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#### El Triceratops

El Triceratops existió hace 70 millones de años, a finales de la era de los dinosaurios. Fue uno de los últimos dinosaurios gigantes. El Triceratops medía aproximadamente 9m de largo y pesaba aproximadamente 10 toneladas. Su nombre se define como "cara con tres cuernos".

El Triceratops tenía un cuerno corto en la nariz y uno largo encima de cada ojo. Los cuernos ya de por sí daban pánico. Poseía también un enorme hueso laminar de 2m de longitud en forma de círculo, que se extendía desde la parte posterior de la cabeza. Este hueso laminar, conocido también como "cresta", probablemente protegía a este dinosaurio de los mordiscos de otros dinosaurios carnívoros.

Esta "cresta", probablemente también servía para que los pequeños Triceratops pudieran buscar e identificar a sus madres. El Triceratops macho podría haber usado su cresta para atraer a la hembra o para ahuyentar a otros Triceratops de su hembra o de su territorio.

Existe un gran número de fósiles de Triceratops bien conservados, esto es debido a la gran cantidad de manadas que habitaron a todo lo largo del Oeste de América del Norte. Se cree que estos dinosaurios peleaban entre ellos trabando sus cuernos y empujándose; pero a pesar de su tamaño eran veloces. Gracias a sus temibles cuernos, probablemente fueron grandes adversarios de los Tyrannosaurus Rex.

#### Il triceratopo

Il triceratopo abitava la terra all'incirca 70 milioni di anni fa, proprio al tempo in cui l'era dei dinosauri si avviava alla fine. Il triceratopo è uno degli ultimi dinosauri giganti: era lungo quasi 9 metri e pesava circa 10 tonnellate. Il suo nome significa "faccia tricorne".

Il triceratopo aveva un corno corto sul naso e un corno lungo sopra ciascun occhio. Le sole corna bastavano a dargli un aspetto terrificante. Oltre a ciò era pure dotato di un'enorme piastra ossea circolare, lunga 2 metri, che si apriva sul retro della testa, verso l'alto. Questa piastra ossea è detta cresta e con ogni probabilità serviva a proteggere il triceratopo dalle mandibole dei dinosauri carnivori.

È inoltre possibile che la cresta servisse anche come mezzo di segnalazione e questo era forse il modo in cui i cuccioli riconoscevano la madre. Può anche darsi che il maschio usasse la cresta per attrarre le femmine o per intimidire un altro maschio e tenerlo così lontano dalla sua compagna o dal suo territorio.

Possediamo molti fossili in ottimo stato di conservazione perché c'erano grossi branchi di triceratopi che vivevano un po' dovunque su tutto il territorio occidentale del Nord America. Si ritiene che questi dinosauri cozzassero tra di loro intrecciando le corna e avventandosi l'uno contro l'altro. Nonostante la loro grossa mole, si muovevano velocemente. Grazie alle loro corna poderose potevano facilmente sostenere uno scontro con un tirannosauro.

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Triceratops lived 70 million years ago, at a time when the dinosaur age was coming to an end. It was one of the last of the giant dinosaurs. It was almost 9 m (30 ft) long and weighed about 10 tons. Its name means "three-horned face".

Triceratops had a short horn on its nose and a long one over each eye. The horns alone create a picture. It also had a huge circular sheet of bone (6.6 ft) long, that spread up from the back of its head. This sheet of bone is known as a frill and probably protected the Triceratops from the jaws of other dinosaurs.

The "frill" was probably also used as a signal. Triceratops could have looked for it to identify its mother. A male Triceratops might have used it to attract a mate, or to tell another male to stay away from his mate or territory.

There are a large number of well-preserved fossils, because there were large herds of them living all over Western North America. They presumably fought among themselves, locking horns and shoving against each other. Despite their size they were quick on their feet. With their powerful horns, they were probably a match for even the Tyrannosaurus Rex.

#### Triceratops

Le Triceratops vivait il y a 70 millions d'années, vers la fin de l'ère des dinosaures, et c'est l'un des derniers dinosaures géants. Il mesurait près de 9 mètres de long et pesait environ 10 tonnes. Son nom signifie « tête à trois cornes ».

Le Triceratops avait une courte corne sur le nez et une longue corne au-dessus de chaque œil. À elles seules, les cornes donnaient un aspect effrayant. En outre, il possédait une énorme plaque osseuse circulaire, longue de 2 mètres prenant naissance à l'arrière de sa tête. Cette plaque, une sorte de colerette, le protégeait probablement des mâchoires des carnivores.

Cette « colerette » servait aussi probablement à signaler. Les bébés Triceratops pouvaient la chercher pour identifier leur mère. Un mâle pouvait l'utiliser pour attirer sa compagne ou pour dire à un autre mâle de se tenir à l'écart de celle-ci ou de son territoire.

On a retrouvé un grand nombre de fossiles bien conservés, parce qu'il y avait de grandes troupes de ce dinosaure vivant dans l'ouest de l'Amérique du Nord. On pense que les Triceratops se battaient entre eux en se bousculant, croisant les cornes et se déplaçant rapidement. Avec leurs cornes puissantes, ils étaient probablement capables d'affronter même le Tyrannosaurus Rex.

#### Triceratops

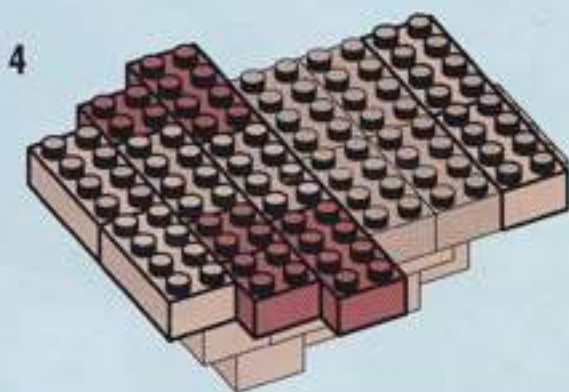
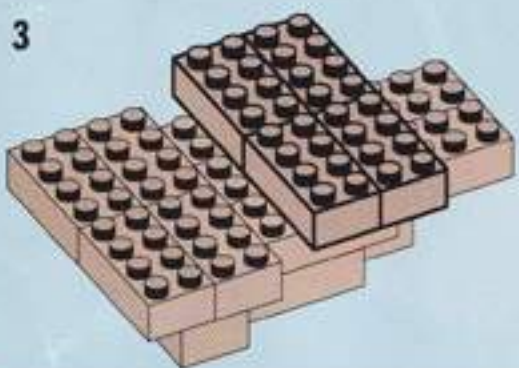
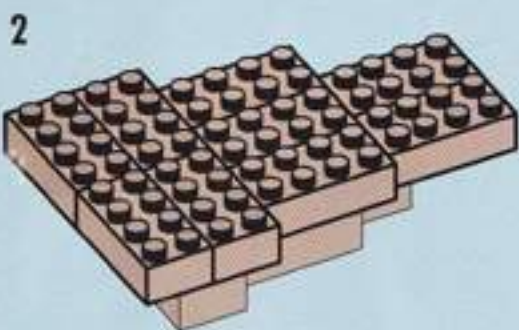
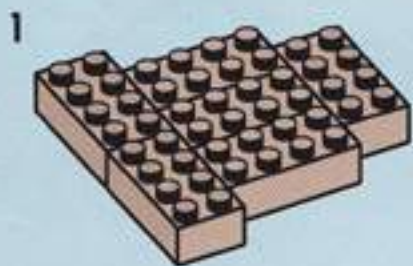
Der Triceratops lebte vor ungefähr 70 Millionen Jahren, als das Zeitalter der Dinosaurier zu Ende ging. Er war einer der letzten Riesendinosaurier. Der Triceratops erreichte eine Länge von fast 9 m und wog 10 Tonnen. Sein Name bedeutet "Gesicht mit drei Hörnern".

Der Triceratops hatte ein kurzes Horn auf der Nase und ein langes Horn über jedem Auge. Die Hörner erzeugten ein furchterregendes Bild. Er war außerdem mit einer riesigen, runden, 2 m großen Knochenplatte ausgestattet, die von der Rückseite seines Kopfes nach hinten ausging. Diese Knochenplatte ist als Krage bekannt und diente vermutlich dem Schutz dieses Dinosauriers vor dem Biß fleischfressender Dinosaurier.

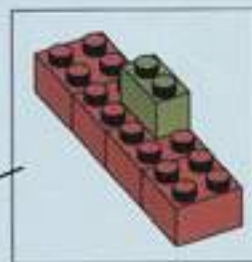
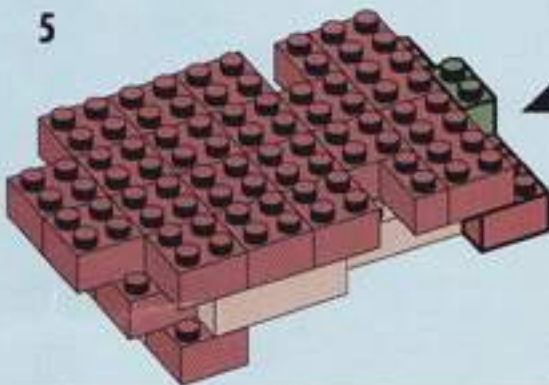
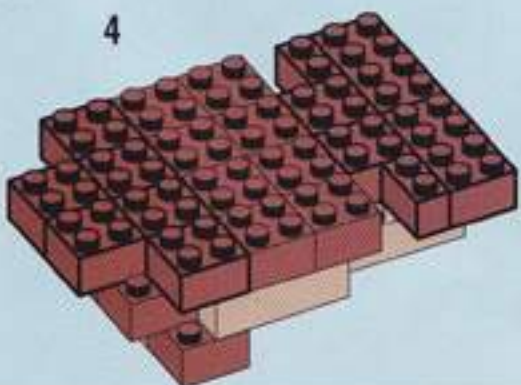
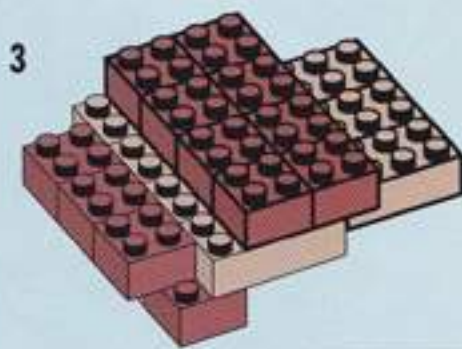
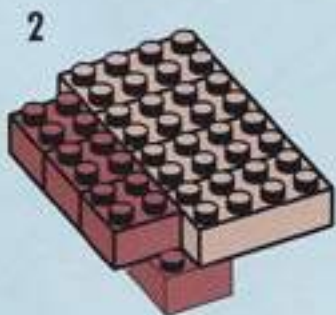
Der "Kragen" wurde wahrscheinlich auch zur Verständigung benutzt. Triceratops-Babys konnten vielleicht danach Ausschau gehalten, um ihre Mütter zu finden. Ein Triceratops-Männchen könnte seine Krage benutzen, um ein Weibchen auf sich aufmerksam zu machen, oder um ein anderes Männchen abzuwehren. Die Krage diente auch dem Weibchen oder seinem Territorium fernzuhalten.

Es gibt eine große Anzahl von gut erhaltenen Fossilien, weil es große Herden von Triceratops den ganzen Westen von Nordamerika bevölkerten. Vermutlich haben diese Dinosaurier untereinander gekämpft, indem sie ihre Hörner miteinander verflochten und gegenseitig raminten. Trotz ihrer massiven Größe waren sie flink in ihren Bewegungen. Wahrscheinlich konnten sie mit ihren furchterregenden Hörnern sogar ebenbürtiger Gegner für den Tyrannosaurus Rex sein.





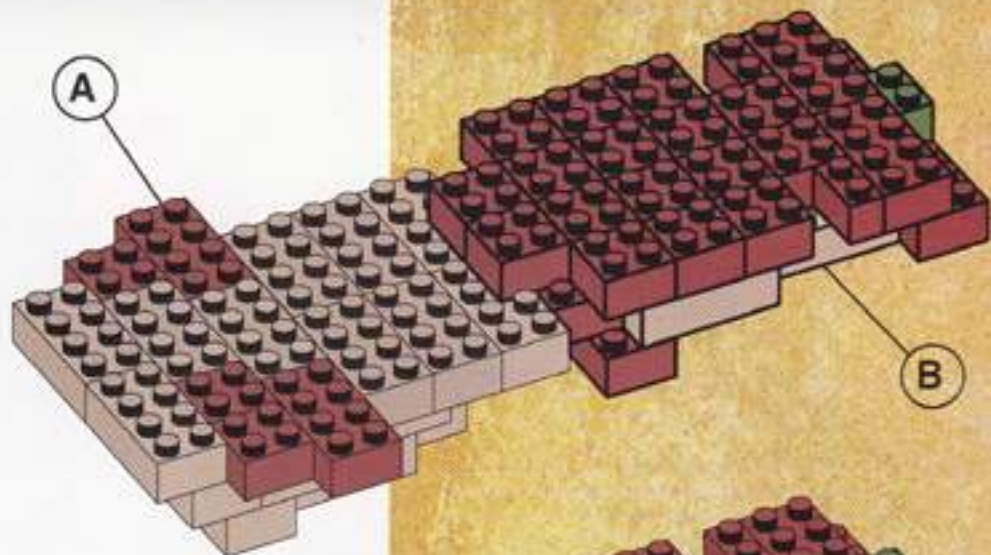
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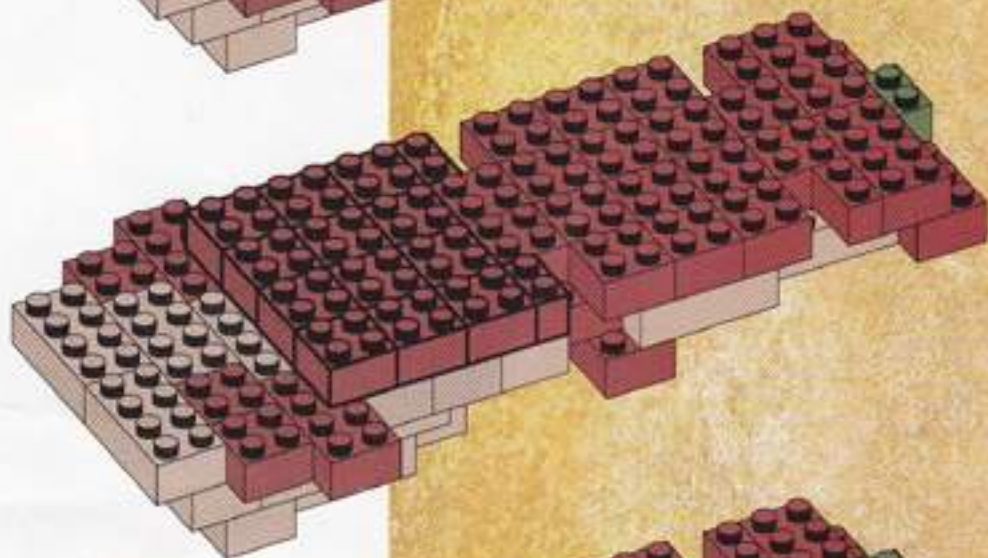
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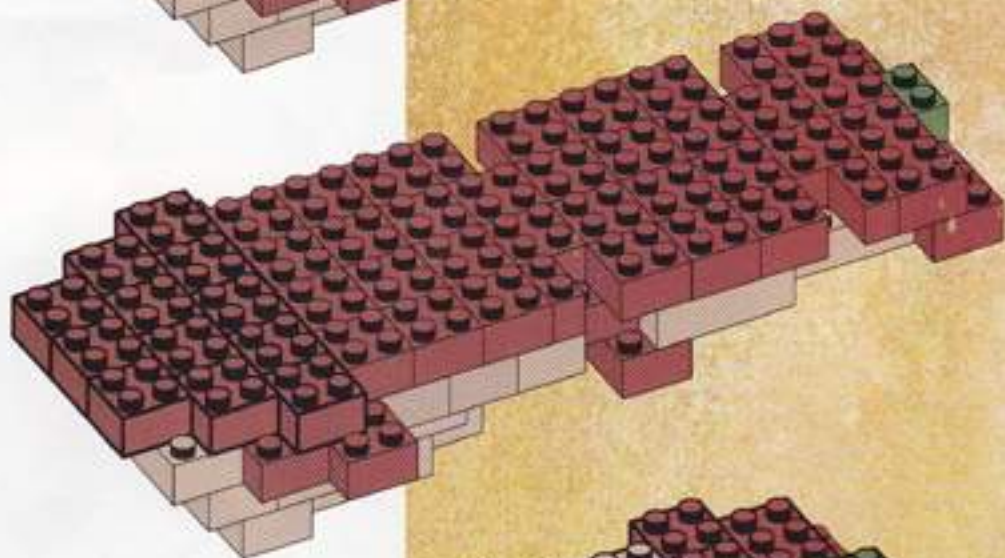
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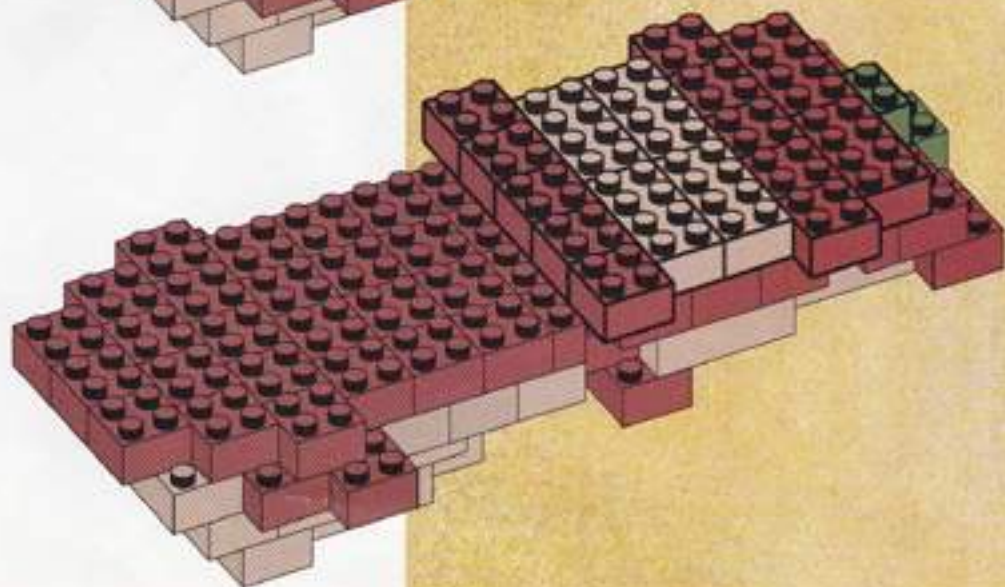
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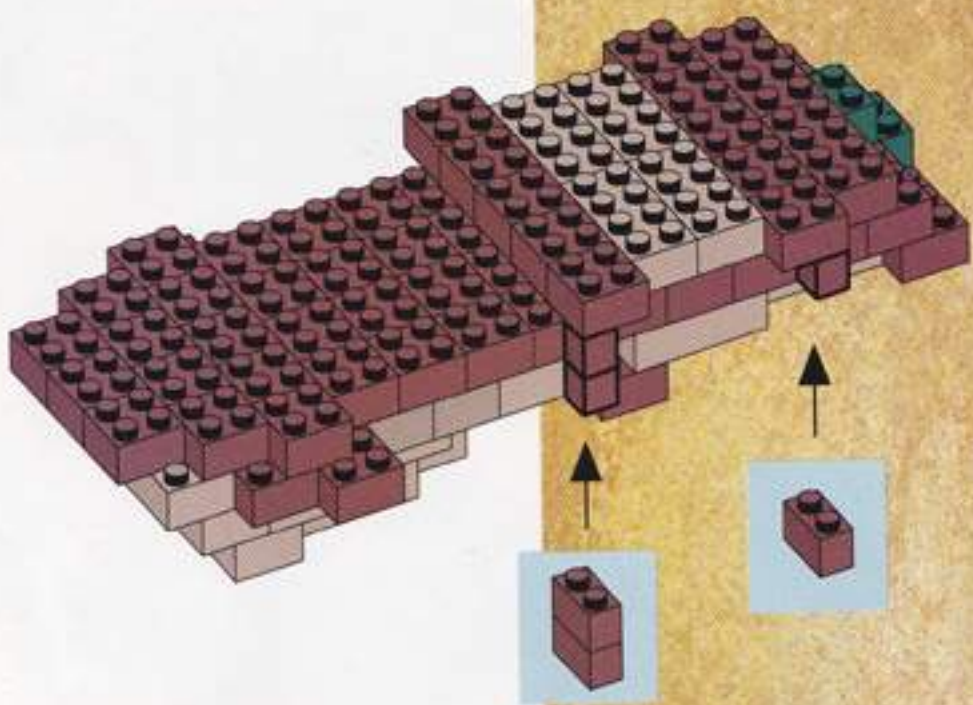


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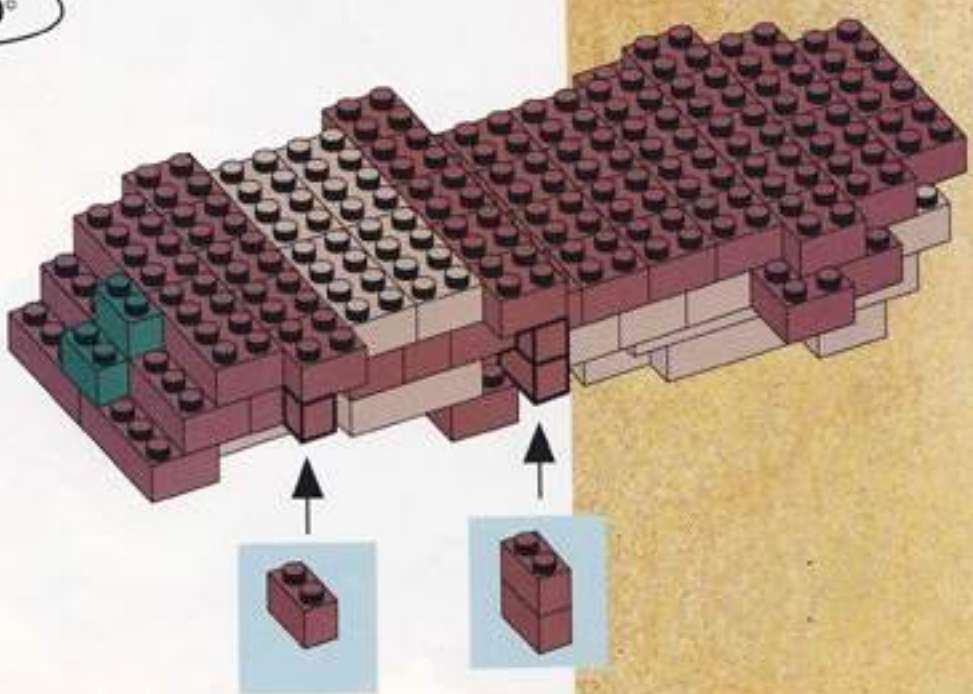




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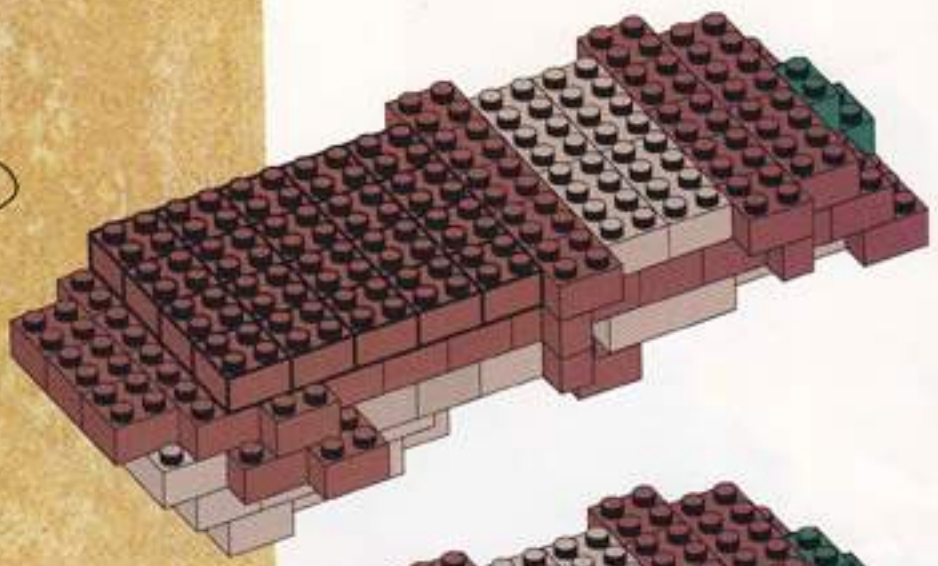
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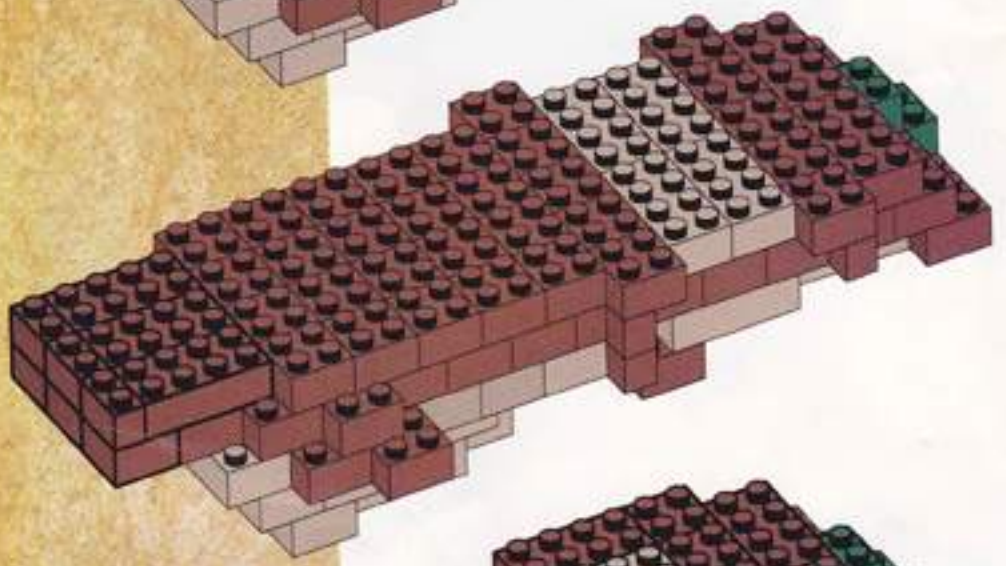


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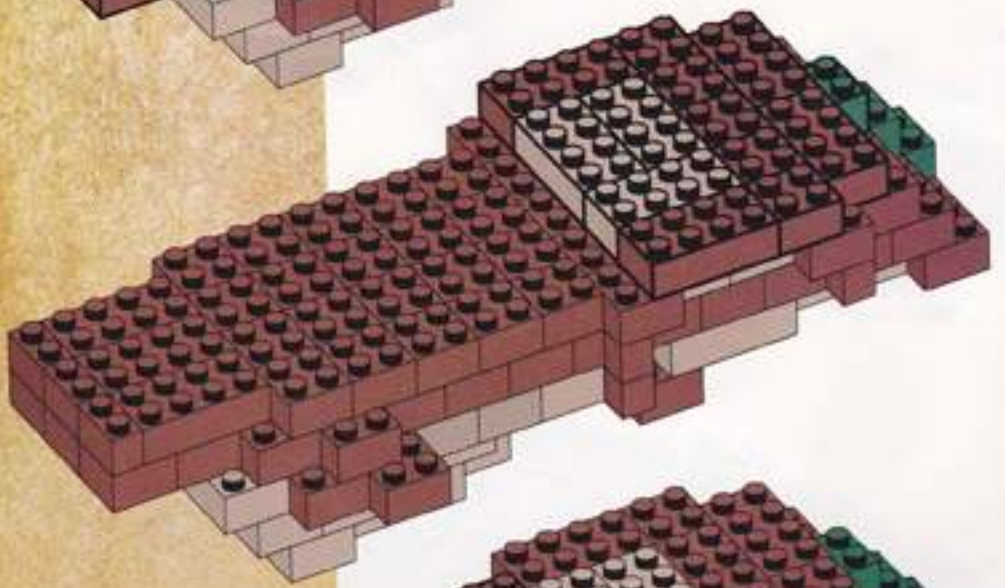
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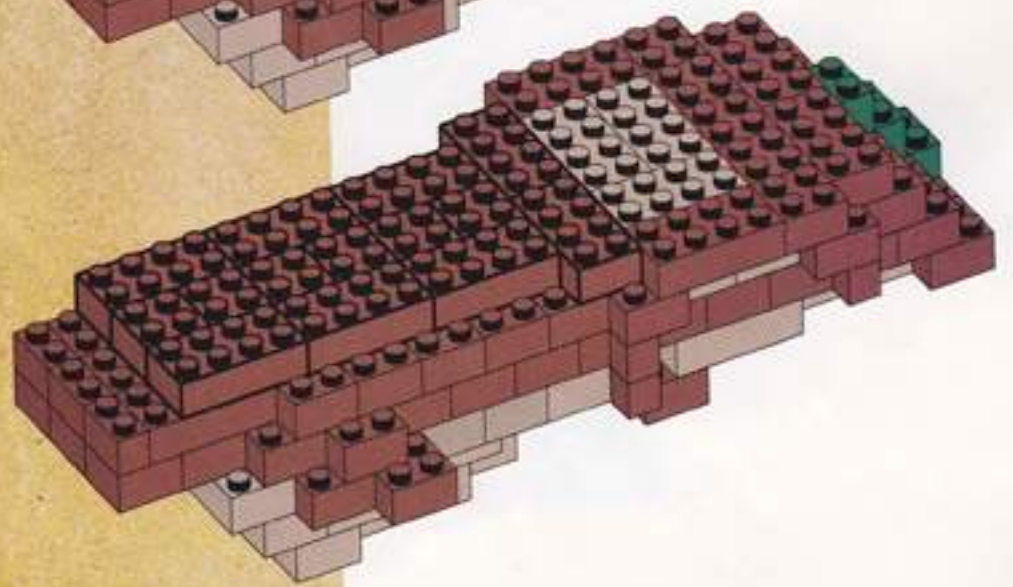
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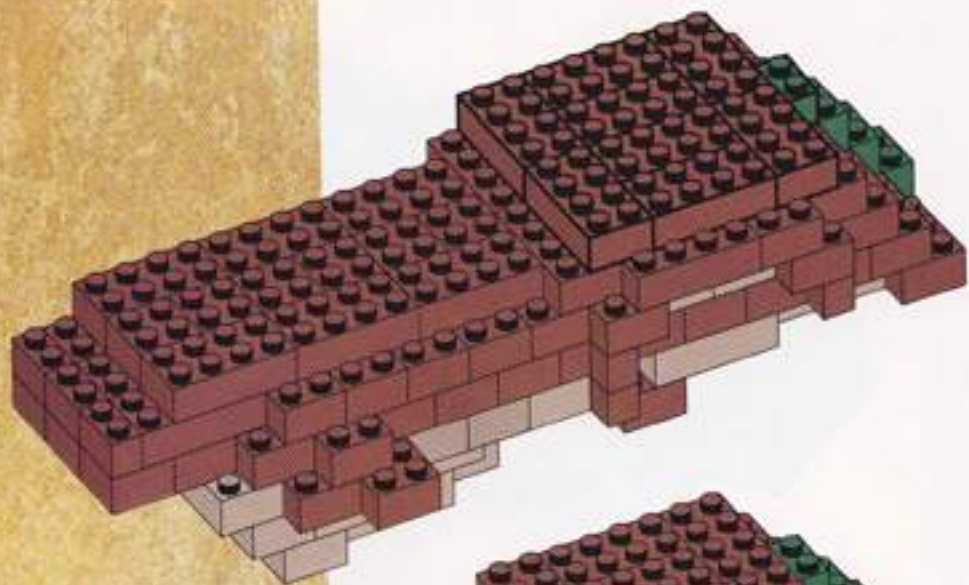


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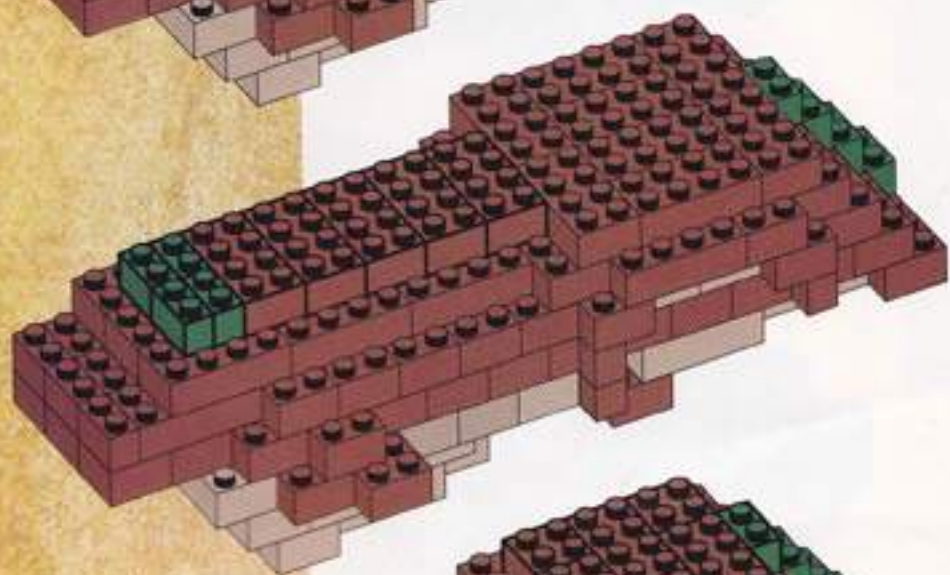




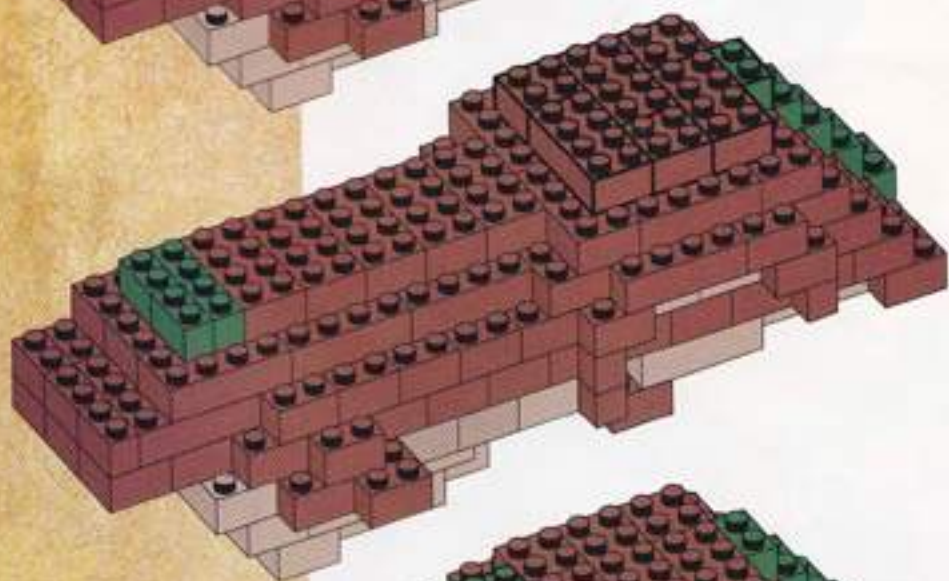
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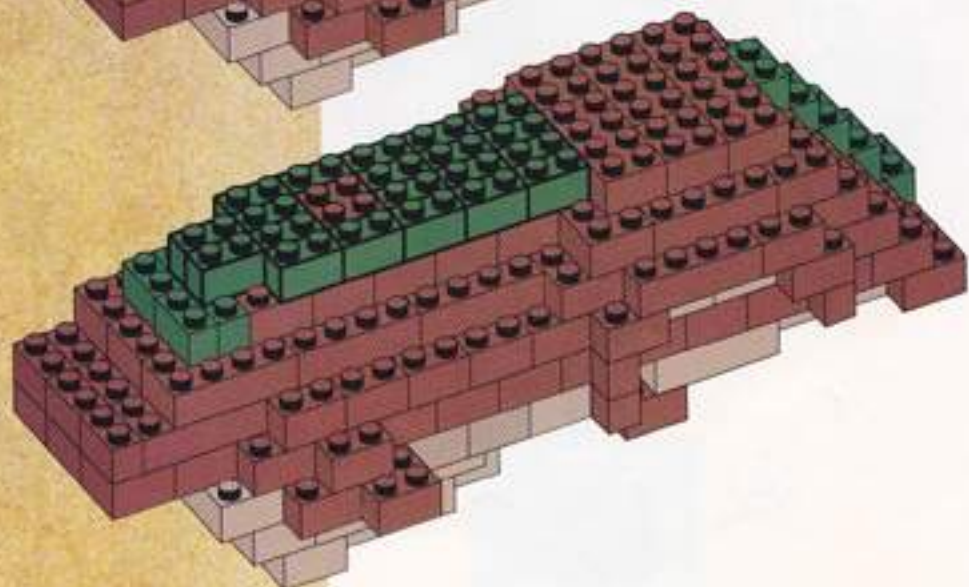
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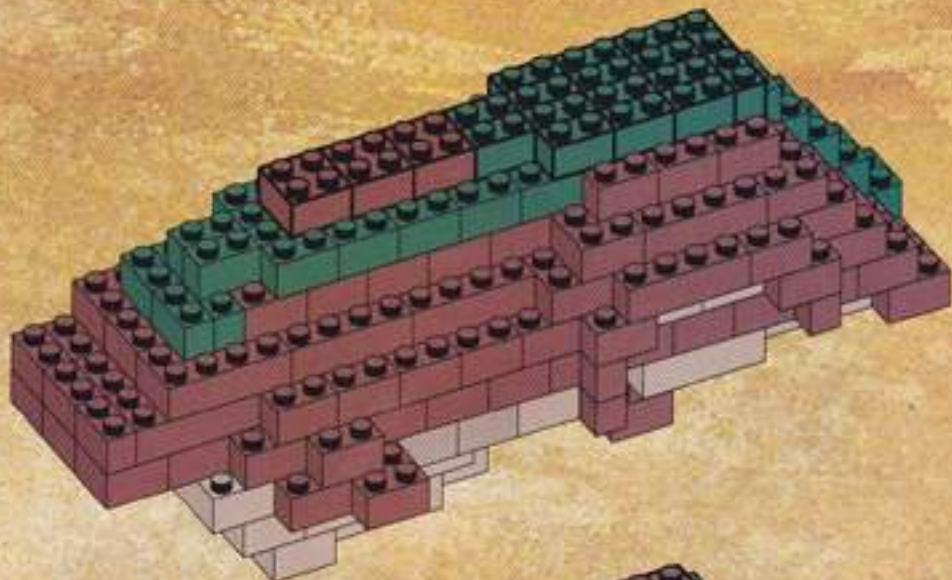


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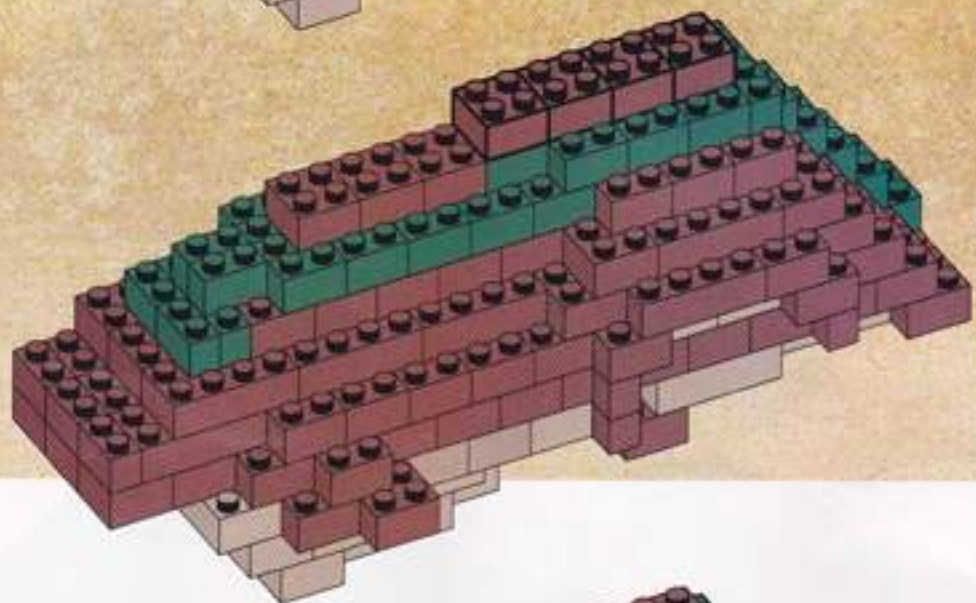




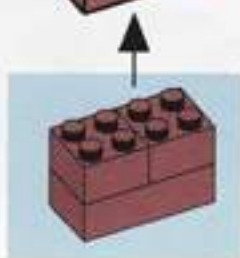
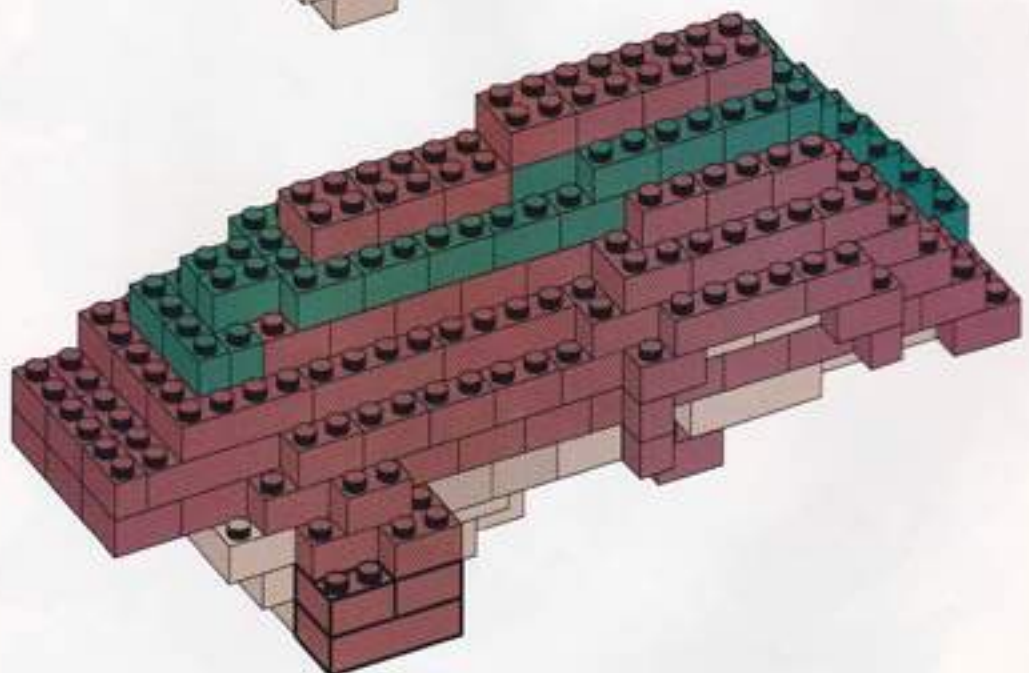
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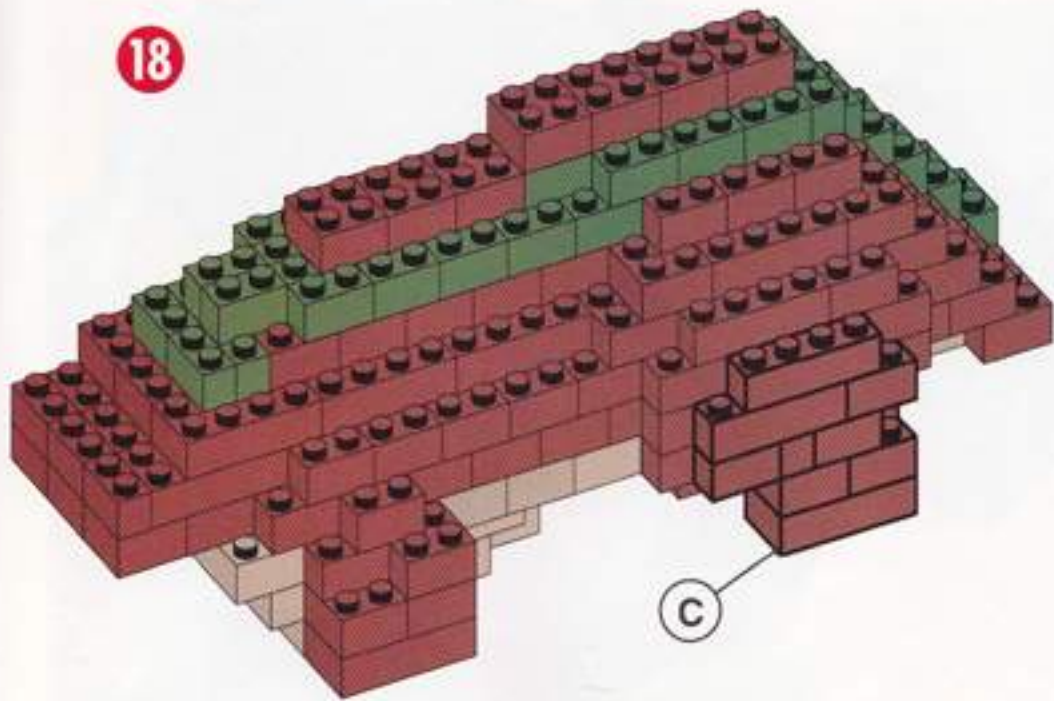


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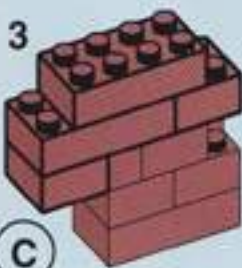
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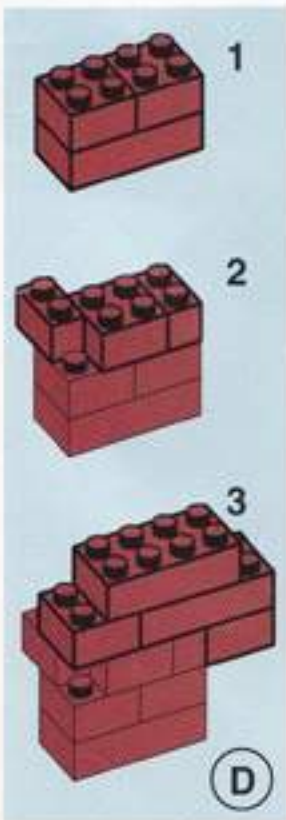


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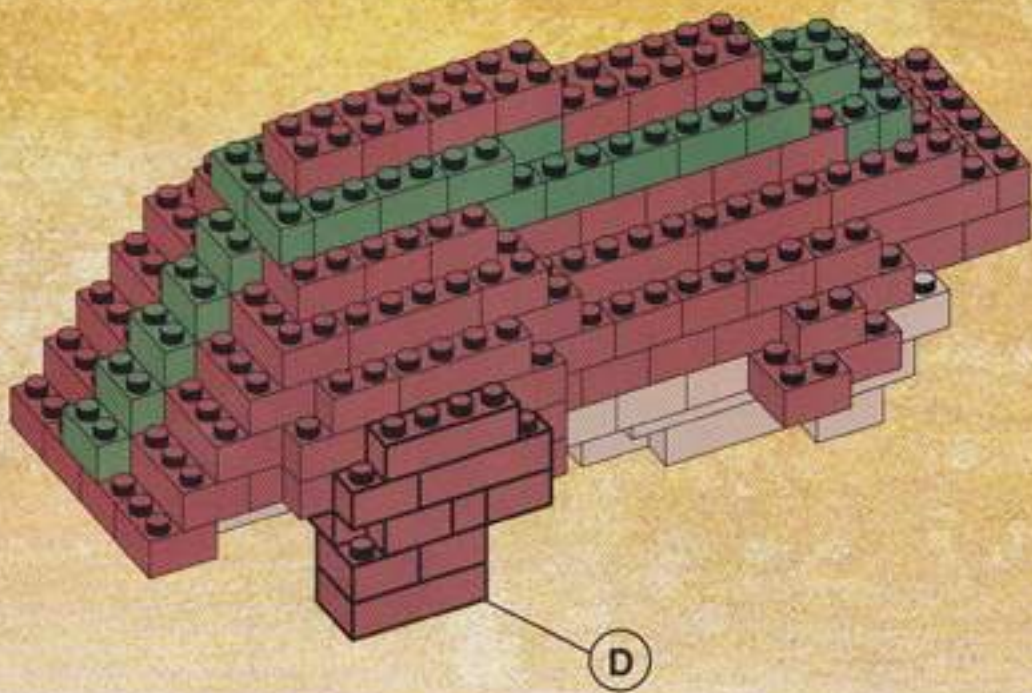
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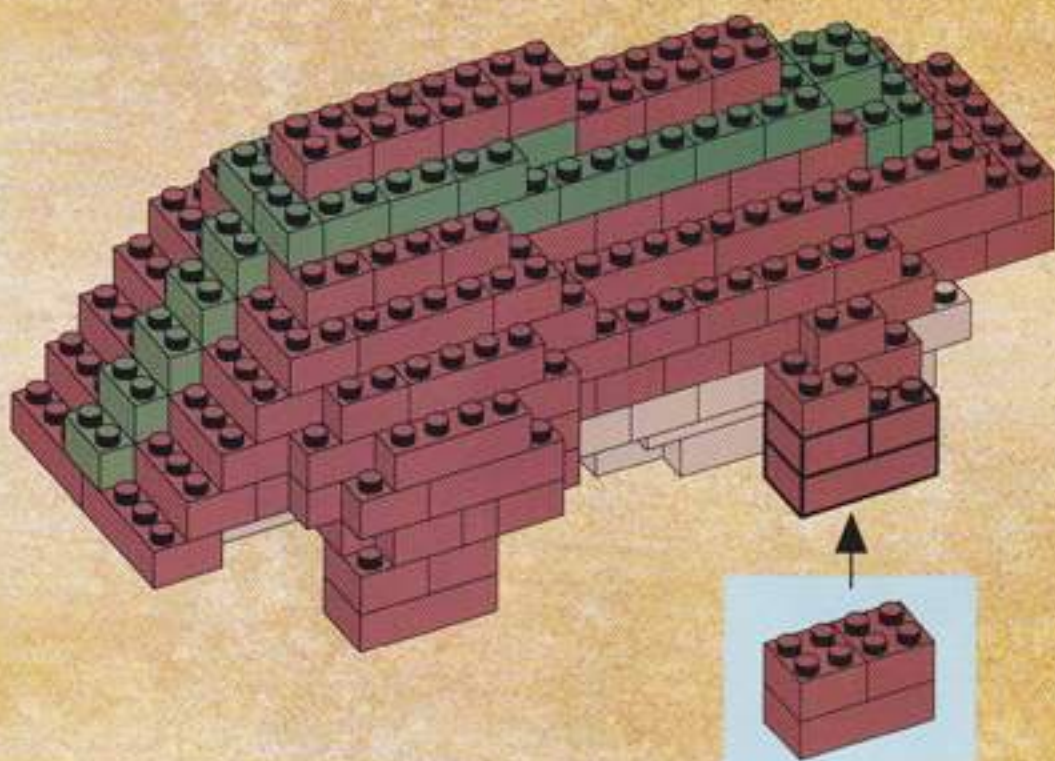
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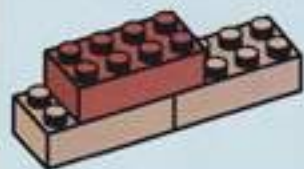
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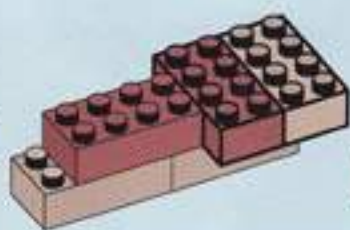
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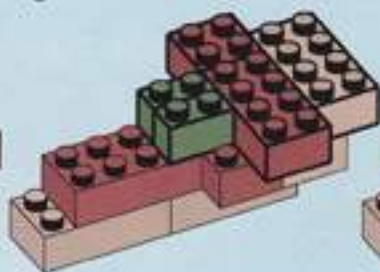
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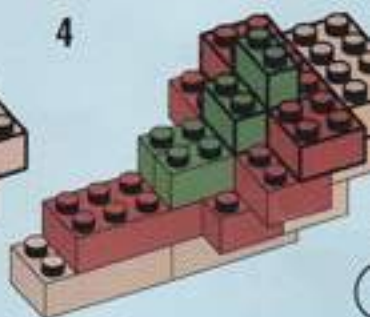
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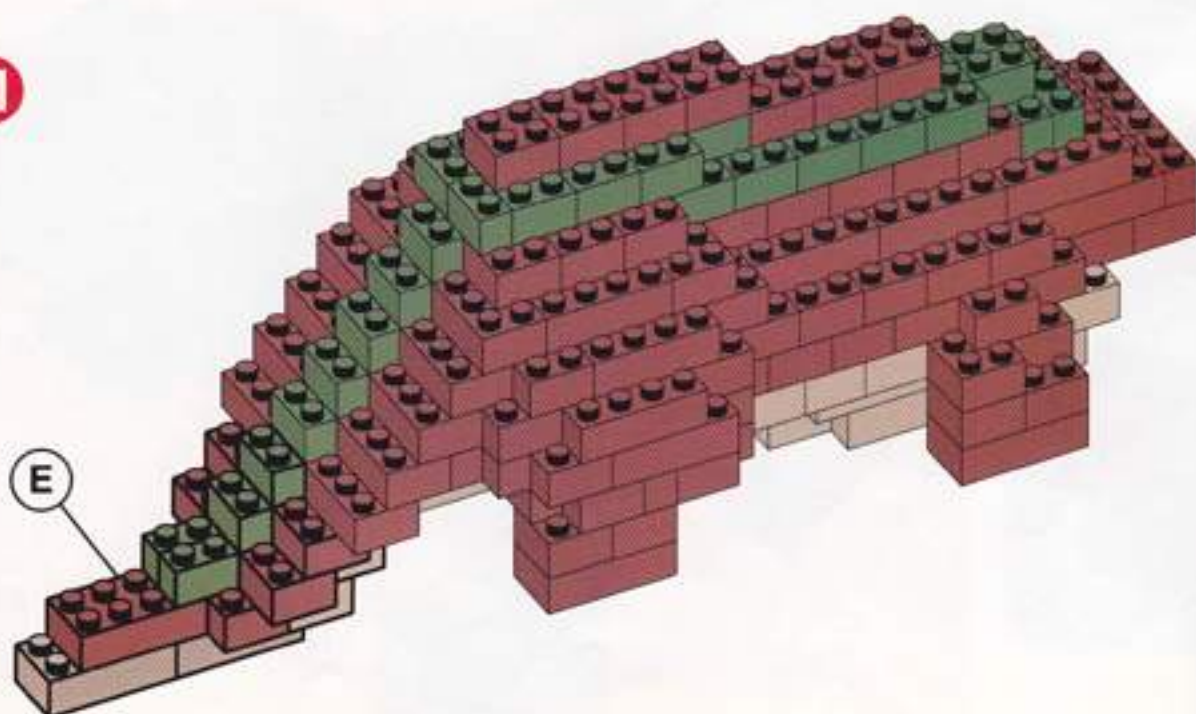
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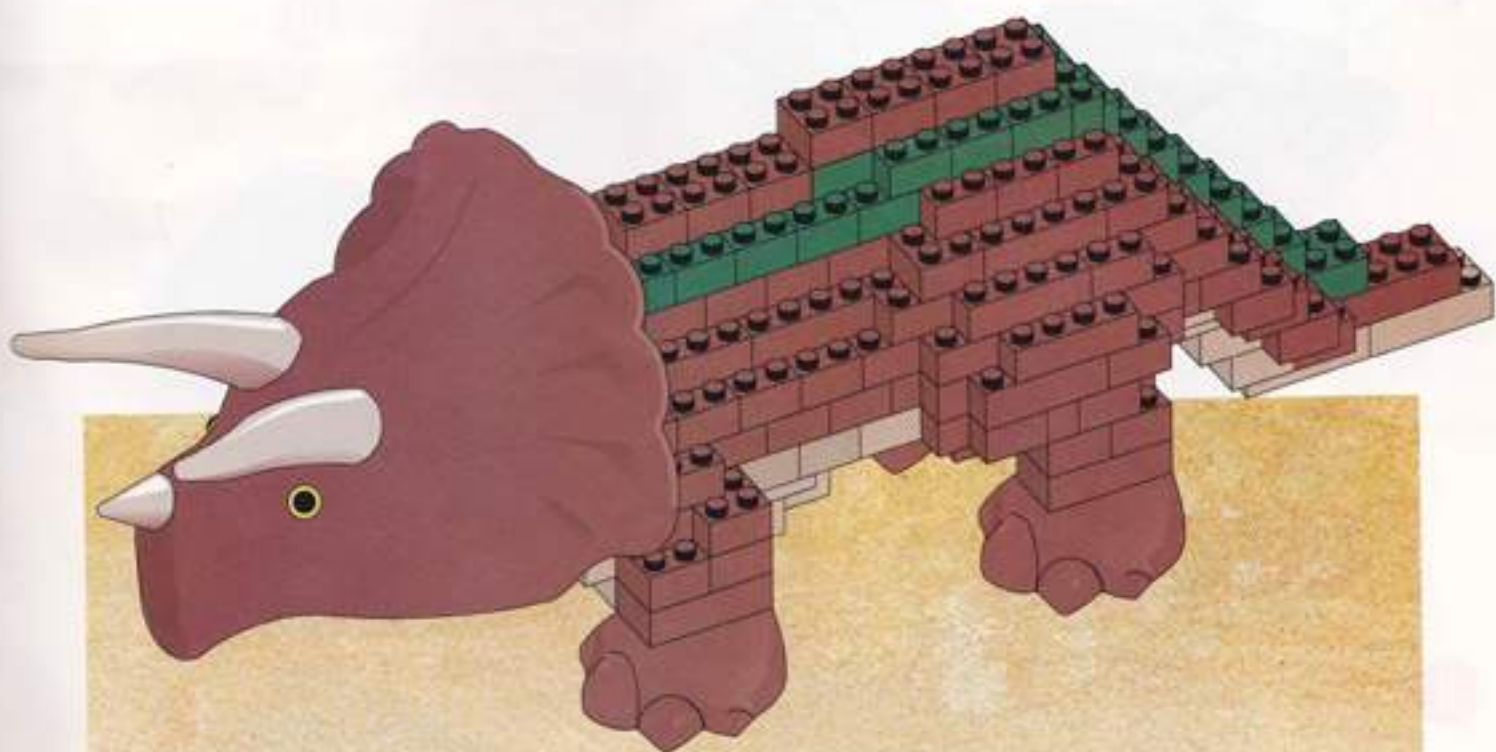
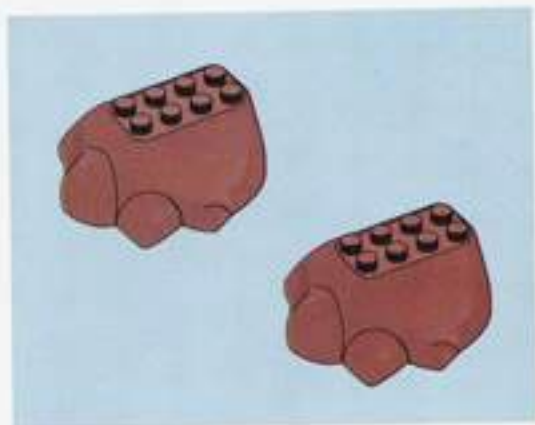
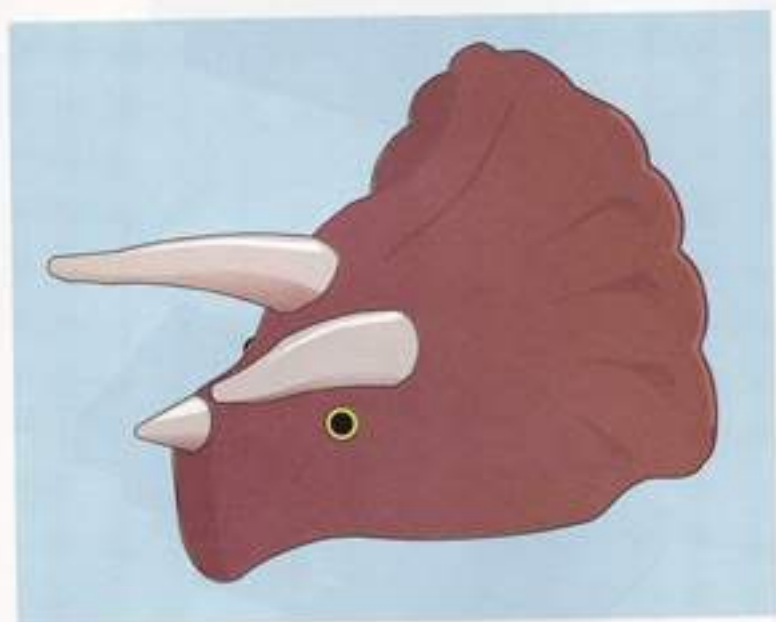
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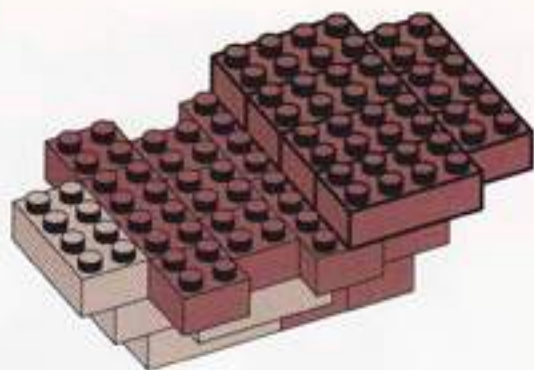


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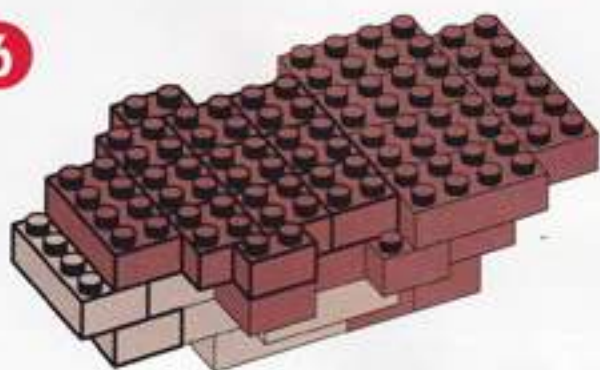




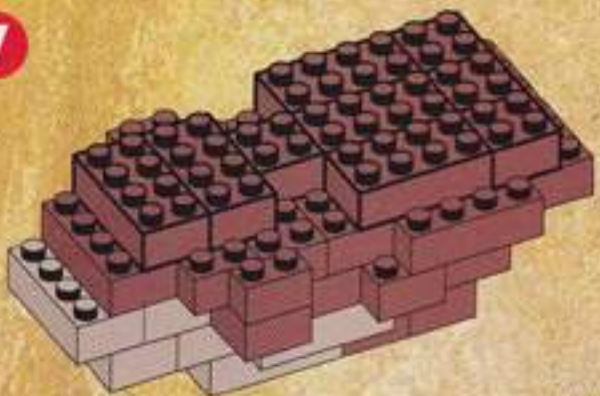
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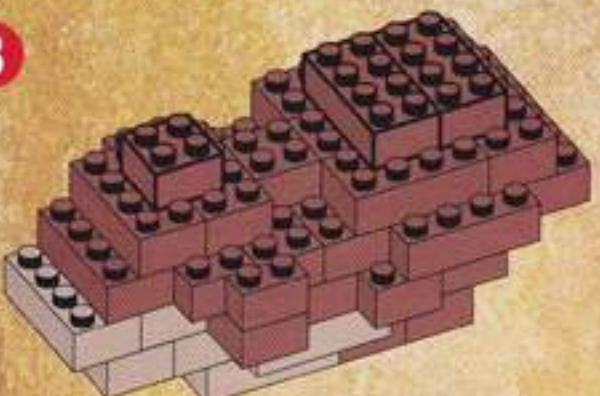
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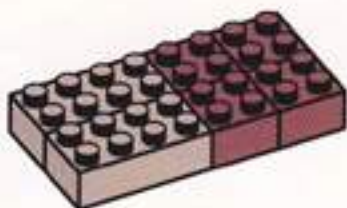
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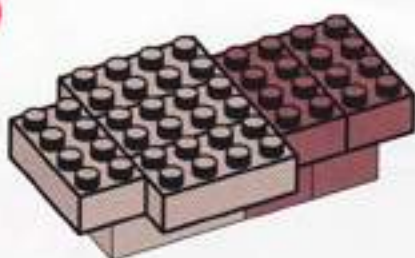
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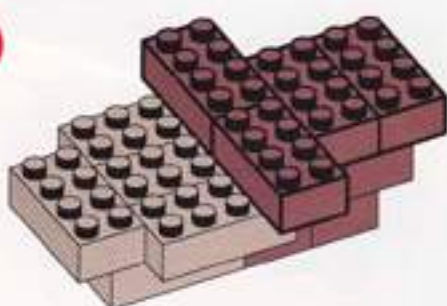
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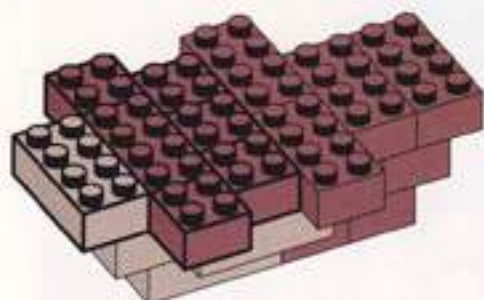
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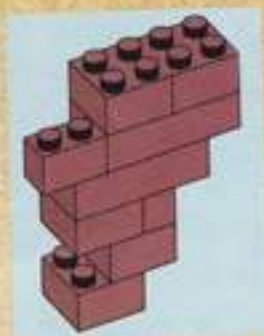
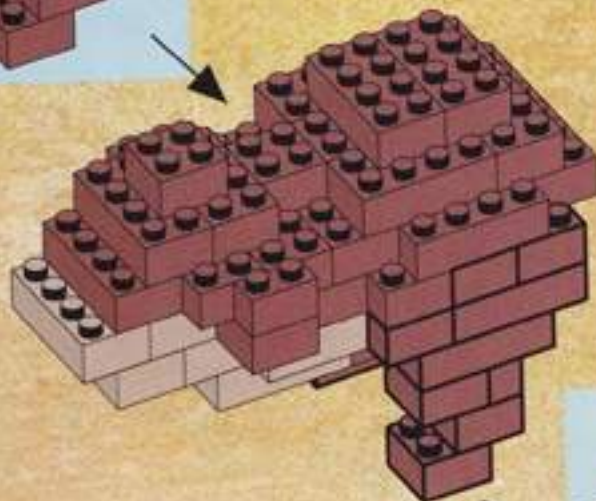


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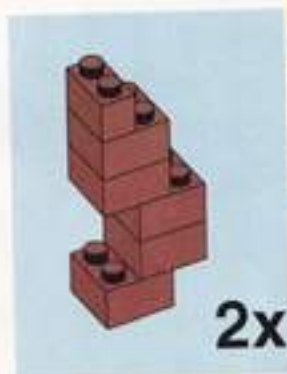
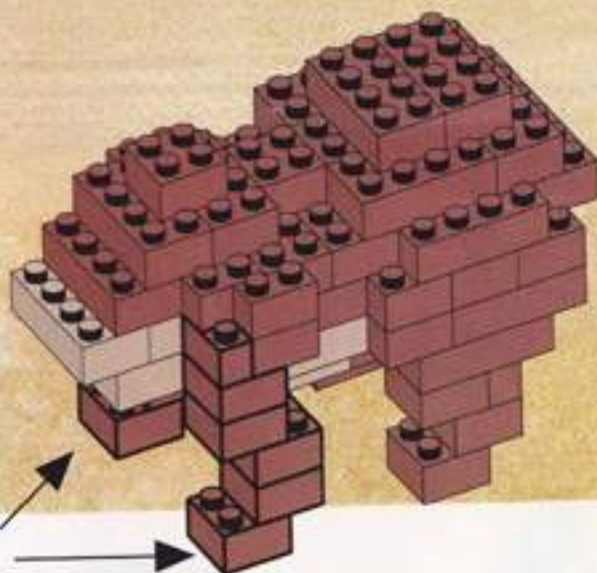




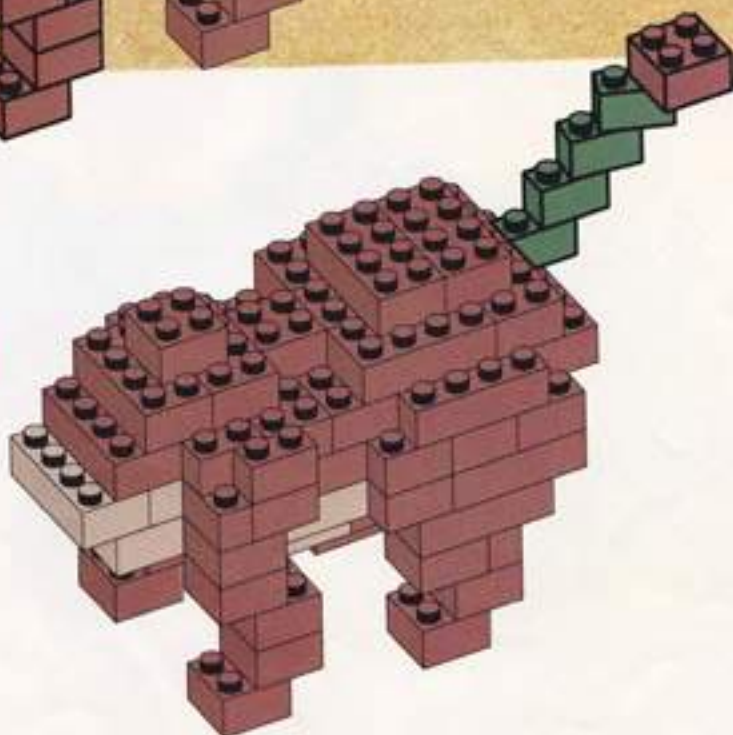
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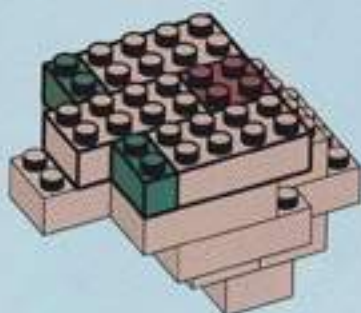
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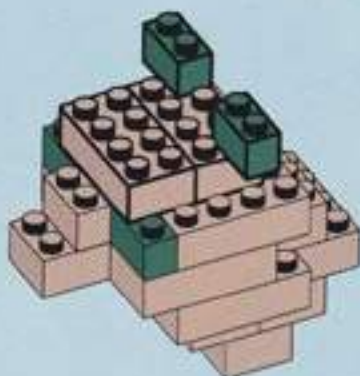
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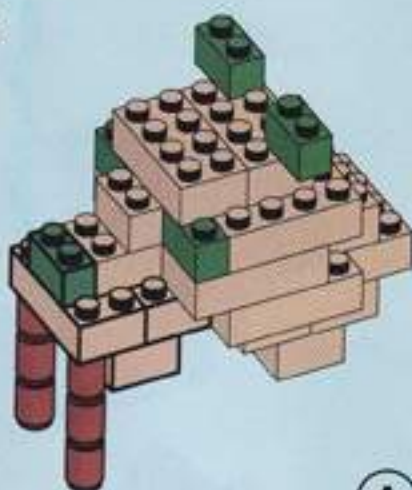
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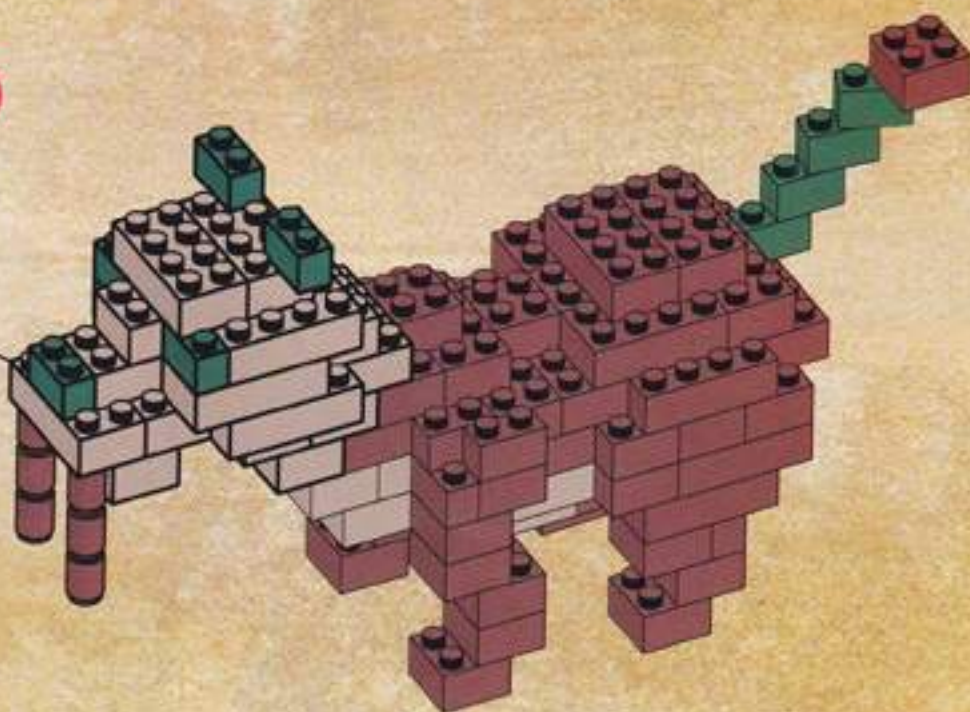
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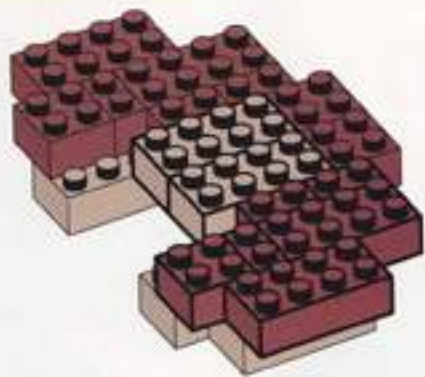
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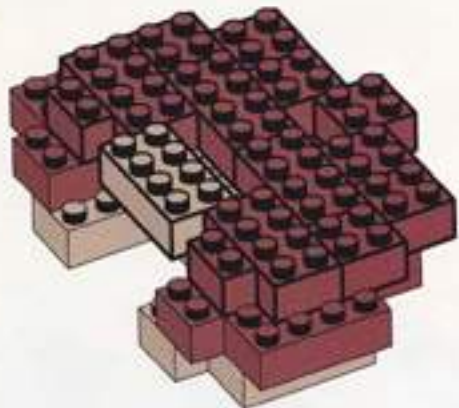




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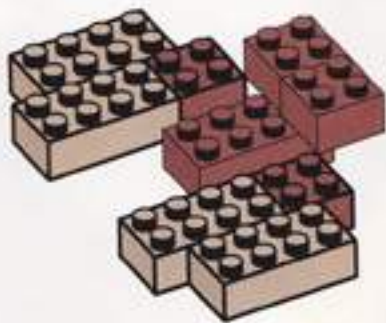
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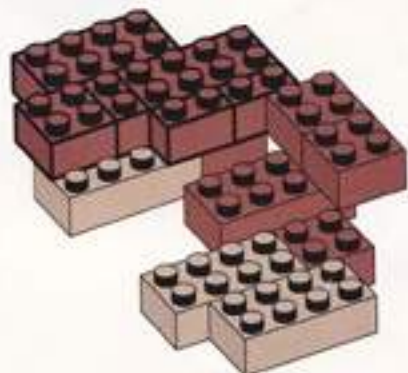
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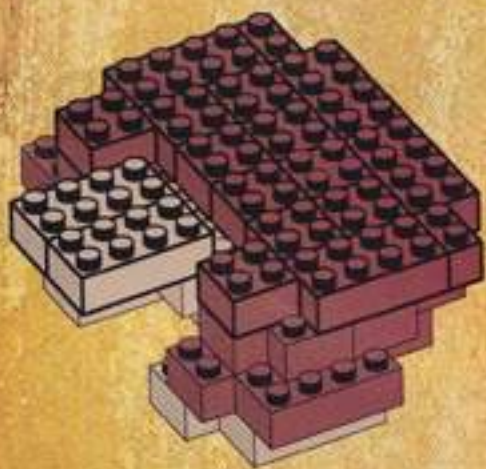
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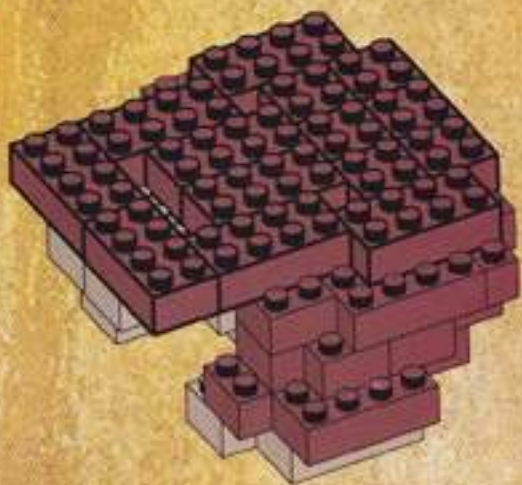
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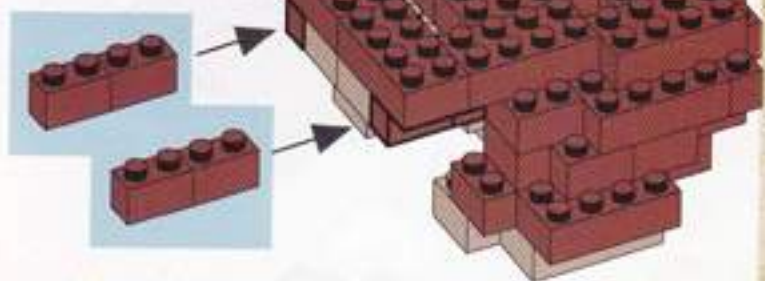


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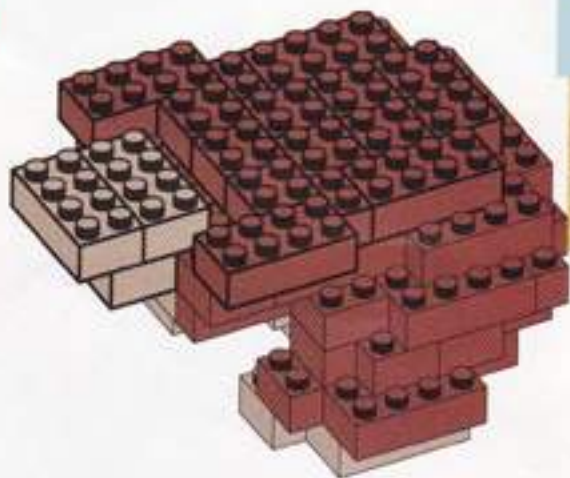




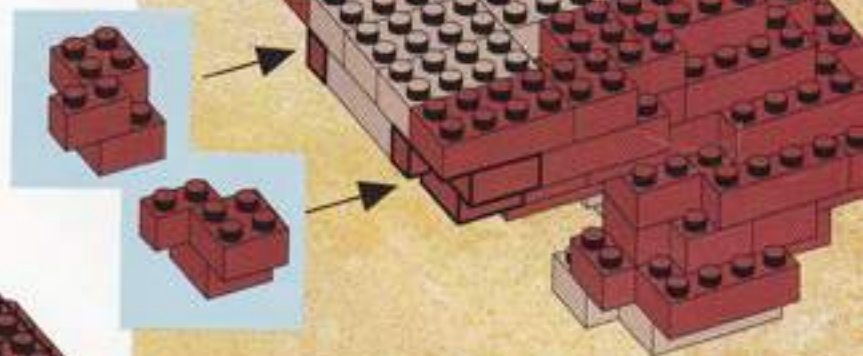
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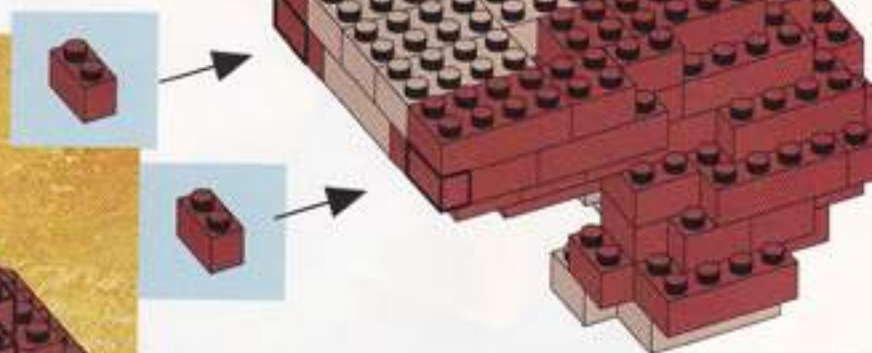
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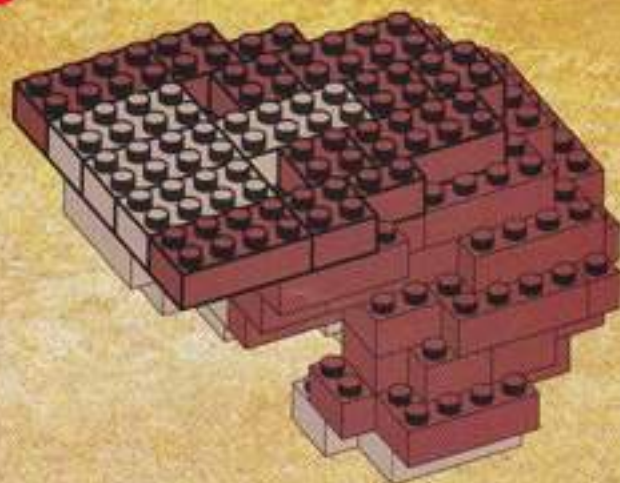
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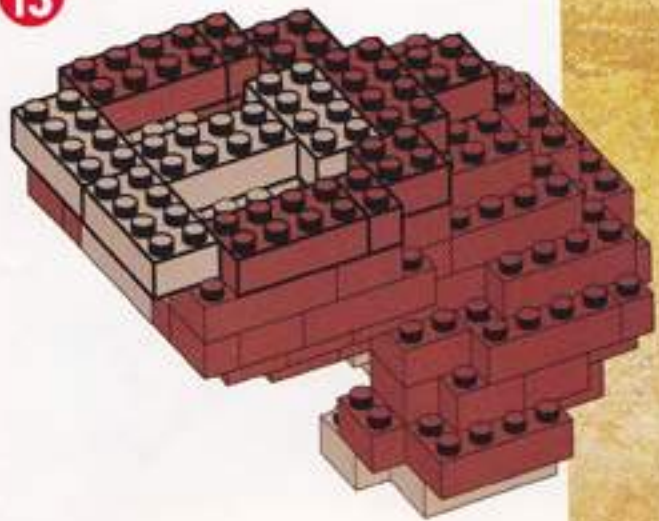


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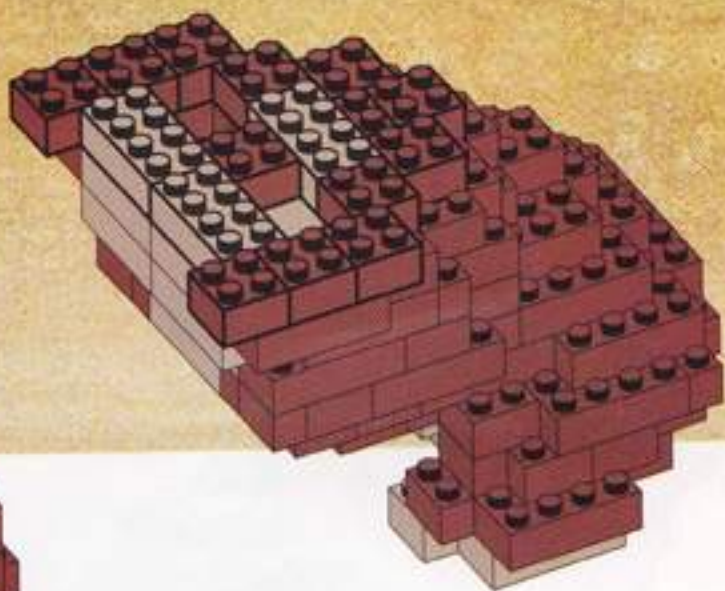




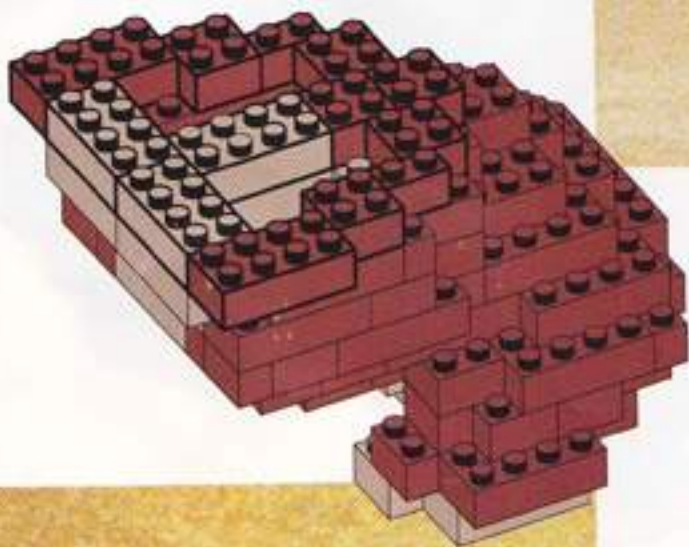
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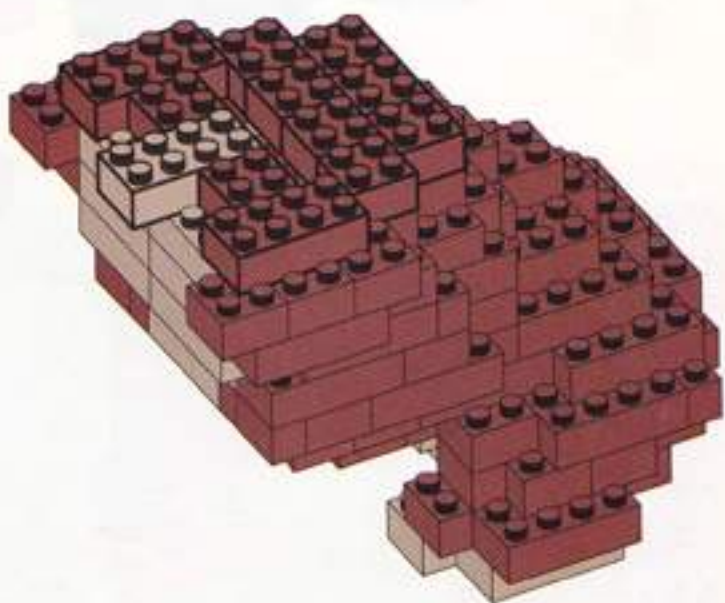
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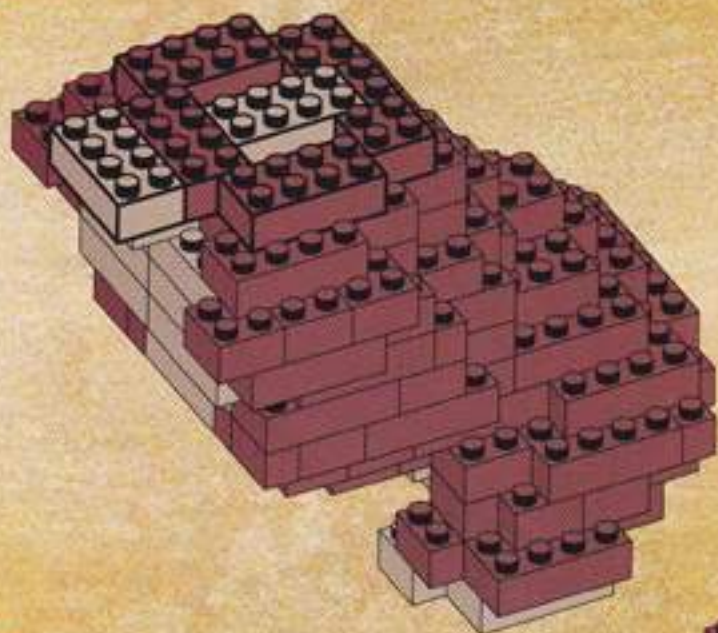


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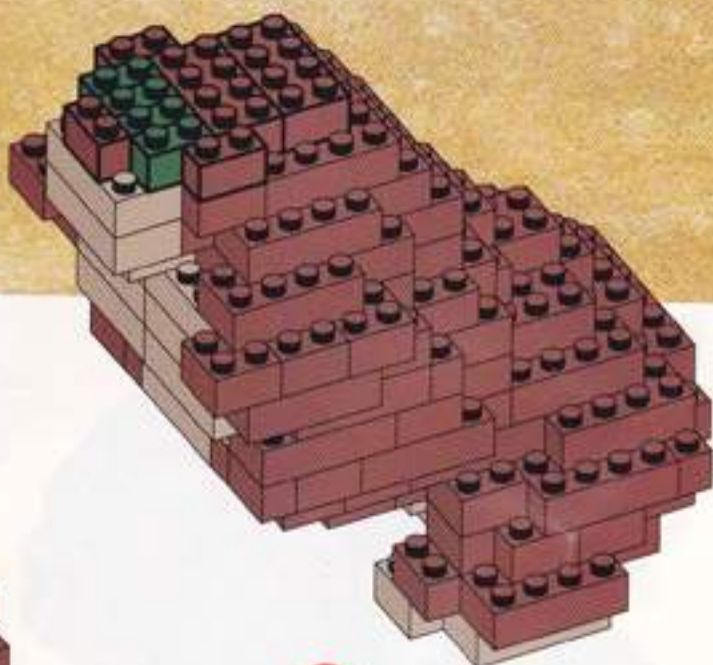




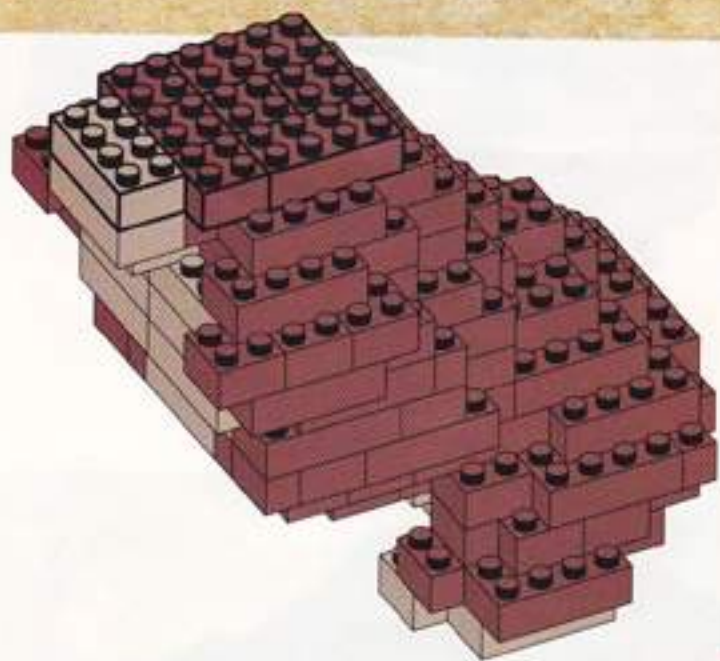
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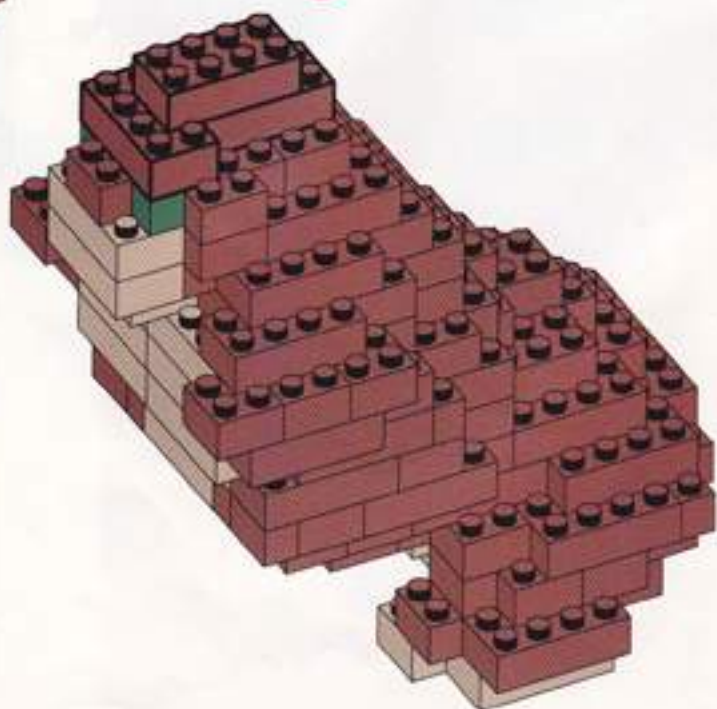
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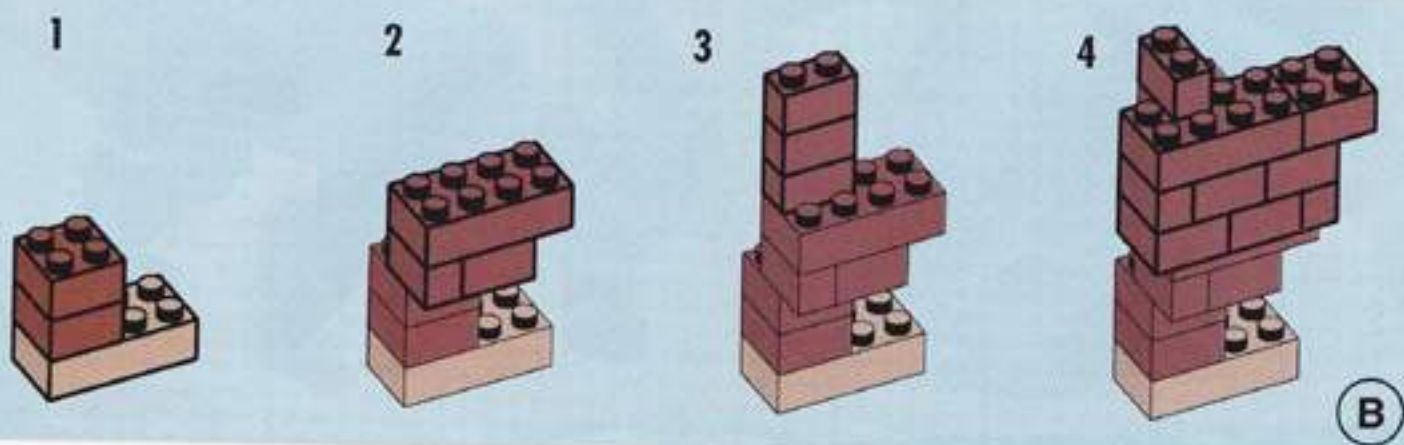
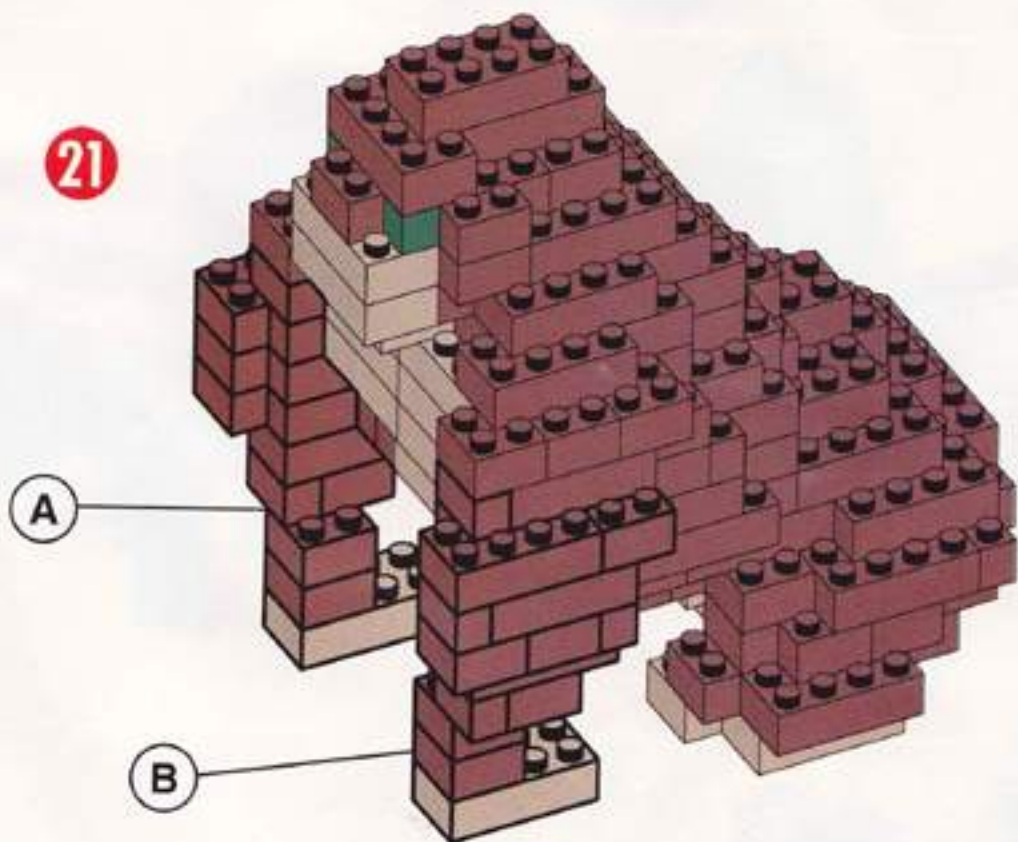
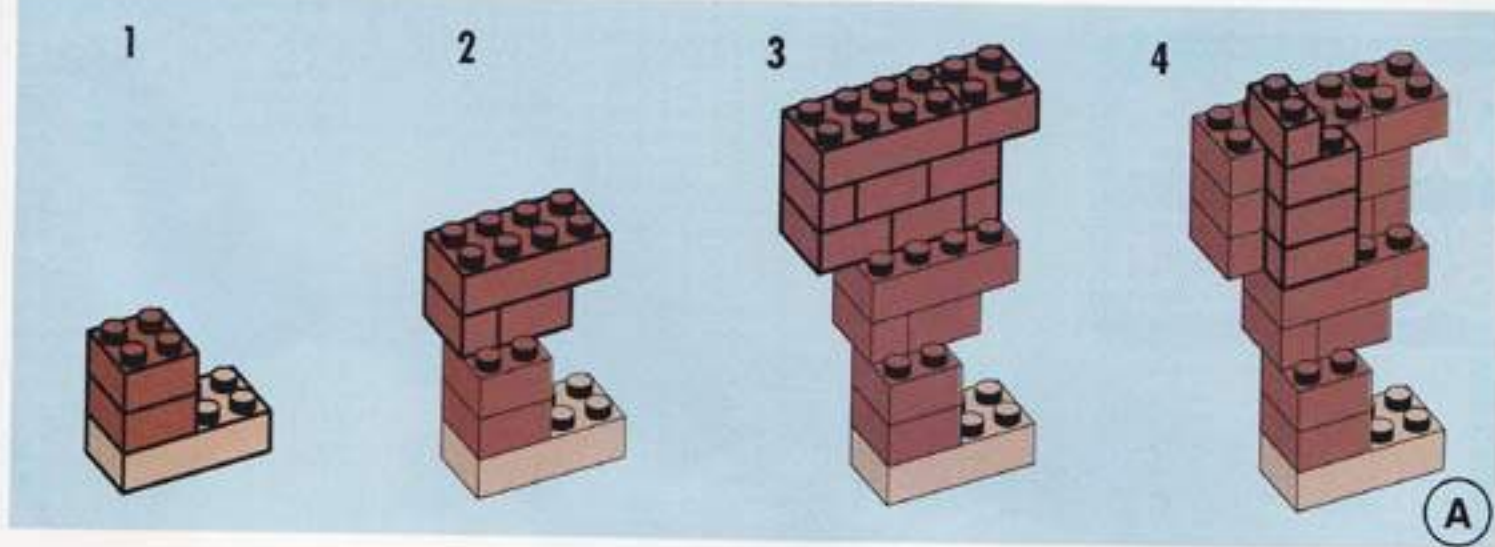
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