

Architecture





A Part of the Fabric of London

Think of a "London landmark" and Trafalgar Square will quickly come to mind. A public square in the City of Westminster, it is a space that has played a key part in the history and culture of London since the thirteenth century.

Originally called the Royal Mews, the area was re-developed by architect John Nash as a public space for culture and arts and named Trafalgar Square in 1830, to commemorate the British naval victory at the Battle of Trafalgar.

Trafalgar Square remains an arena for national democracy, protests and demonstrations. However, it is also home to festive Christmas and New Year's Eve celebrations, where people gather around the giant tree that has been donated by Norway every year since 1947.

The National Gallery

The National Gallery houses collections of important paintings from the mid thirteenth century until 1900. William Wilkins designed and built the imposing building between 1832 and 1838 on the site of the former Royal Mews; the location was important as it allowed all classes and neighborhoods to access the art.

Although the front façade remains almost the same, the building itself has changed and evolved since then, including the development of the post-modern Sainsbury Wing extension to the west.



Nelson's Column

This monument was created by architect William Railton to honor Admiral Horatio Nelson, who led the British to victory and died at the Battle of Trafalgar. The iconic Corinthian column was completed in 1854, but the four majestic lions that guard the sculpture were installed many years later, in 1867.





The Fountains

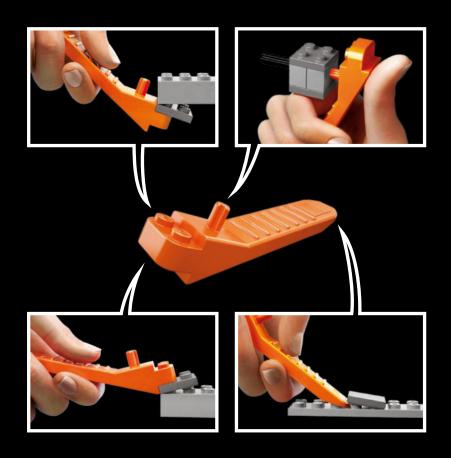
Charles Barry originally created the fountains as a way of offsetting the glare and heat reflected on the large amounts of asphalt surface on the square. The centerpieces were replaced in the 1930s as memorials to naval officers, Lord Jellicoe and Lord Beatty, with the old centerpieces being gifted to the Canadian government.

The Plinths and Sculptures

The eastern plinth has a bronze statue of George IV (nicknamed "the first gentleman of England") on a horse, created by English sculptor Francis Chantrey and installed in 1844. In 1855 the plinth in the southwest corner received a statue of British Army veteran, Charles James Napier, by sculptor George Gammon Adams. The statue of Sir Henry Havelock, by William Behnes, was placed on the southeast plinth in 1861.

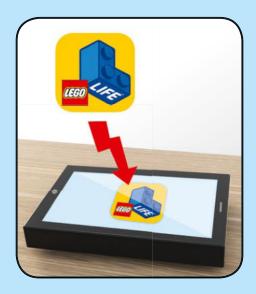
After many years of debate about the fate of the empty 'Fourth Plinth', it has since been used for a rotation of temporary modern artworks, a concept initiated by the Royal Society of Arts.







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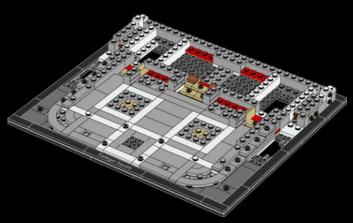
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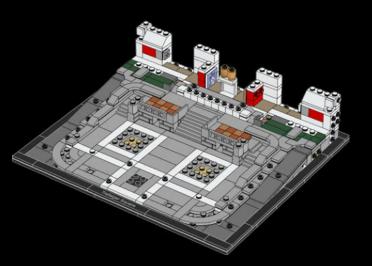
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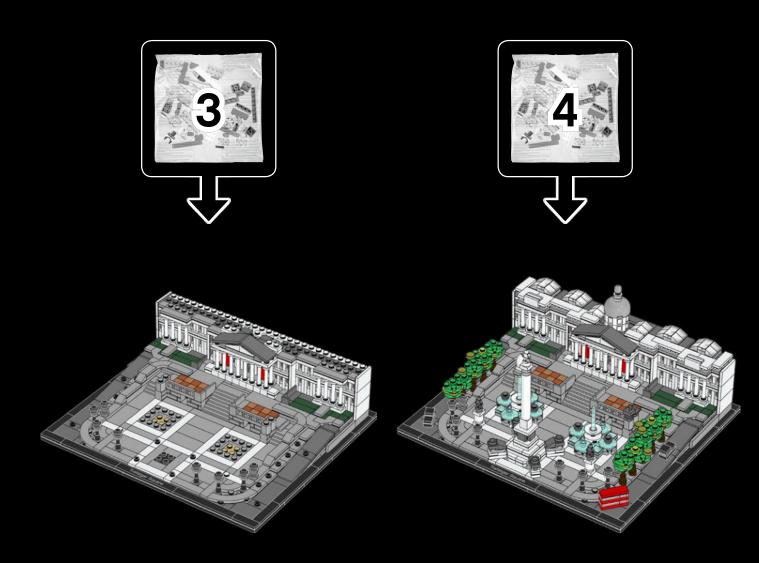
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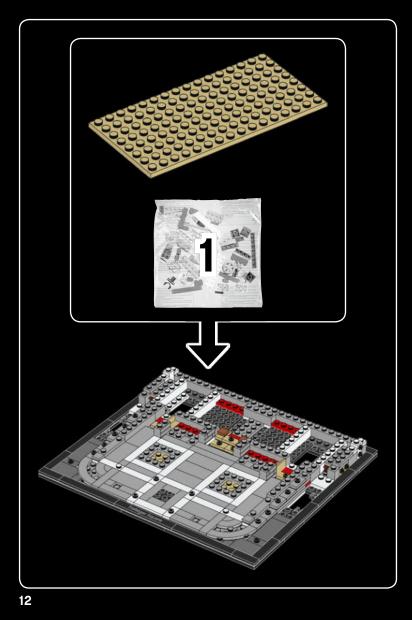


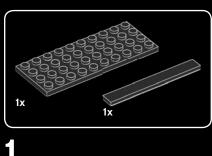


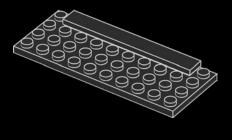


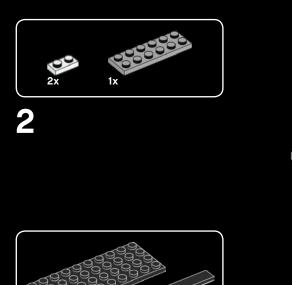


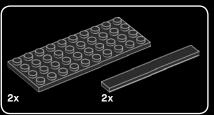


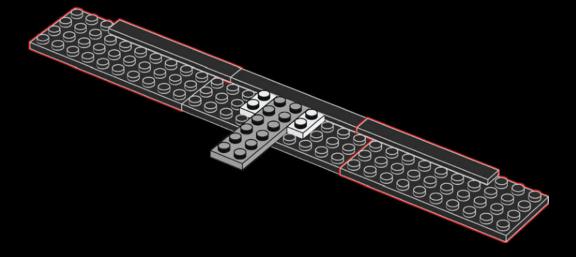


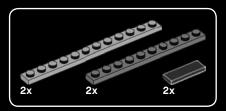


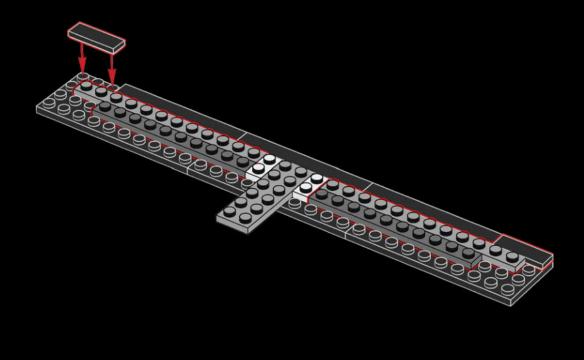


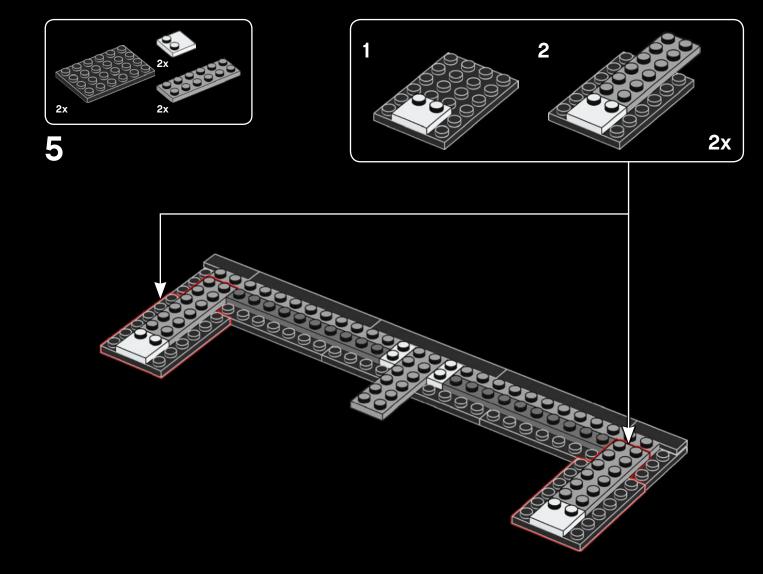


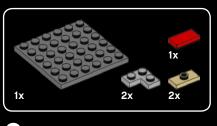




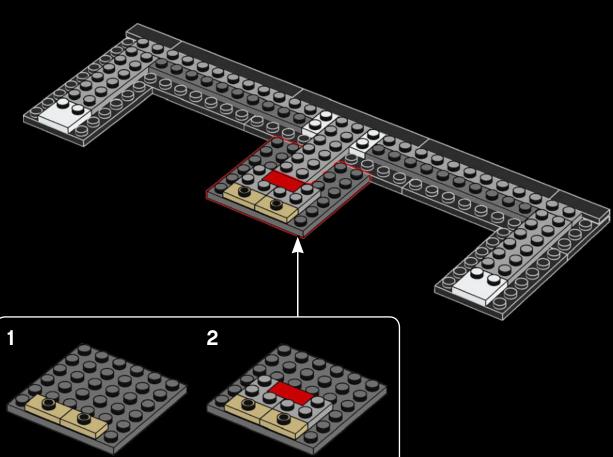


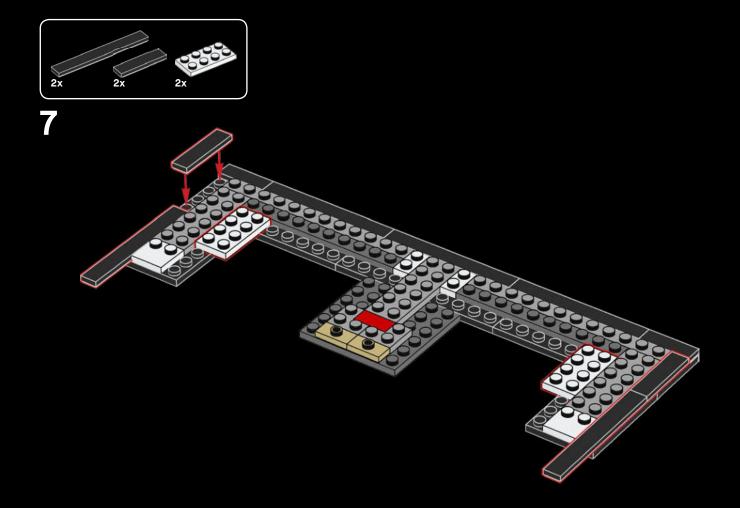


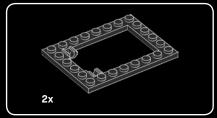


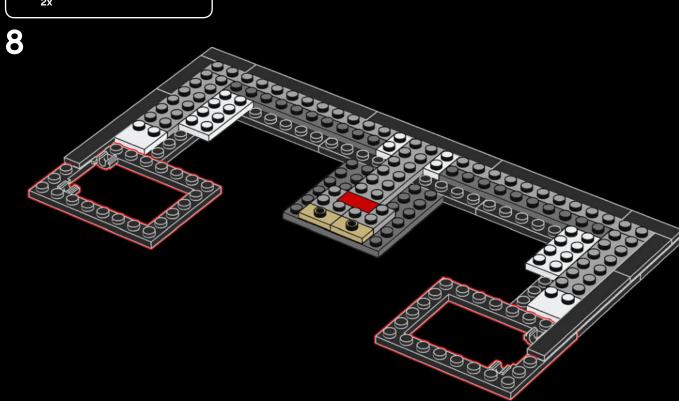


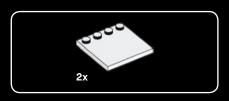


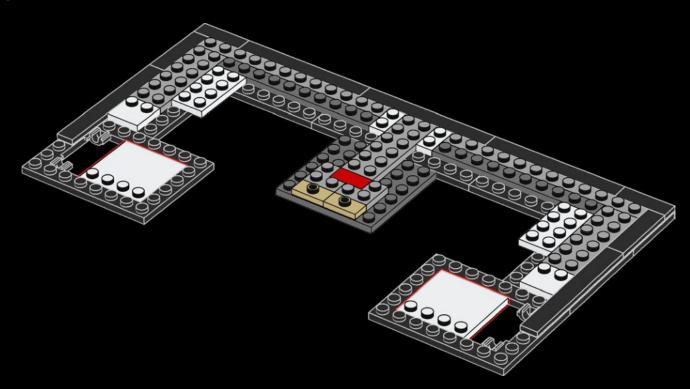


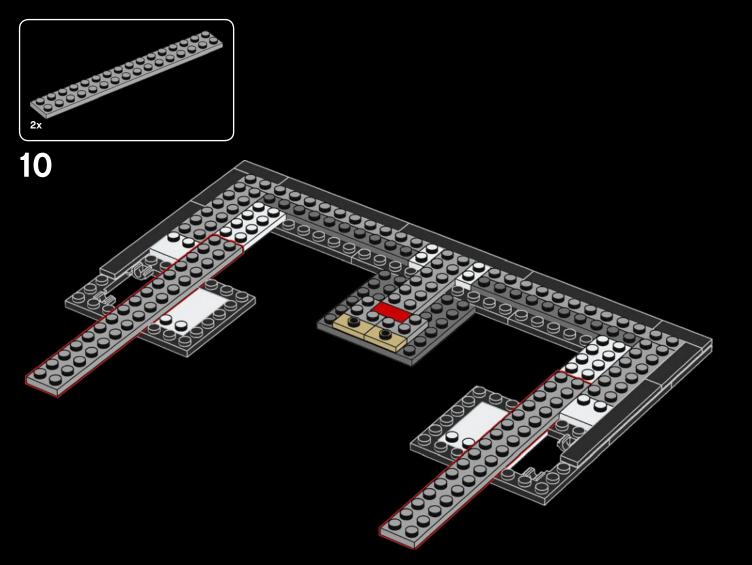




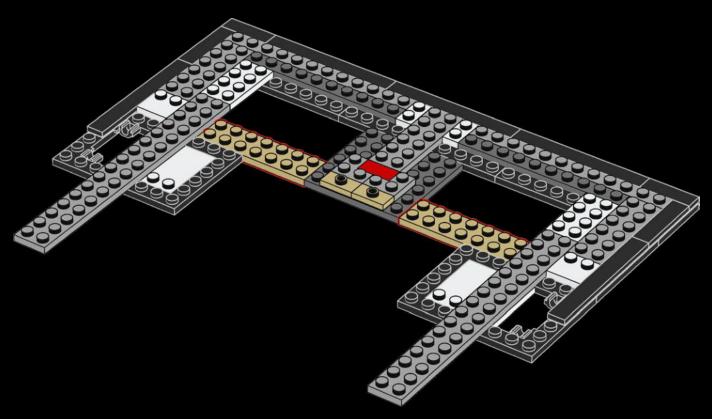


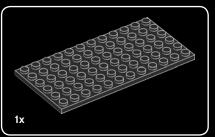


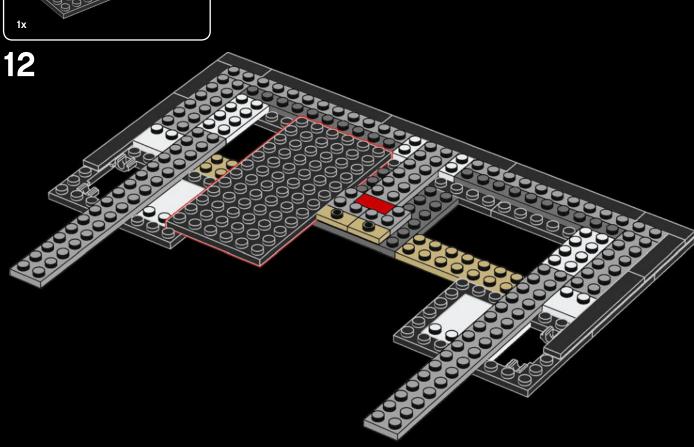


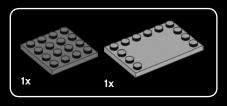


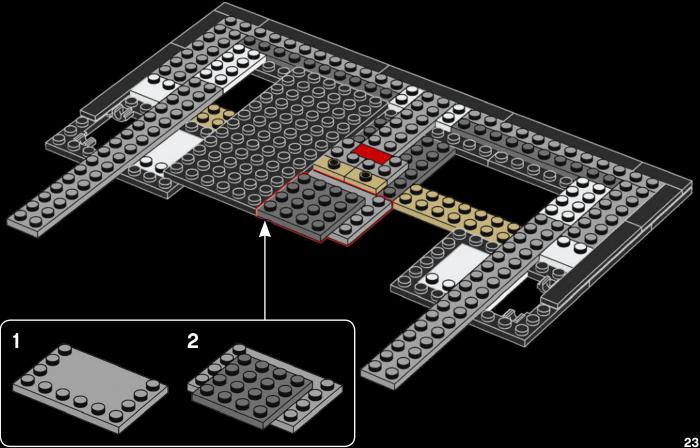


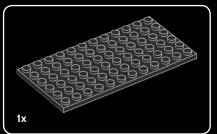


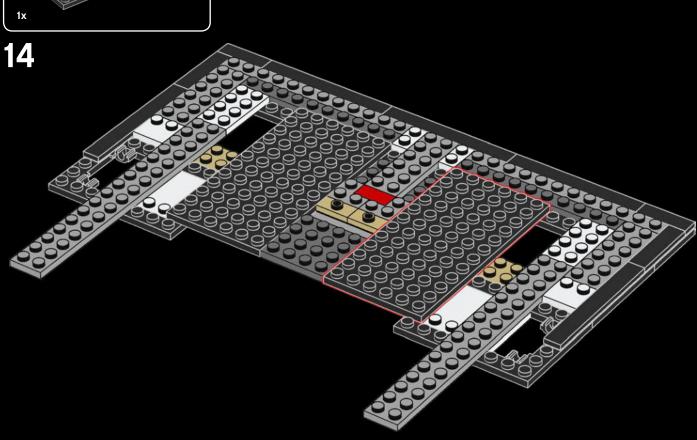




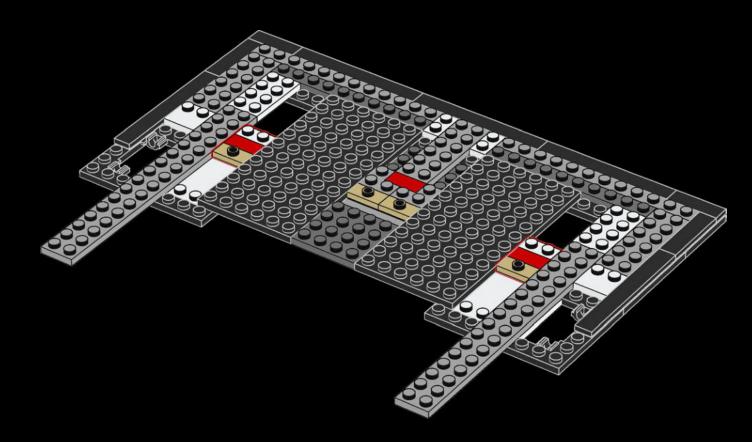


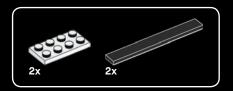


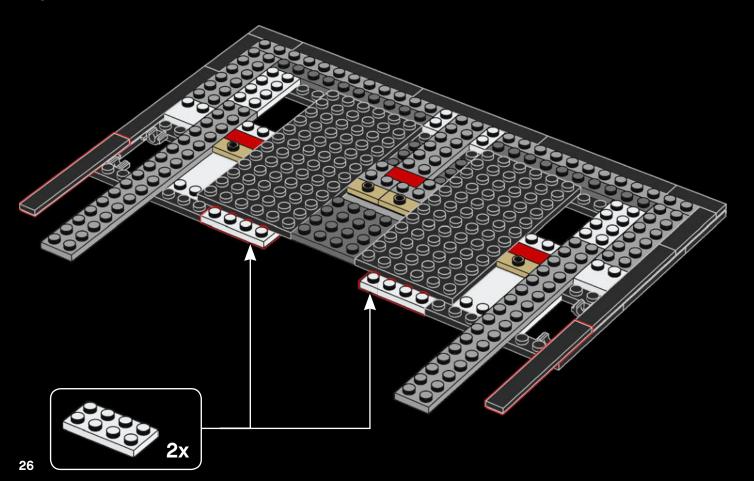


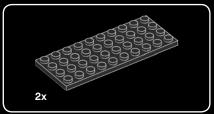


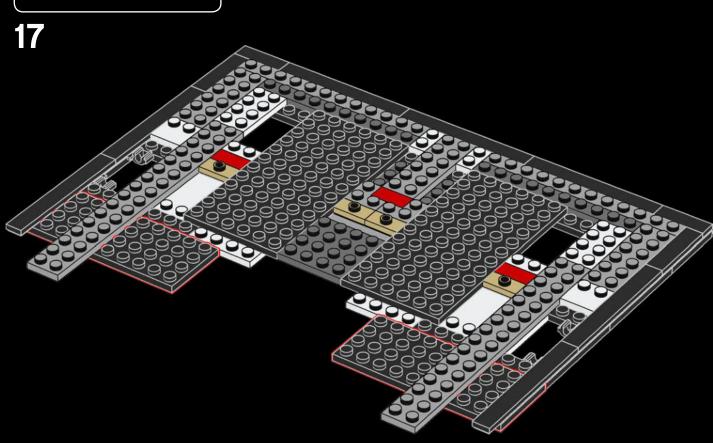


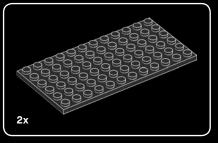


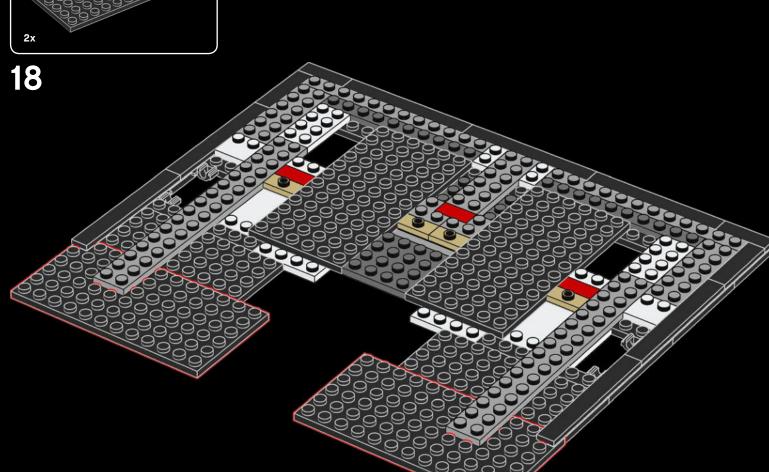


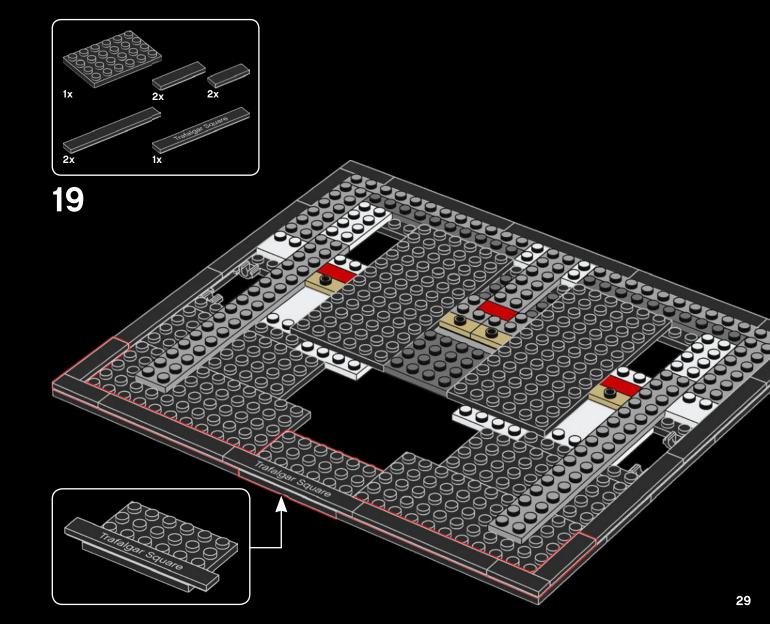


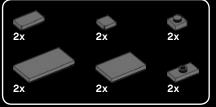


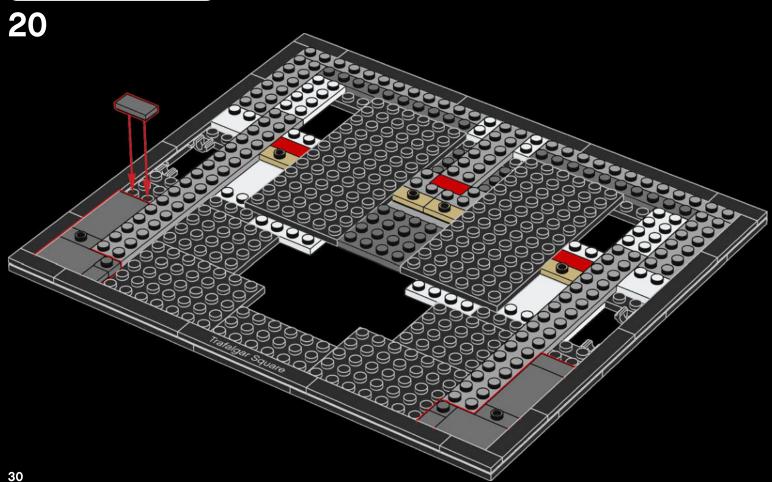


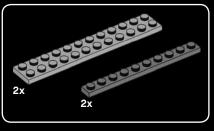


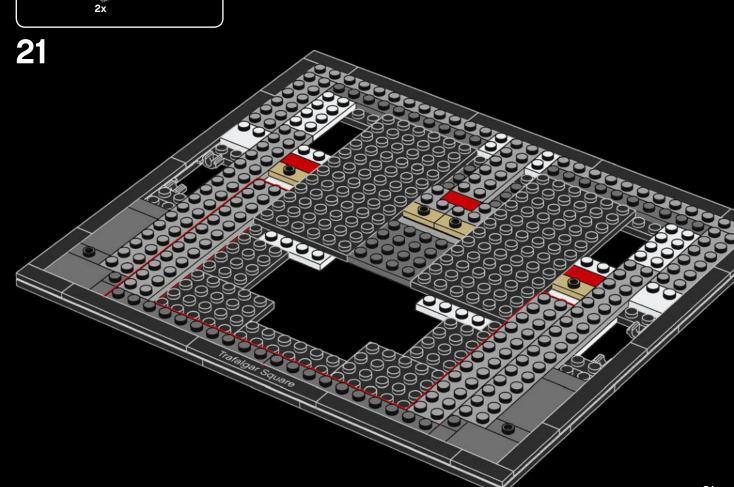


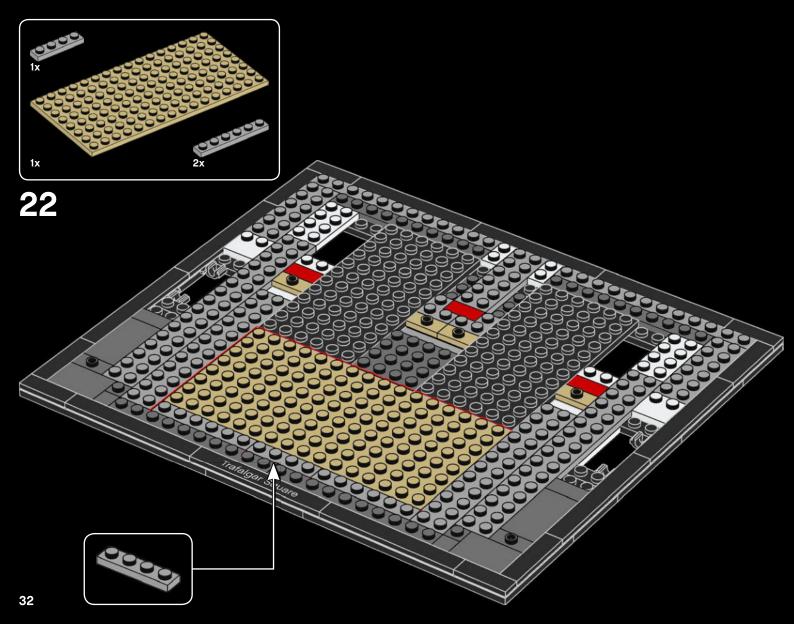


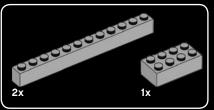




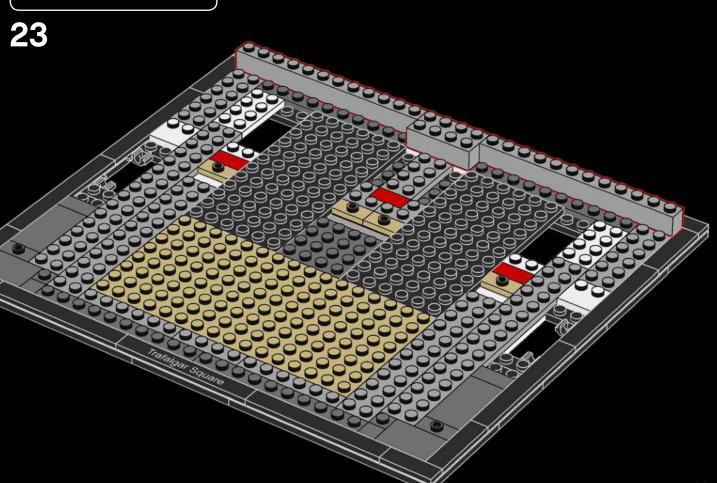




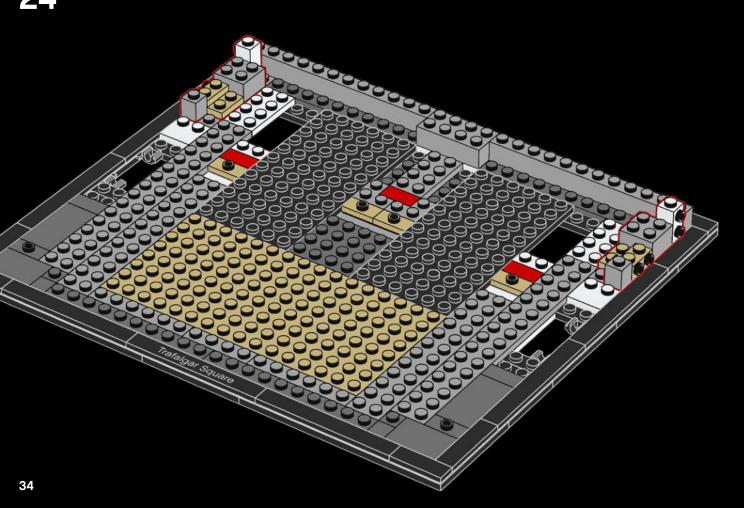






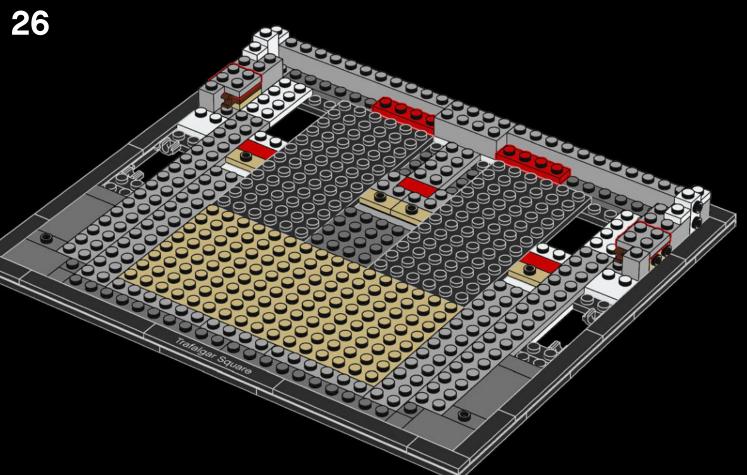


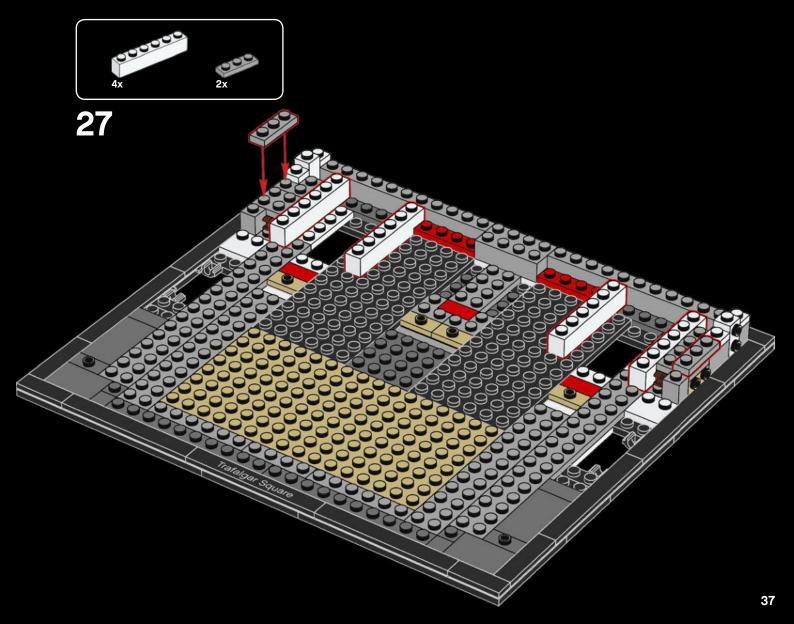


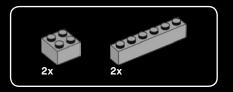


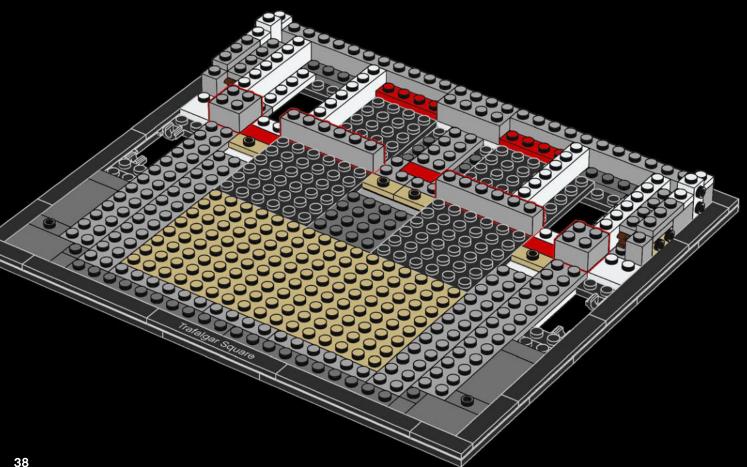


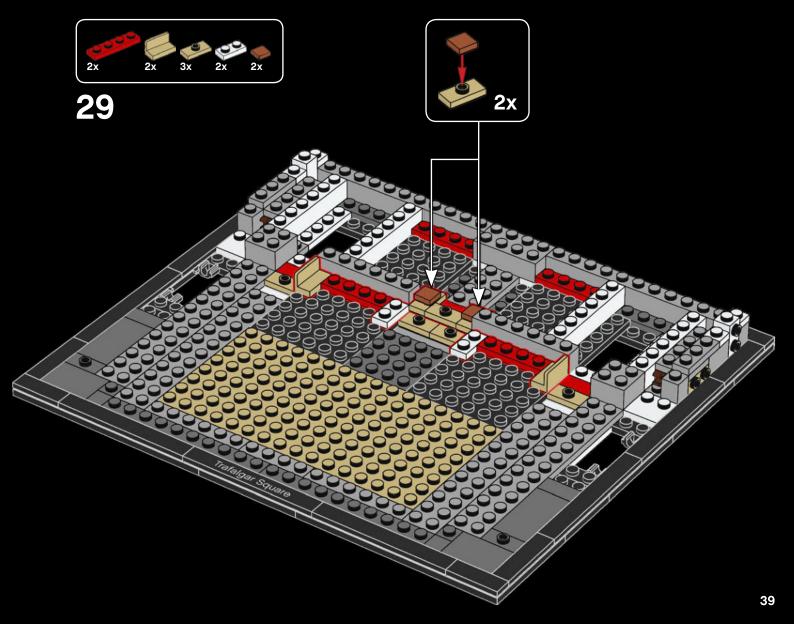




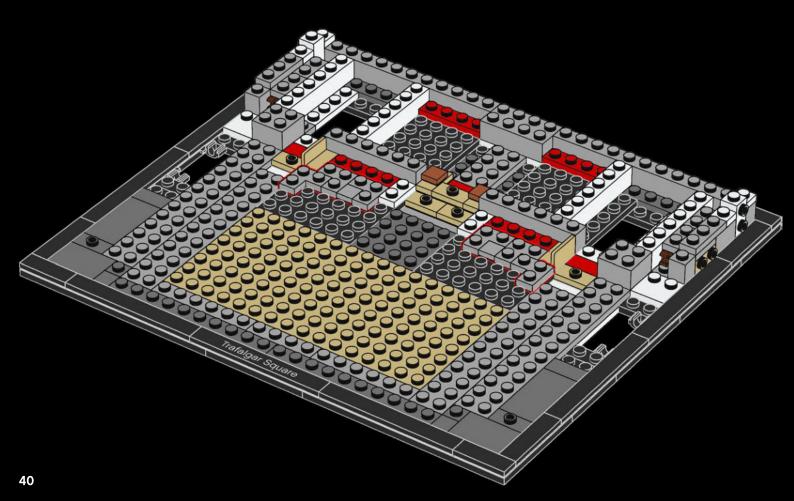


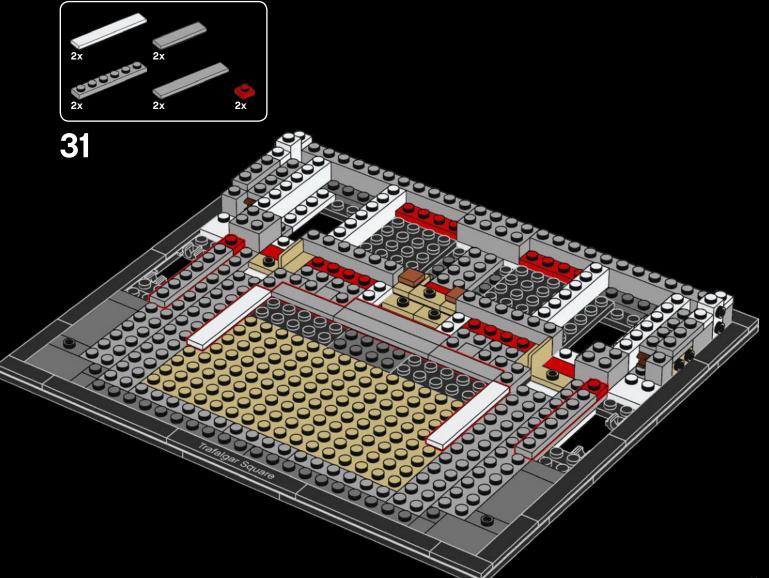


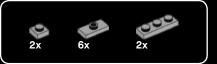


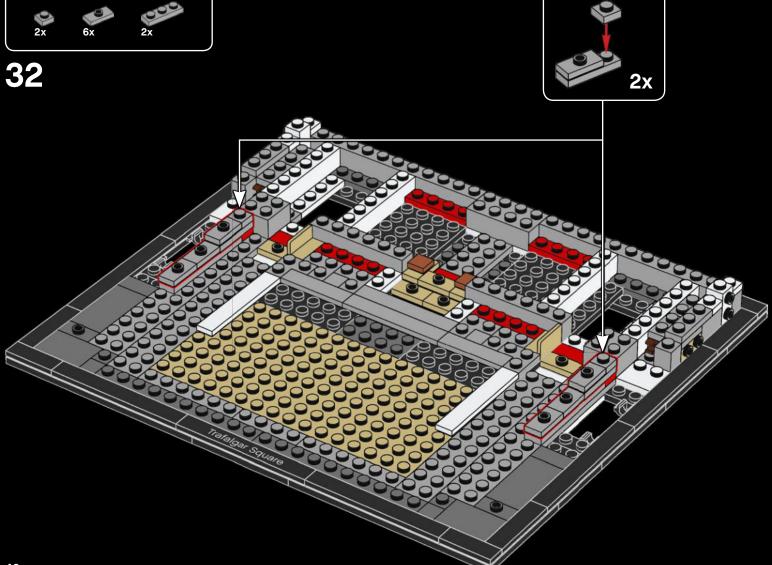


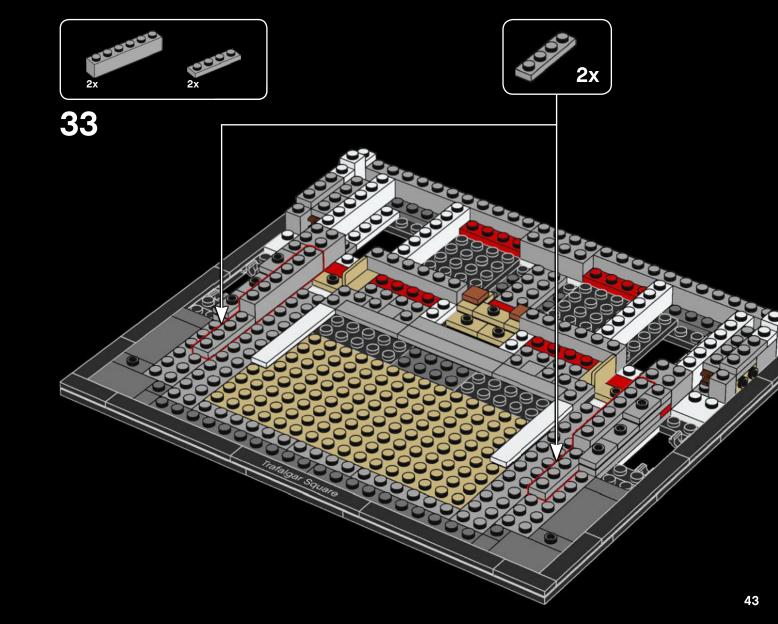


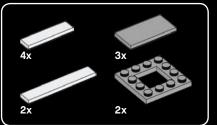






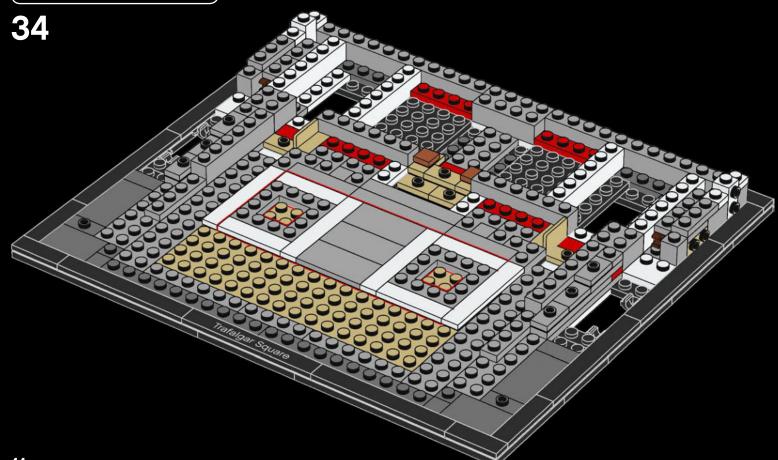


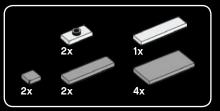


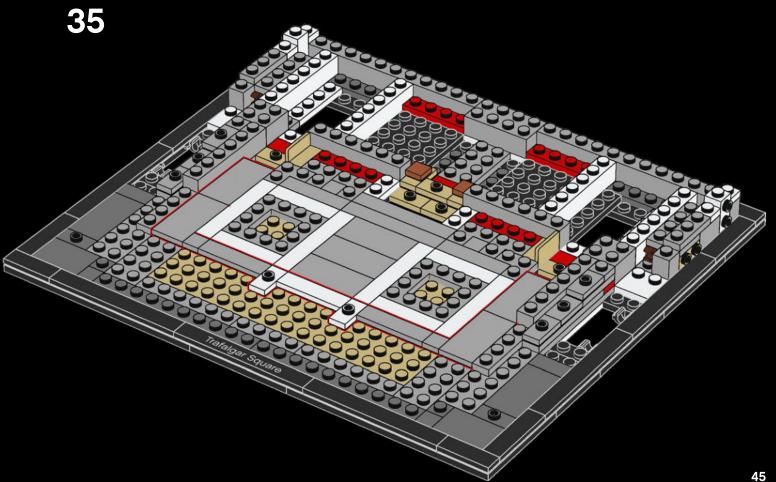


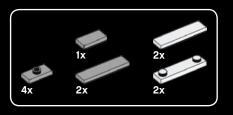
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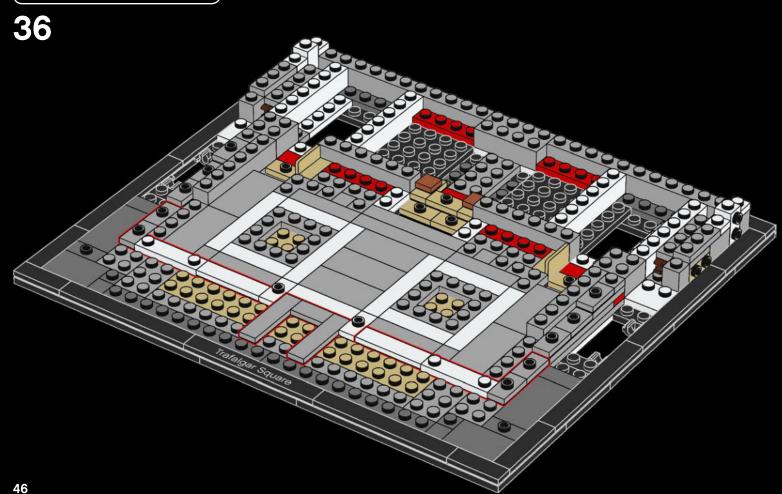


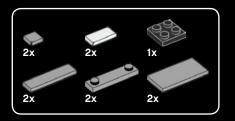


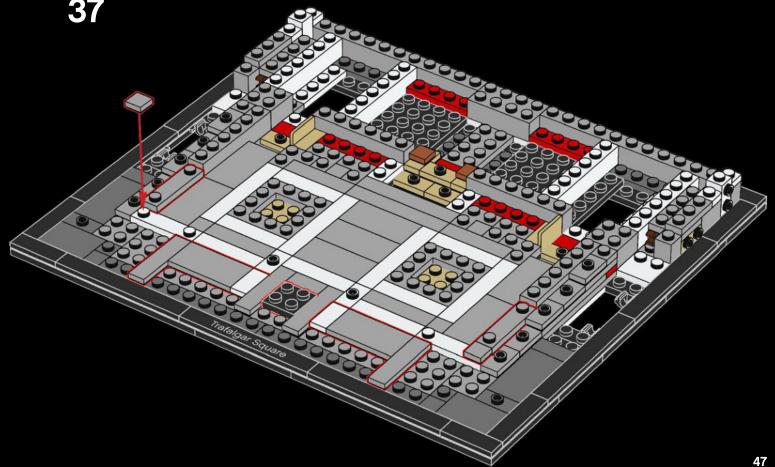


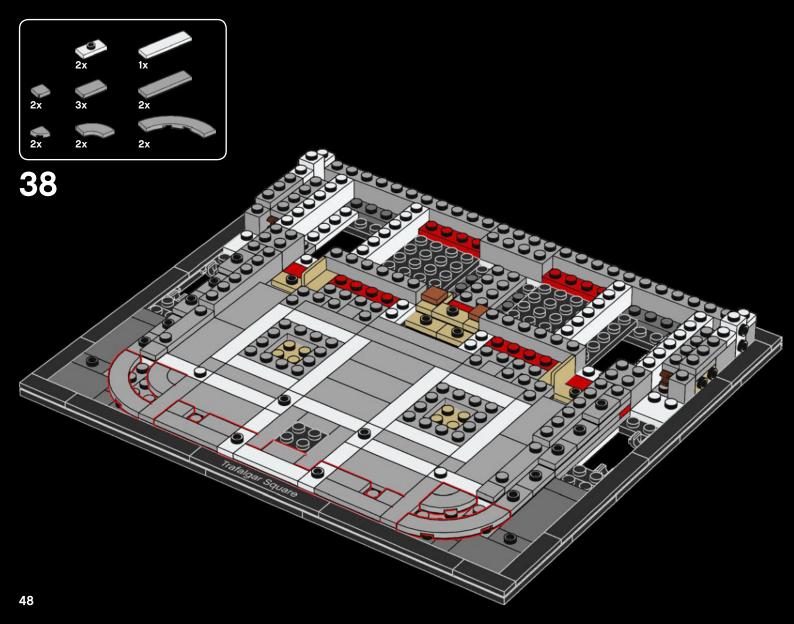




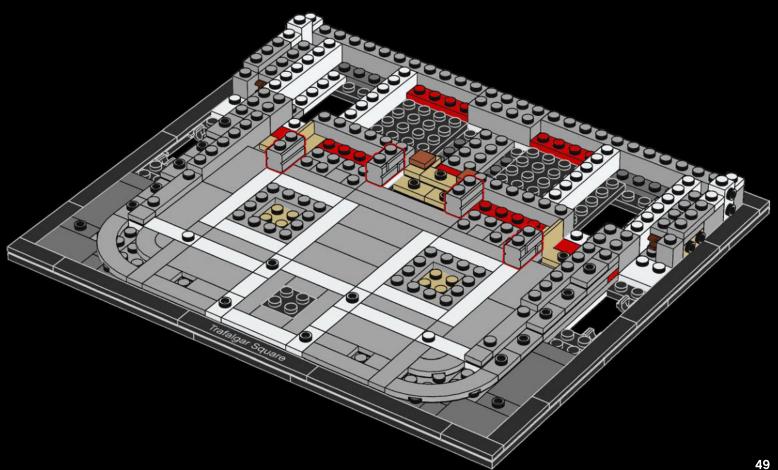


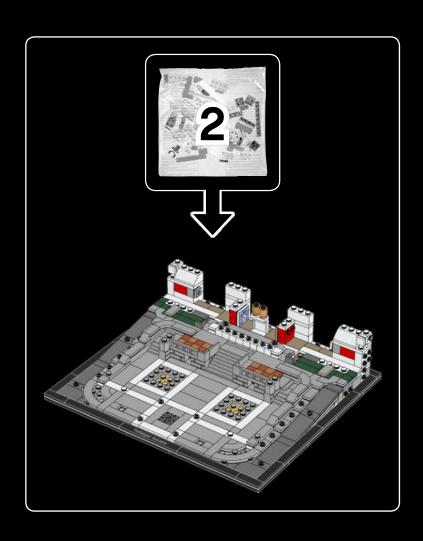


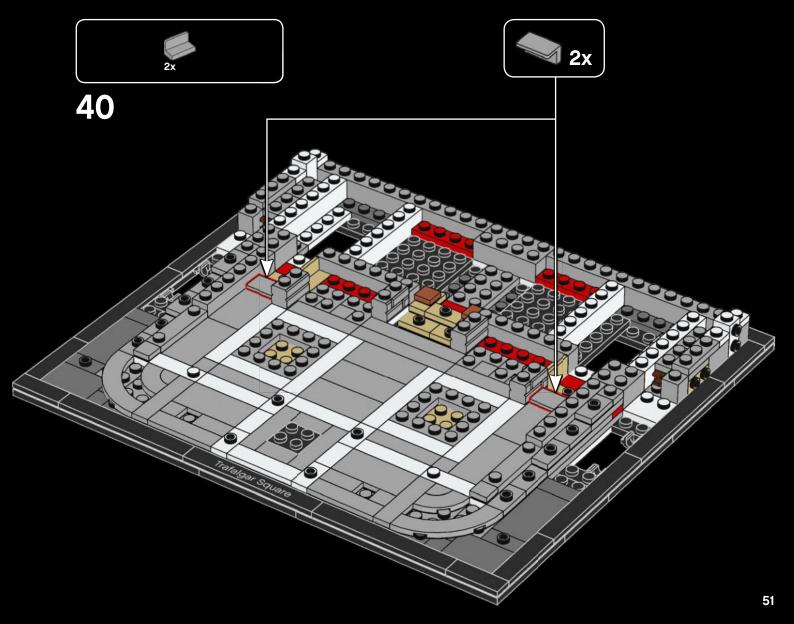


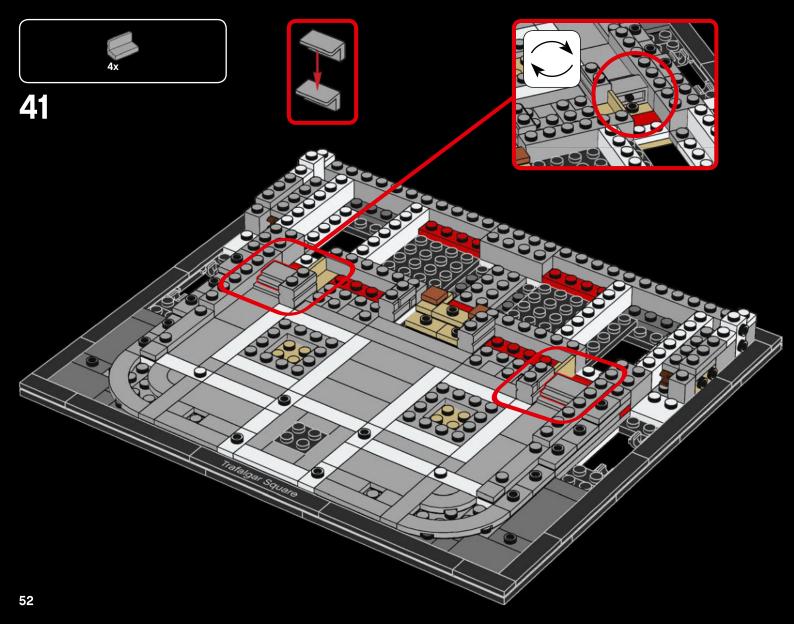


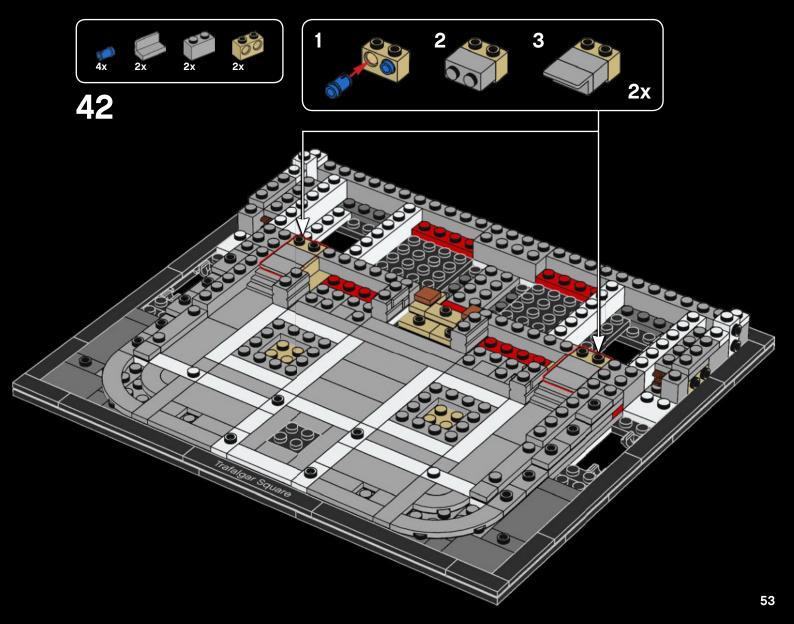


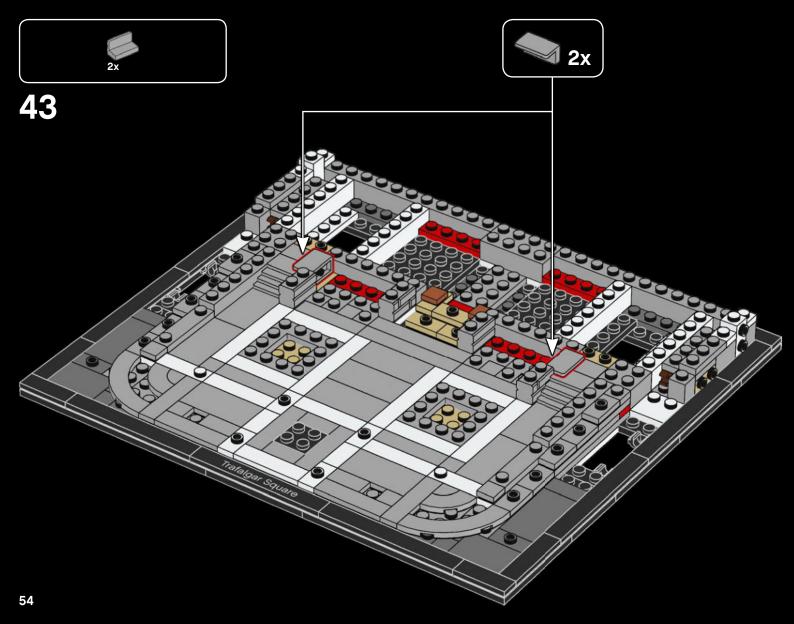


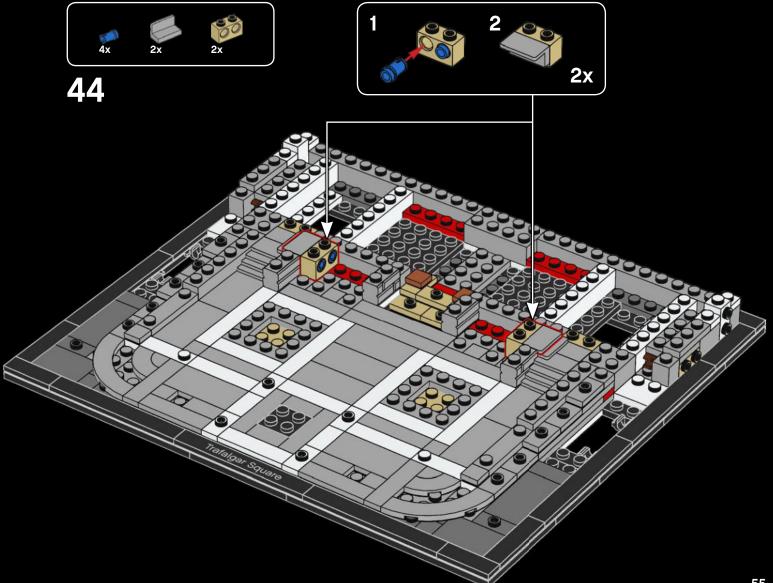


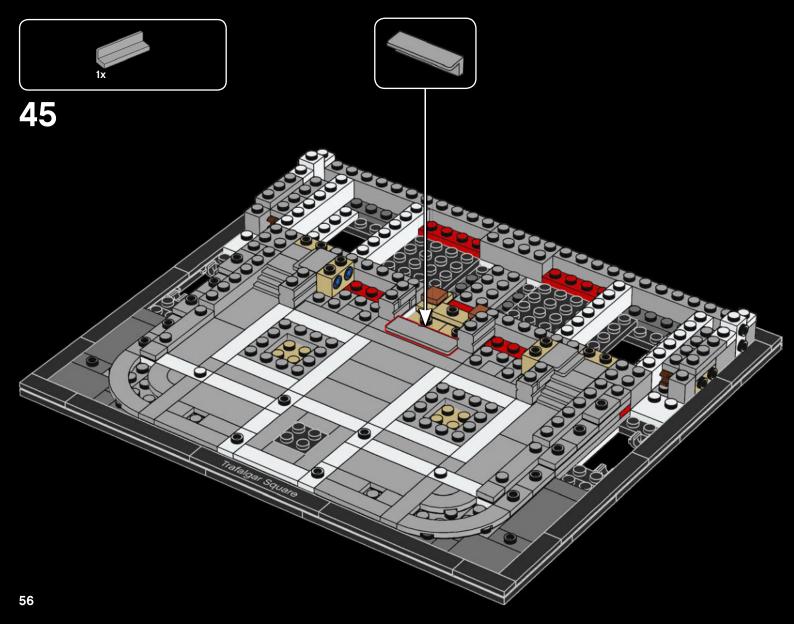


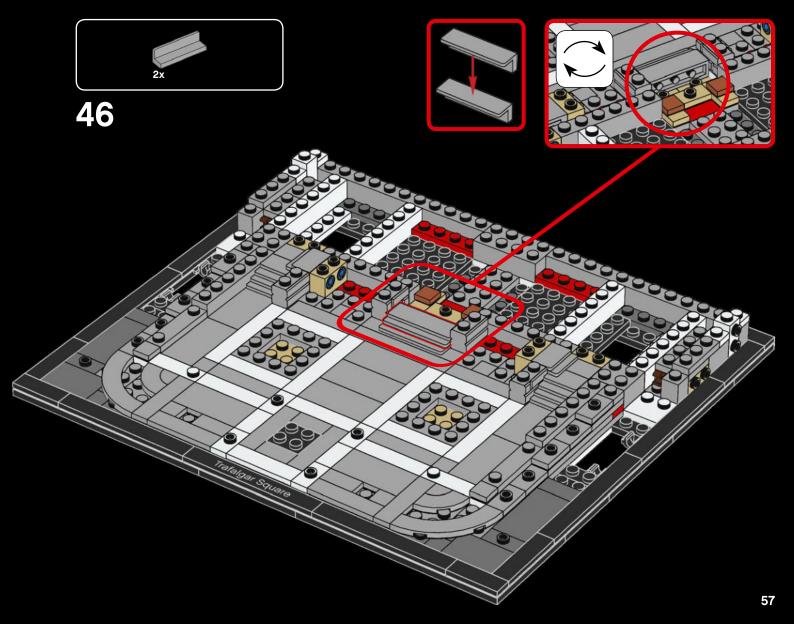


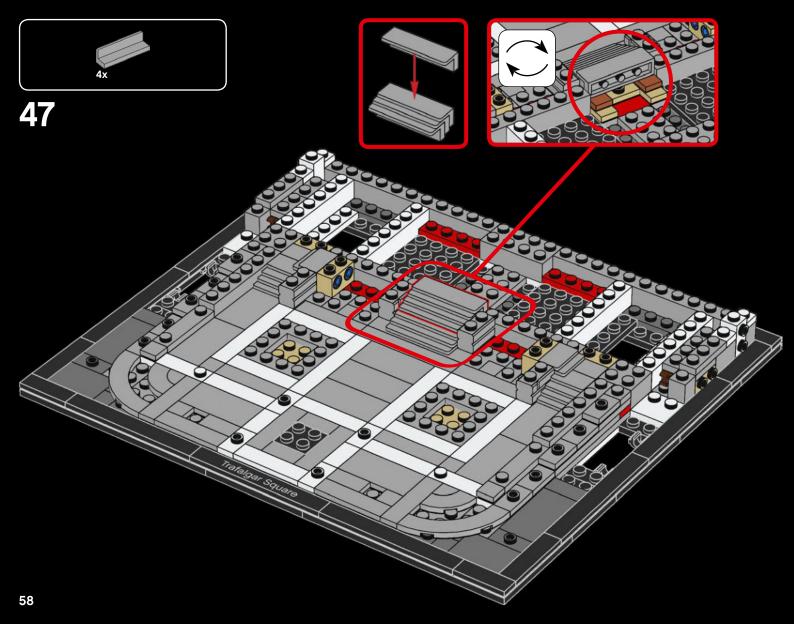




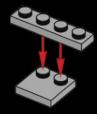




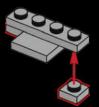


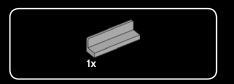




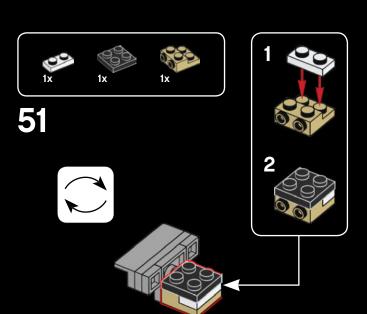


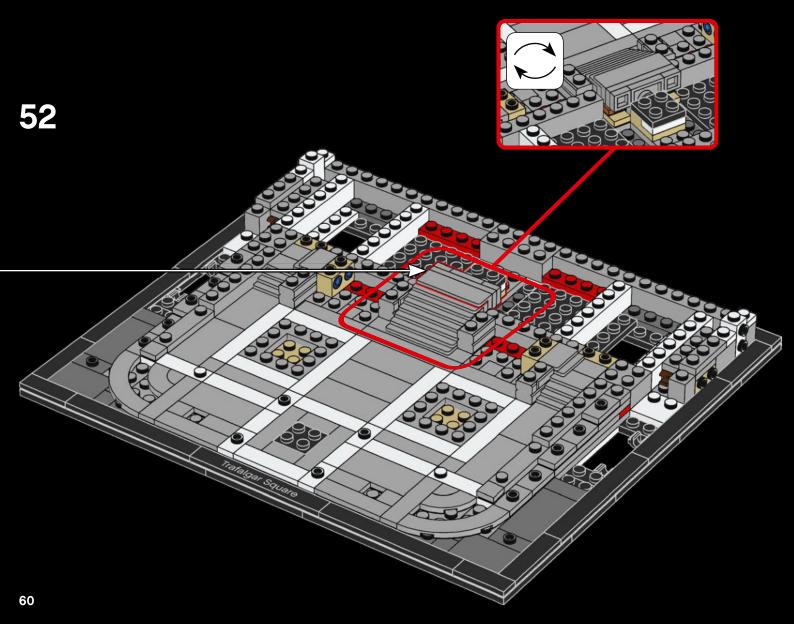




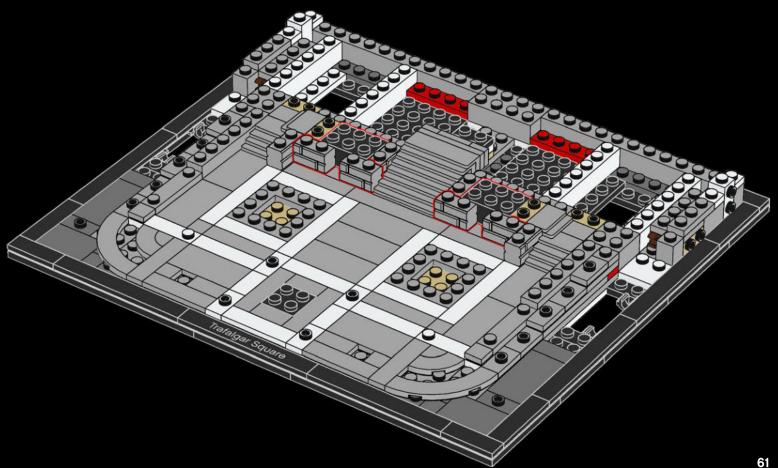


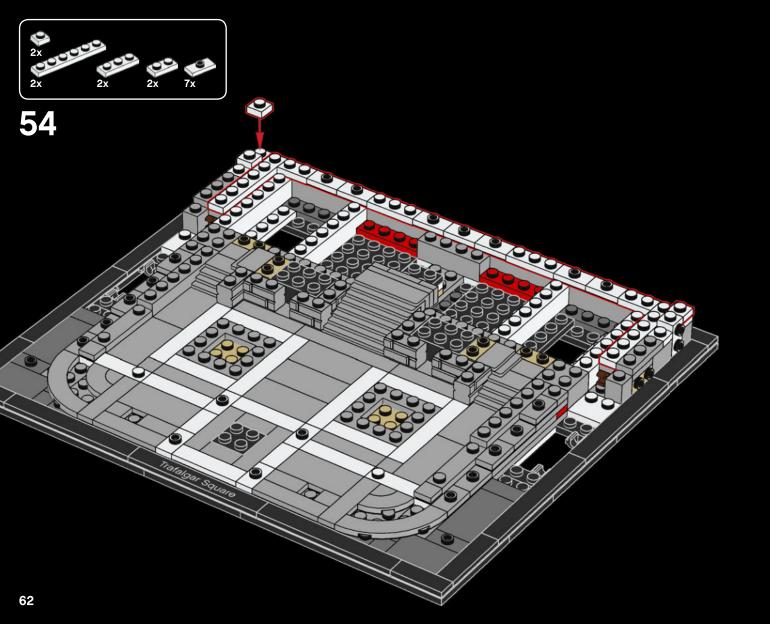


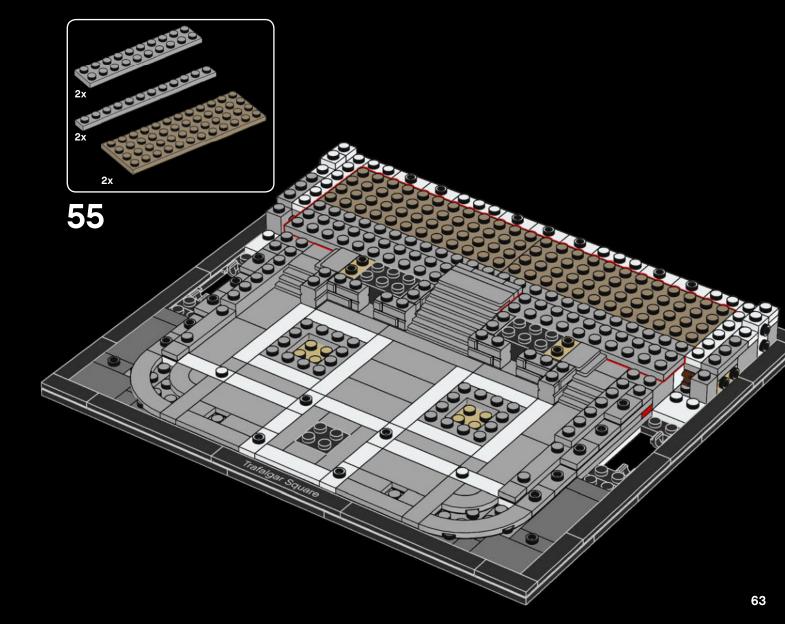


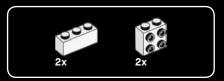


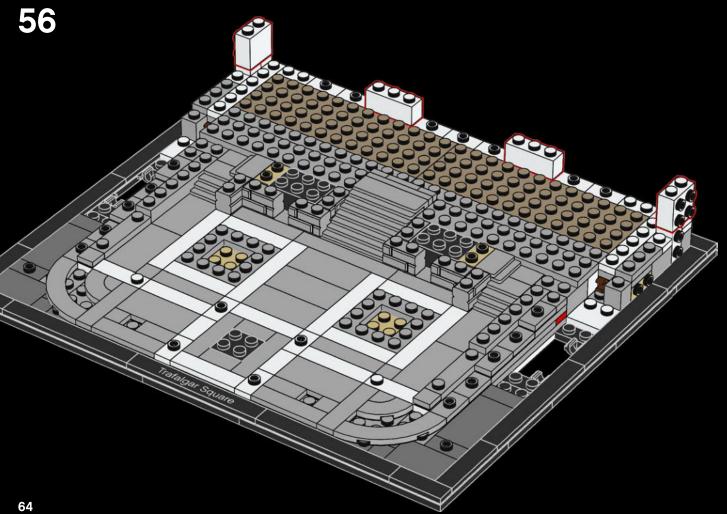




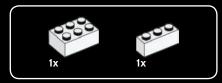


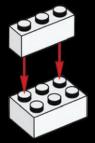




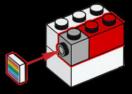








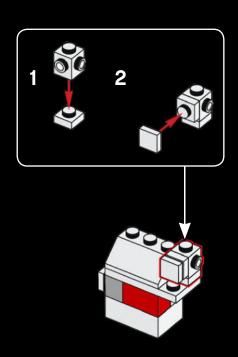


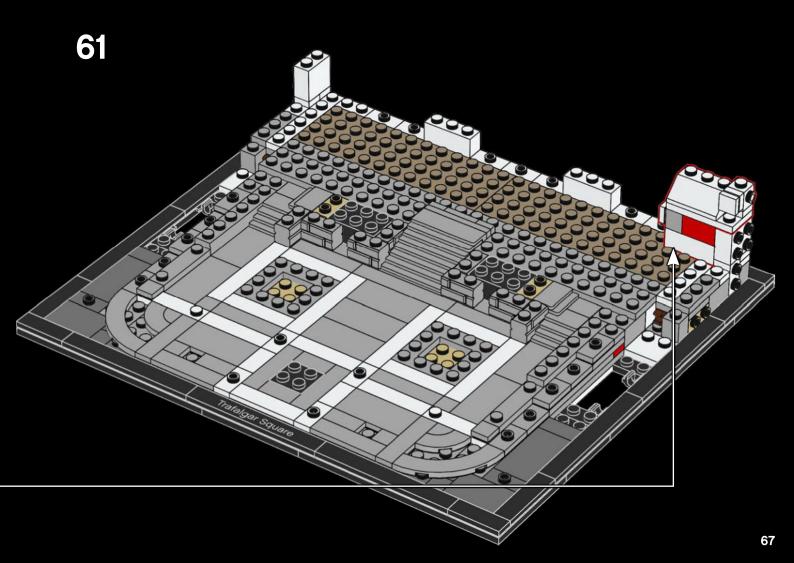




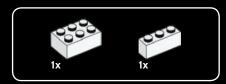


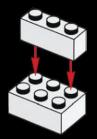




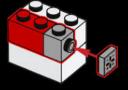


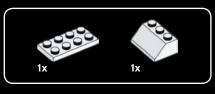




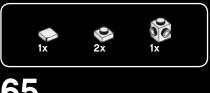


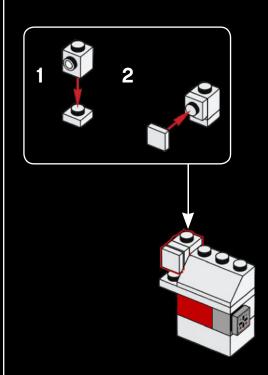


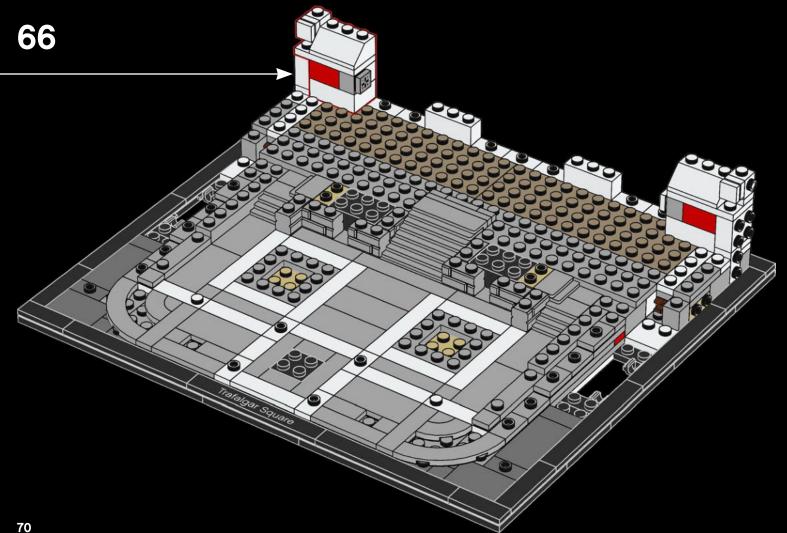


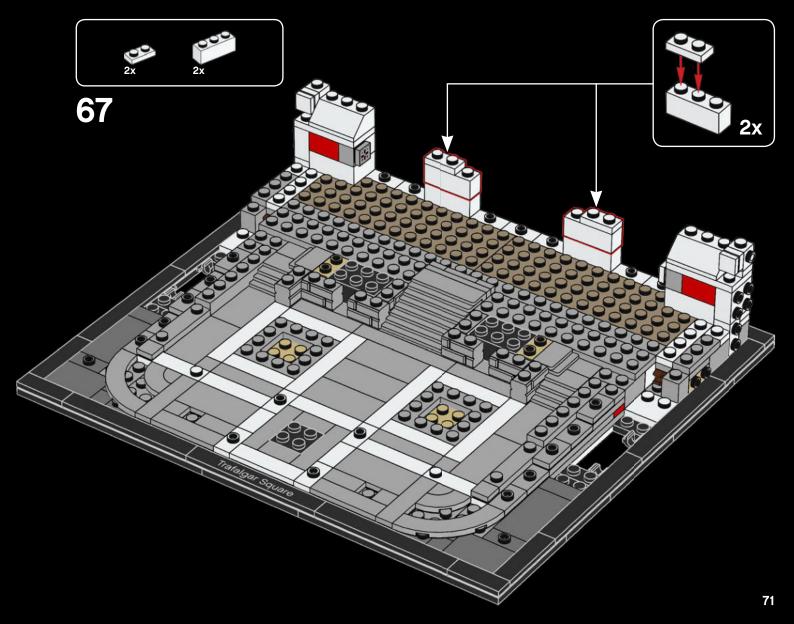


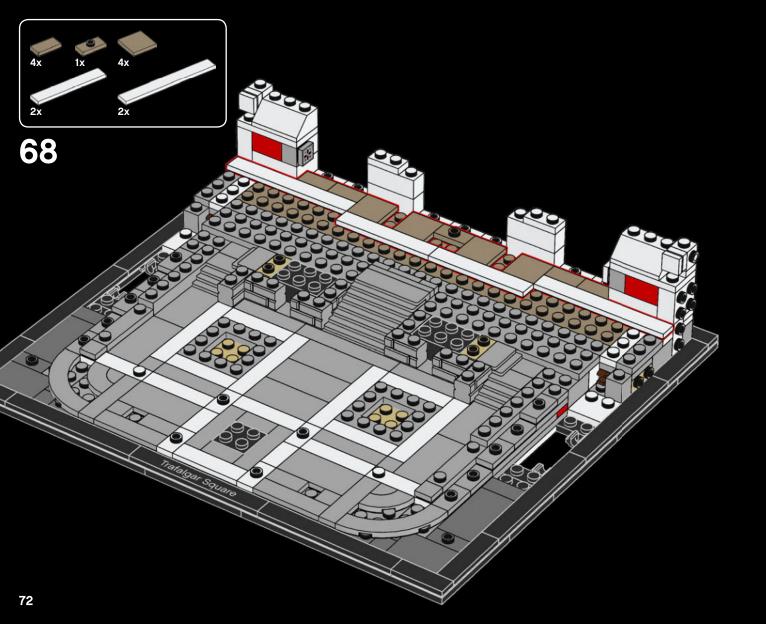


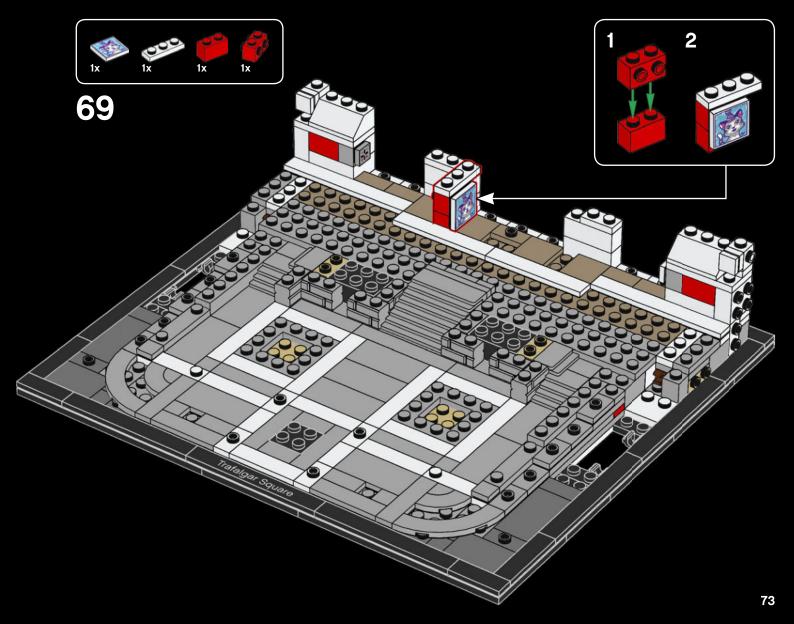


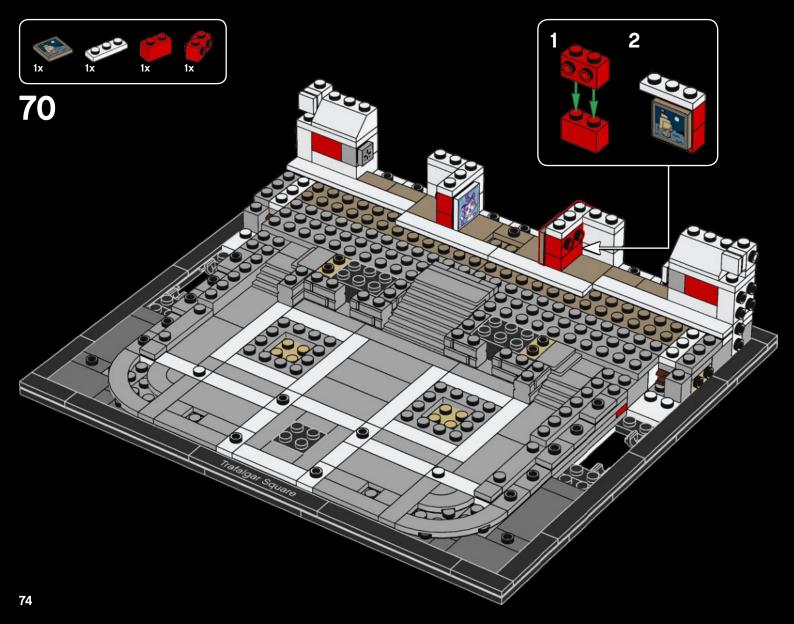


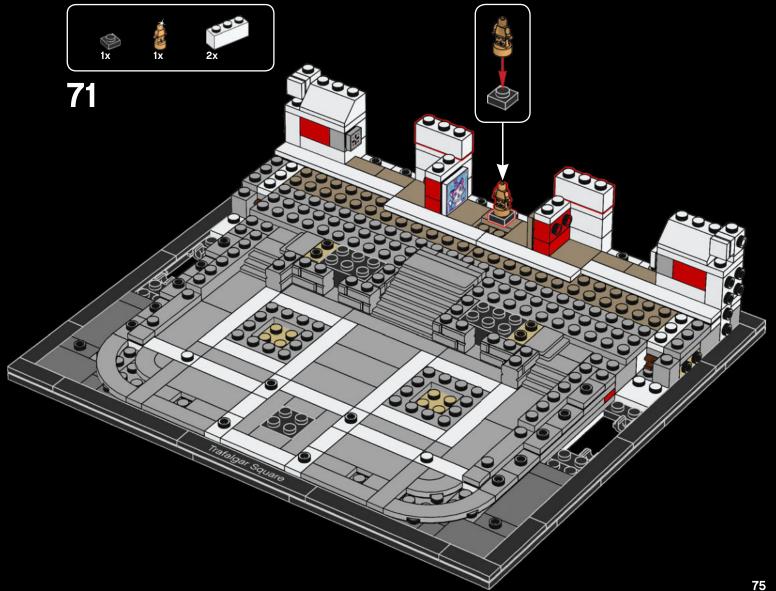


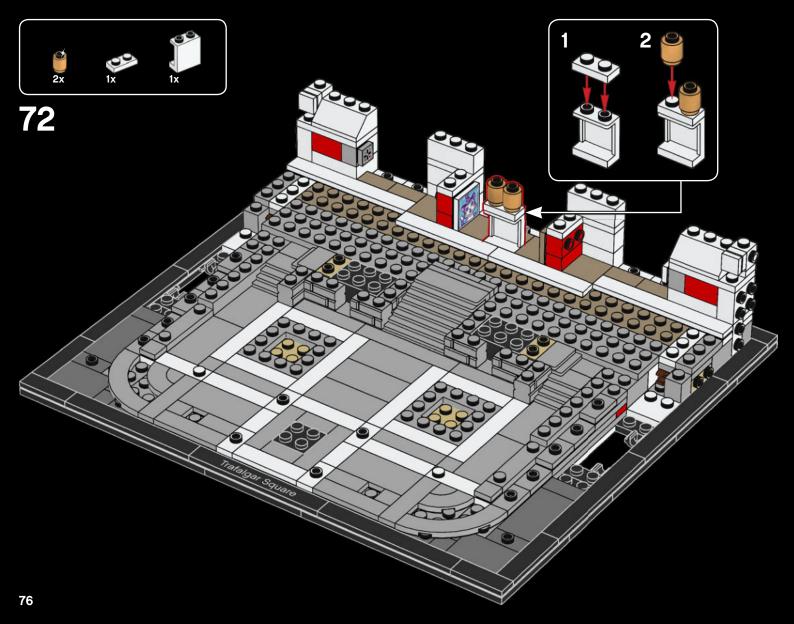


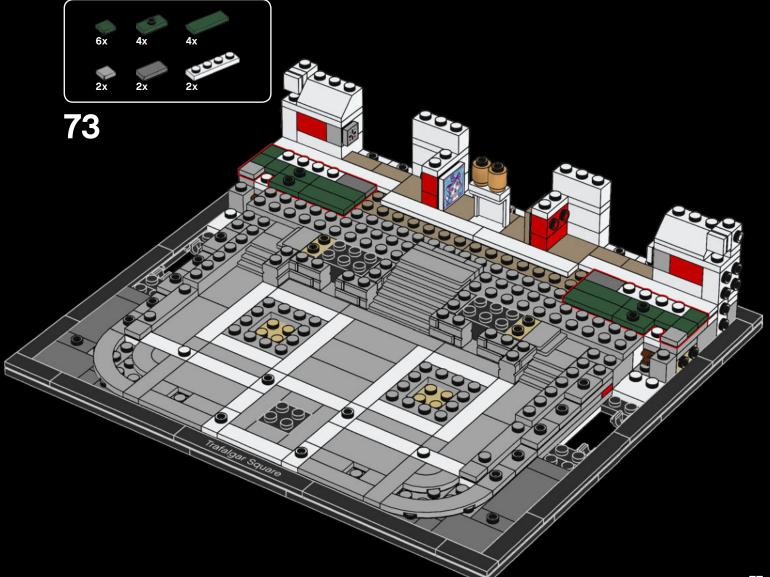


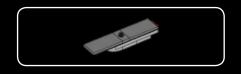












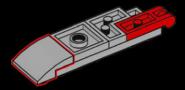


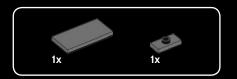


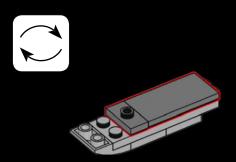




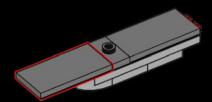


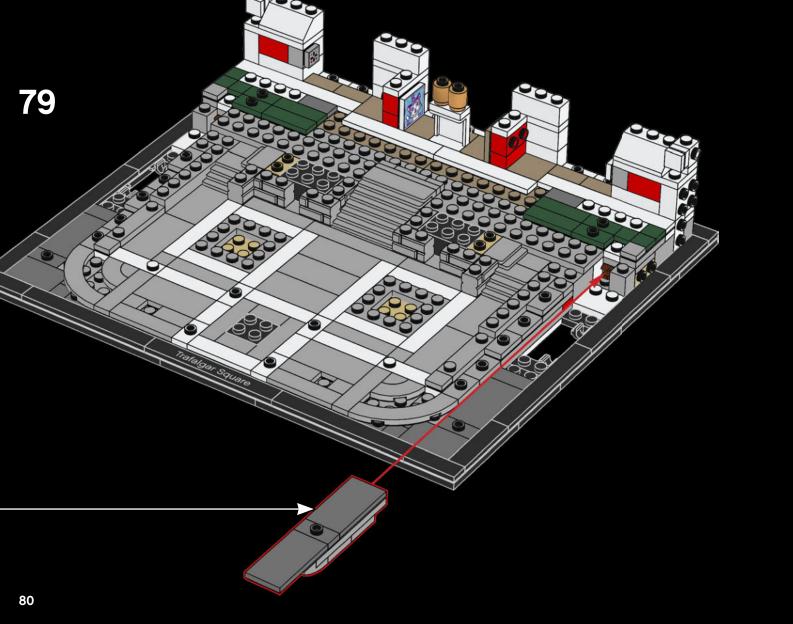




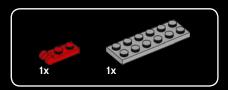


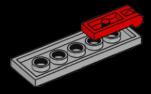








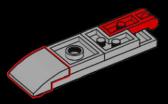


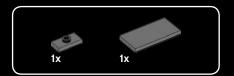


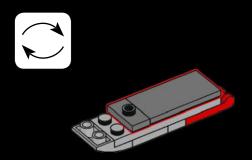




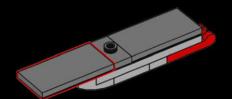


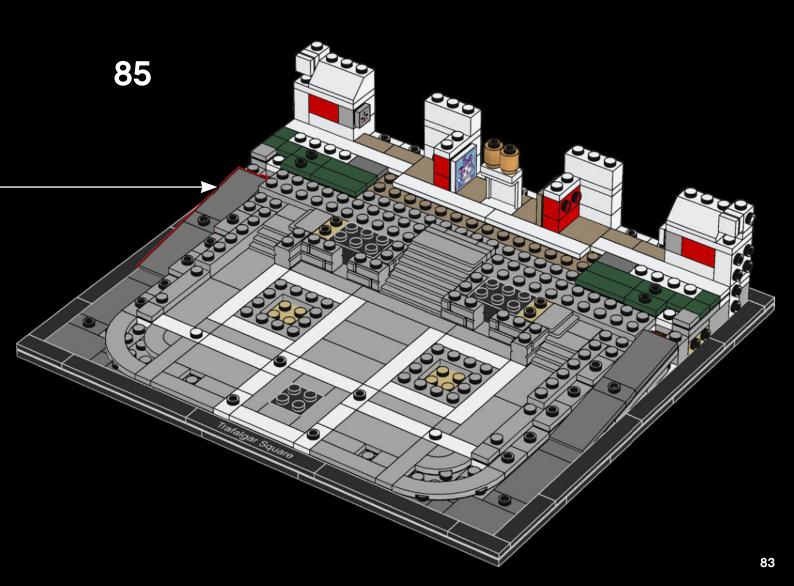


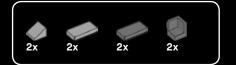


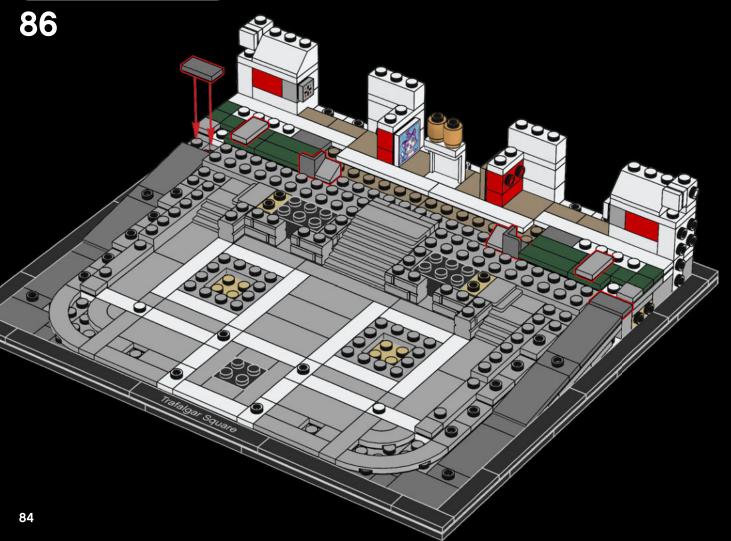


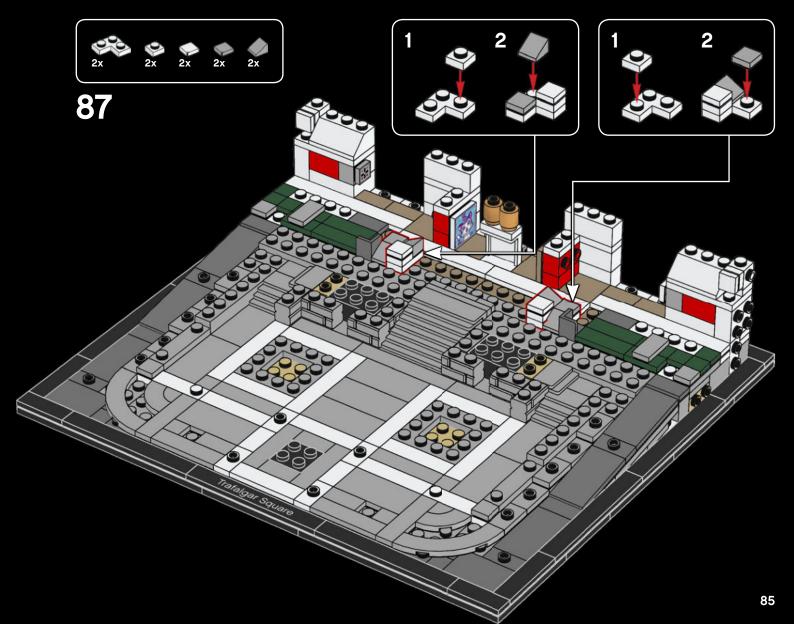


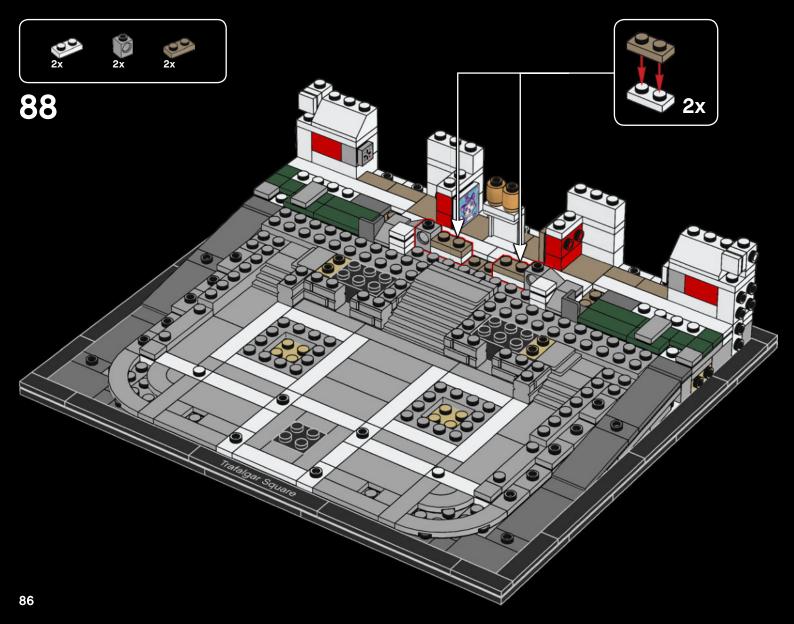


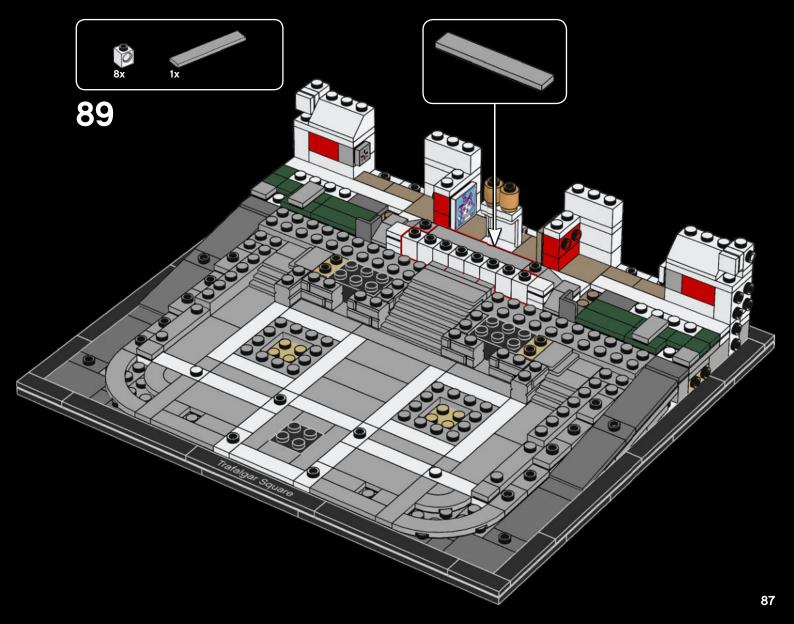


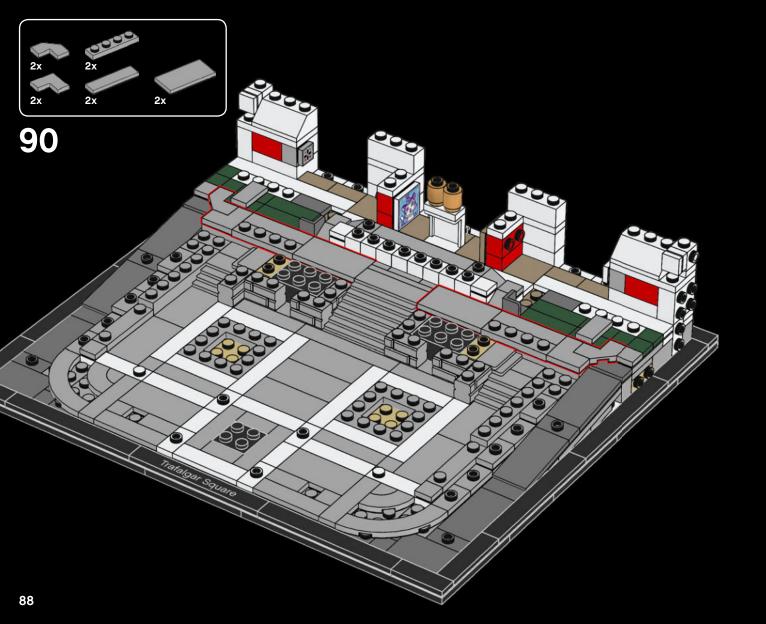


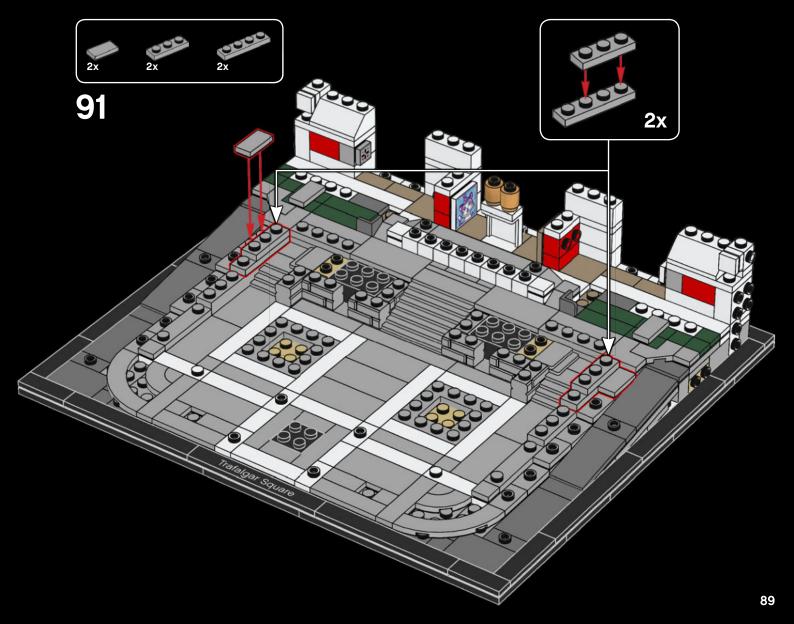


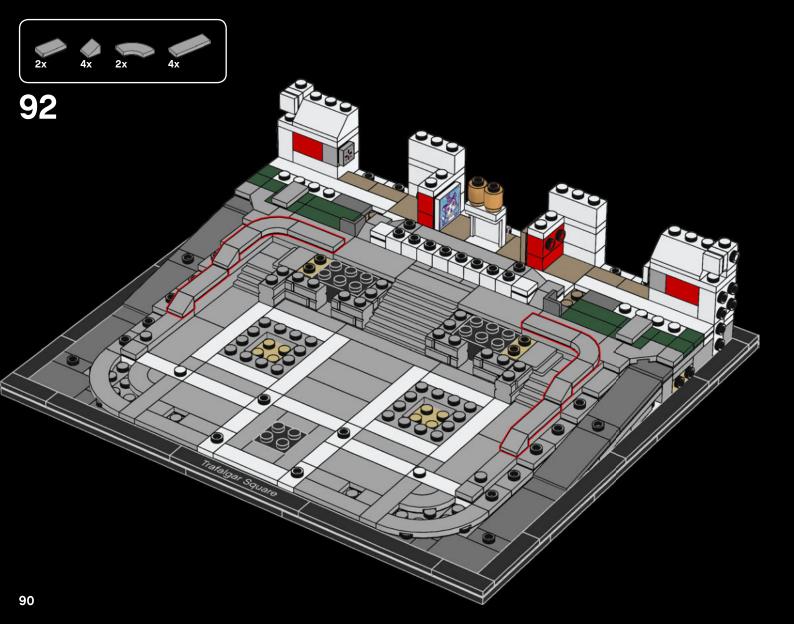


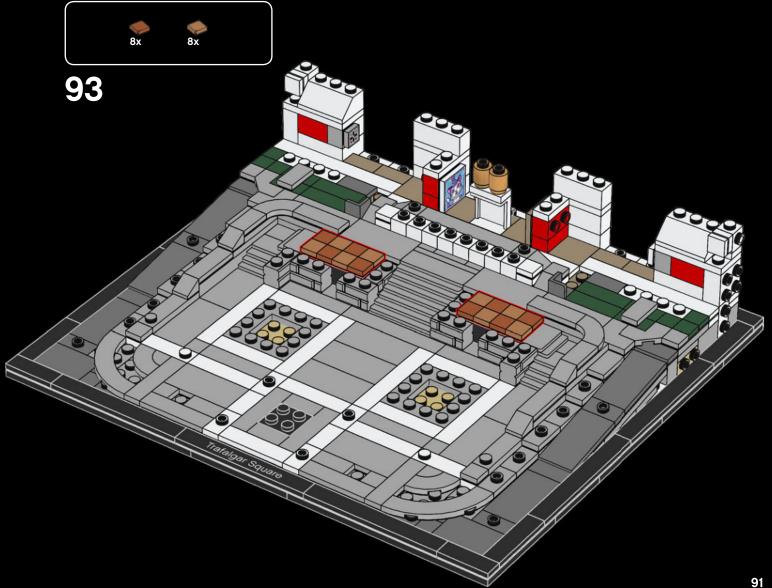


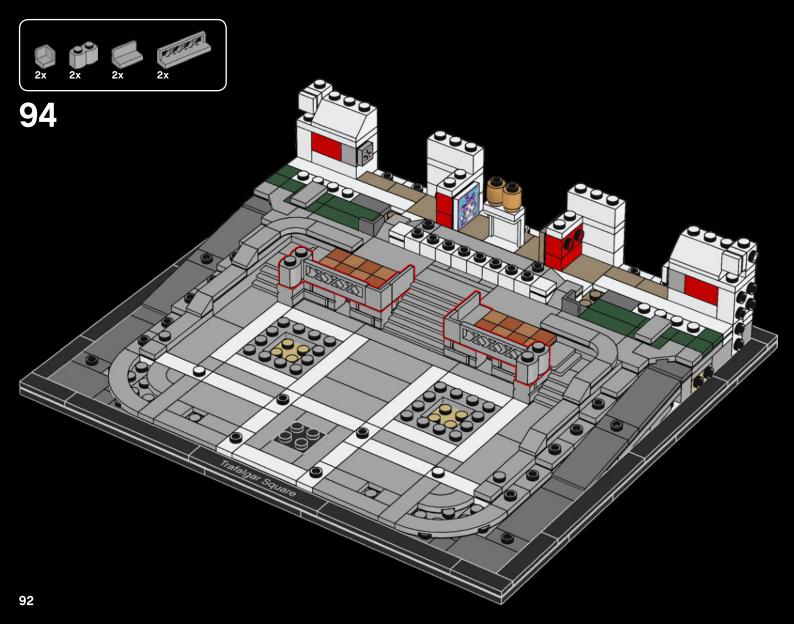


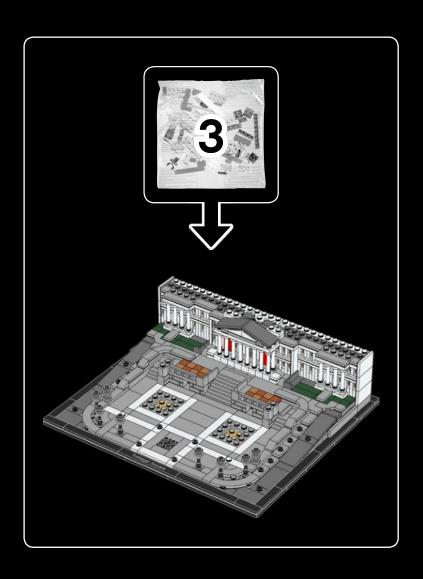


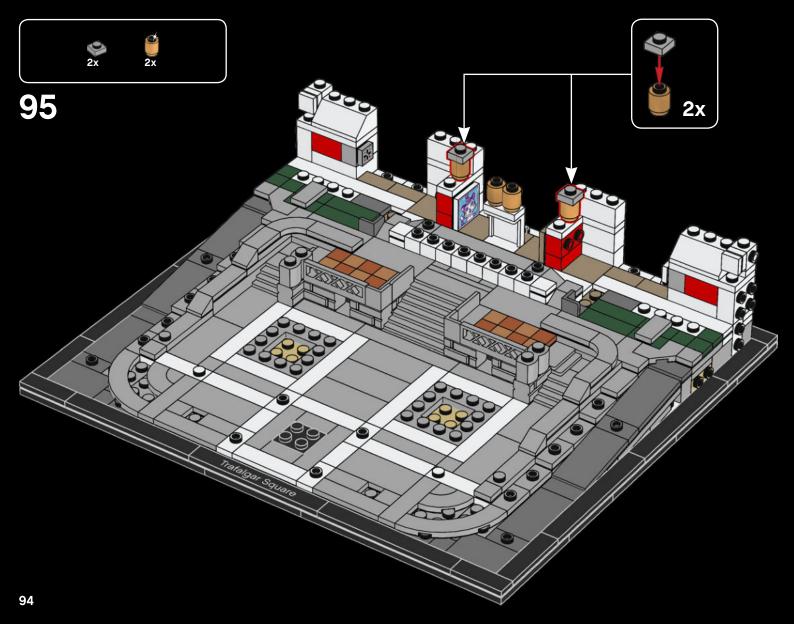


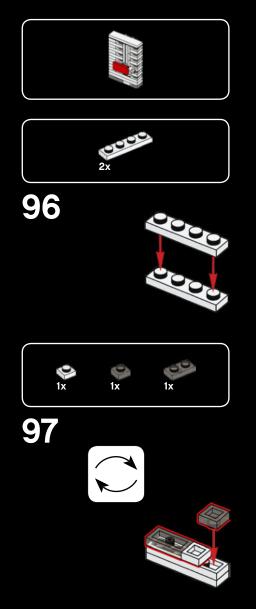


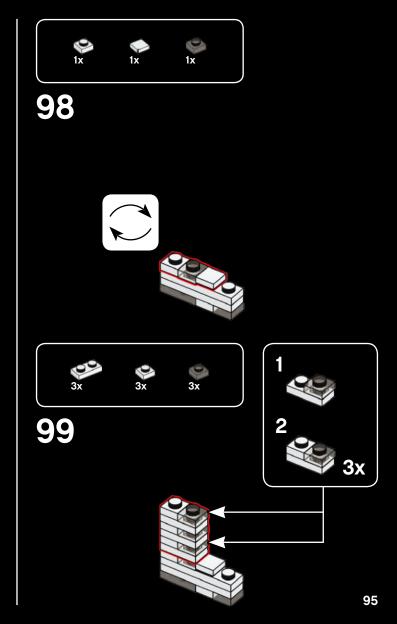


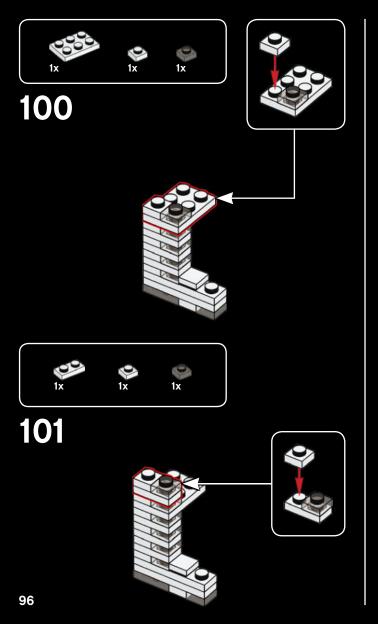




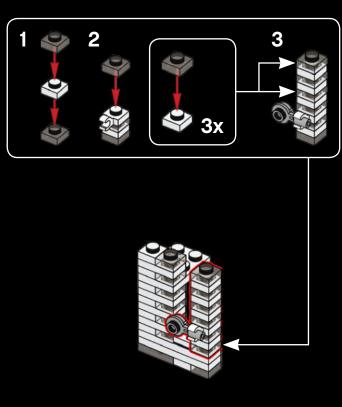




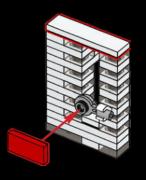


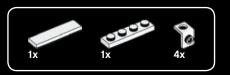


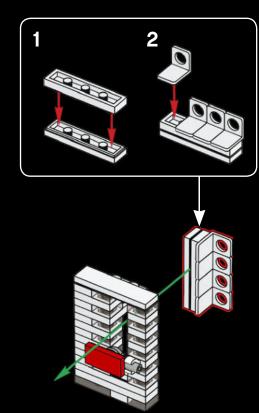


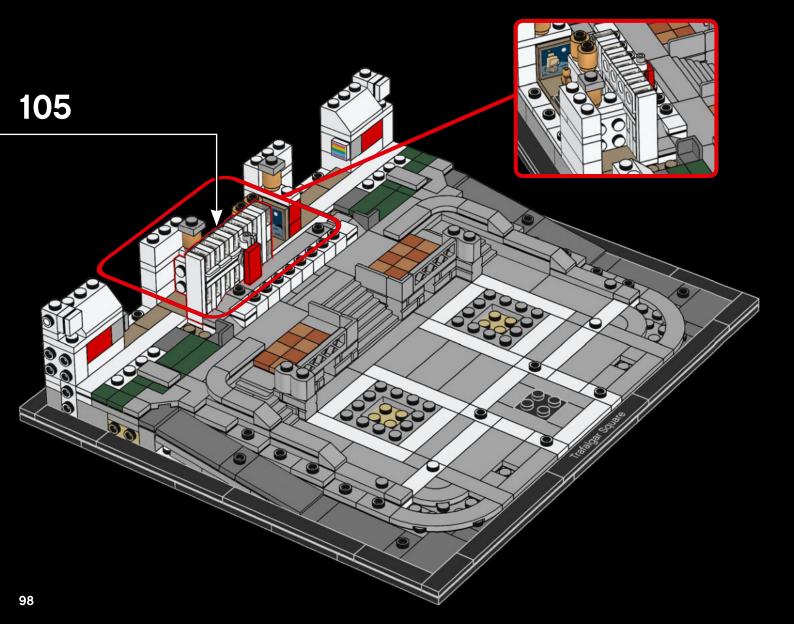


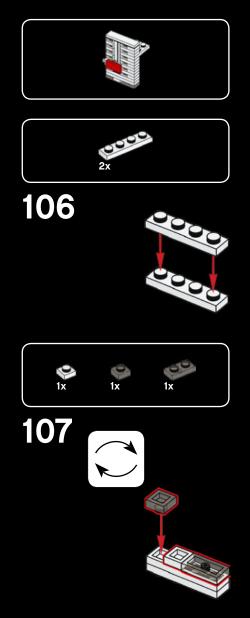


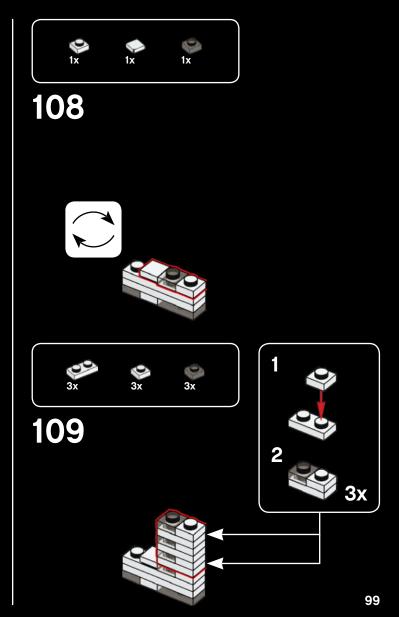


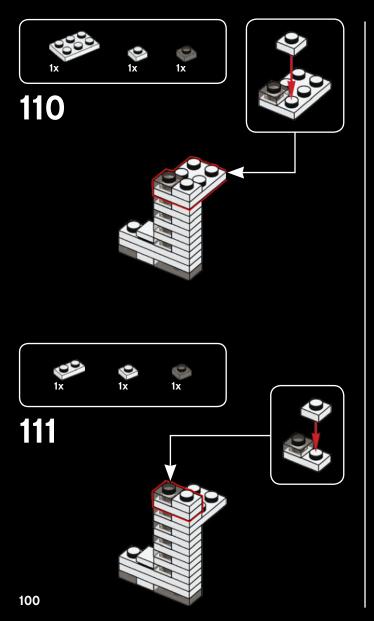




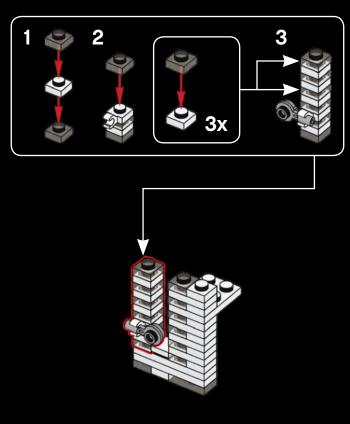




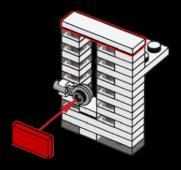


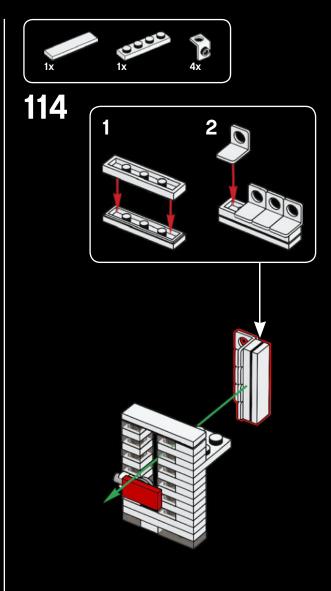


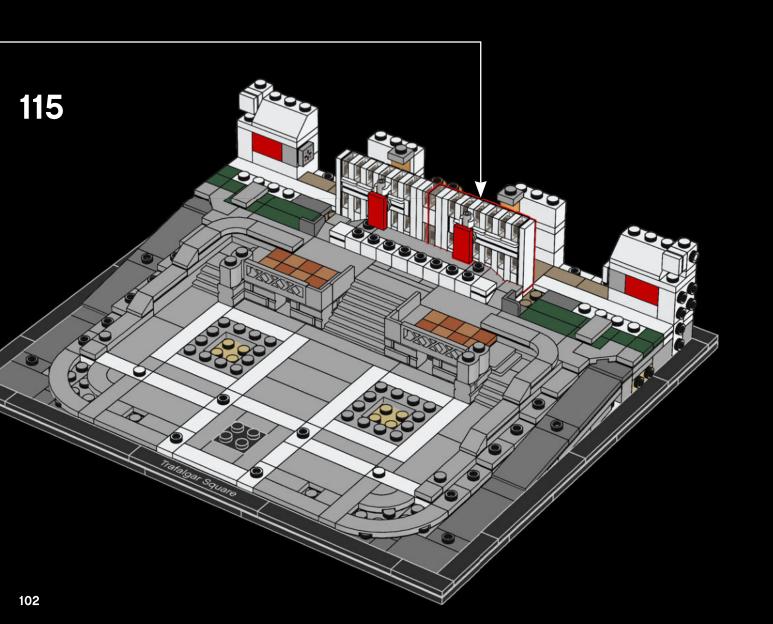


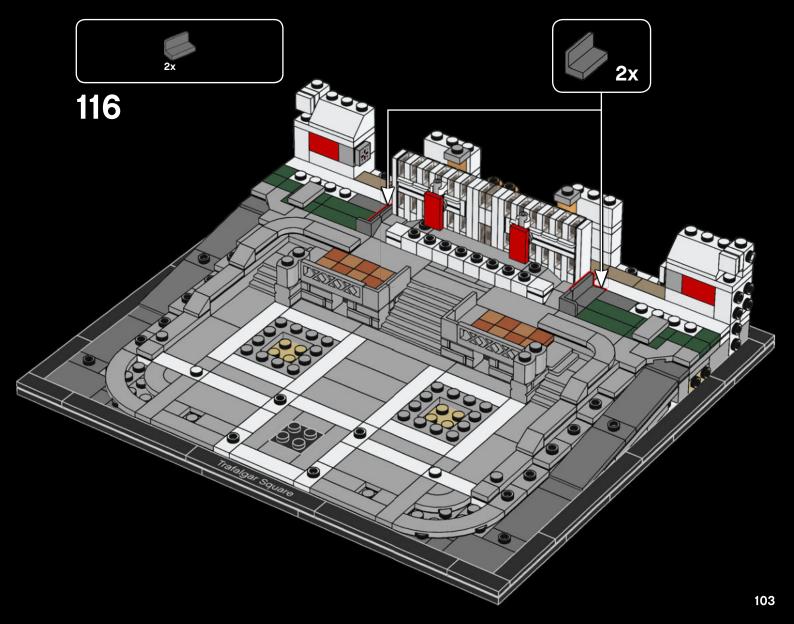


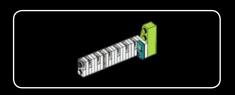








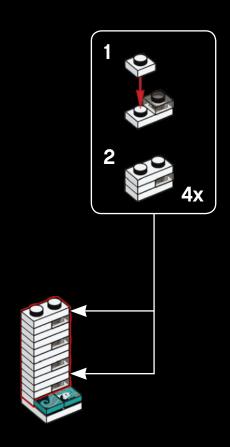






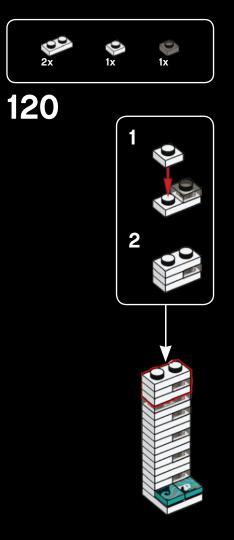


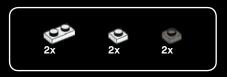


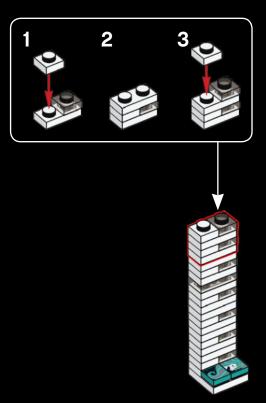


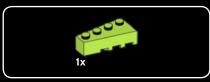


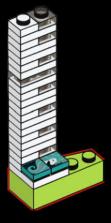


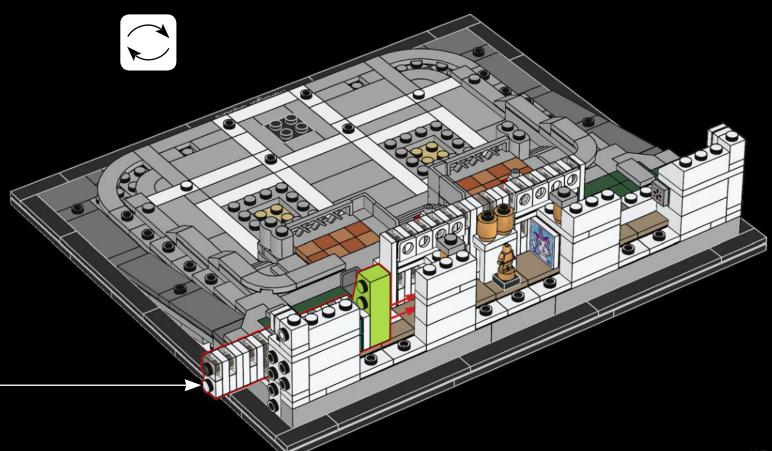


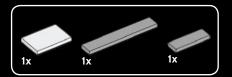


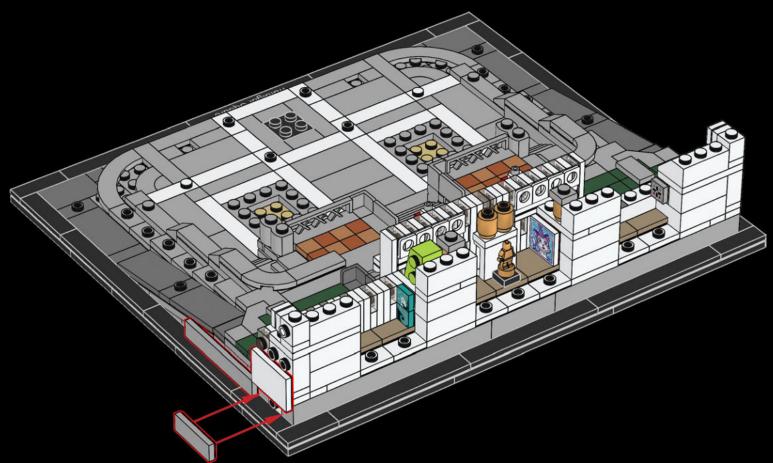






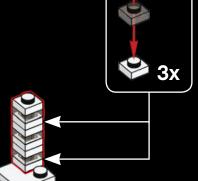




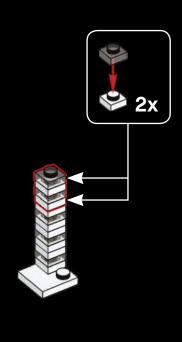




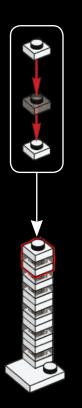




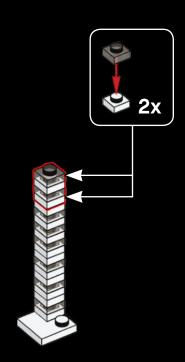


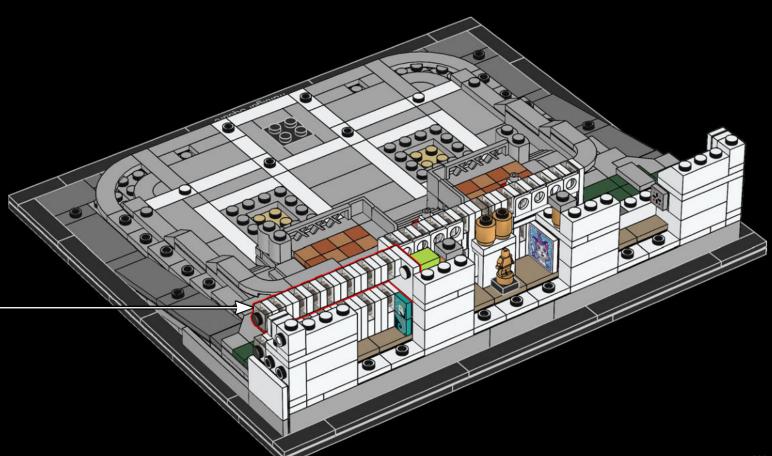


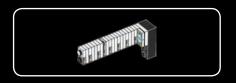






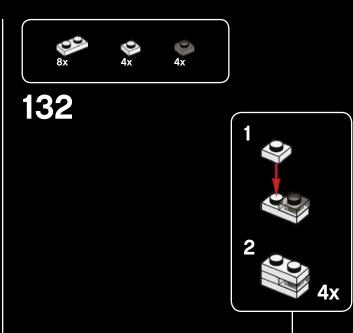






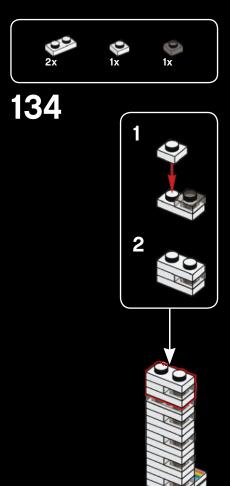




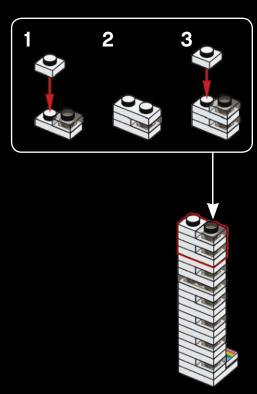


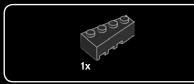


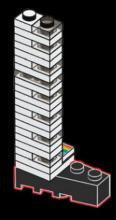


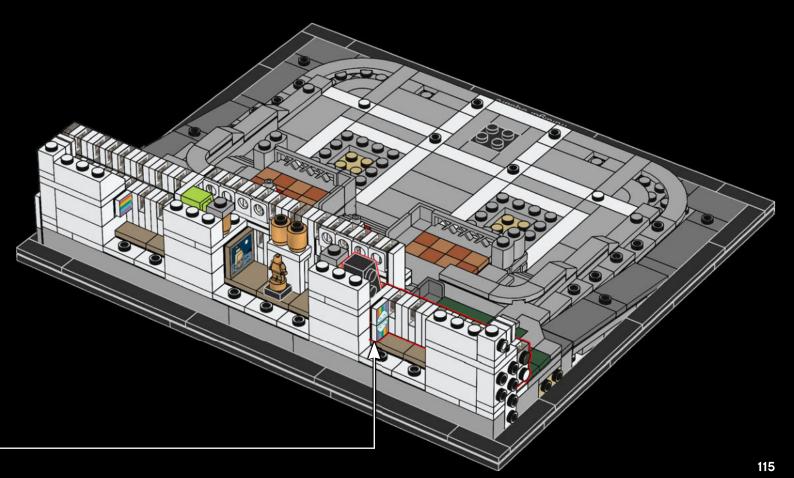


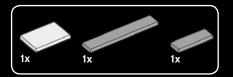


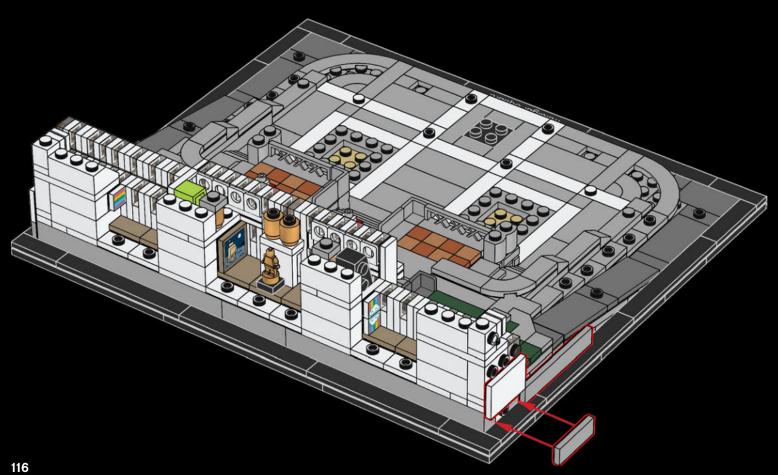


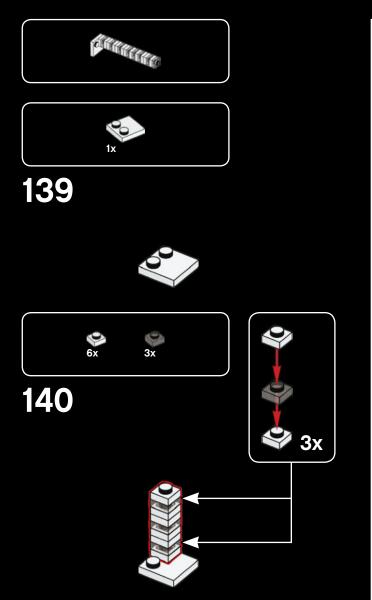




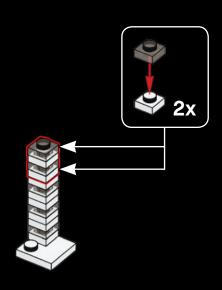




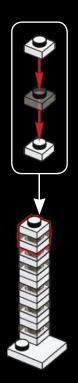




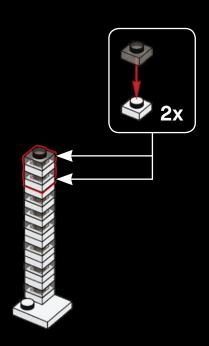


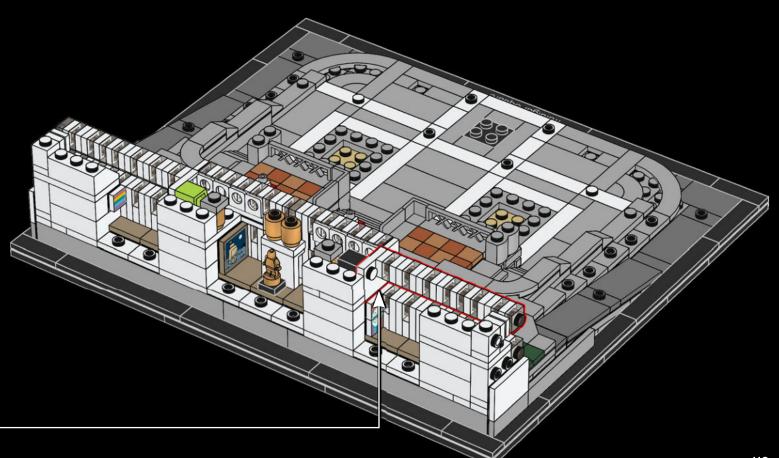




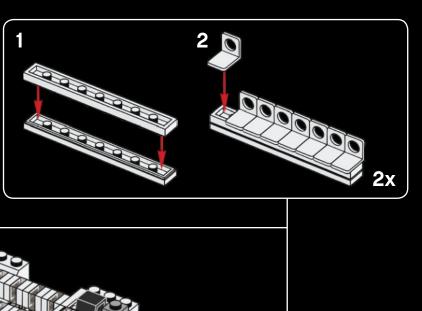


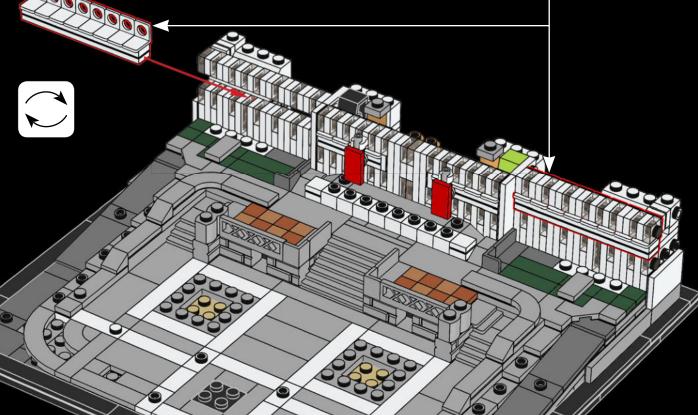


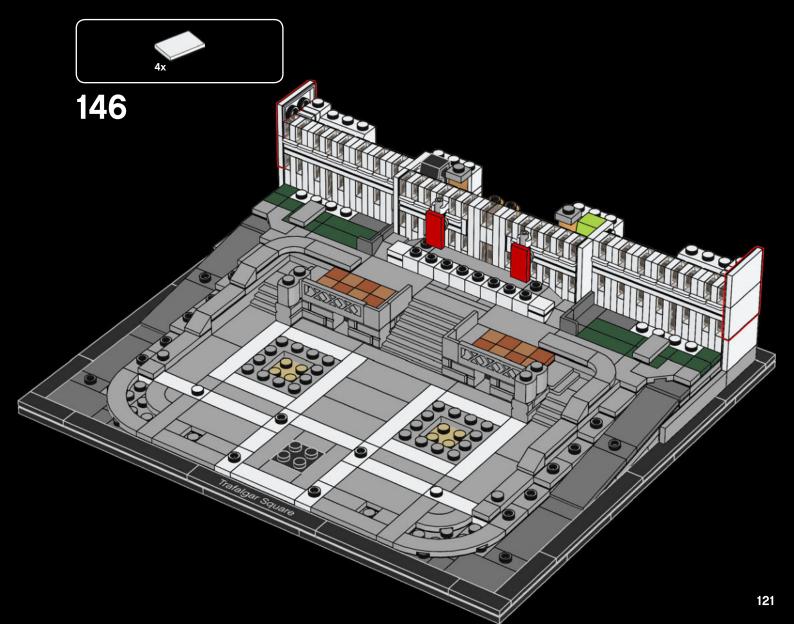


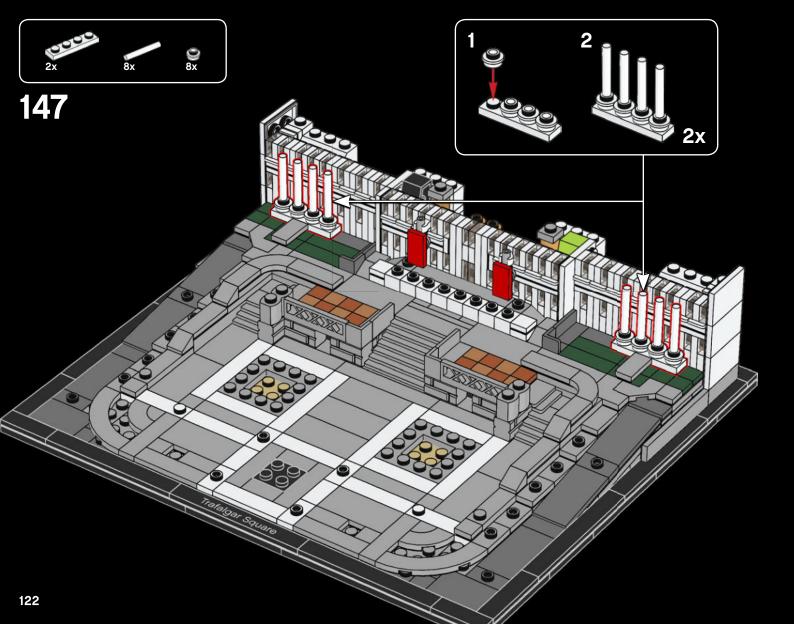


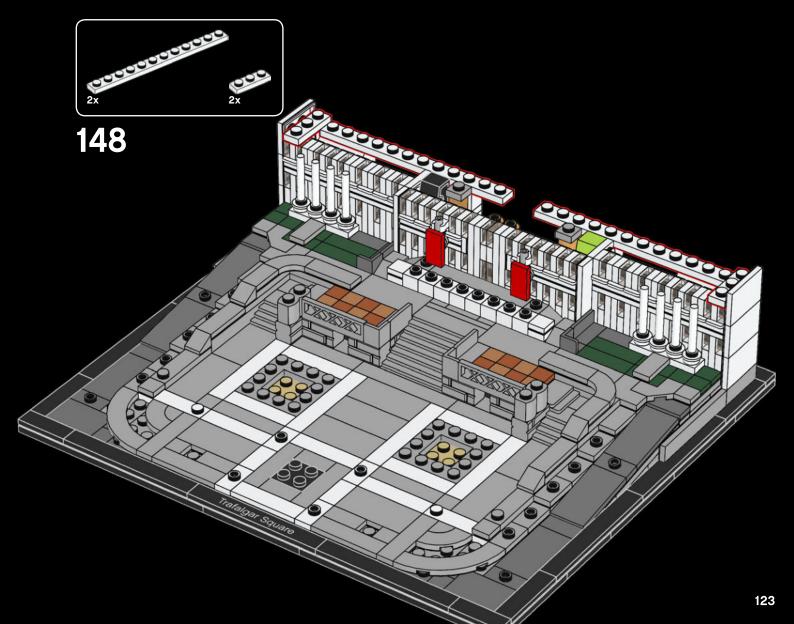


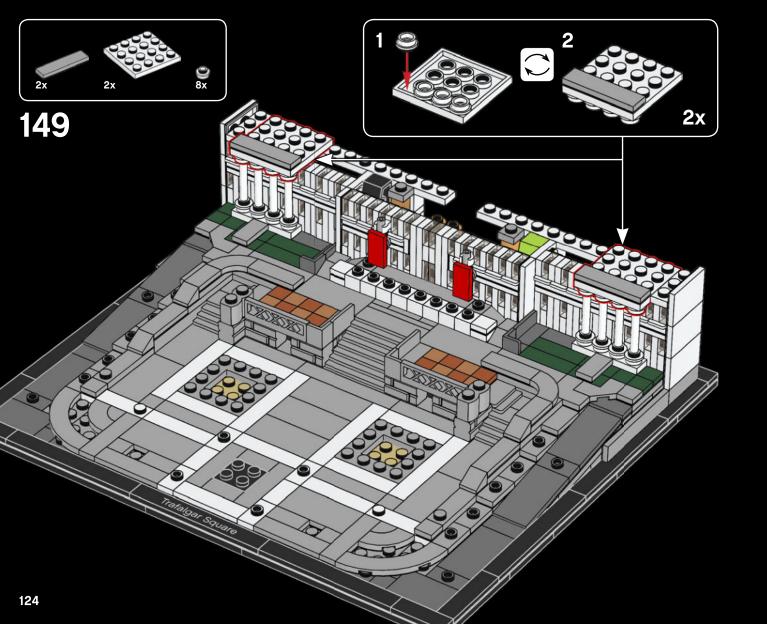




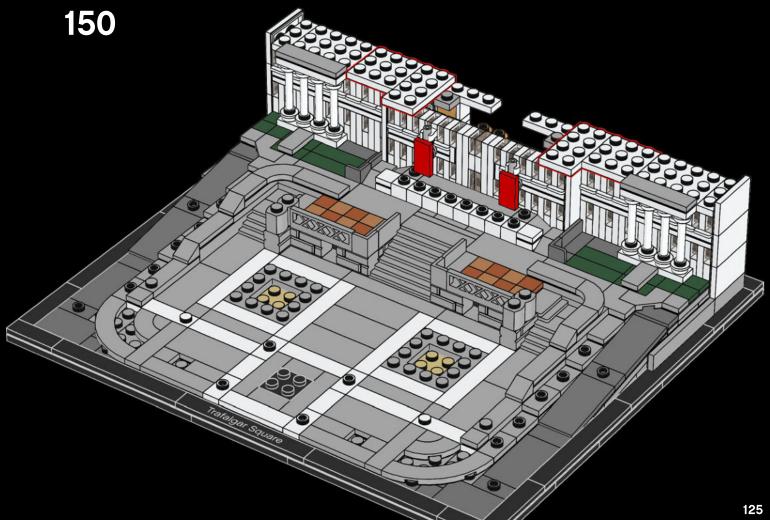


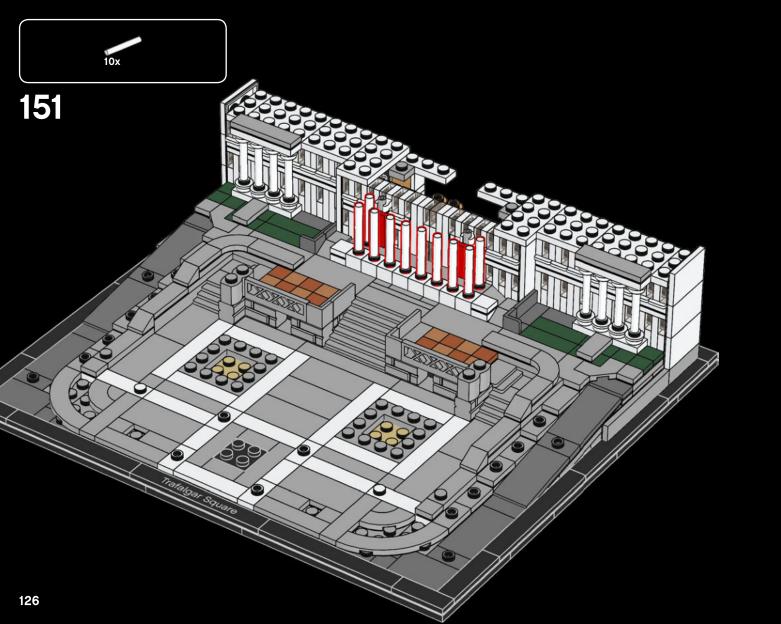


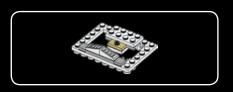


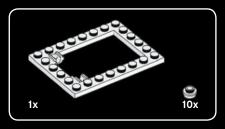




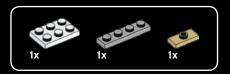


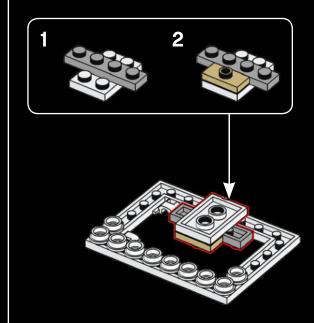




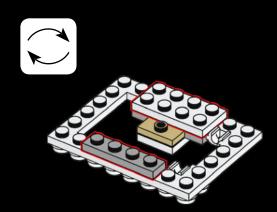




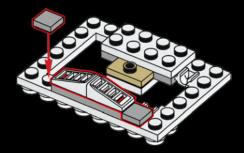


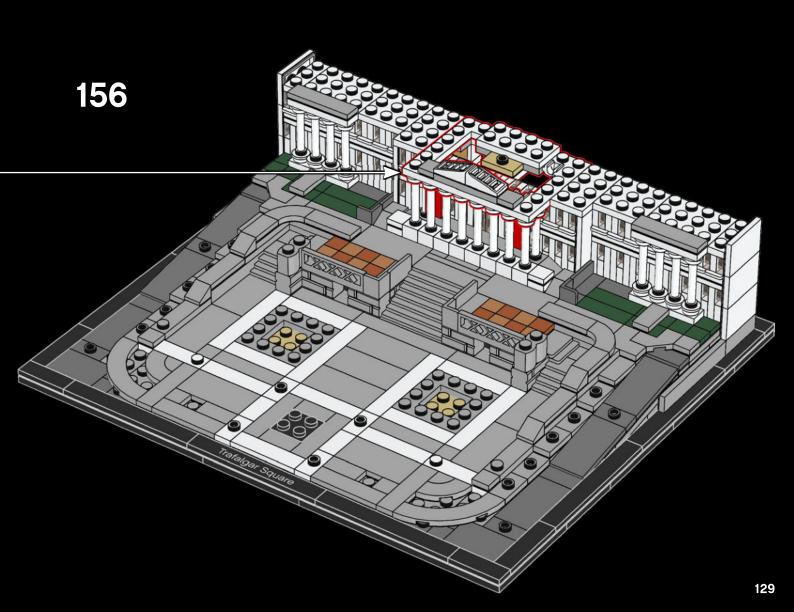


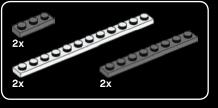


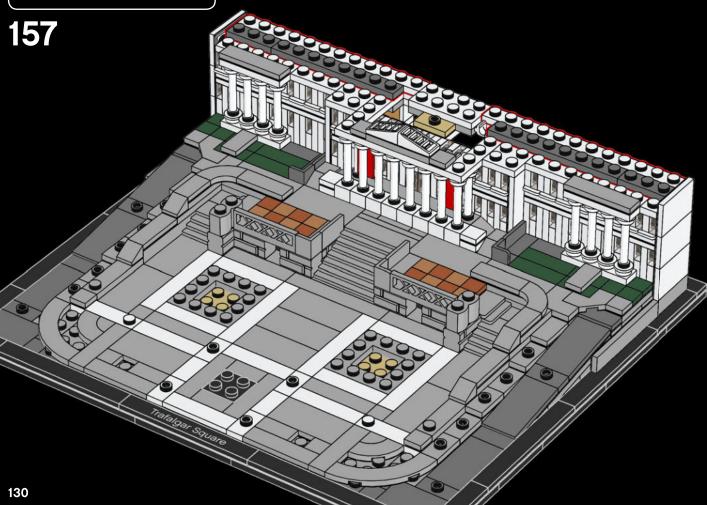


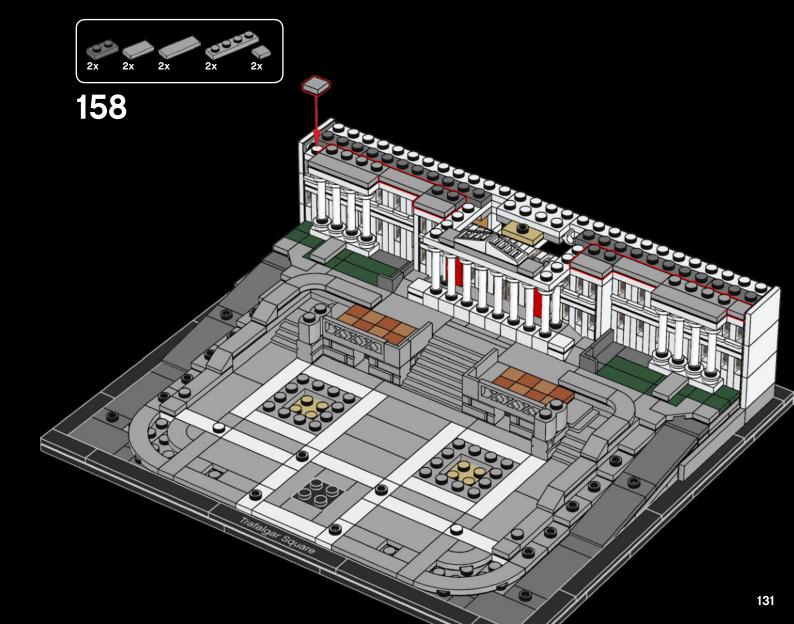






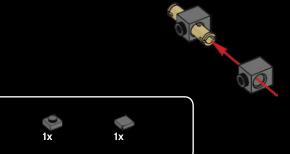


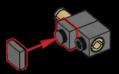




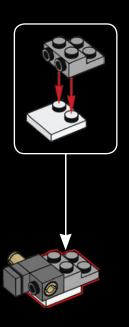




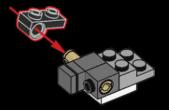






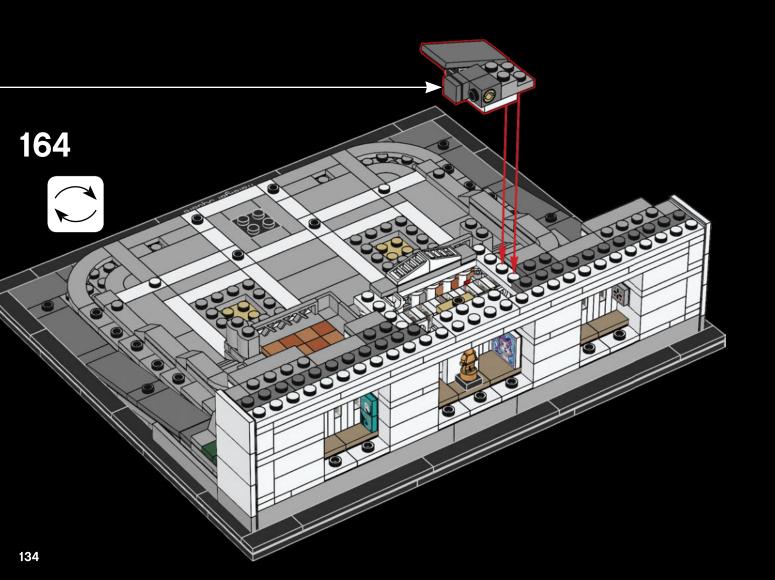






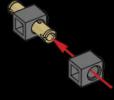




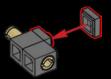




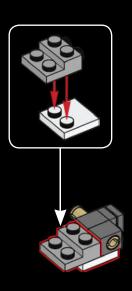




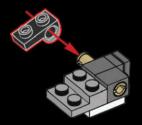






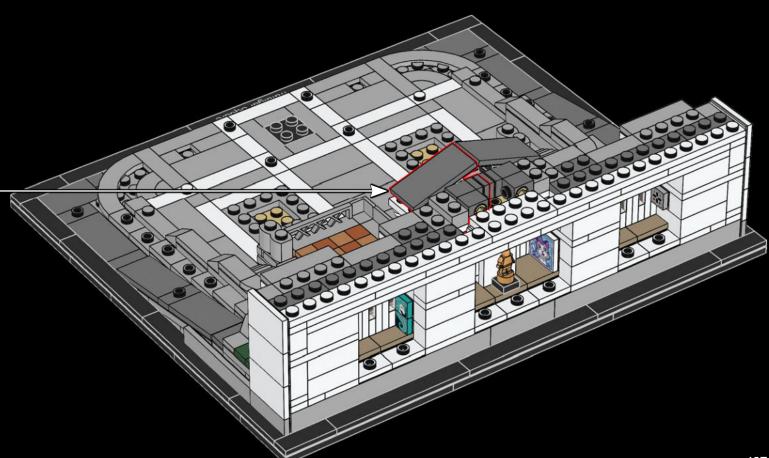


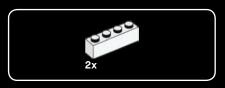


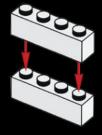








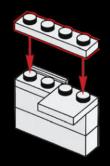




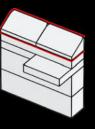


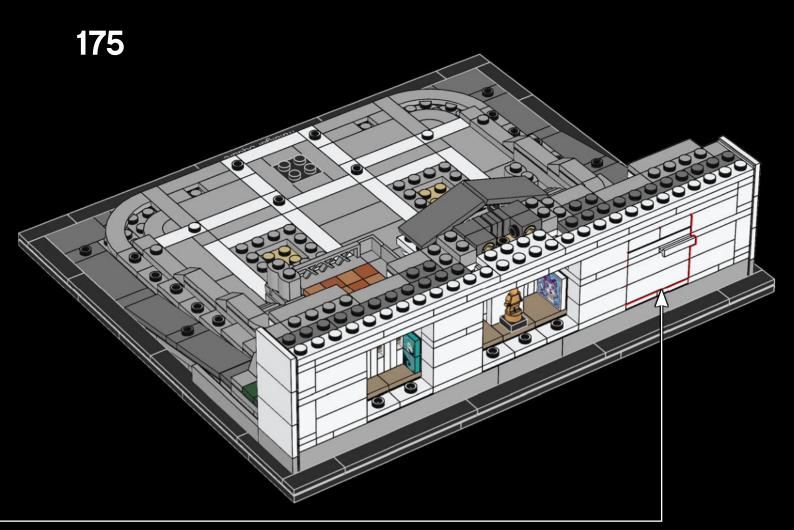


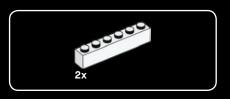


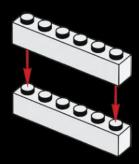




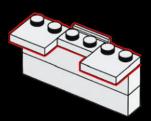


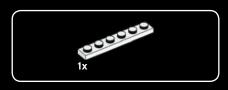


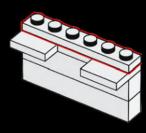




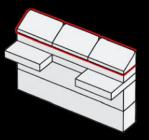


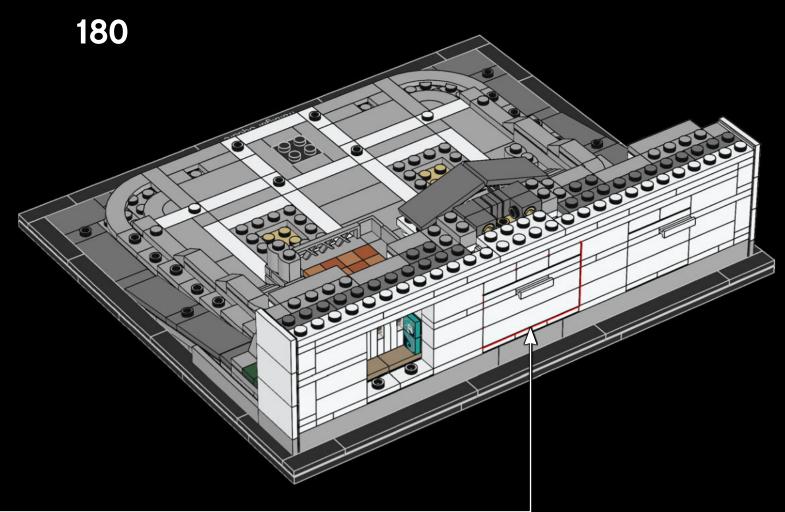


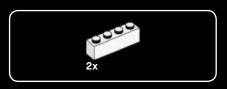


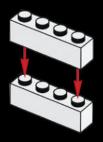








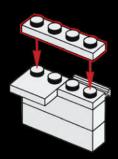




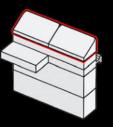


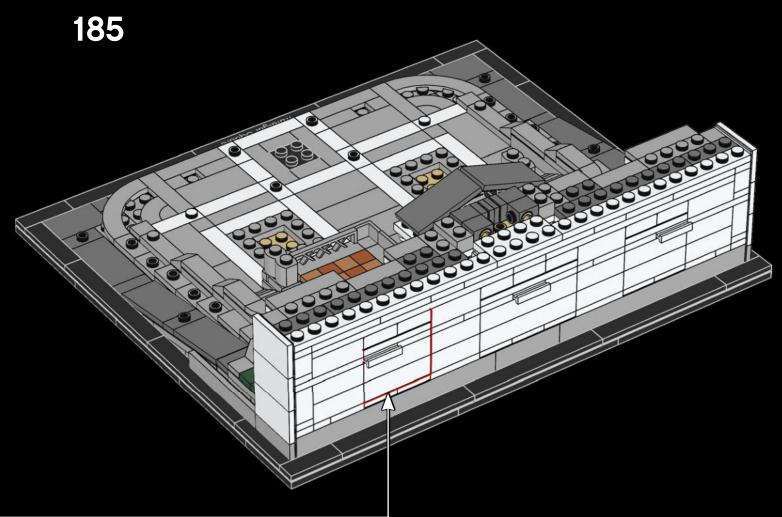


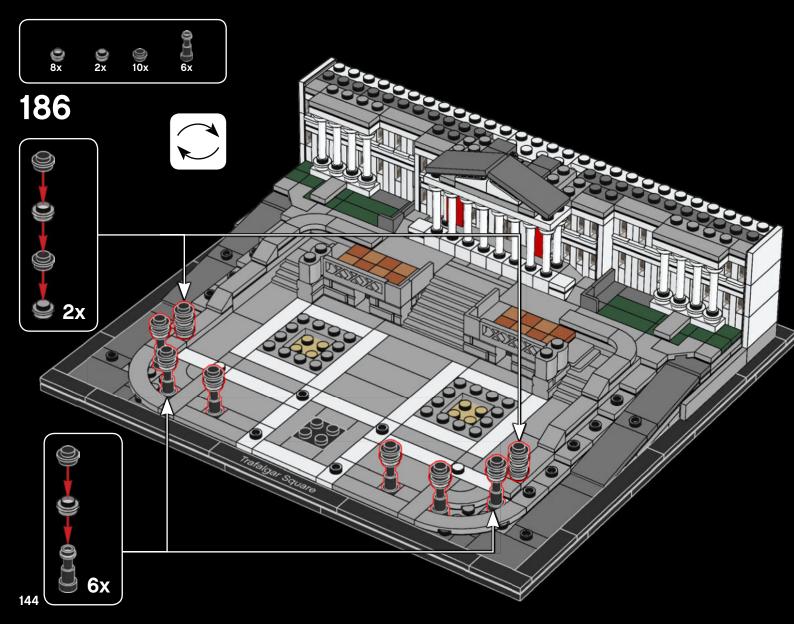


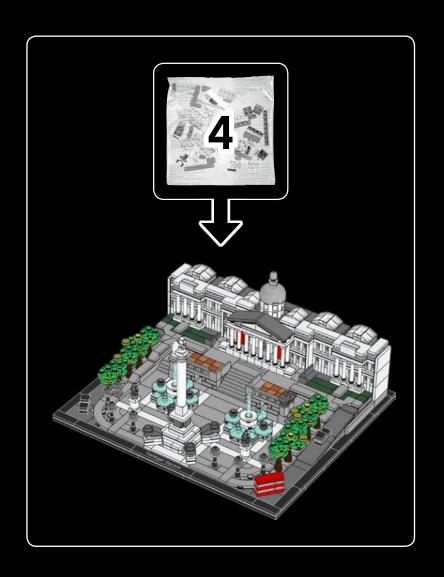


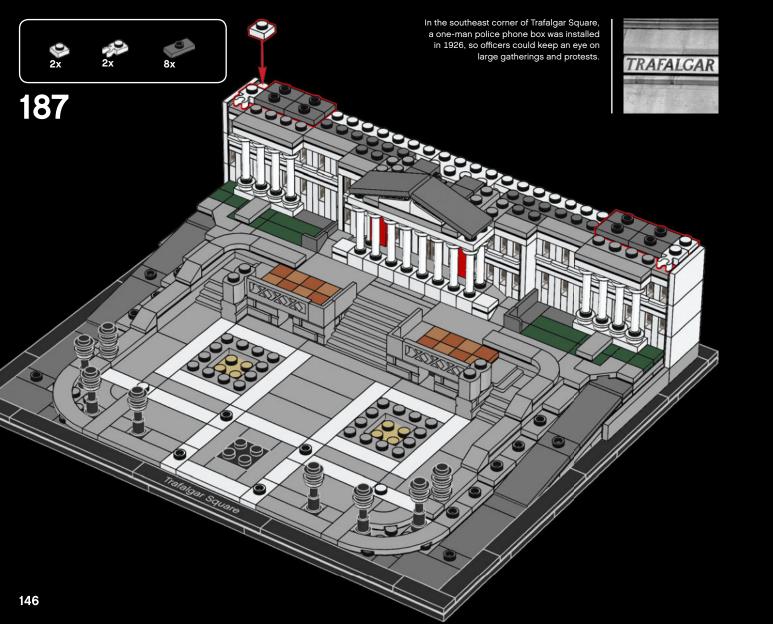


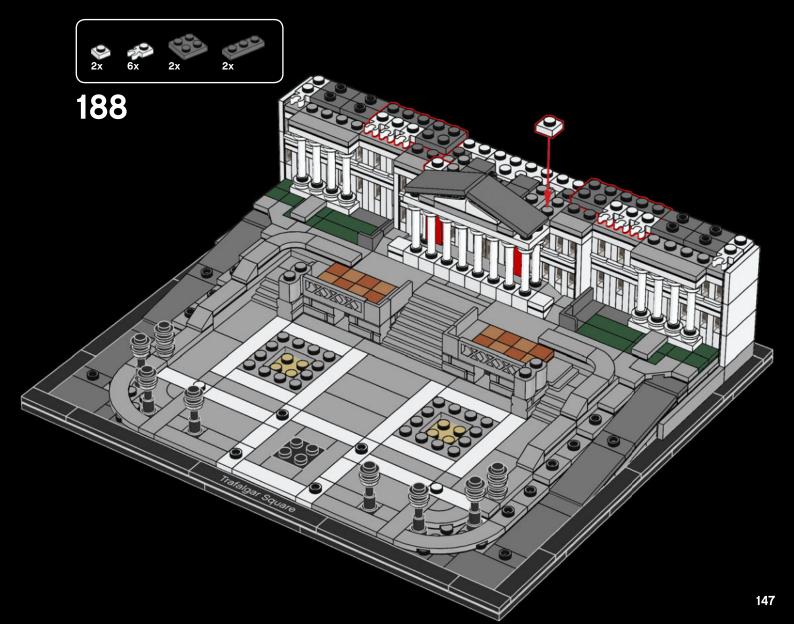


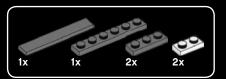


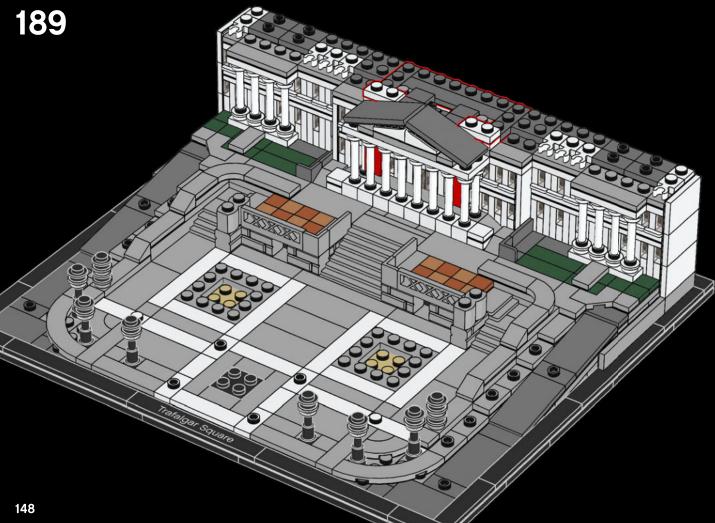


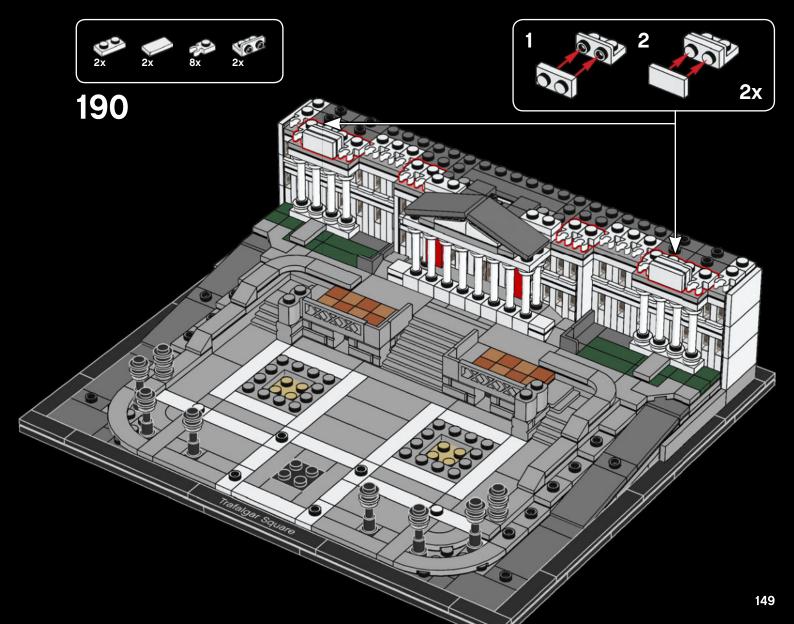


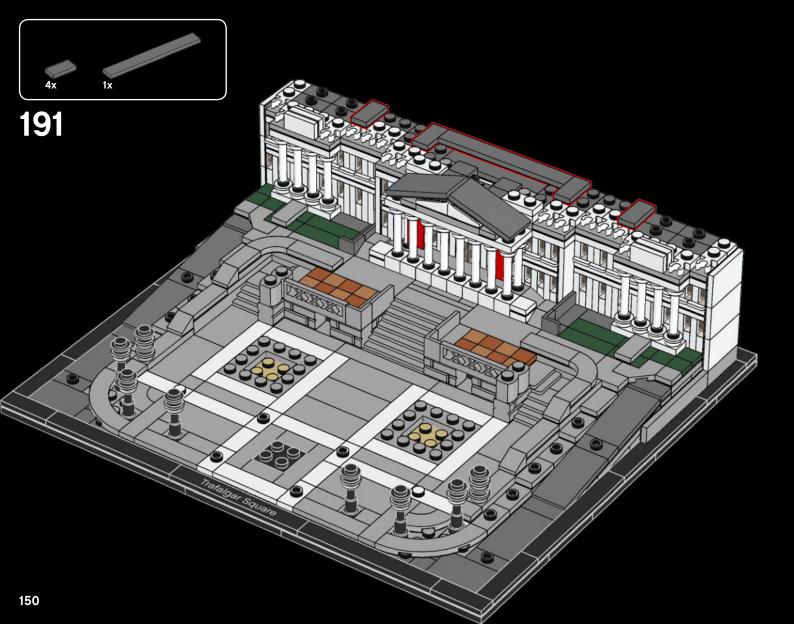


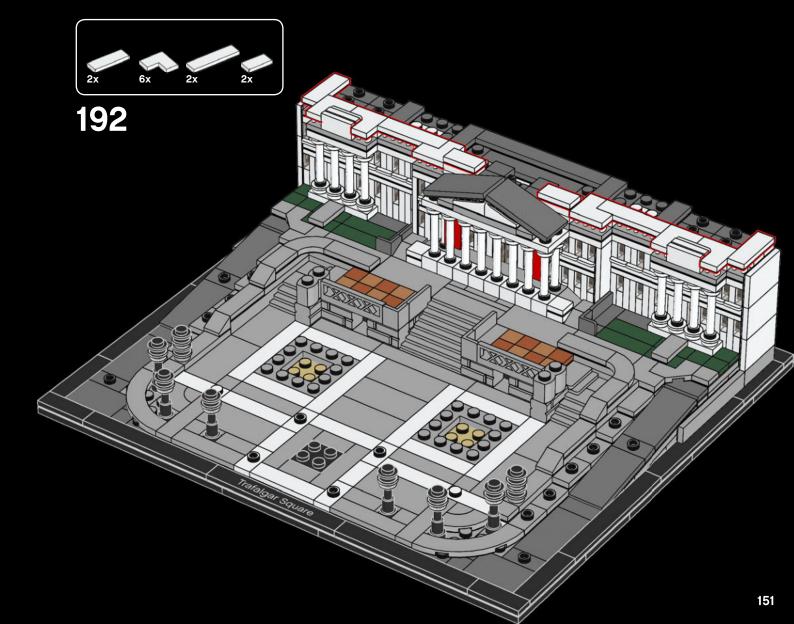


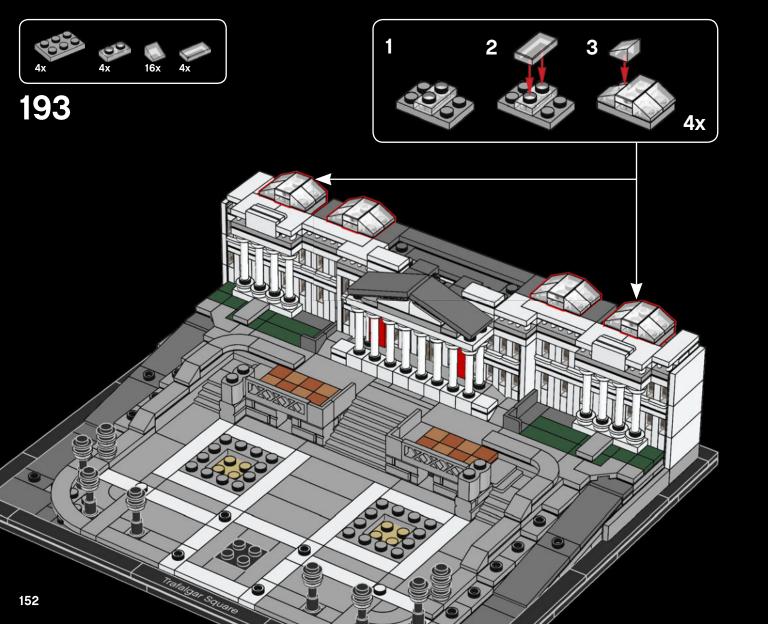


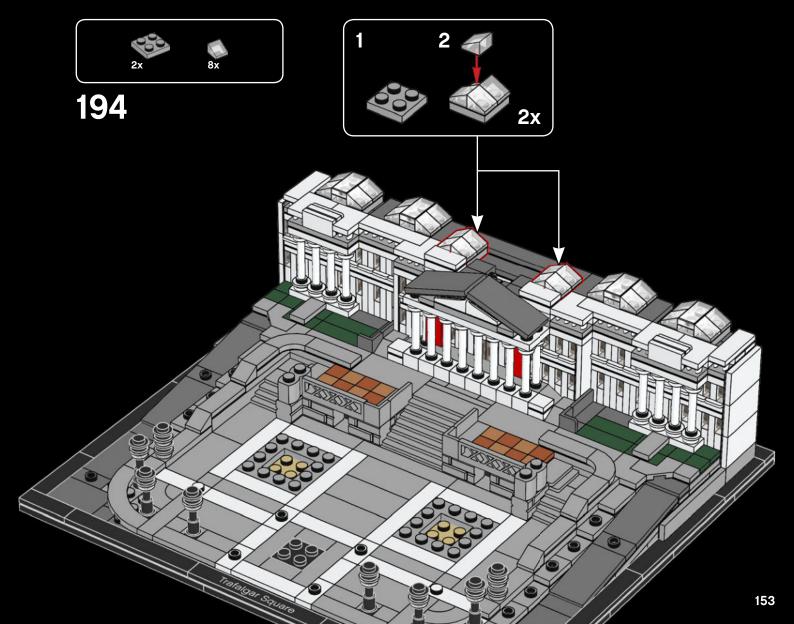




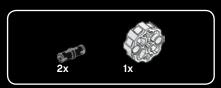


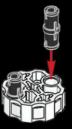










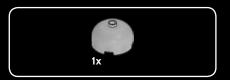






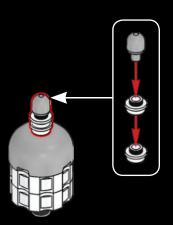




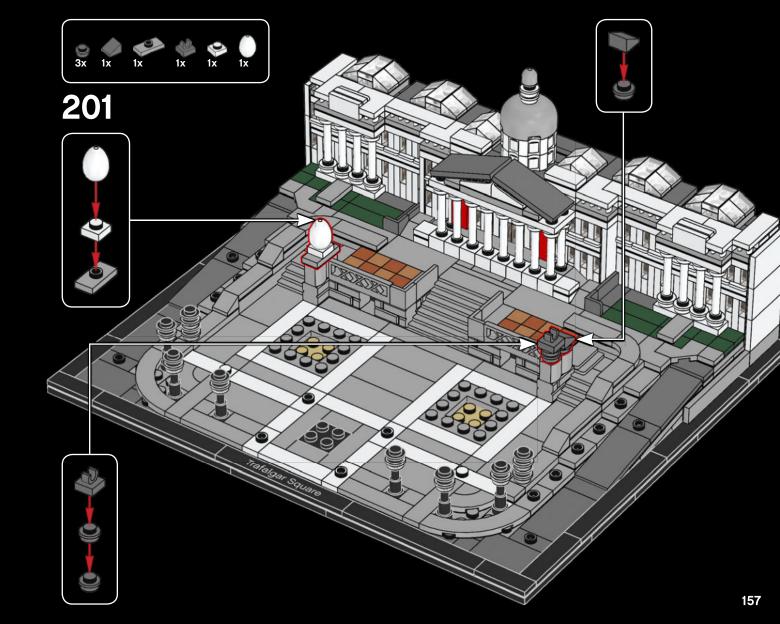




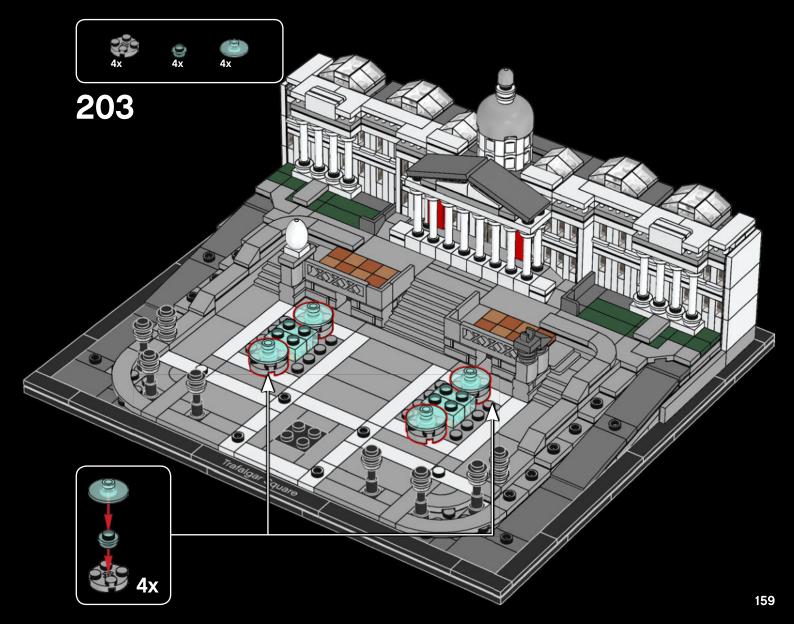


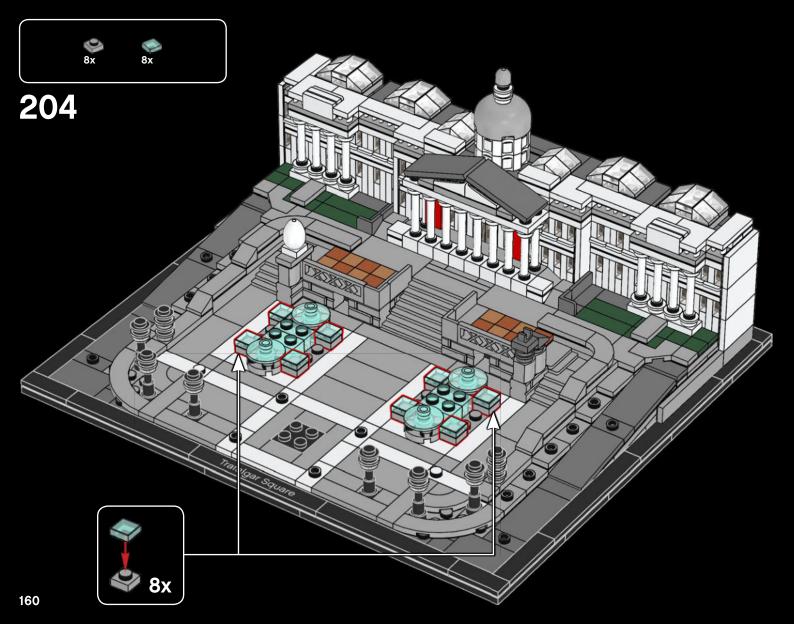






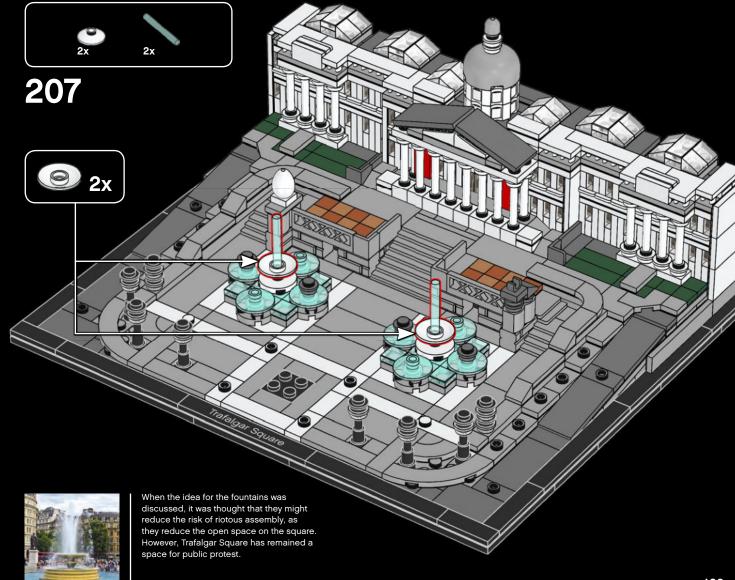






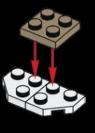




















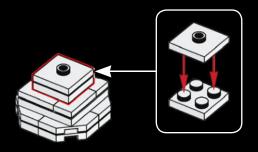




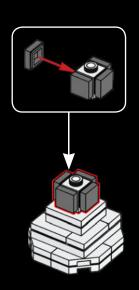


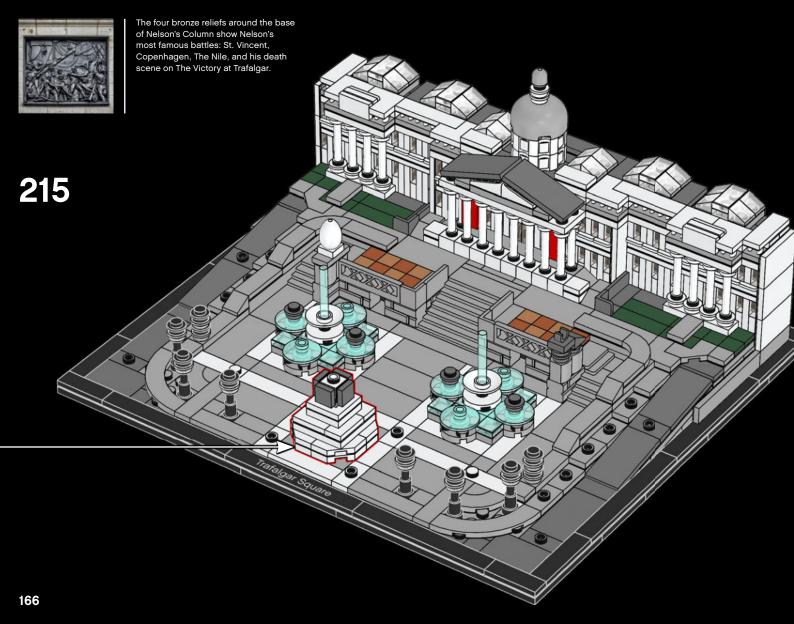






















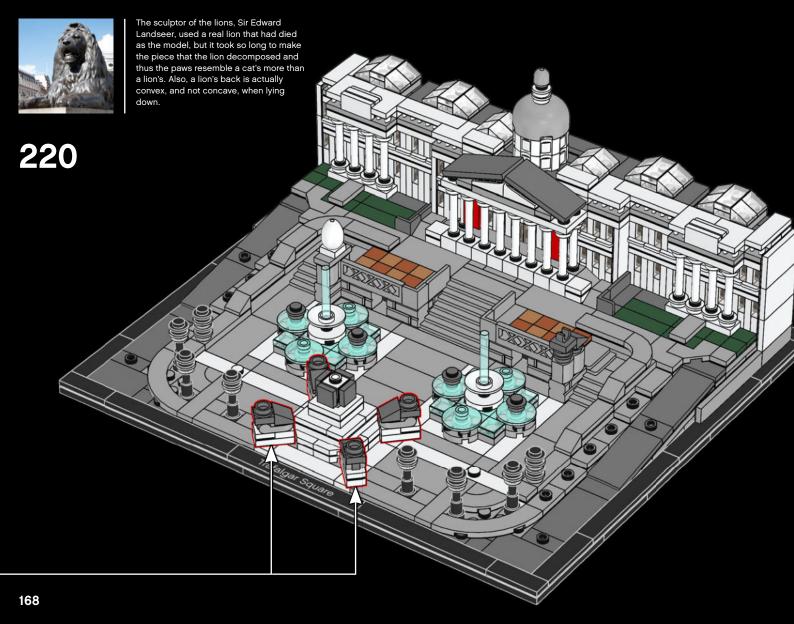








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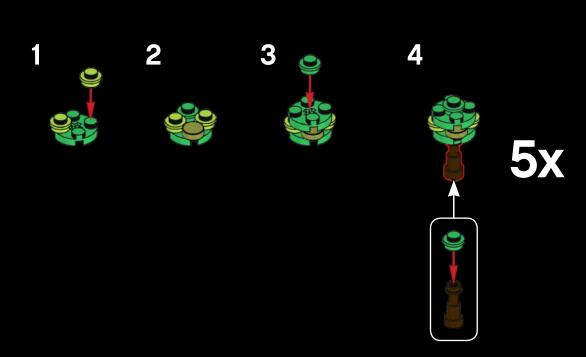


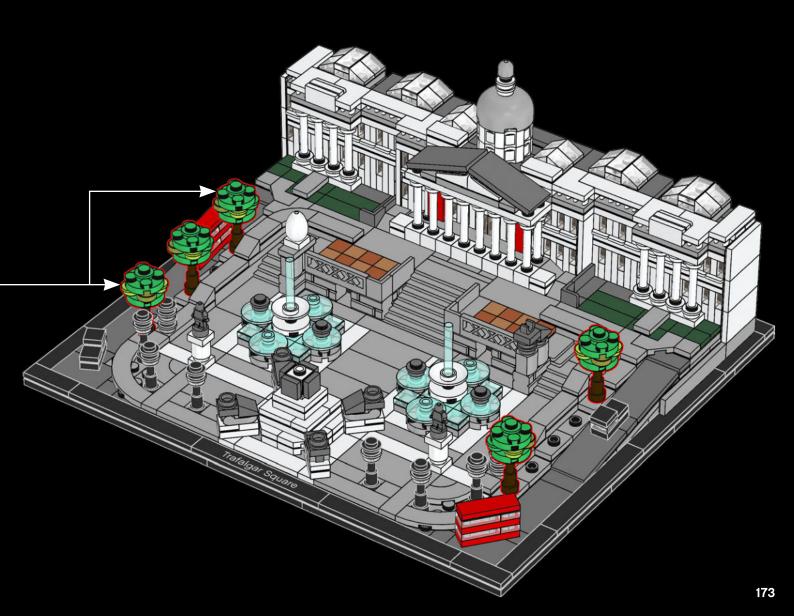


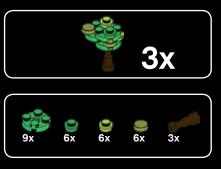


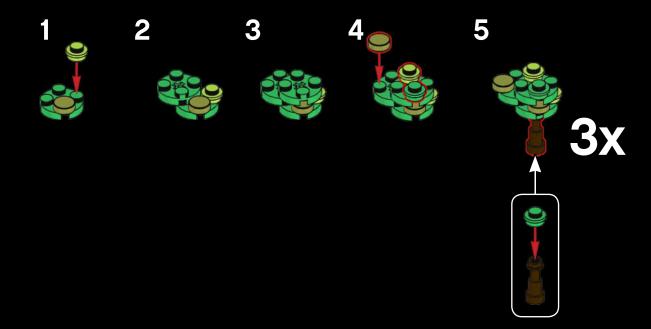




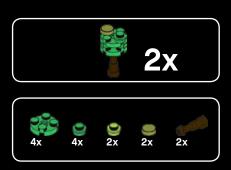


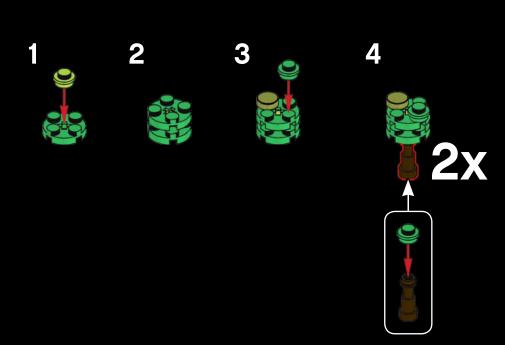




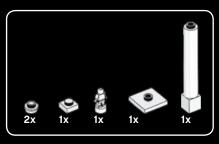


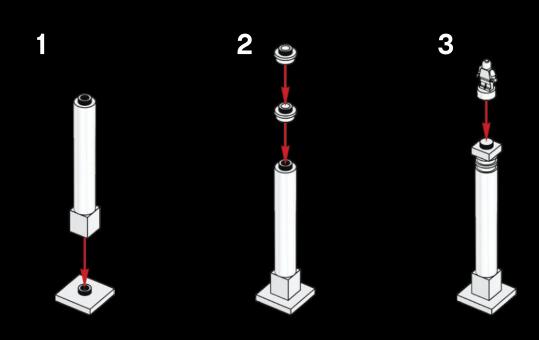
















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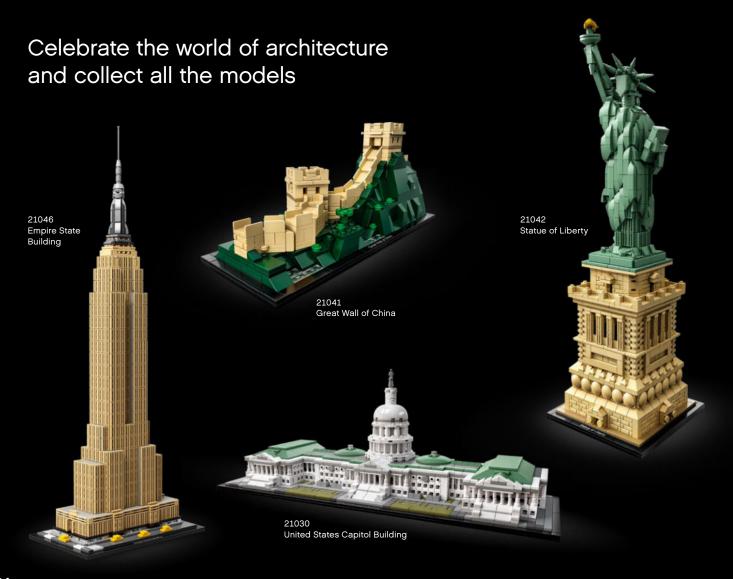
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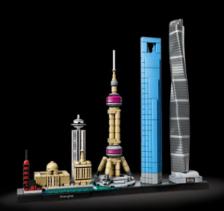








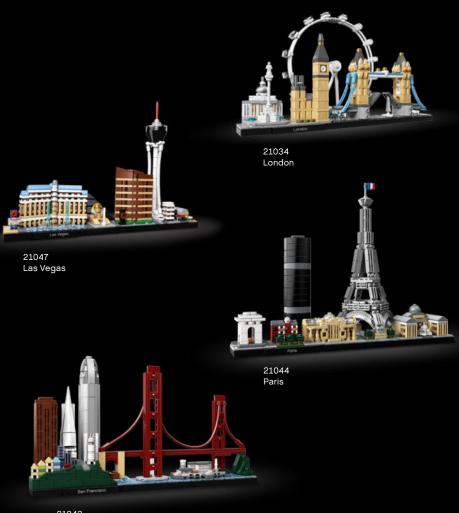




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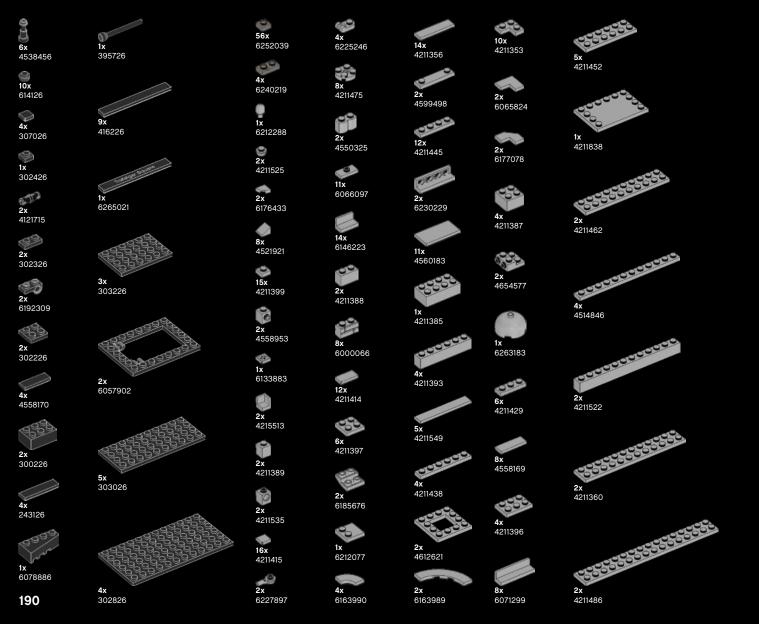
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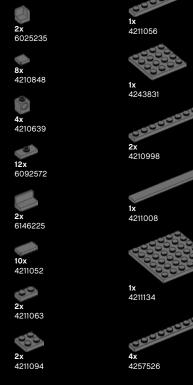






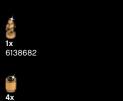






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