







Girl of the Year[®] Grace Thomas is an ideas girl. Whether she's inventing a new recipe or brainstorming ways to build a business, Grace is always dreaming up the next big thing.



She makes baking her business.

Grace has grown up around the delicious smells and tastes of her grandparents' bakery. Grace's aunt and uncle live in Paris, France, and own a *patisserie*—a bakery that specializes in pastries and desserts. When Grace and her mom spend a summer in Paris, Grace gets to combine her passions for baking and business. Grace can't wait for her friends Maddie and Ella to taste all the delicious desserts she's learned to make.

Friends make everything more fun.

Grace emails Maddie and Ella an invitation.

Come over for a sleepover, she types. We can stay up late talking, watching movies, playing games, and best of all, trying my latest treats!

That night, the girls munch on cupcakes on the rooftop patio while they look out at the stars. "Everything is more fun with friends," says Grace. "I am going to the bakery tomorrow to try out new recipes. Do you want to come by for a visit?"

"Absolutely!" says Maddie. "That sounds great," agrees Ella.

"I know," says Grace. "You can be my official taste testers!"



Grace and her friends are full of creative ideas.

Grace and her friends Maddie and Ella have a good time whether they're baking together, playing with Bonbon the puppy, or having a sleepover. They also have a great idea—they want to start their own baking business. It's a big job, but they're pretty sure they can do it.

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Read more about Grace 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 figures out of the window. Now it's time to build your story!

YOUR BUILDABLE FIGURE

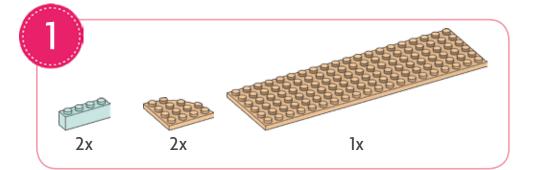
Did you know you can personalize your American Girl mini figures?

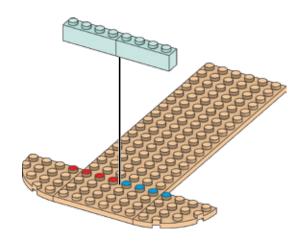
Collect them all, then mix and match pieces from each to customize them. Use the different parts and accessories to change their look and style. You can even create totally new characters that look like you and your friends!

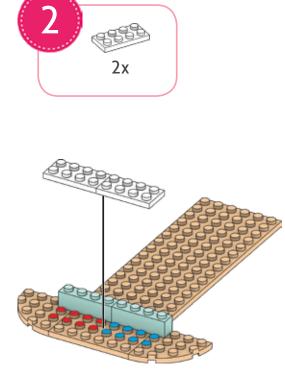


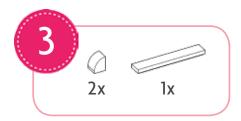


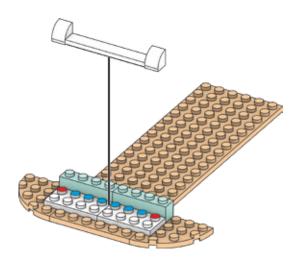




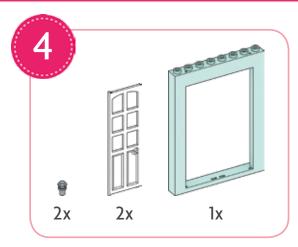


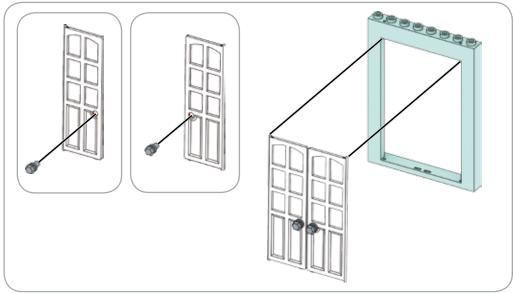


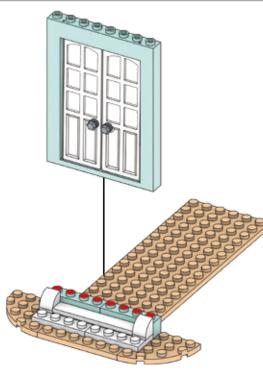


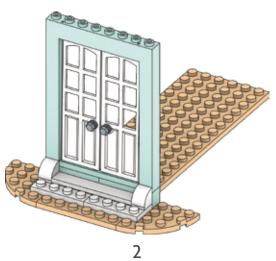


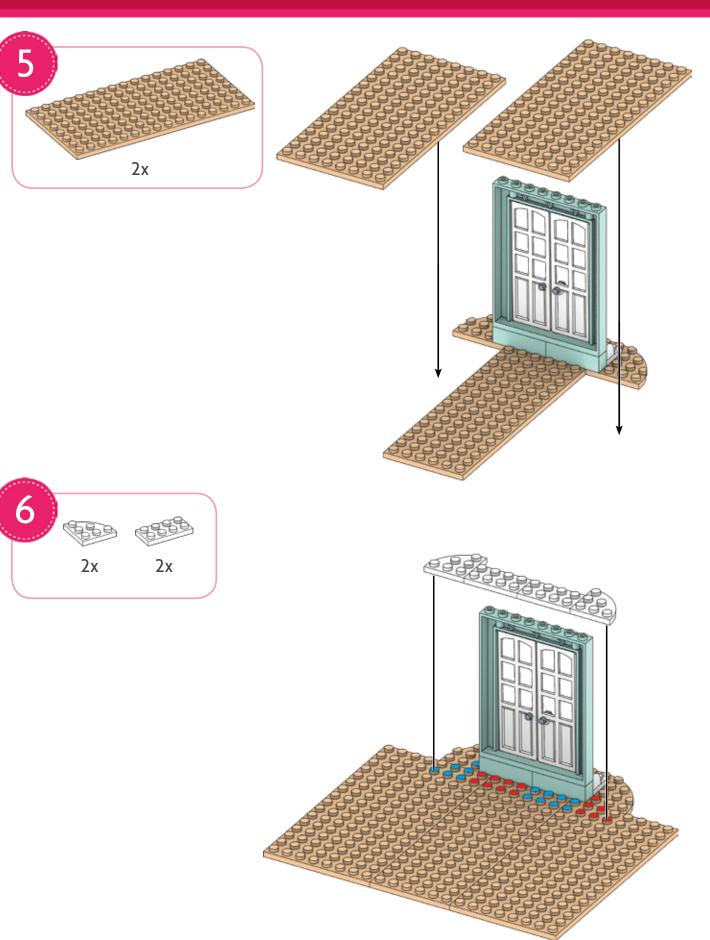


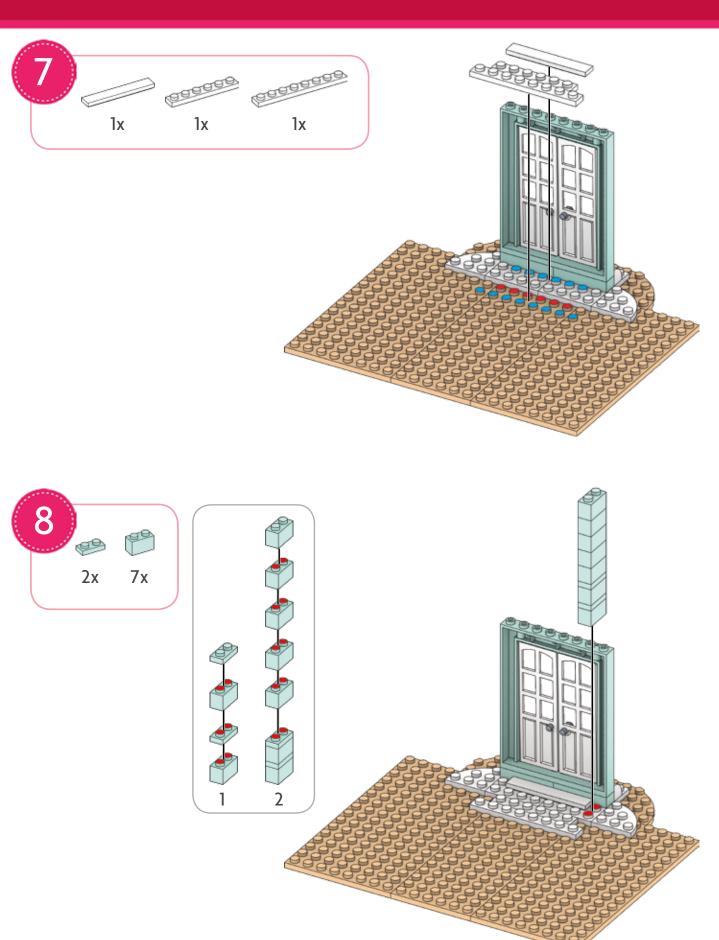


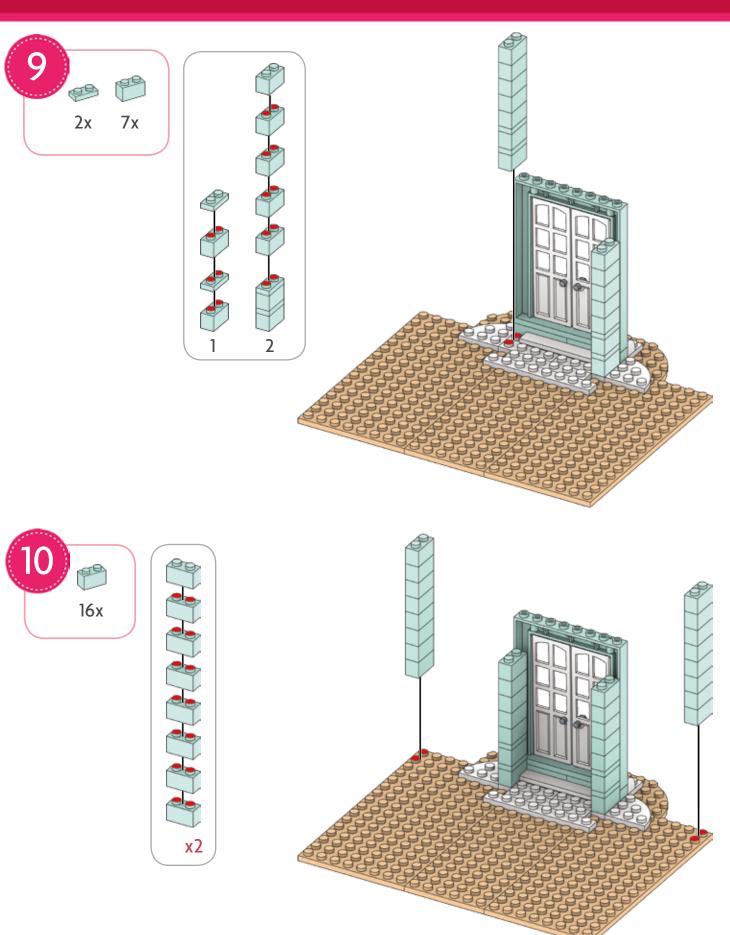


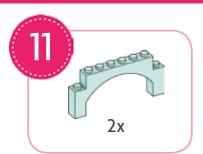


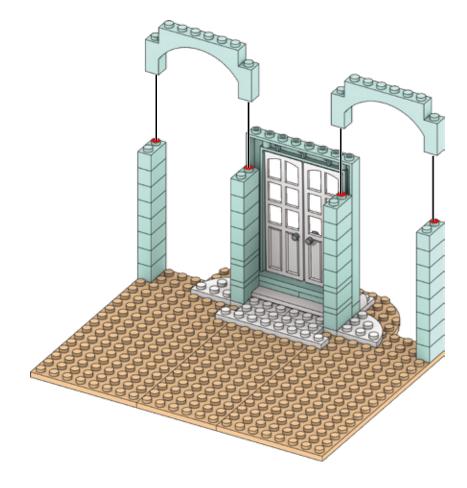




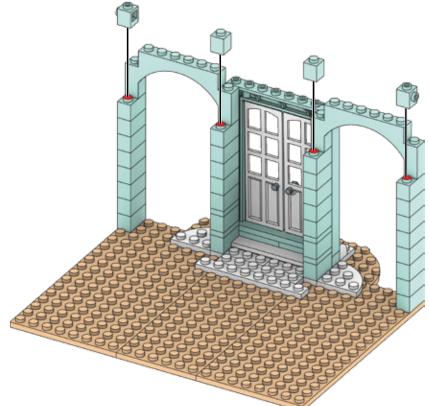




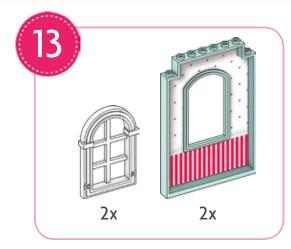


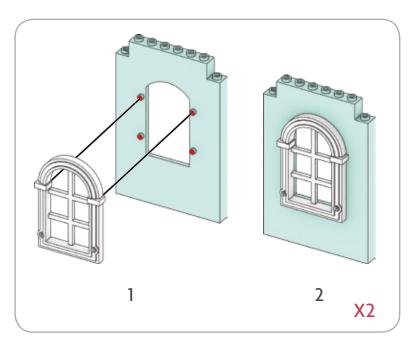


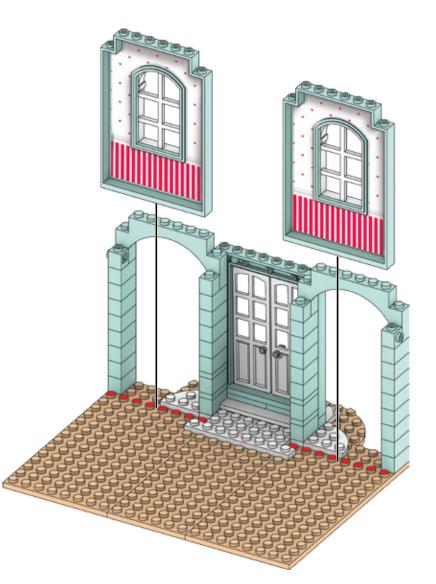




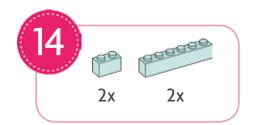


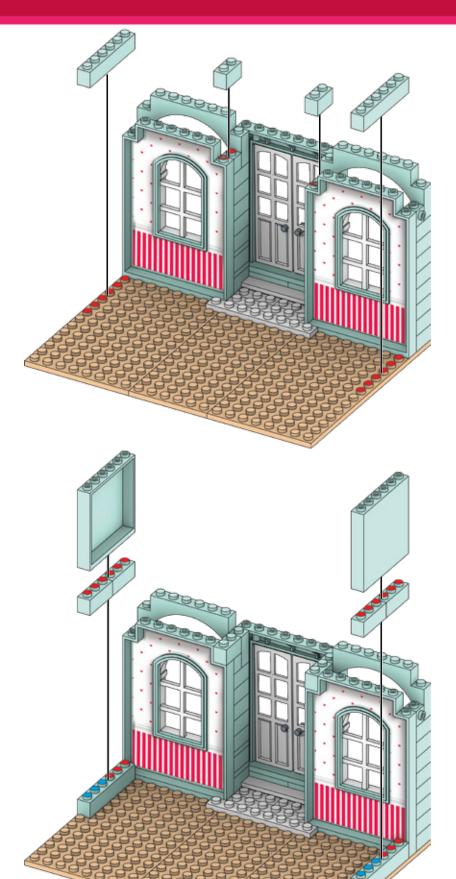


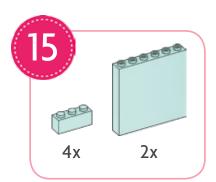


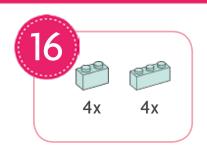


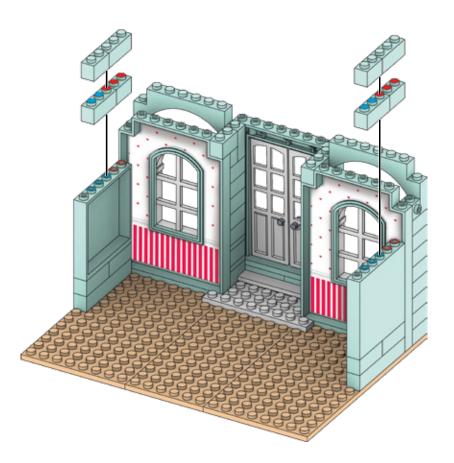














The base you have built is used for both Grace's Slumber Party *and* Grace's Home.



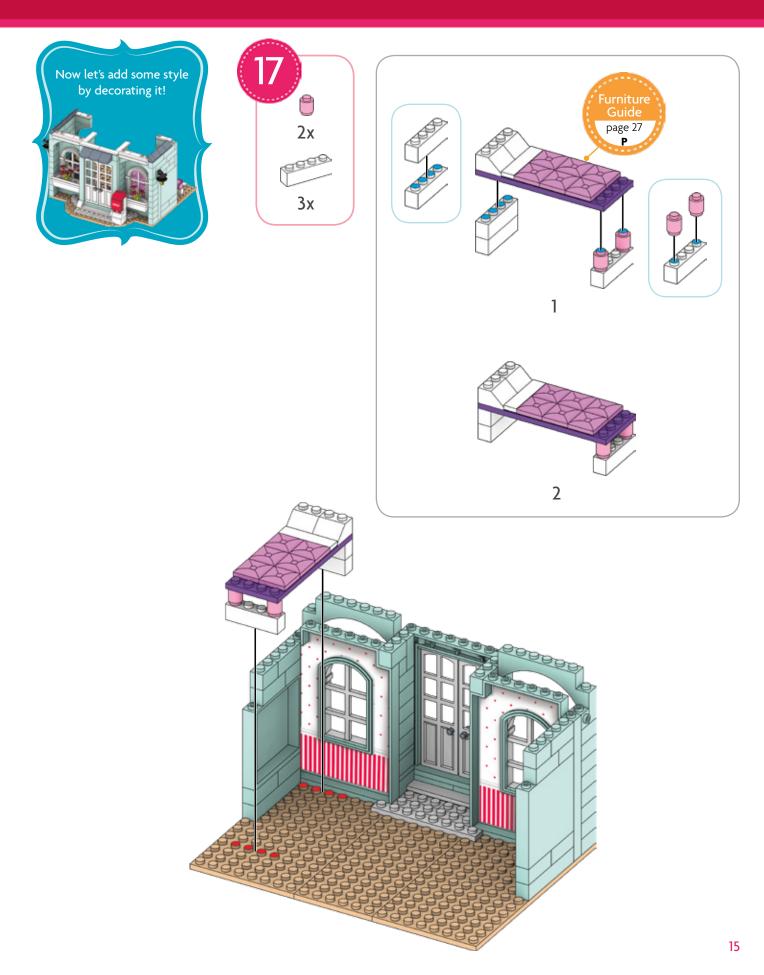
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To continue building Grace's Slumber Party, move on to Step 17.

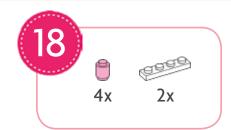


If you'd like to change stories and build Grace's Home, turn the storybook over and turn to page 15.

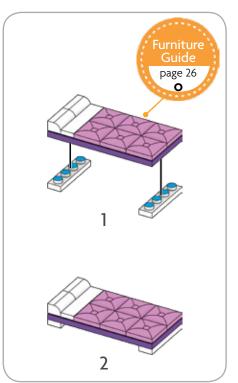


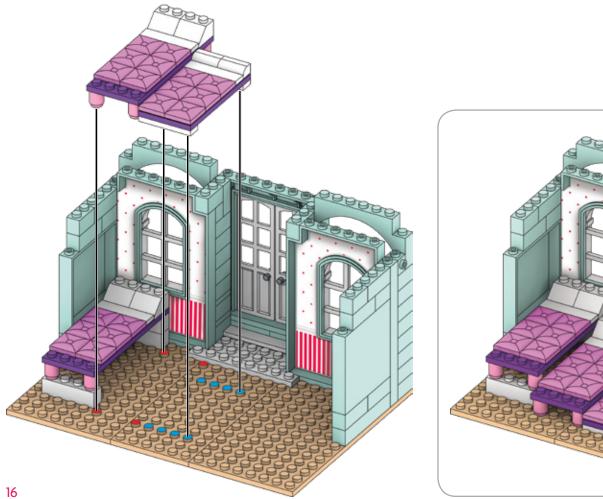


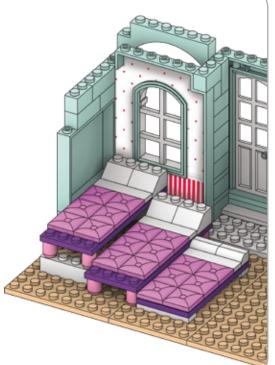




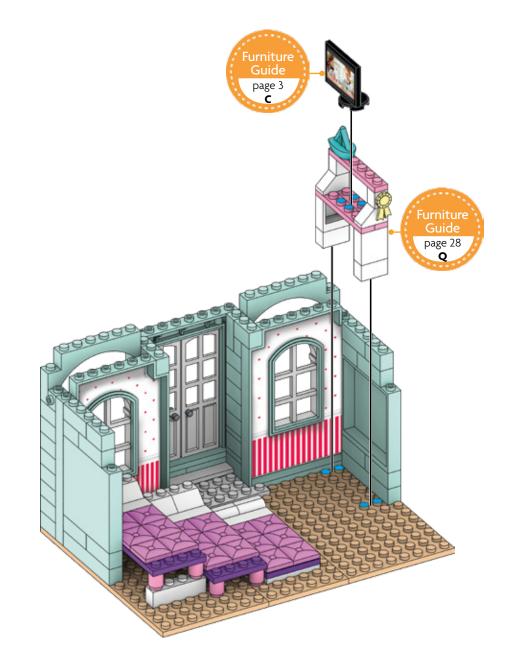








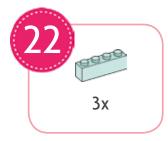


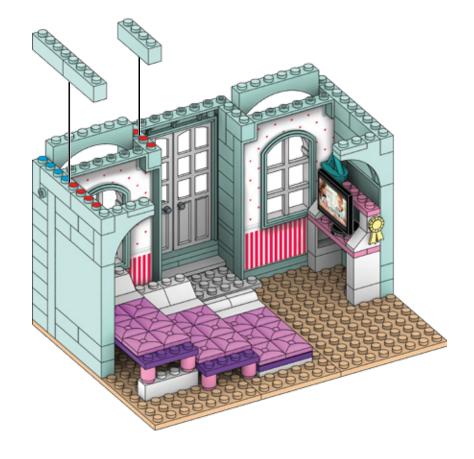


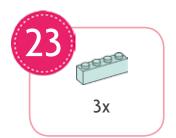




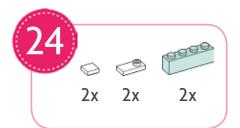


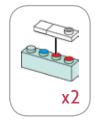






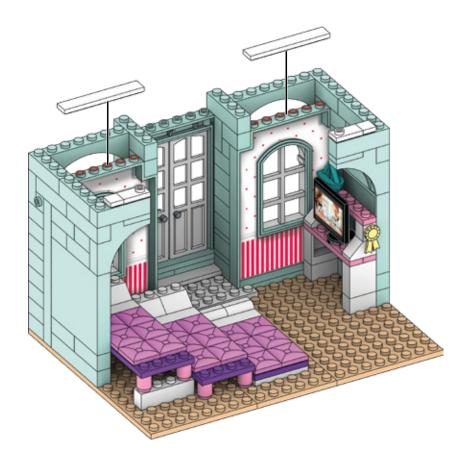






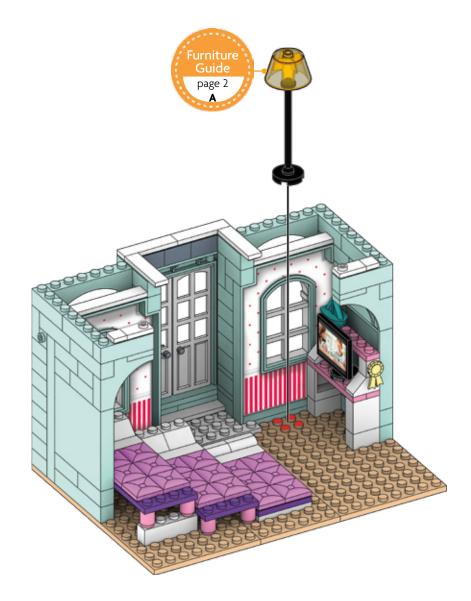


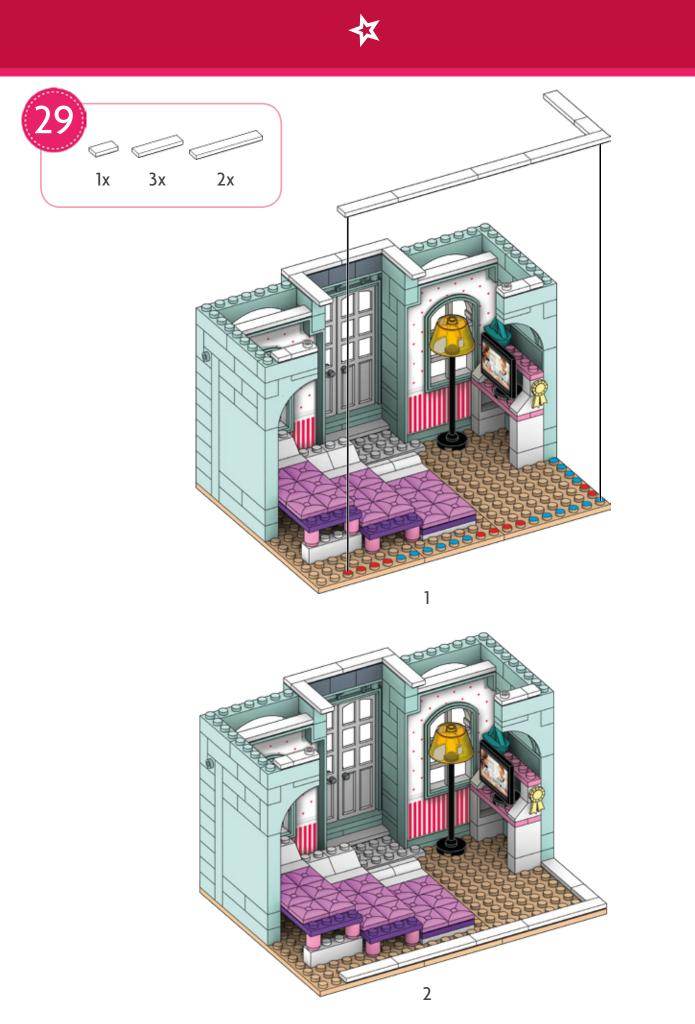




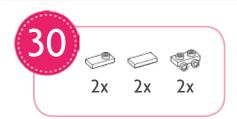


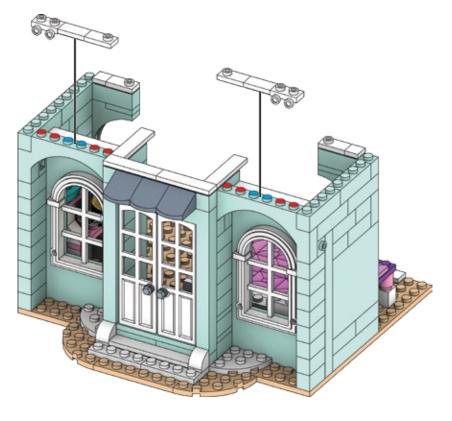






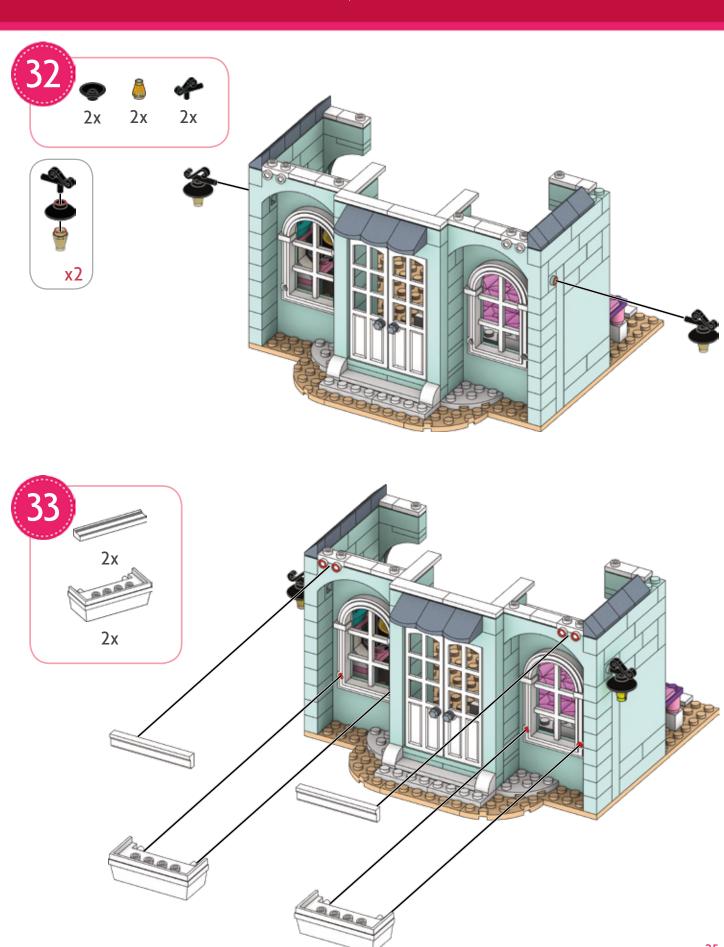




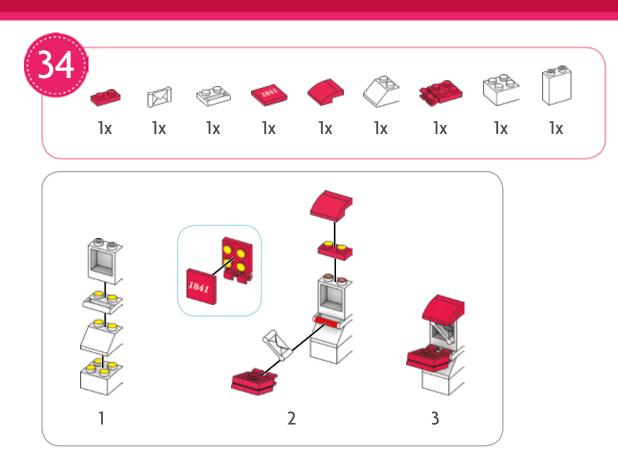


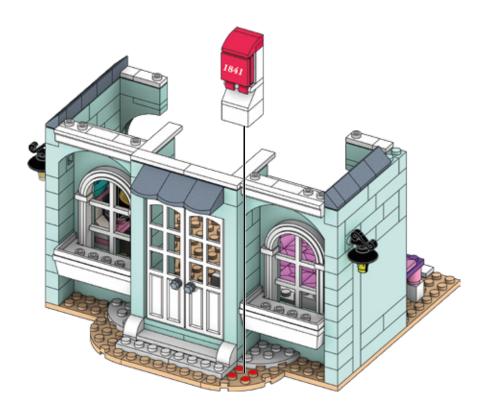


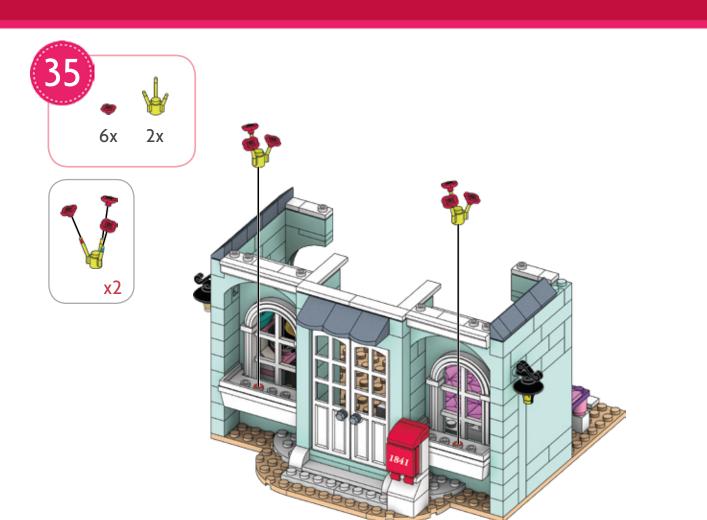








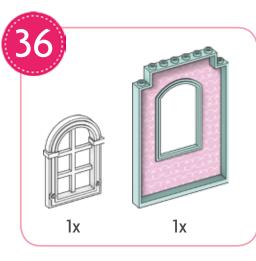


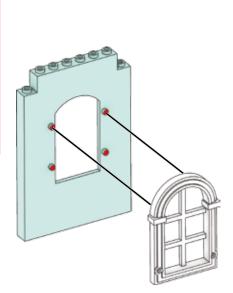


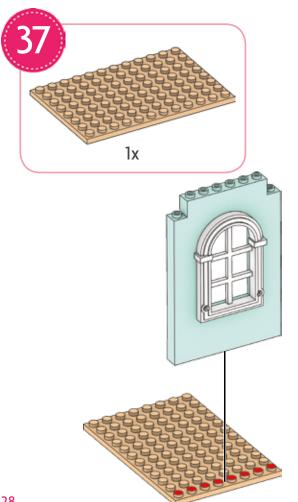


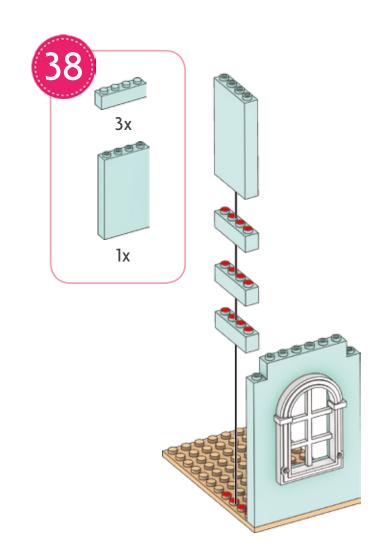


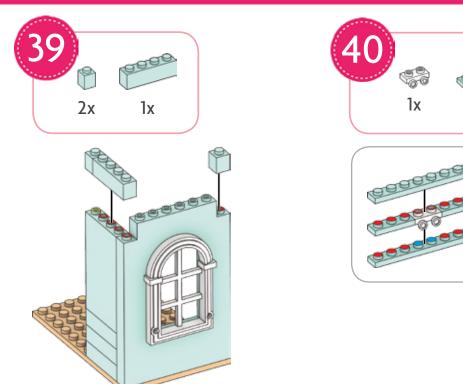


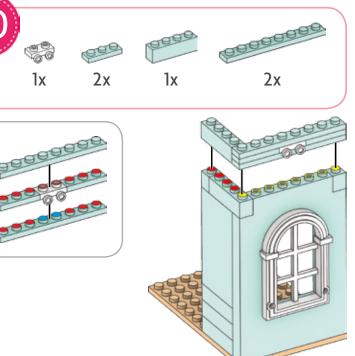


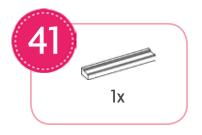


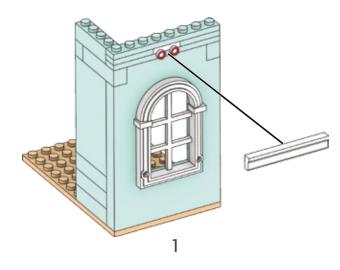


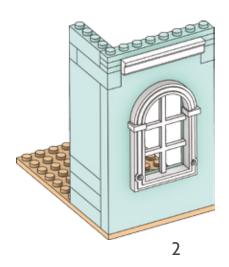






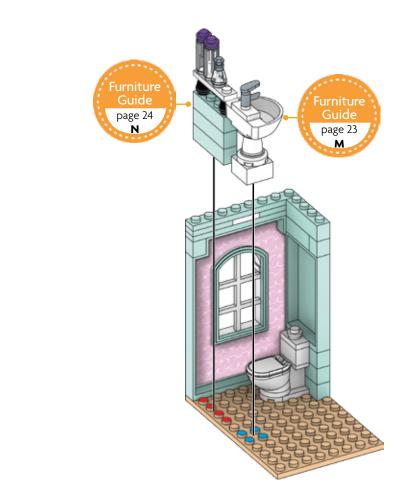






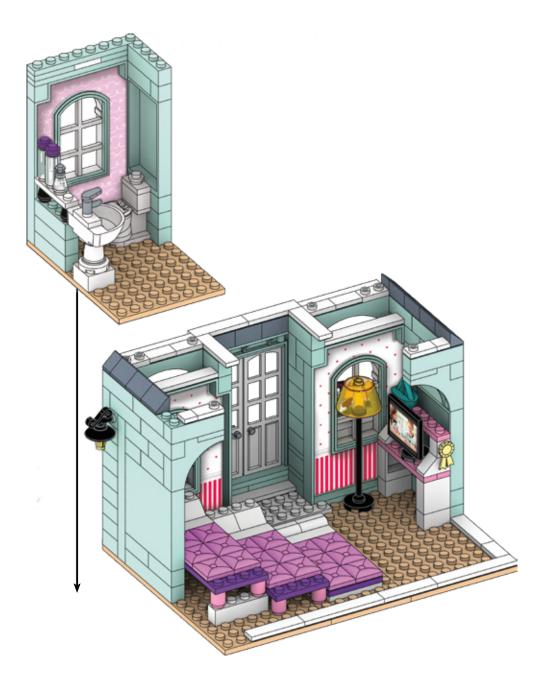




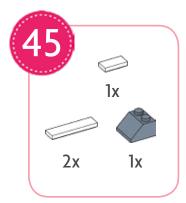




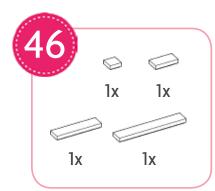
























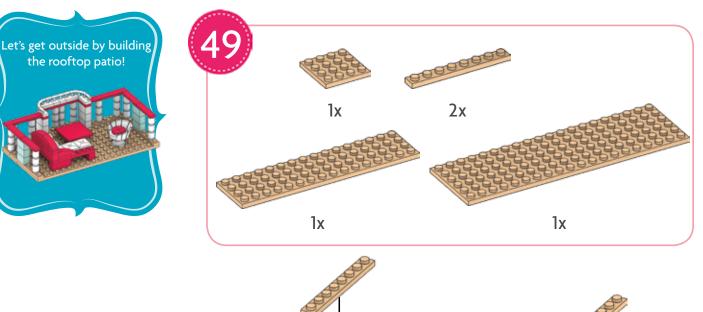


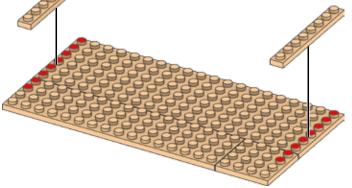
Slumber Party Fun

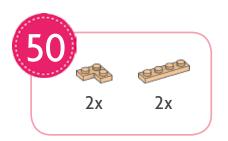
Grace, Maddie, and Ella love sleepovers. When they start talking about ideas for their baking business, Grace gets so excited she can hardly sleep. How could they make a bakery special? What would they serve? Would they attract more customers if they had a unique theme or music, or certain treats?

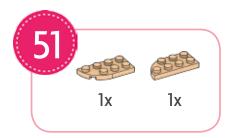


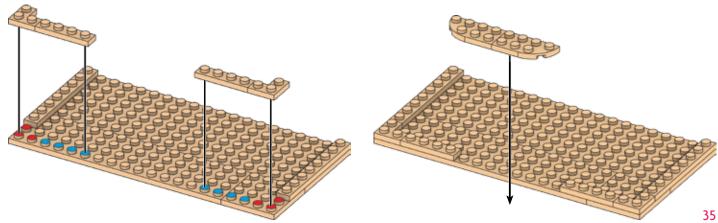






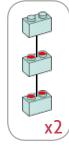


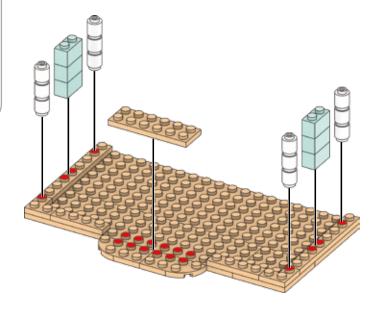




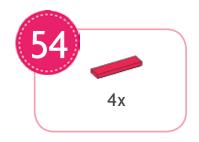


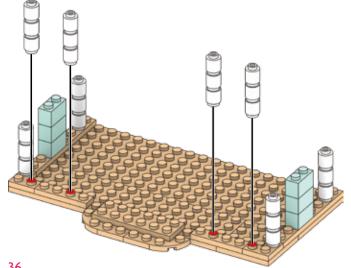
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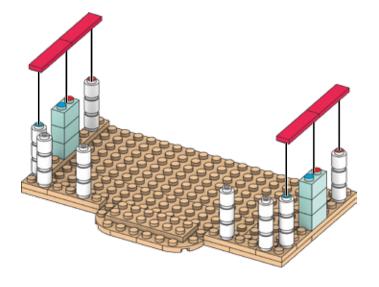






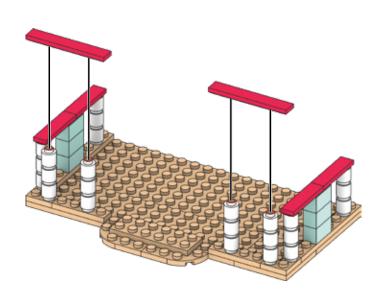


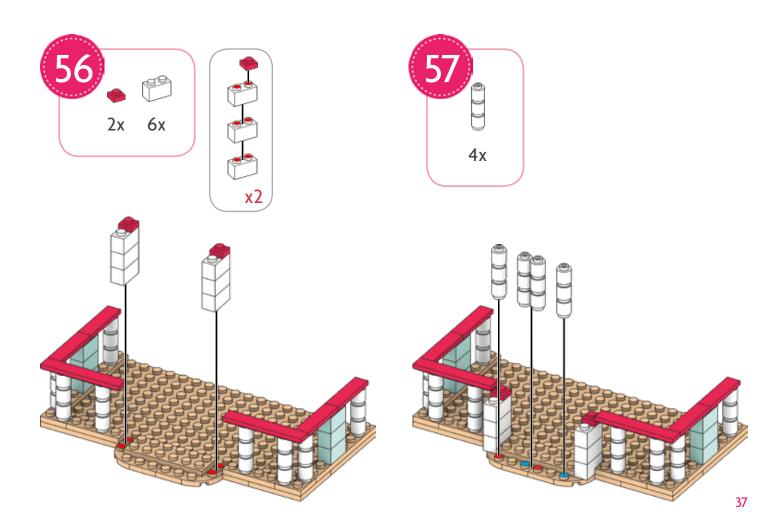


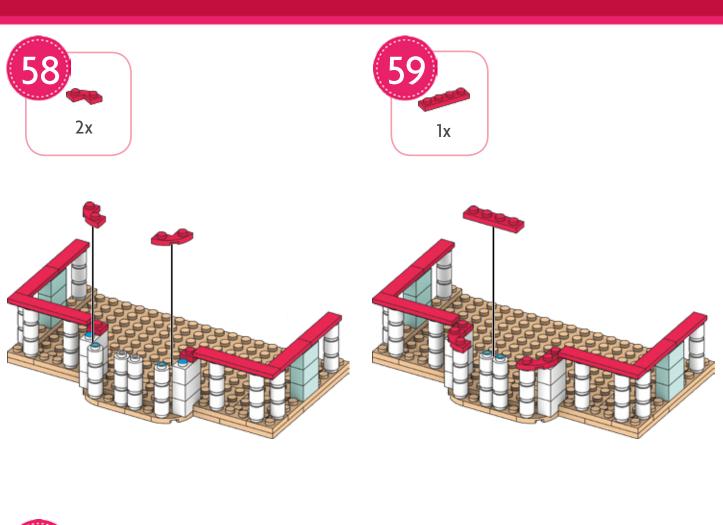


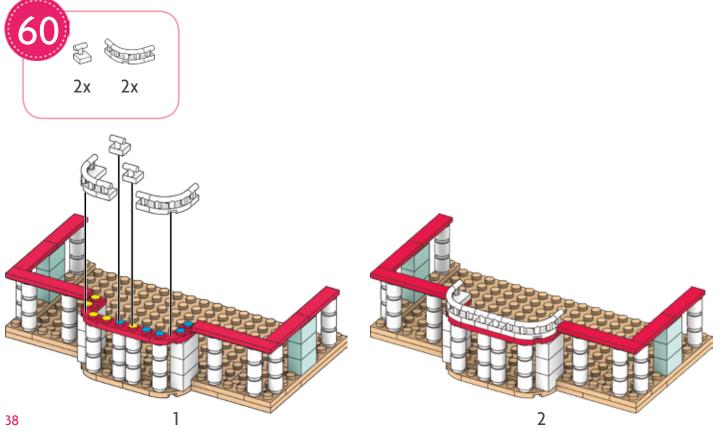




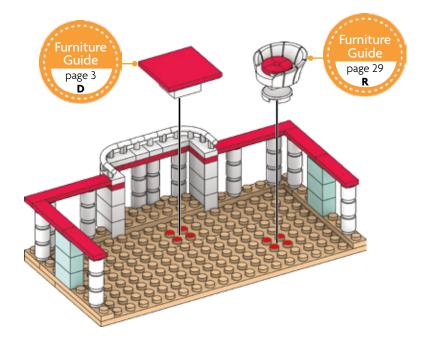




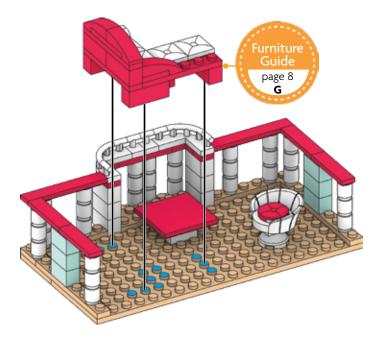
























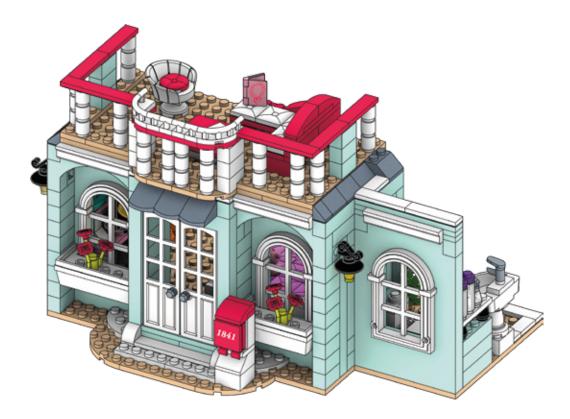


Big Dreams, Sweet Dreams

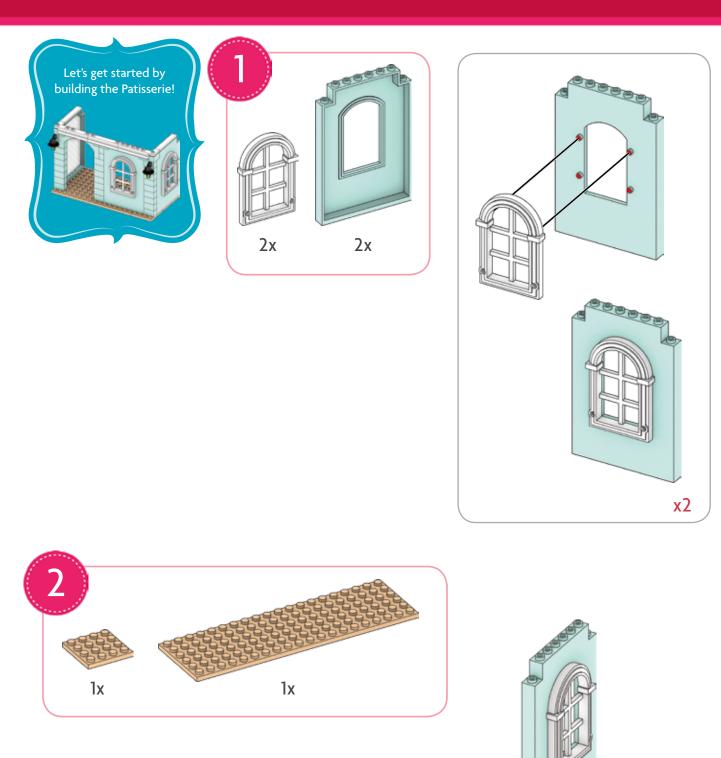
What a dreamy place for Grace, Maddie, and Ella to spend the night. They can taste-test the treats they baked today a perfect late-night snack! As the girls sit under the stars on Grace's rooftop patio, they imagine their future customers having as much fun as they are right now.



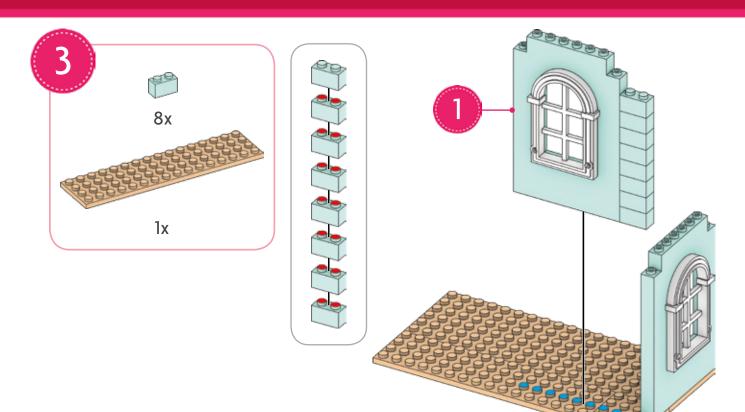




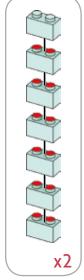


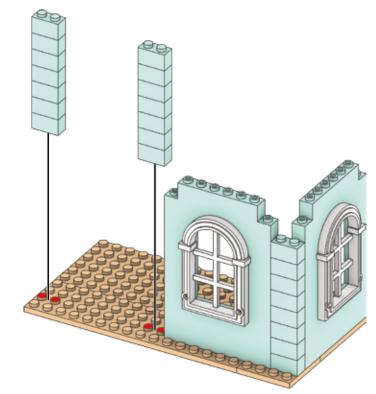




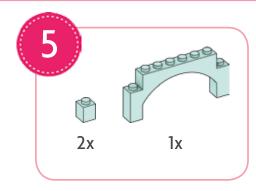


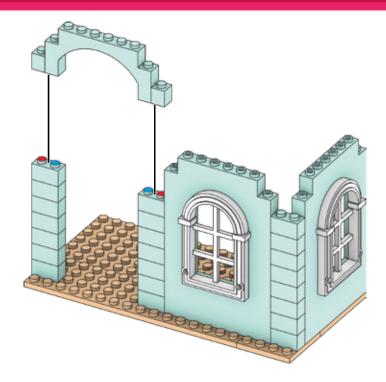


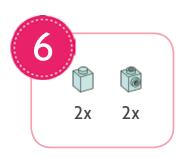


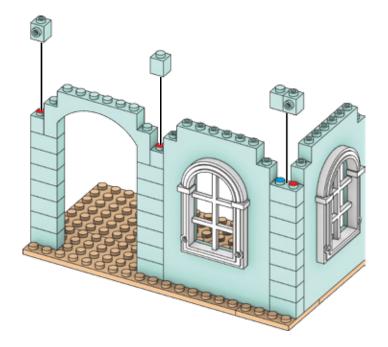




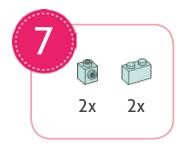






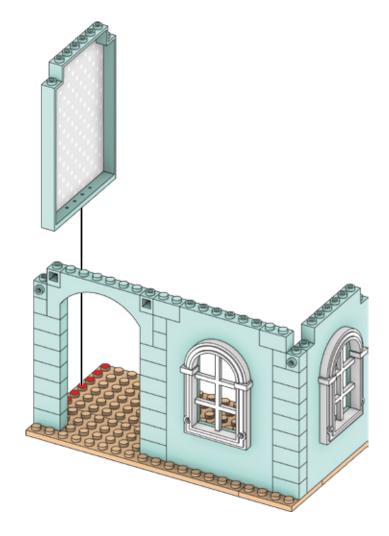






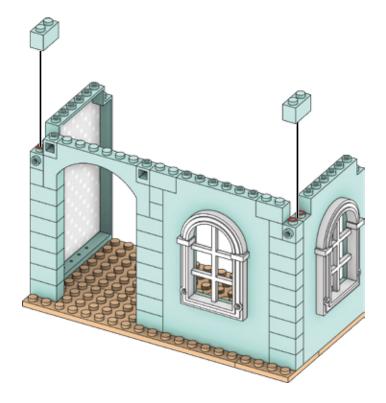


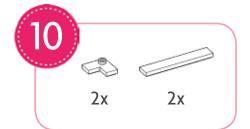


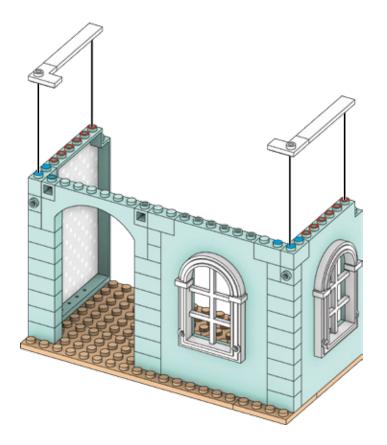




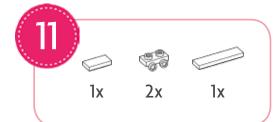


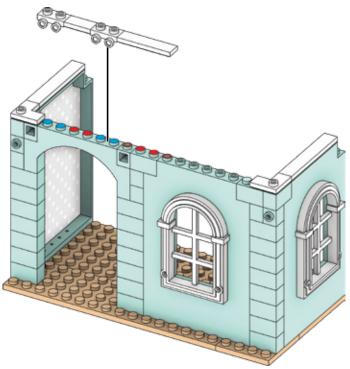




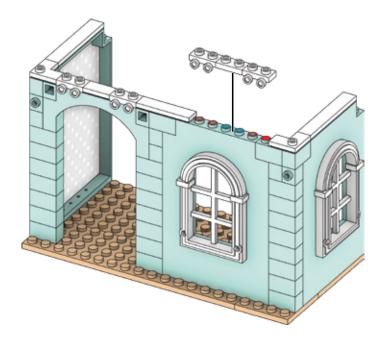




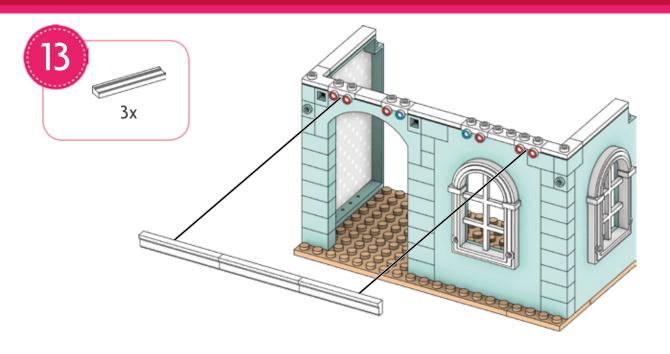


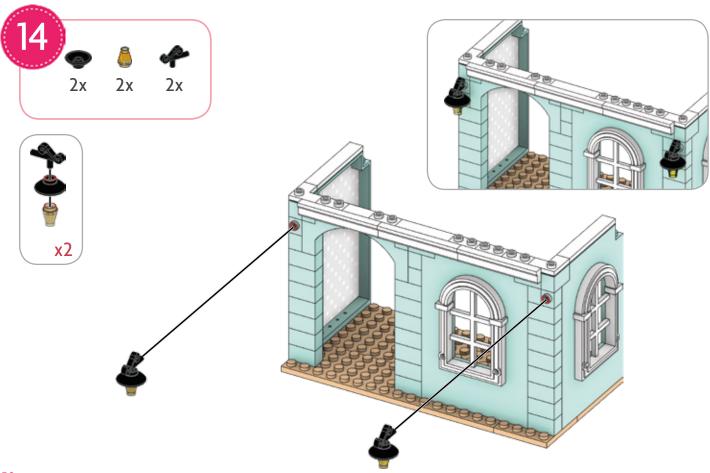










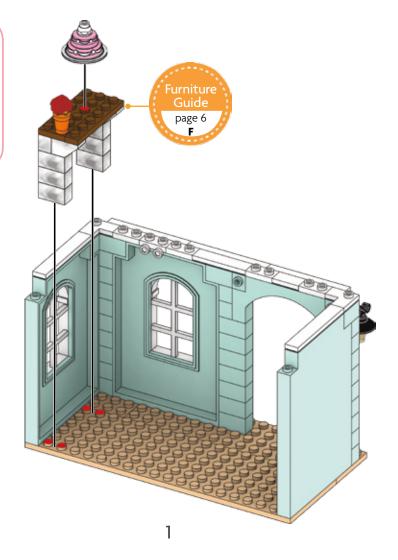


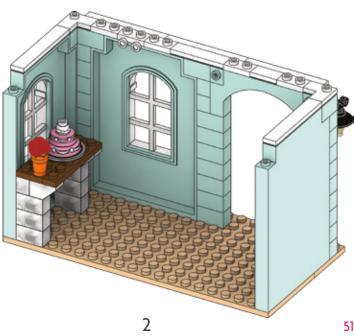




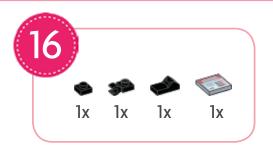


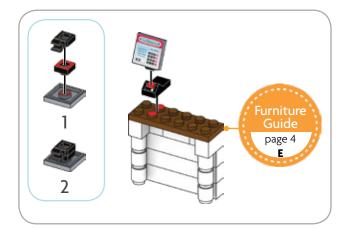


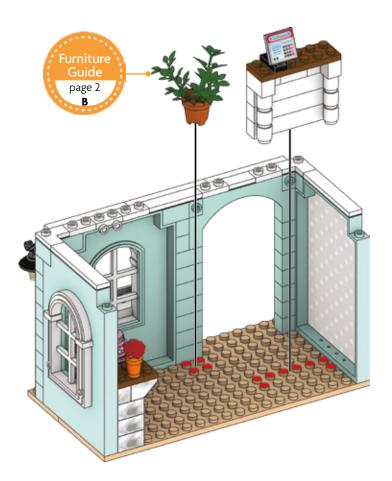










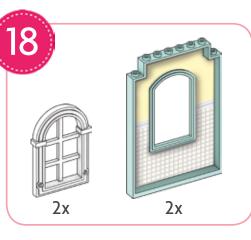


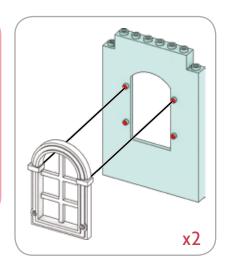


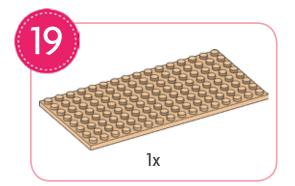


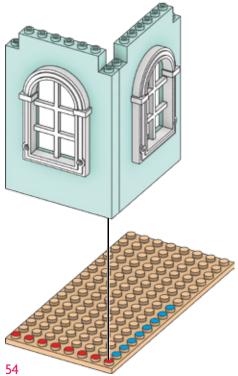


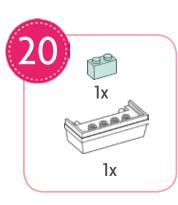




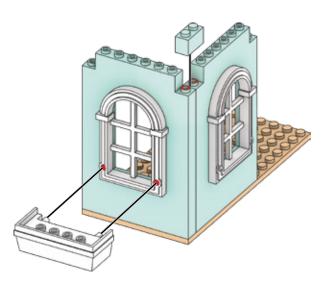


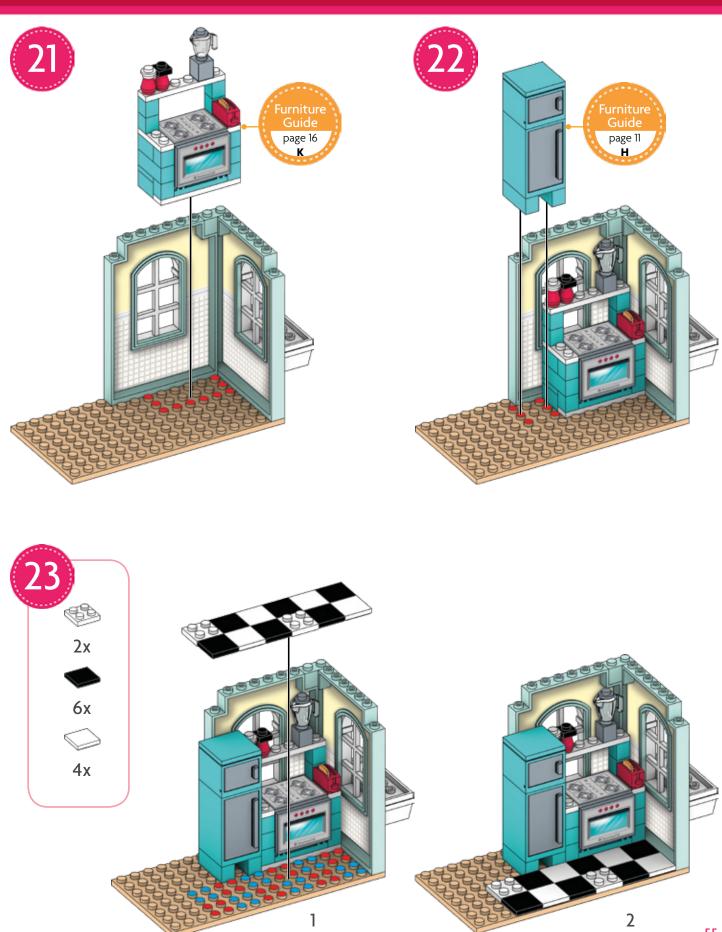




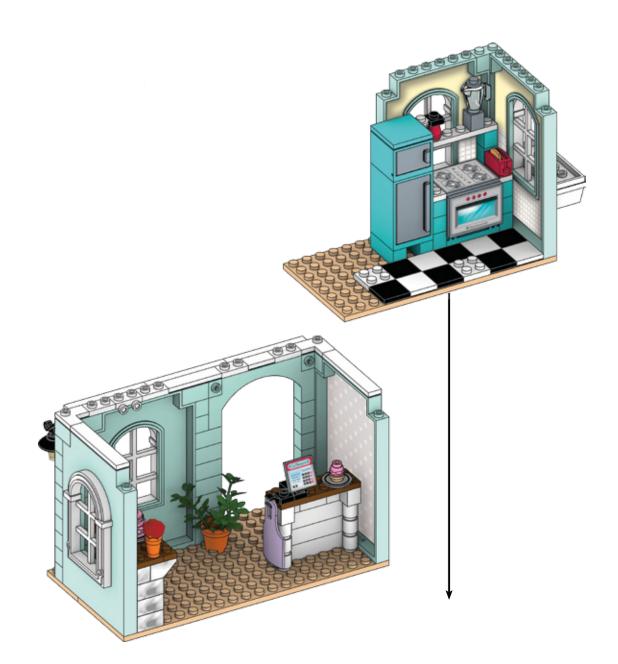




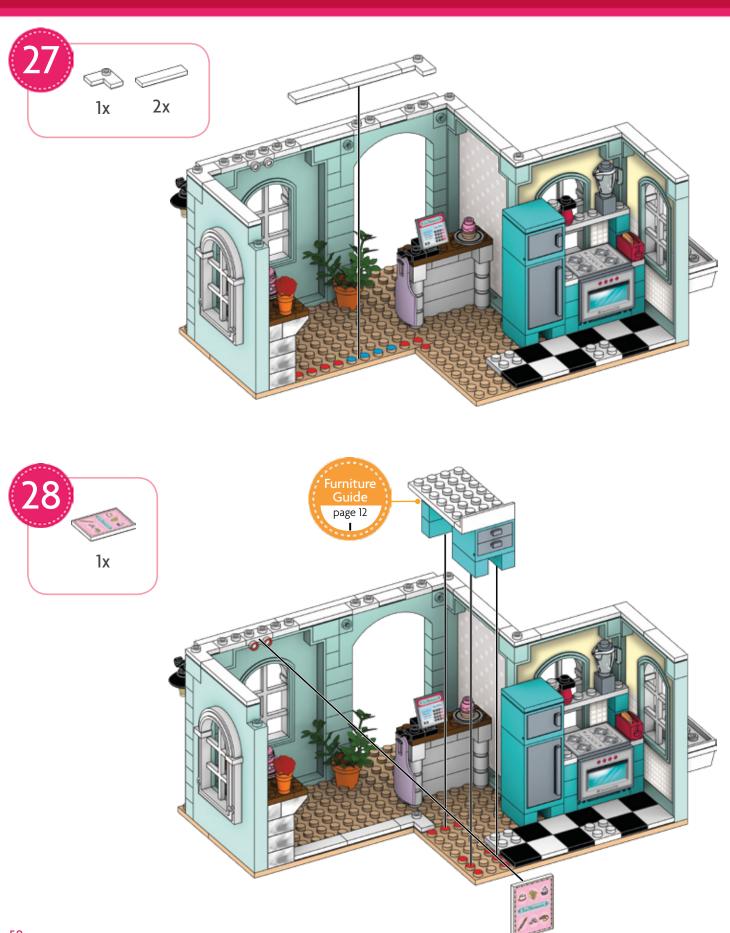
















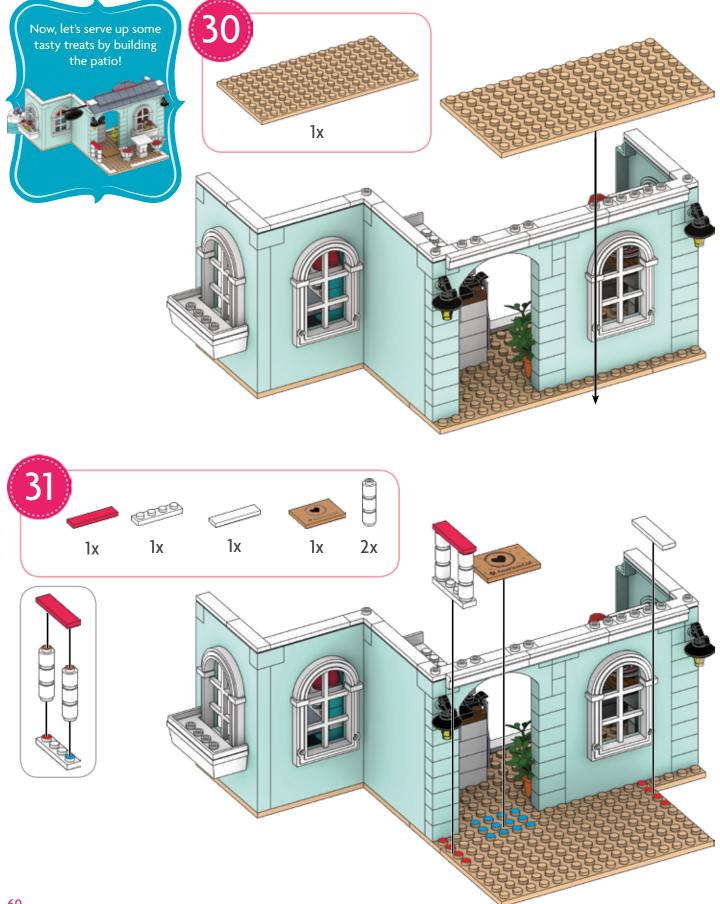


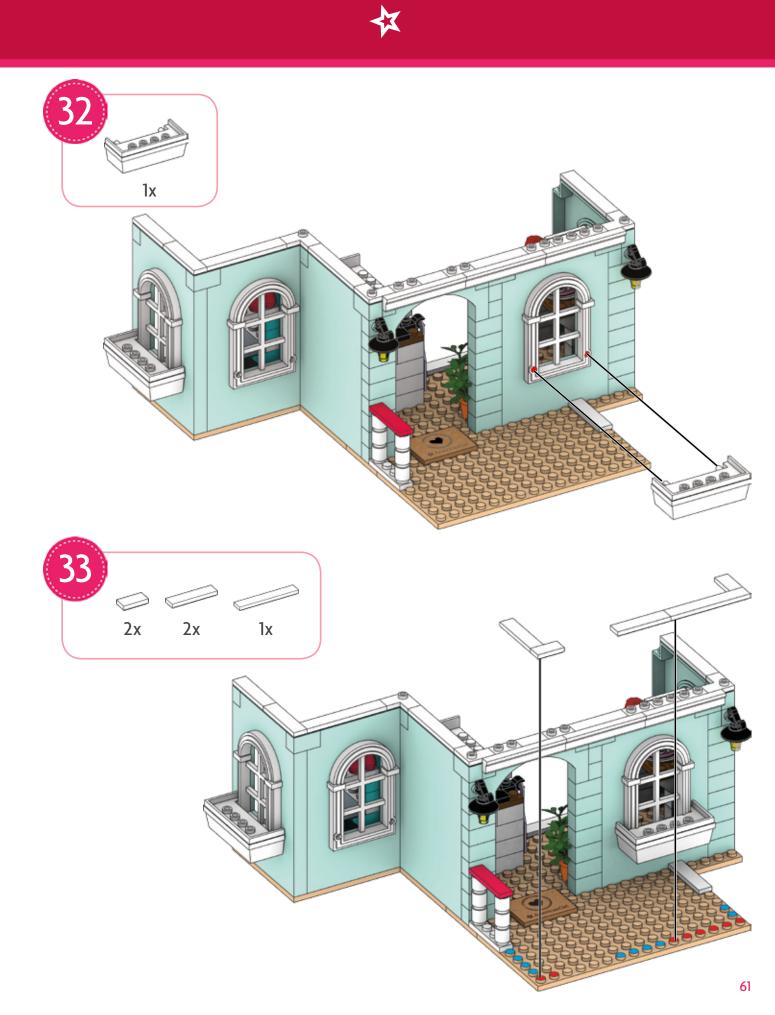
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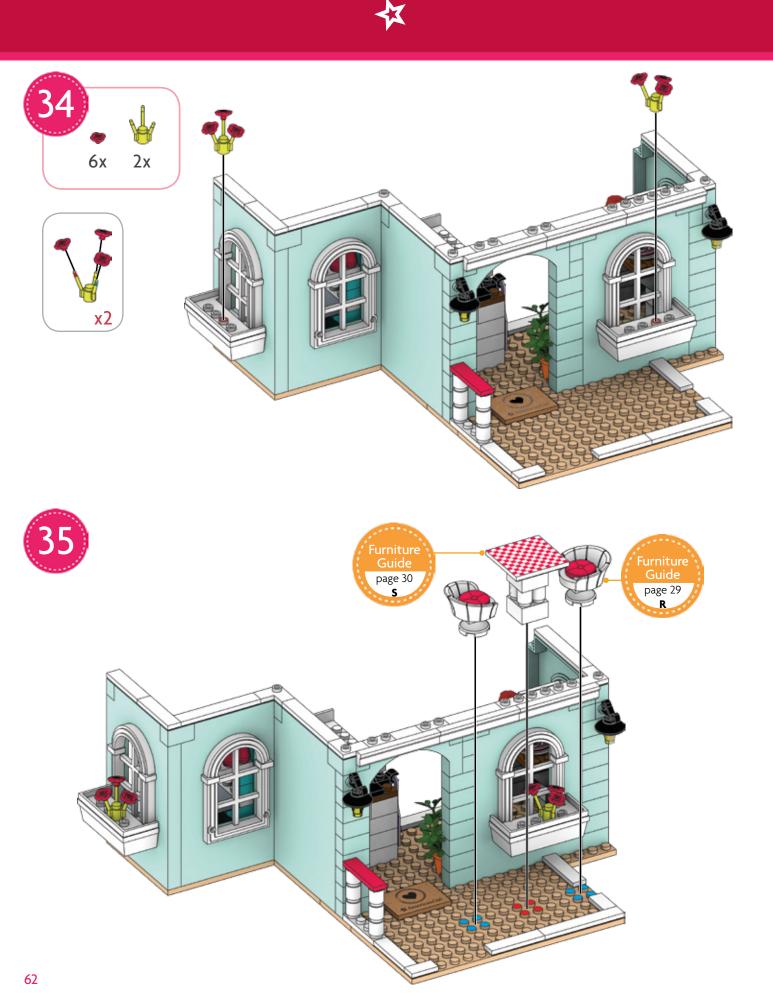
In the kitchen, Grace is deciding whether to whip up a cake, cupcakes, or something that's not even in her cookbook. When customers come to the counter to place an order, they might find something completely new. What could it be?

















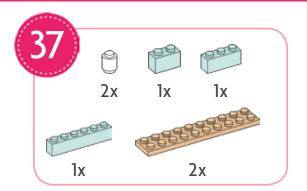


Fresh-Air Fun

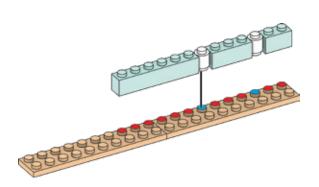
It's a beautiful day to sit outdoors at the patisserie. Grace's customers can eat freshly baked treats while they're still warm from the oven. Plus, who knows what or who they might see while they're relaxing?

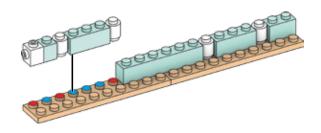


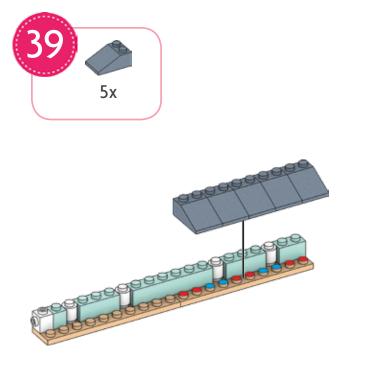




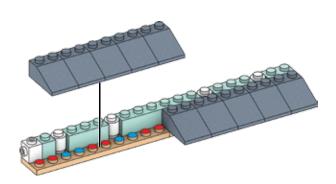


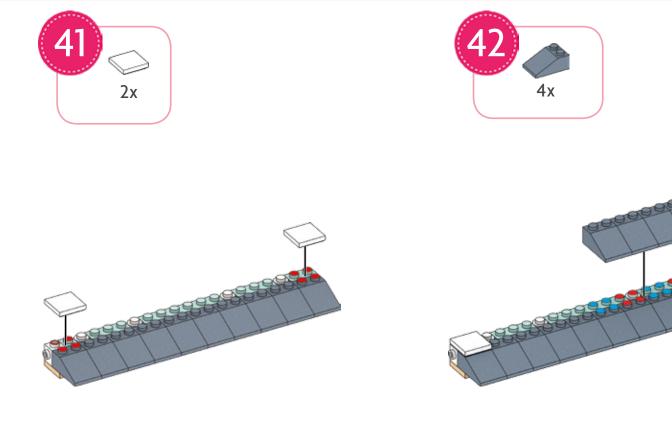




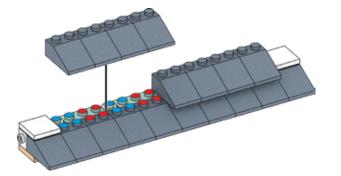


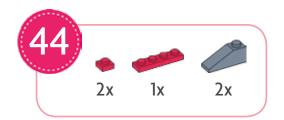


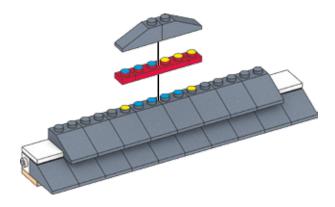






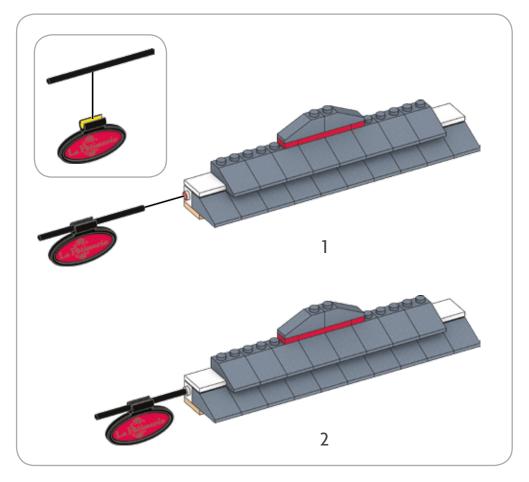






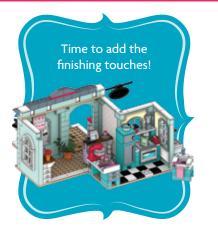


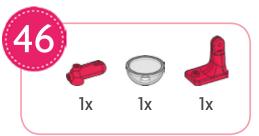






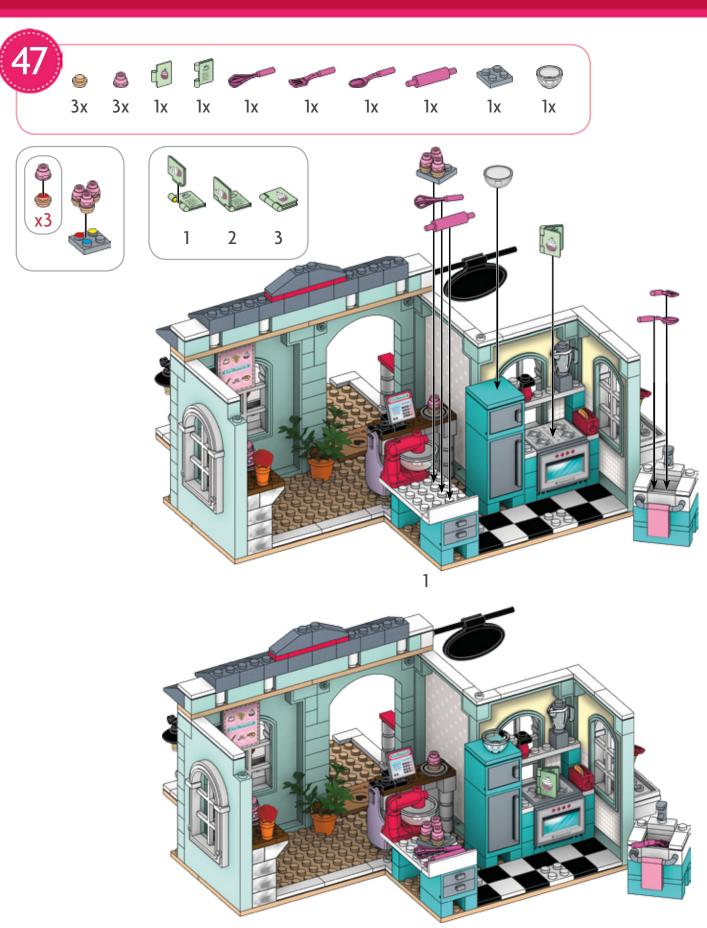










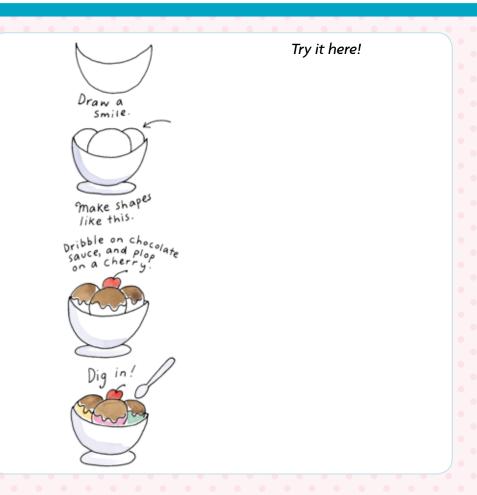






Draw an Ice-Cream Sundae

In addition to yummy cakes and cupcakes, Grace's bakery serves ice-cream sundaes. Learn to doodle a sundae by following the steps shown here.





Congratulations!

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

Now that you've built Grace's Slumber Party and Patisserie, you can tell her story your own way. Recreate your favorite moments, or build the next chapter in Grace's tale!

Here are some ideas to get you started:

Grace and her friends love sleepovers. Grace likes to show off the tricks she's taught Bonbon, the puppy. Ella may be shy around other people, but not with Grace and Maddie! And Maddie makes the girls laugh with the funny doodles she draws. When they start talking about ideas for their baking business, Grace gets so excited she can hardly sleep.

Grace's grandparents agree to let the girls try working at the family patisserie. As if that's not exciting enough, when they get to the bakery, Grace gets even more ideas. She wants to set a record for making the most cupcakes in a single day. *Or, or wait!* Maybe they should enter the city-wide baking contest! Grace is sure they could win. What do the girls decide to do?

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Working in the bakery is fun! It's also hard work and full of surprises. When Grace opens a window, the fresh air feels wonderful. How was she supposed to know a strong gust of wind would knock over all the cakes and spill her mixing bowl? What else could happen that catches Grace by surprise?

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