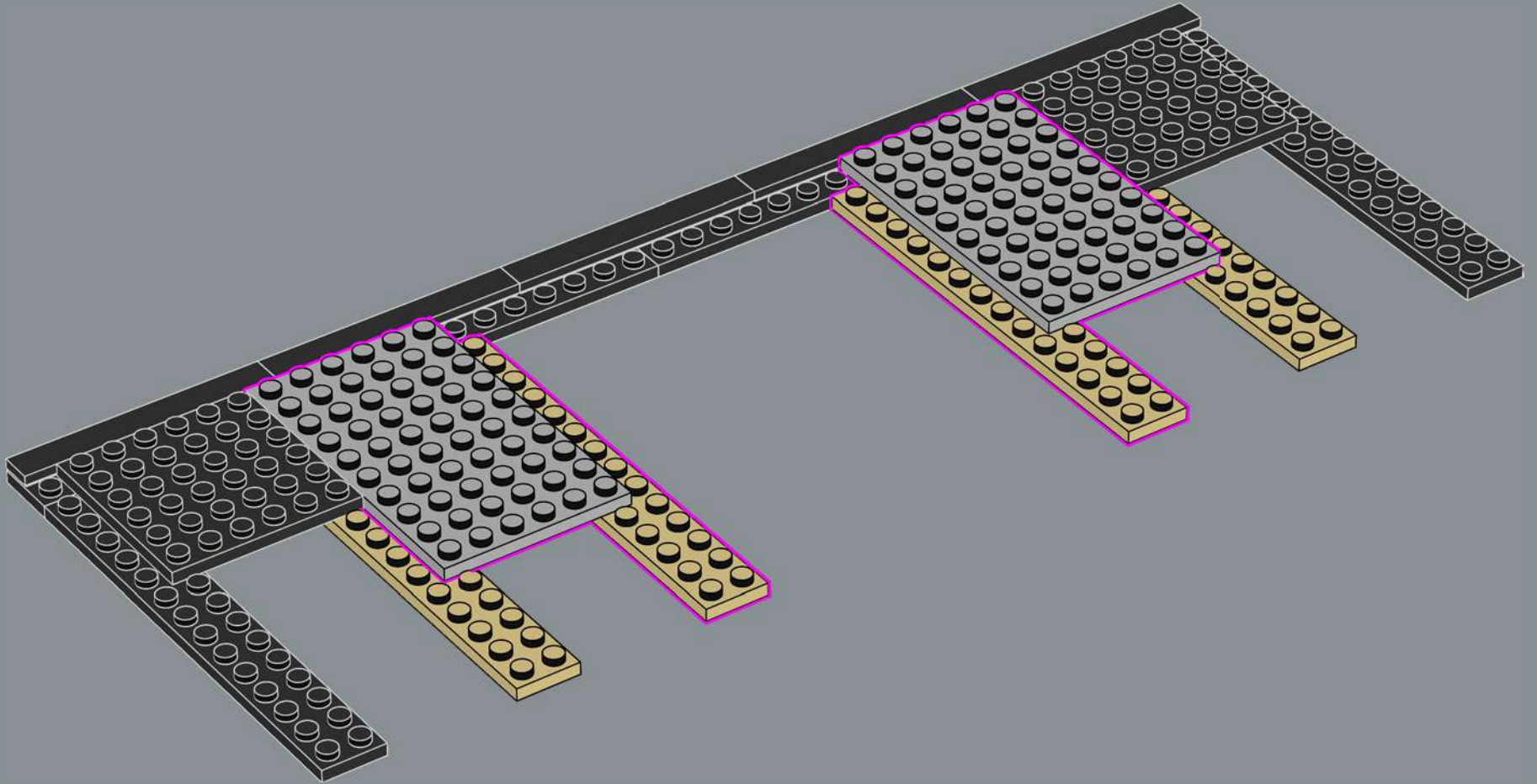


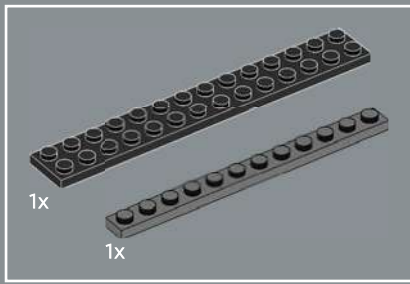
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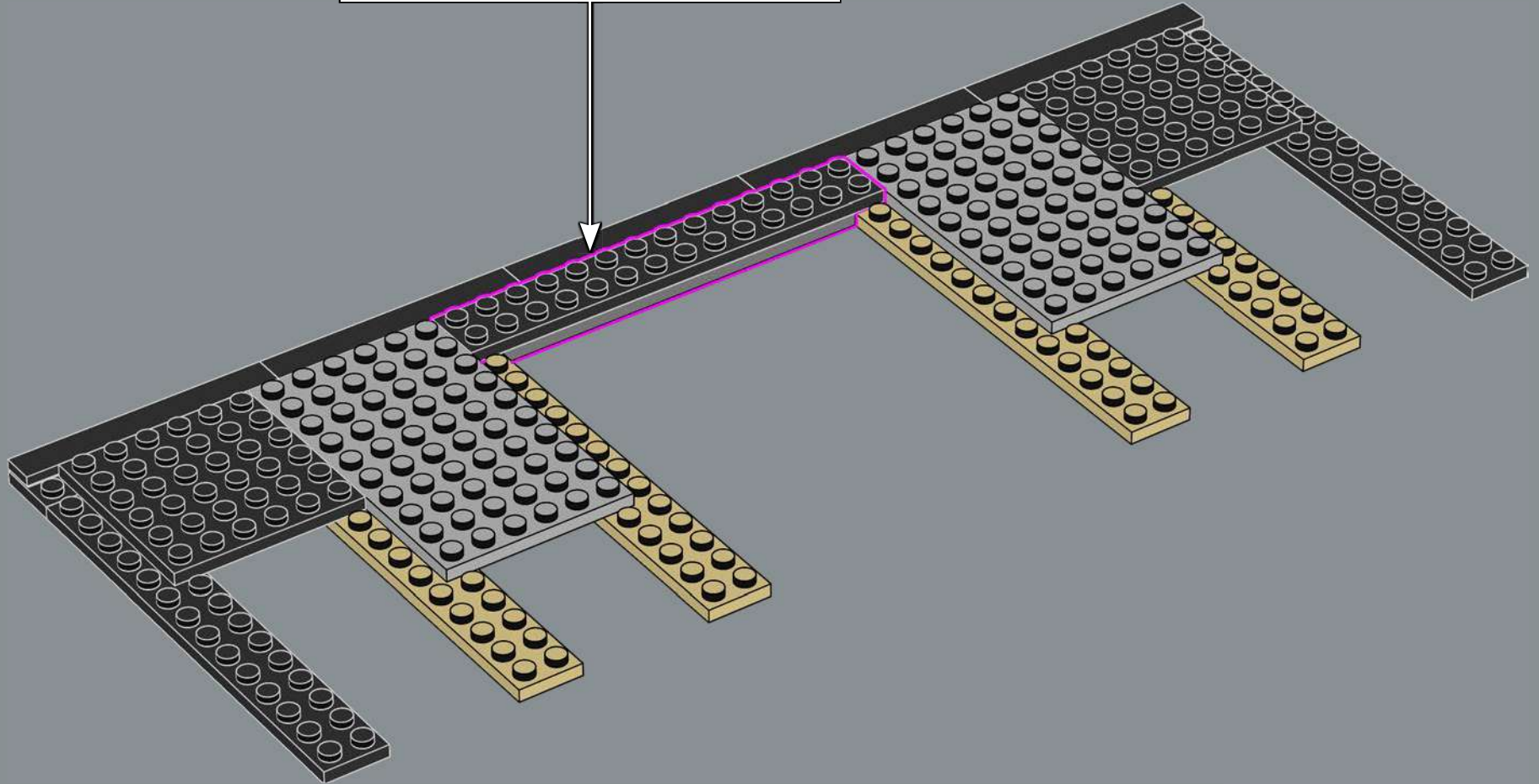
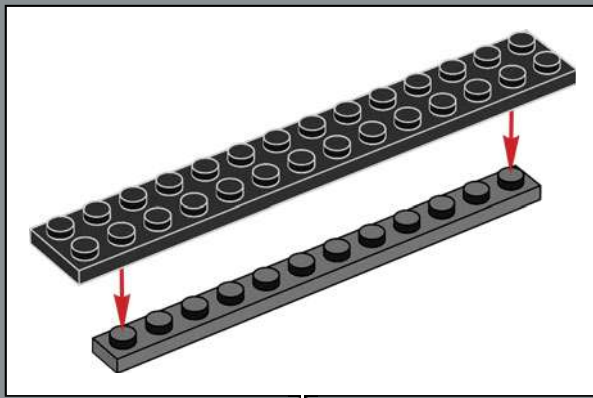


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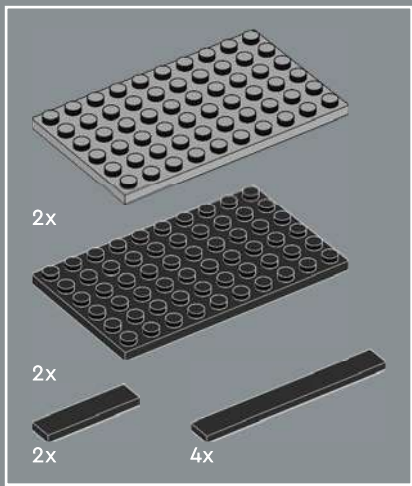




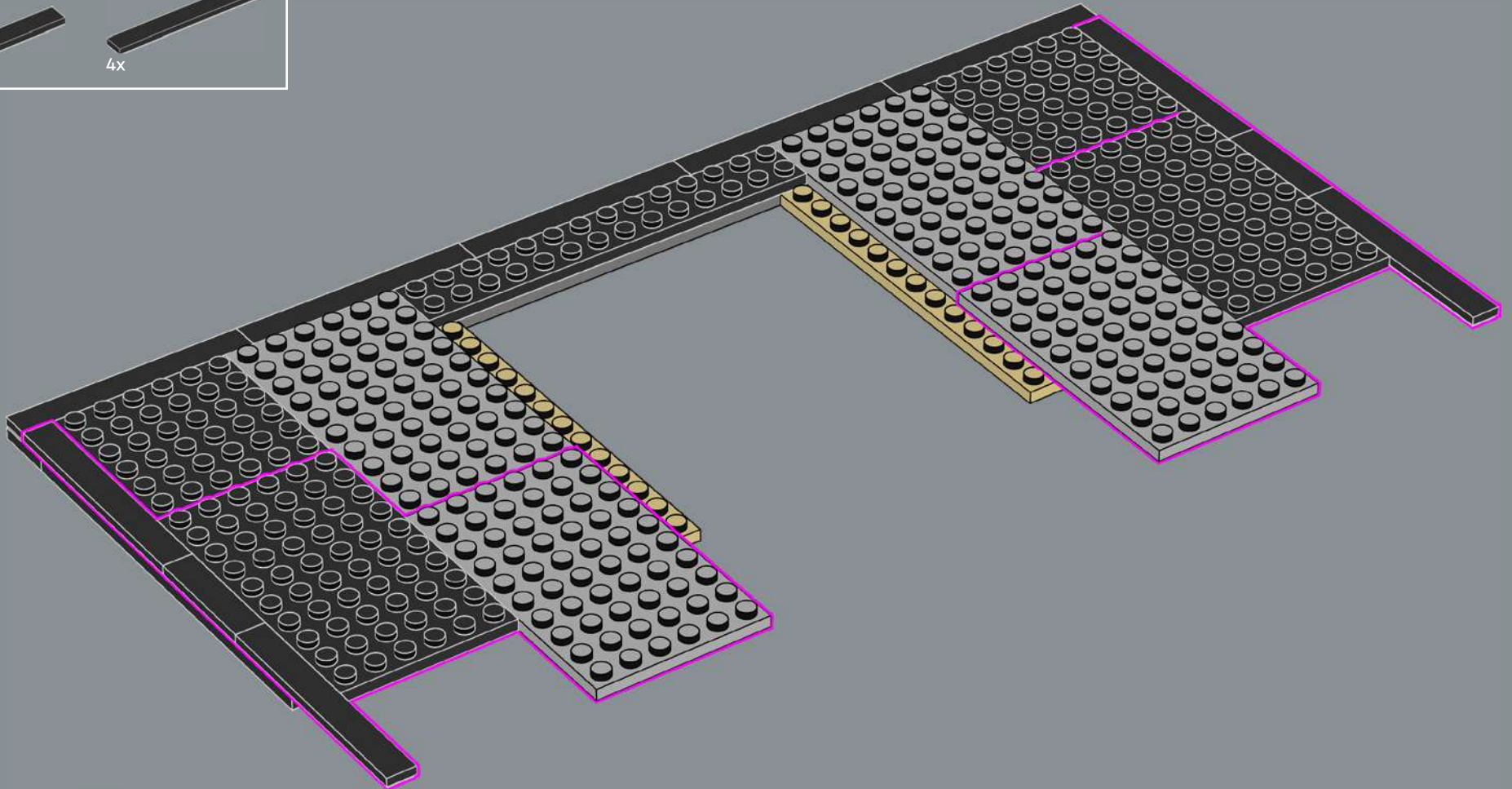
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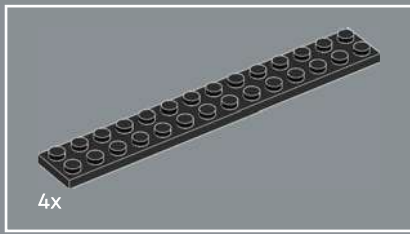




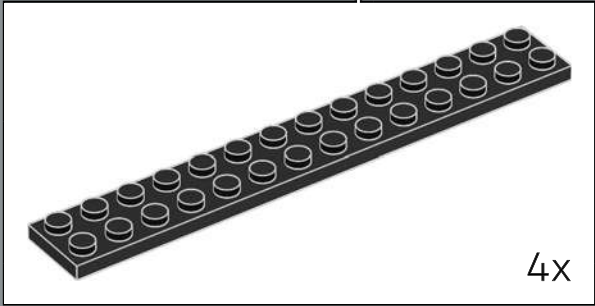
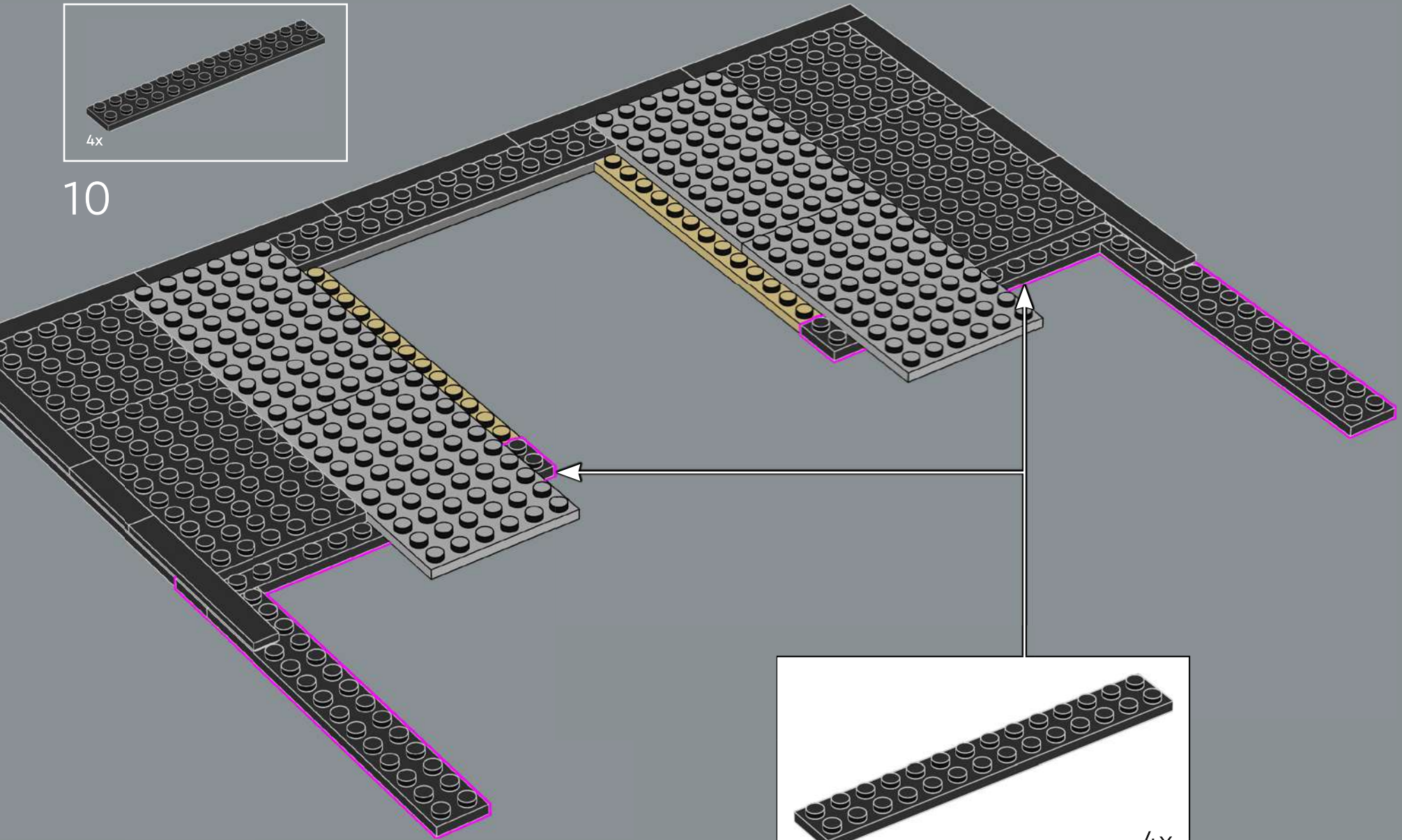
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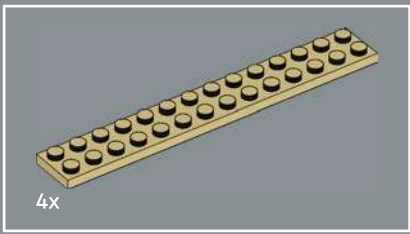




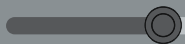
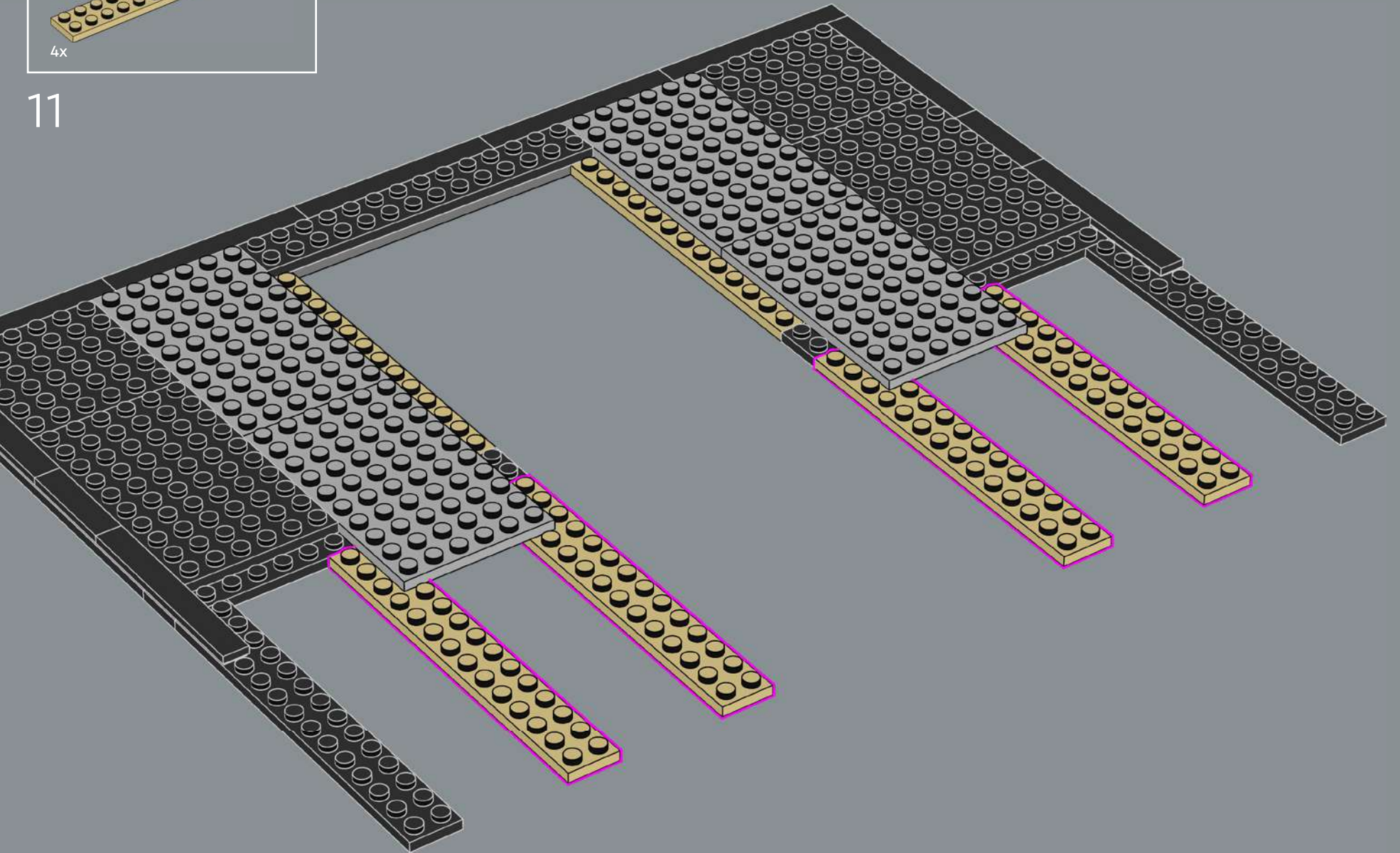


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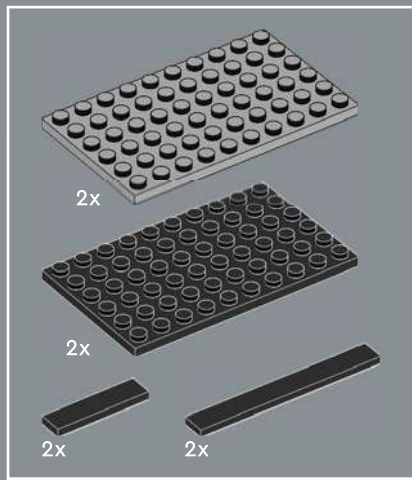




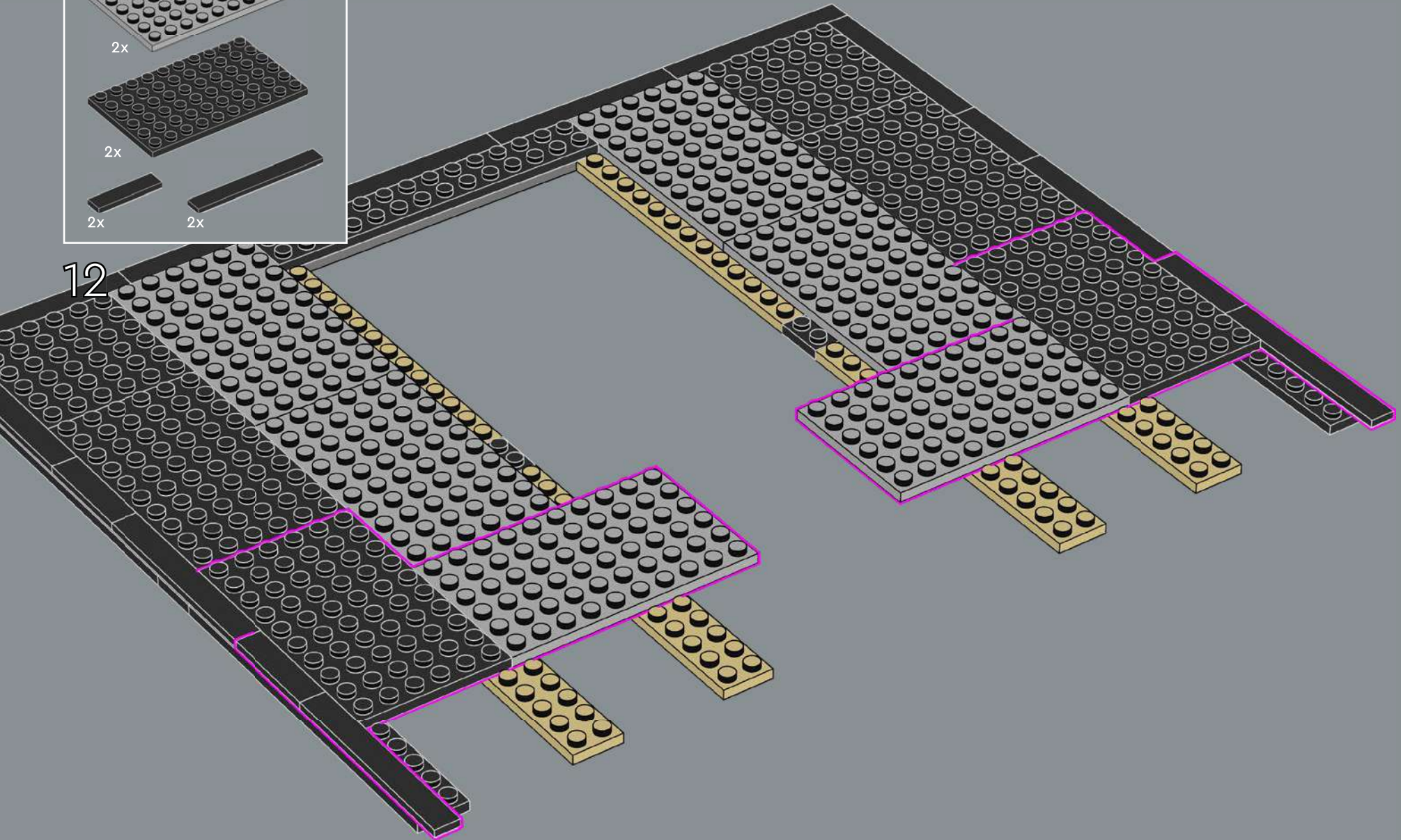
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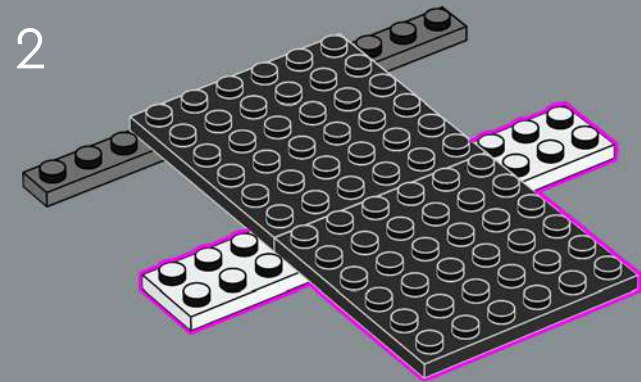
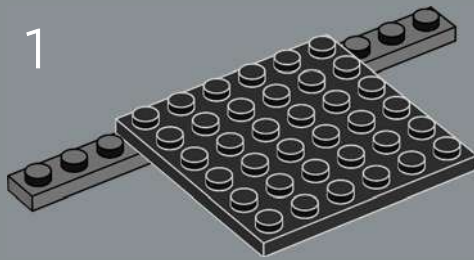
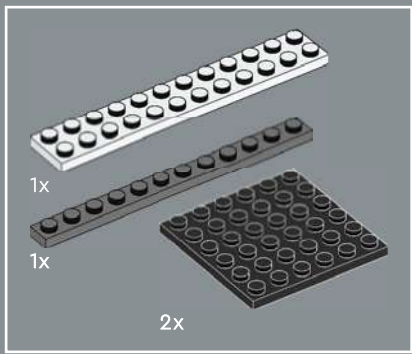




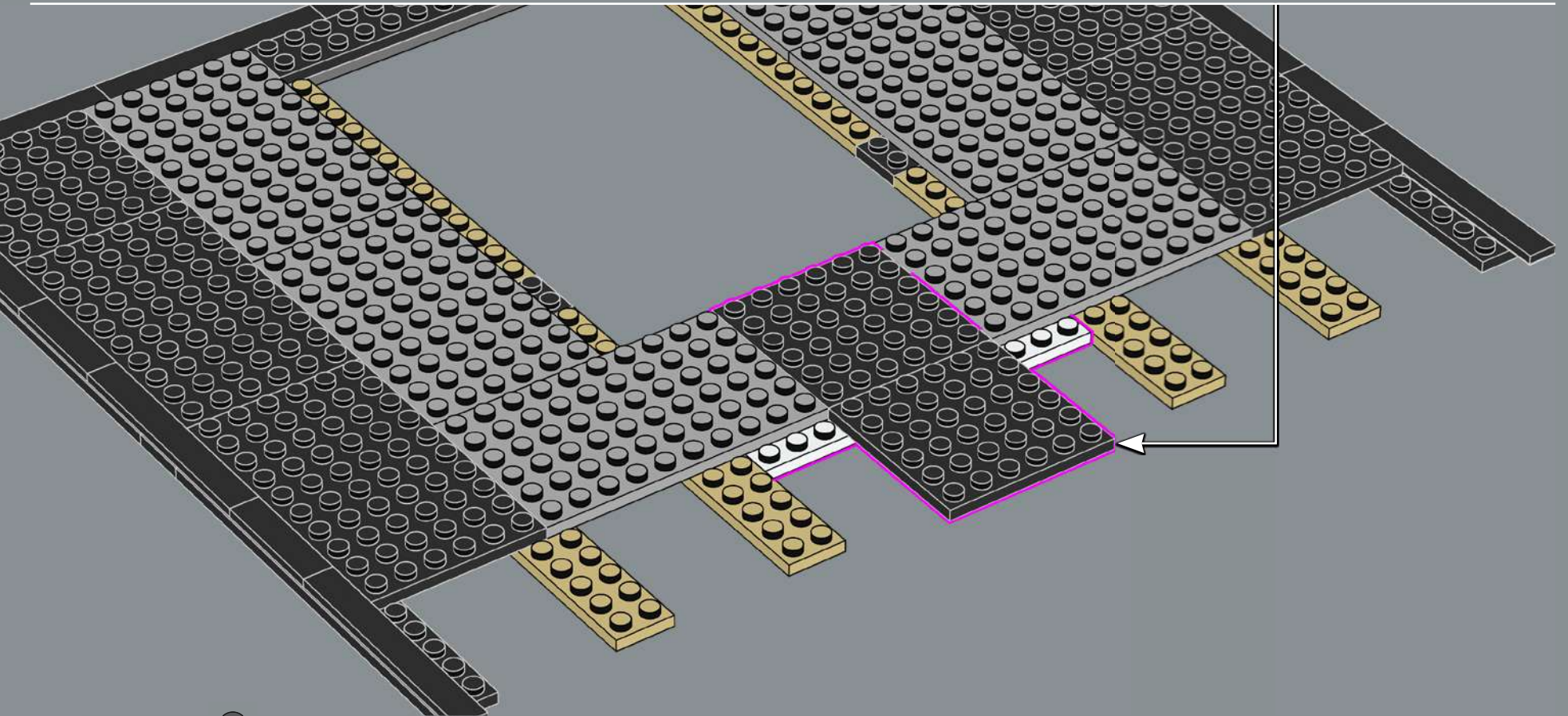


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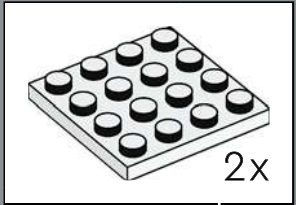
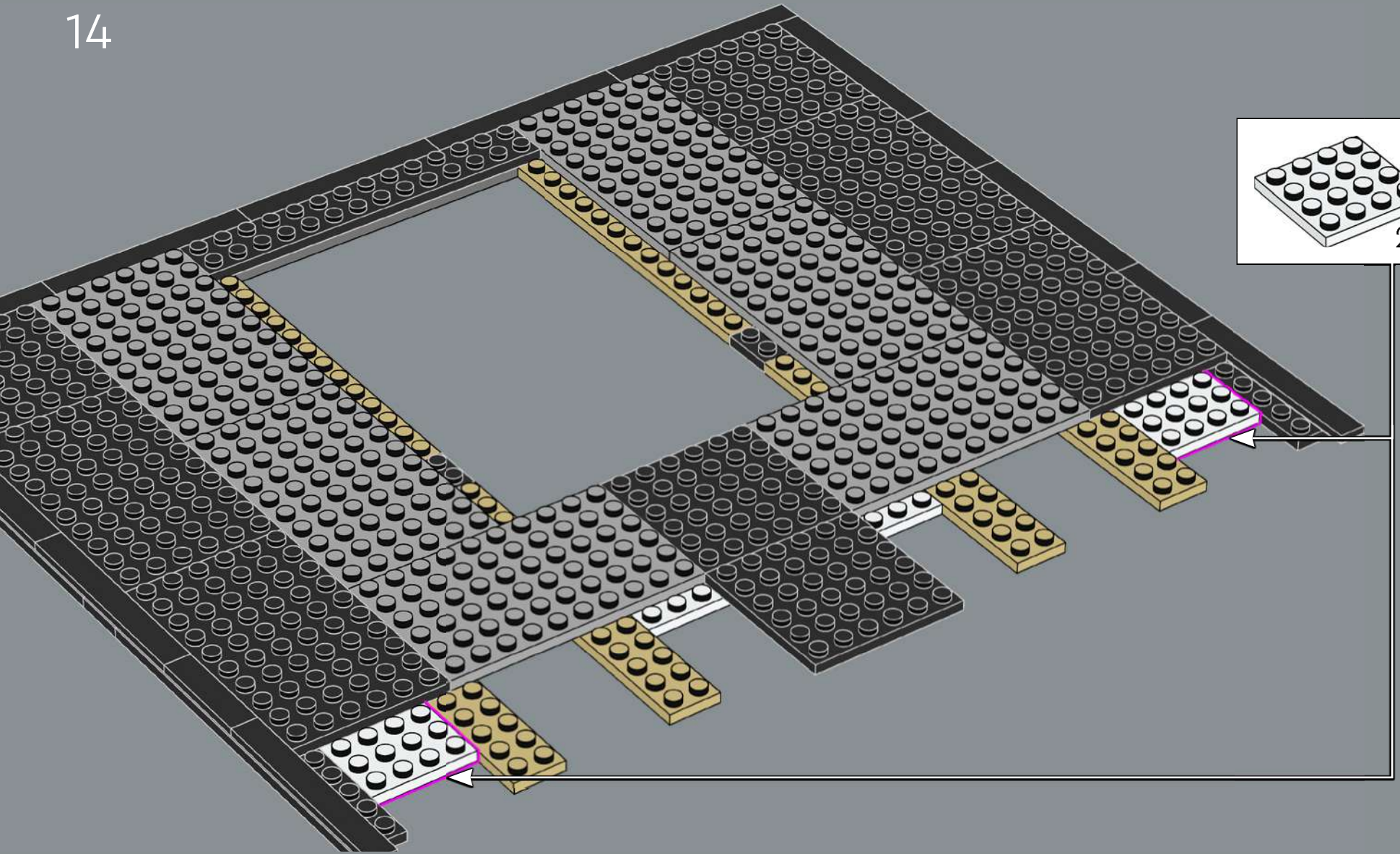
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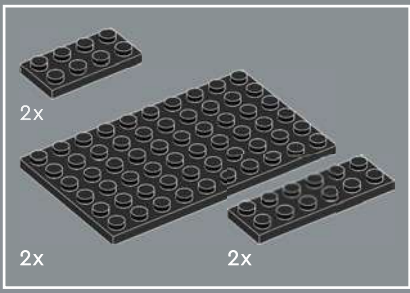




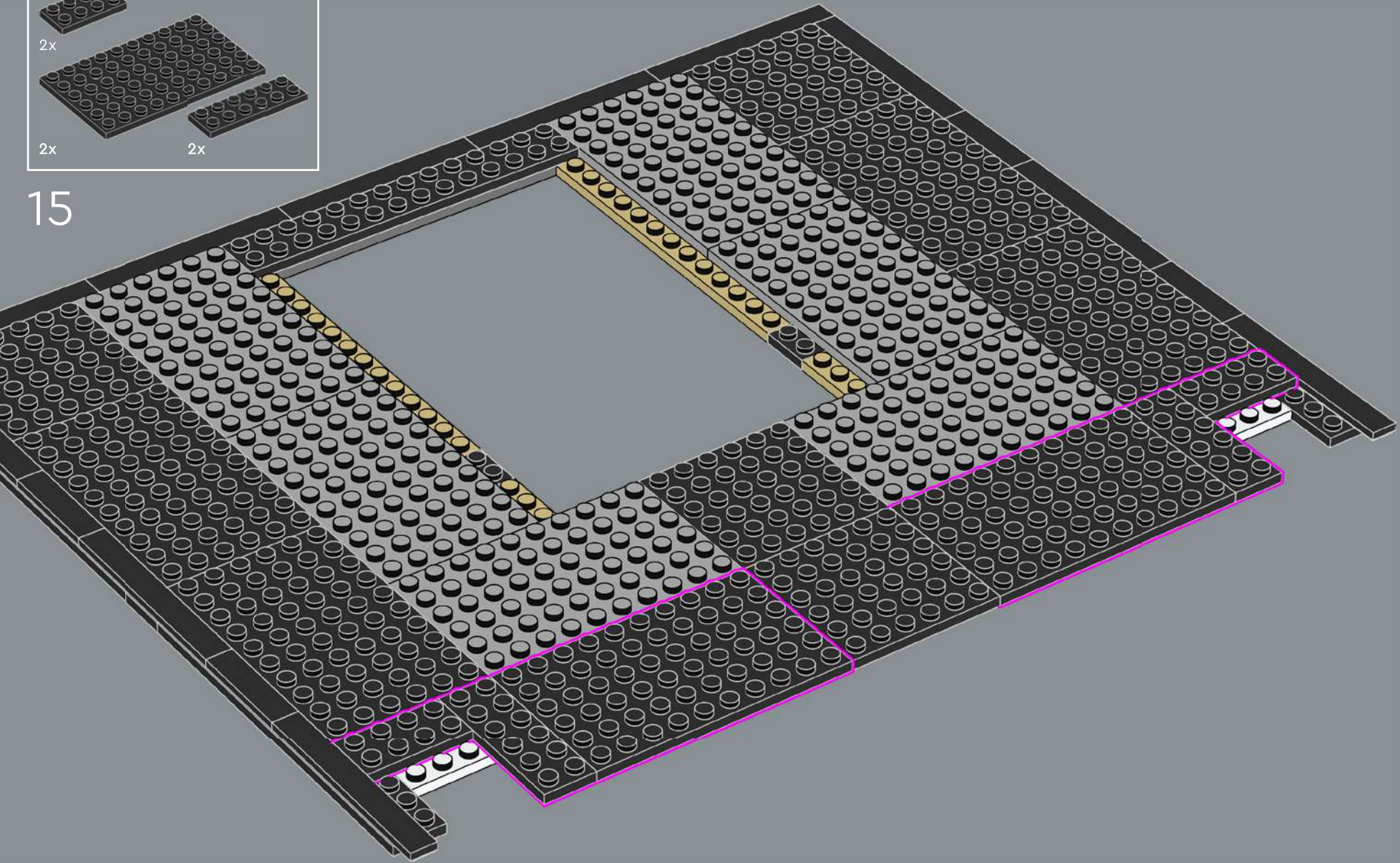


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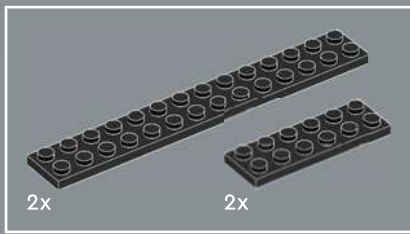




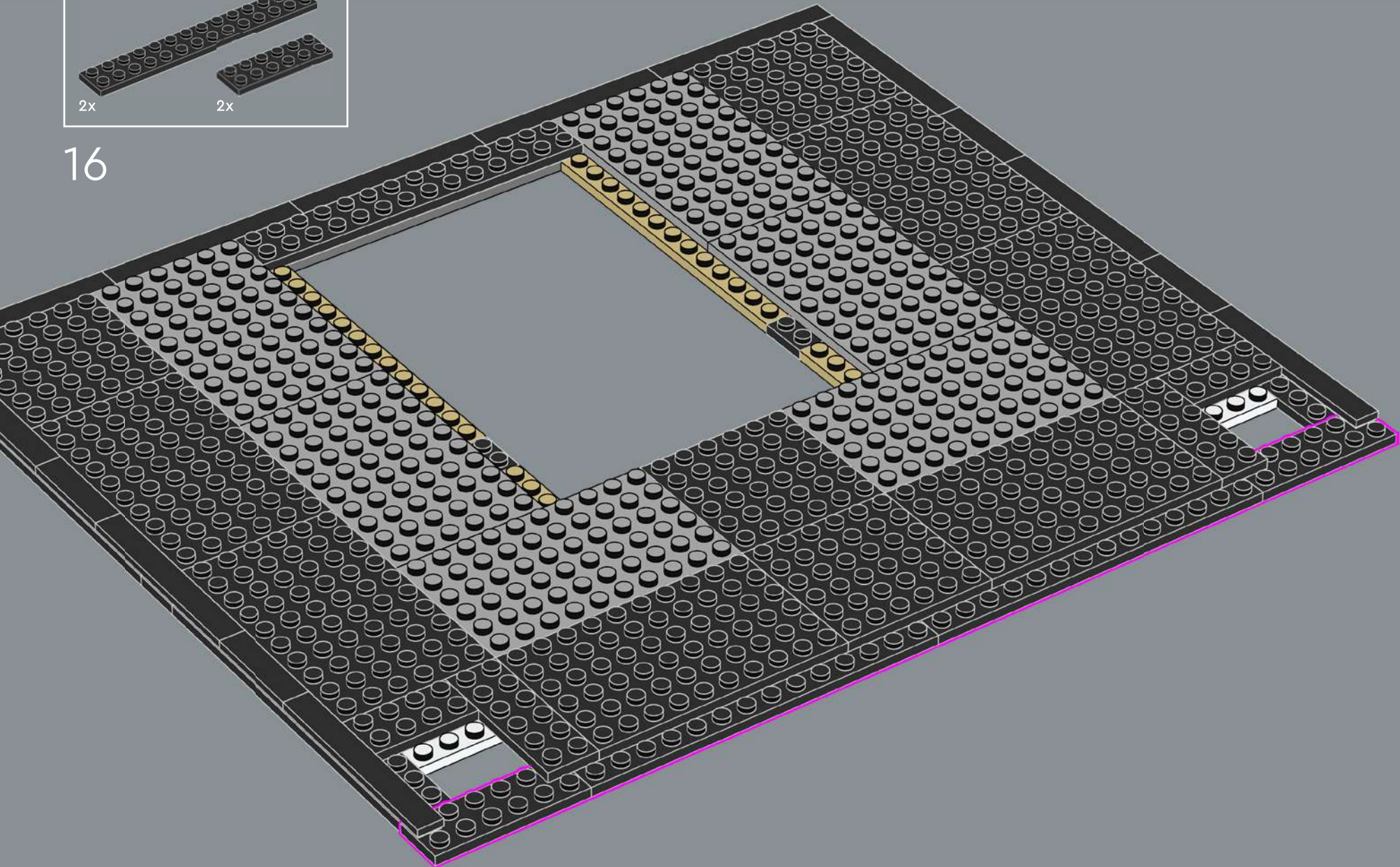
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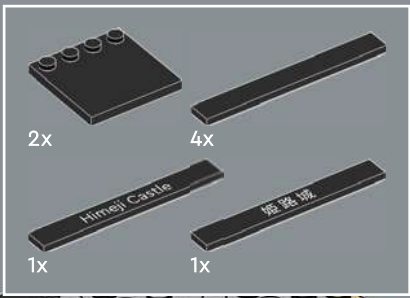




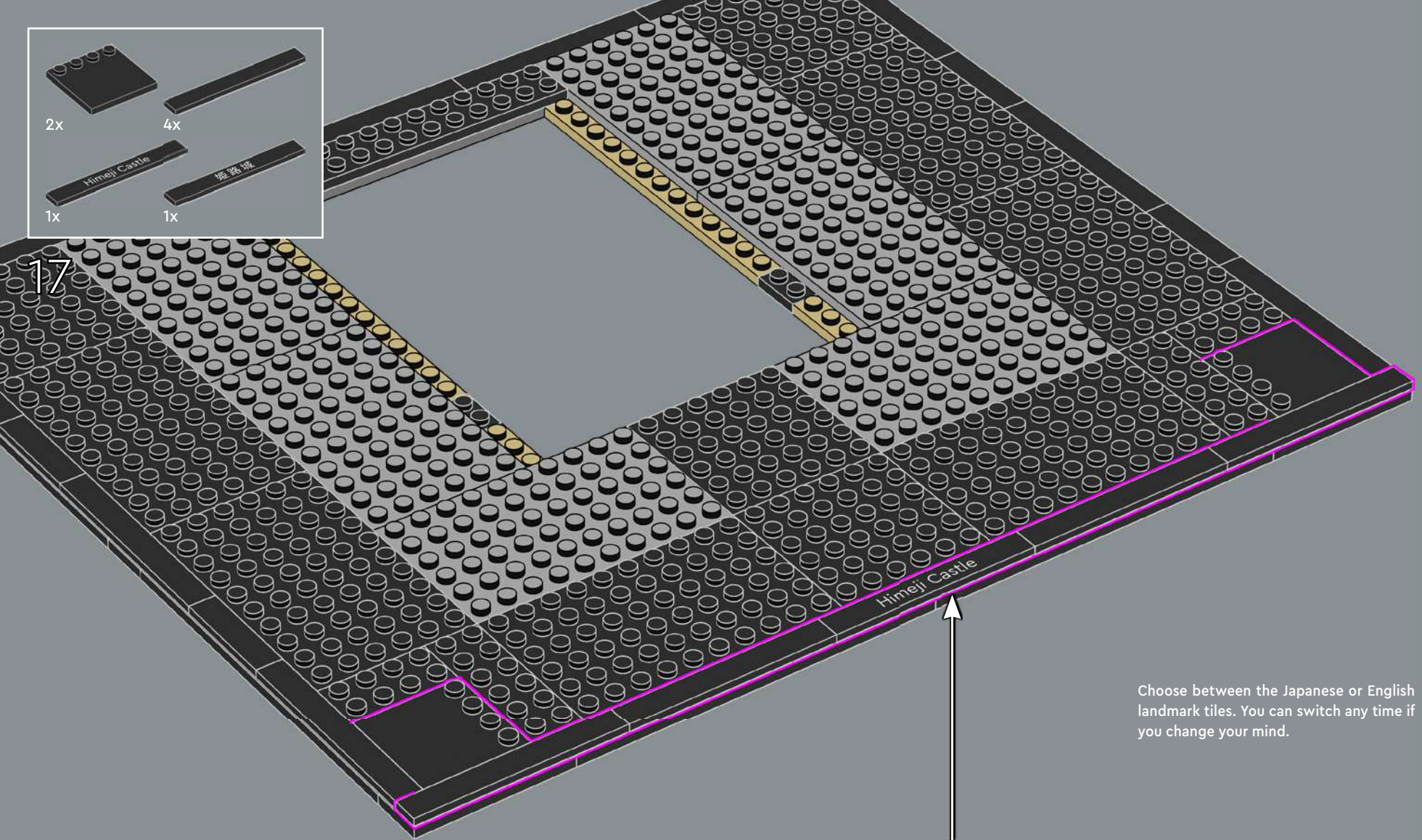
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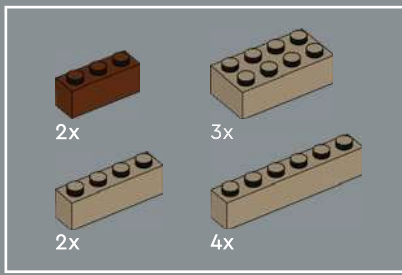


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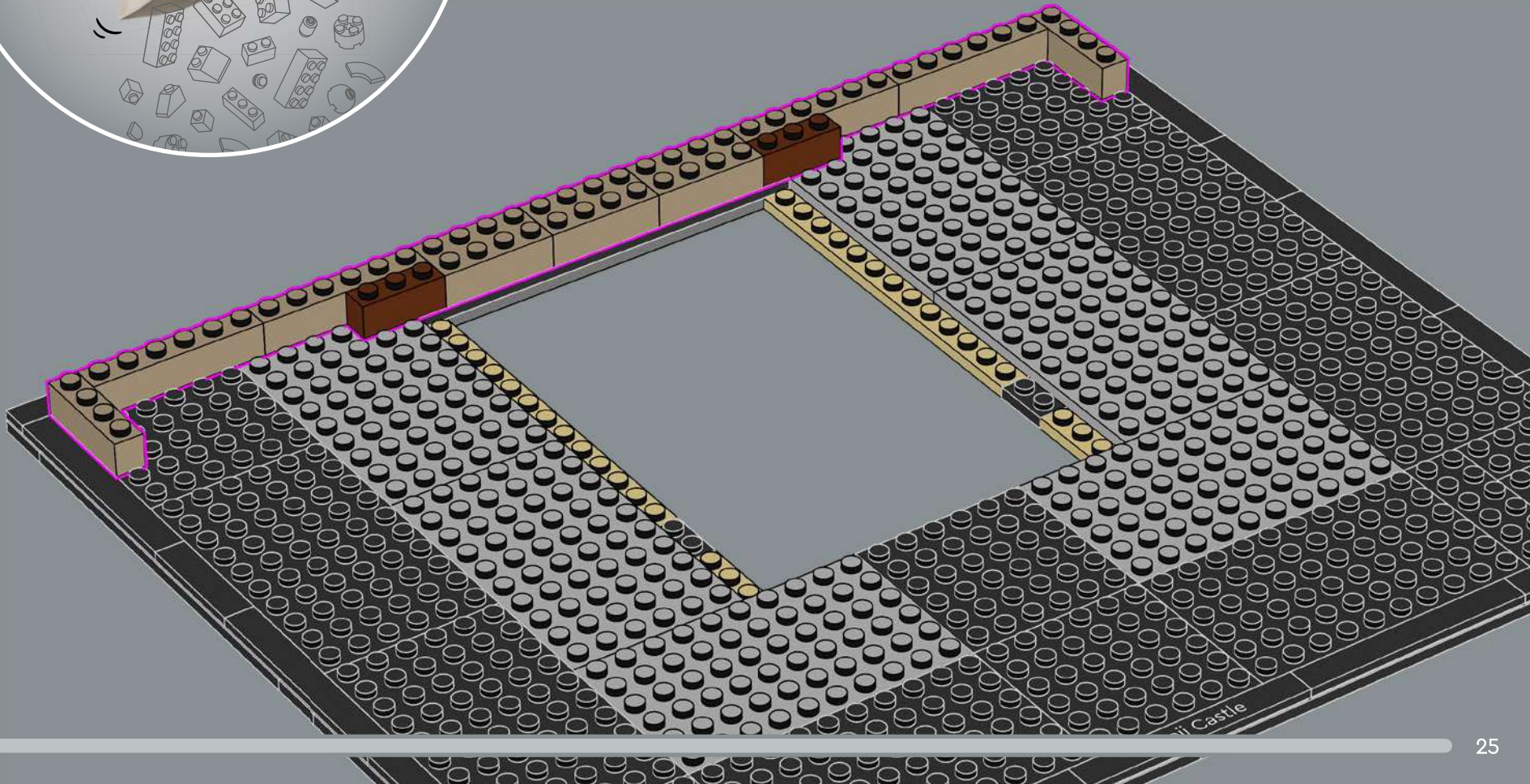




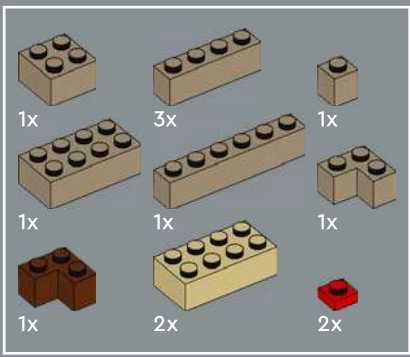
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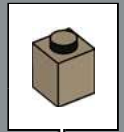
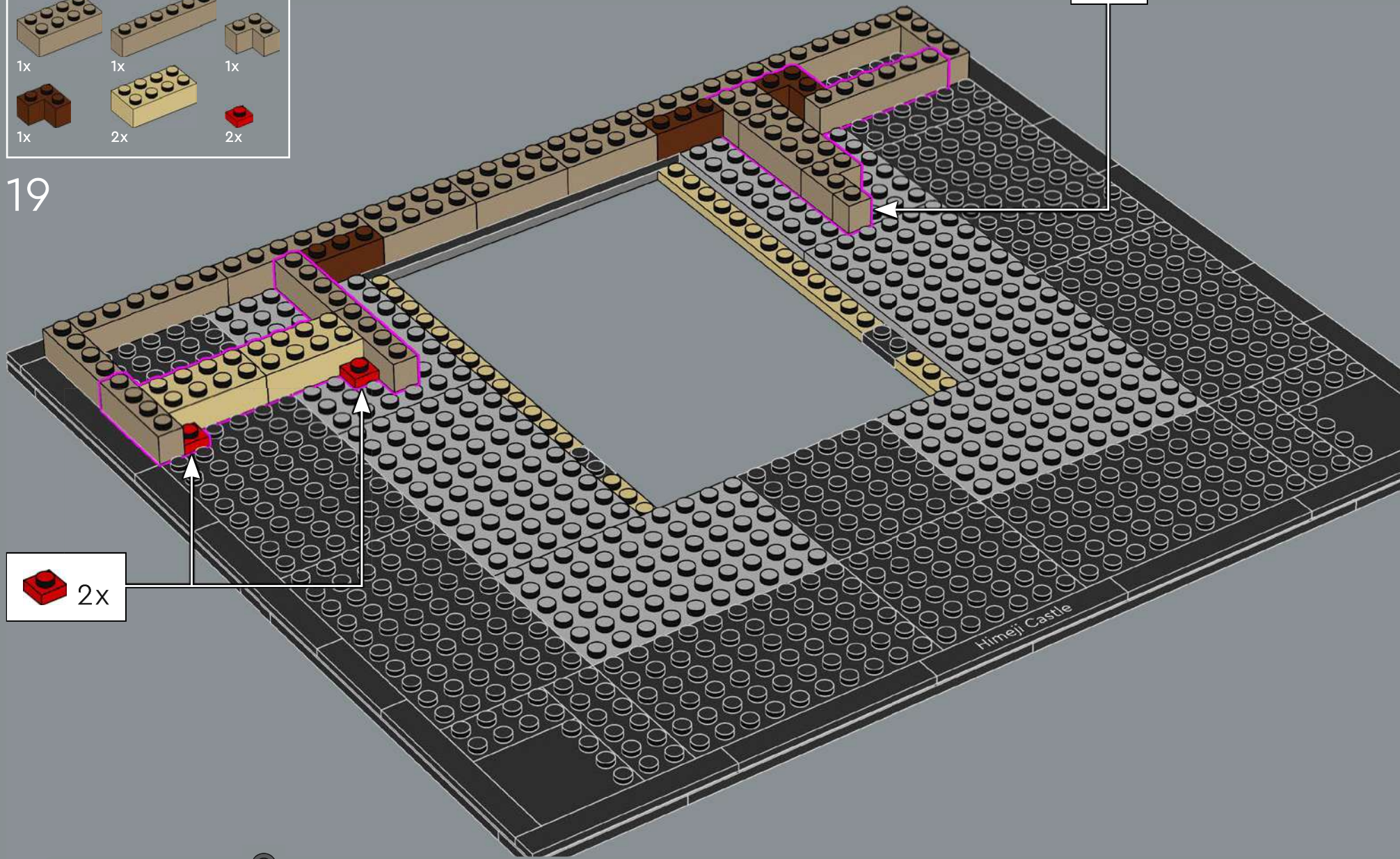
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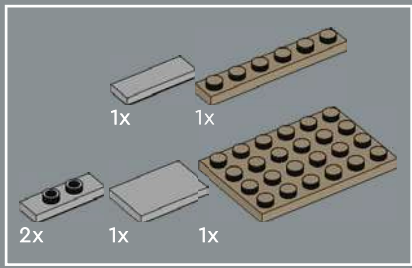


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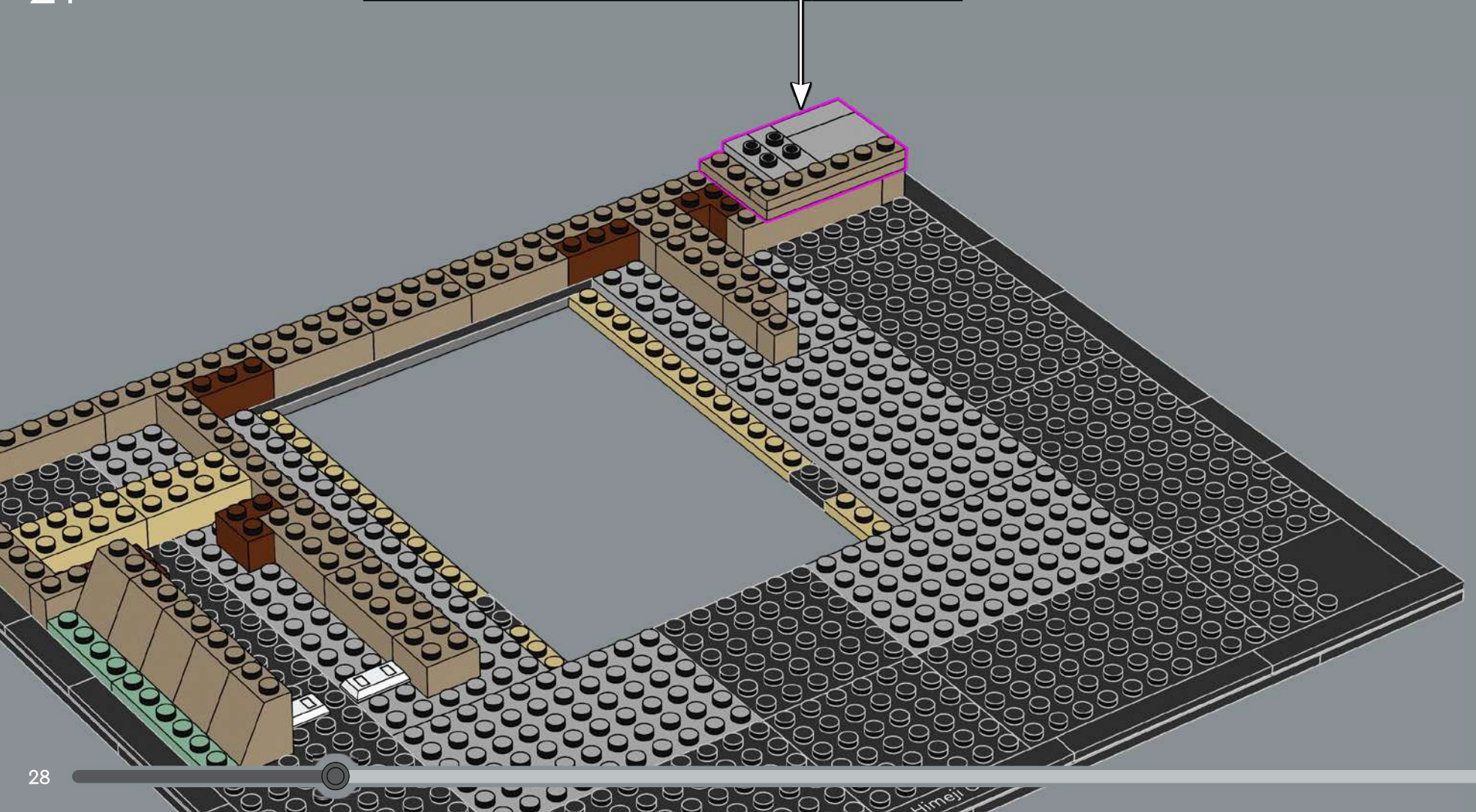
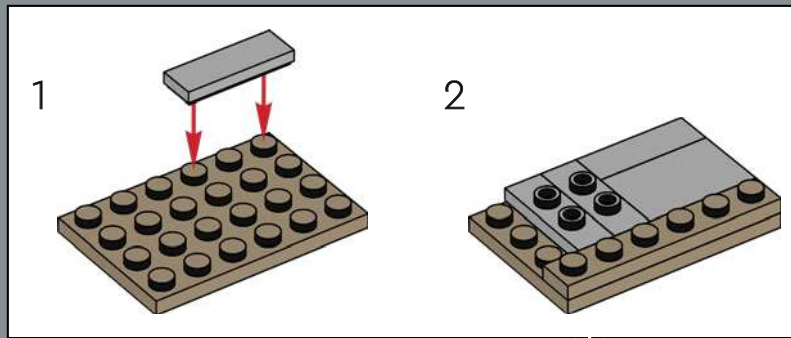


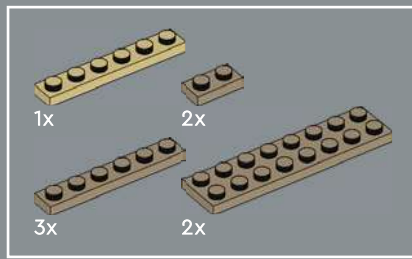




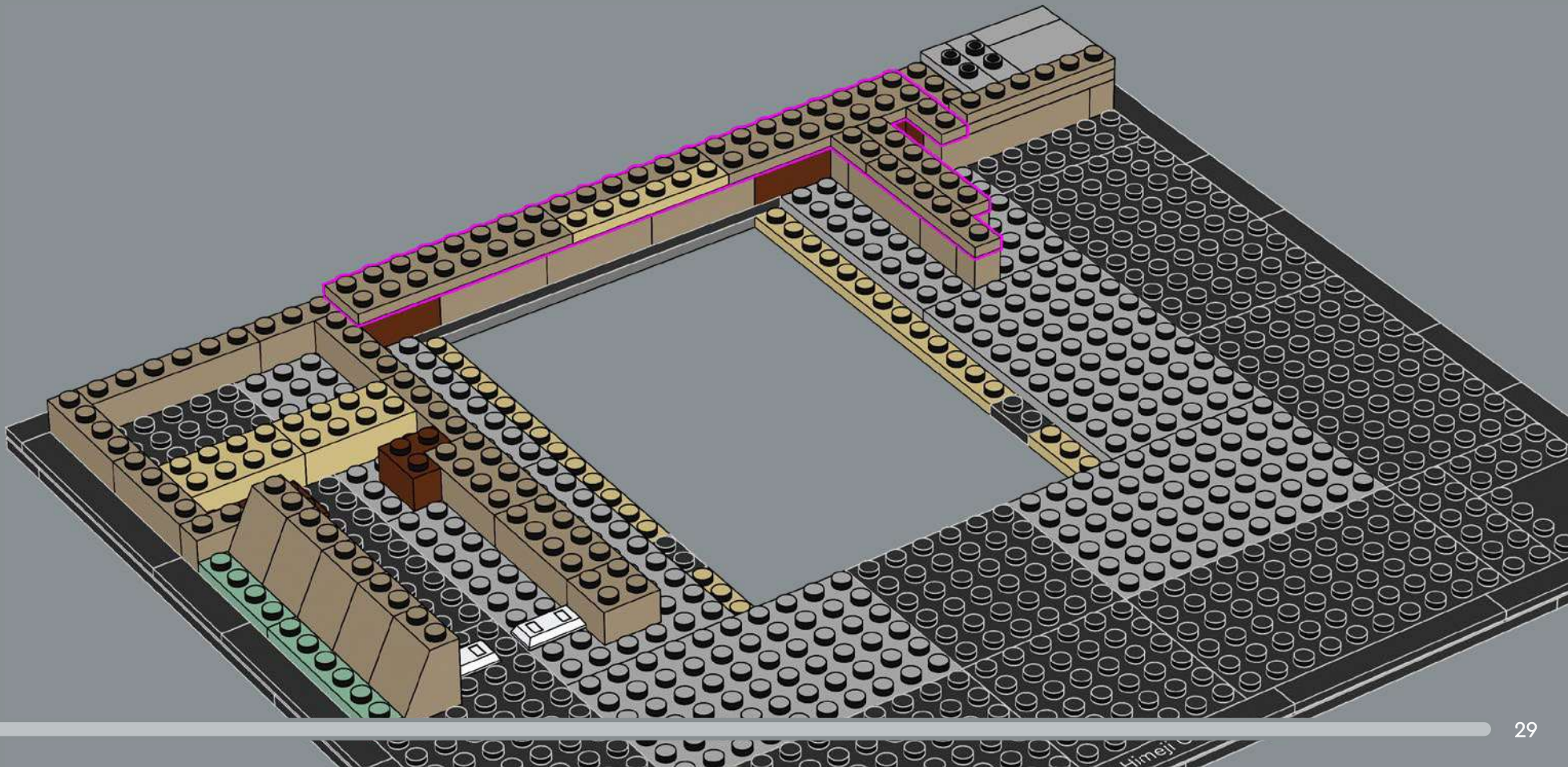


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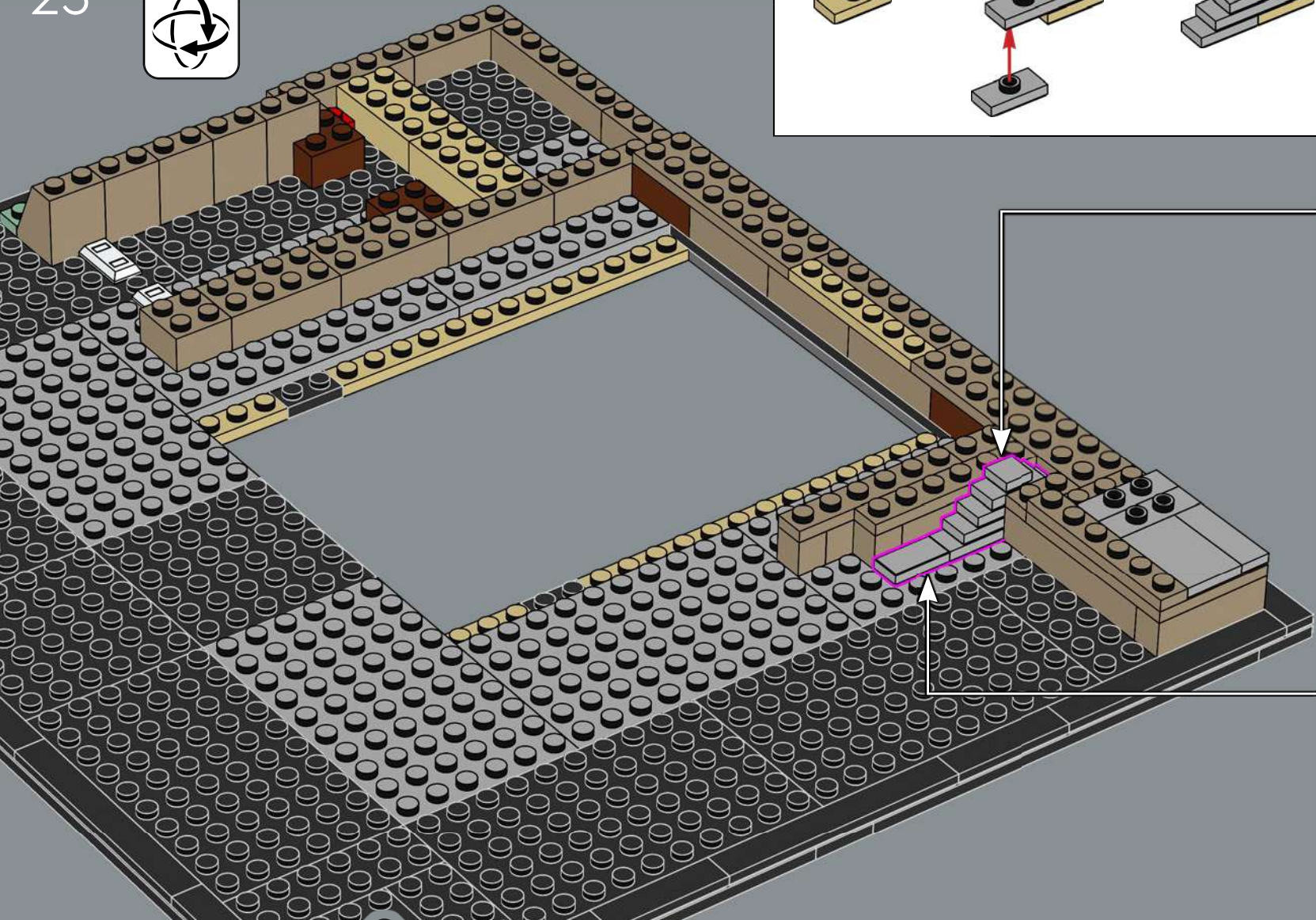
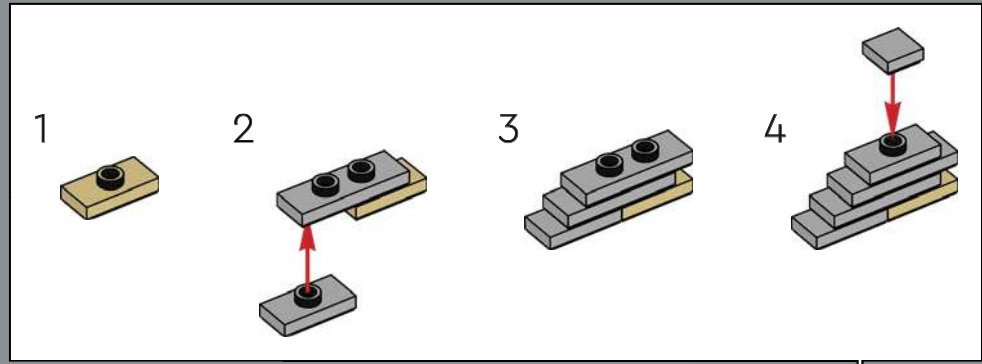
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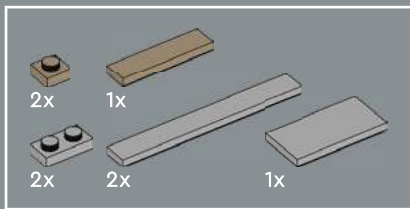


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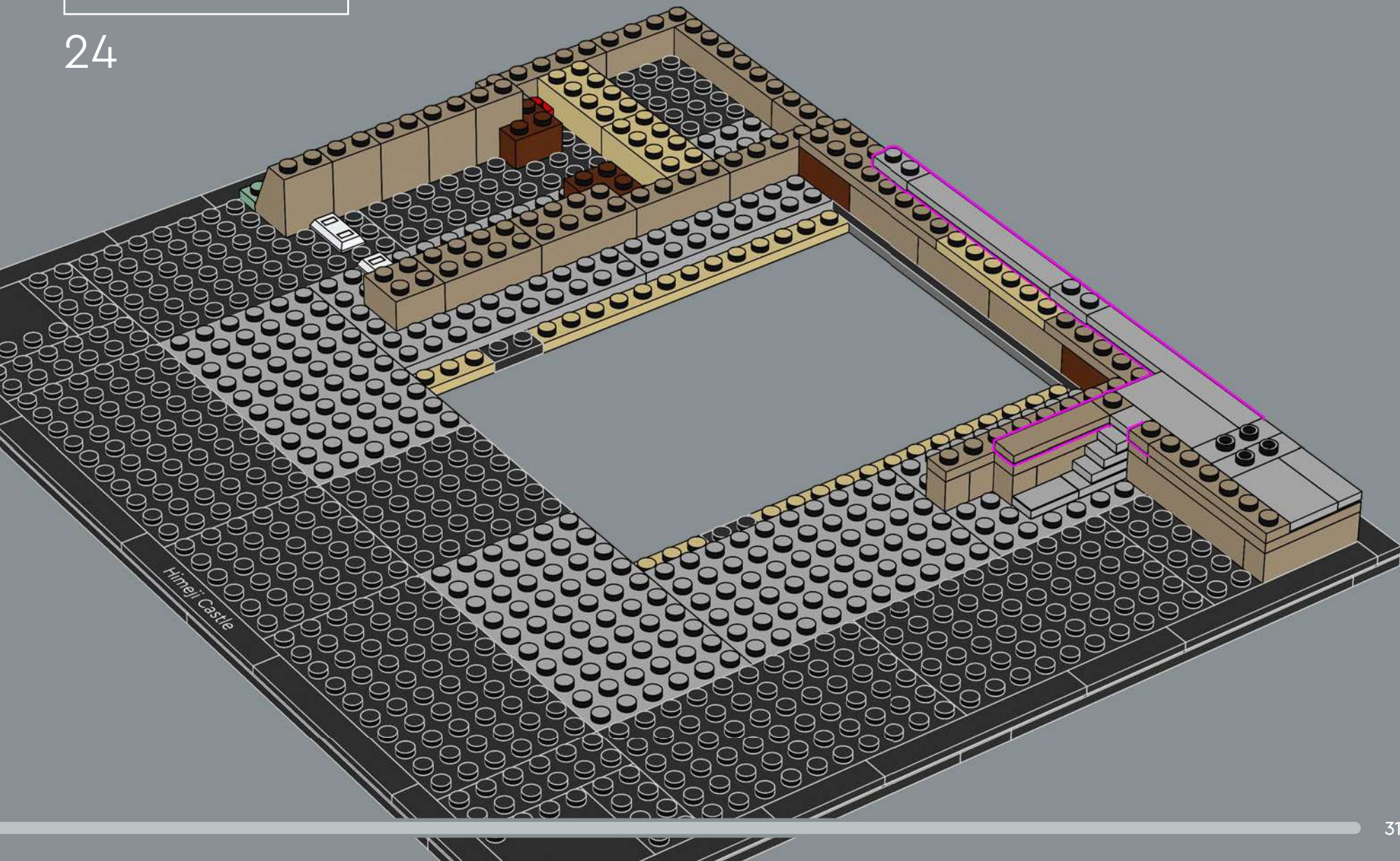
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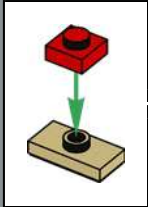
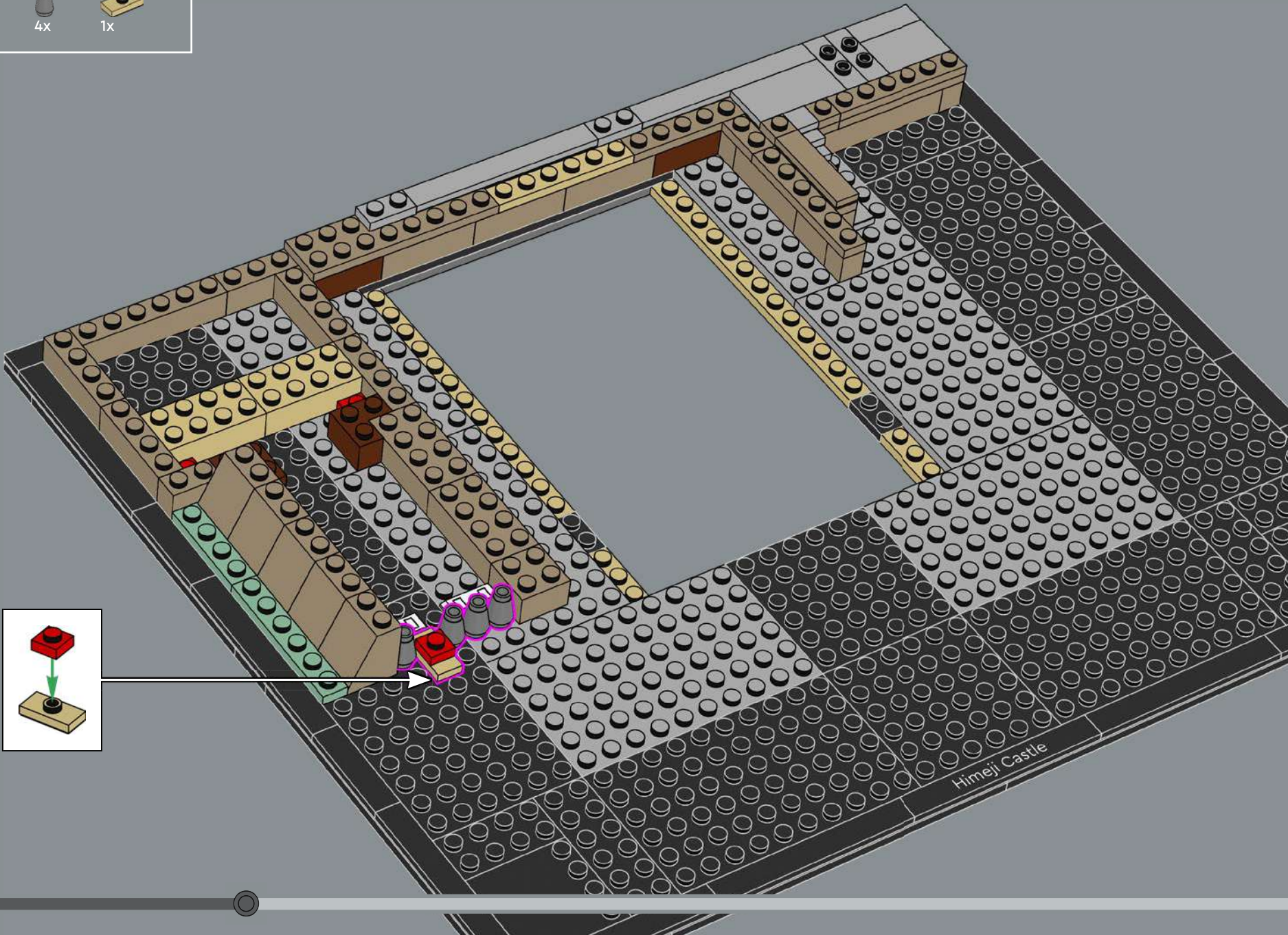
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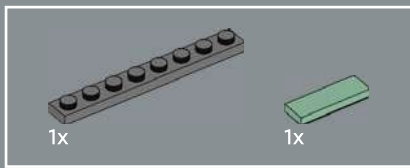




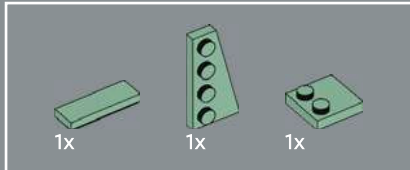
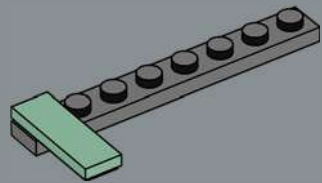
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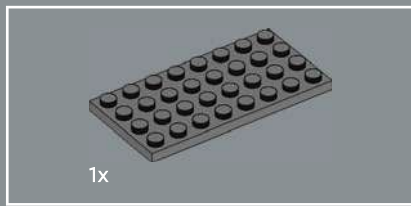
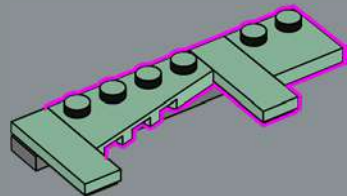




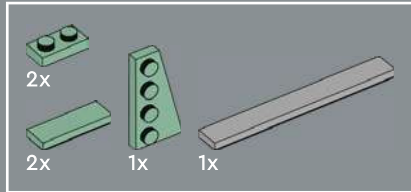
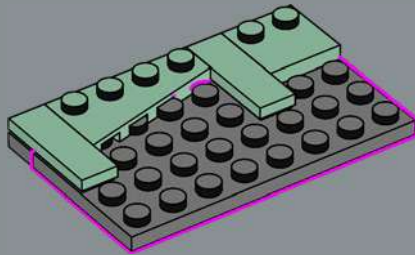
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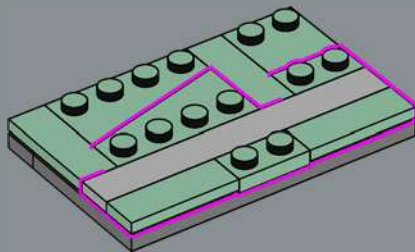
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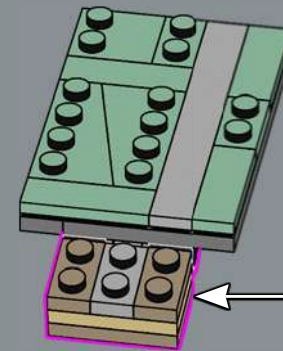
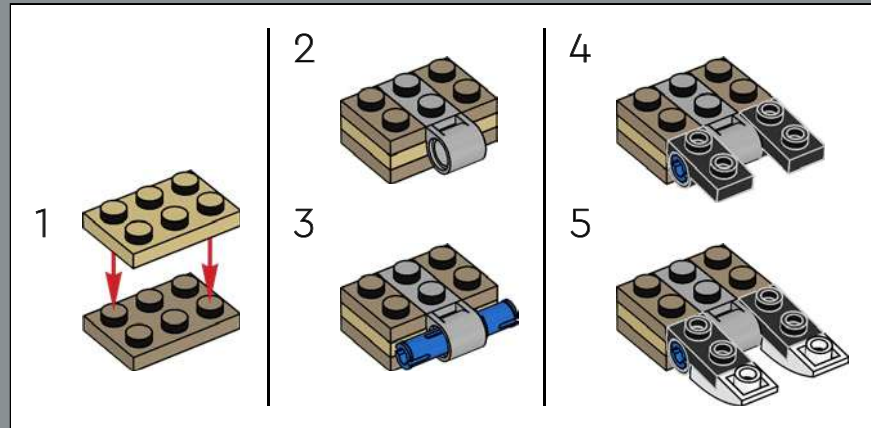
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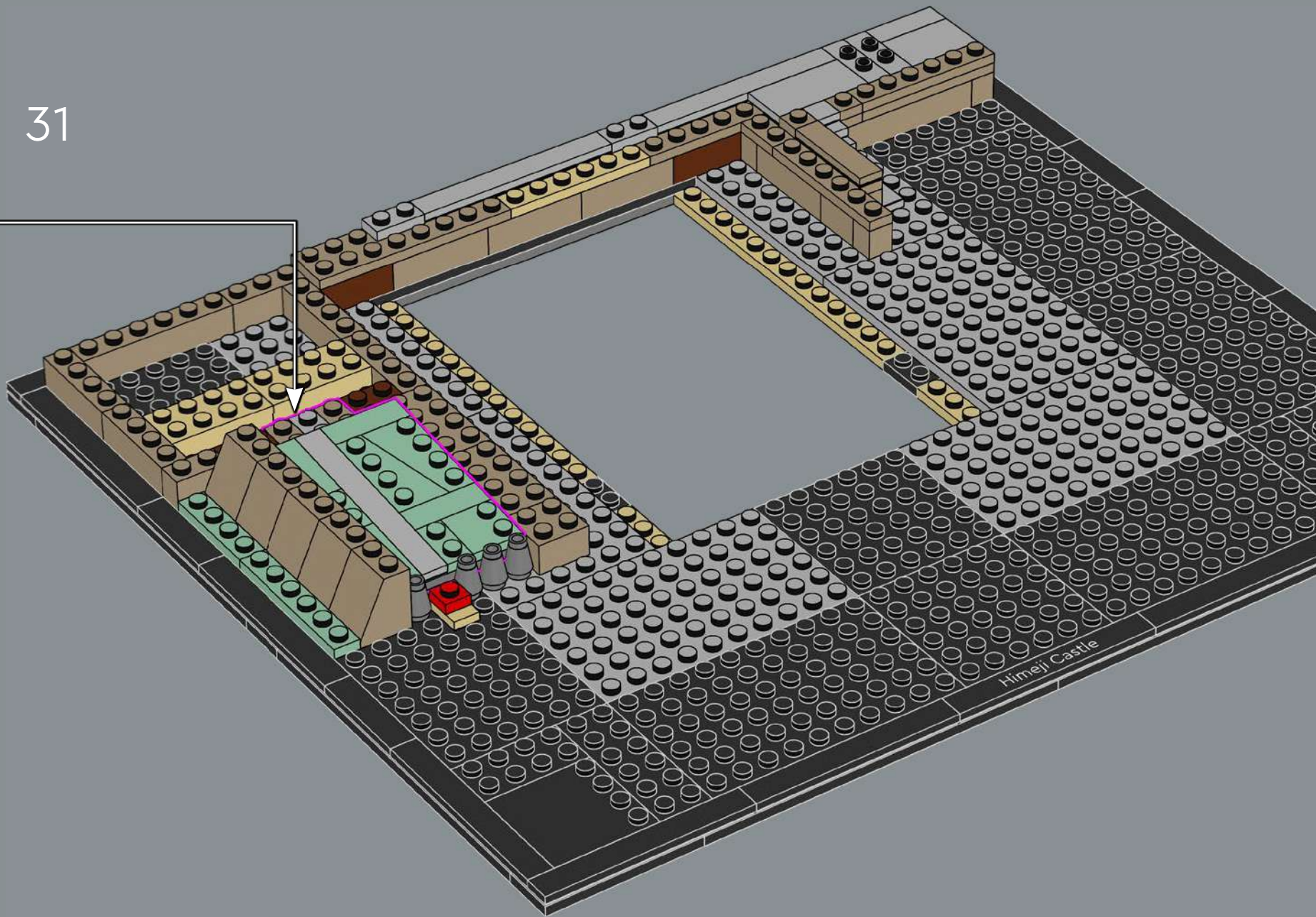


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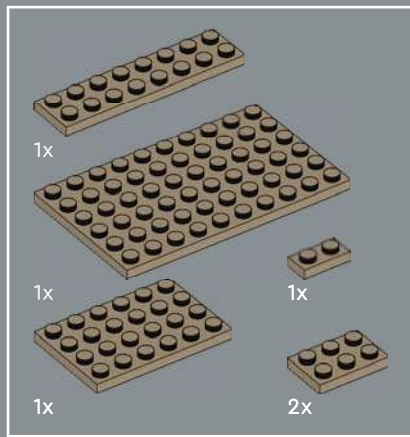




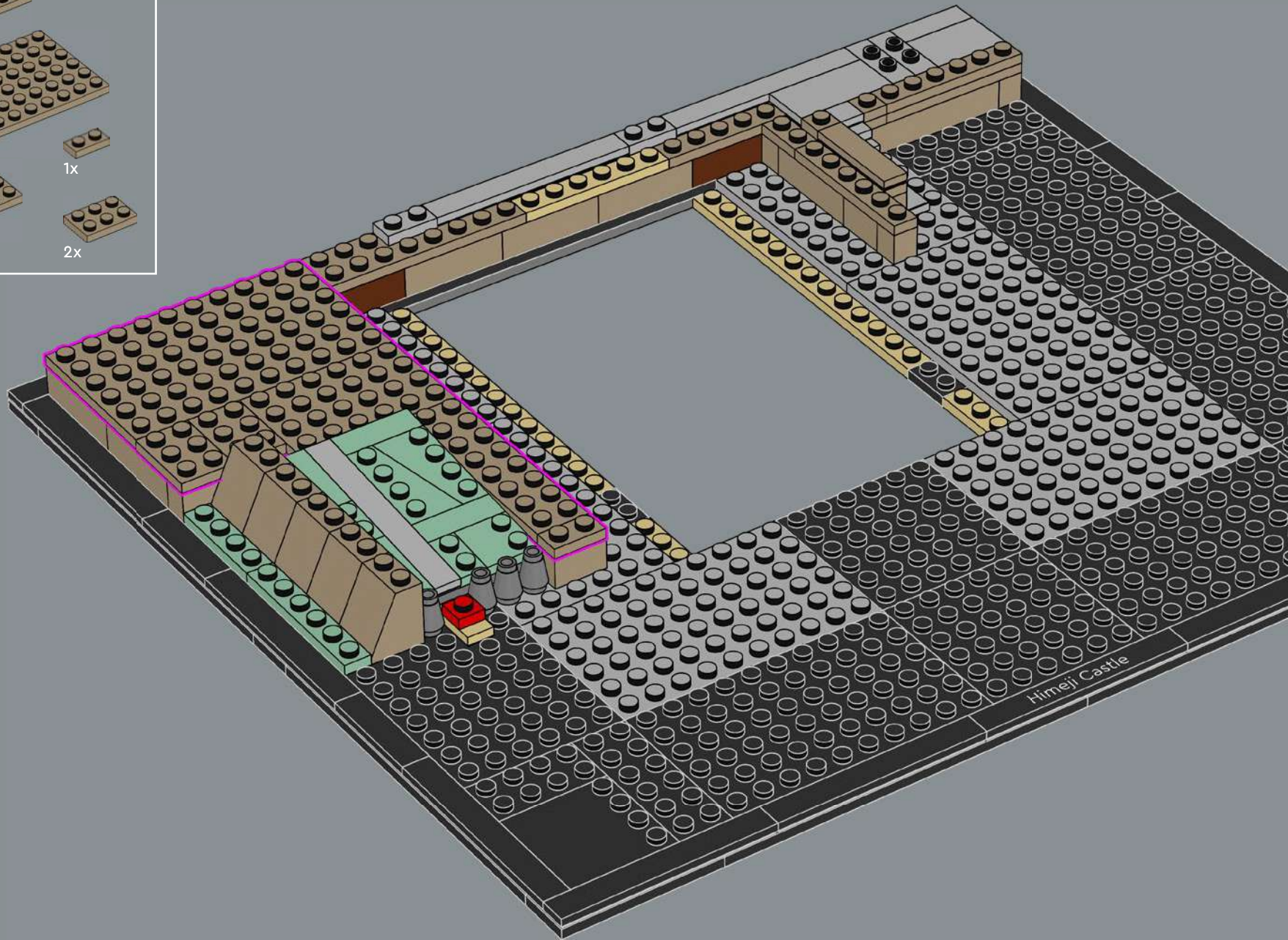
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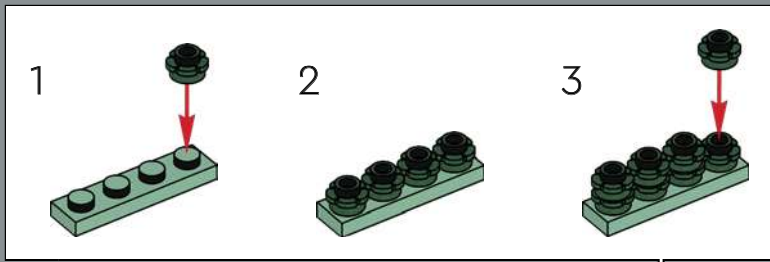
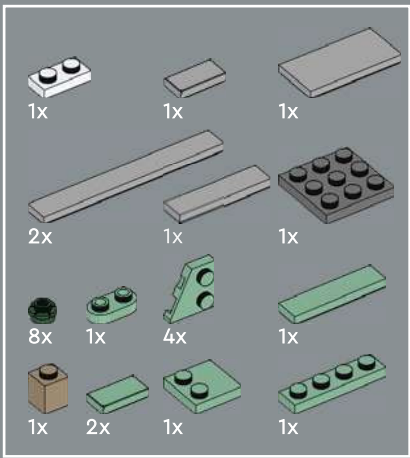




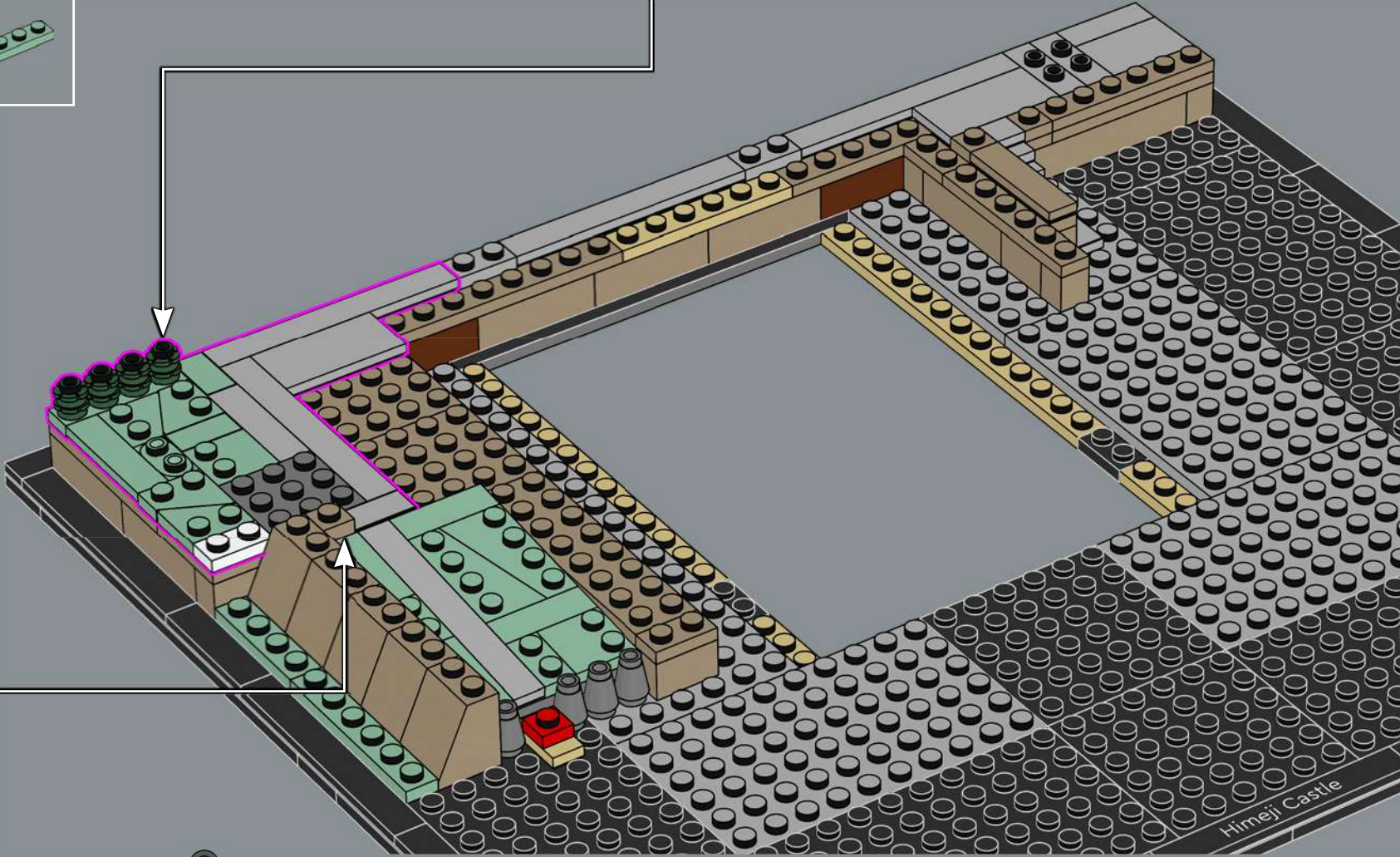
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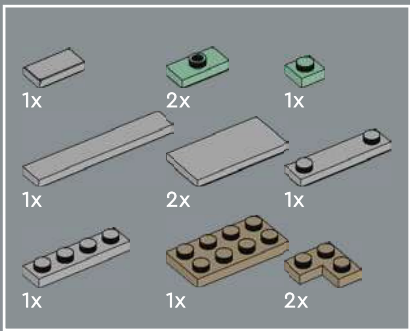


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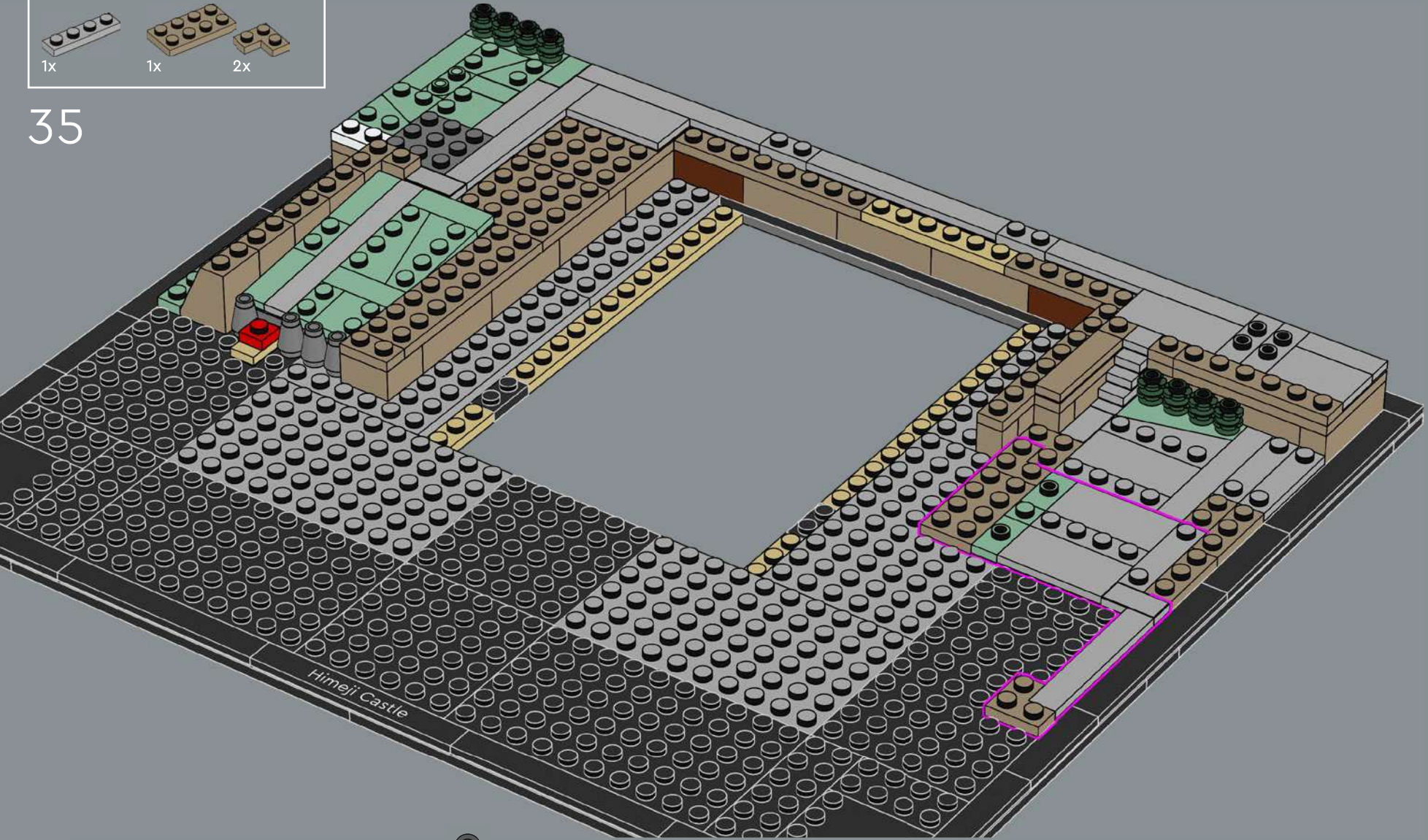




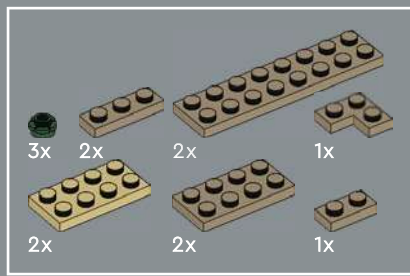




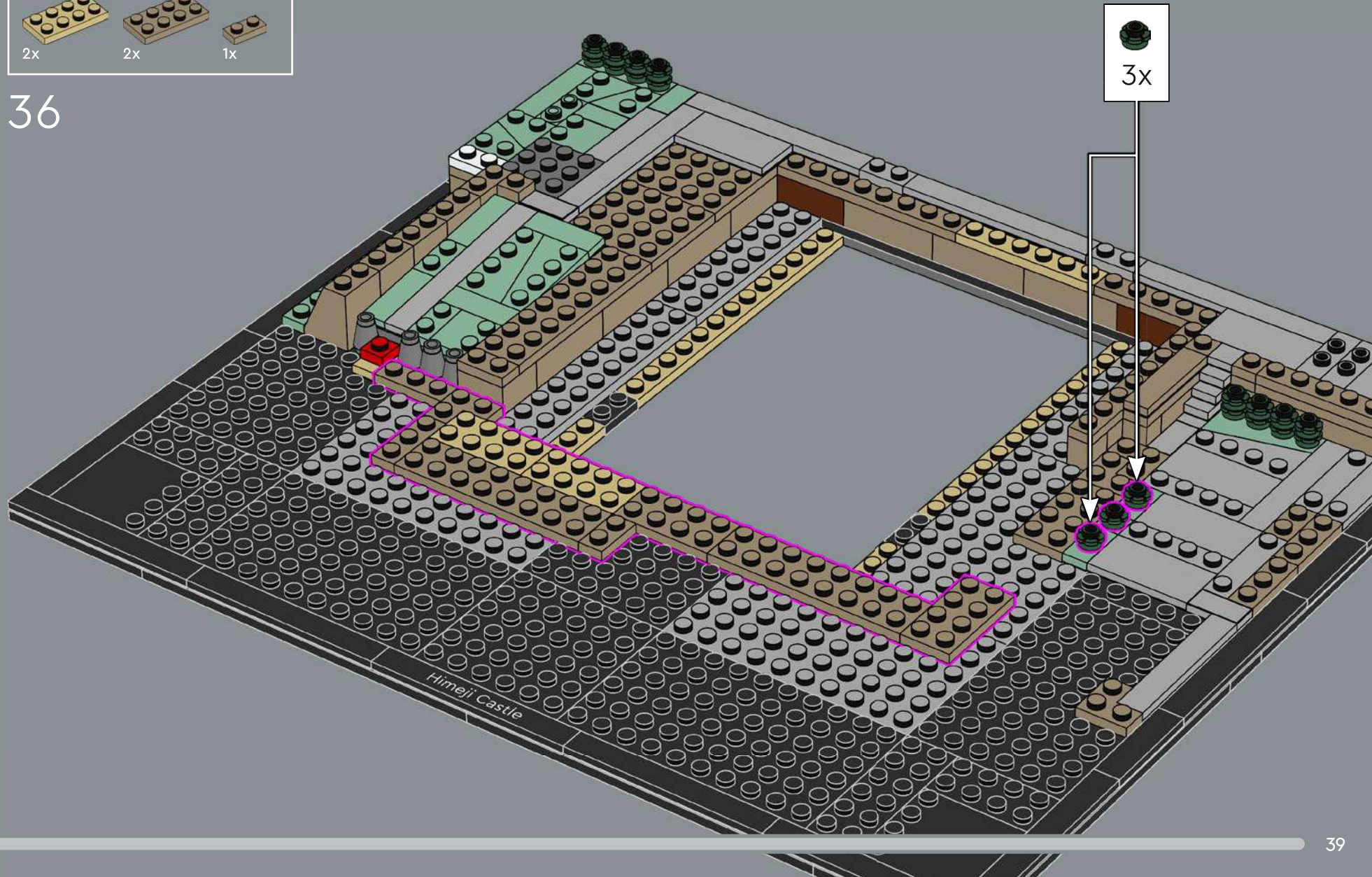
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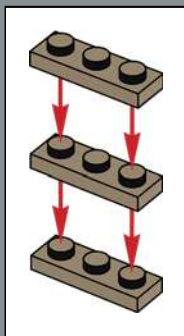
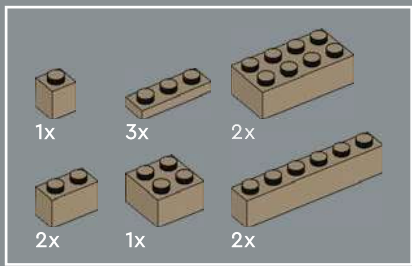




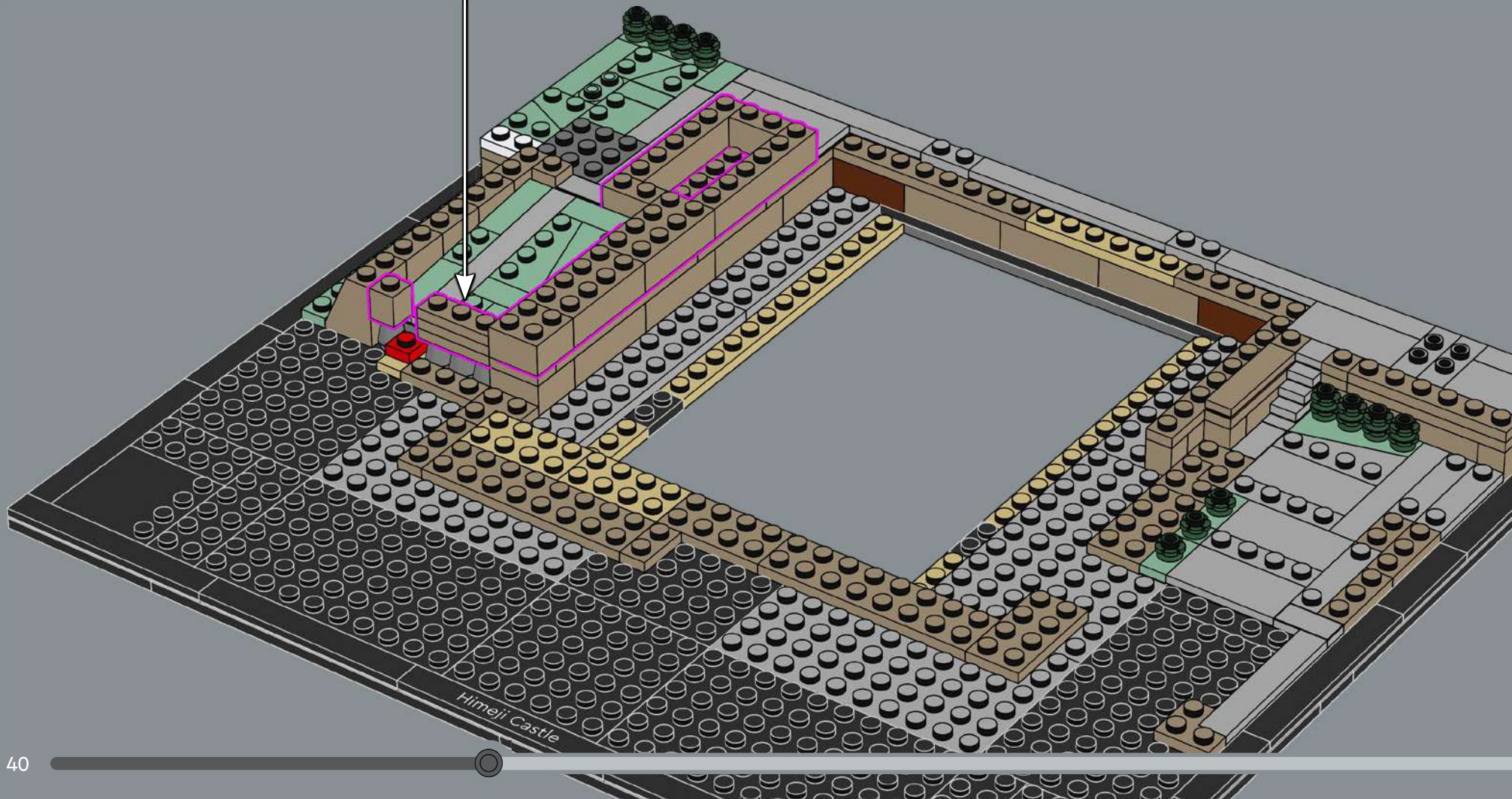
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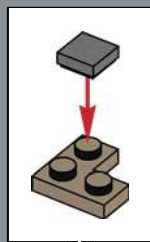
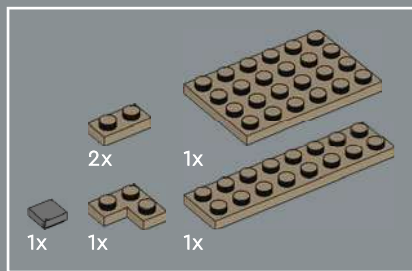




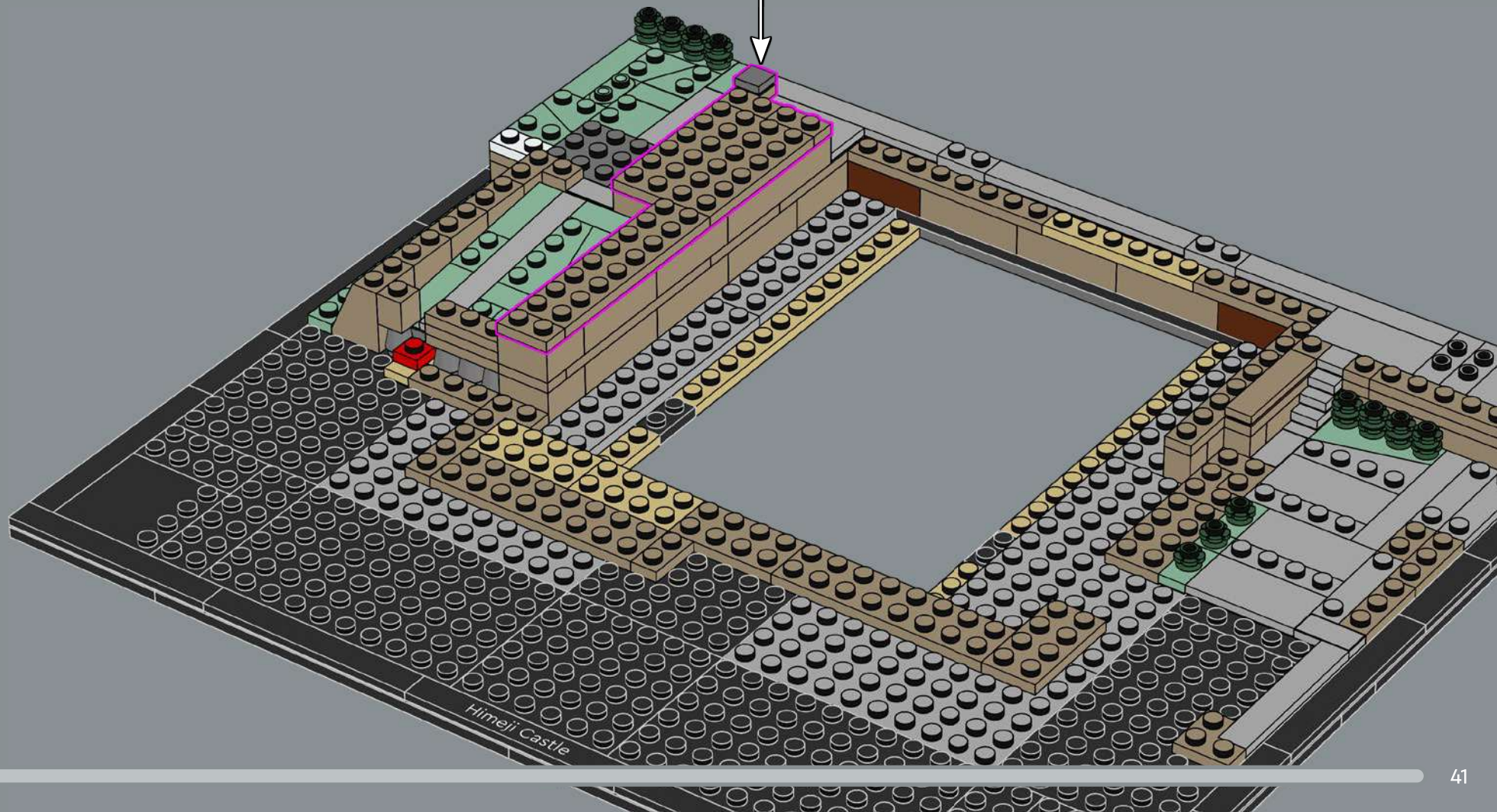
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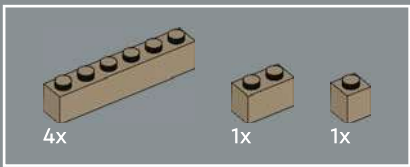




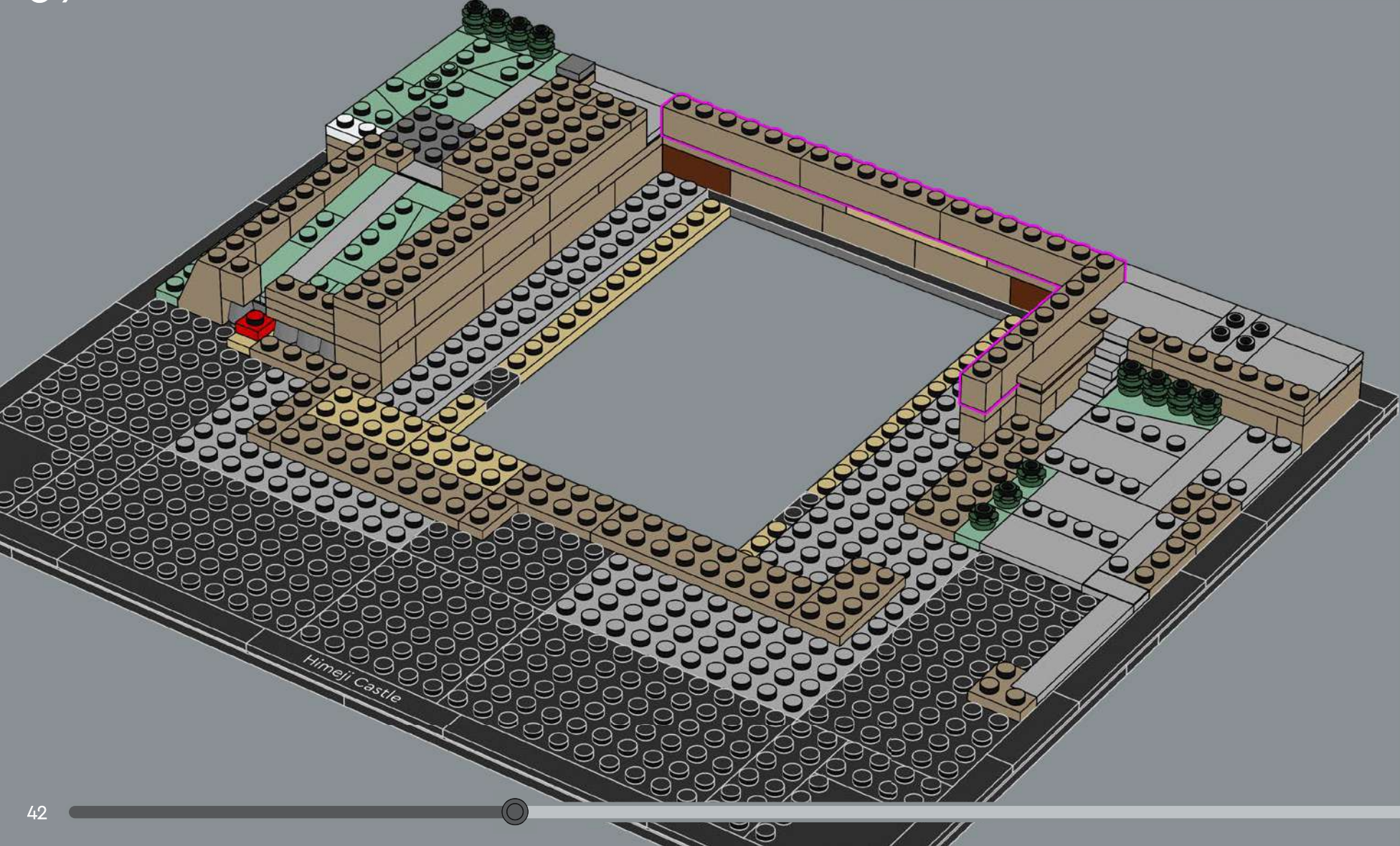
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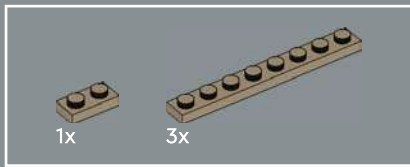




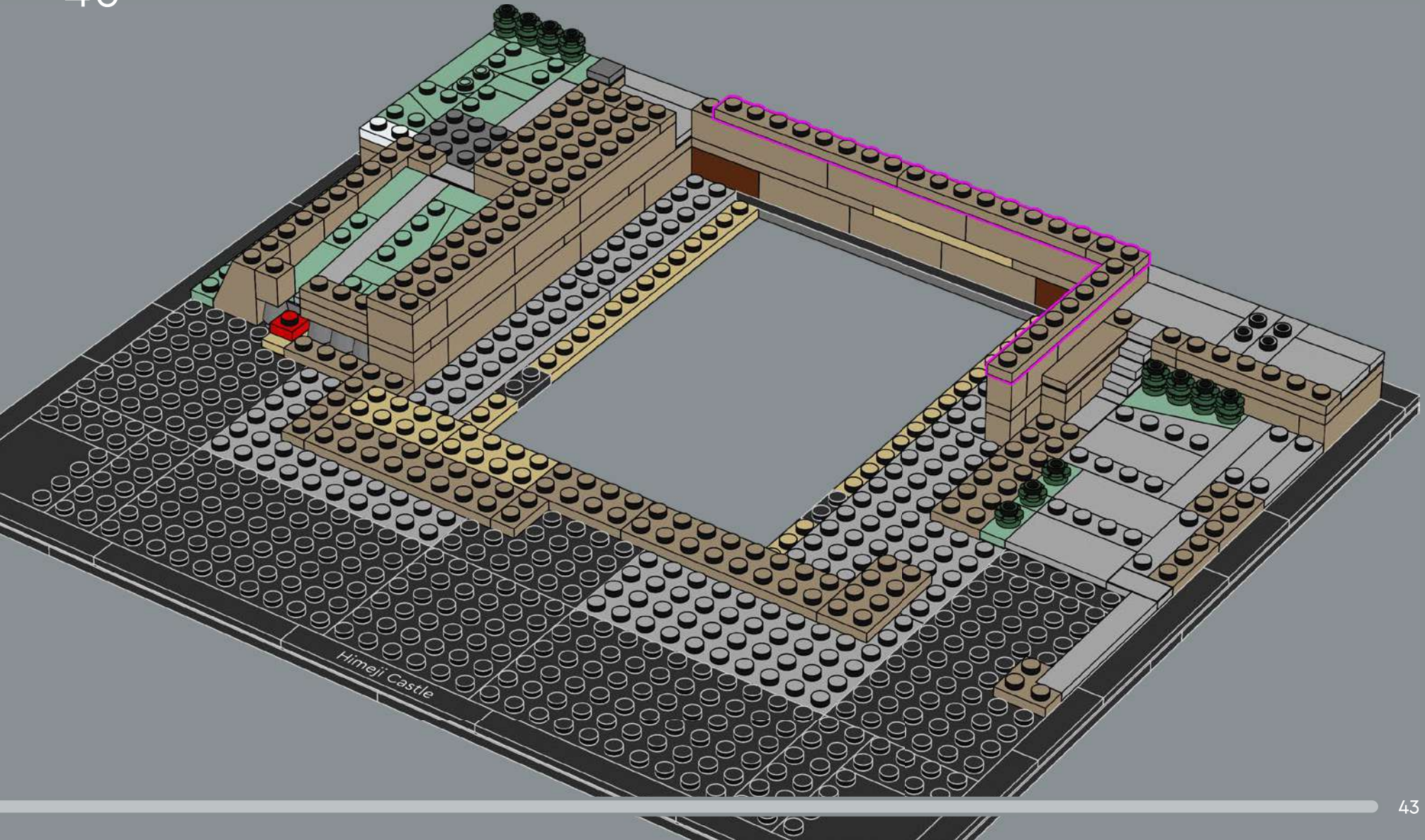
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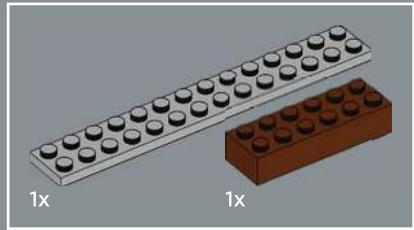
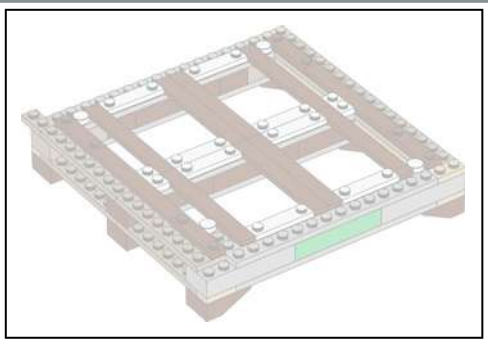




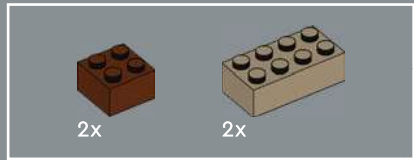
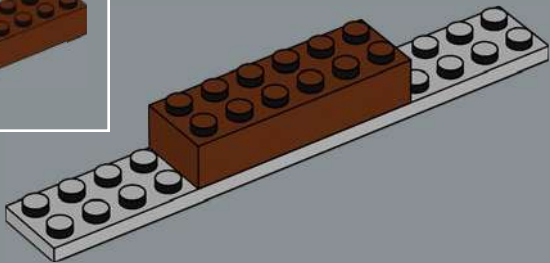
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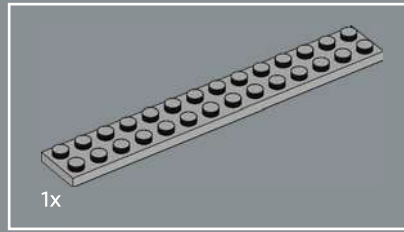
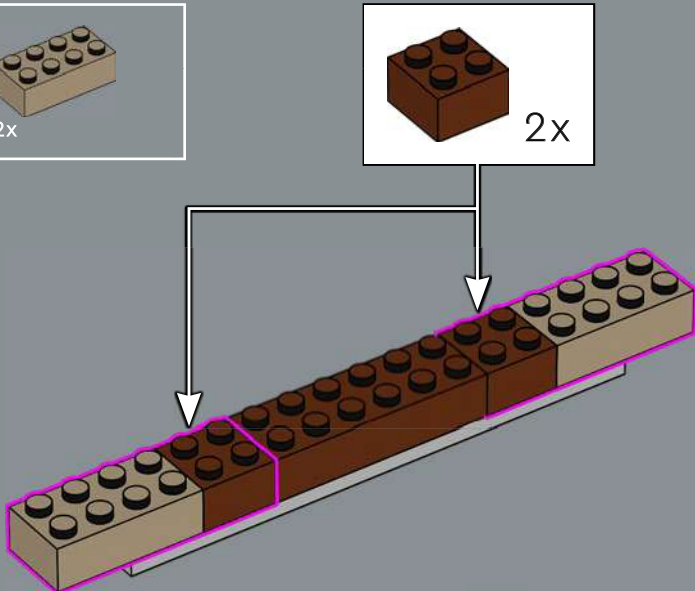




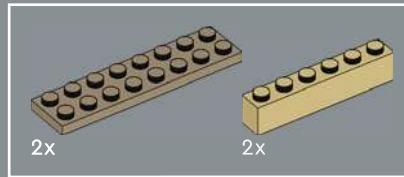
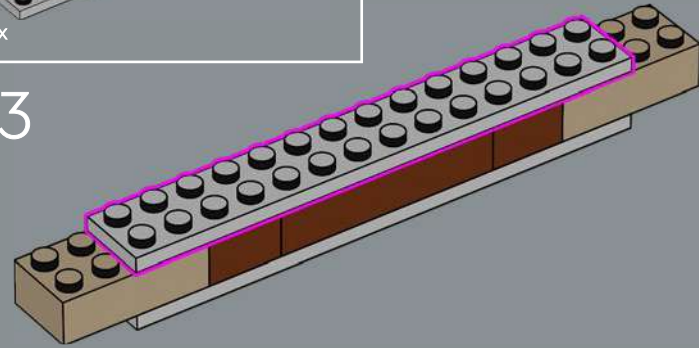
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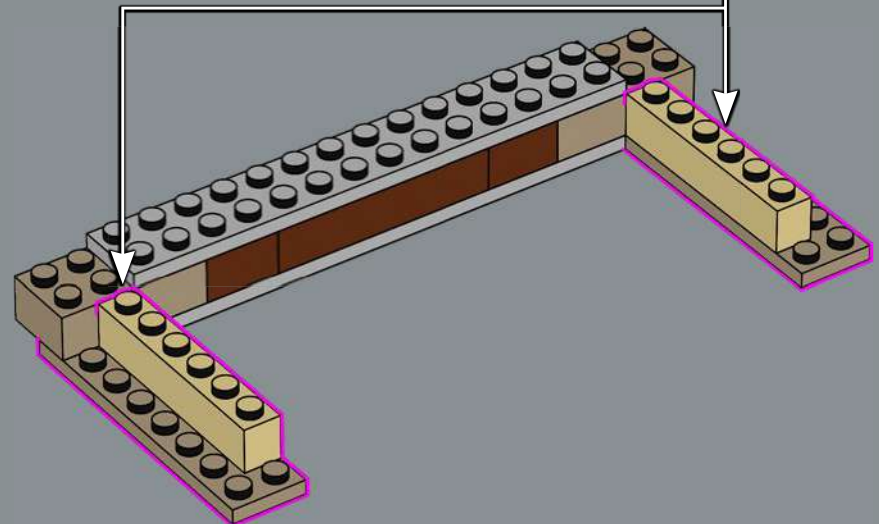
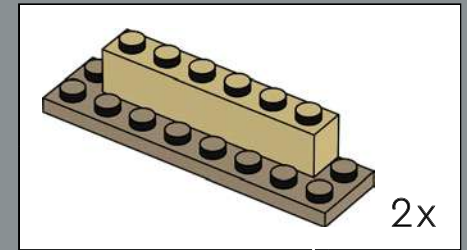
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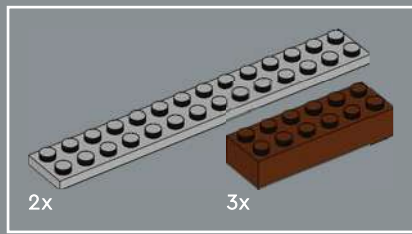


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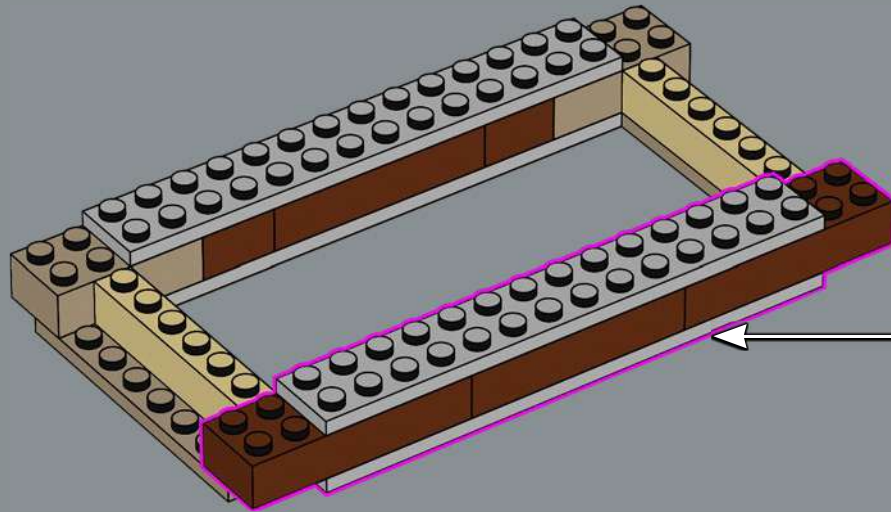


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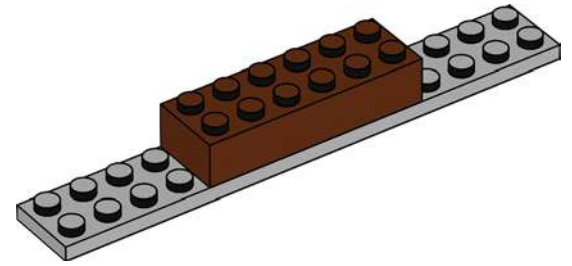




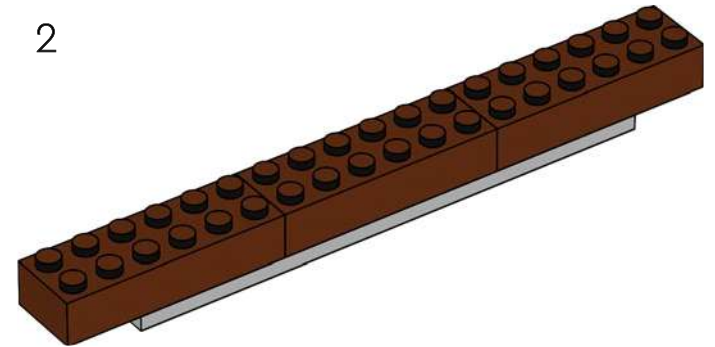
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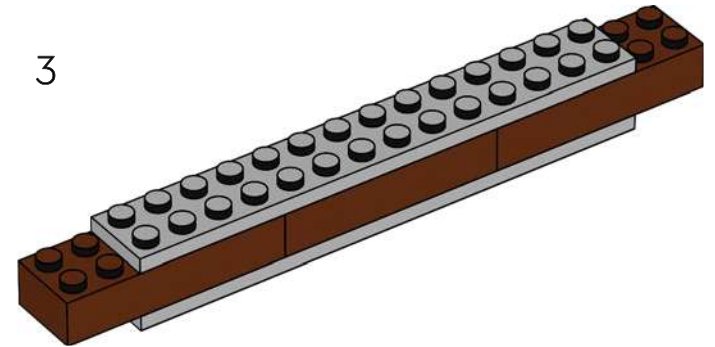
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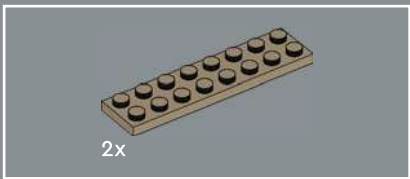
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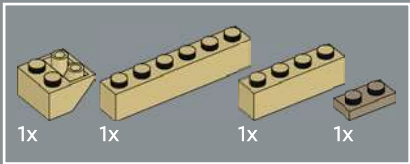
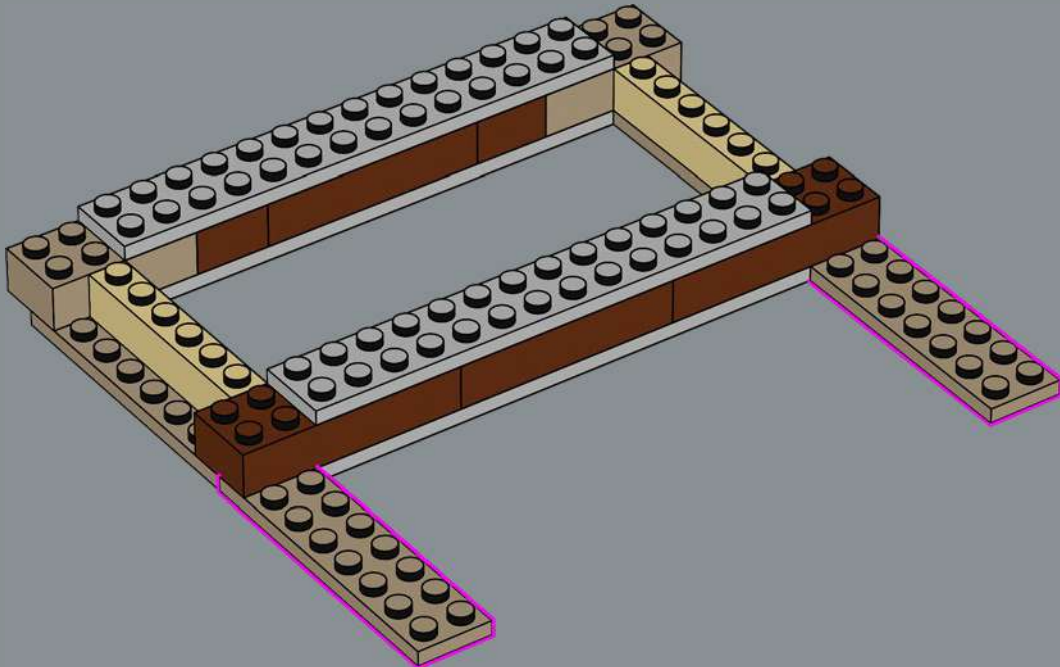
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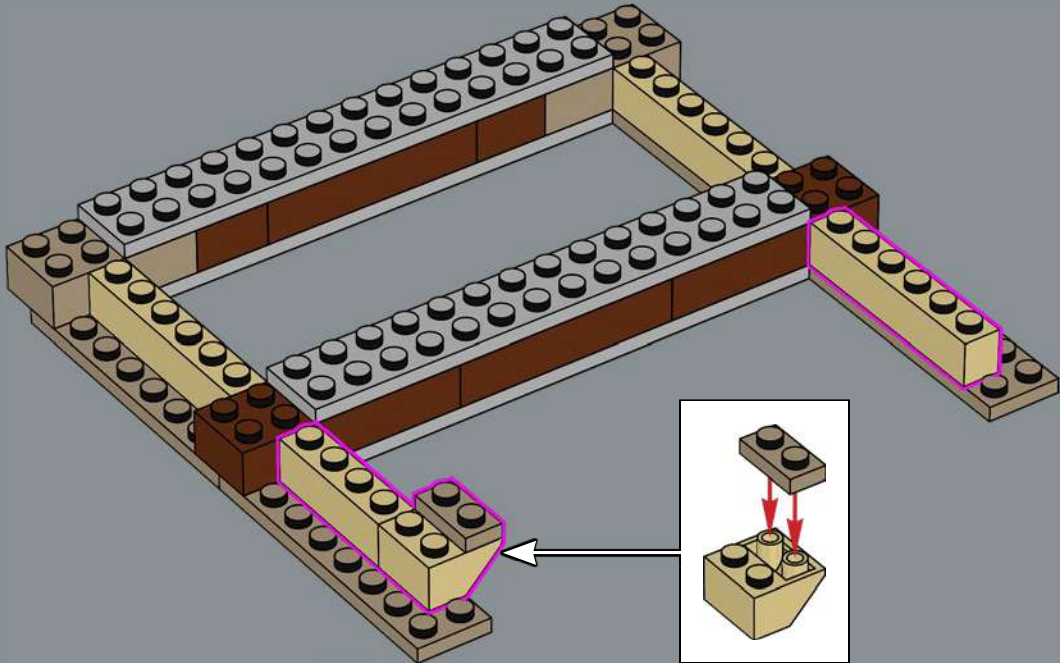


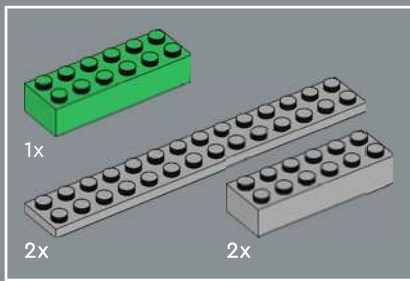


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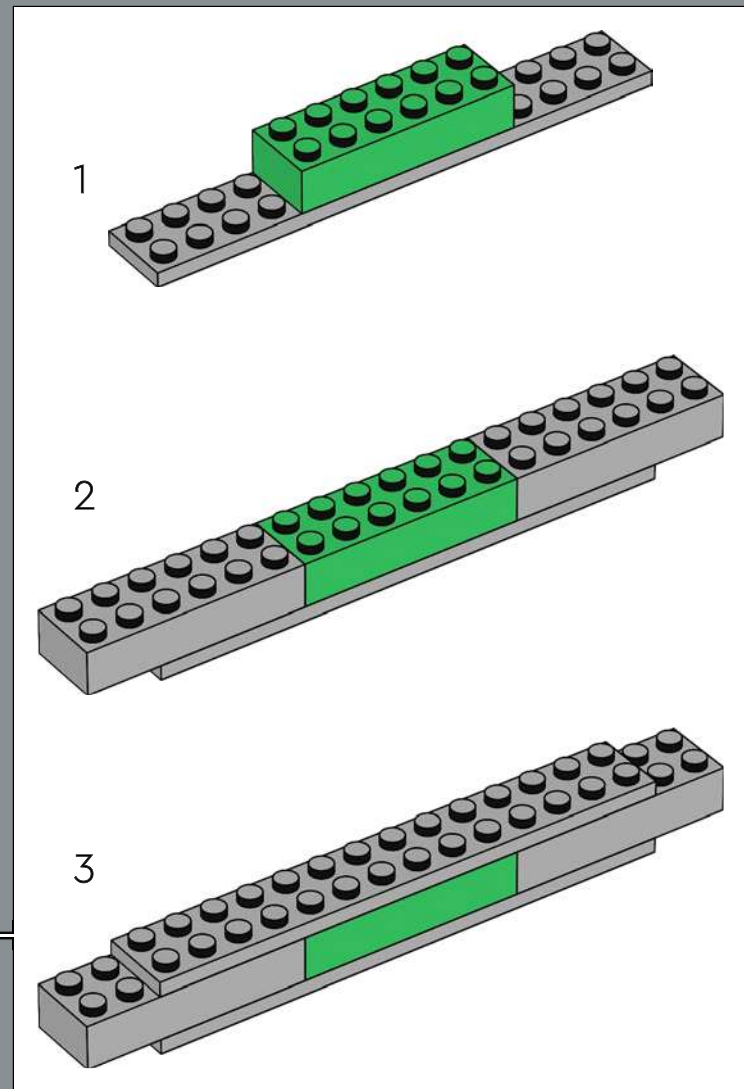
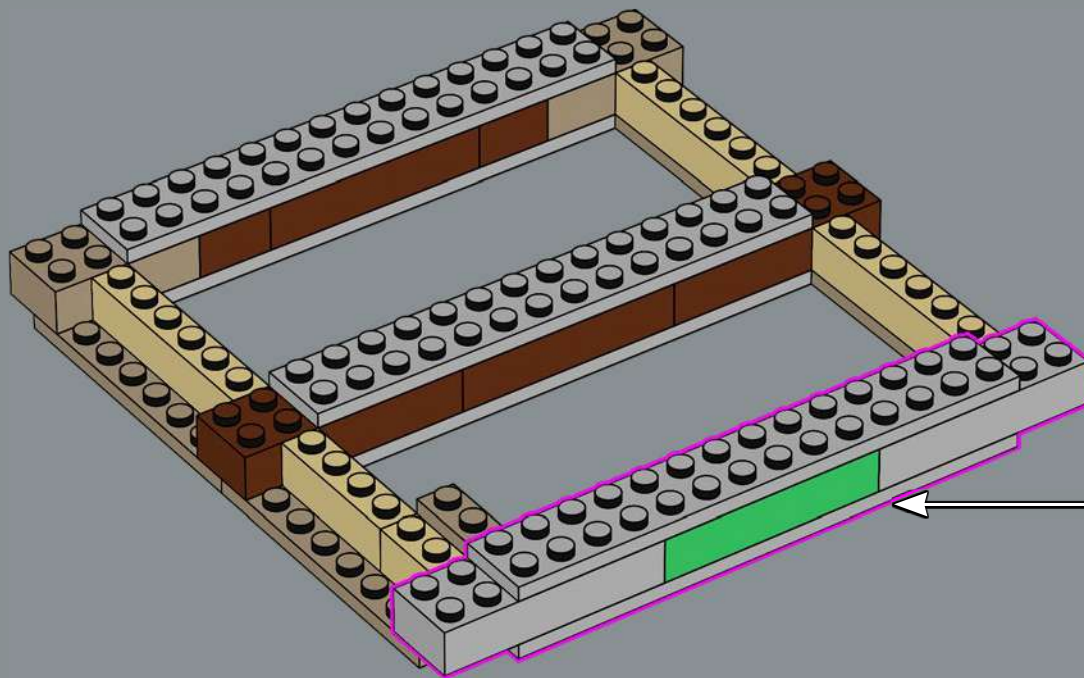


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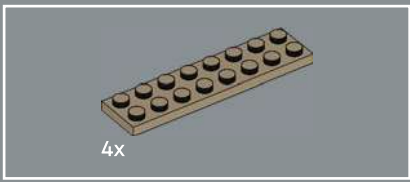




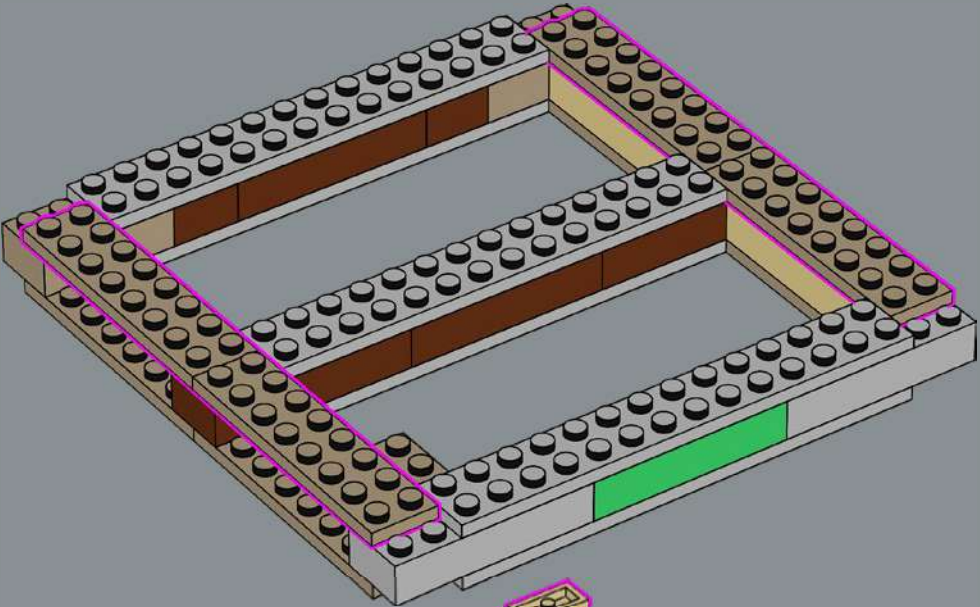
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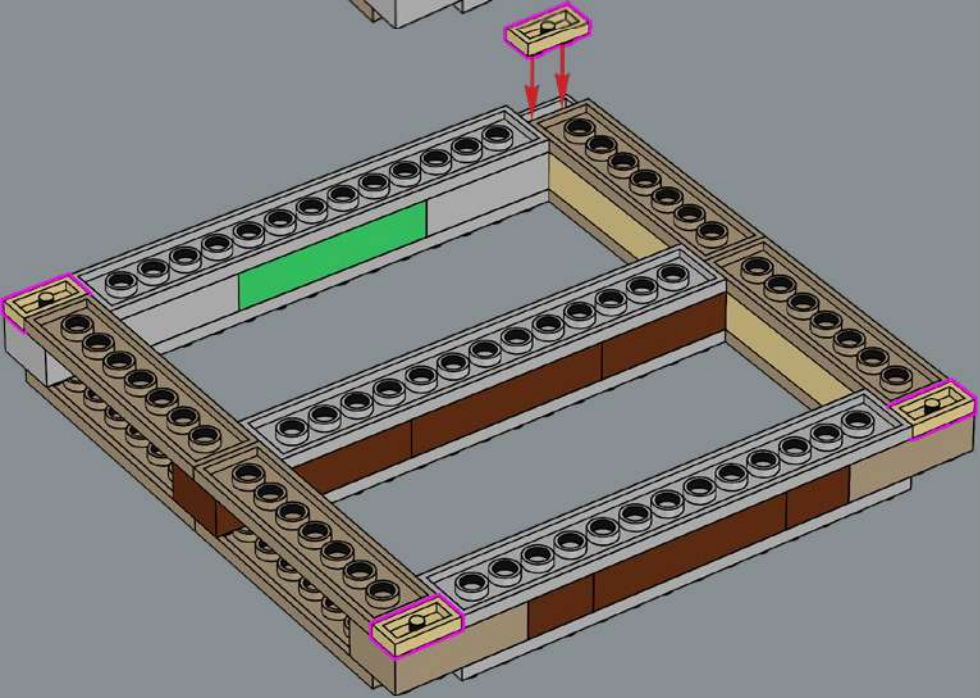




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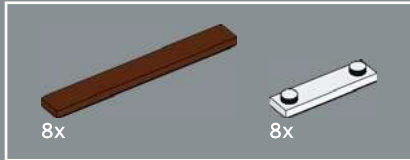
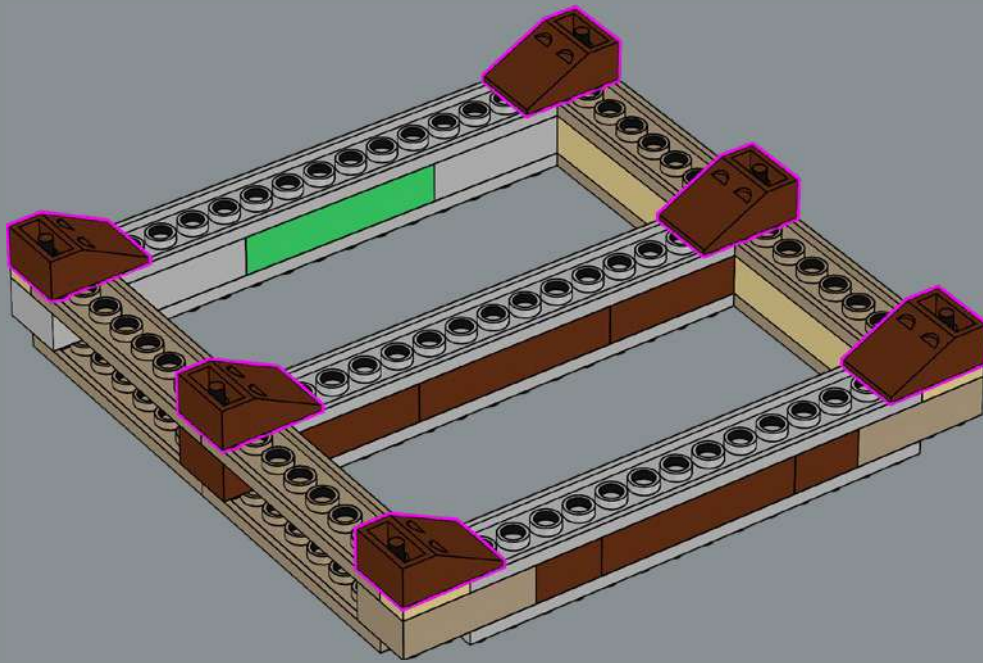


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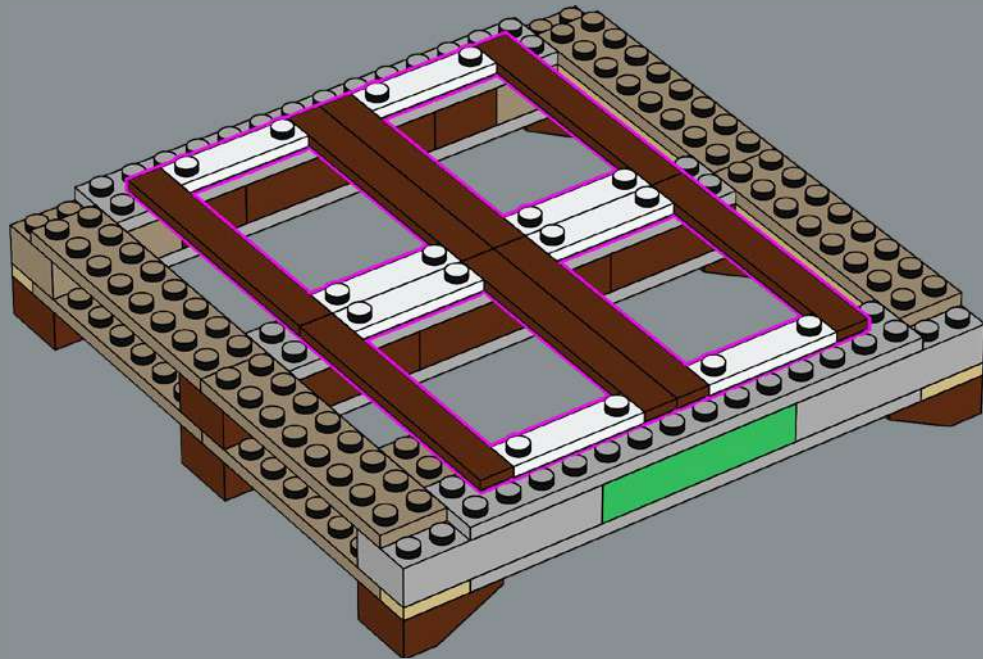




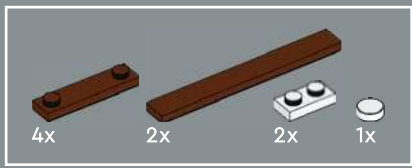
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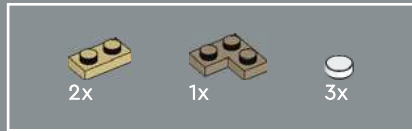
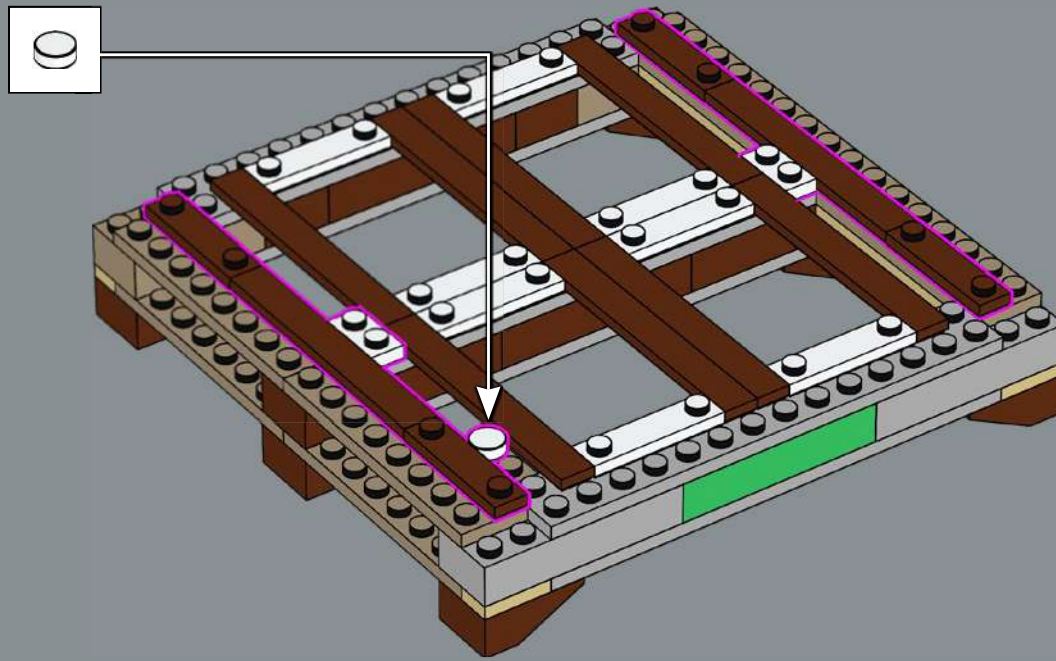
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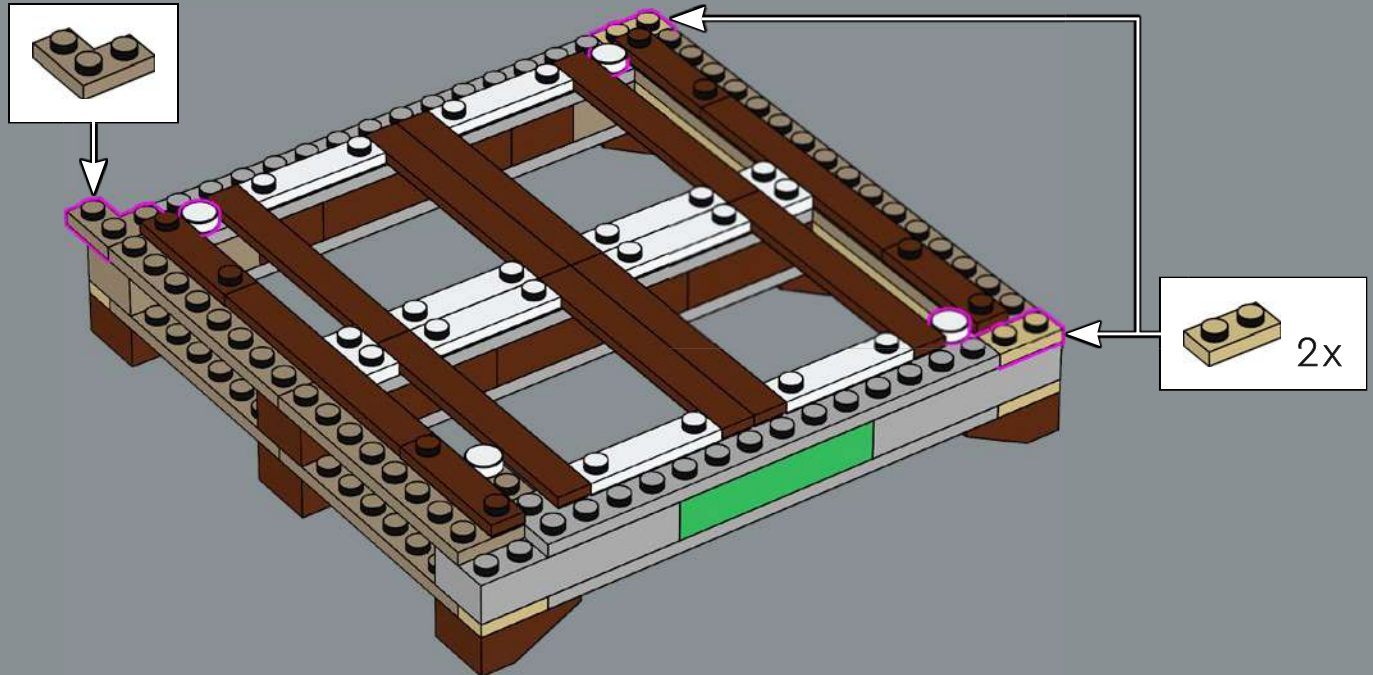




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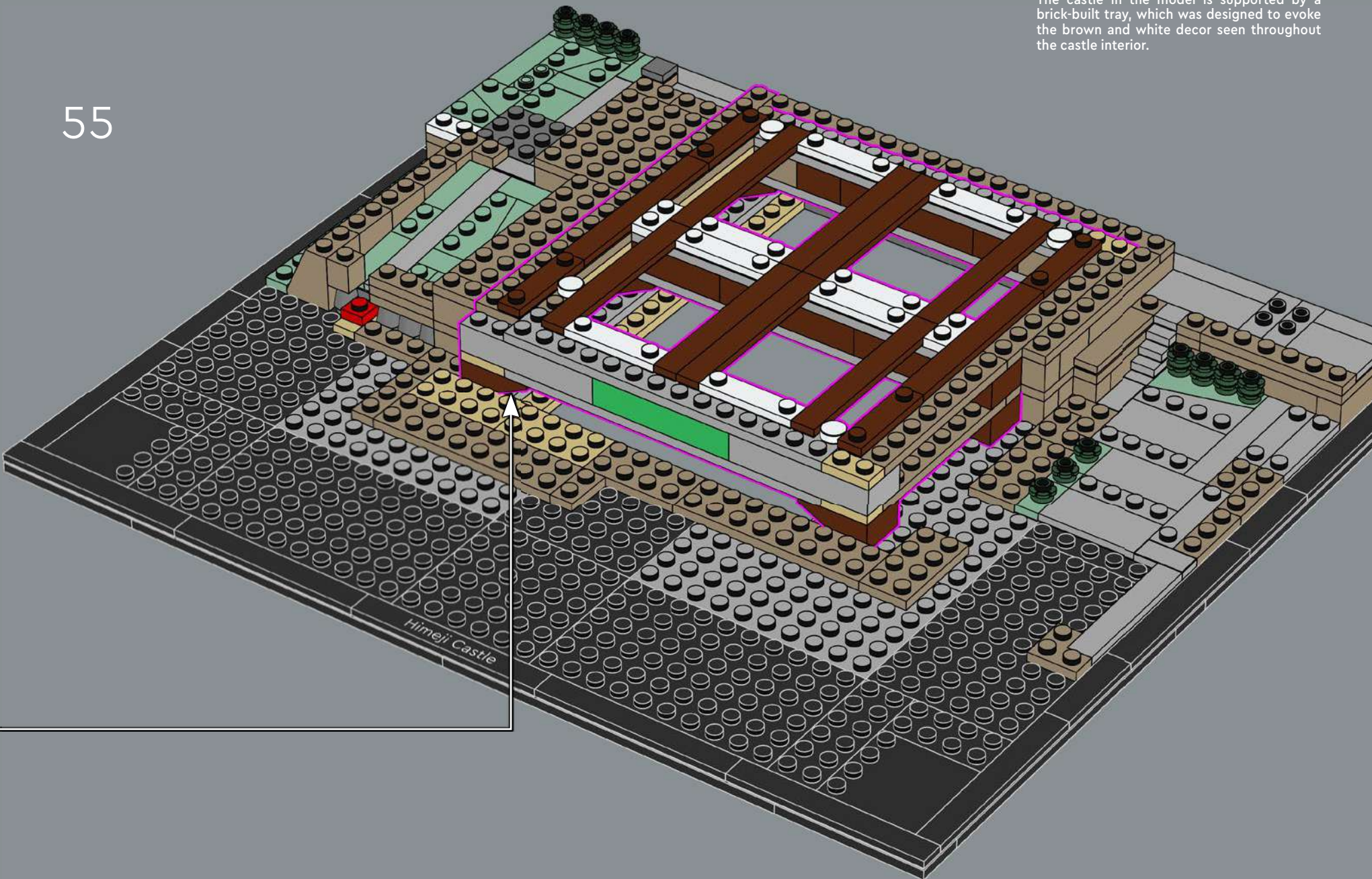


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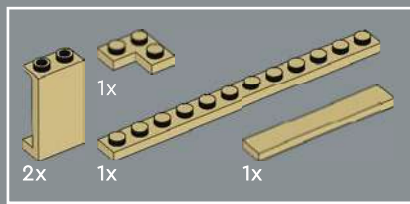


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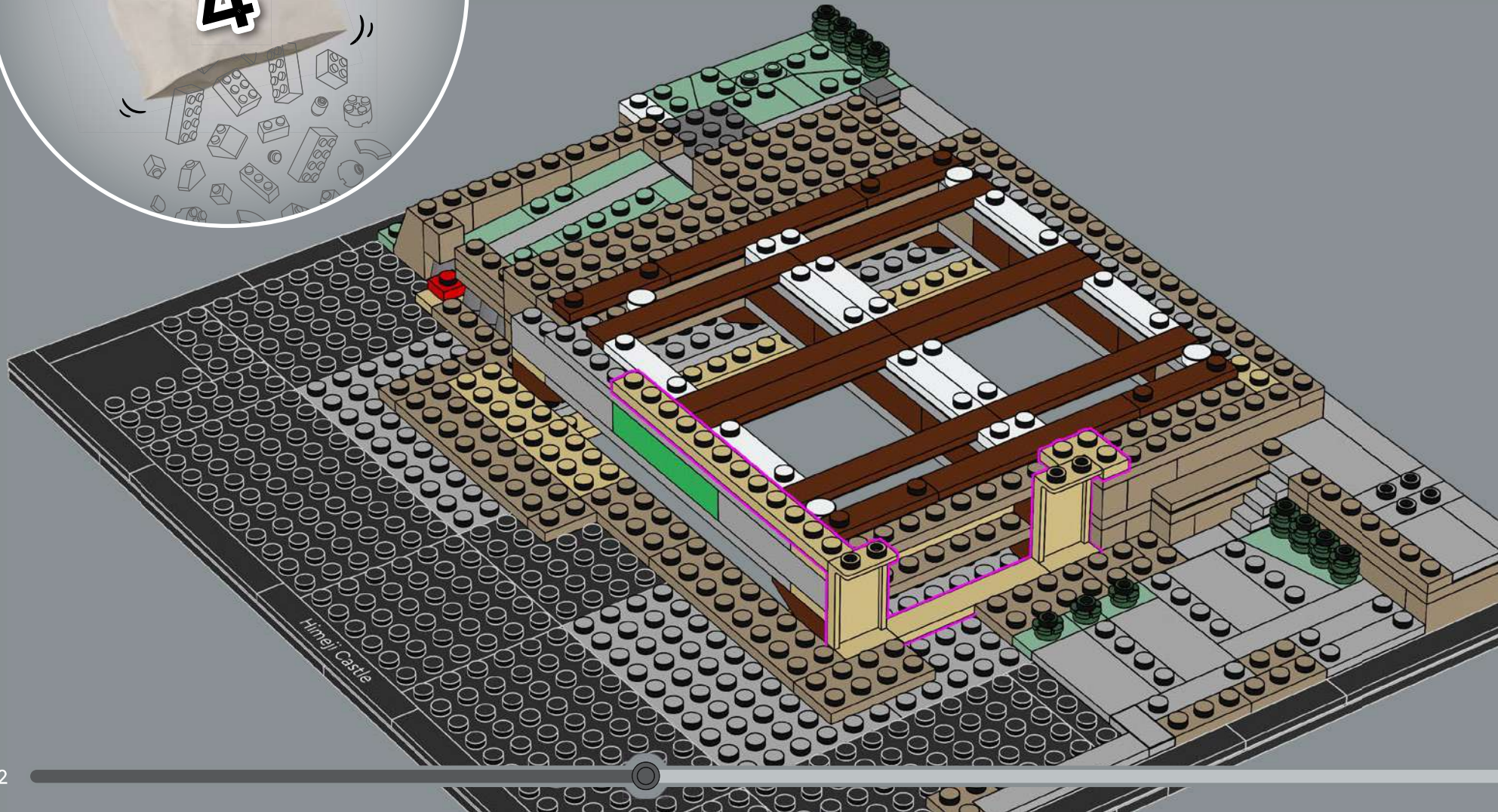
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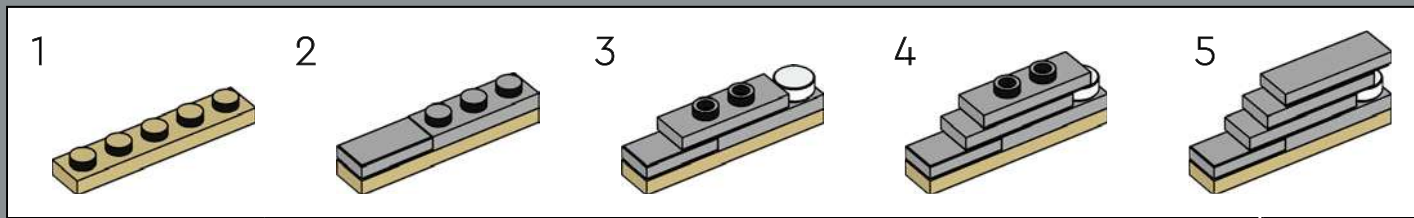
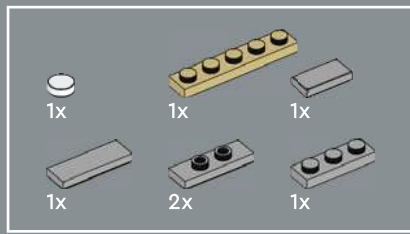




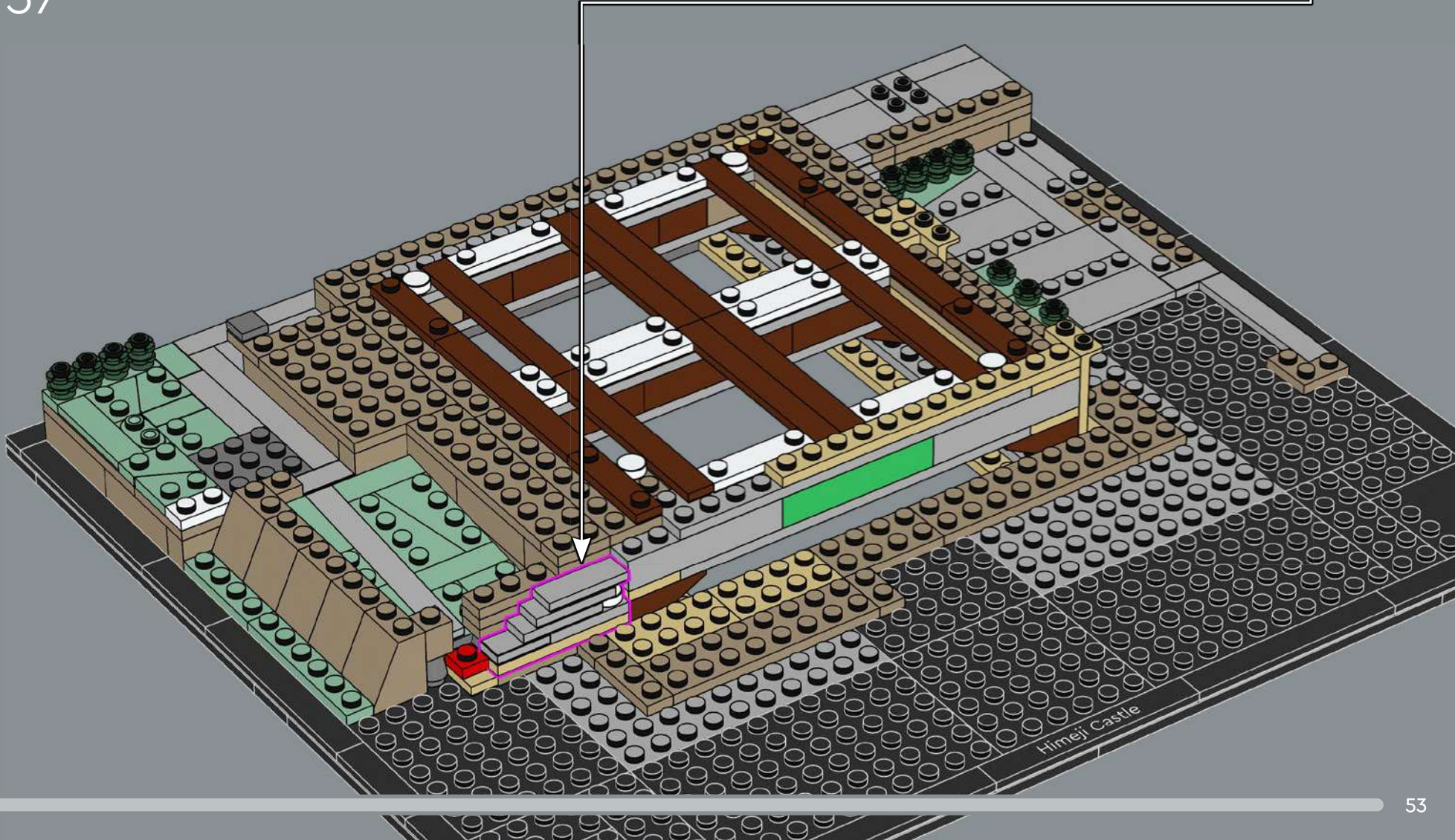
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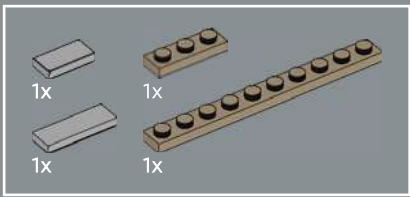




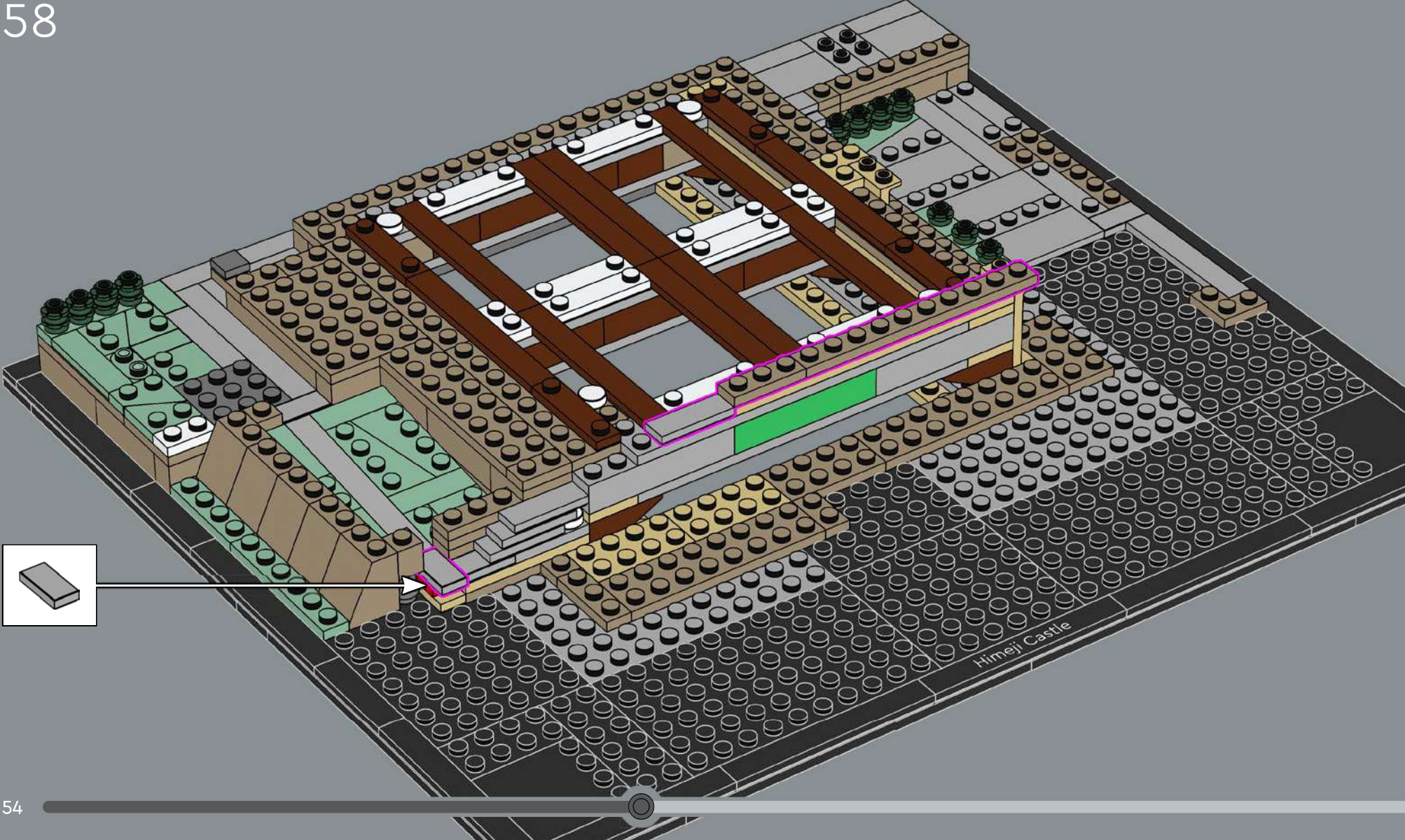
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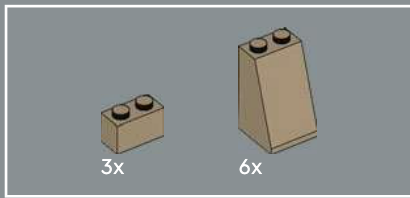




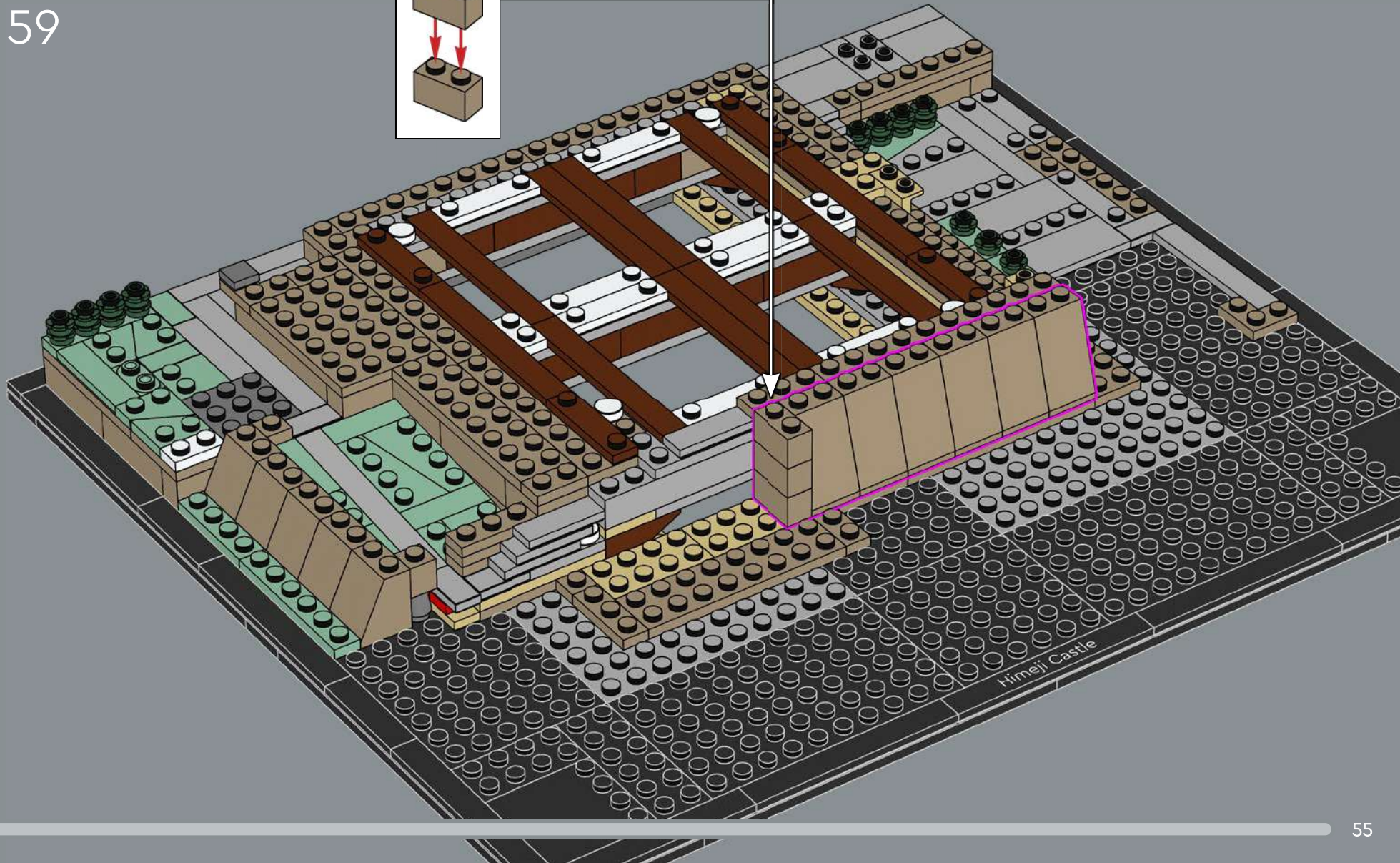
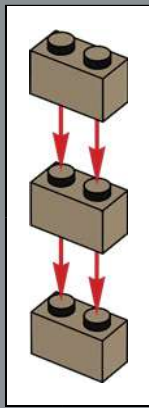
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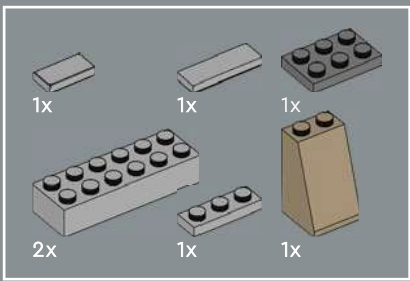




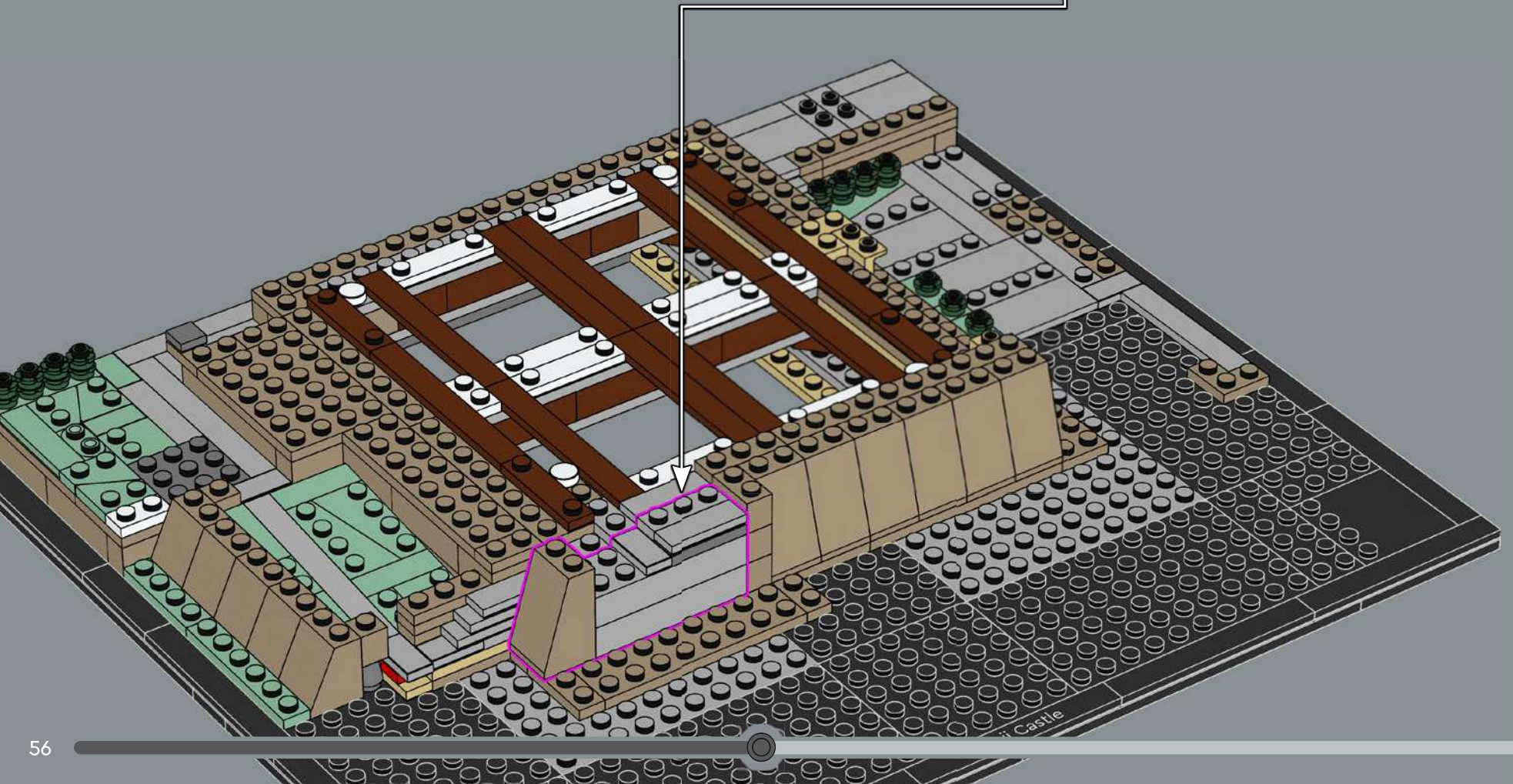
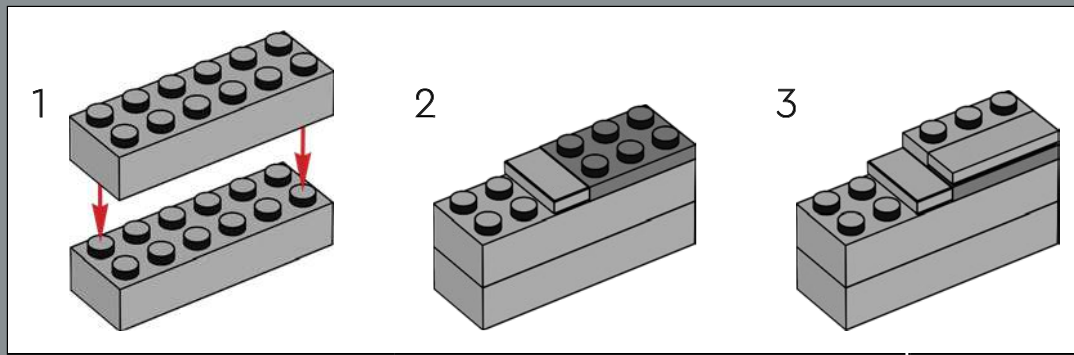
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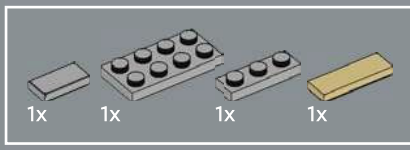




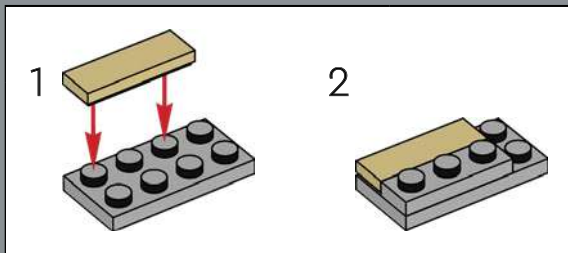
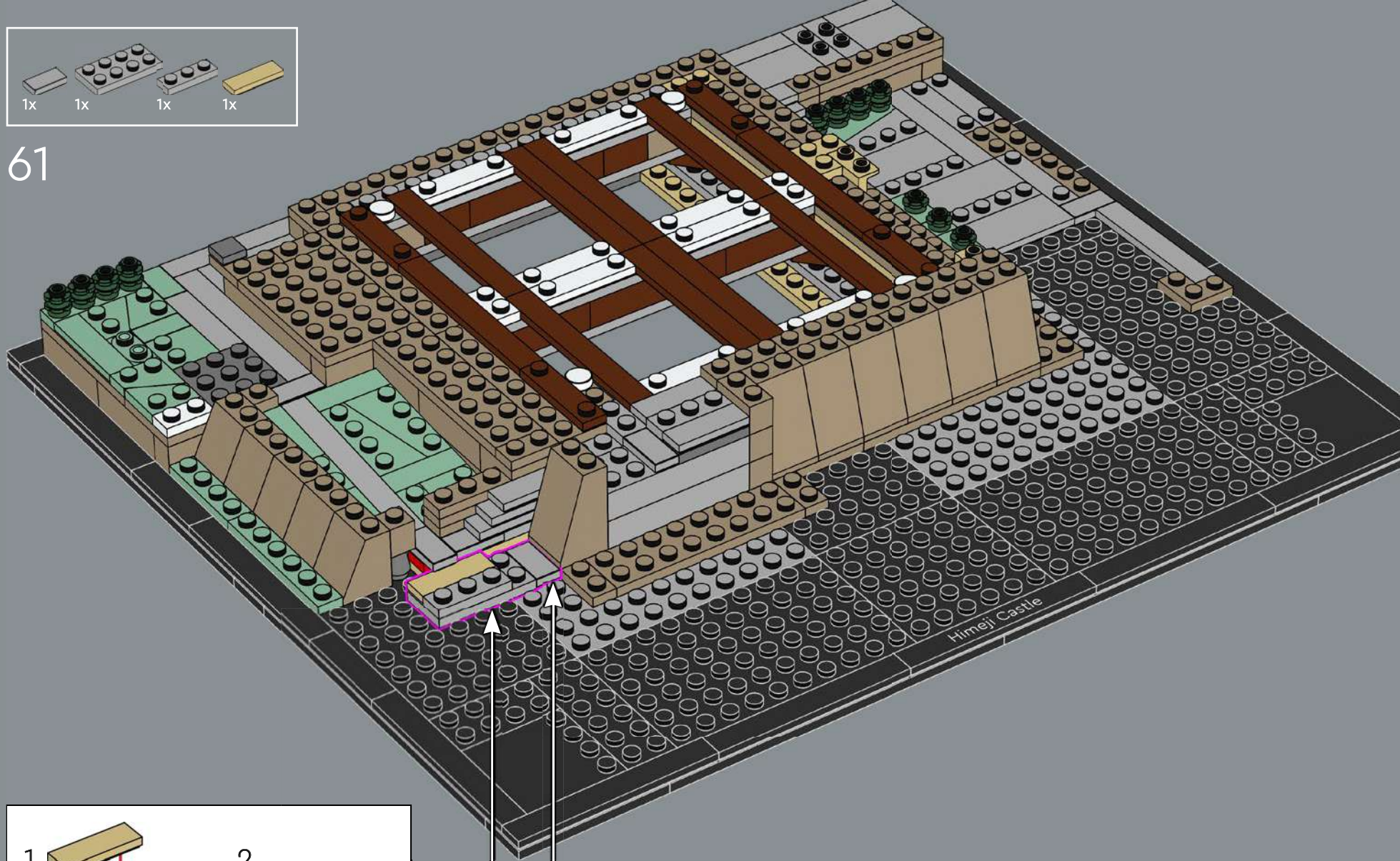
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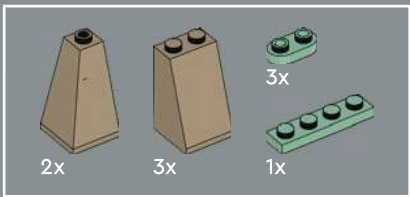




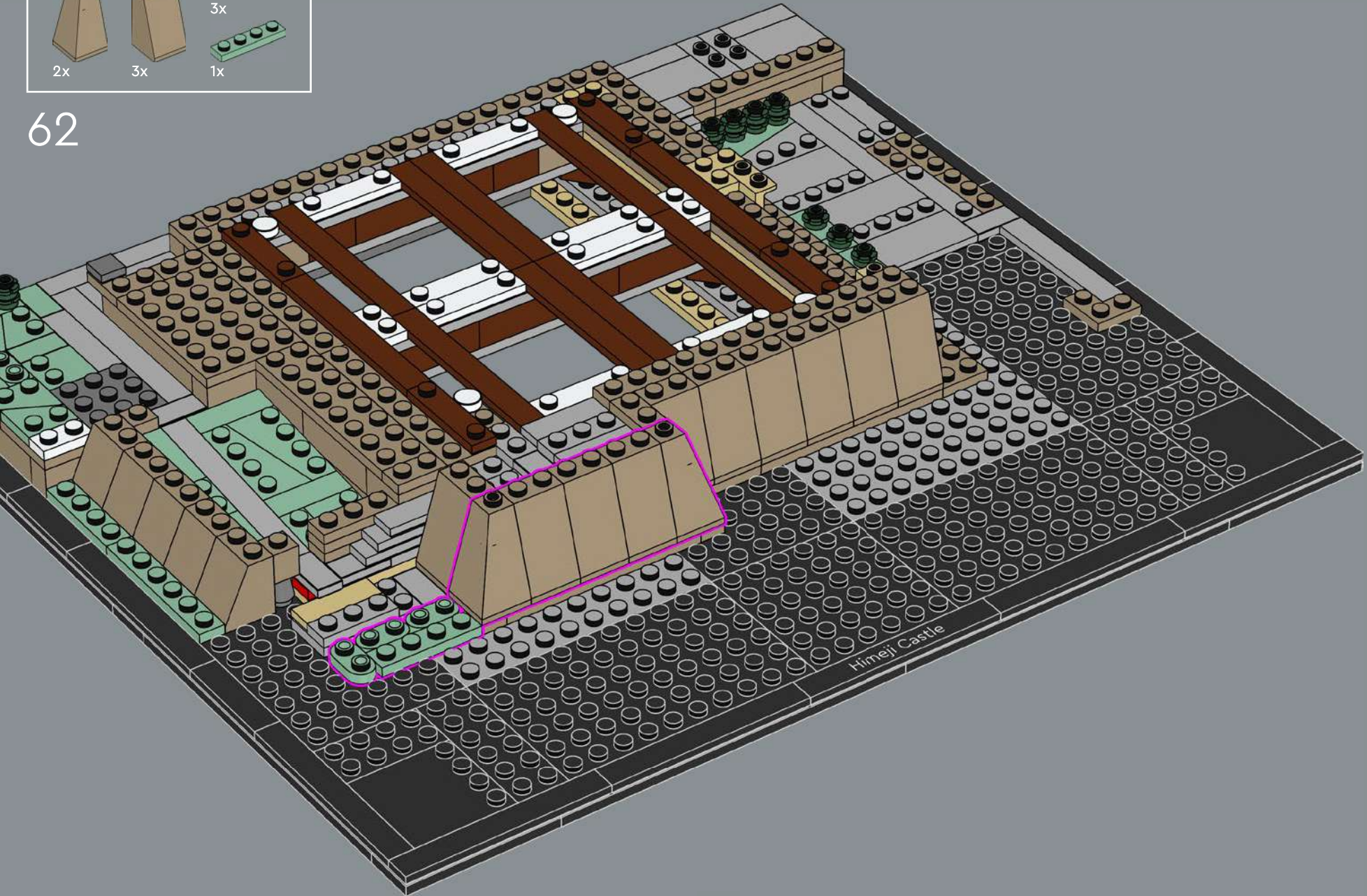
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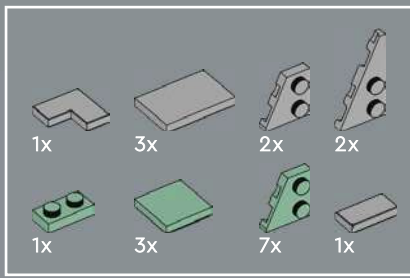




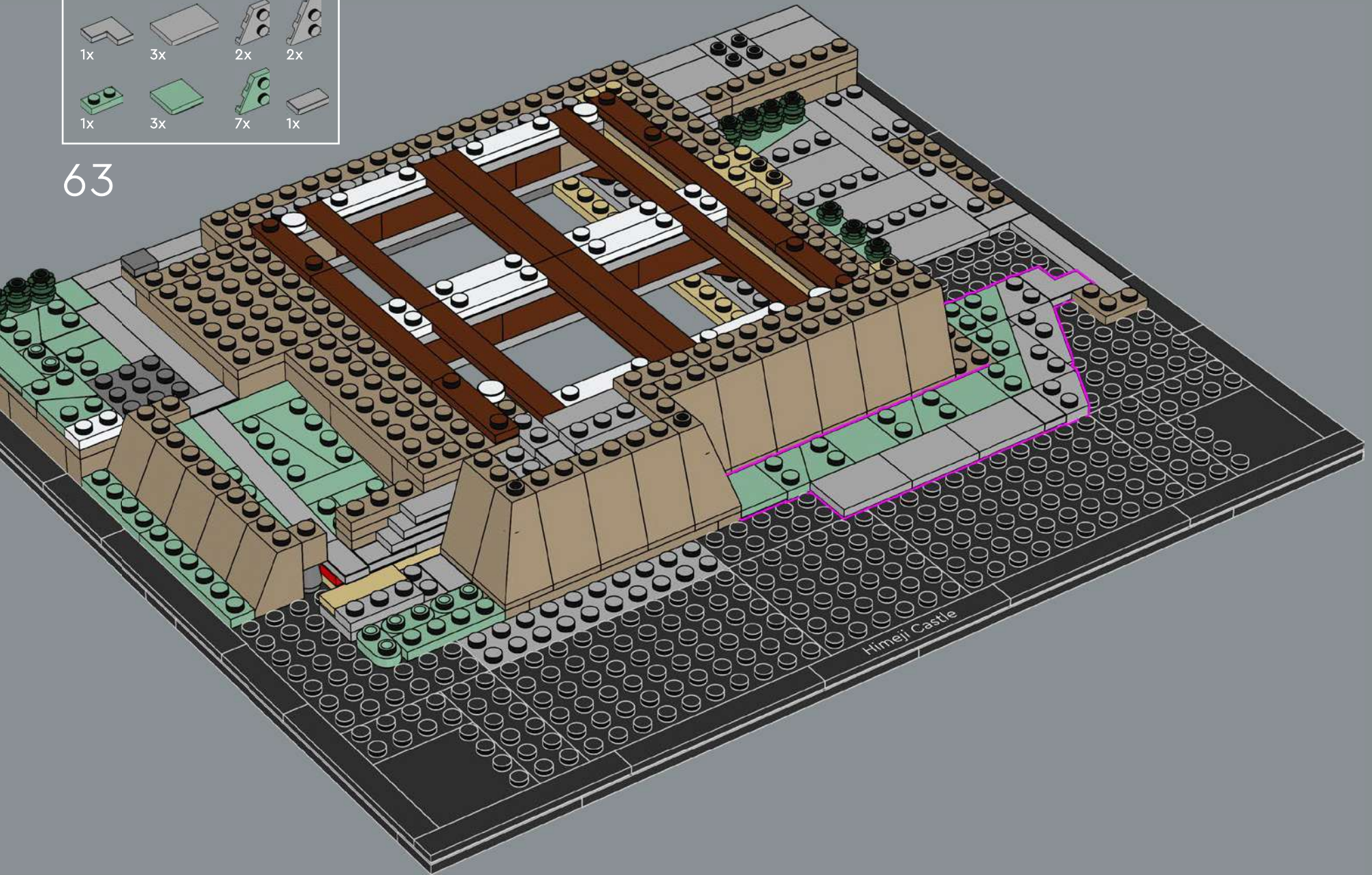
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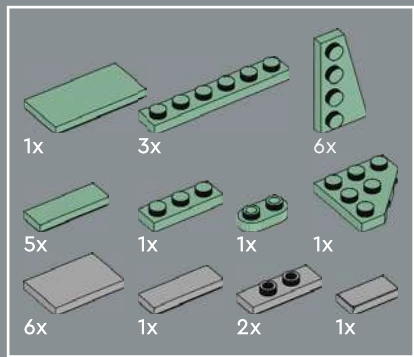




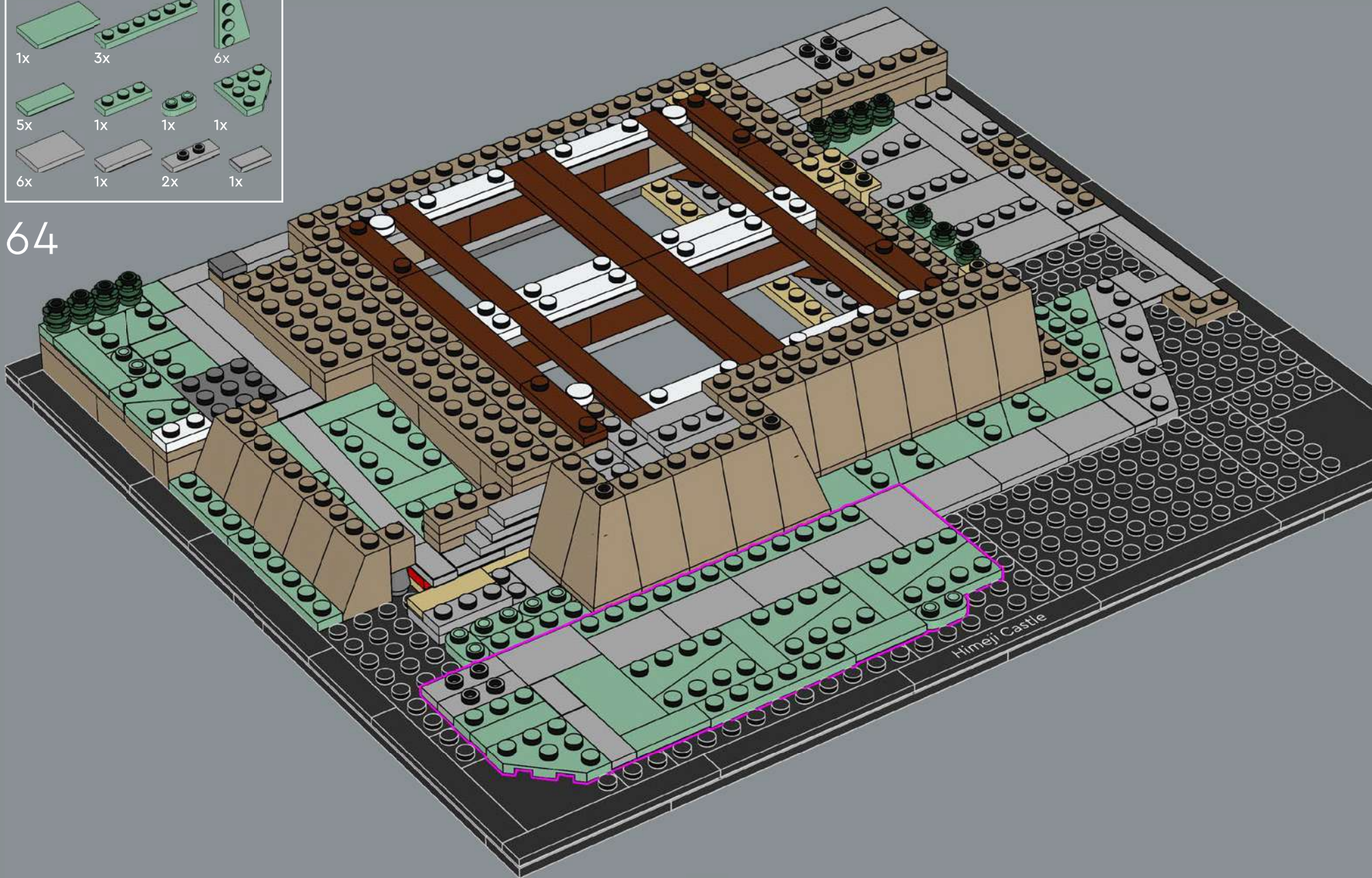
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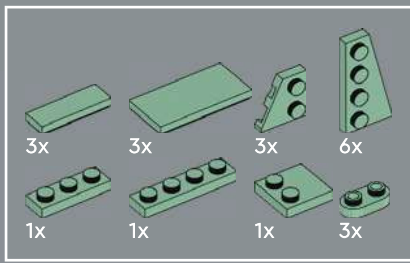




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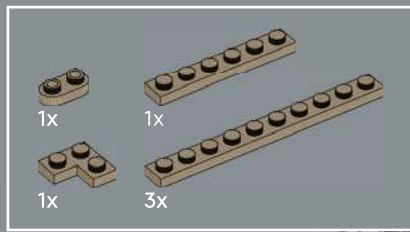




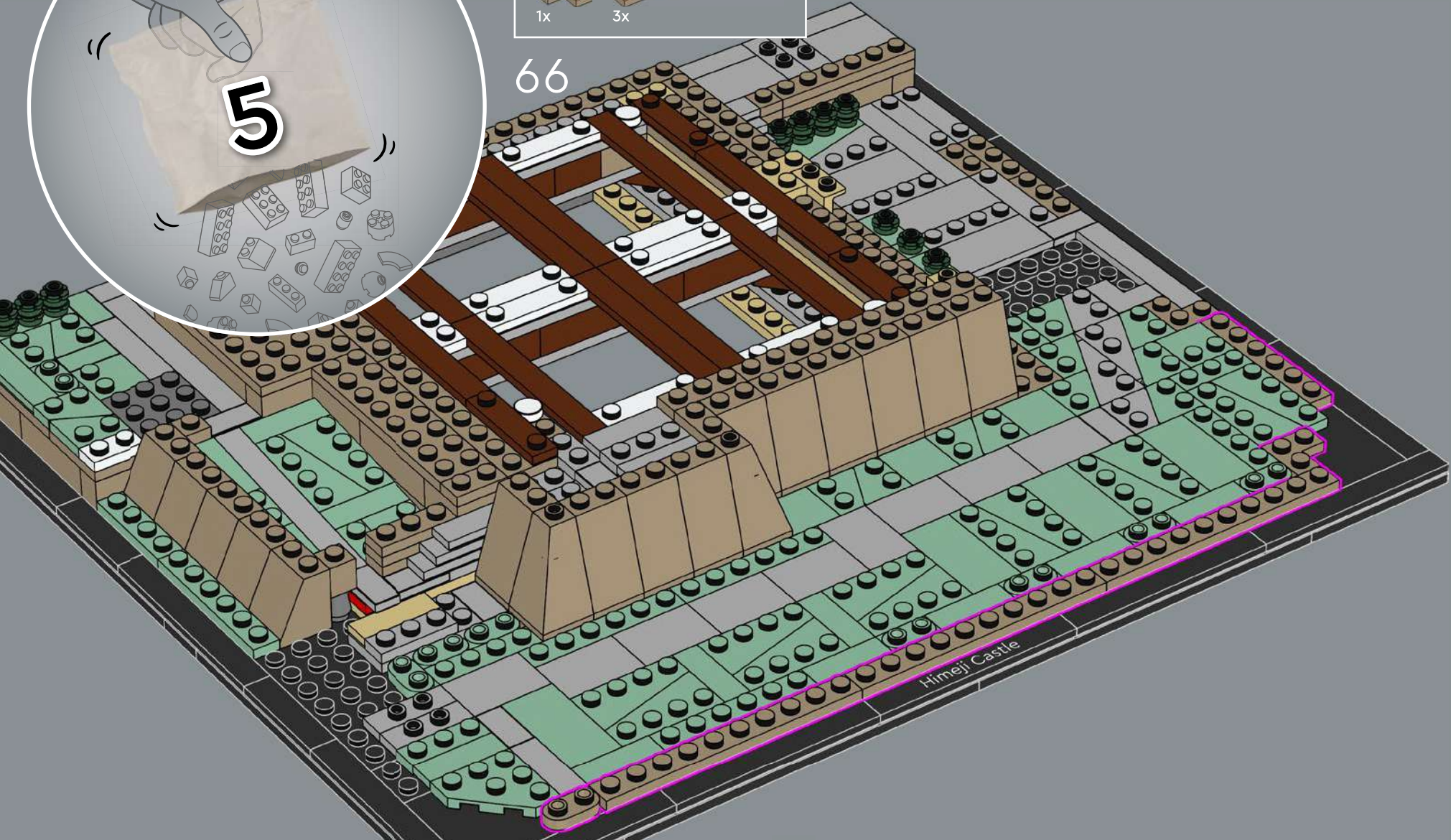
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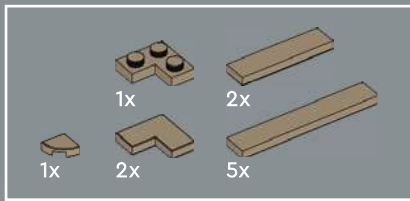




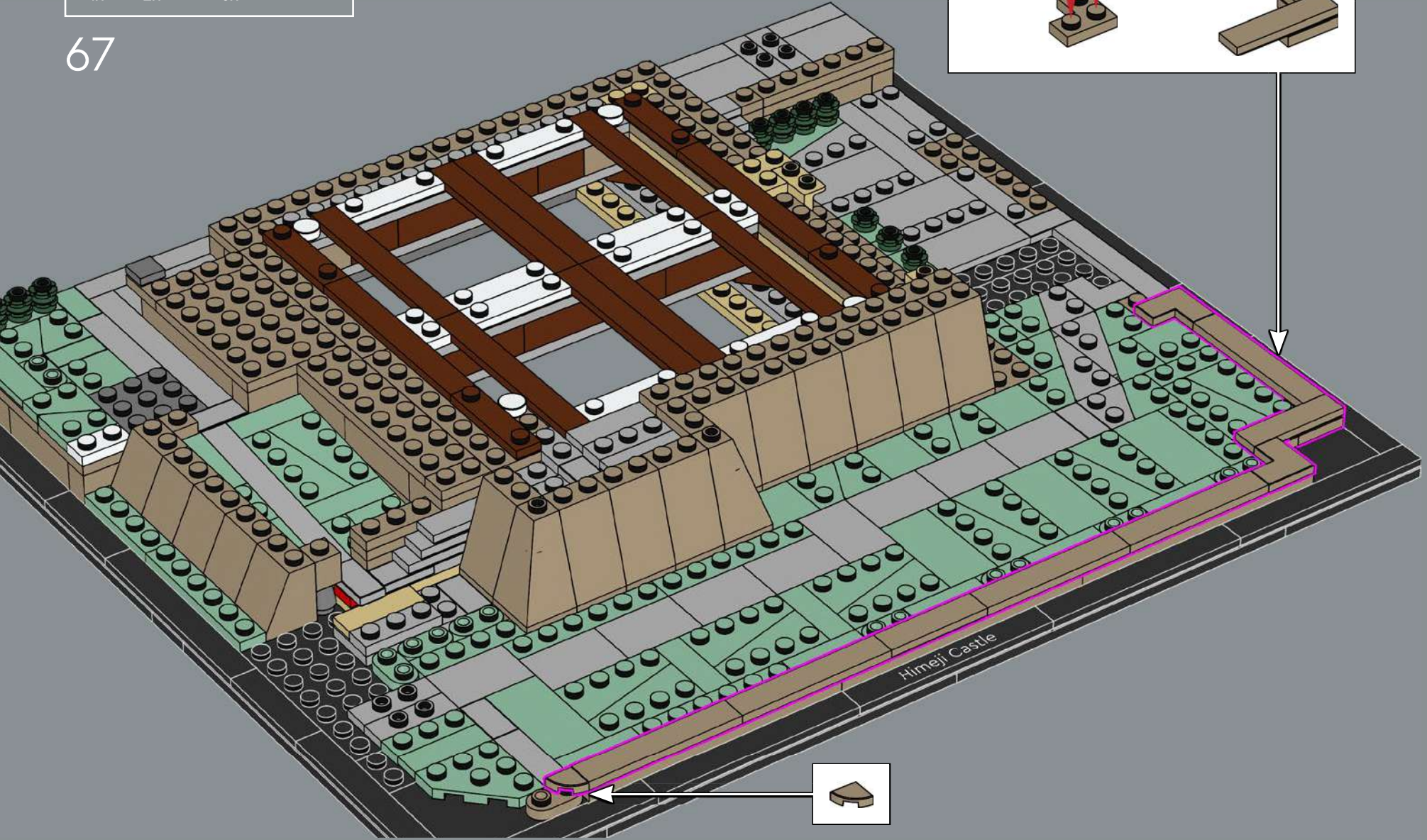
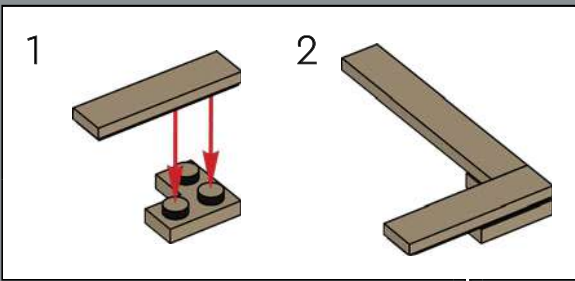
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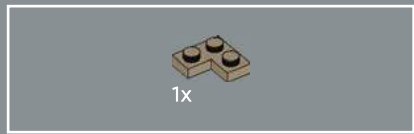




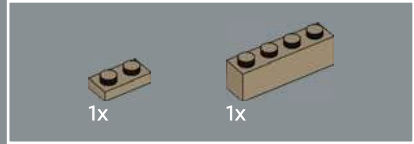
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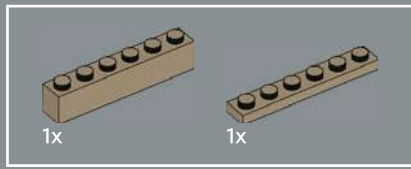
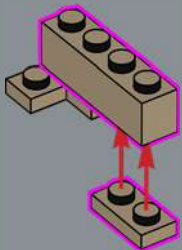




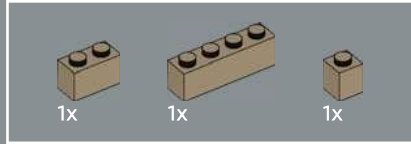
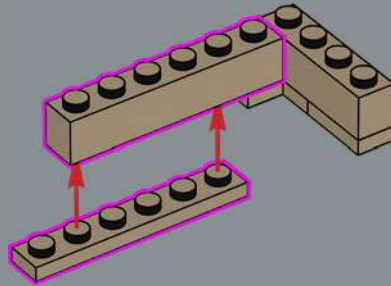
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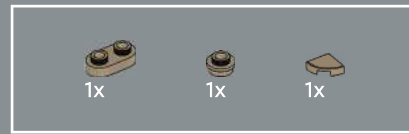
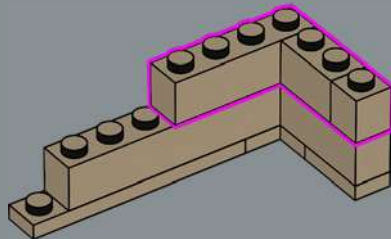
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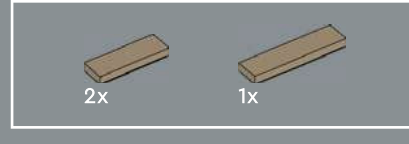
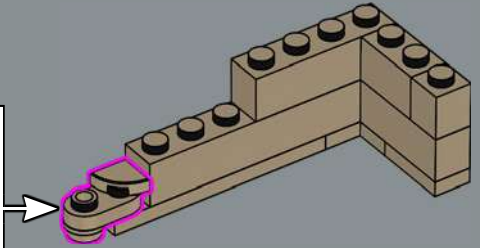
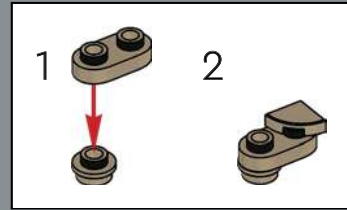
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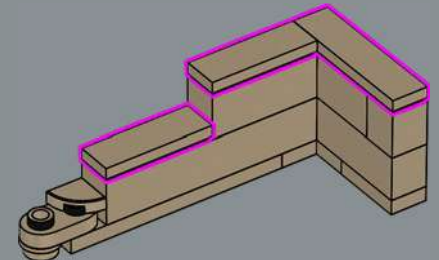
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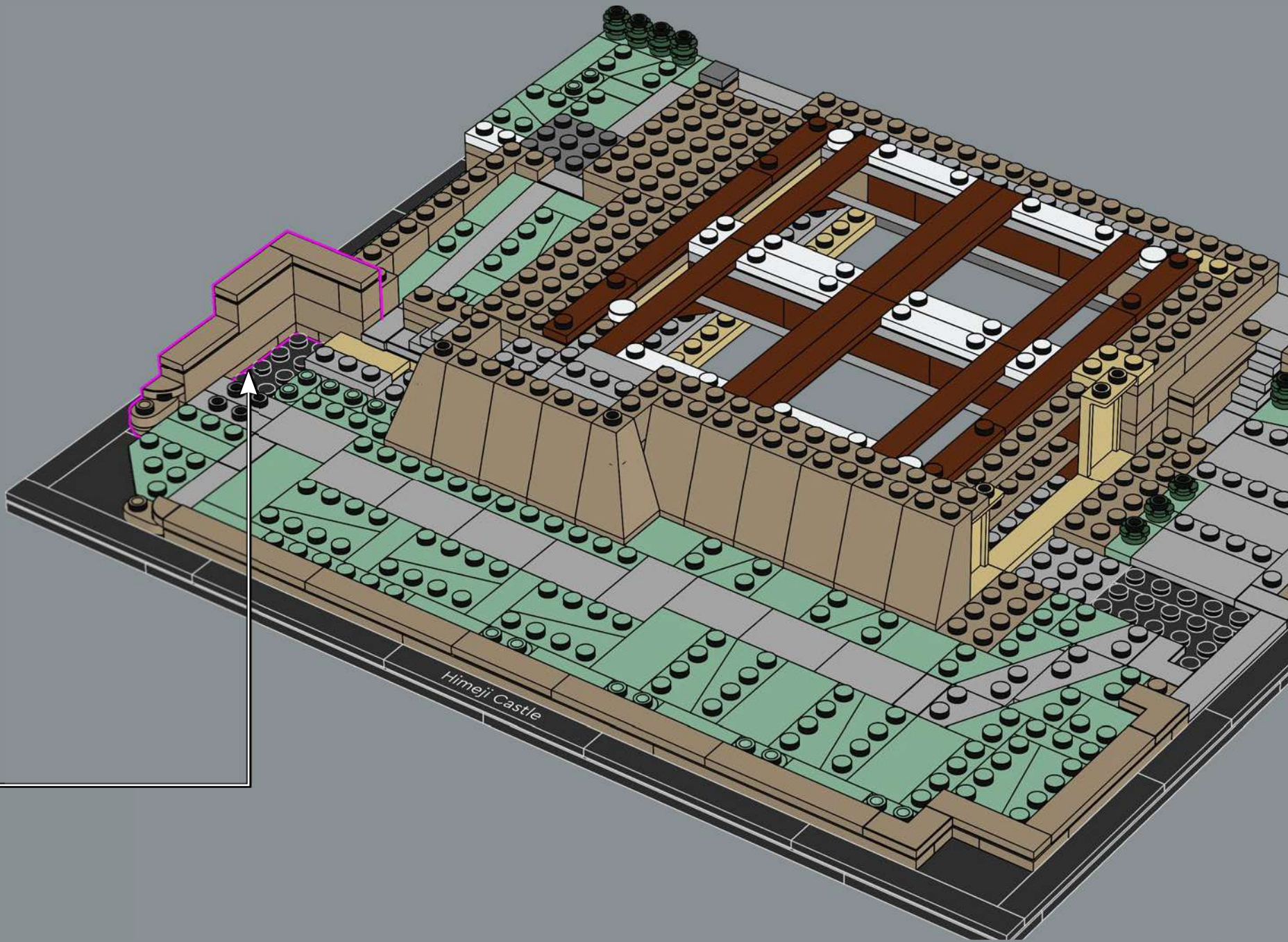


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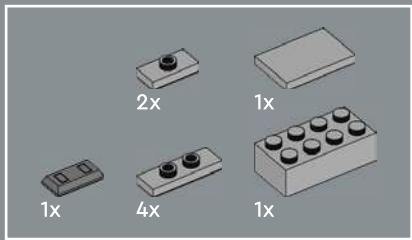


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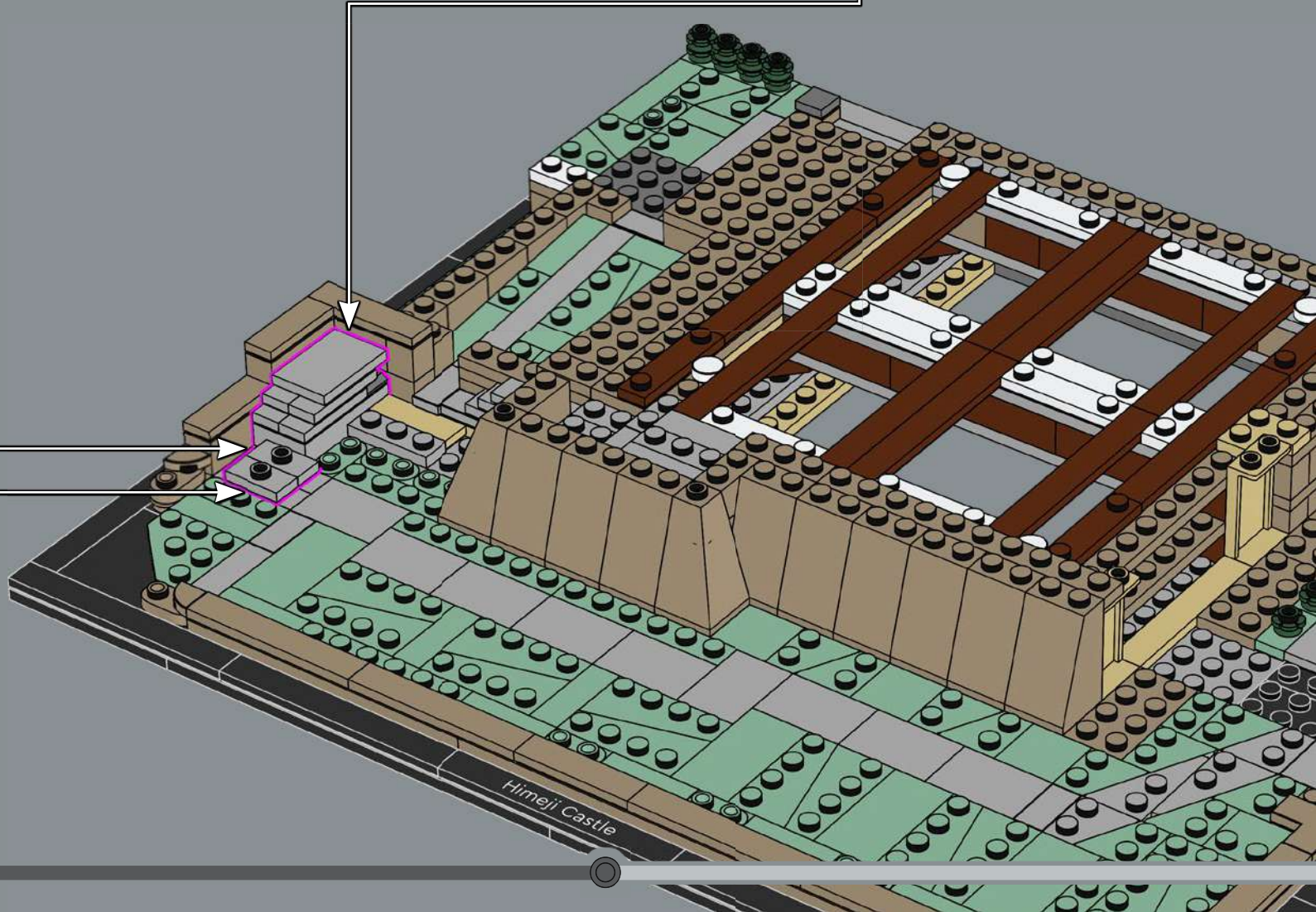
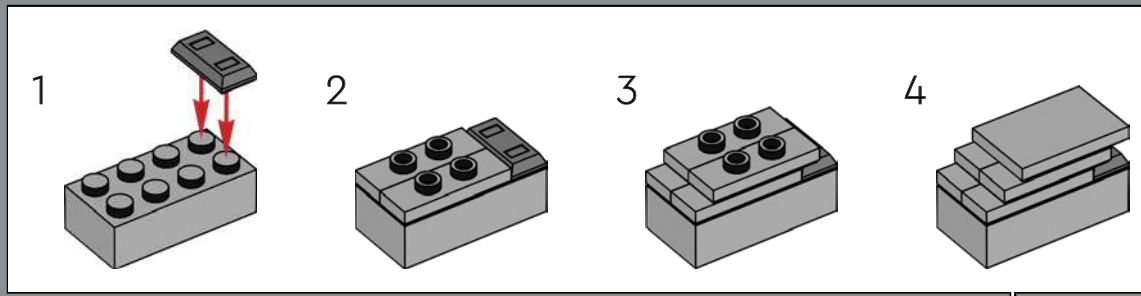


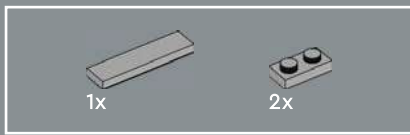




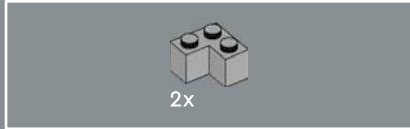
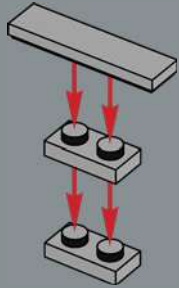


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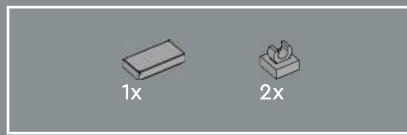
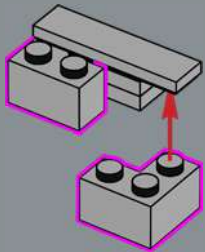




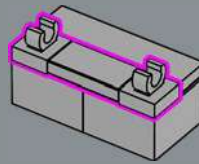
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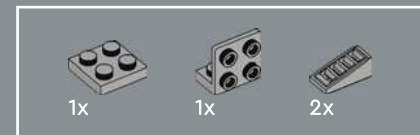
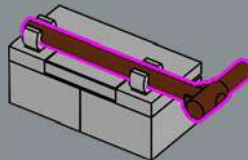
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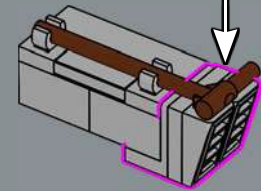
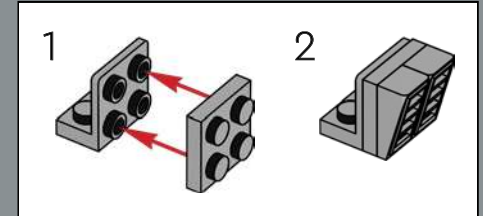
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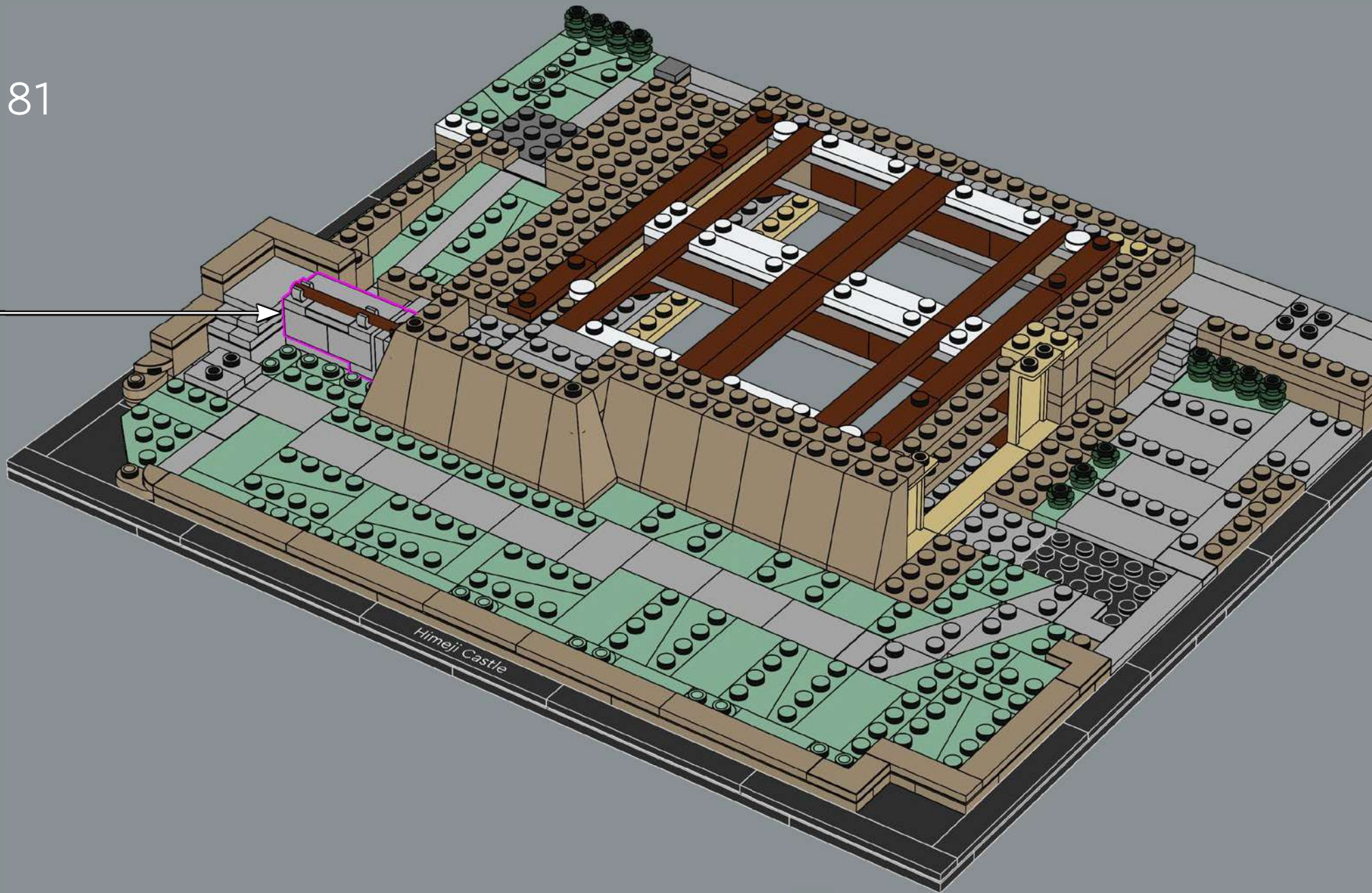
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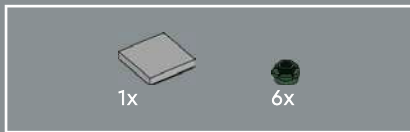
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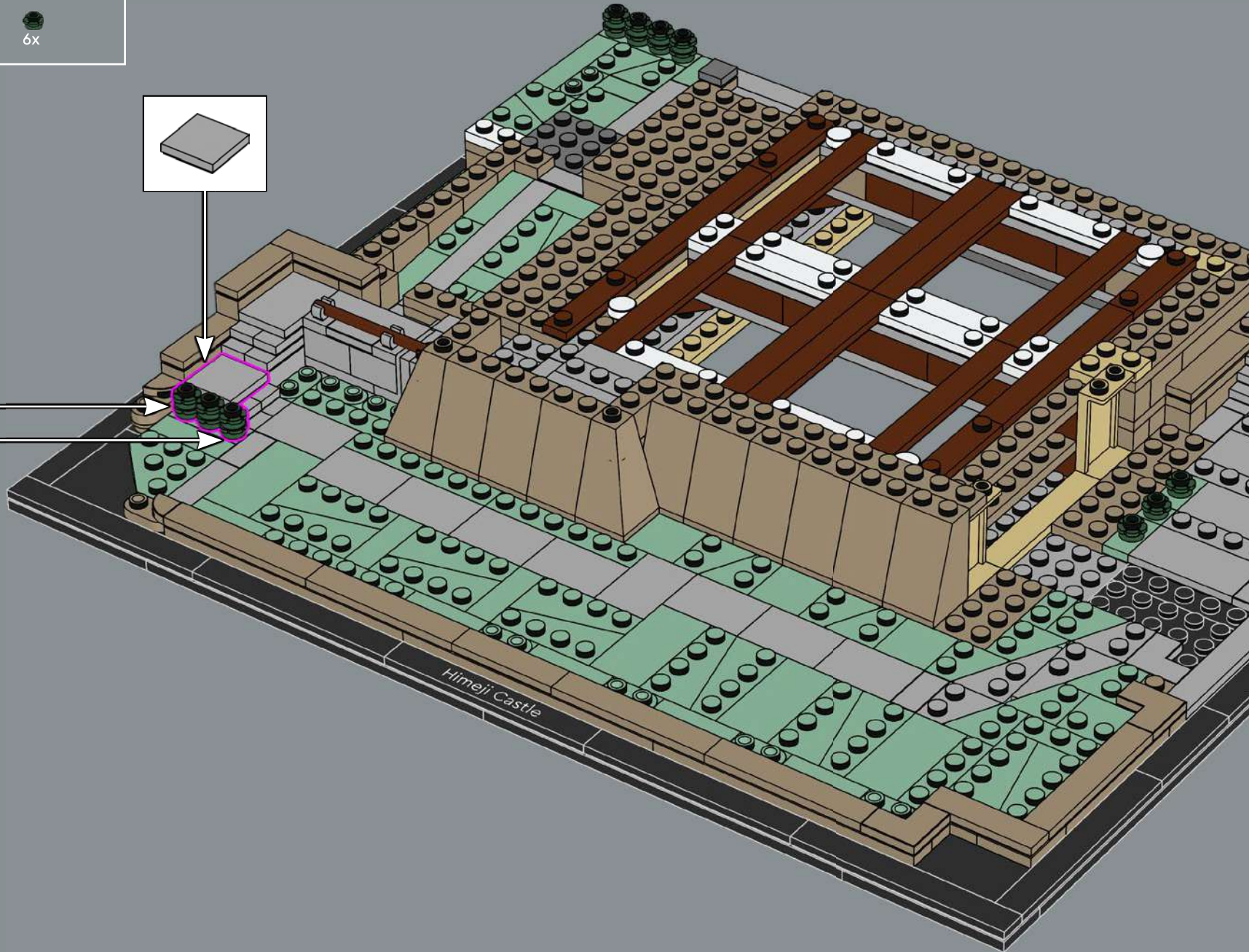
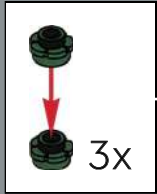
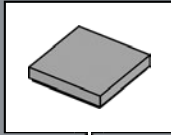




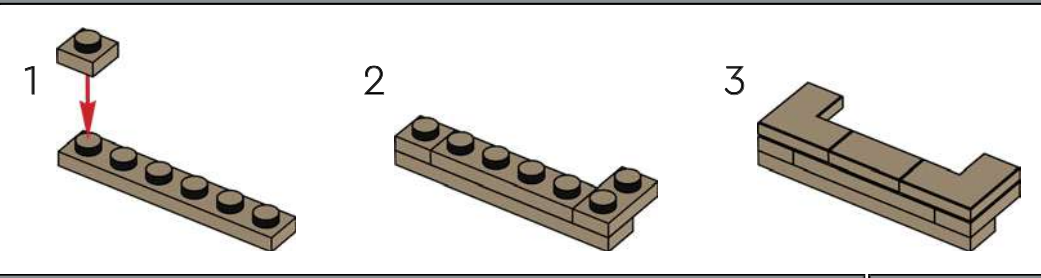
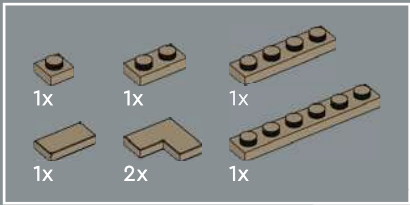




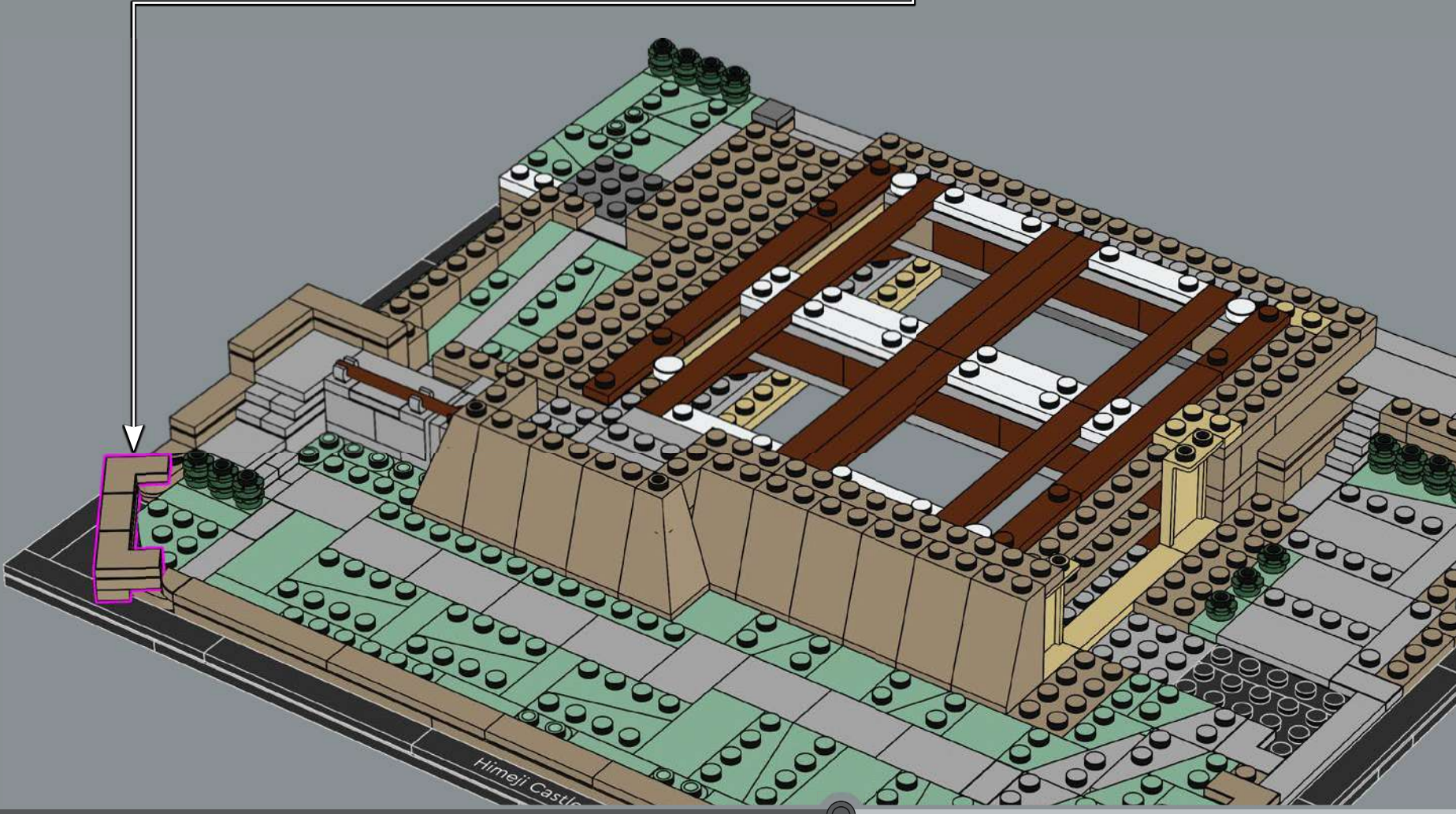
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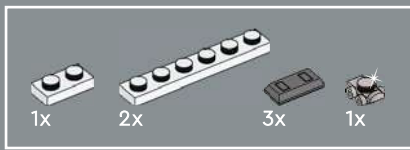






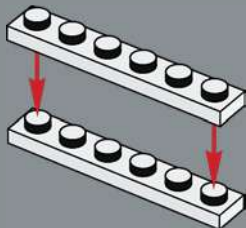
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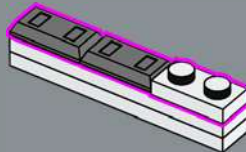


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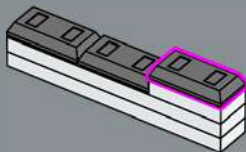
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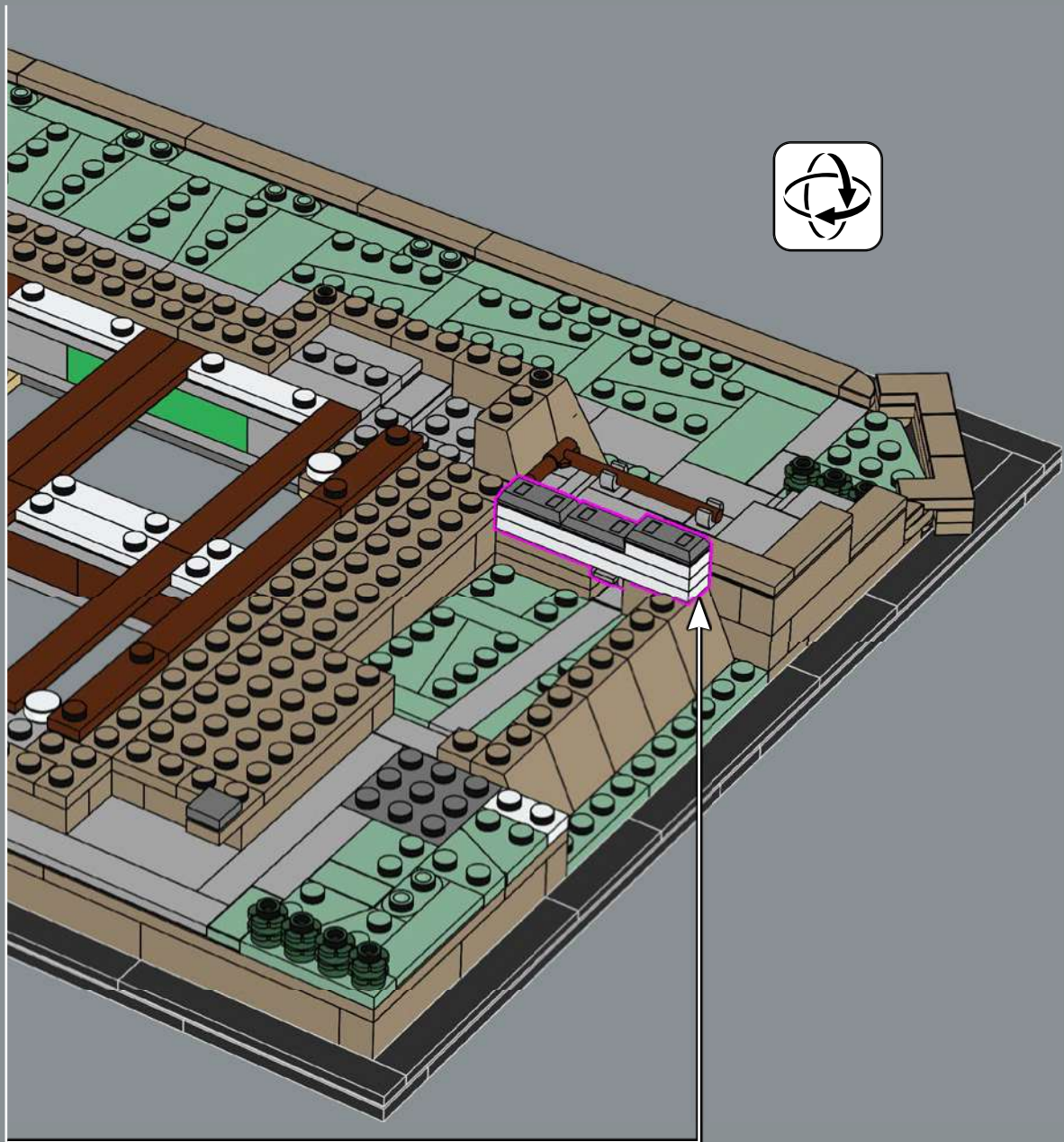
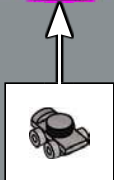
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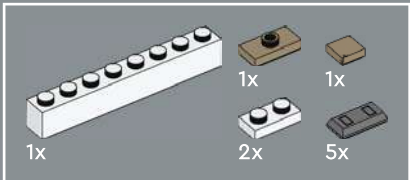
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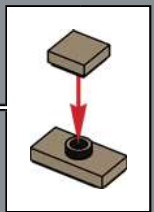
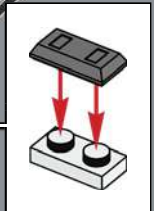
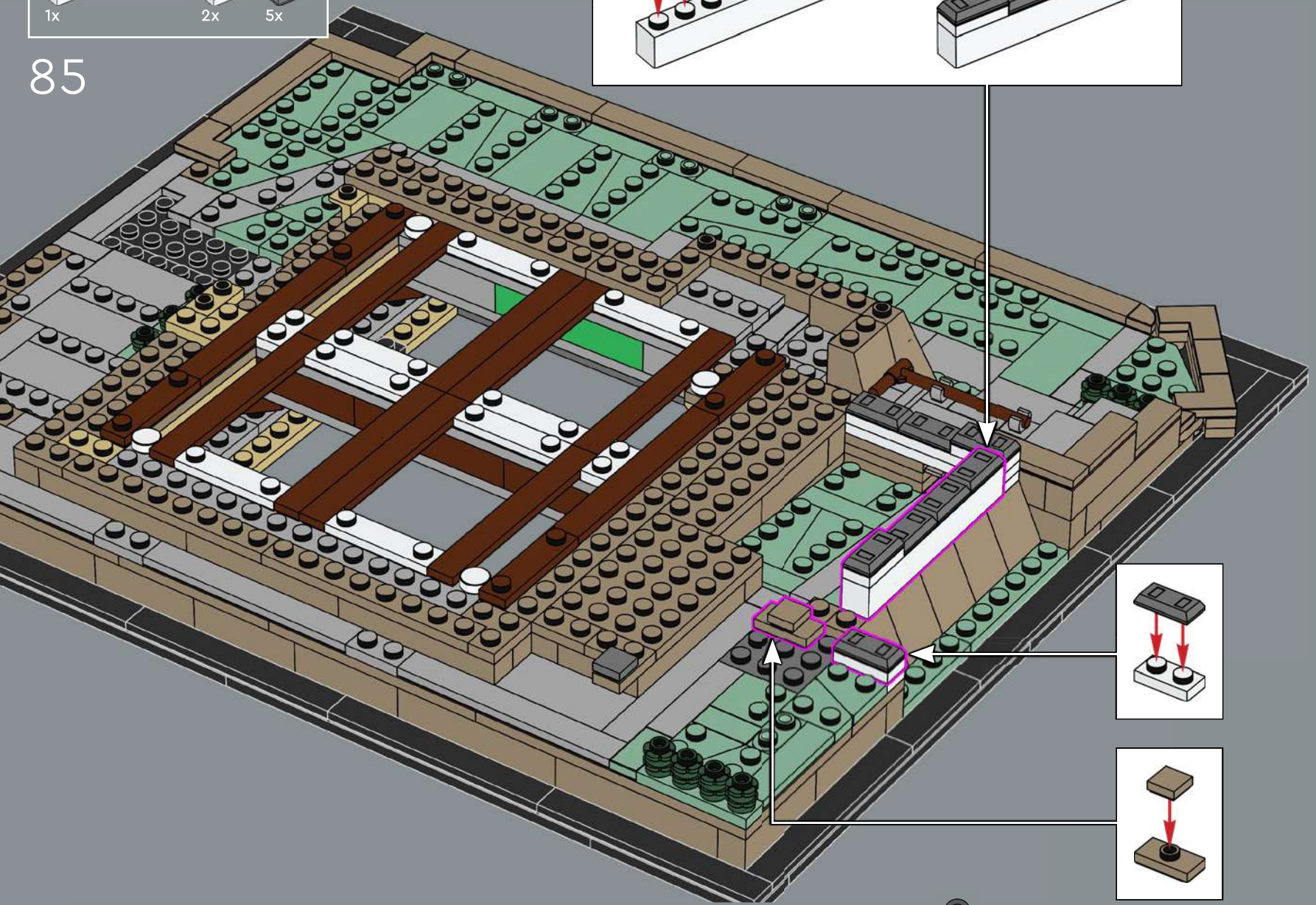
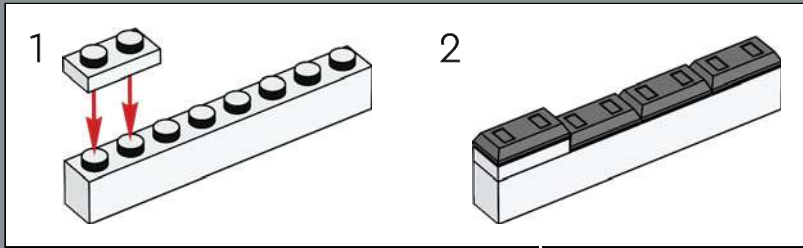
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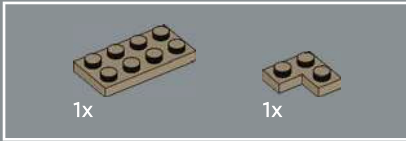
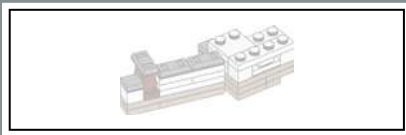




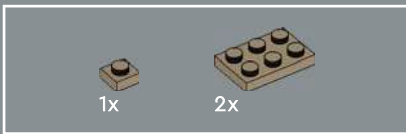
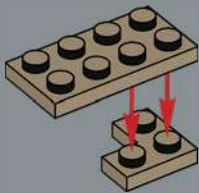


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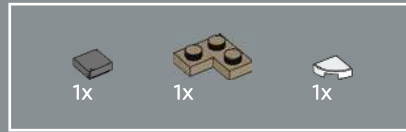
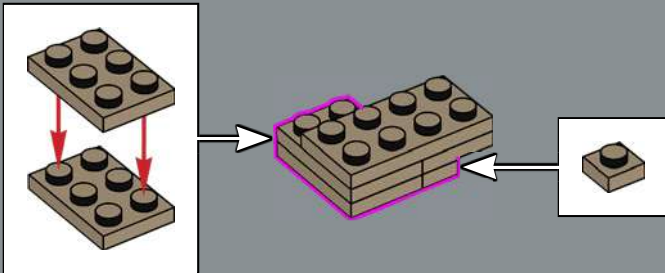




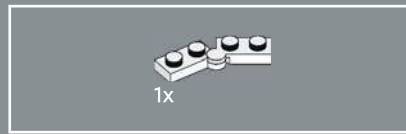
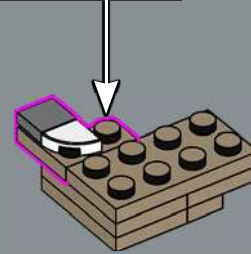
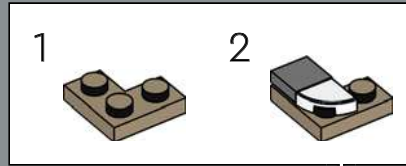
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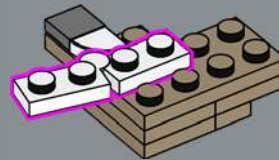
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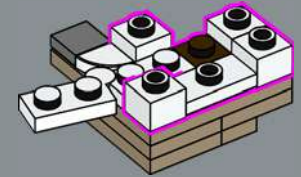
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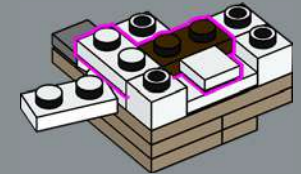
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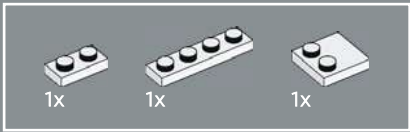
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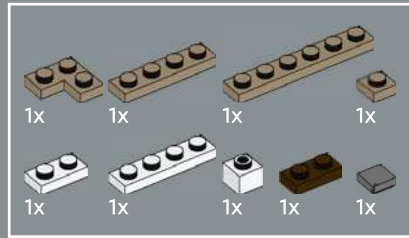
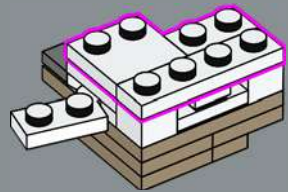
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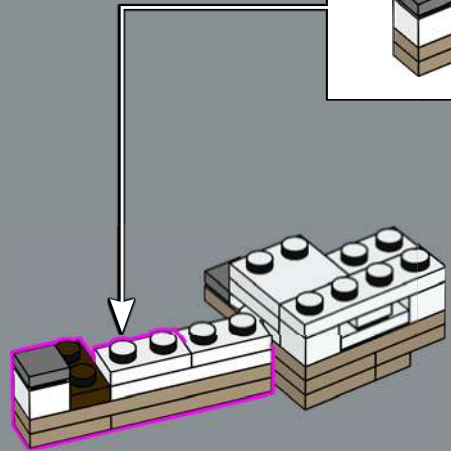
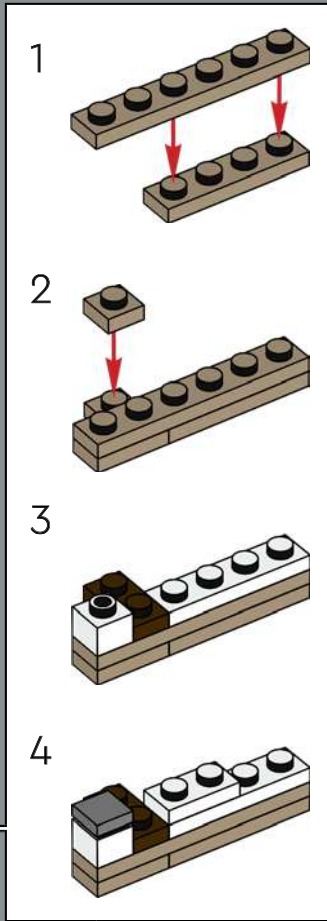




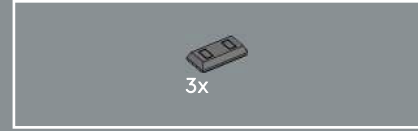
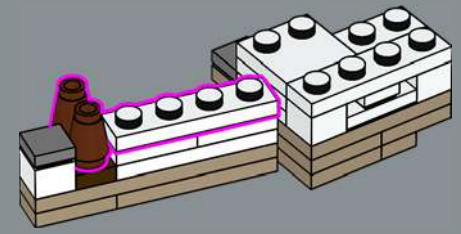
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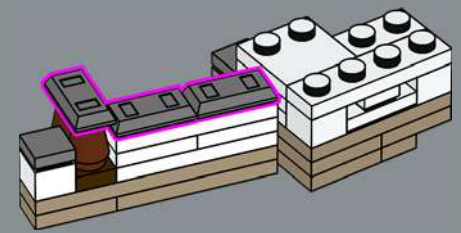
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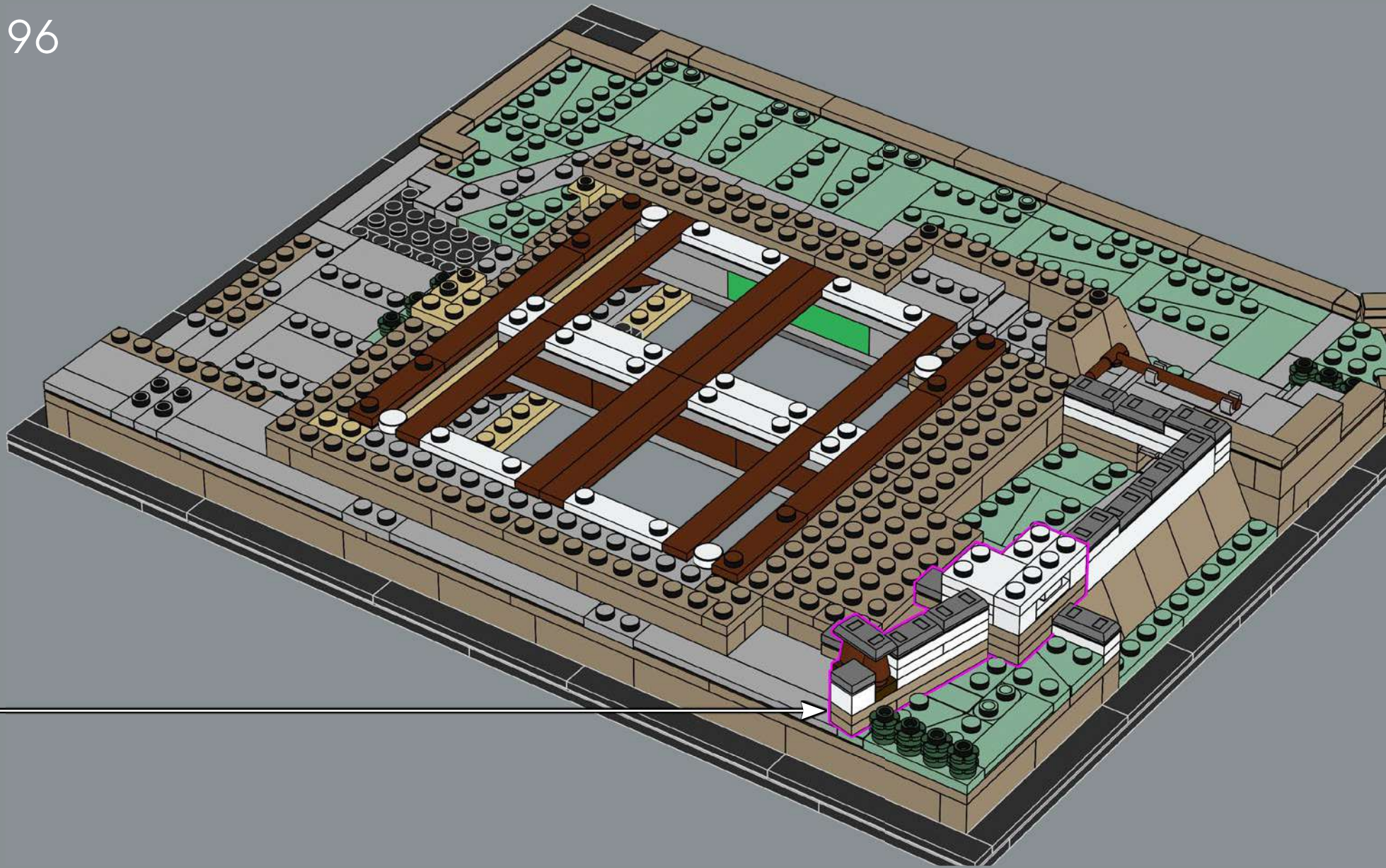
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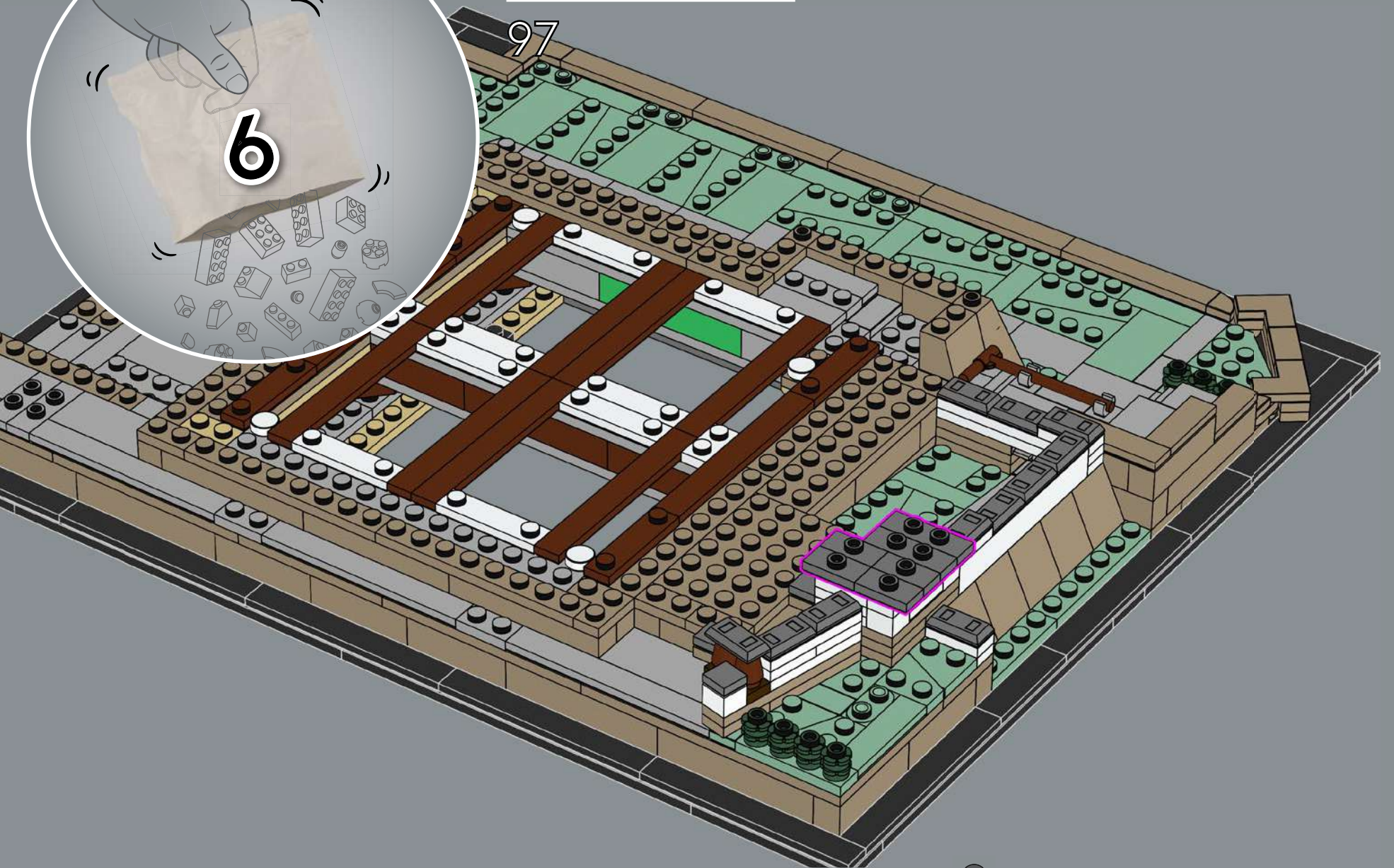
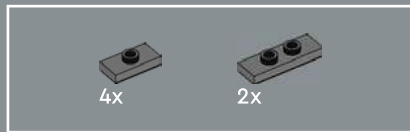
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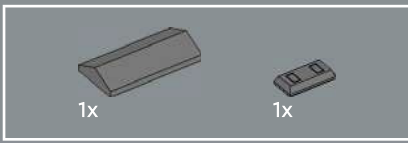
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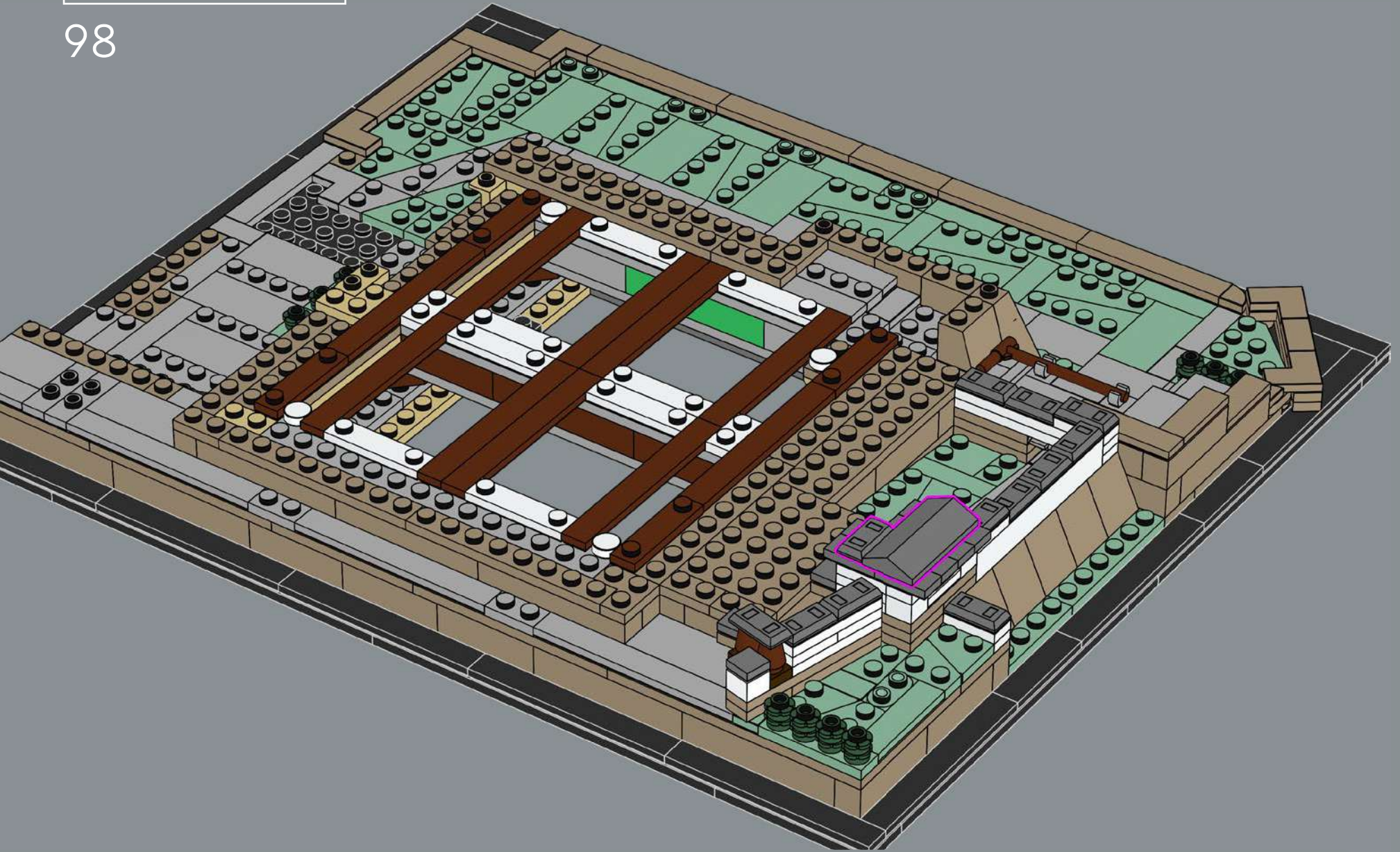




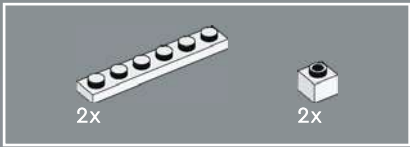




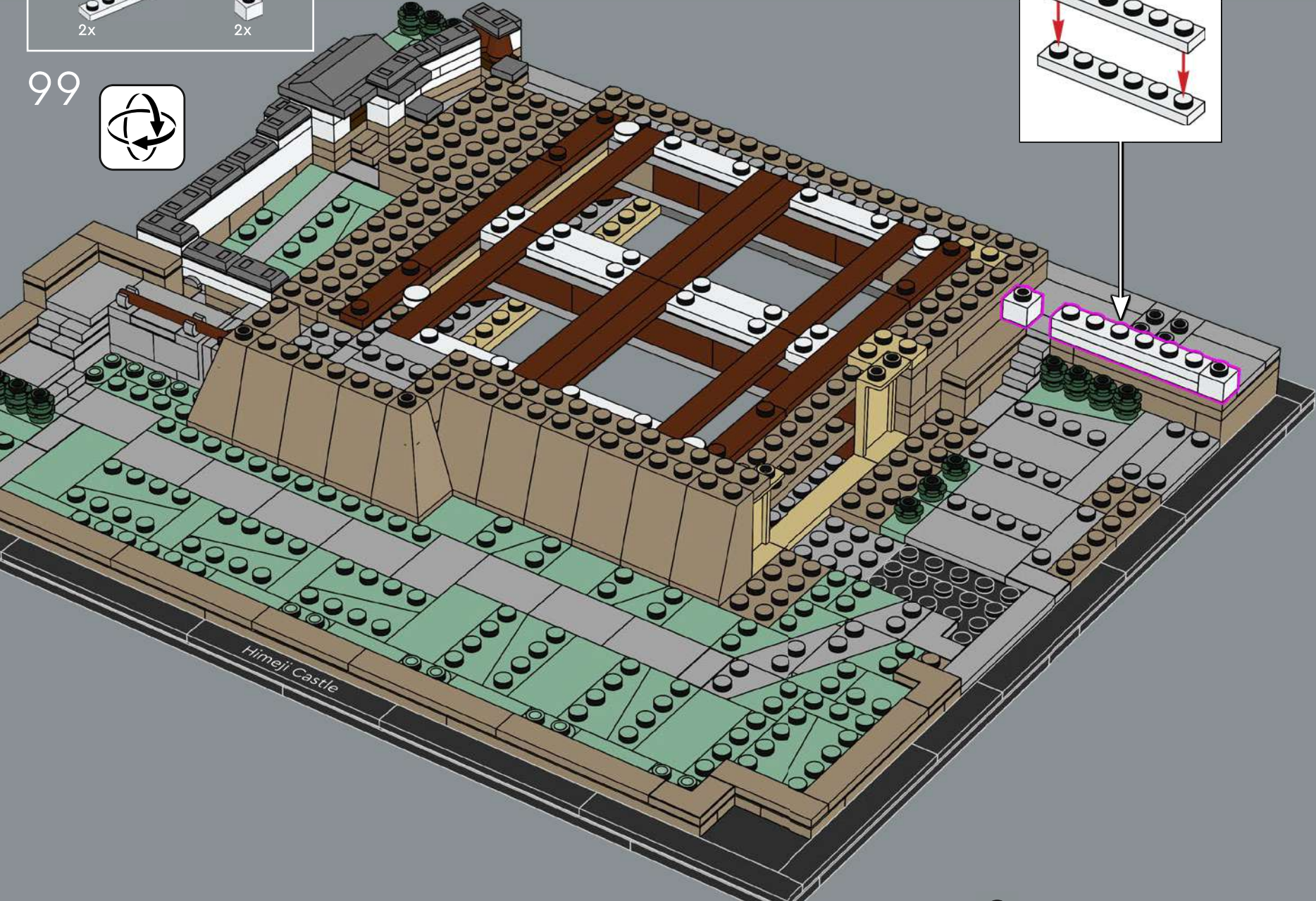
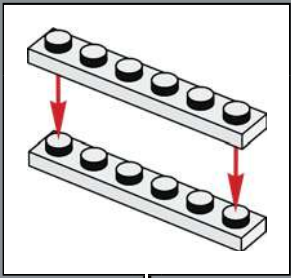
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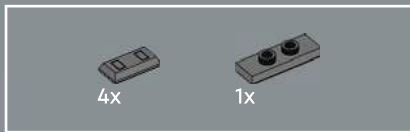
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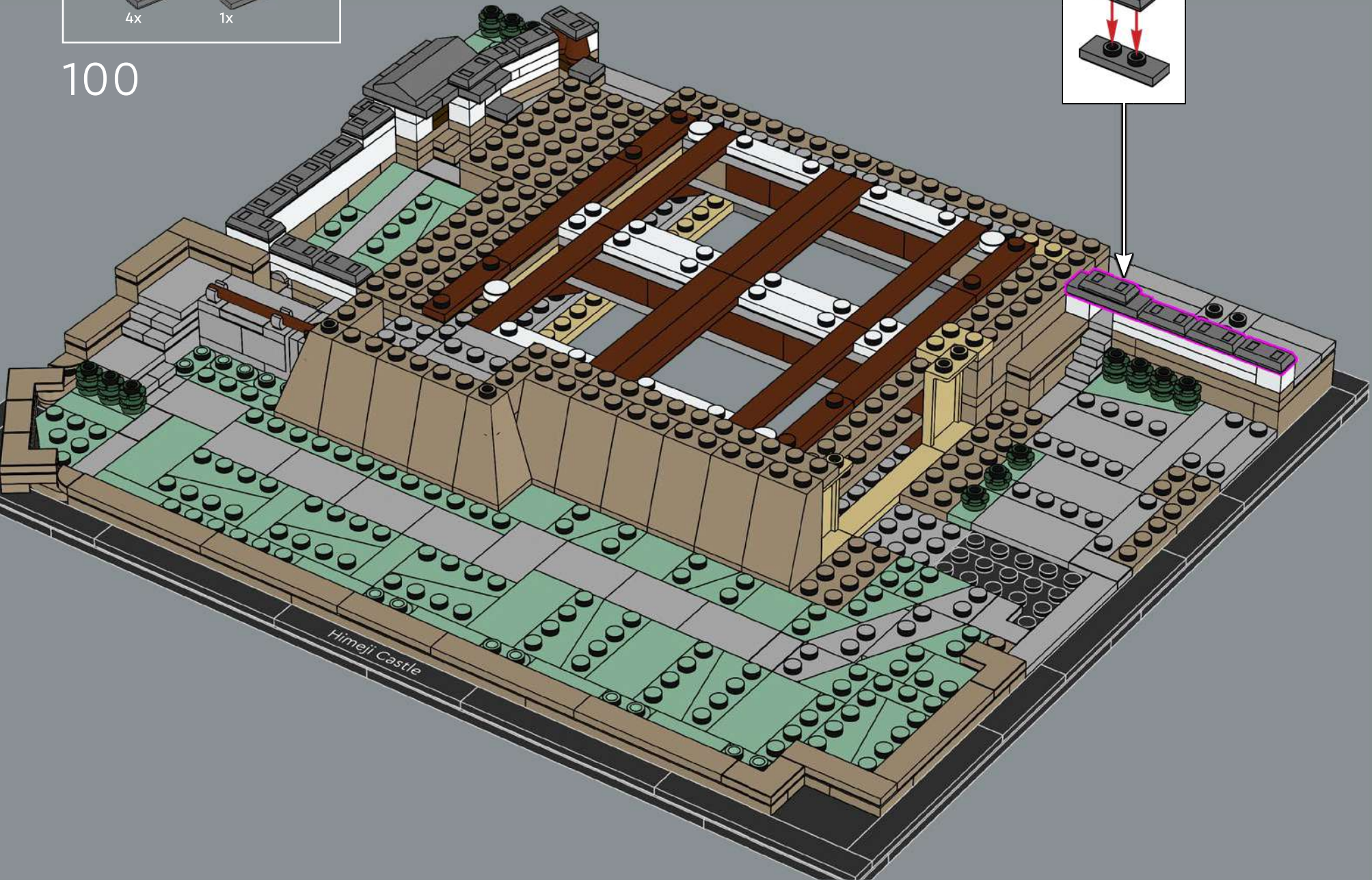
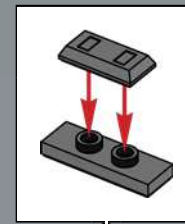
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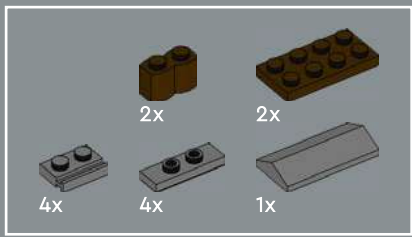


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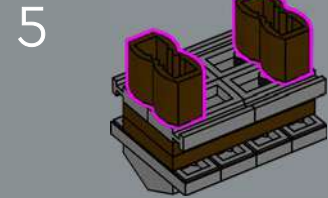
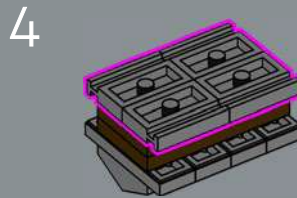
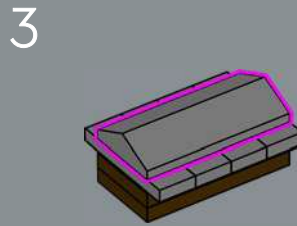
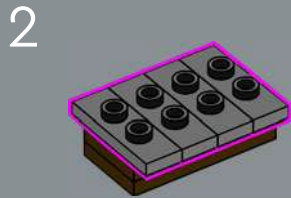
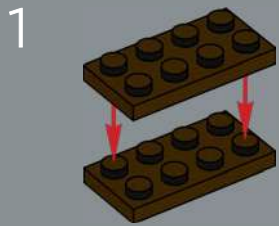


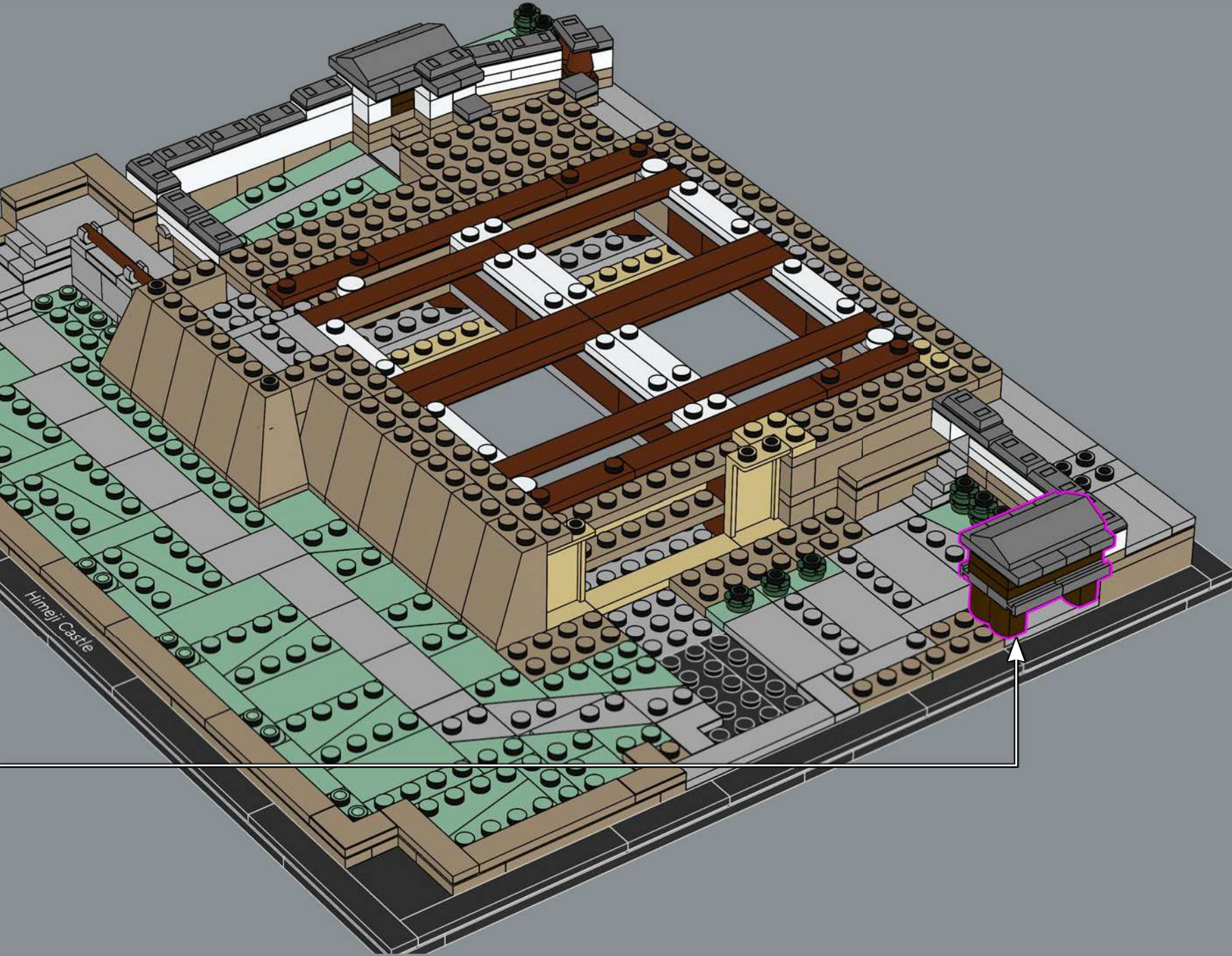
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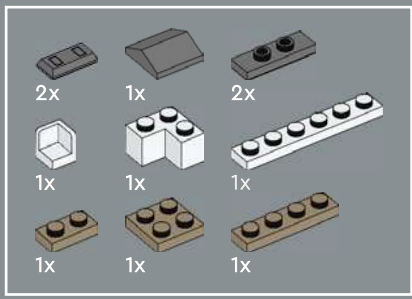
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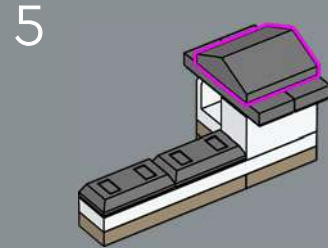
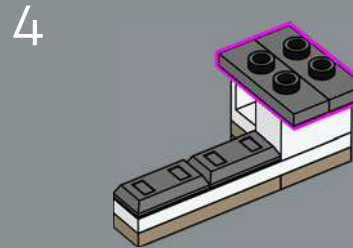
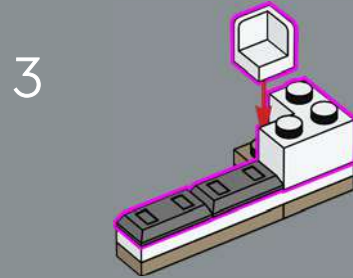
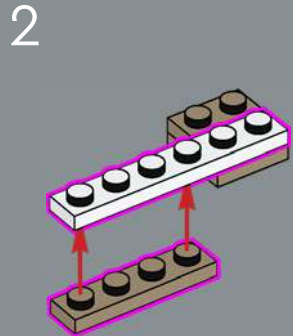
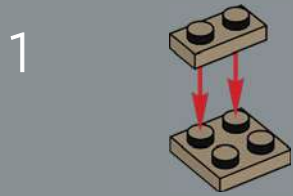


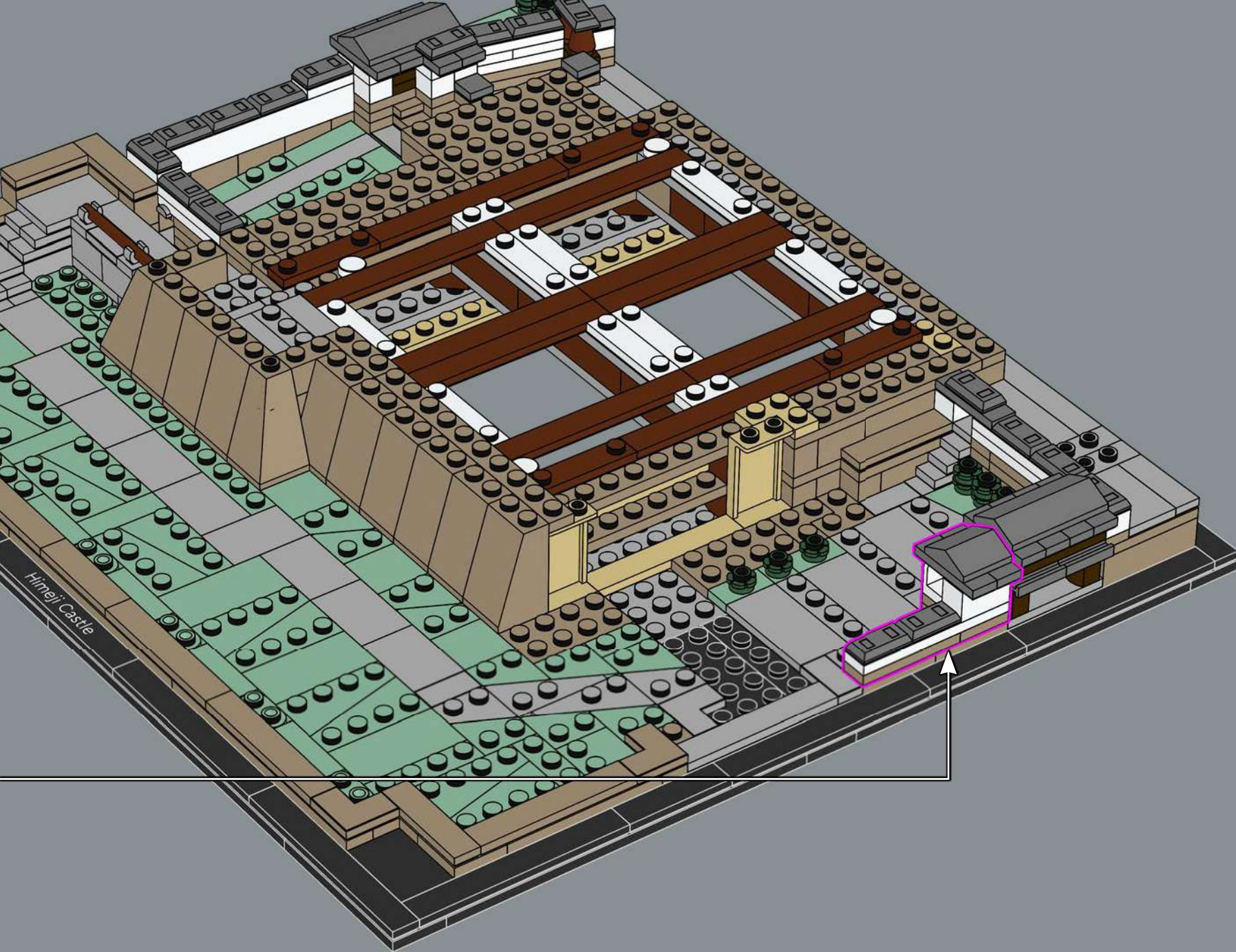
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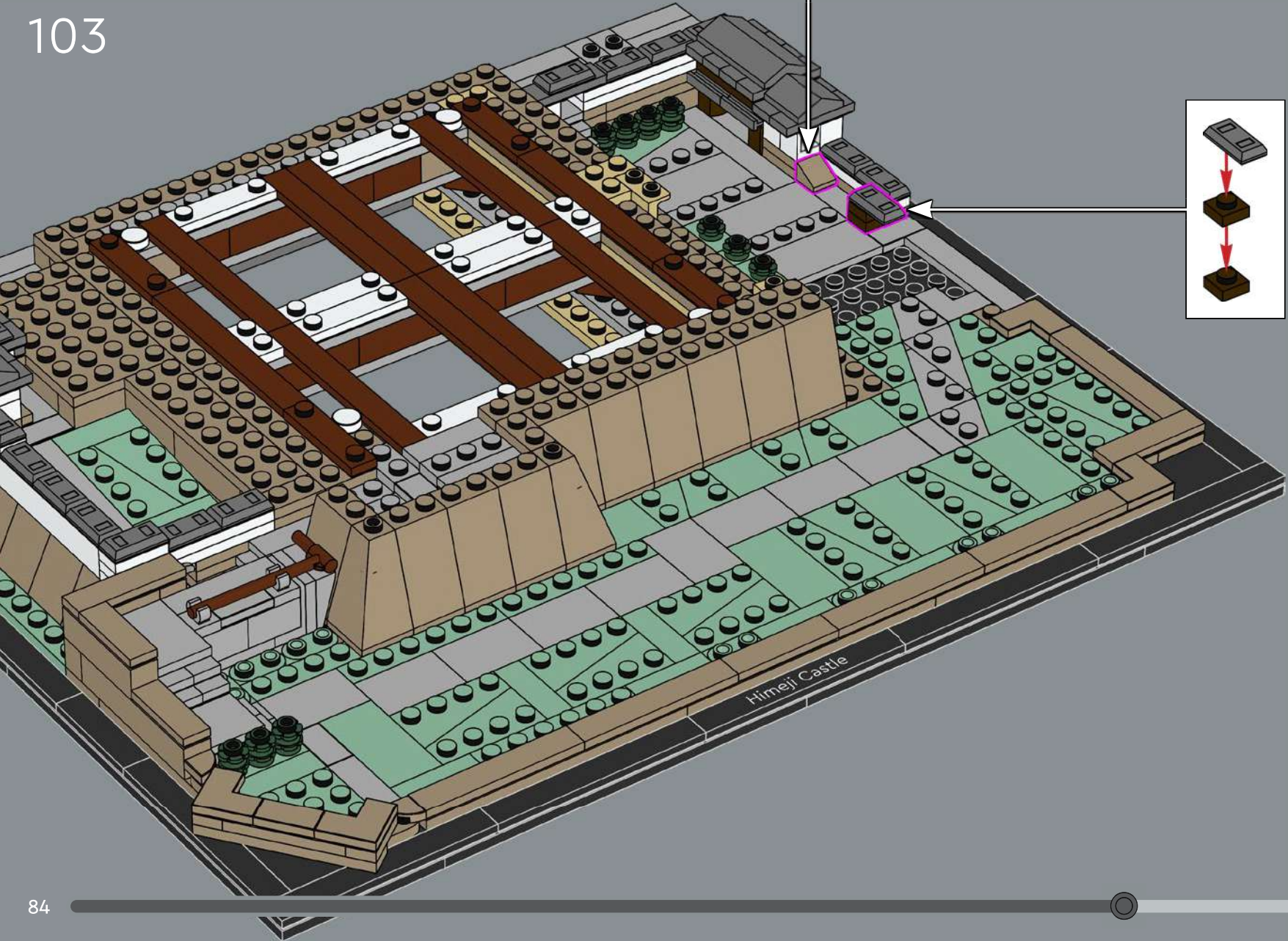
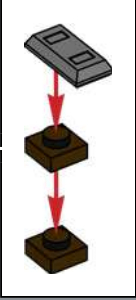




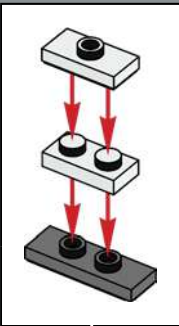
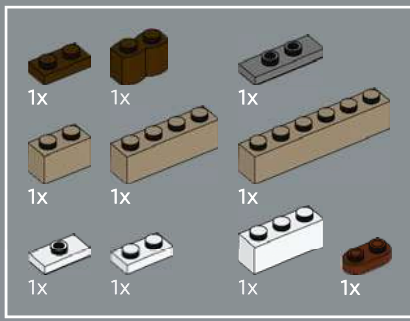


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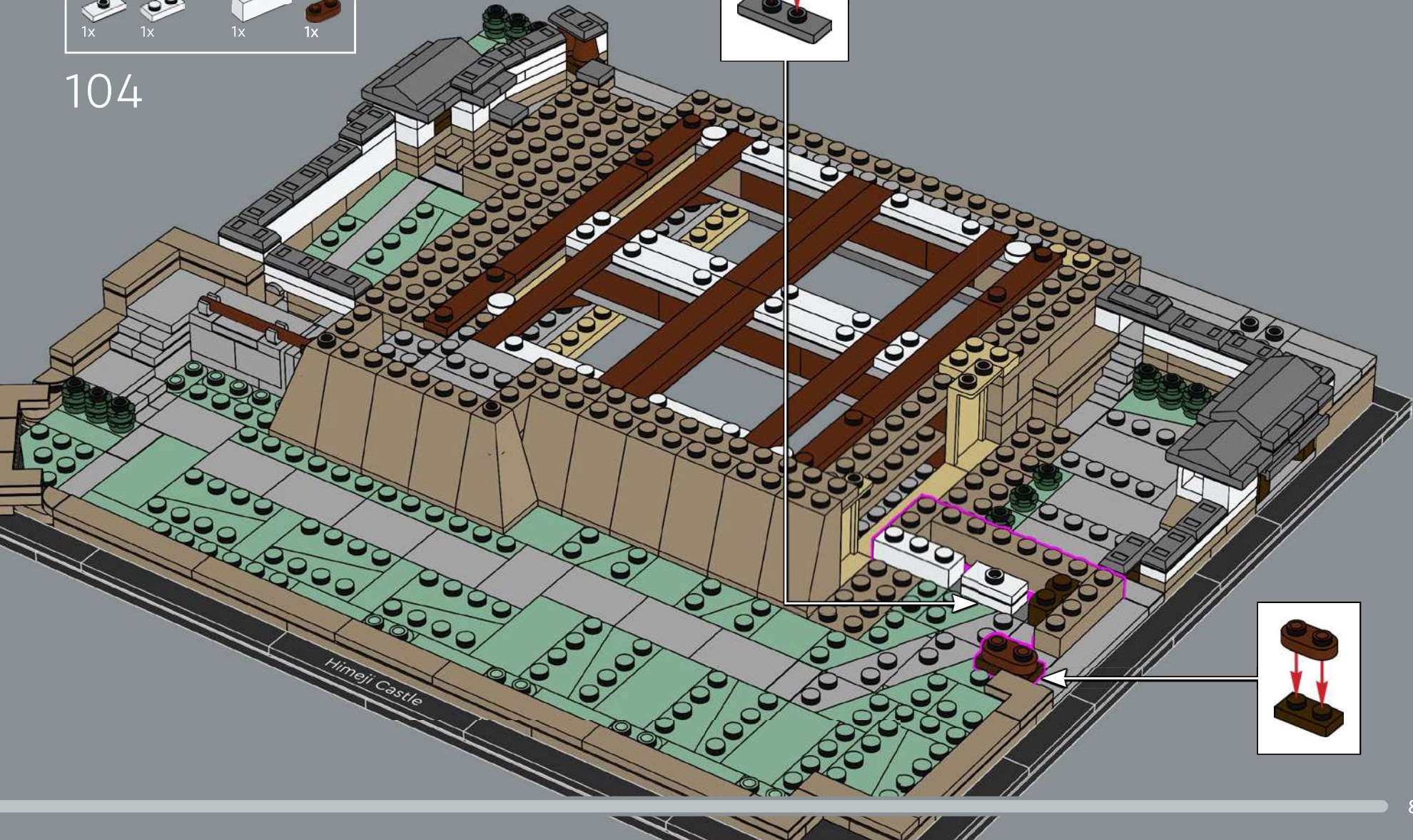
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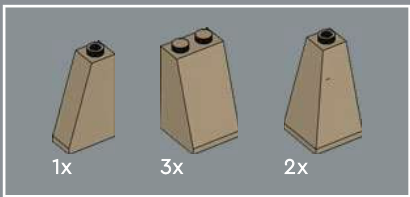




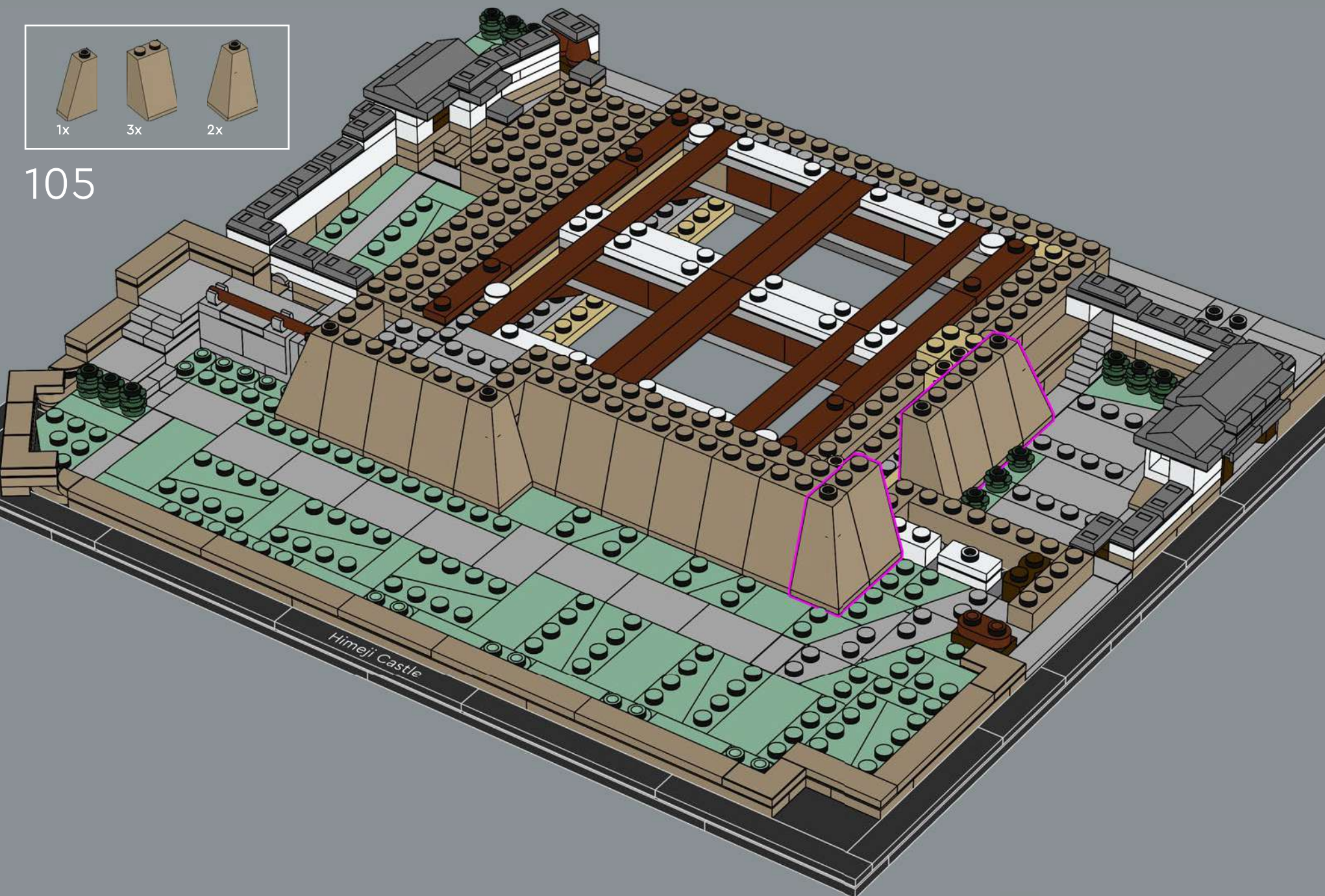
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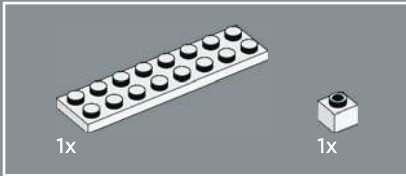
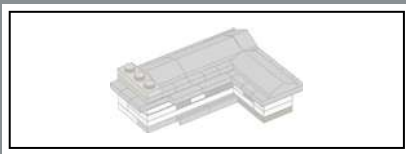




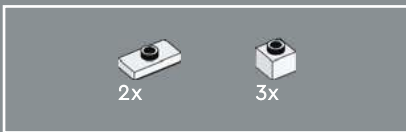
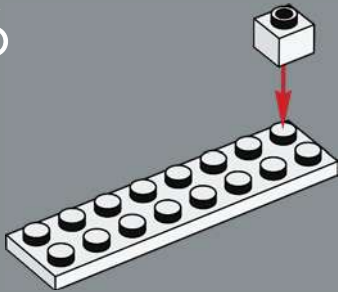


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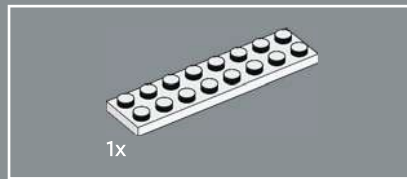
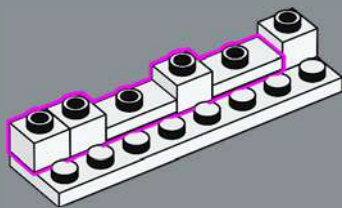




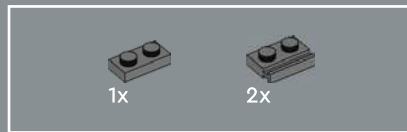
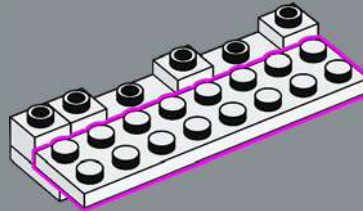
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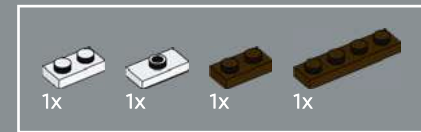
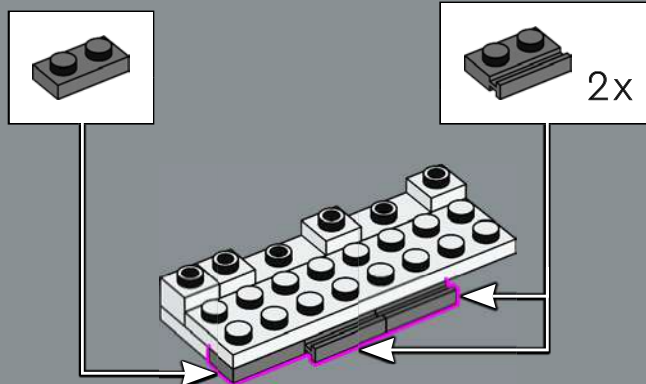
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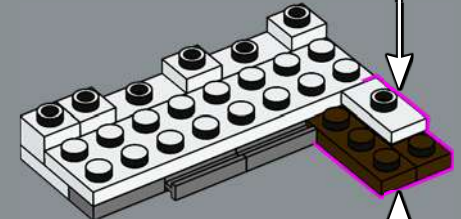
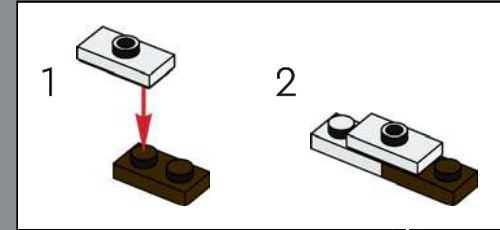
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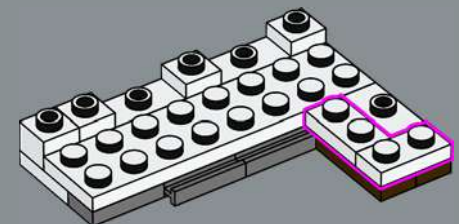
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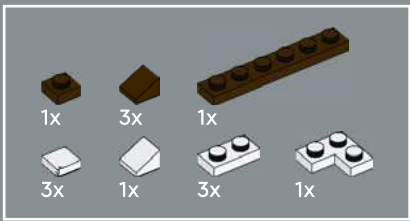
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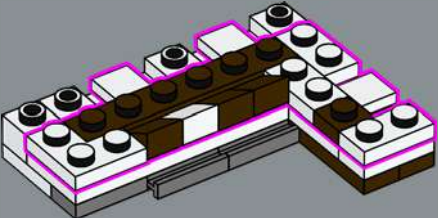
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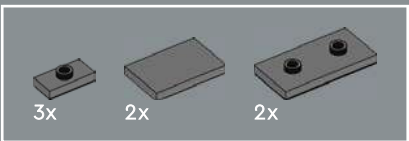
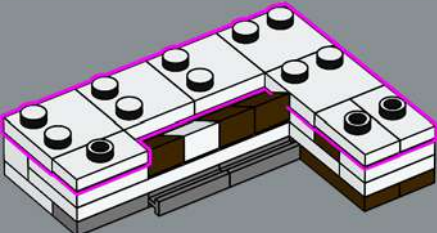




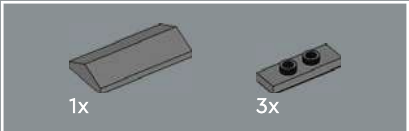
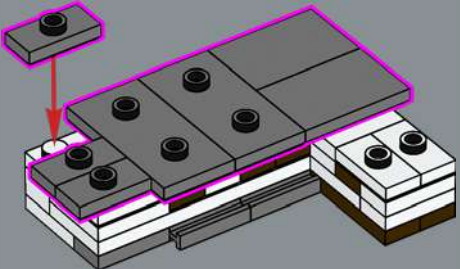
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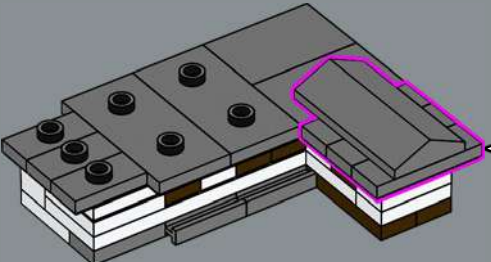
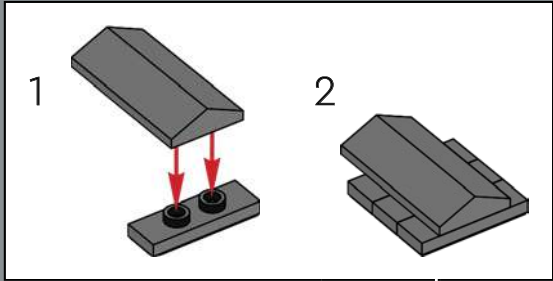
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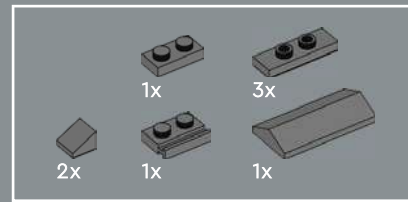
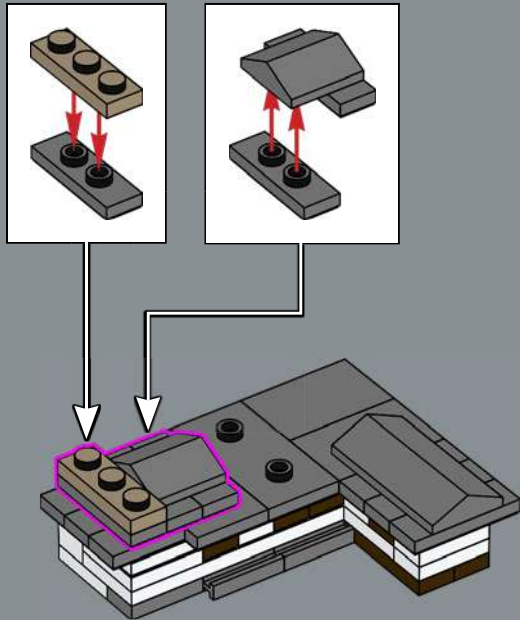


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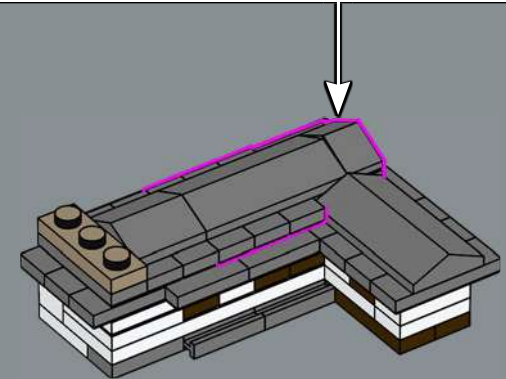
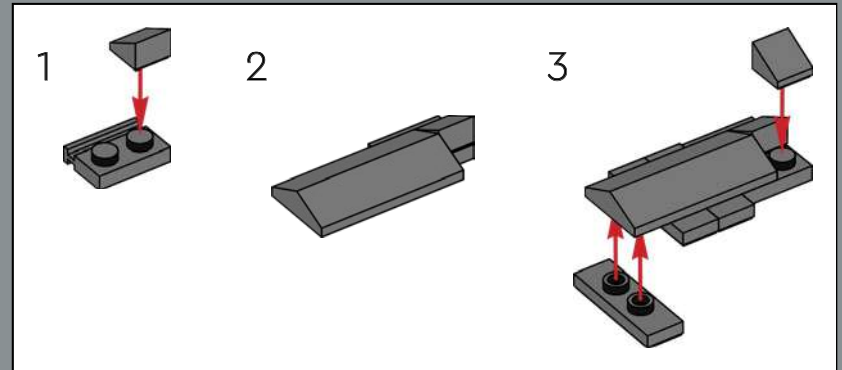




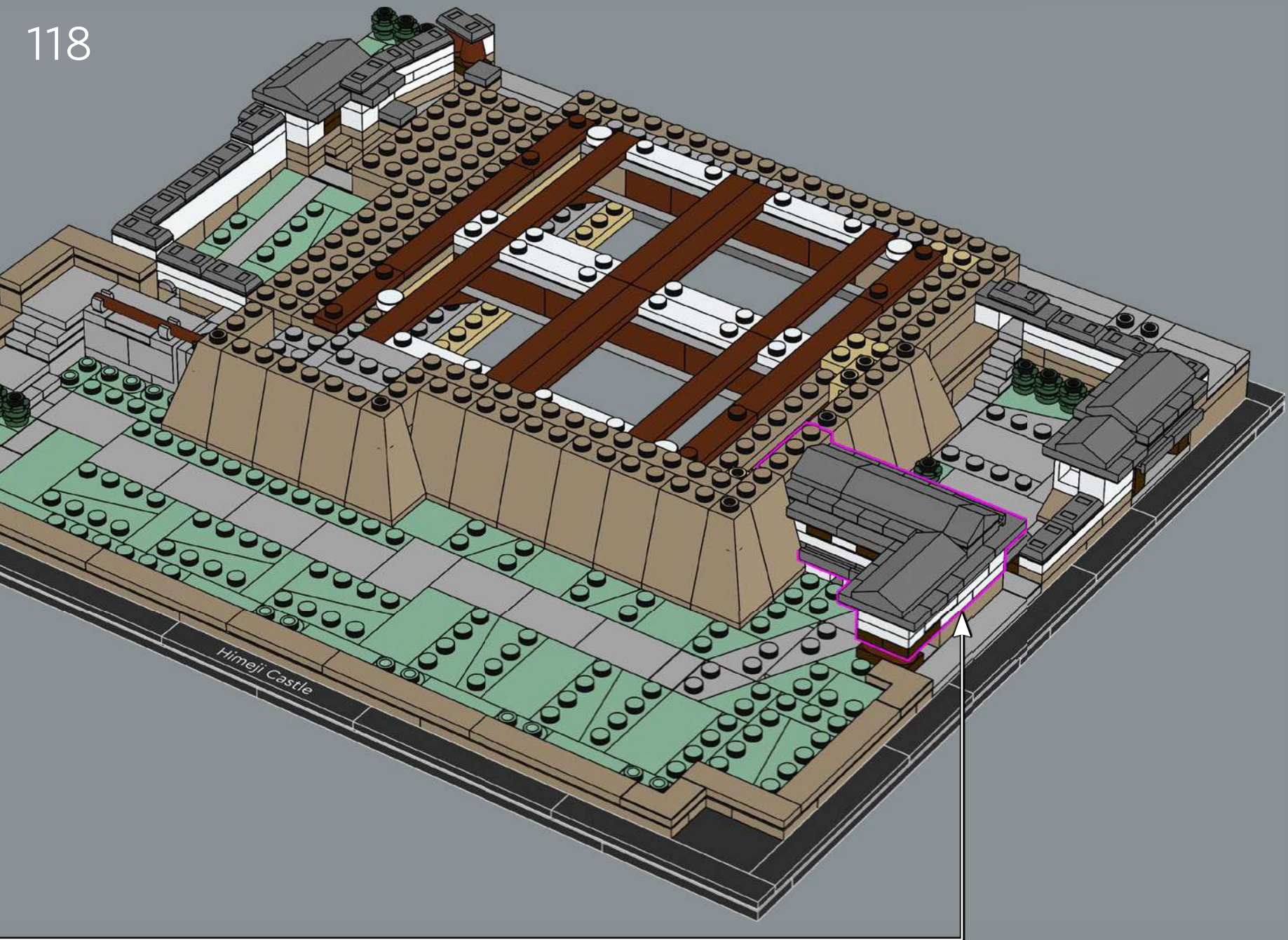
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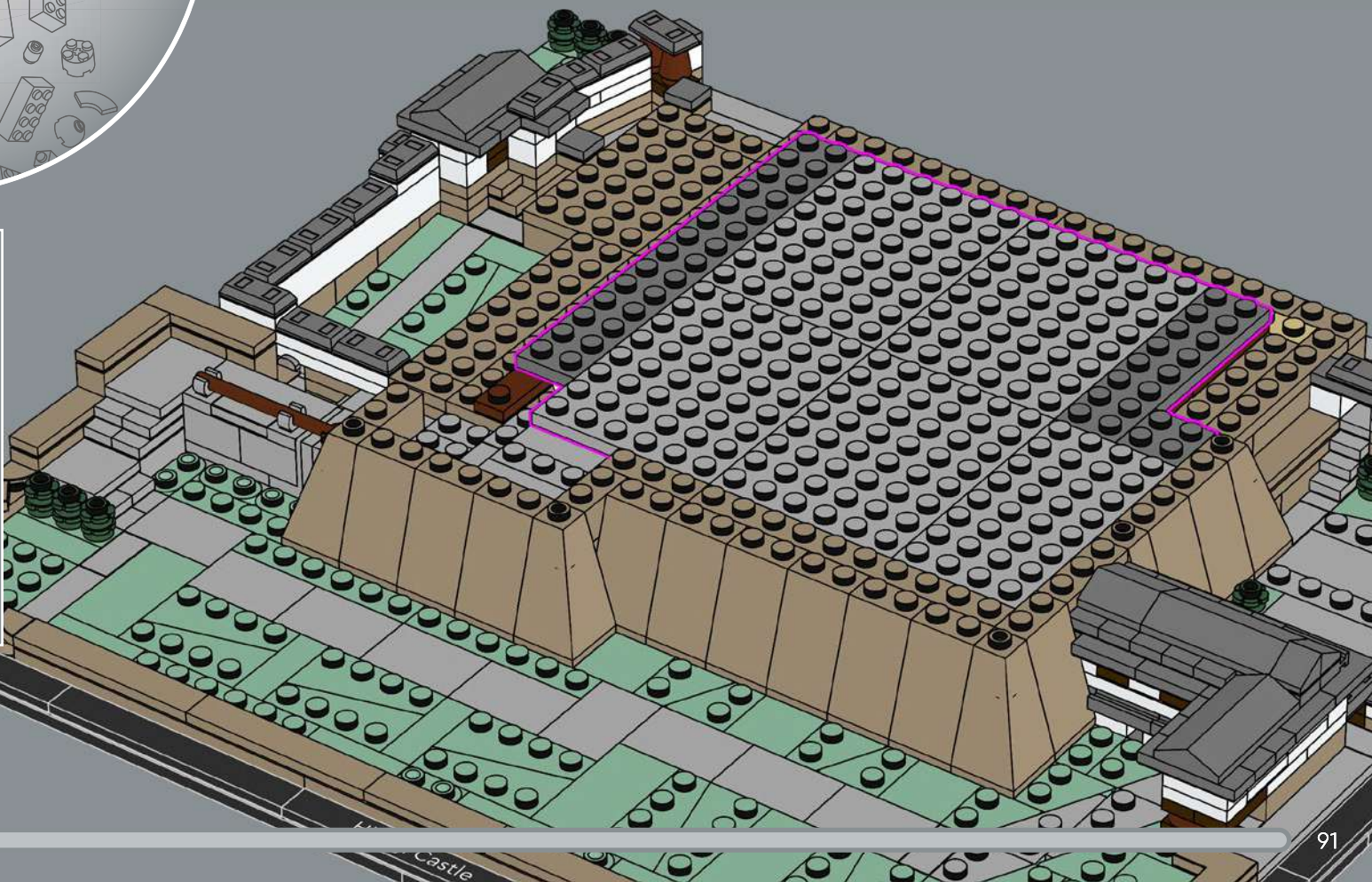
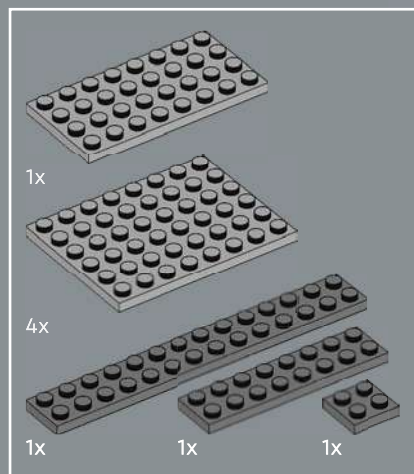
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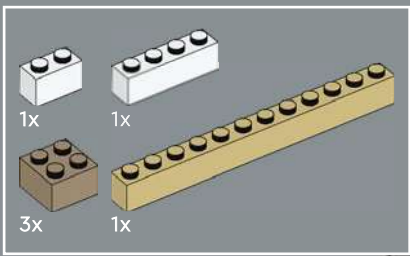




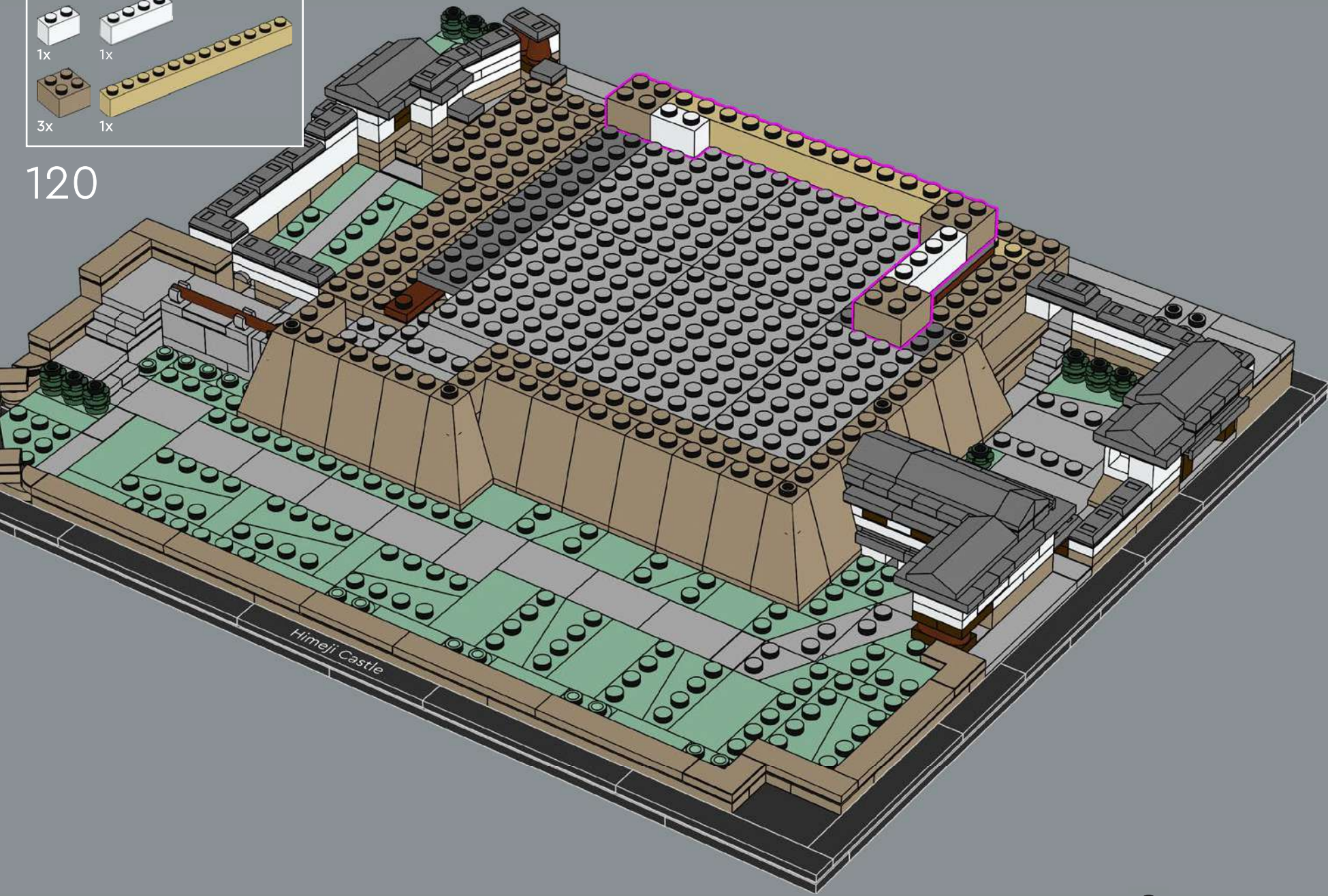


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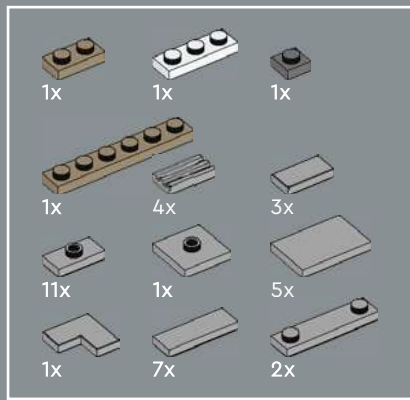




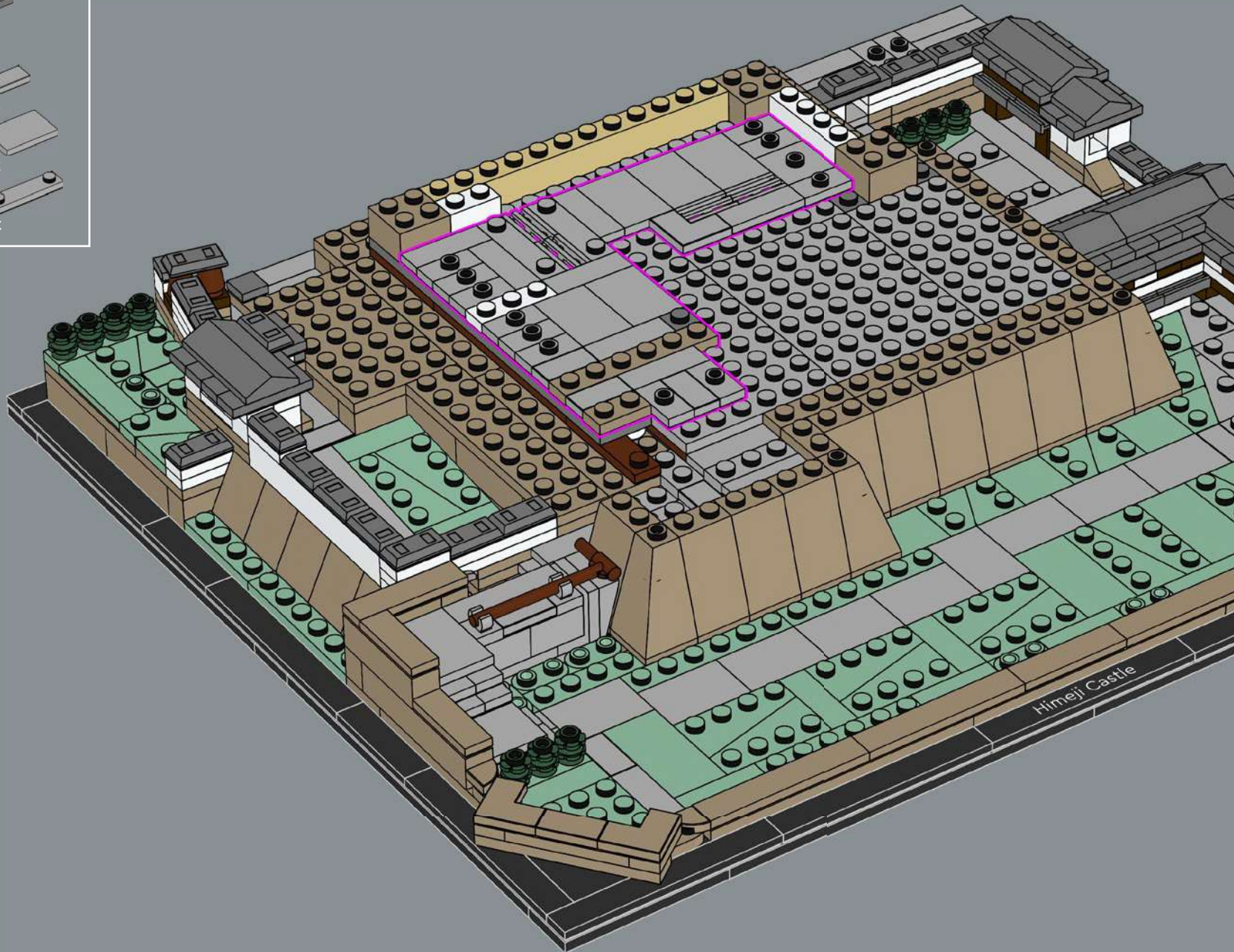
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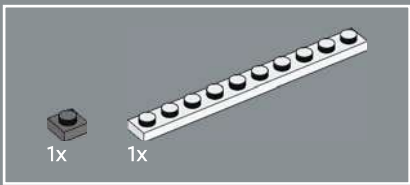




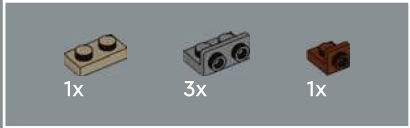
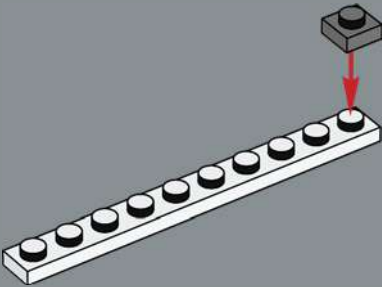
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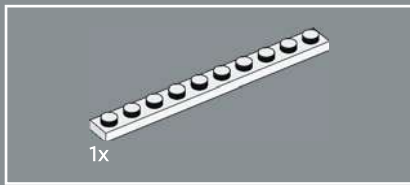
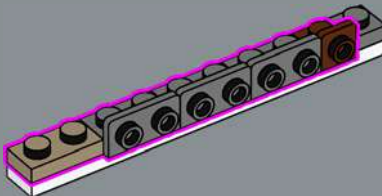




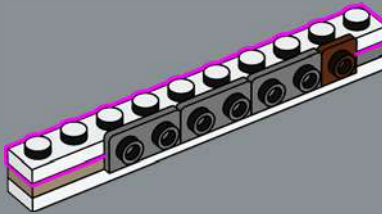
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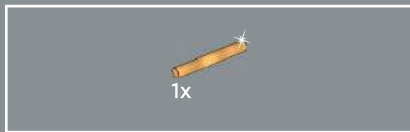
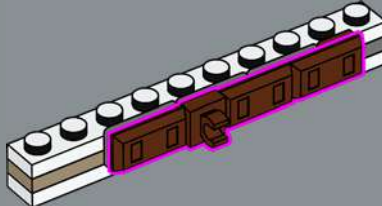
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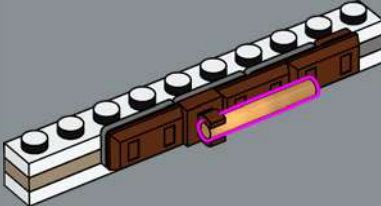
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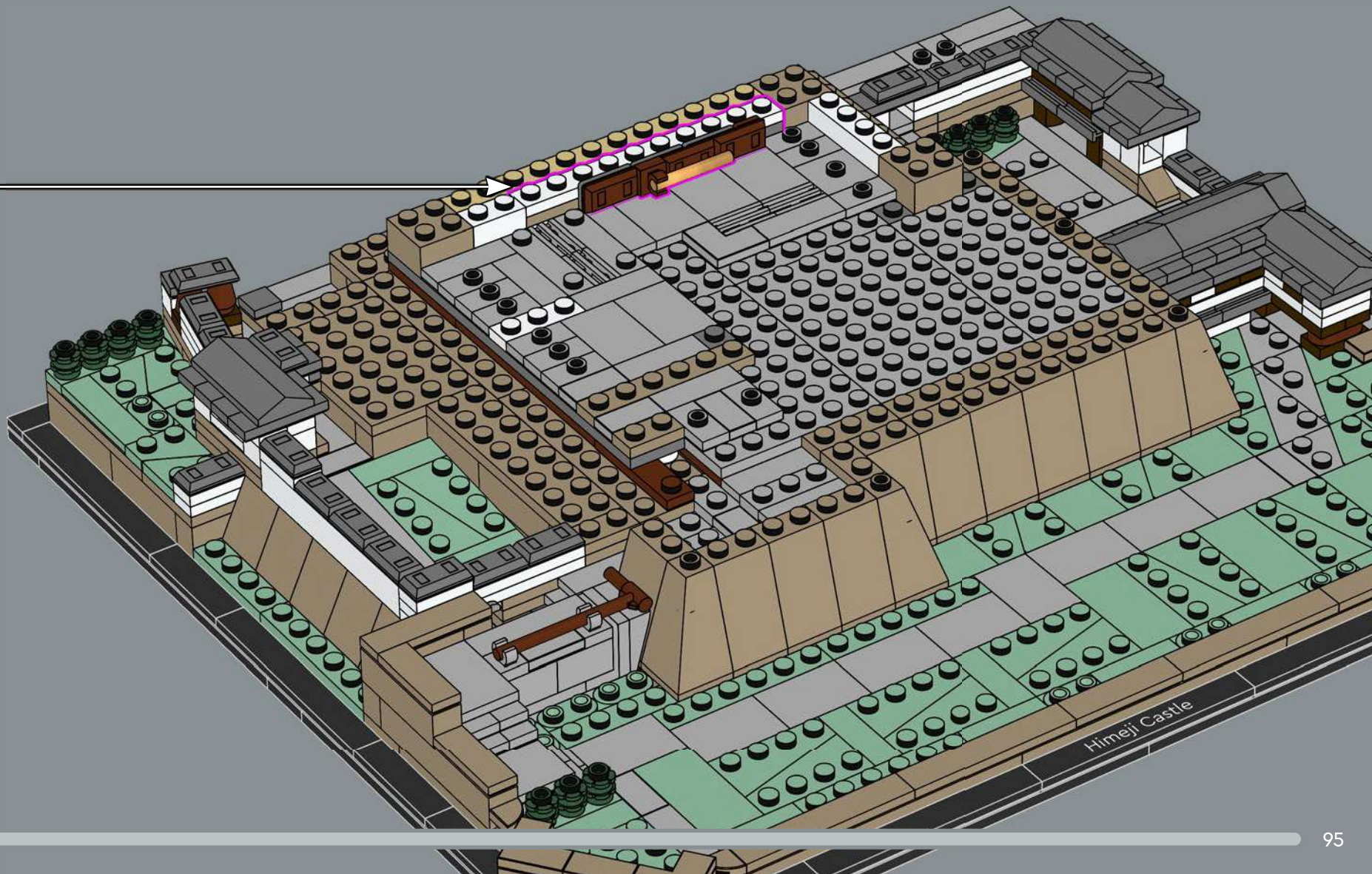


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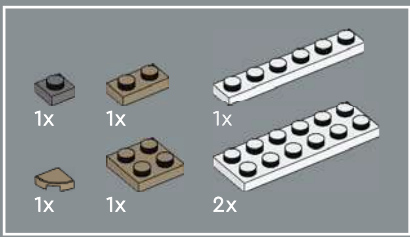
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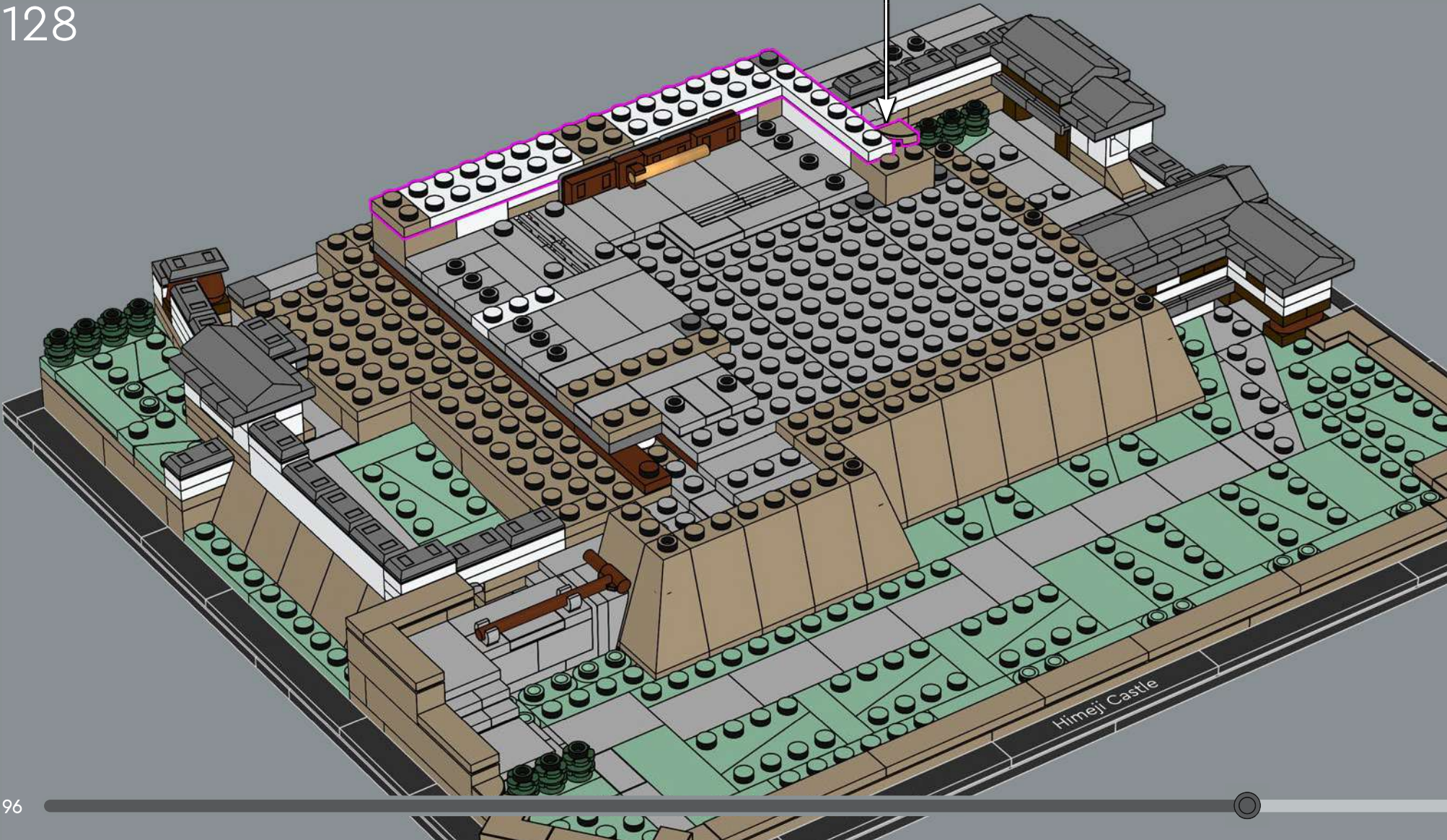


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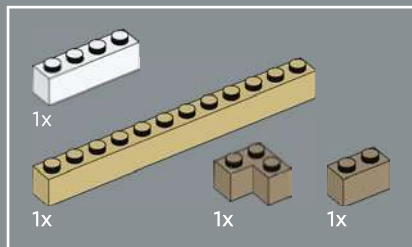




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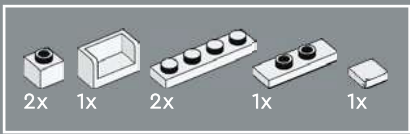




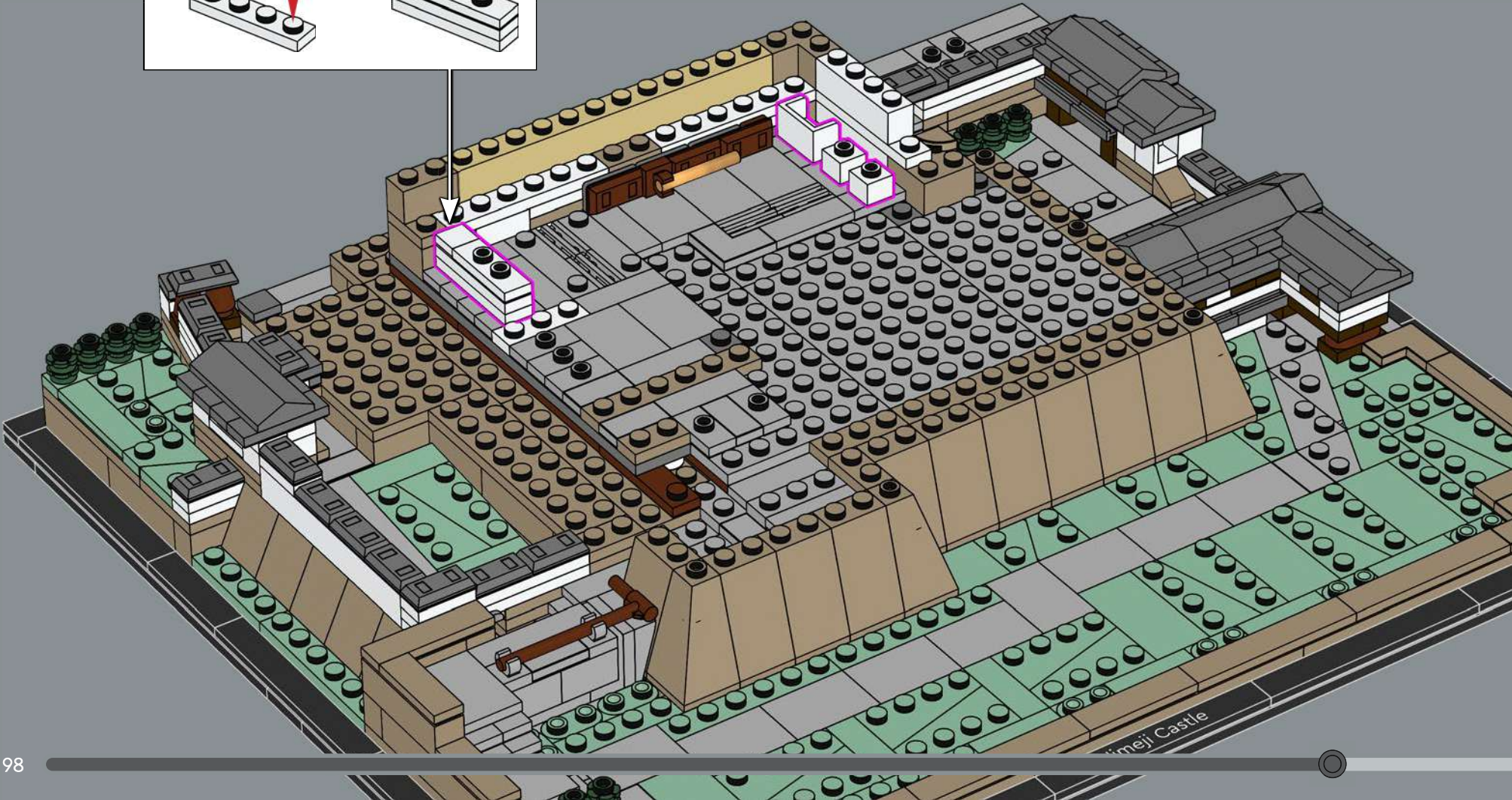
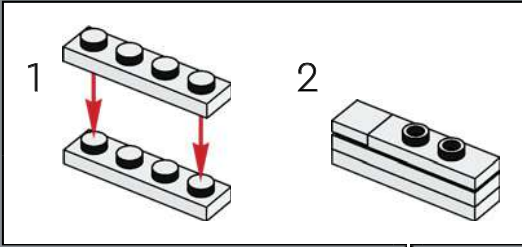
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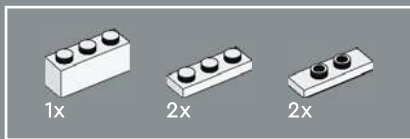




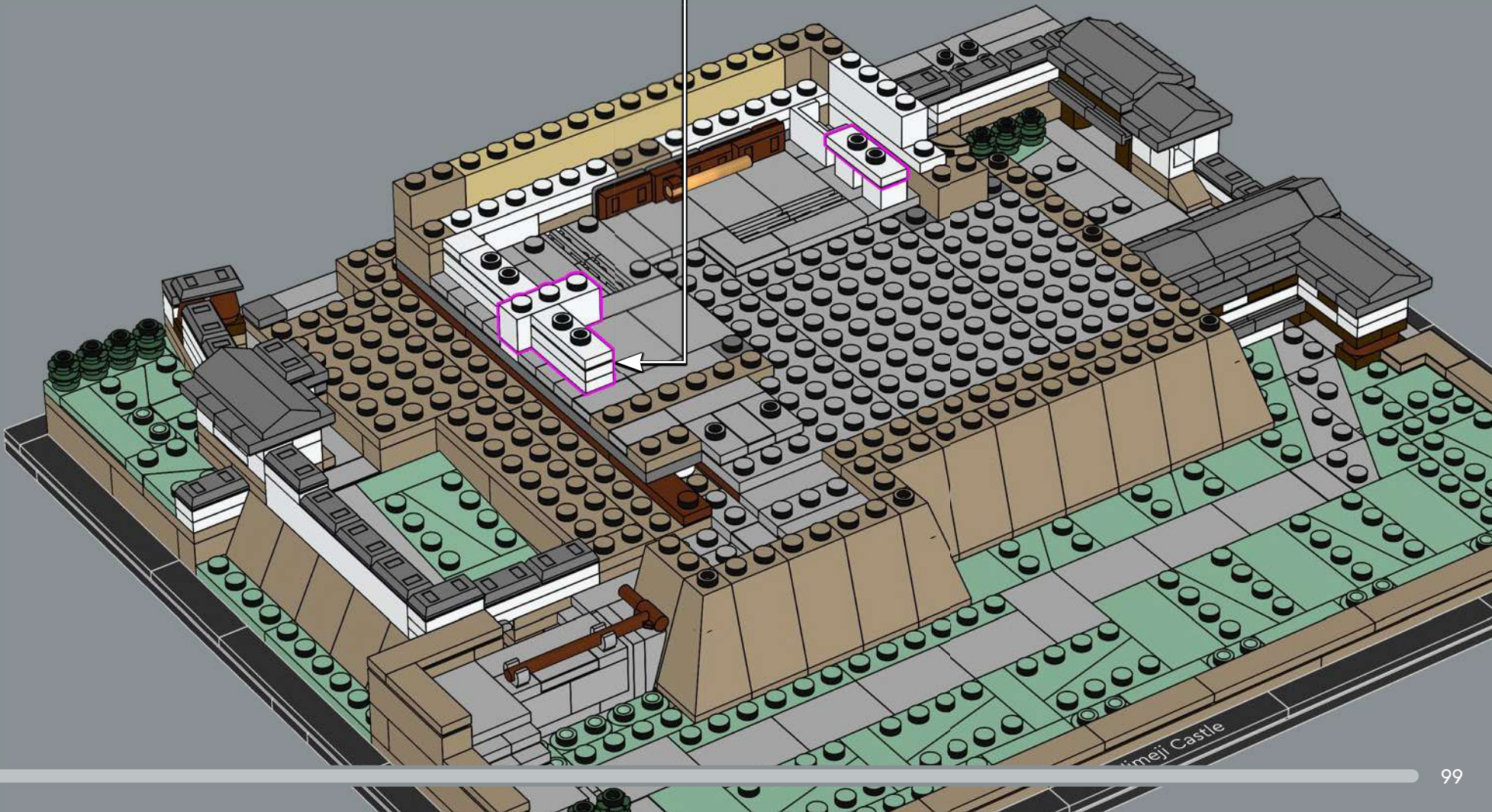
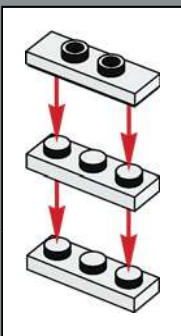
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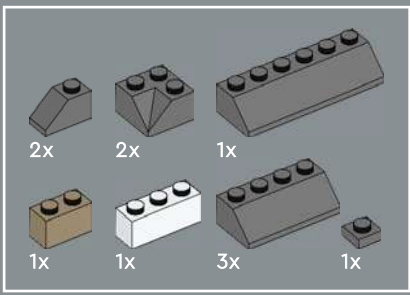




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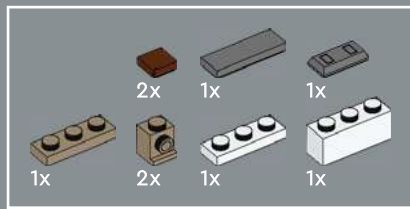




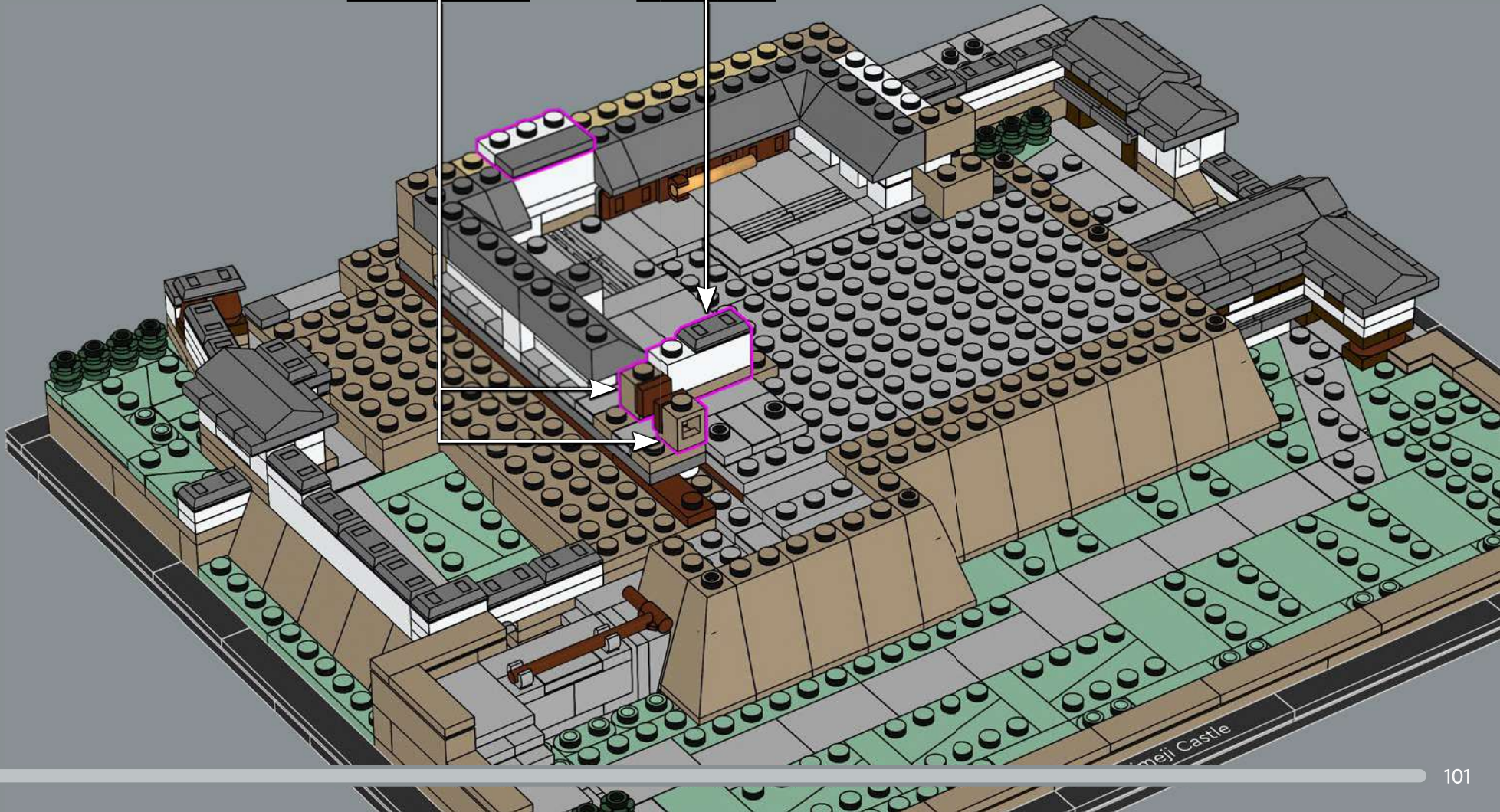
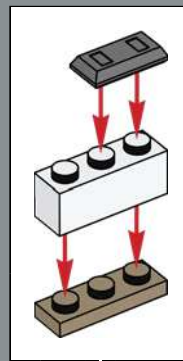
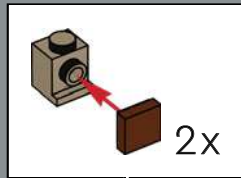
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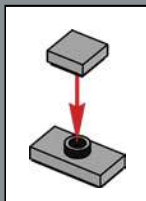
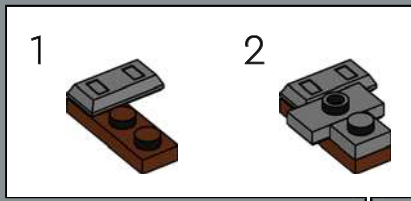


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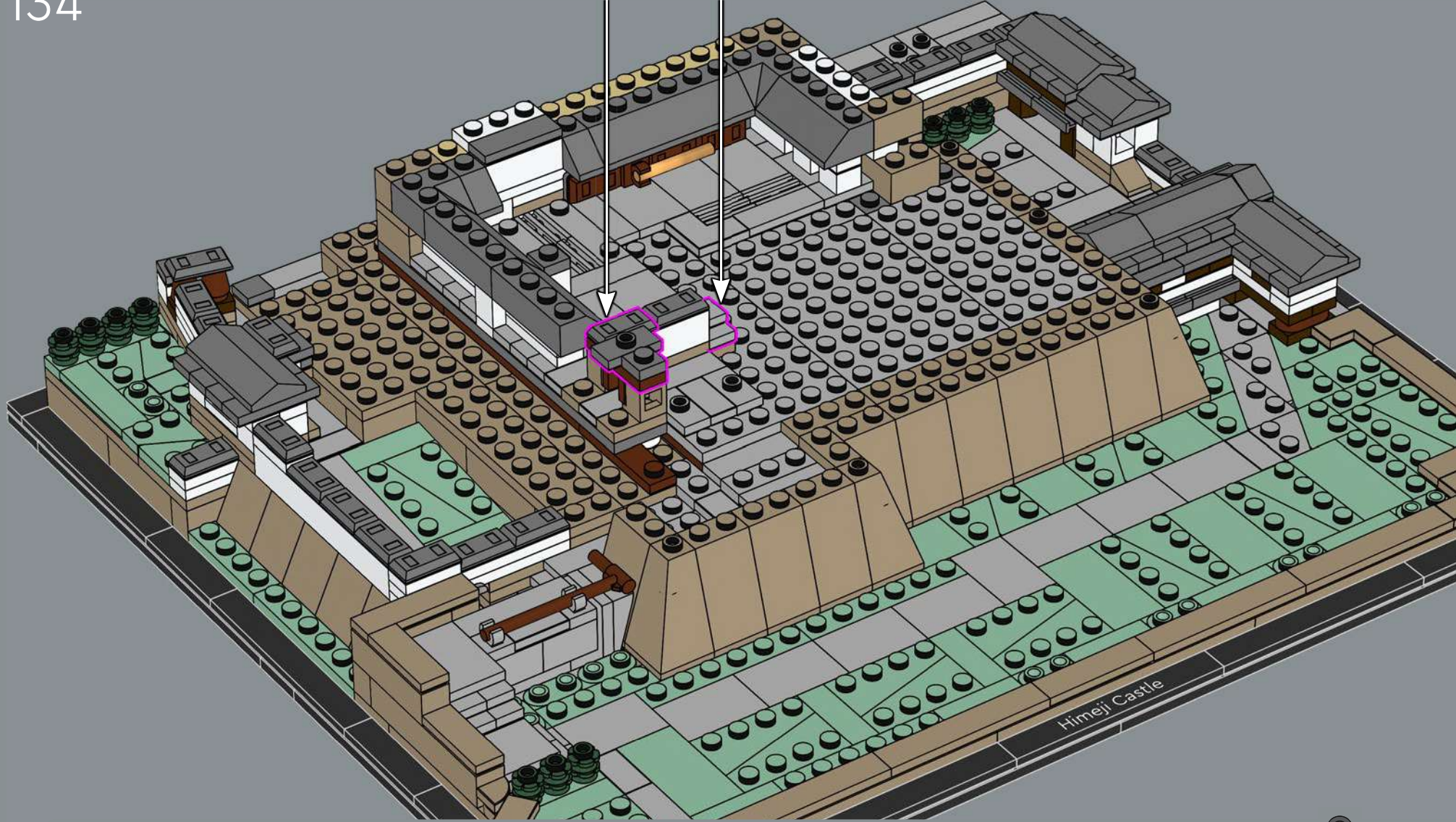


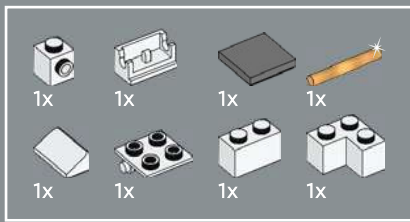
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