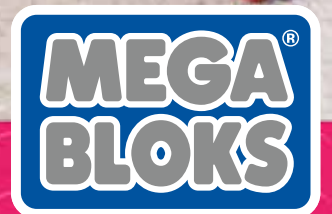




Isabelle's  
Ballet Recital





## Meet Isabelle!



Girl of the Year® Isabelle Palmer is a talented girl who loves to dance! She and her friend Luisa attend a performing arts school and take dance classes together every day.

### **She discovers her own way to shine.**

Isabelle has another talent that is all her own—she likes to design clothes. With help from her mother, she creates costumes for herself and the other dancers.

These days, Isabelle and Luisa are preparing for a special performance, and that means lots of rehearsal. At the ballet barre, they work on their technique. They hold the barre, stand straight and tall, and focus on their form. Plus they have new choreography to learn! Sometimes it's during rehearsal that Isabelle gets inspiration for a new design. For this performance, she wants to create graceful costumes that will help her express the mood of the dance.

She watches Luisa practice *pirouettes* (peer-oo-ets) center stage. *Hmmm*, thinks Isabelle. *Luisa reminds me of a snowflake that sparkles as it spins and drifts across the sky.*

When Luisa finishes, Isabelle pulls her aside. “I have a great idea for our costumes,” she says. “We need to look as airy and weightless as snowflakes.” As Isabelle takes the stage to practice, her heart fills with joy. With each step of the routine, she feels lighter and happier. Even though she's tired, she could go on dancing for hours!





### **Isabelle dances to her own beat.**

Isabelle has a sense of style all her own. Fashion design is another way to express herself—just like dance! She loves to visit flea markets to shop for supplies. She searches out floaty fabrics that will move with the dancer. Her genuine style helps her find her own spotlight.

Read more about Isabelle in her books from American Girl.



# IT'S TIME TO BUILD YOUR STORY



The journey begins when you open the box. Find everything you need to build your story, and get ready to start building!



Remove the instructions and take all the bags of pieces out of the box—you're almost ready to start building. Make sure you have your instructions handy!



Let's get organized! Take all the pieces out of the bags and lay them out where you can see them. Be careful not to lose any.



Pull the tab to take your American Girl mini figure out of the window. Now it's time to build your story!



# YOUR BUILDABLE FIGURE

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Collect them all, then mix and match pieces from each to customize them.

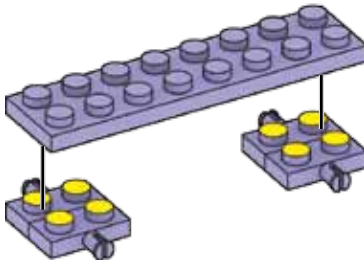
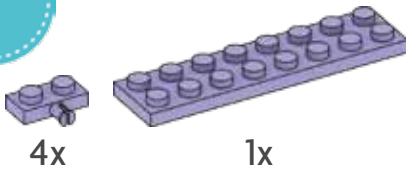
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You can even create totally new characters that look like you and your friends!

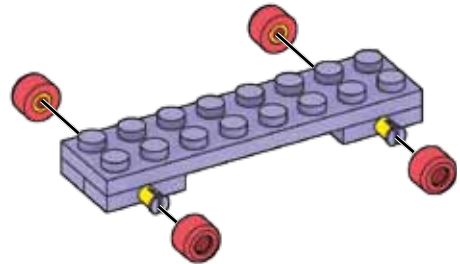




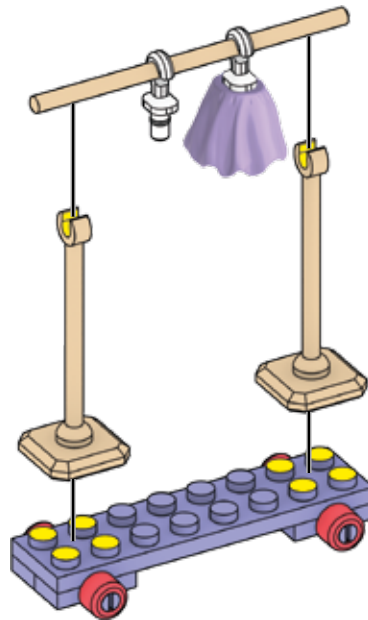
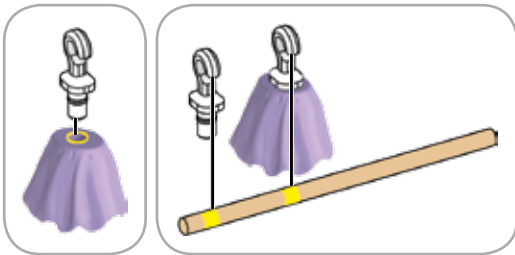
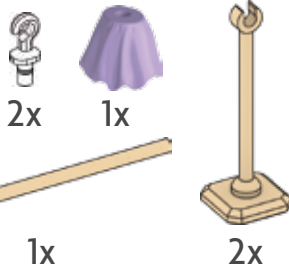
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### A Dancer with Style

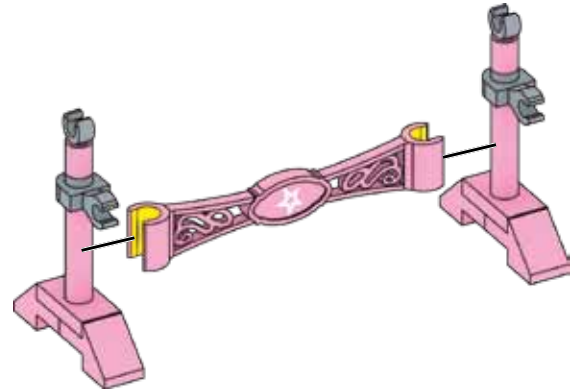
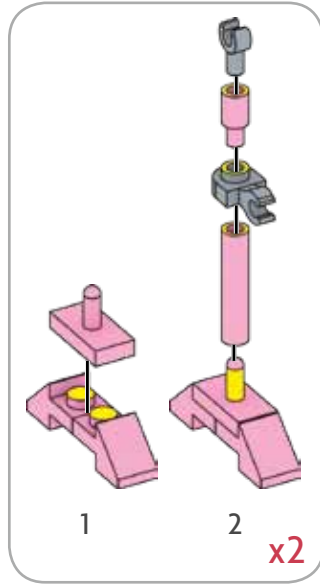
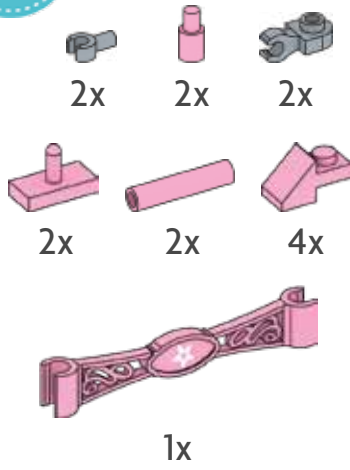
Isabelle loves fashion design and dance. She combines her two talents by creating fun costumes for her dance performances. She makes a skirt for her sister and outfits for Luisa and other dancers, too.



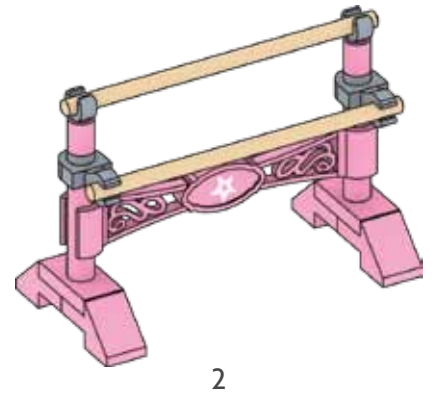
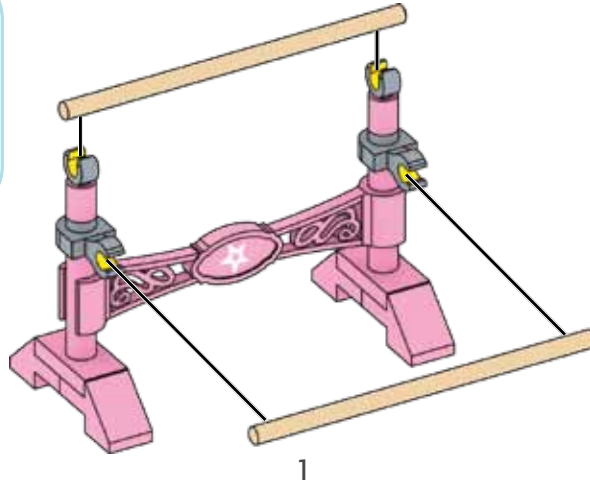
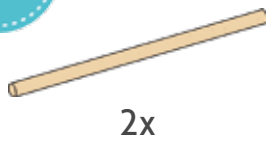




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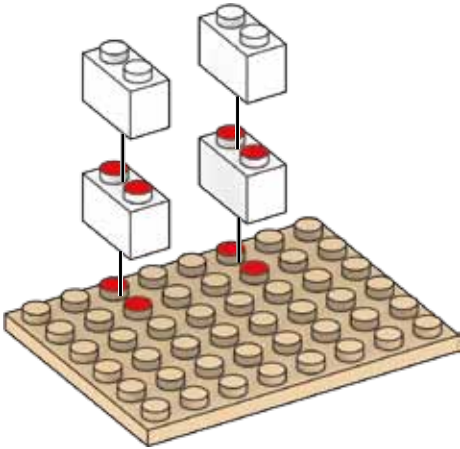
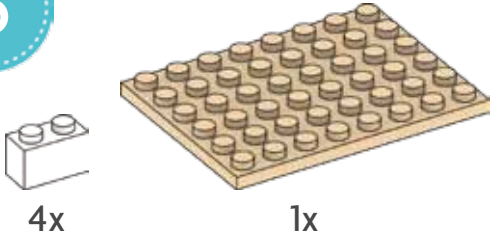
### At the Barre

Isabelle practices many of her moves at the ballet barre. Sometimes she faces the barre and holds it with two hands. Other times, she stands sideways to the barre and holds it with one hand for balance. Either way, she must look graceful and poised!

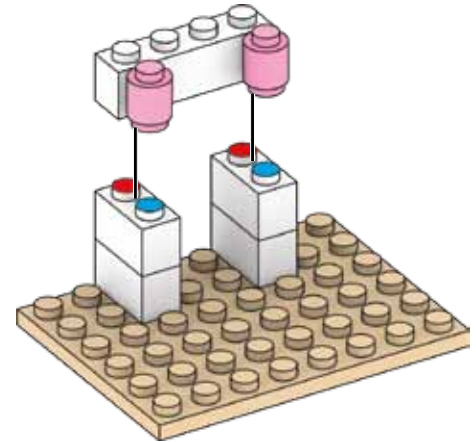
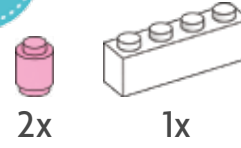




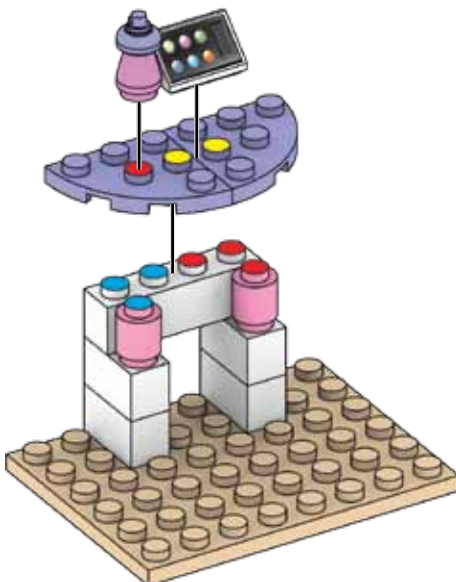
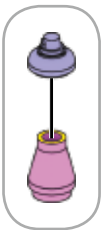
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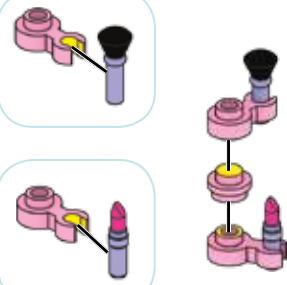
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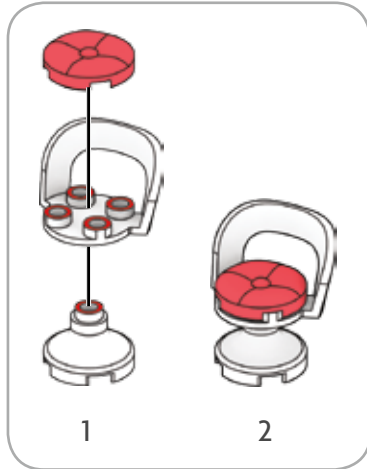


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### Truly Talented You

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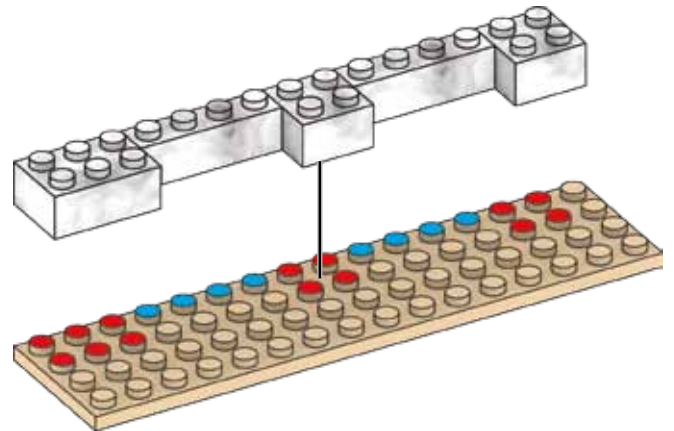
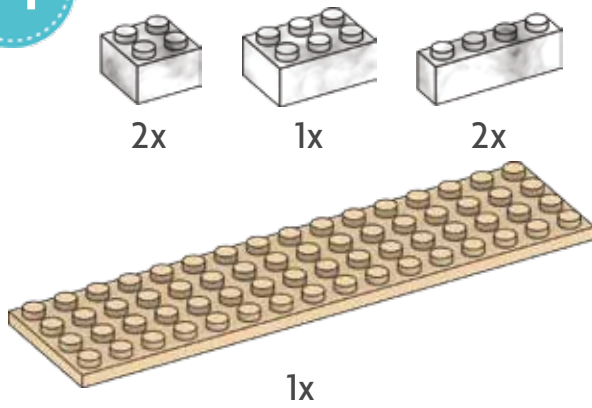
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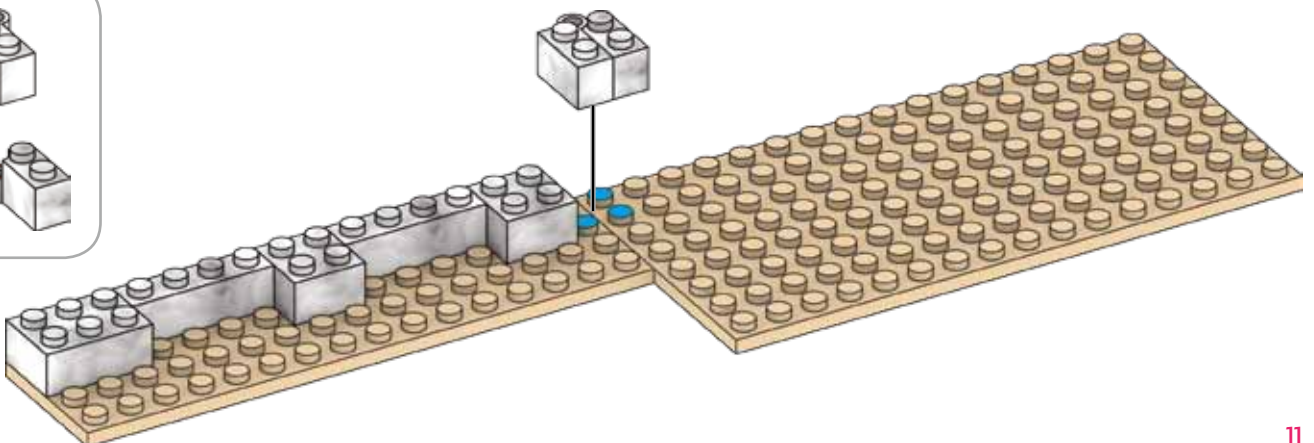
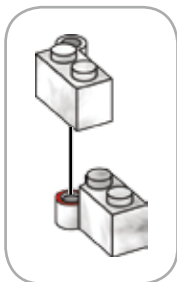
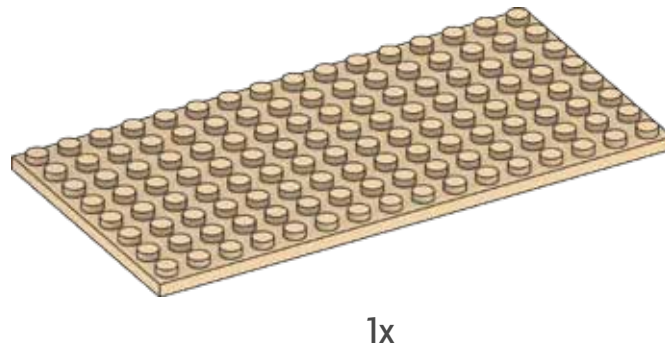




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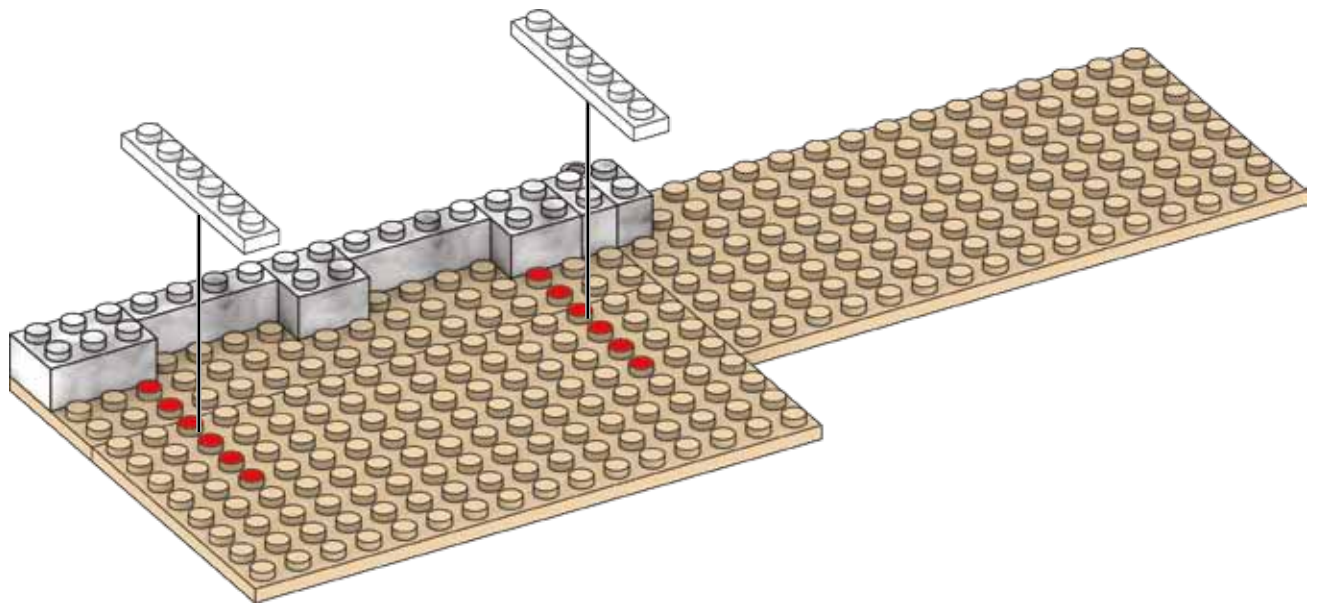
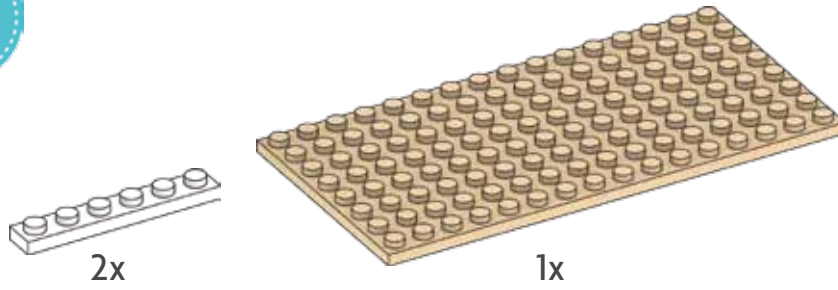


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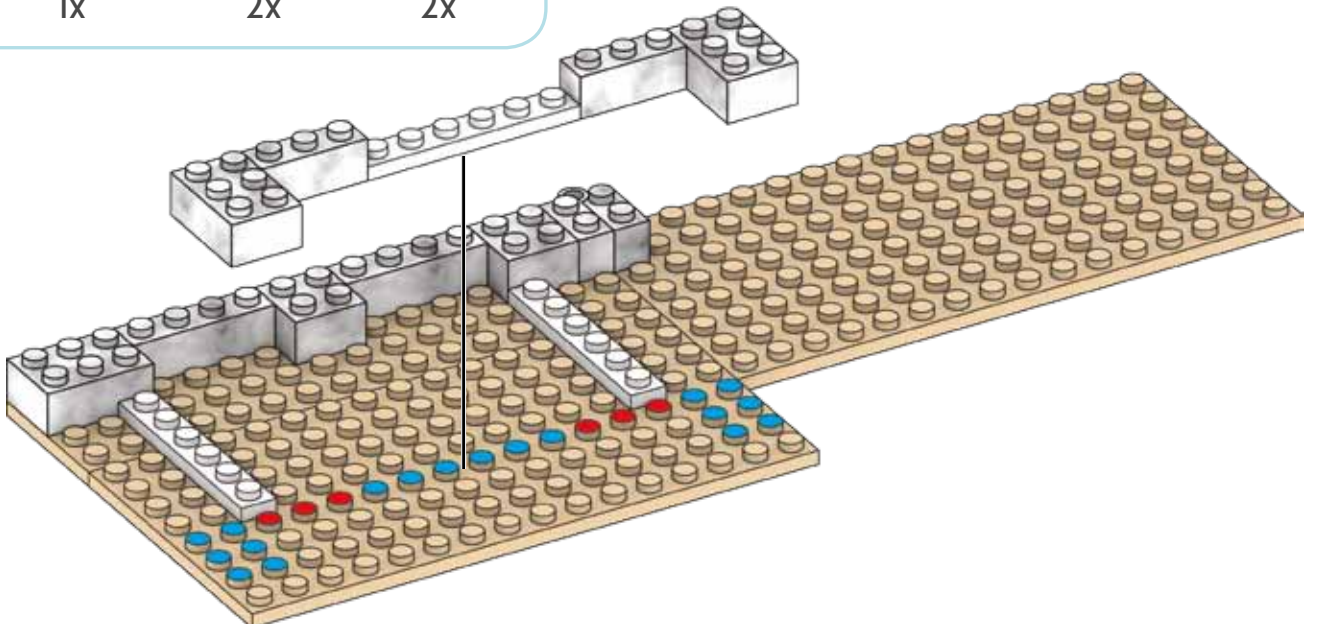
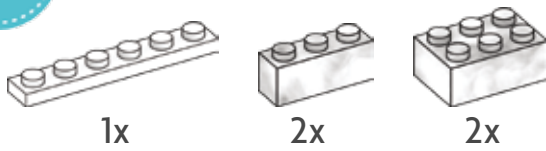




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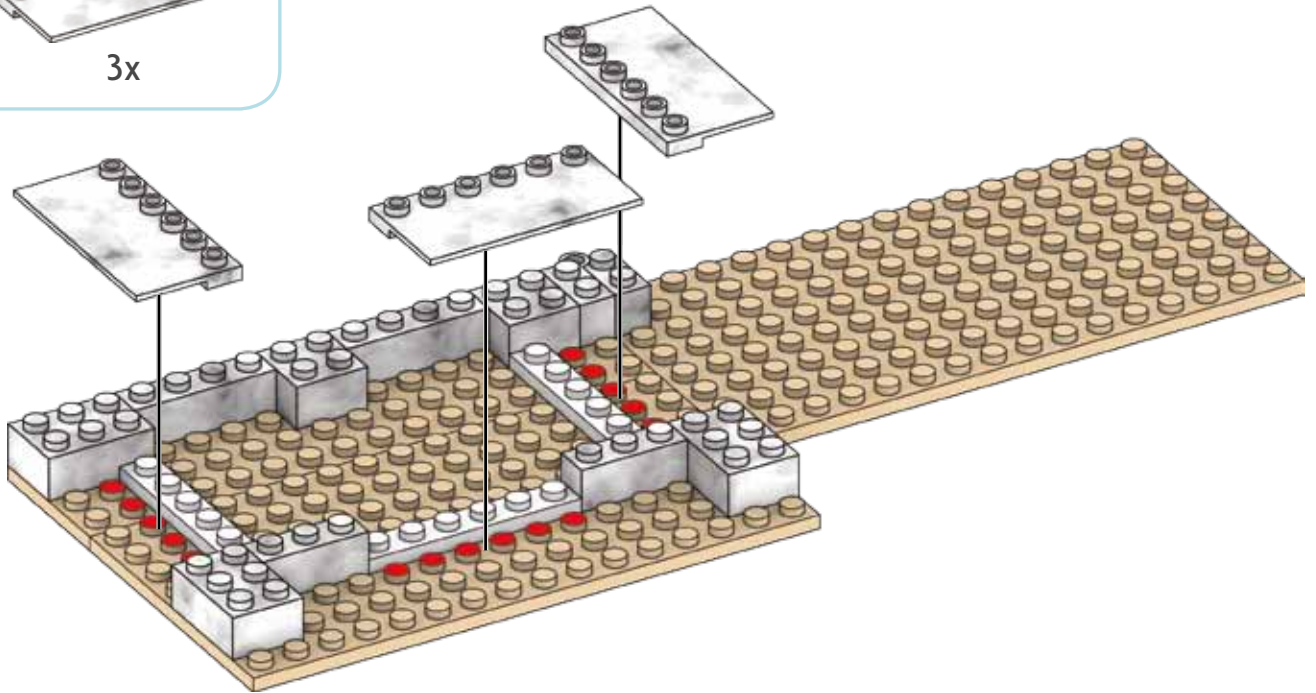




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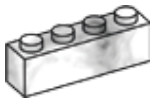
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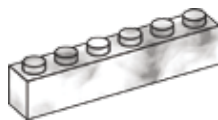
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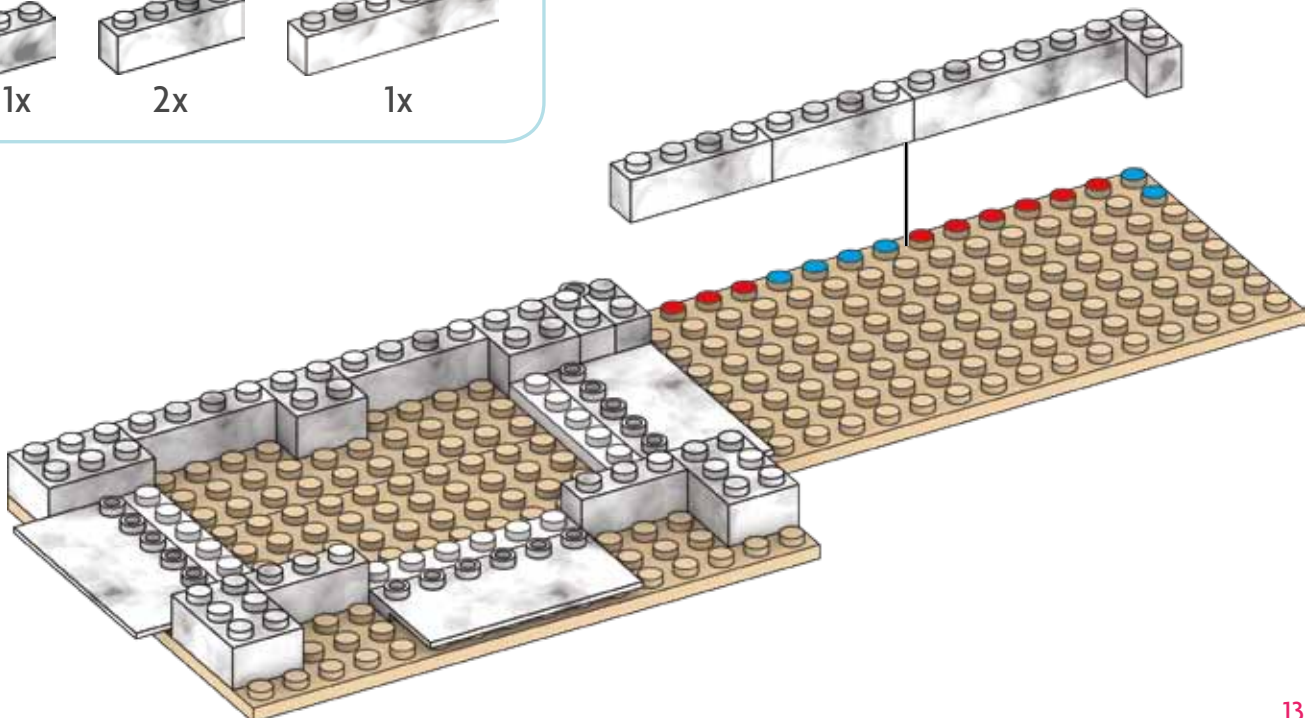
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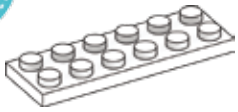


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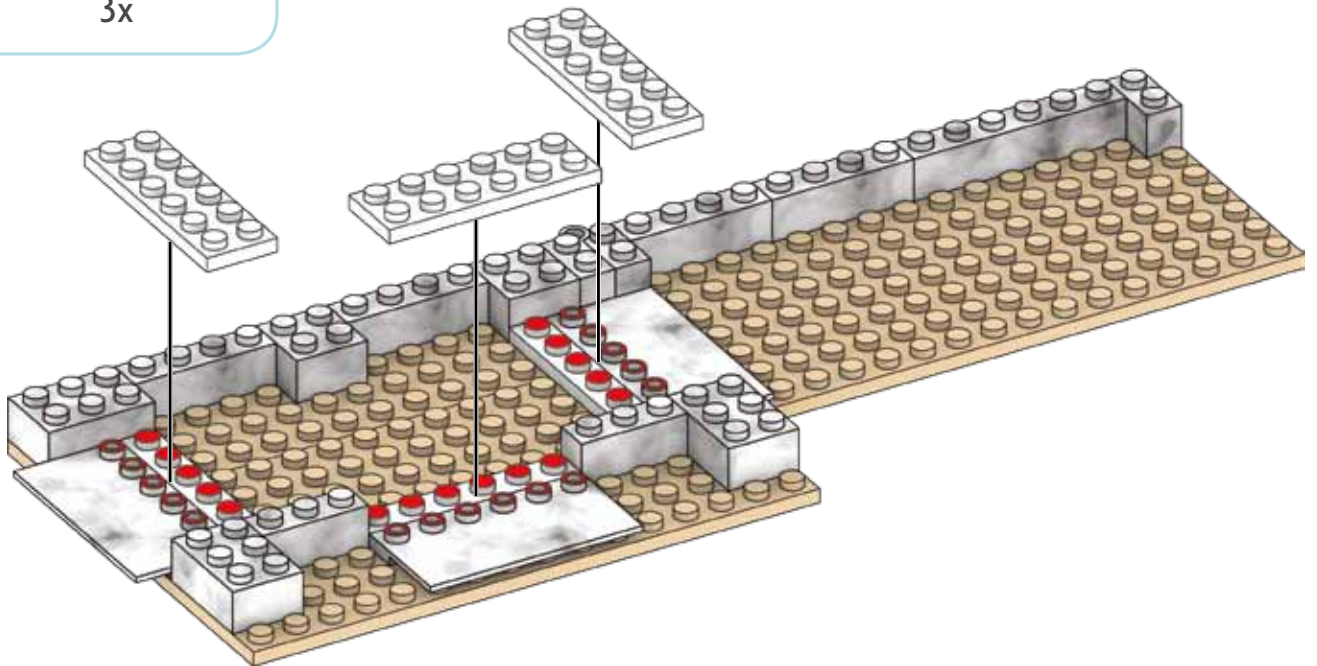




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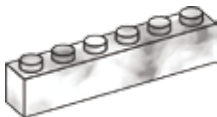
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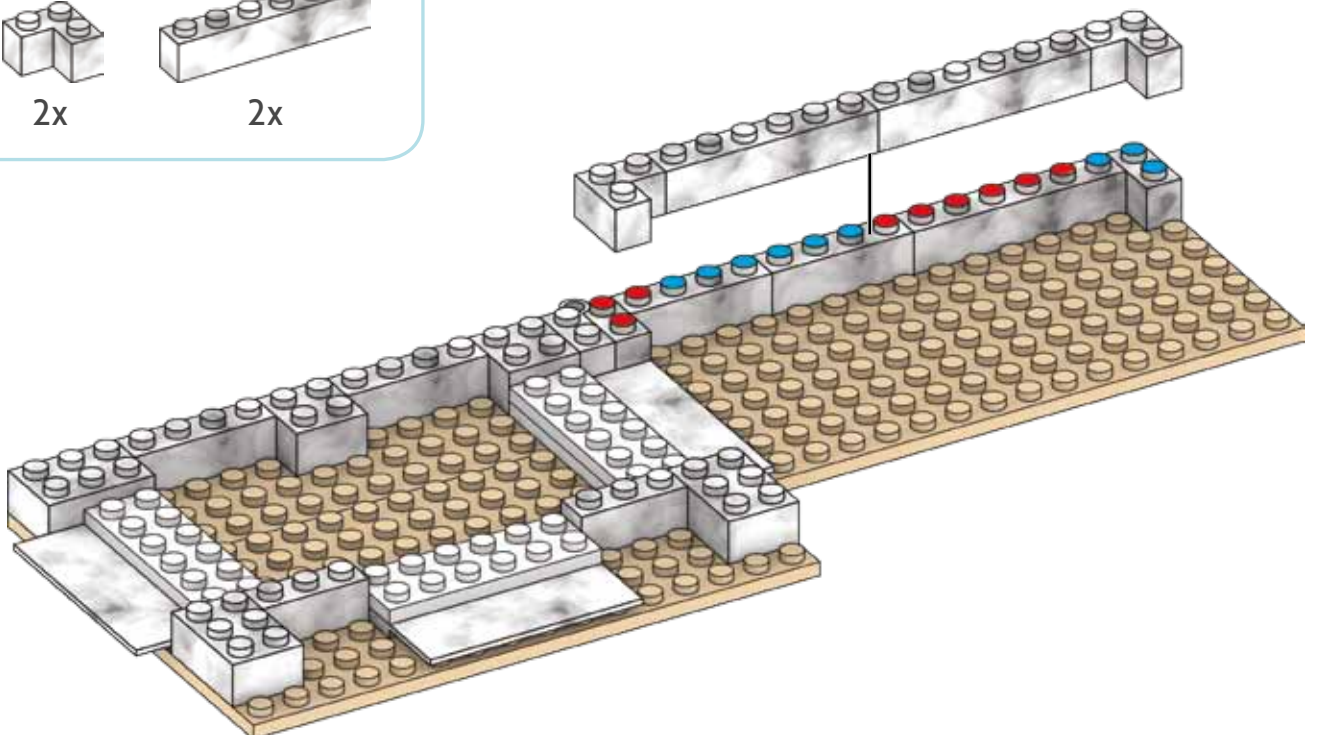
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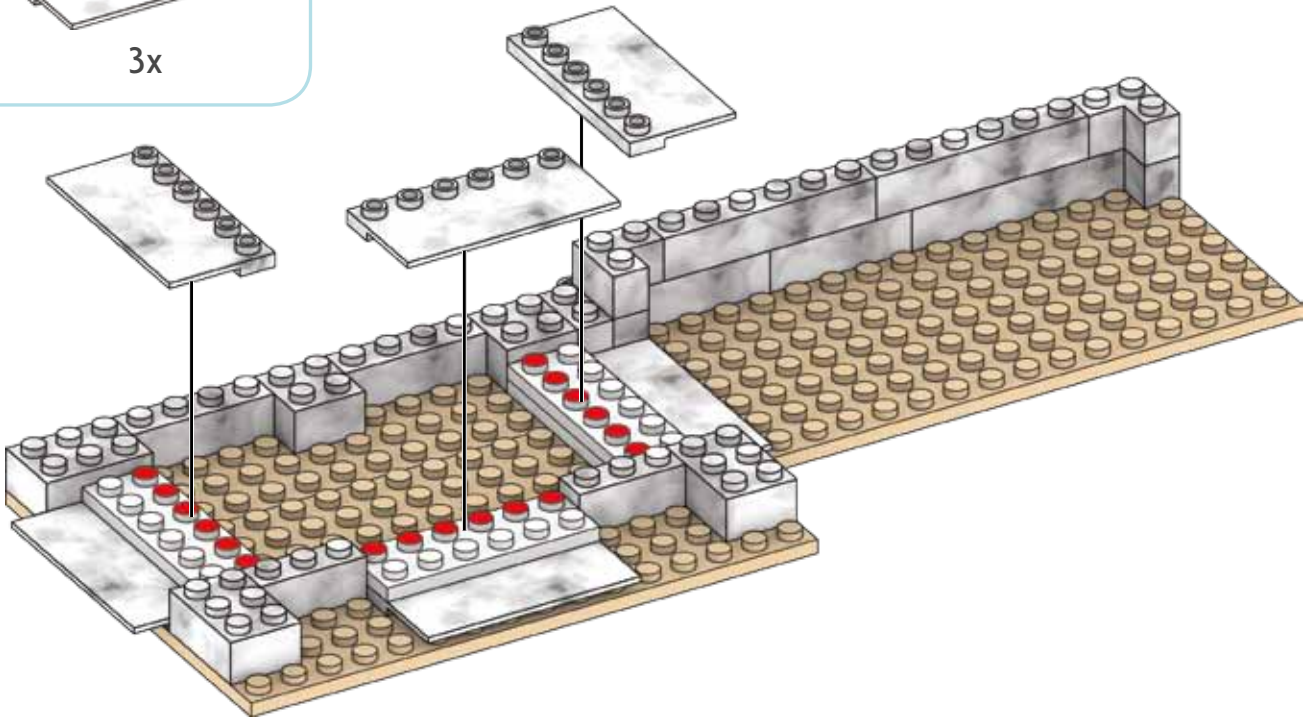




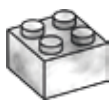
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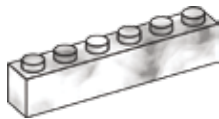
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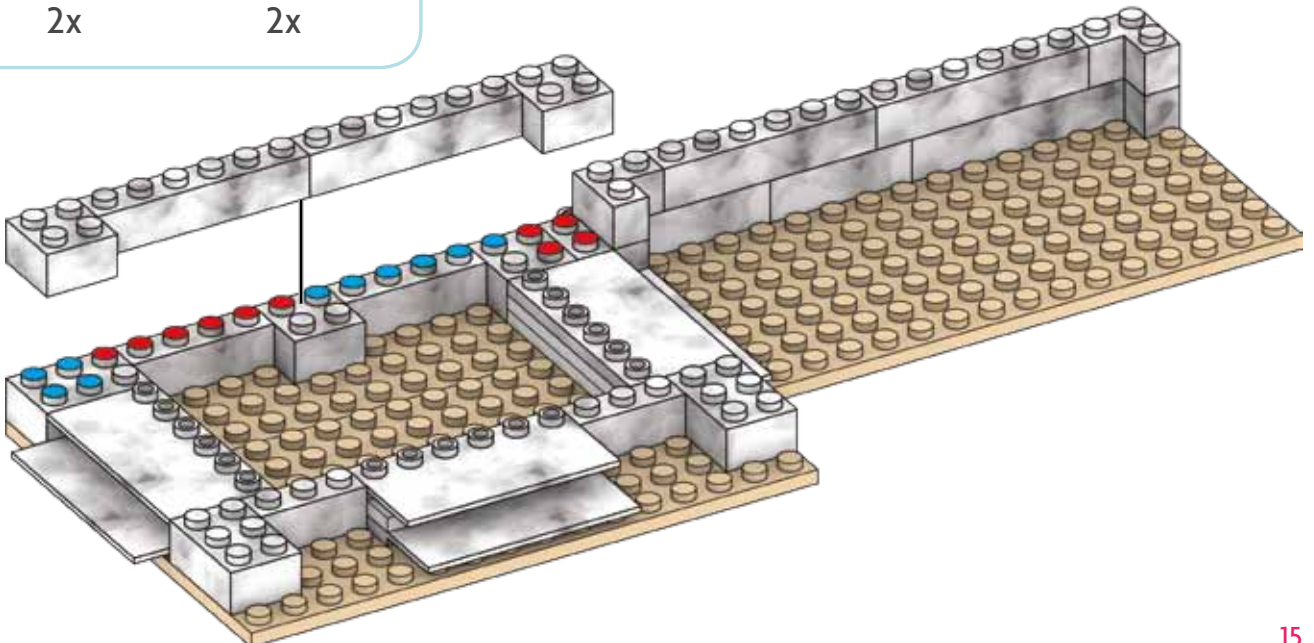
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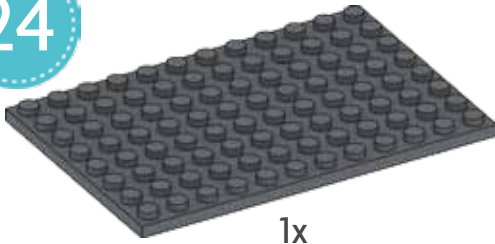
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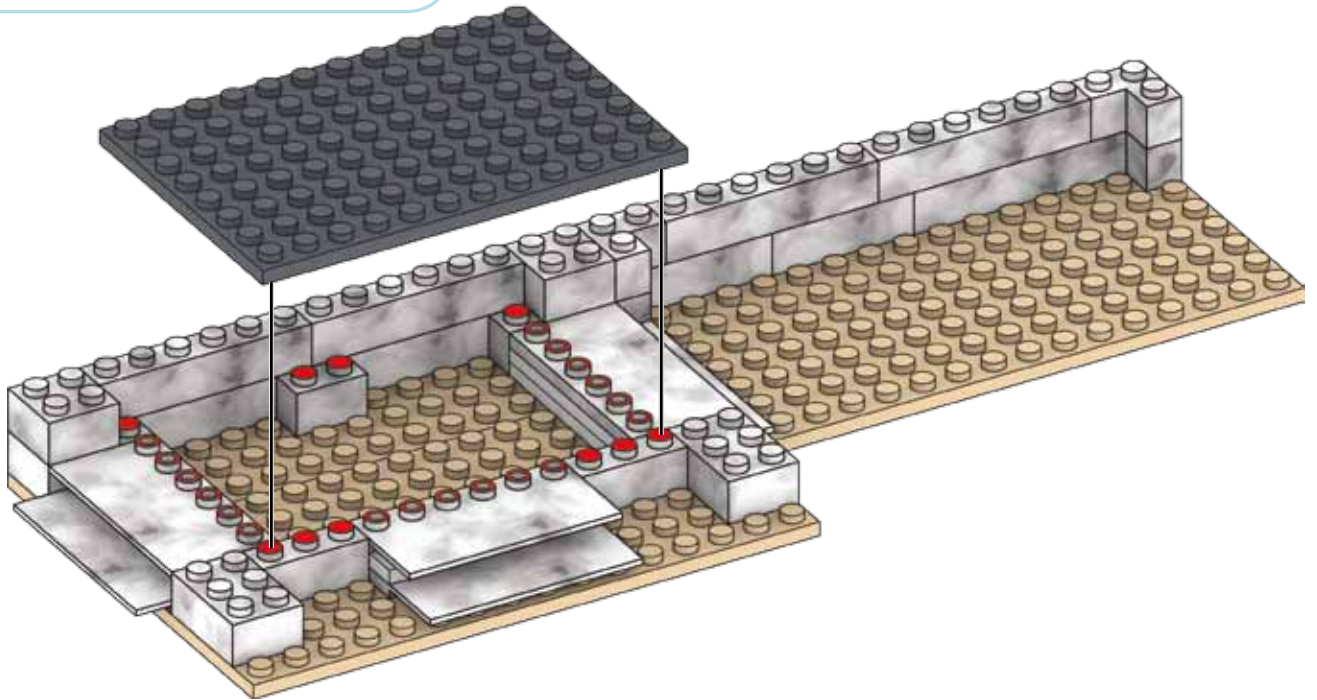




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### Inspiration is Everywhere

When Isabelle is on stage, she sometimes pretends she's a water lily spinning across a pond. When she *pirouettes* (peer-oo-ets), she imagines a toy top whirling with energy.

What inspires Isabelle and Luisa when they dance today?  
What would inspire you?





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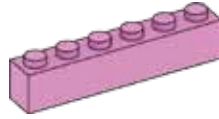
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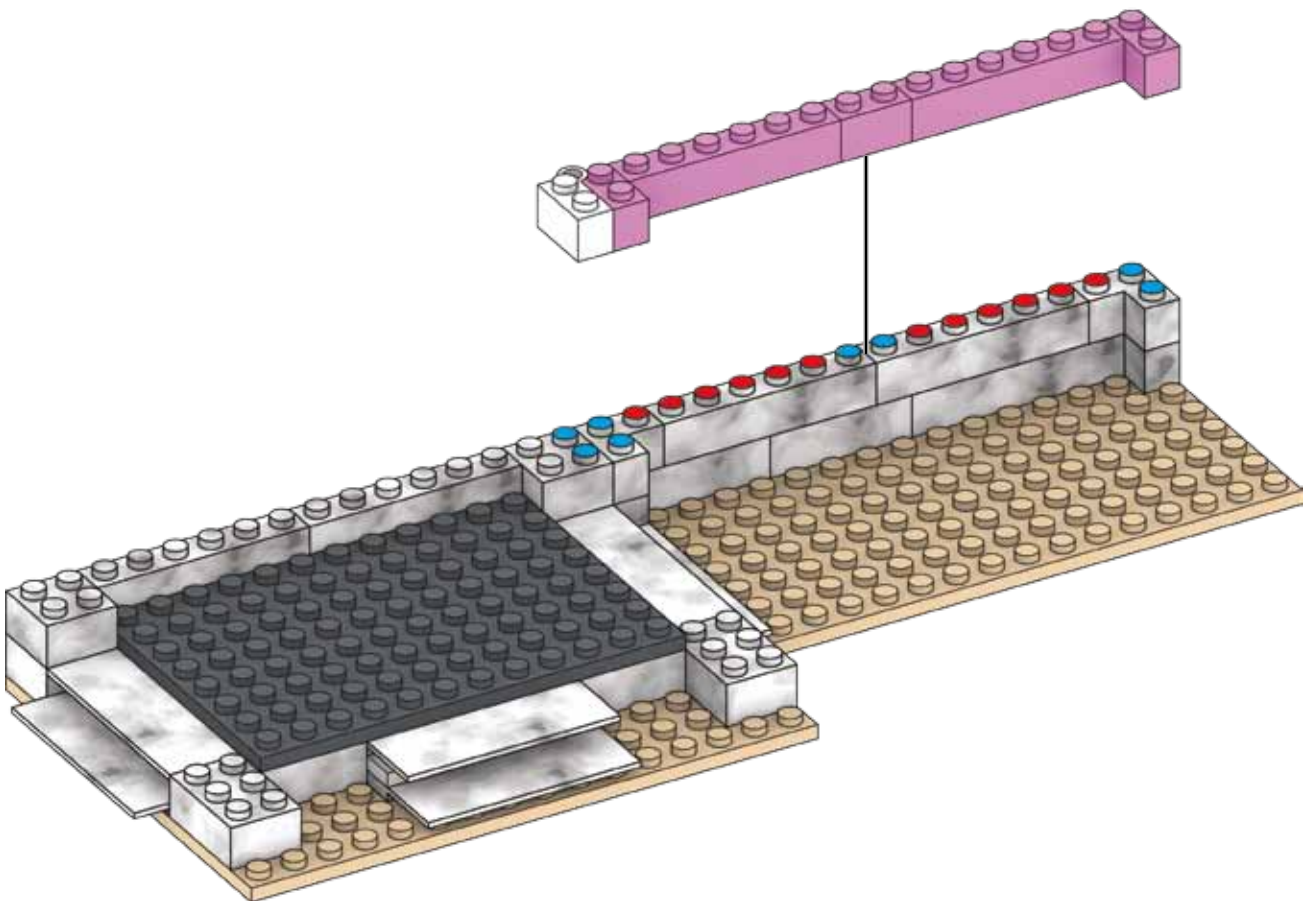
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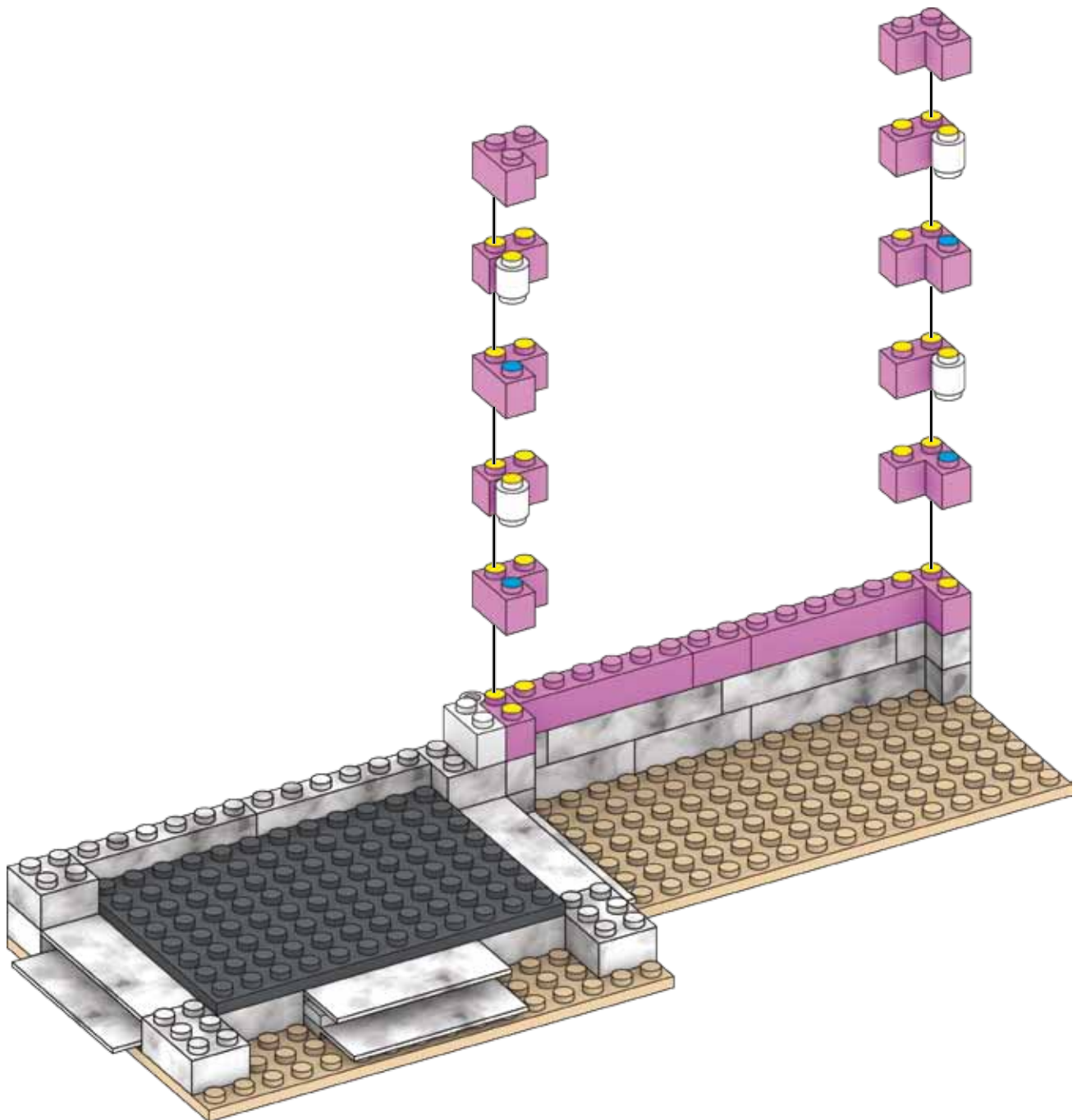
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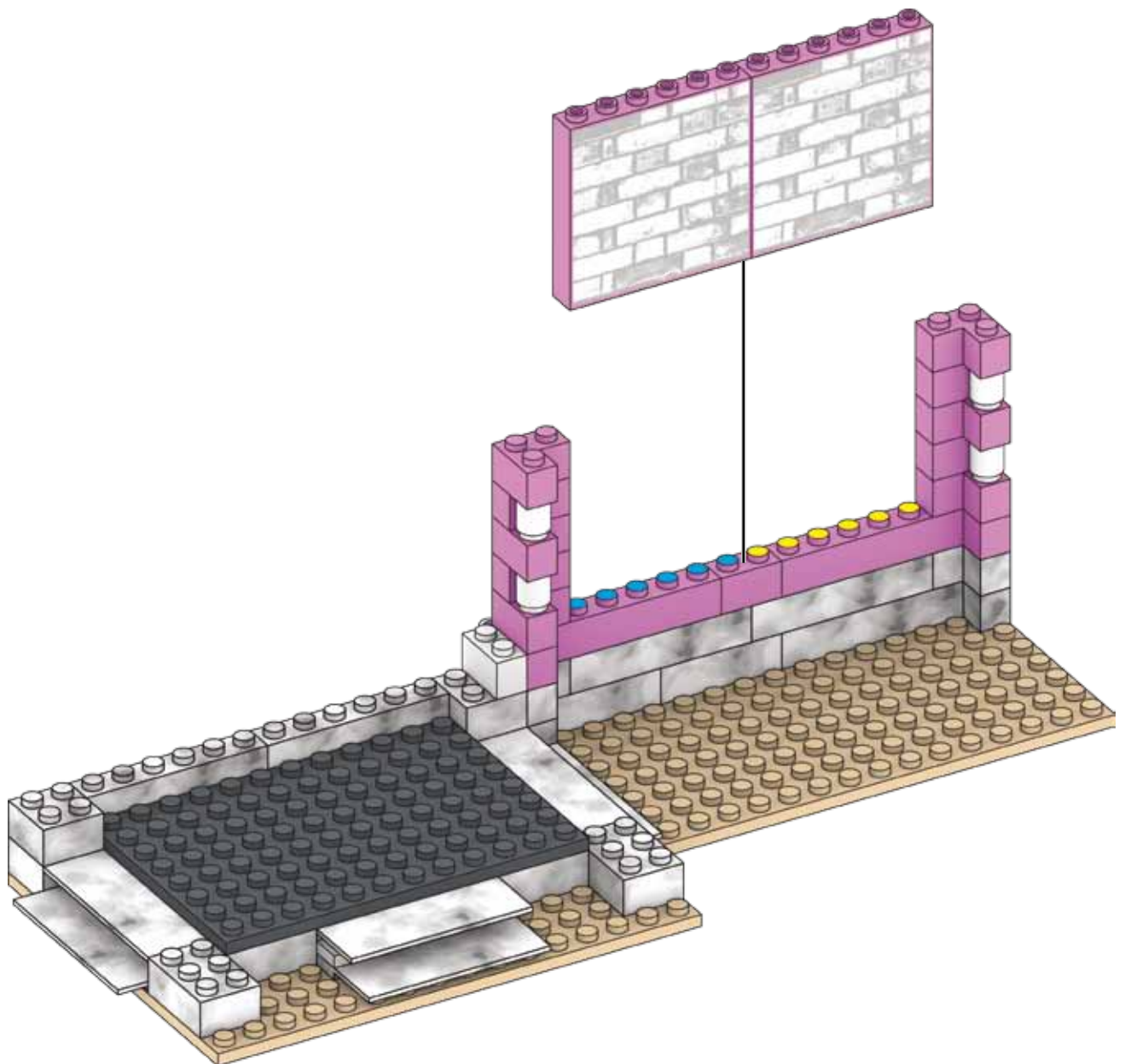




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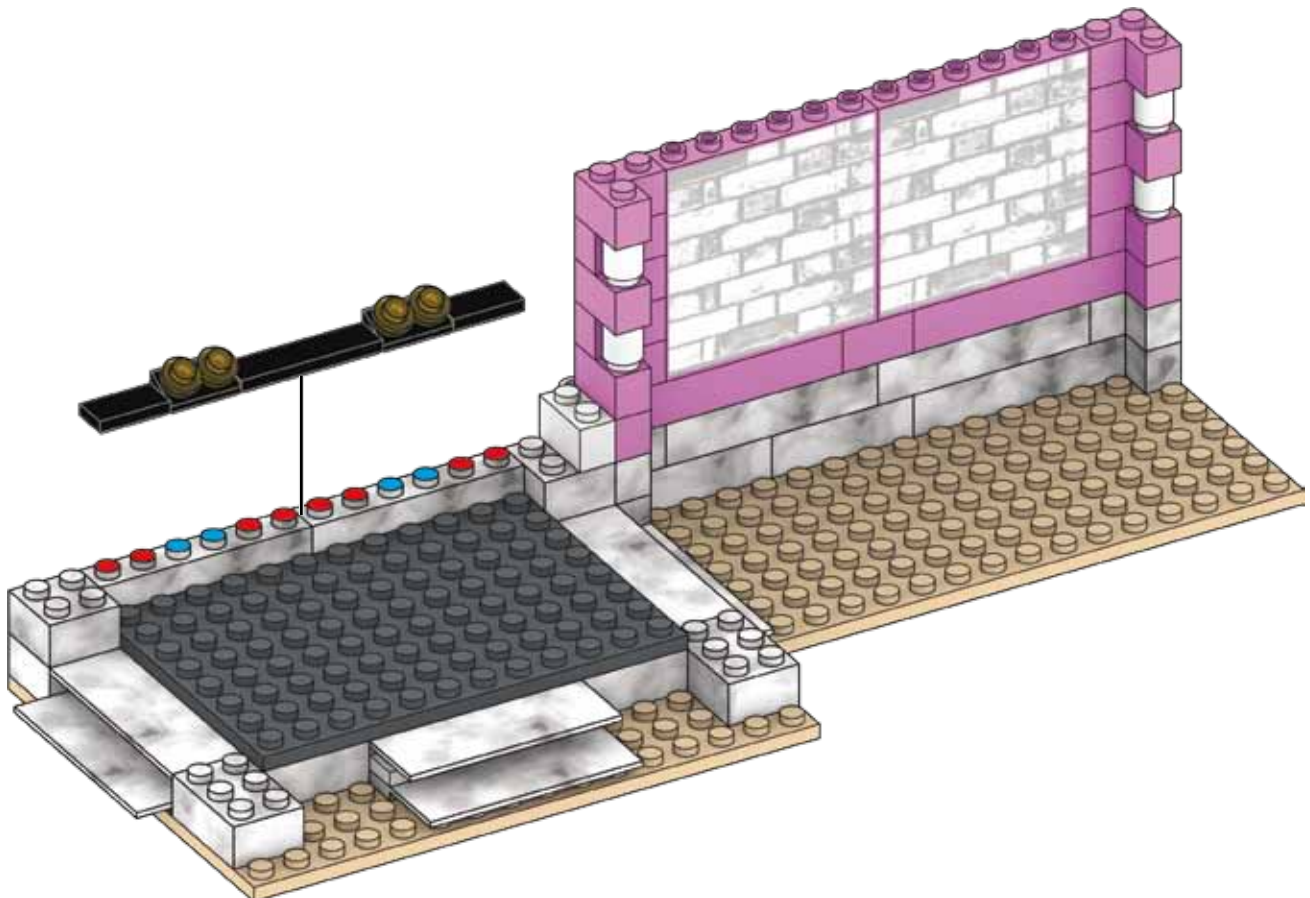


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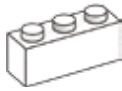




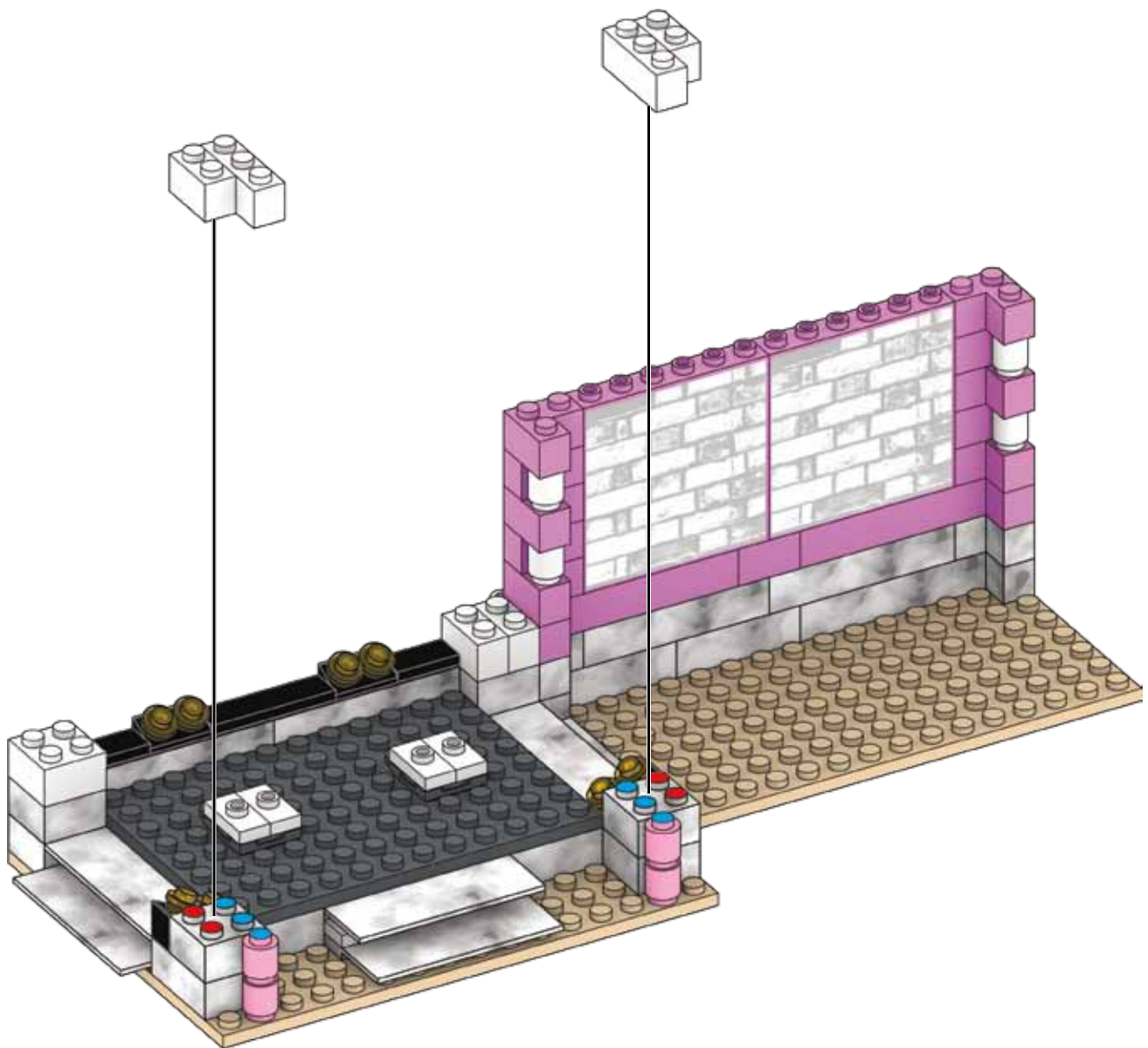
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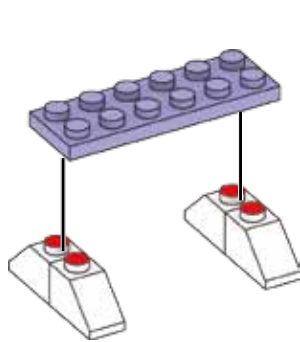
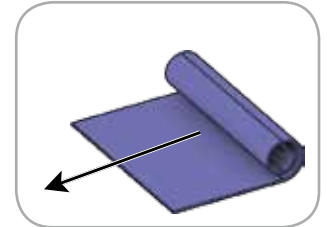
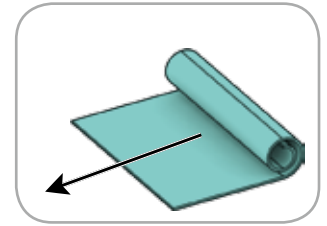
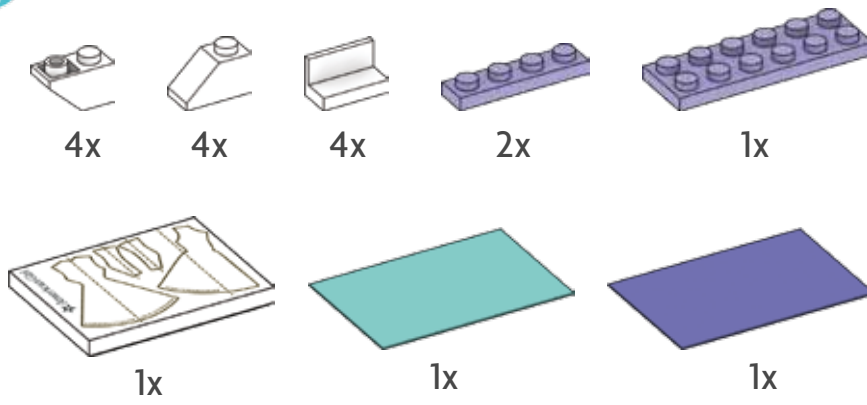
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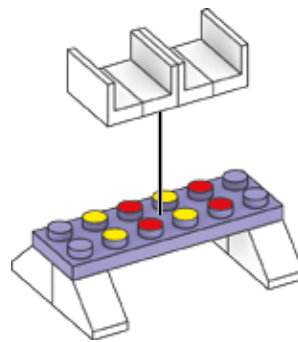




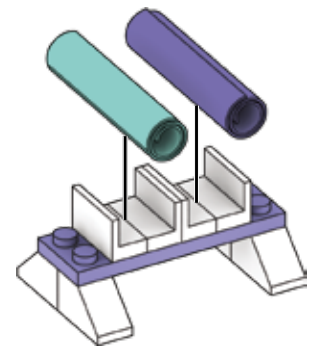
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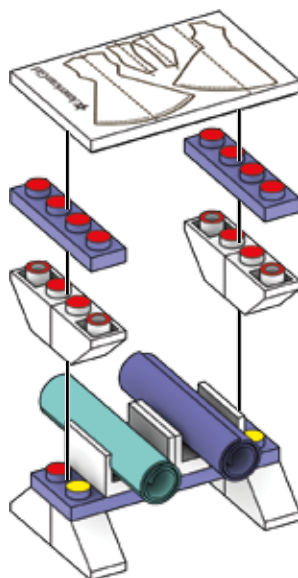
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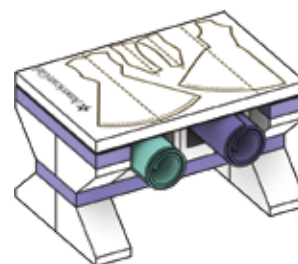
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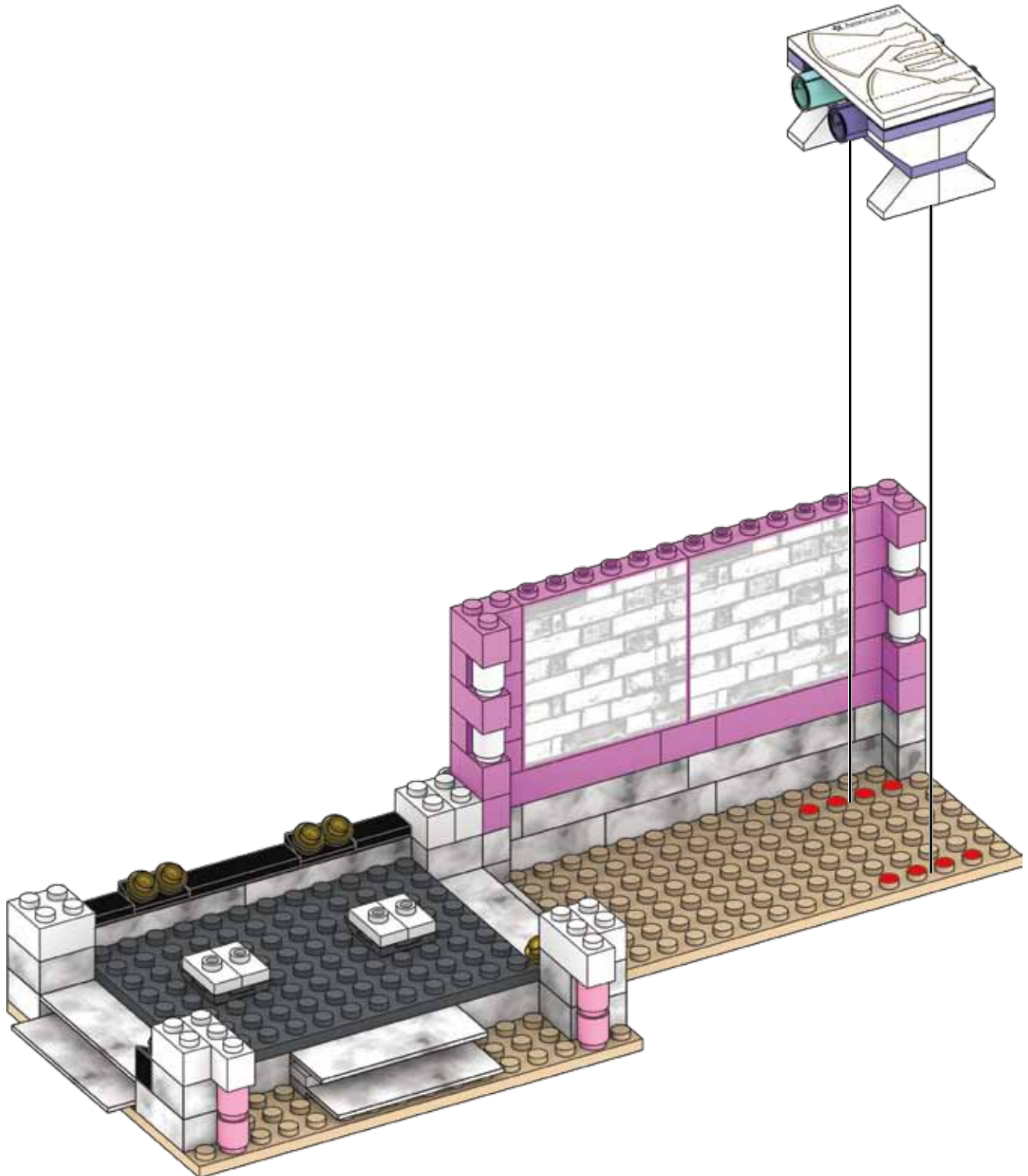
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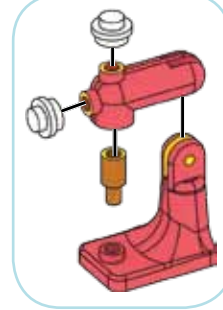
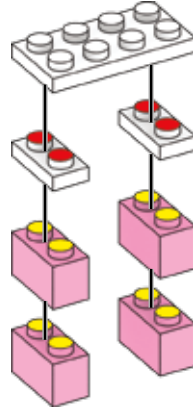
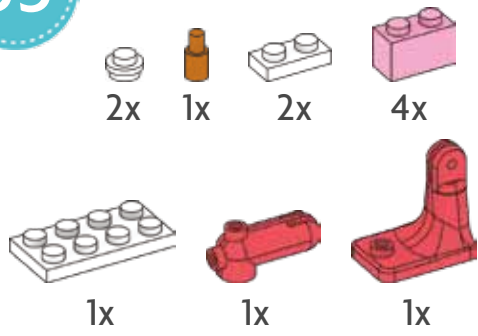


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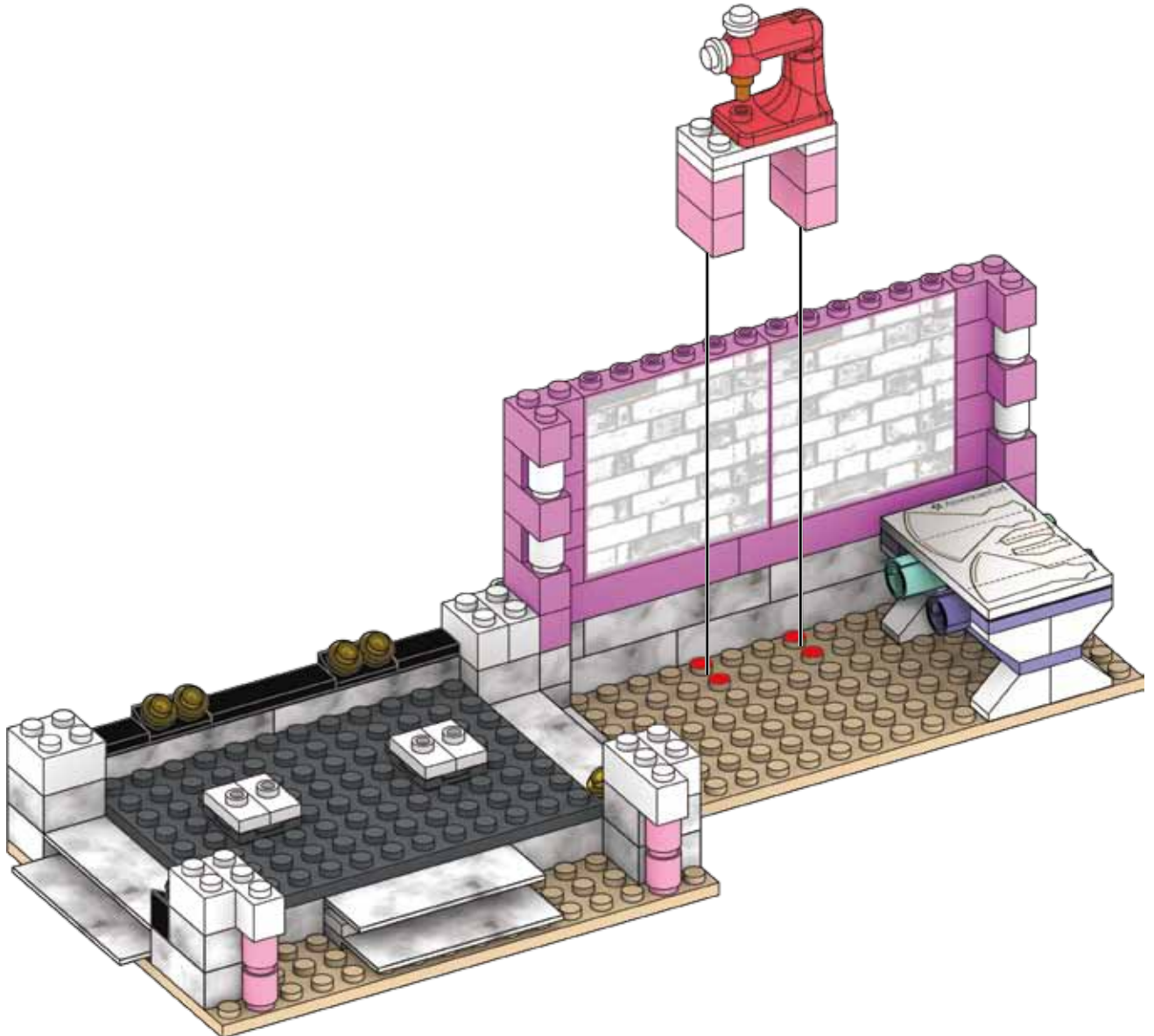




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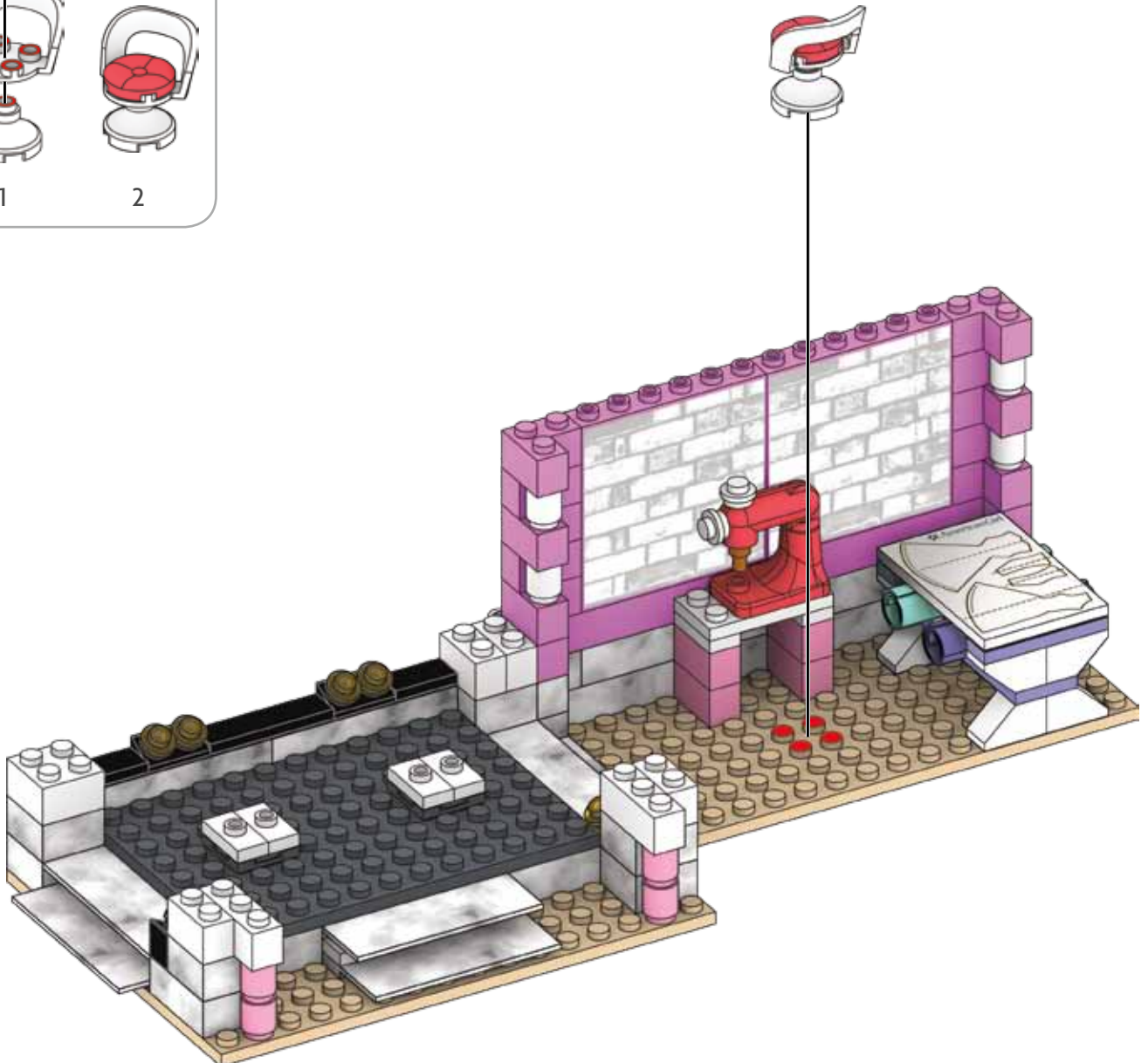
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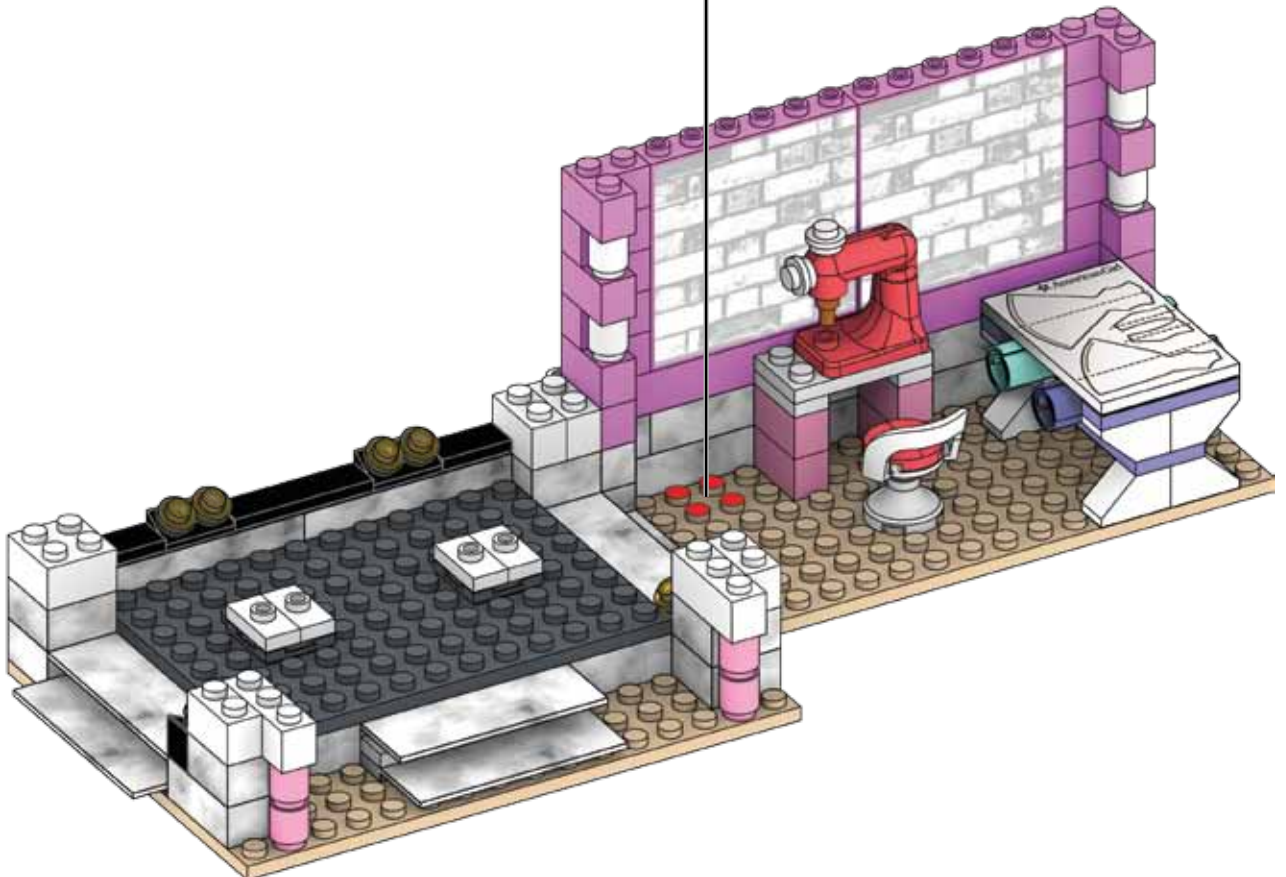
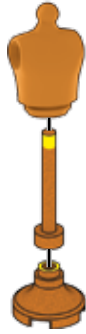
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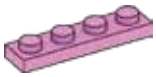
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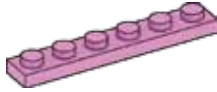
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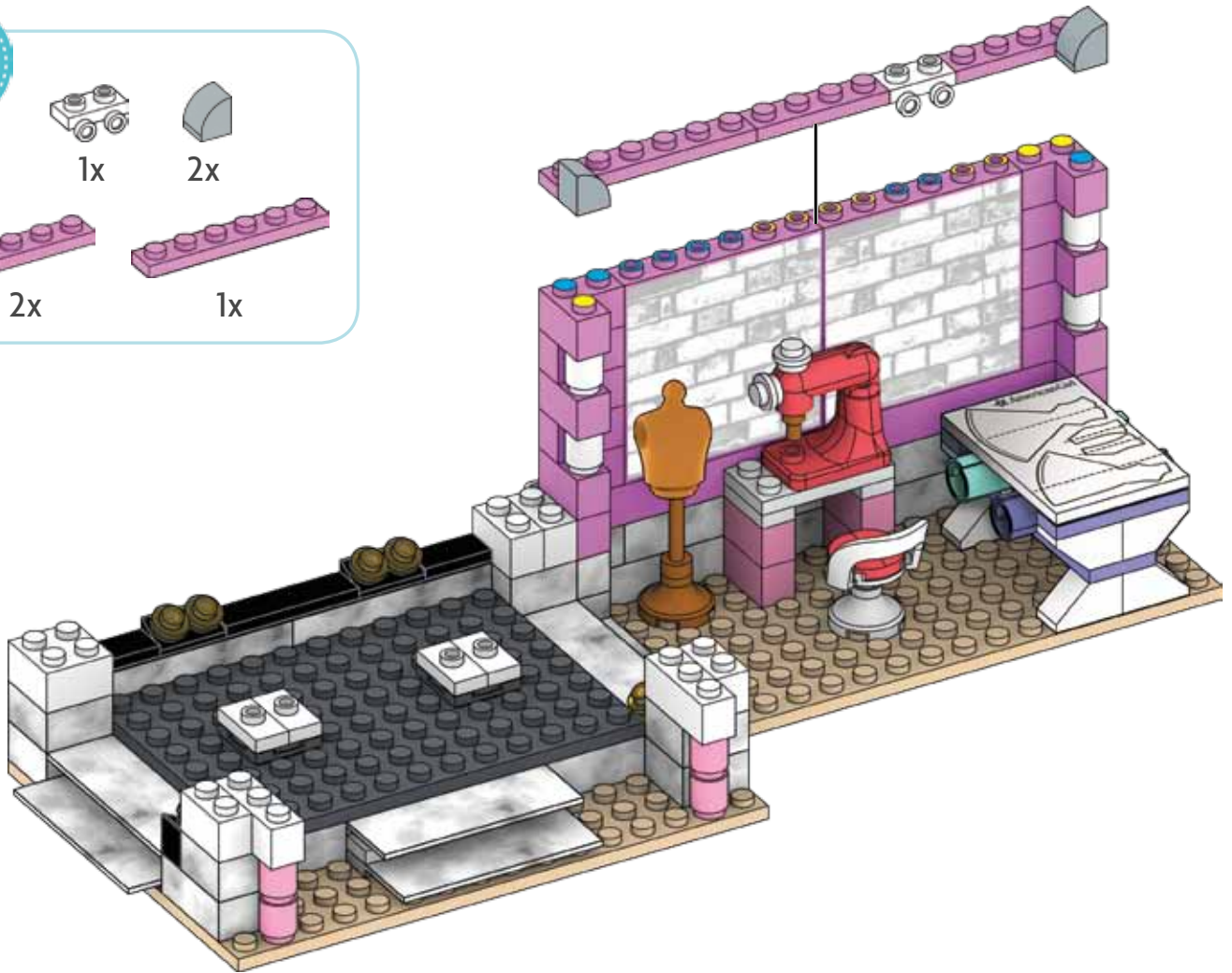
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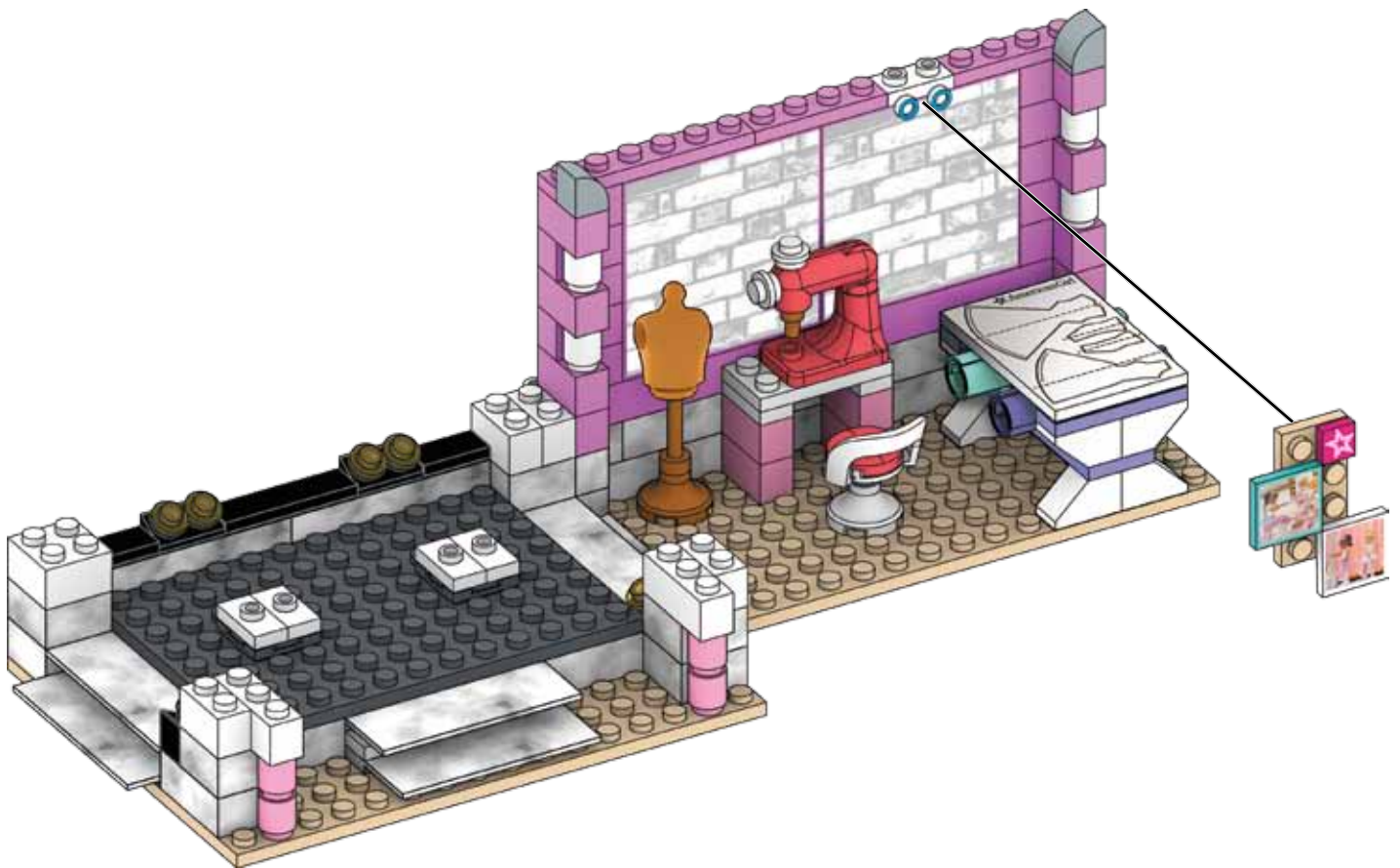
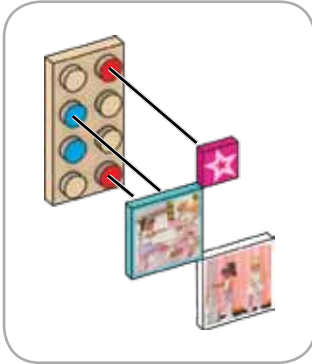
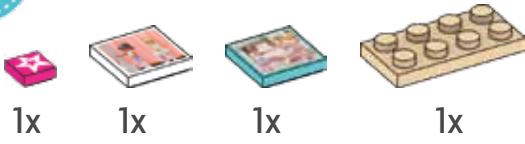
When Isabelle designs costumes, she can hardly wait to get started. She pins photos to her idea board. She unrolls fabric on the table so she can cut it. She wraps fabric around the dress form to see how it might look on a dancer. Finally it's time to sew!







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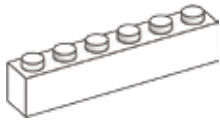




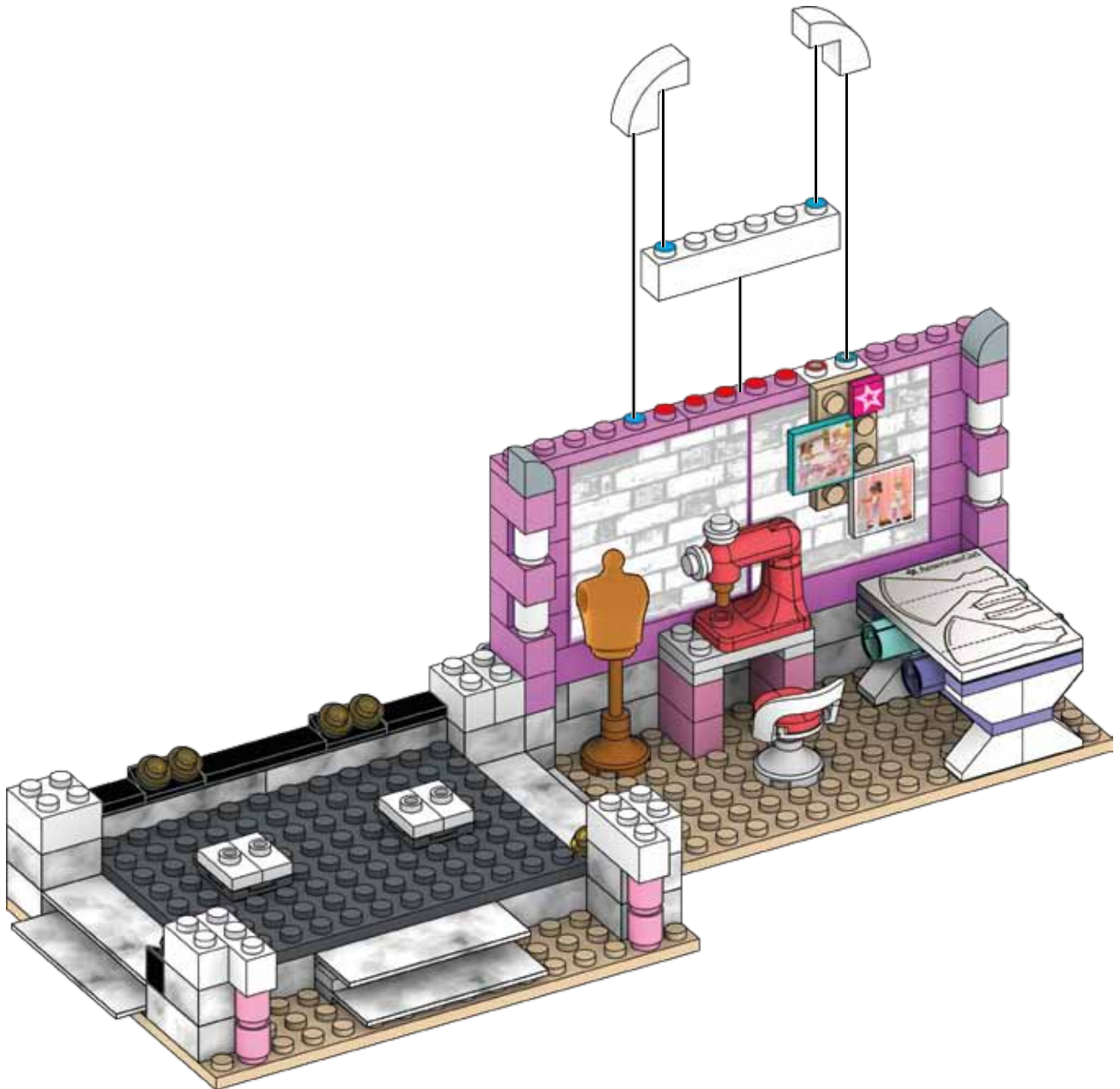
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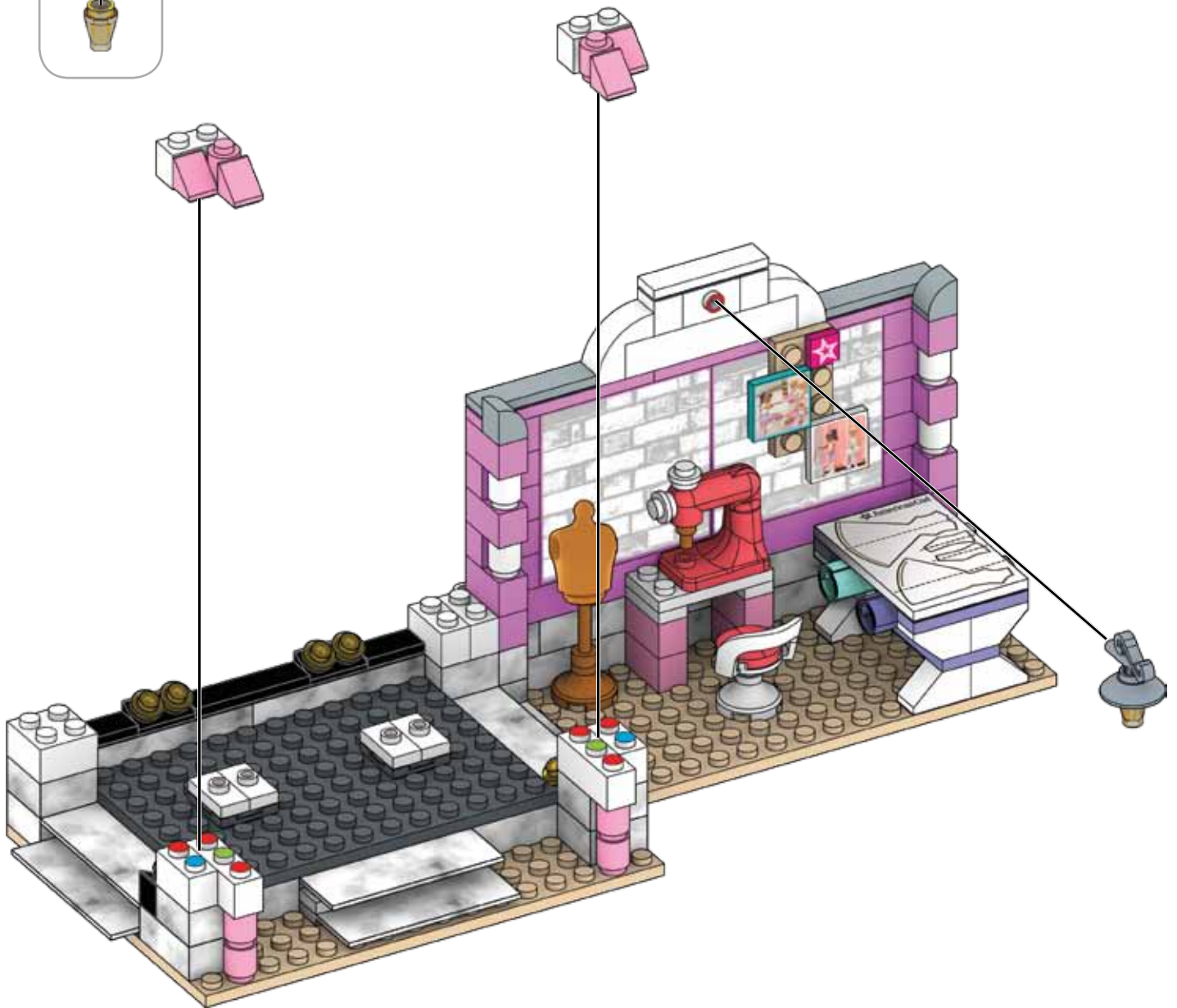
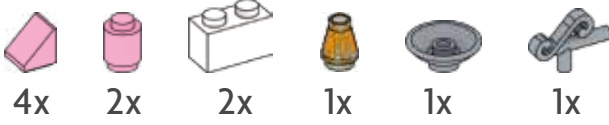
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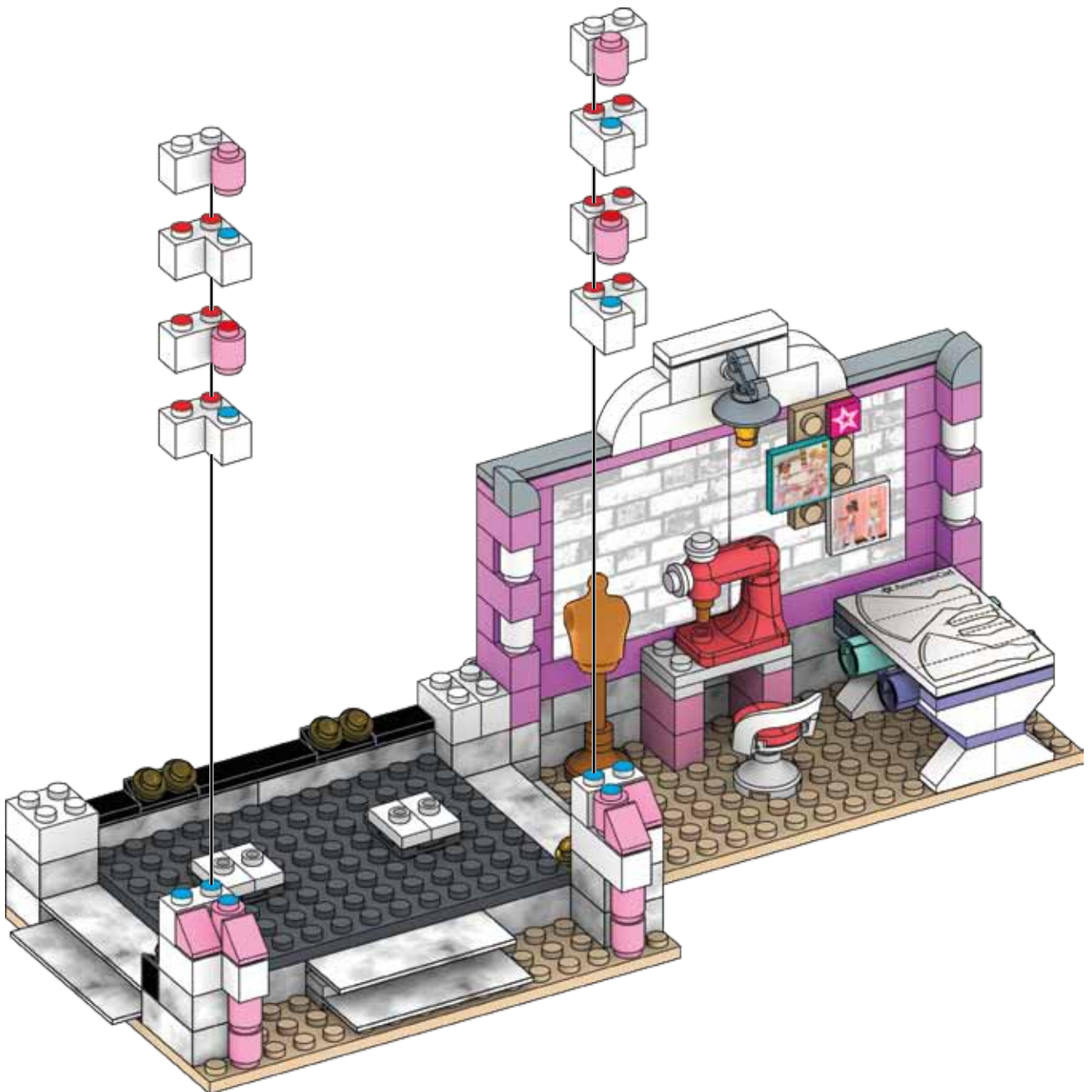
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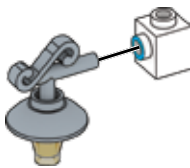
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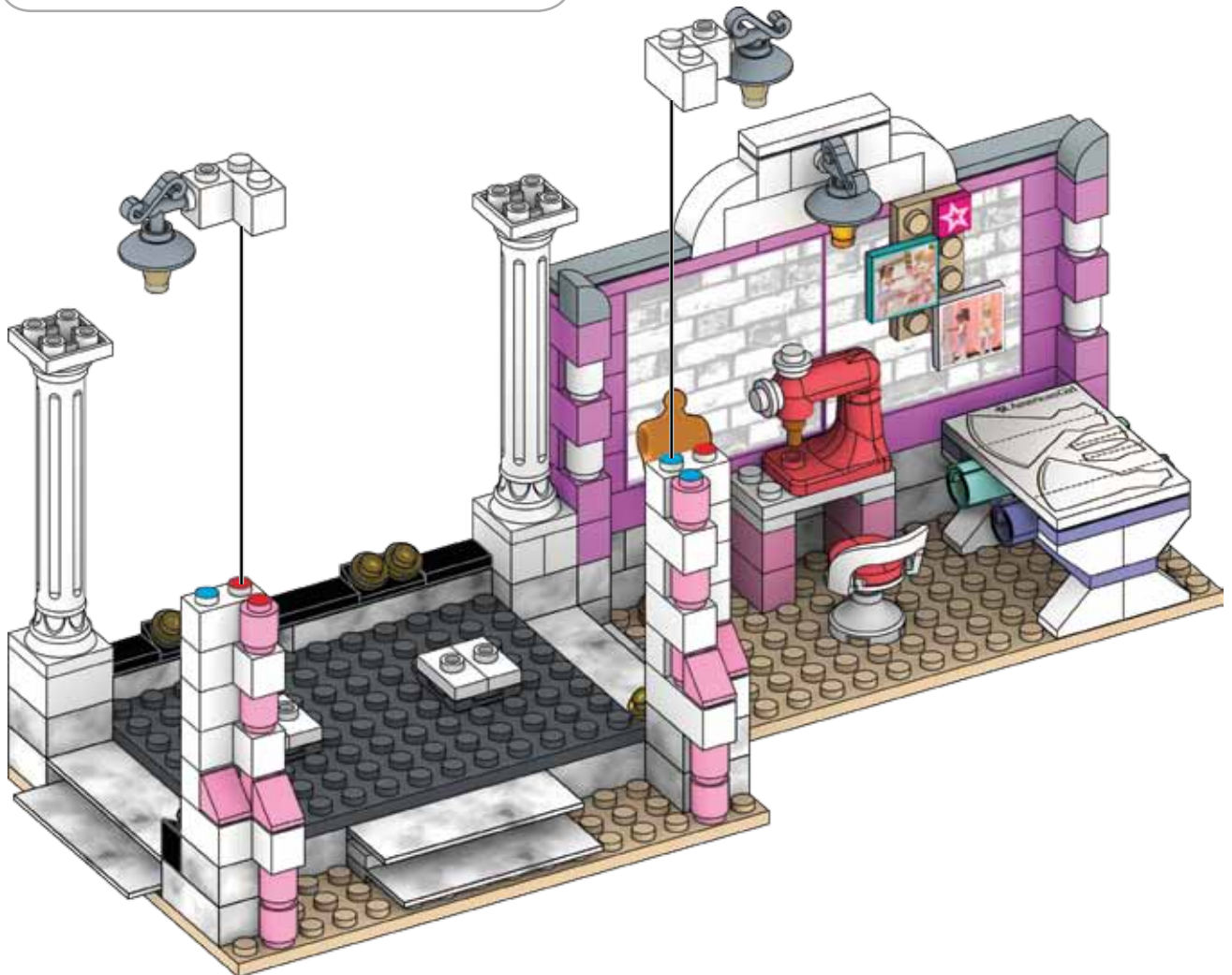


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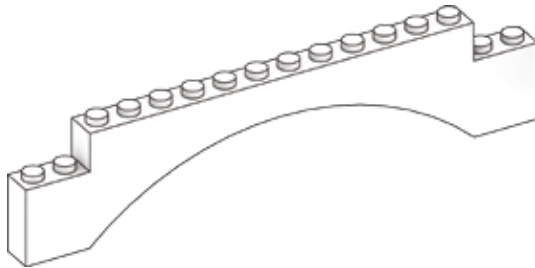
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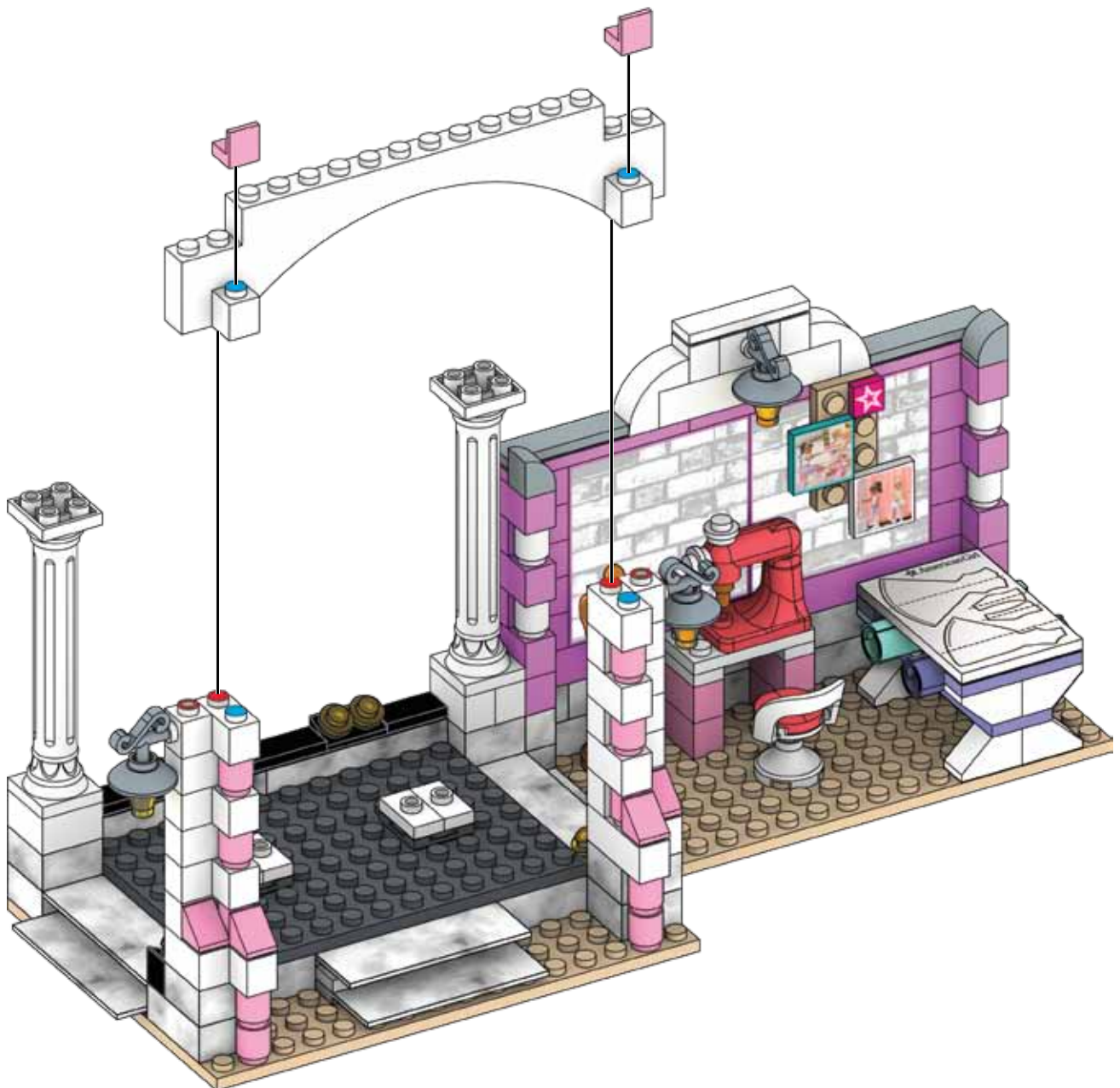
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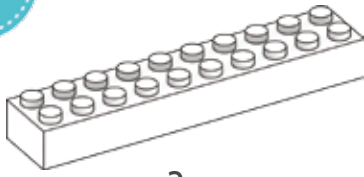


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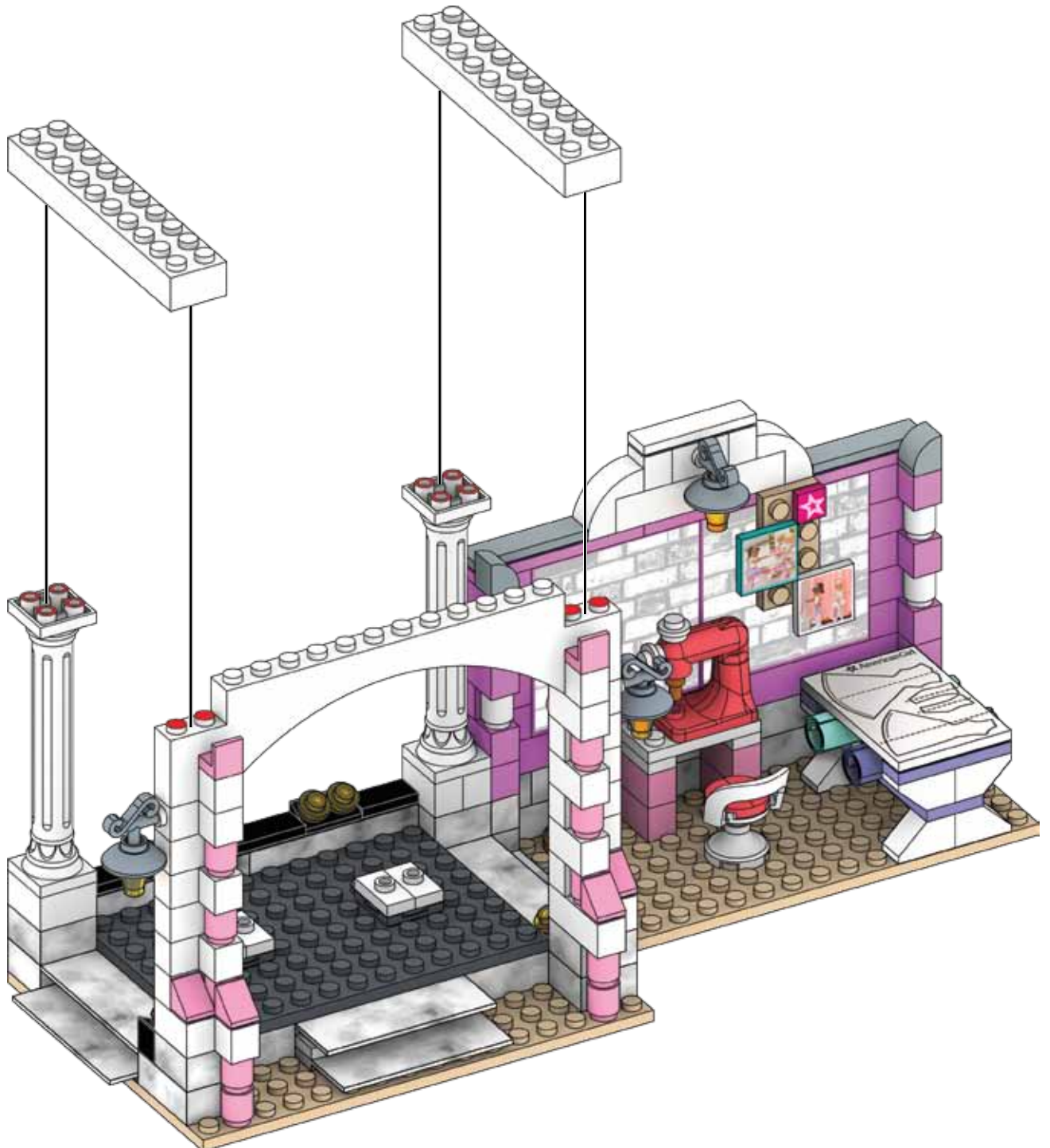




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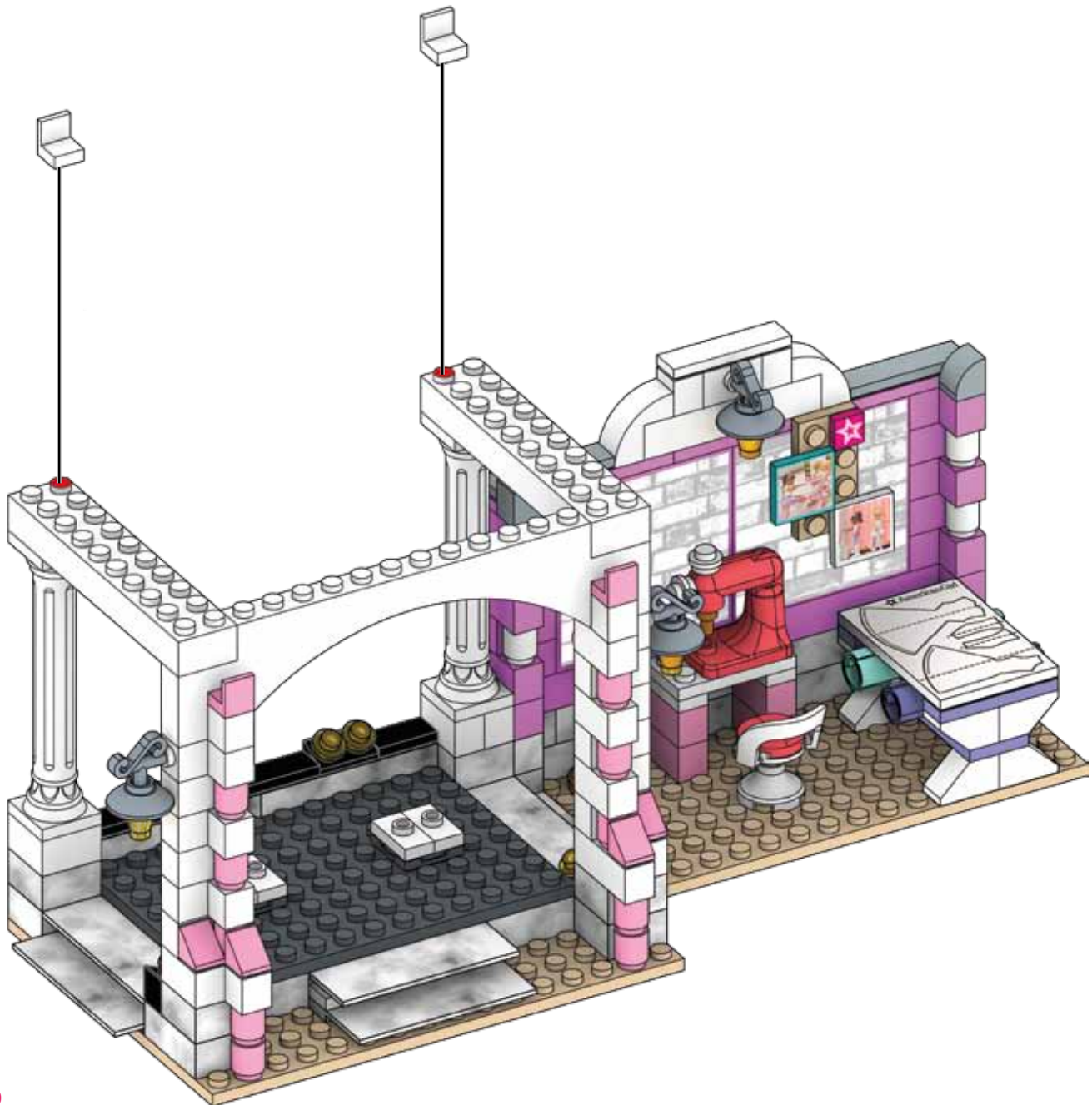




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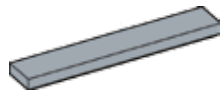
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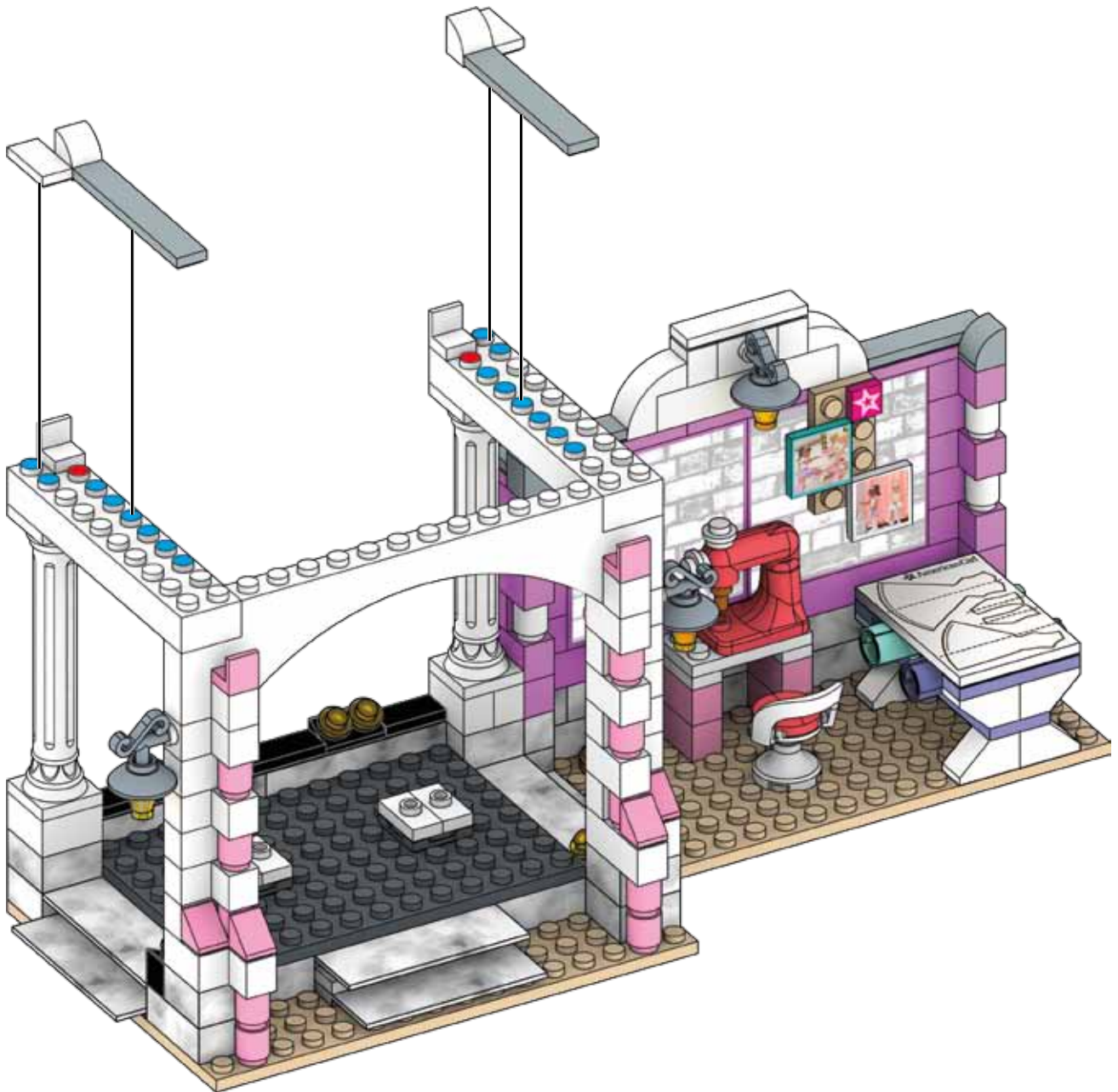
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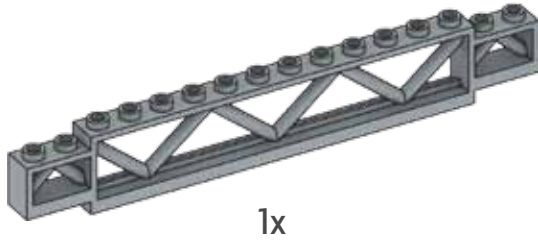
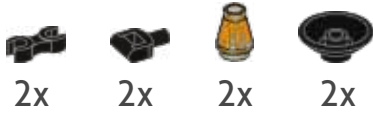


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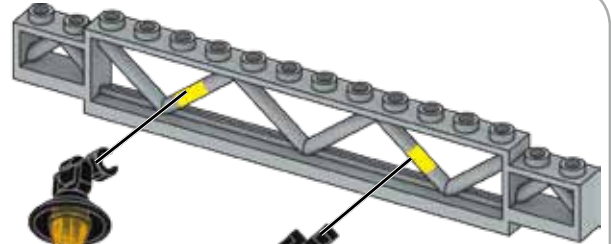


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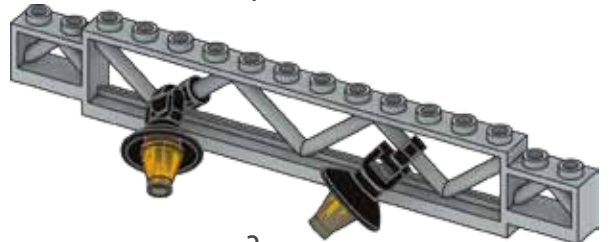


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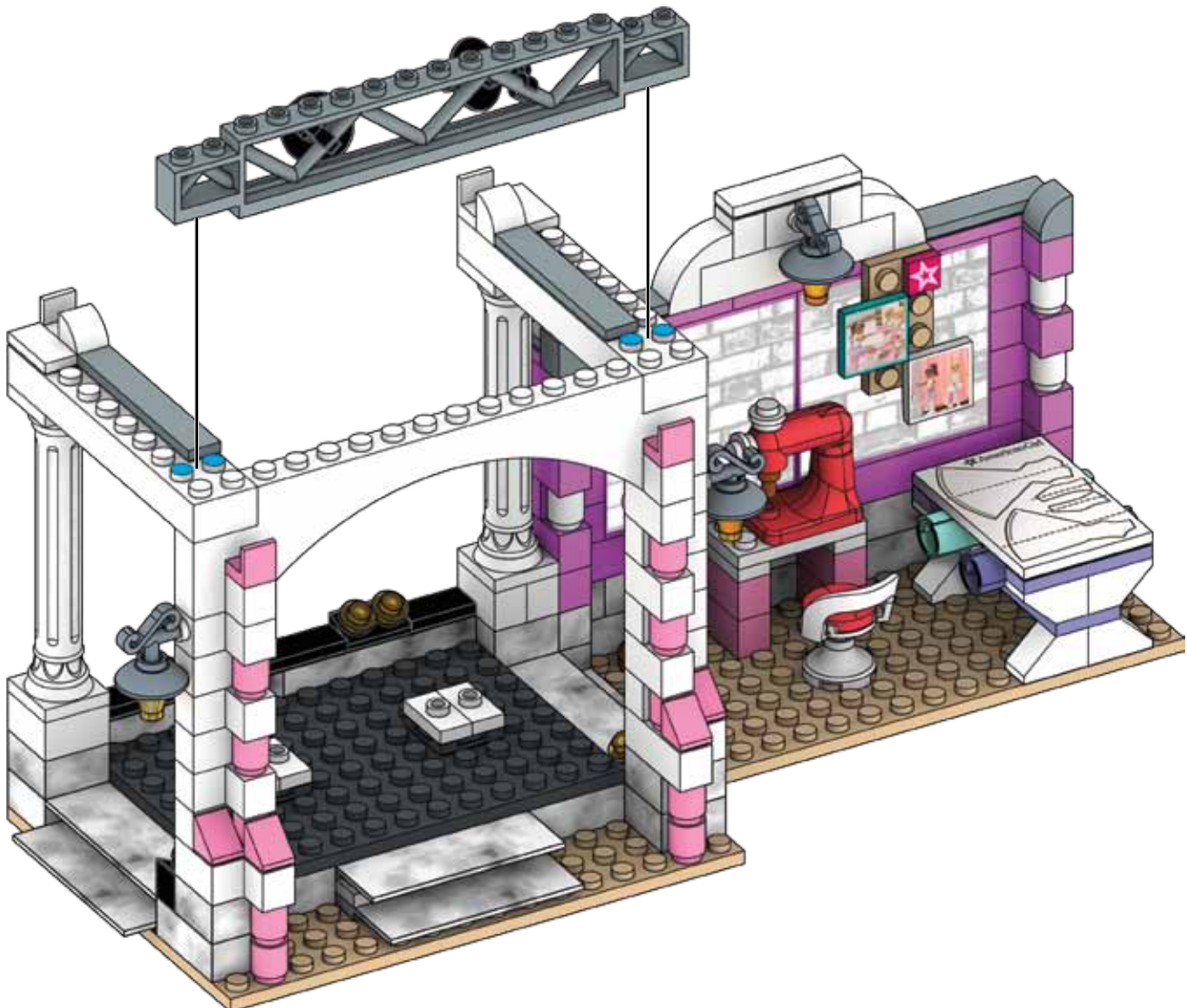
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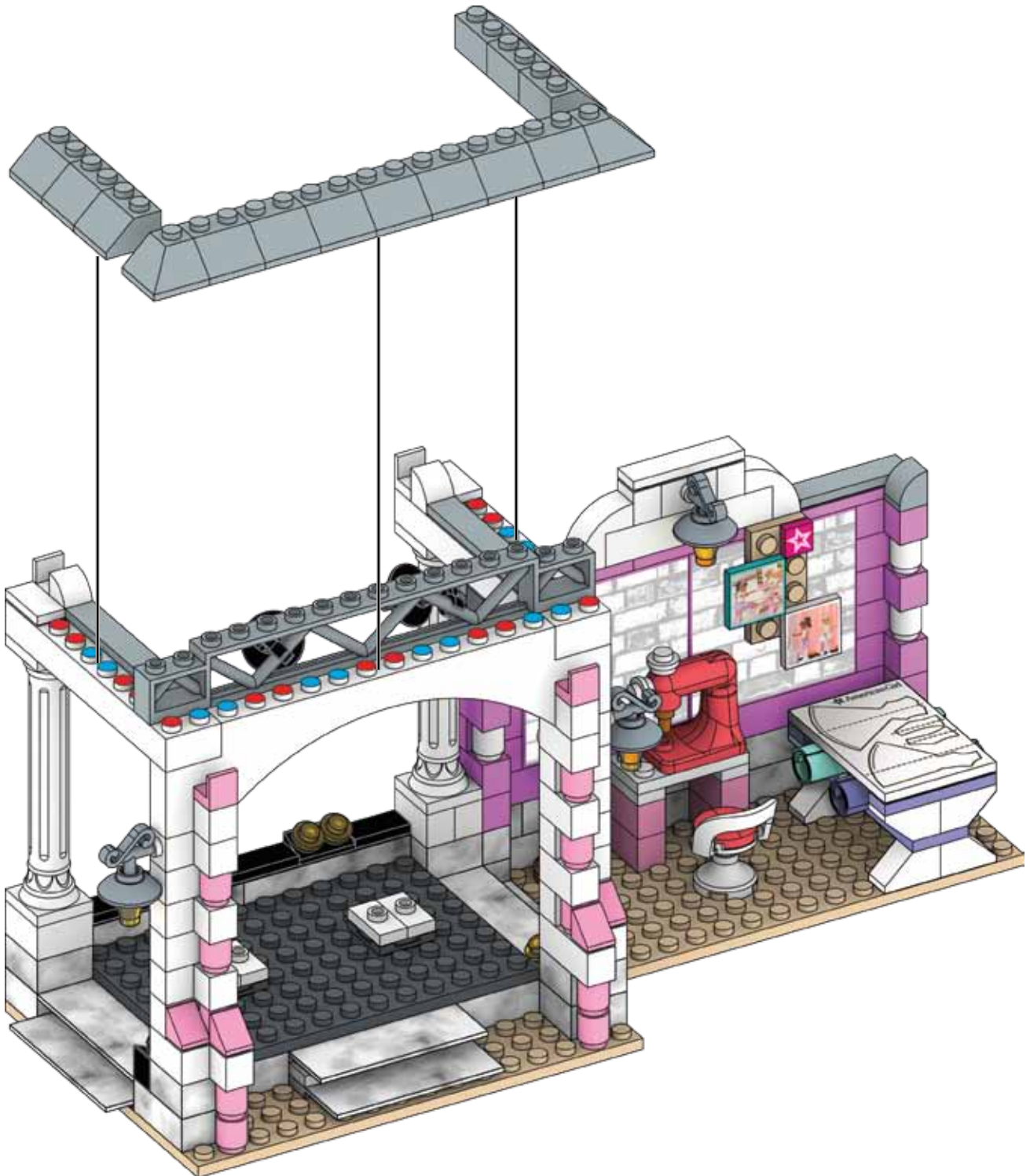
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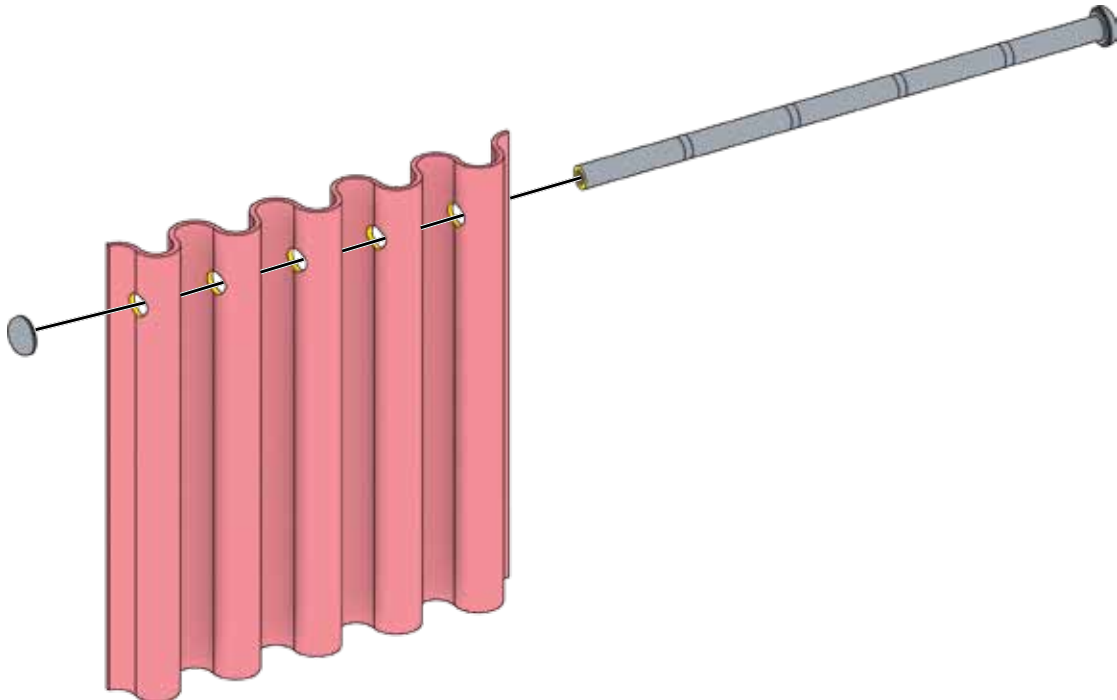


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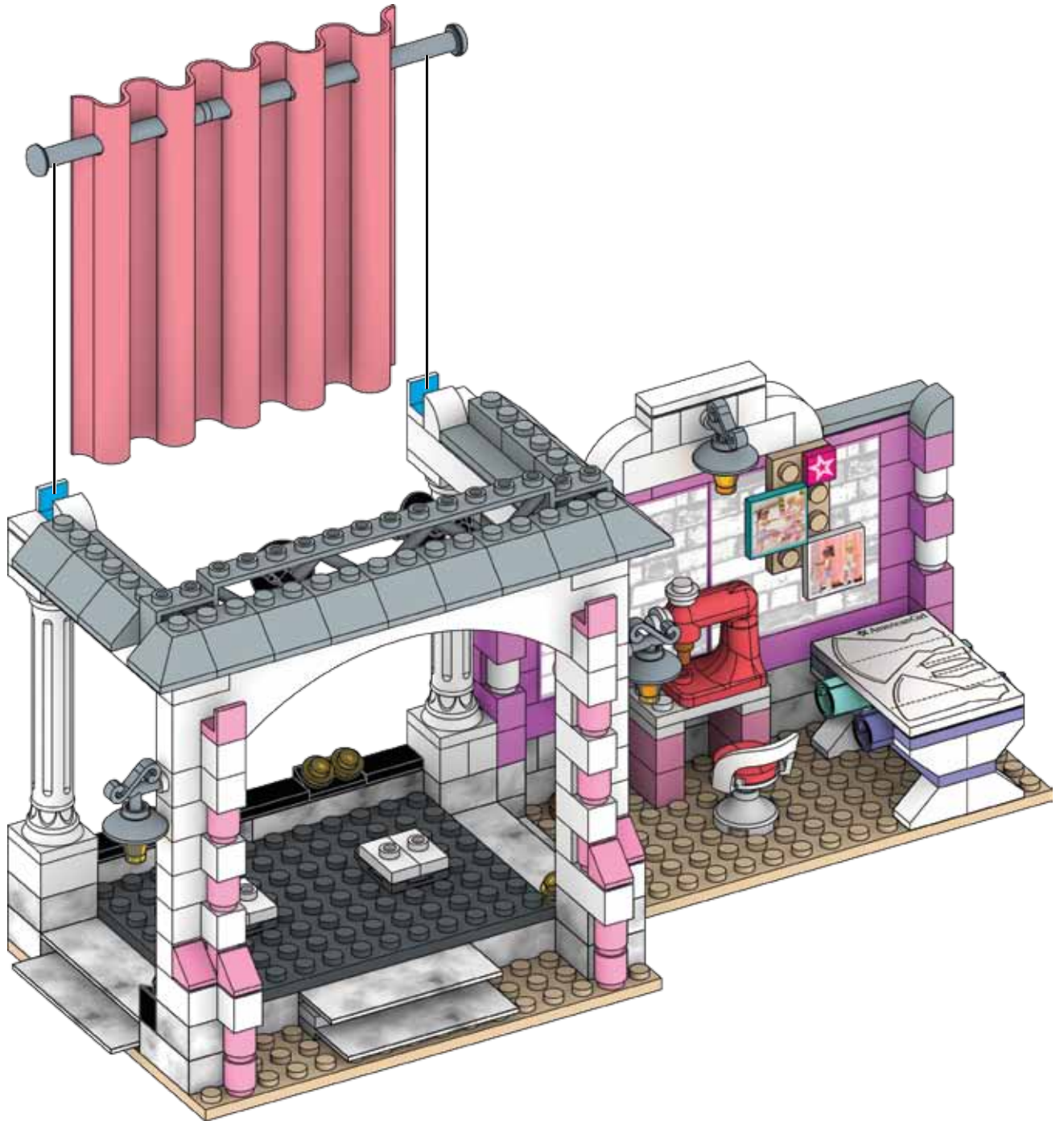
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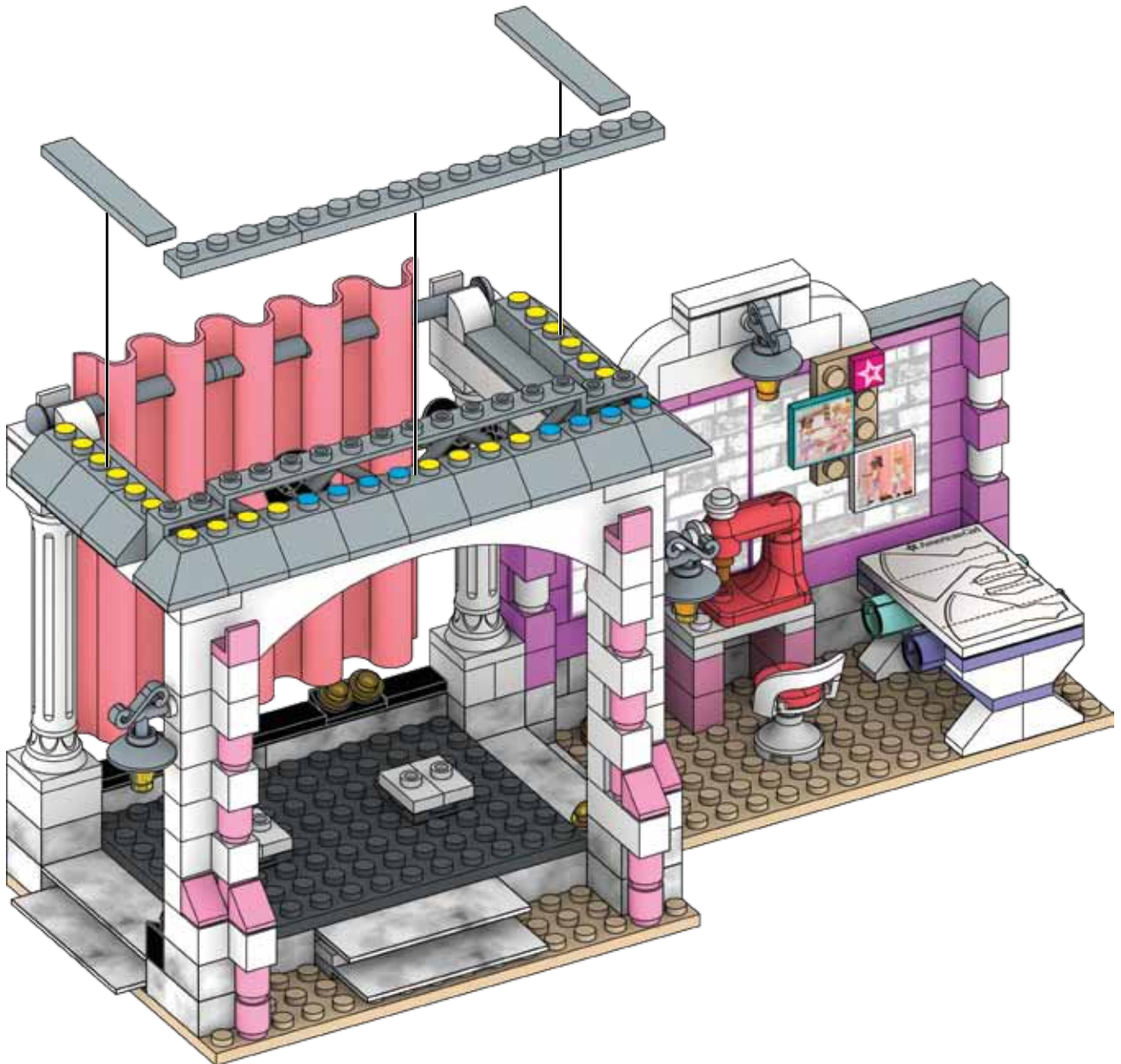
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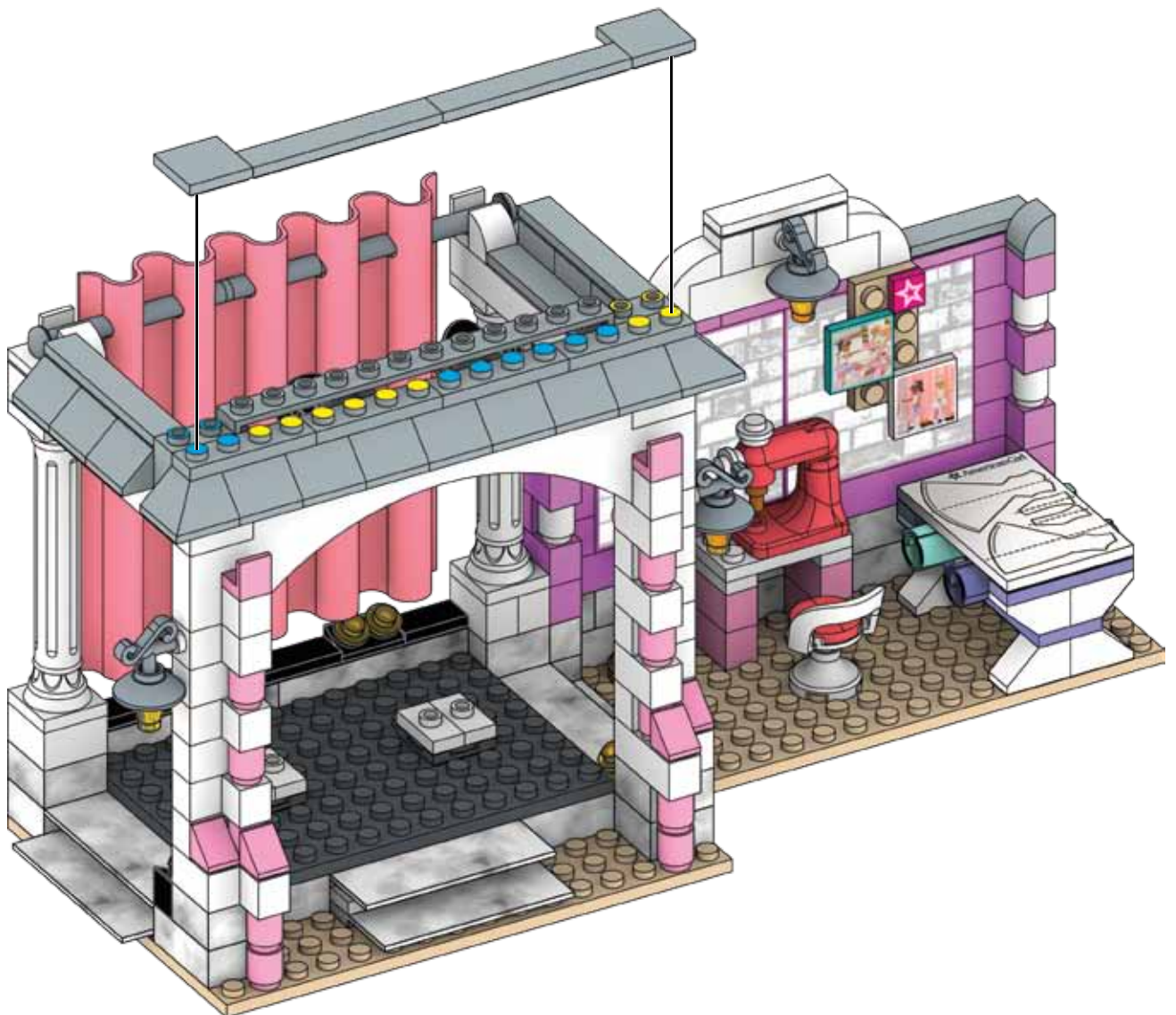
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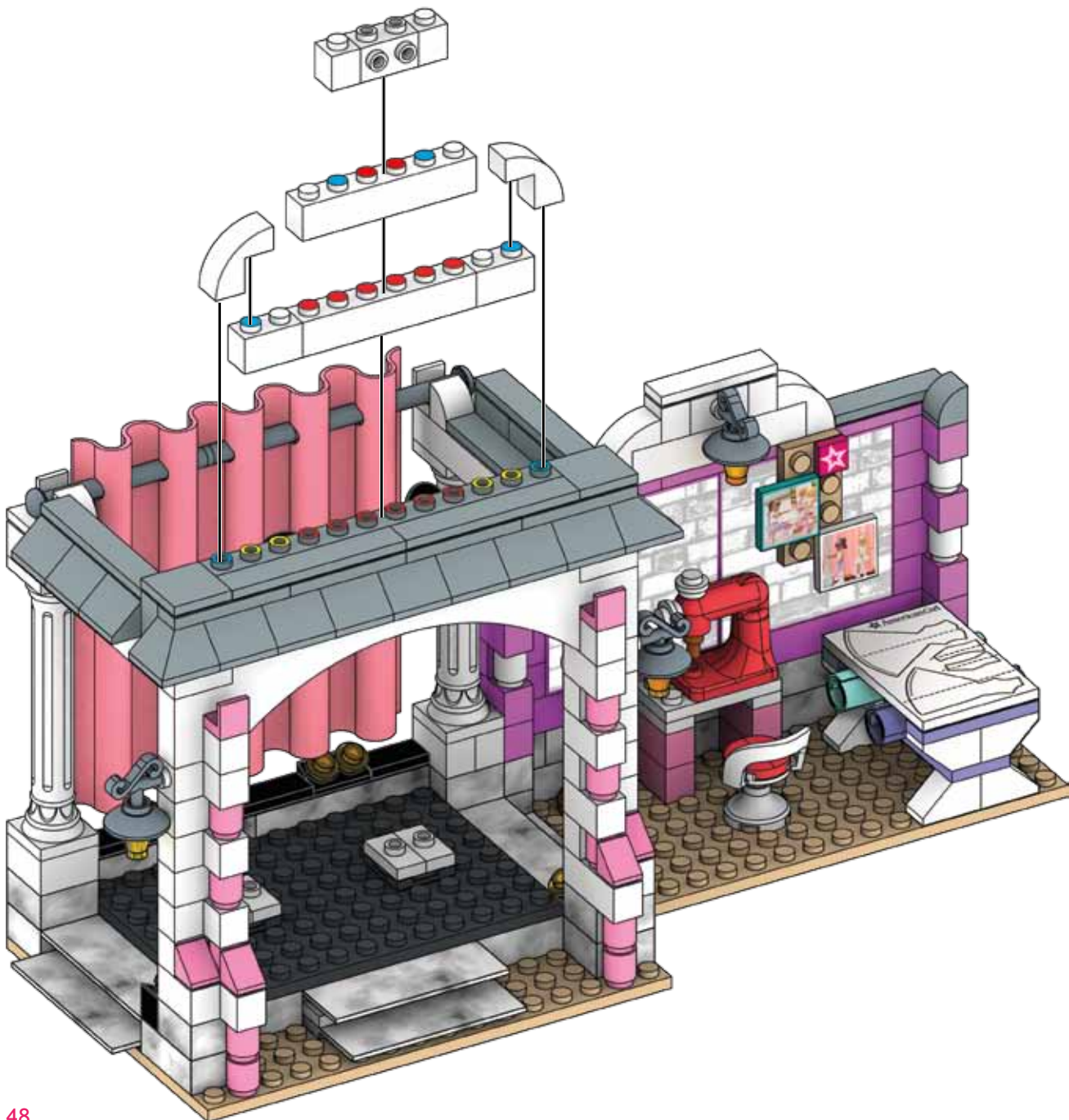
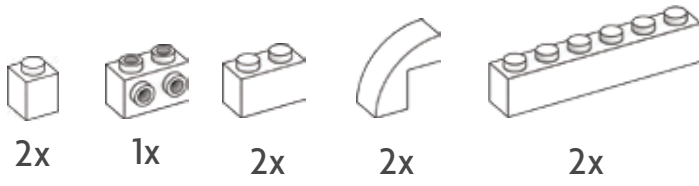


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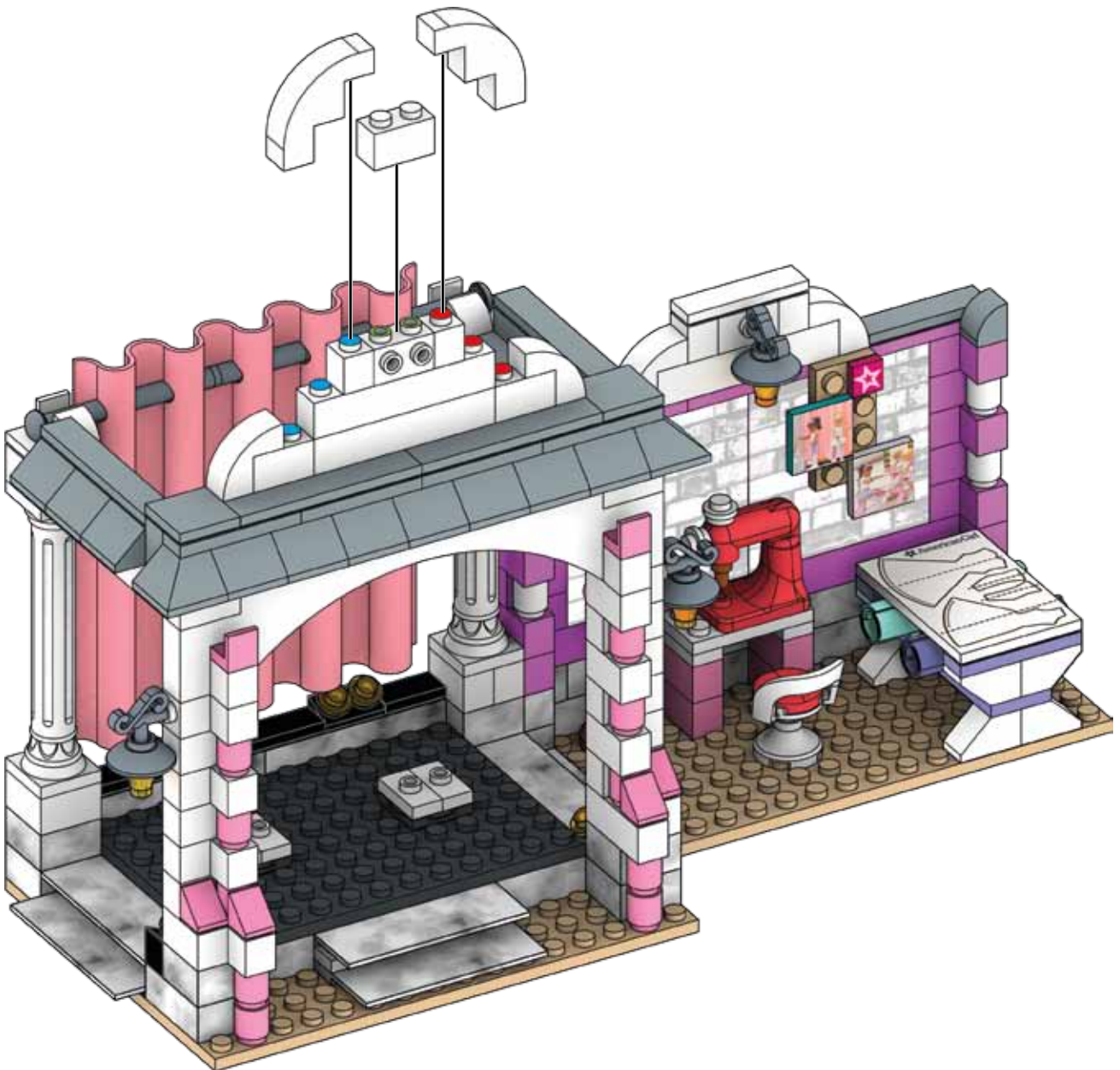
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### Showtime!

Isabelle is ready for her performance. Place the curtain behind the stage and use it as a backdrop. Place the curtain in front of the stage, and pull it back when she makes her entrance. The audience is quiet. The dancers are ready. Let the ballet begin!







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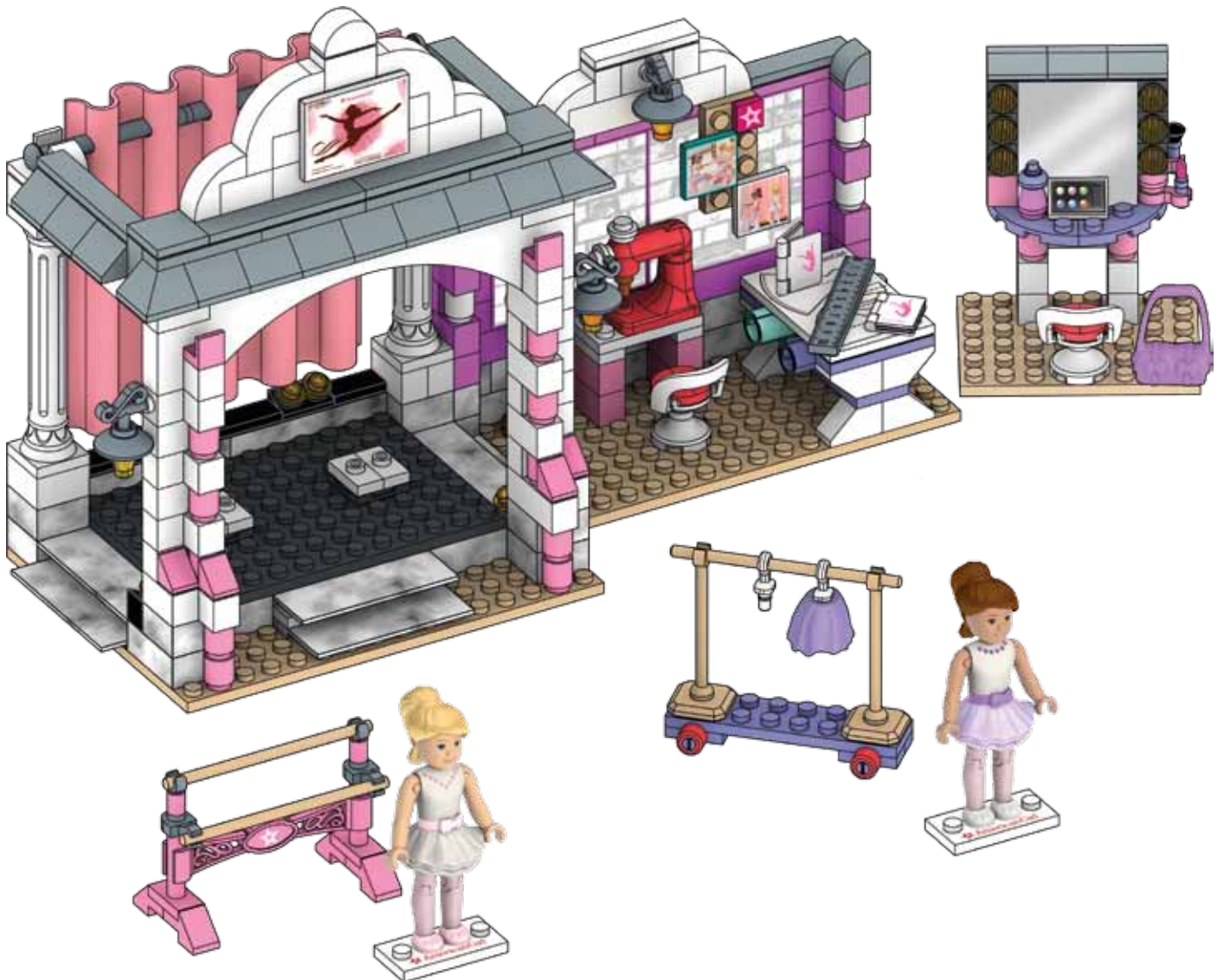
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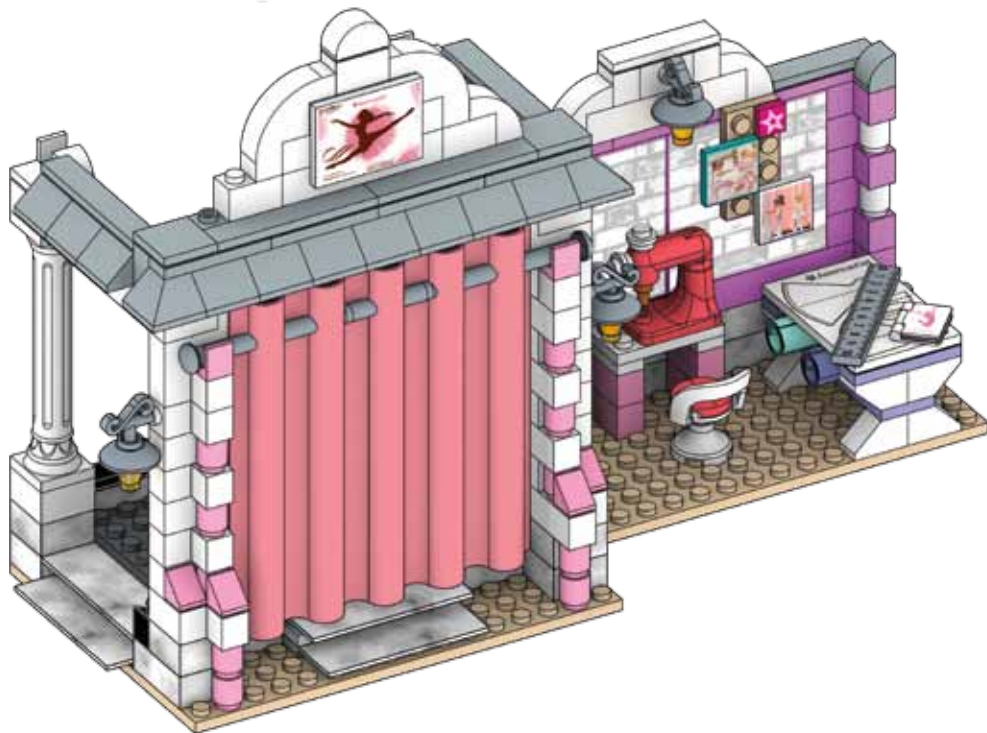
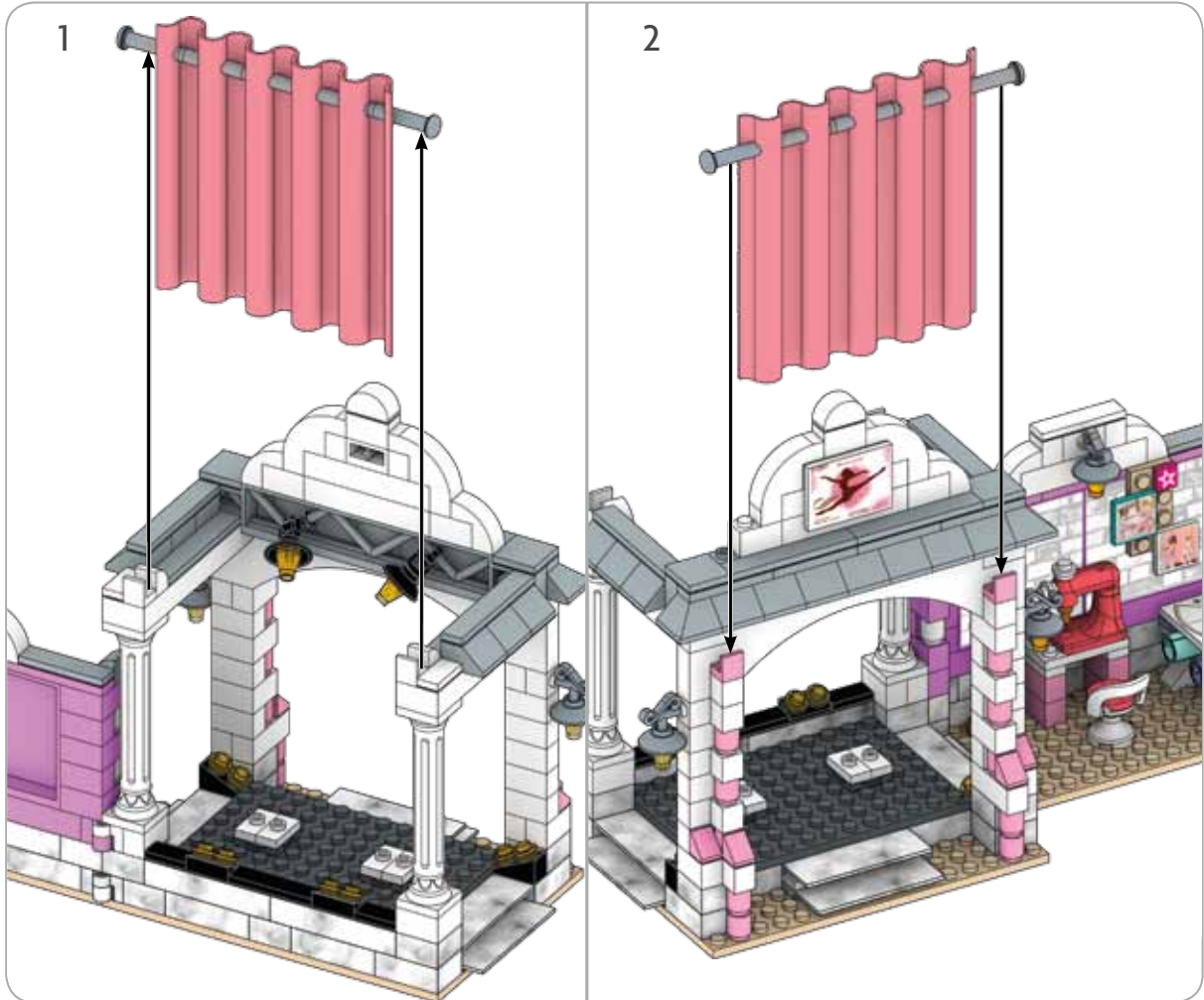


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★ Hang the curtain in front of or behind the stage!








# Congratulations!

You're all done building ...  
but the story is just beginning!

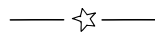
Now that you've built  
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Recreate your favorite moments,  
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in Isabelle's tale!



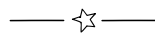


## Here are some ideas to get you started:

Luisa is trying so hard to learn the choreography for their next production, but she just can't get it. How can Isabelle help her friend? What should the girls do?



Isabelle needs to design a costume that she'll wear in the school's recital. The theme is "The Four Seasons." What ideas does she have? Does something funny happen?



It's time for Isabelle and Luisa to perform. Pick out music for them to dance to. How do the girls feel as they wait to go on stage? How do they feel while they dance, and when they finish? Does Isabelle see someone famous watching from the audience? What happens next?



Be a story builder! Anything can happen when you're in charge. What other tales can you come up with?

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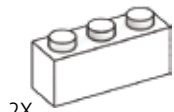
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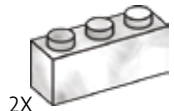
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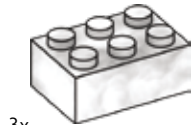
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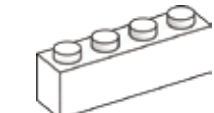
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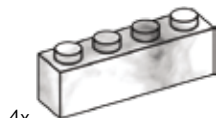
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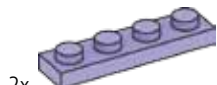
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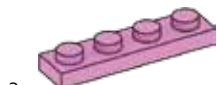
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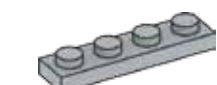
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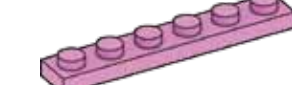
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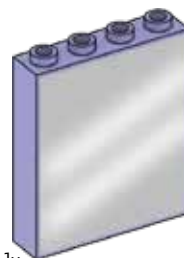
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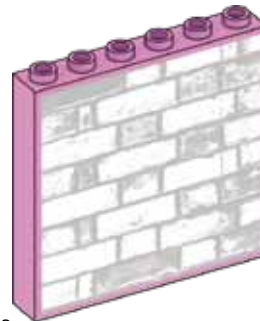
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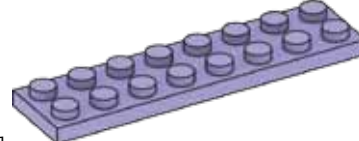
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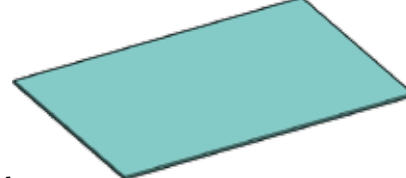
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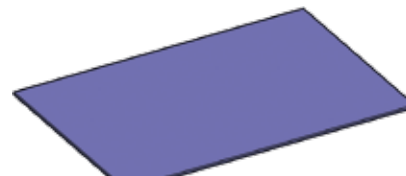
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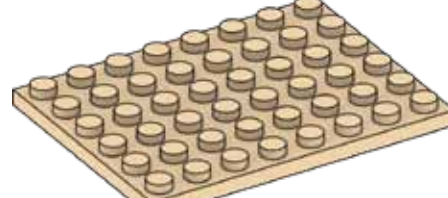
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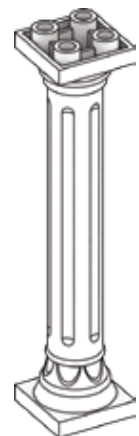
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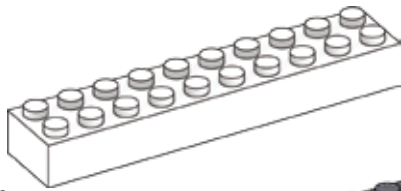


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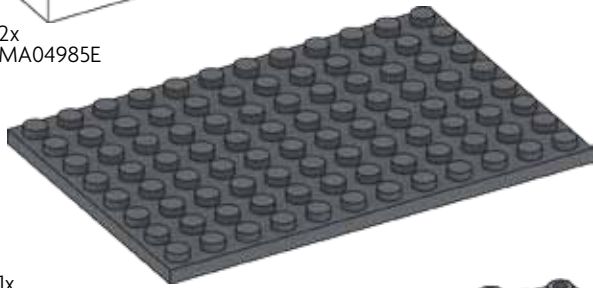


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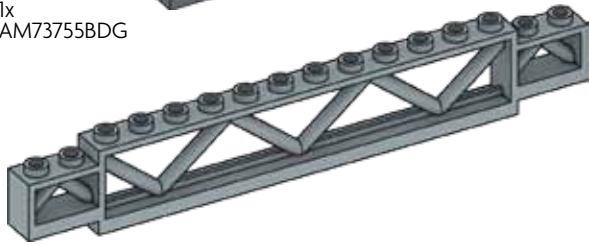




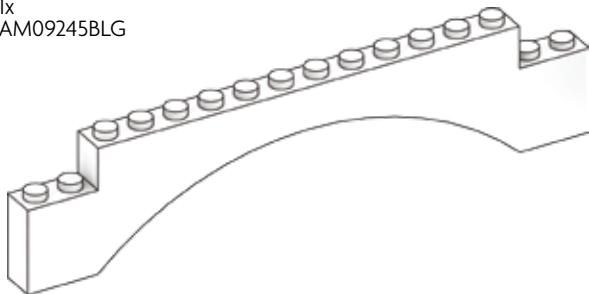
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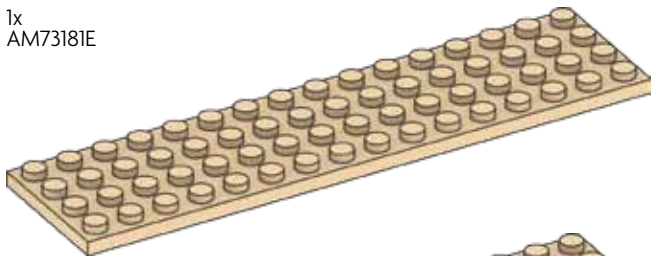
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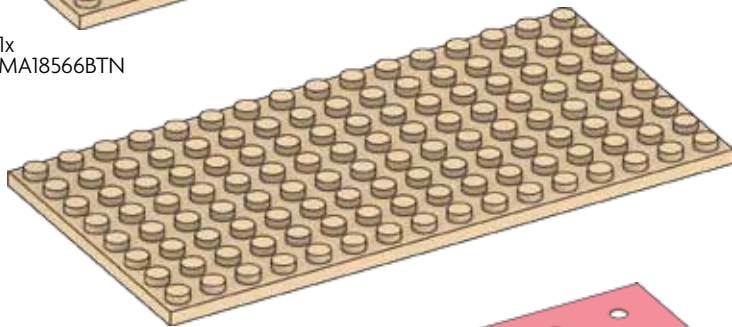
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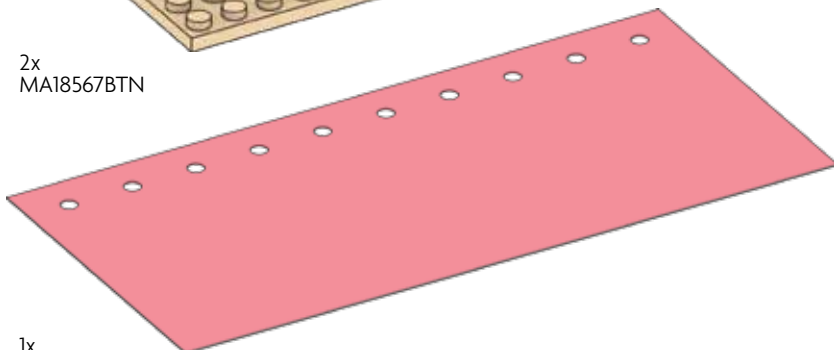
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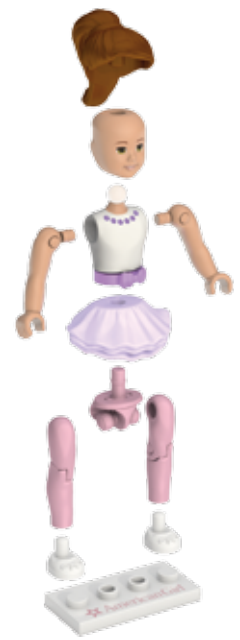
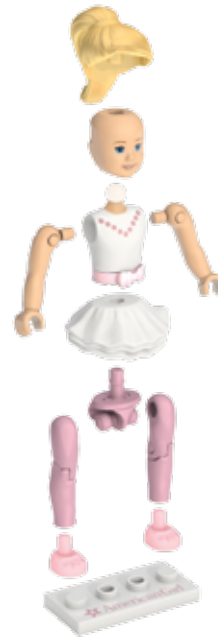
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