

Light My Bricks

LEGO Tree House 21318 Light Kit Installation Guide



Hello, we're Light My Bricks.

We're here to help you get started on the LEGO Tree House (21318) Lighting Kit.

This PDF lists instructions for the LED light kit only. If you are wishing to purchase the Light My Bricks LEGO Tree House (21318) LED Lighting Kit, please [click here](#) to view the product page.

If you run into any issues, please refer to the troubleshooting section towards the end of this guide.

Have fun and enjoy!



PACKAGE CONTENTS:

- 3 × Warm White Strip Lights
- 8 × White 15cm Bit Lights
- 3 × White 30cm Bit Lights
- 1 × Cool White 30cm Bit Light
- 2 × Blue 30cm Bit Lights
- 1 × 8-Port Expansion Board
- 1 × 12-Port Expansion Board
- 1 × Flicker Effects Board
- 1 × 5cm Connecting Cable
- 3 × 15cm Connecting Cables
- 2 × 30cm Connecting Cables
- 6 × Adhesive Squares
- 1 × USB Power Cable

RGB COMPONENTS:

- 1 × RGB Remote Control
- 1 × RGB Control Board
- 5 × RGB Strip Lights
- 5 × RGB 15cm Connecting Cables

LEGO PIECES:

- 1 × Trans Orange Round Plate 1×1
- 2 × Trans Clear Plate w Rounded Bottom 2×2
- 3 × Trans Clear Plate 1x1

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Before You Begin

LAYING CABLES IN BETWEEN AND UNDERNEATH BRICKS

Cables can fit in between and underneath LEGO® bricks, plates, and tiles providing they are laid correctly between the LEGO® studs. Do NOT forcefully join LEGO® together around cables; instead ensure they are laying comfortably in between each stud.

CAUTION: Forcing LEGO® to connect over a cable can result in damaging the cable and light.



CONNECTING CABLE CONNECTORS TO EXPANSION BOARDS

Take extra care when inserting connectors to ports of Expansion Boards. Connectors can be inserted only one way. With the expansion board facing up, look for the soldered "=" symbol on the left side of the port. The connector side with the wires exposed should be facing toward the soldered "=" symbol as you insert into the port. If a plug won't fit easily into a port connector, do not force it.

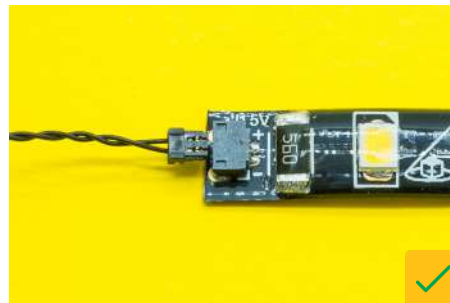
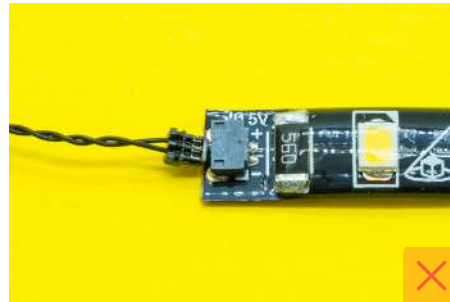
Incorrectly inserting the connector can result in bent pins inside the port or possible overheating of the expansion board when connected.



Before You Begin

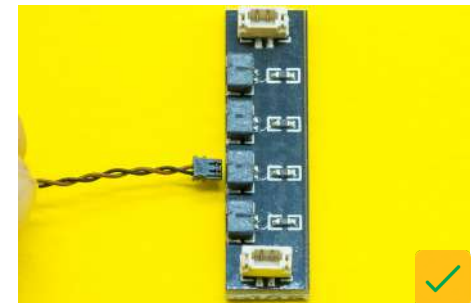
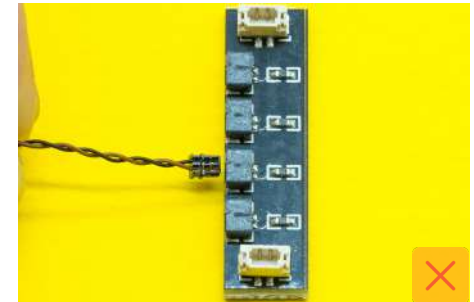
CONNECTING CABLE CONNECTORS TO STRIP LIGHTS

Take extra care when inserting connectors to ports on the Strip Lights. Connectors can be inserted only one way. With the Strip Light facing up, ensure the side of the connector with the wires exposed is facing down. If a plug won't fit easily into a port connector, don't force it. Doing so will damage the plug and the connector.



CONNECTING MICRO CABLE CONNECTORS TO MICRO EXPANSION BOARD PORTS

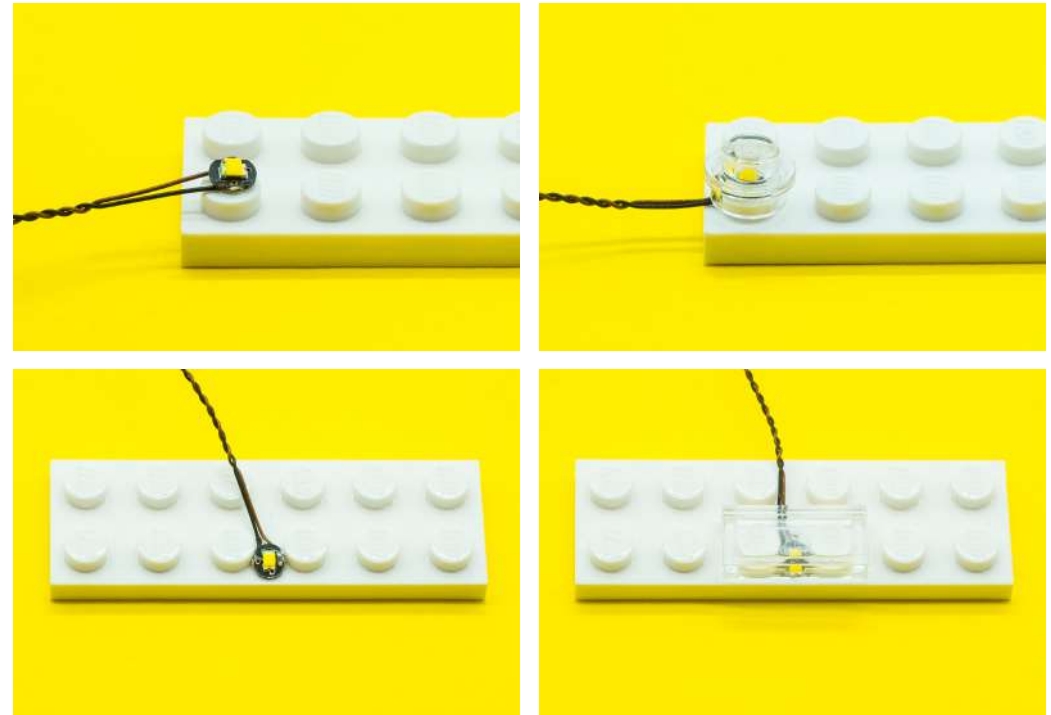
Take extra care when inserting the micro connectors to micro ports of Micro Expansion Boards. Connecting Micro Bit Lights to Micro Expansion Boards is similar to connecting lights and cables to Strip Lights. With the expansion board facing up, ensure the side of the connector with the wires exposed is facing down. If a plug won't fit easily into a port connector, do not force it. Use your fingernail to push the plastic part of the connector to the micro port.



Before You Begin

INSTALLING BIT LIGHTS UNDER LEGO® BRICKS AND PLATES

When installing Bit Lights under LEGO® pieces, ensure they are placed the correct way up (Yellow LED component exposed). You can either place them directly on top of LEGO® studs or in between.

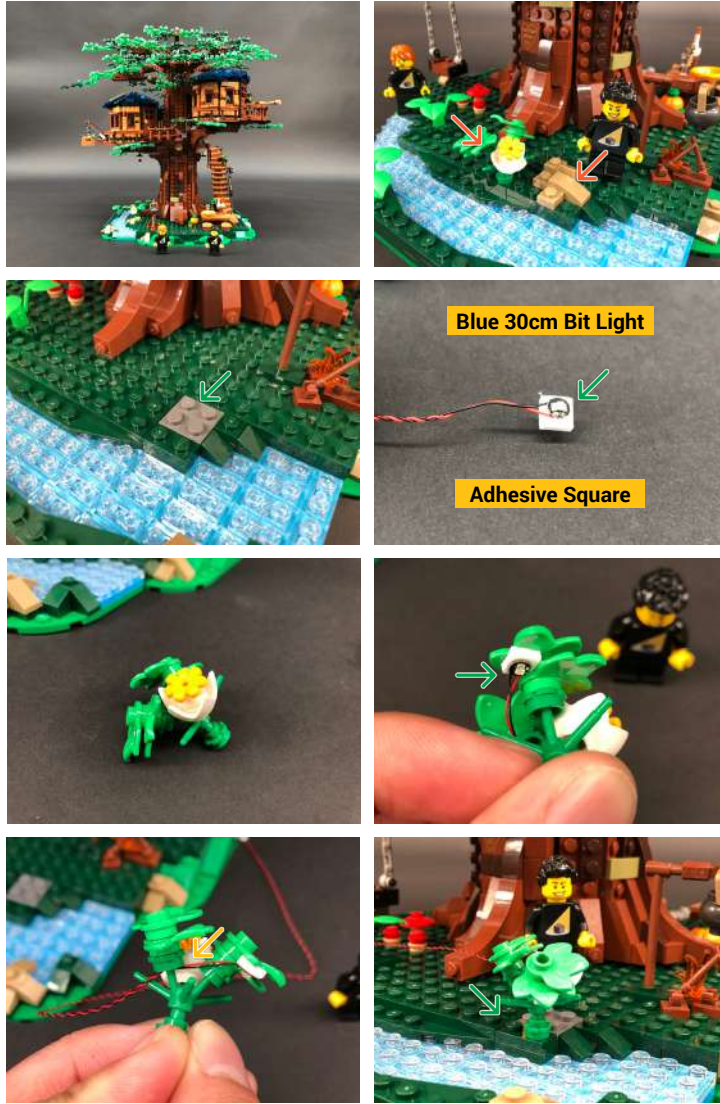


Instructions

To ensure a smooth installation of your light kit, please read and follow each step carefully.

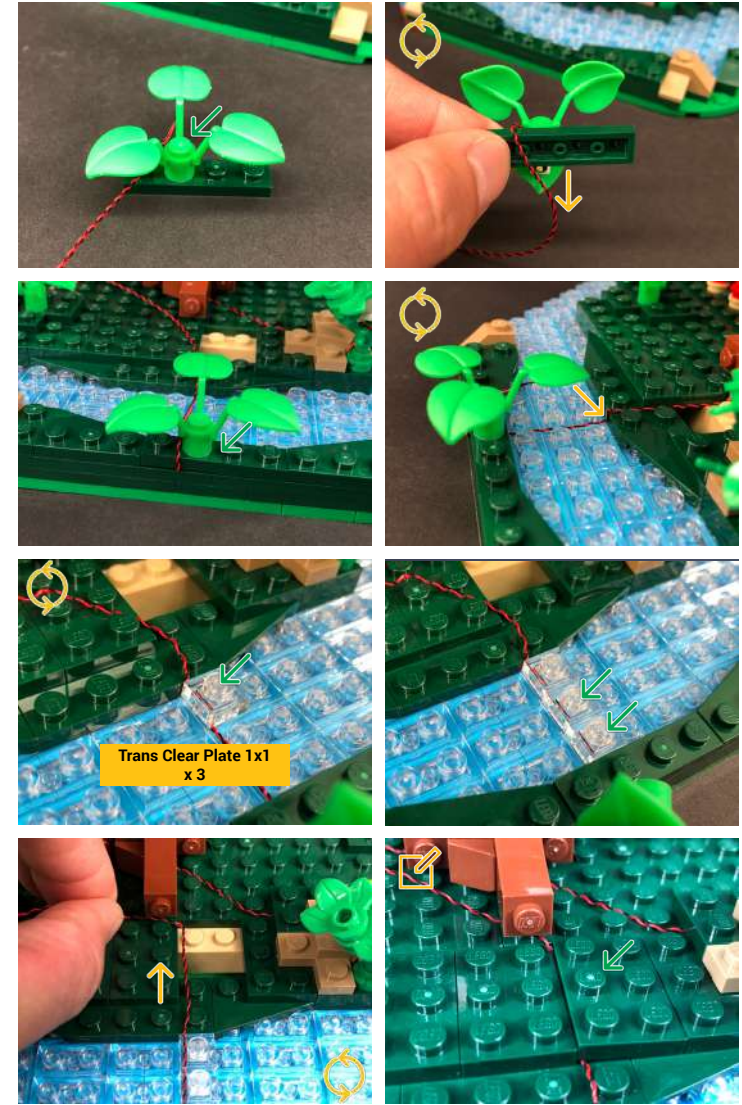
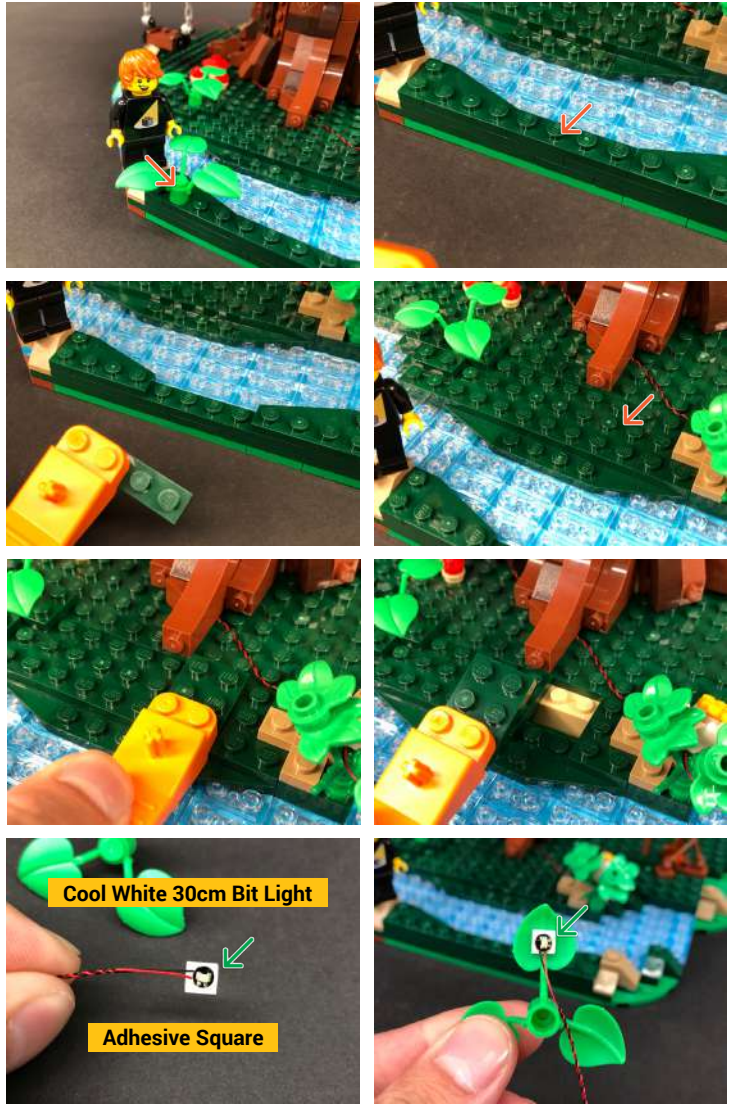
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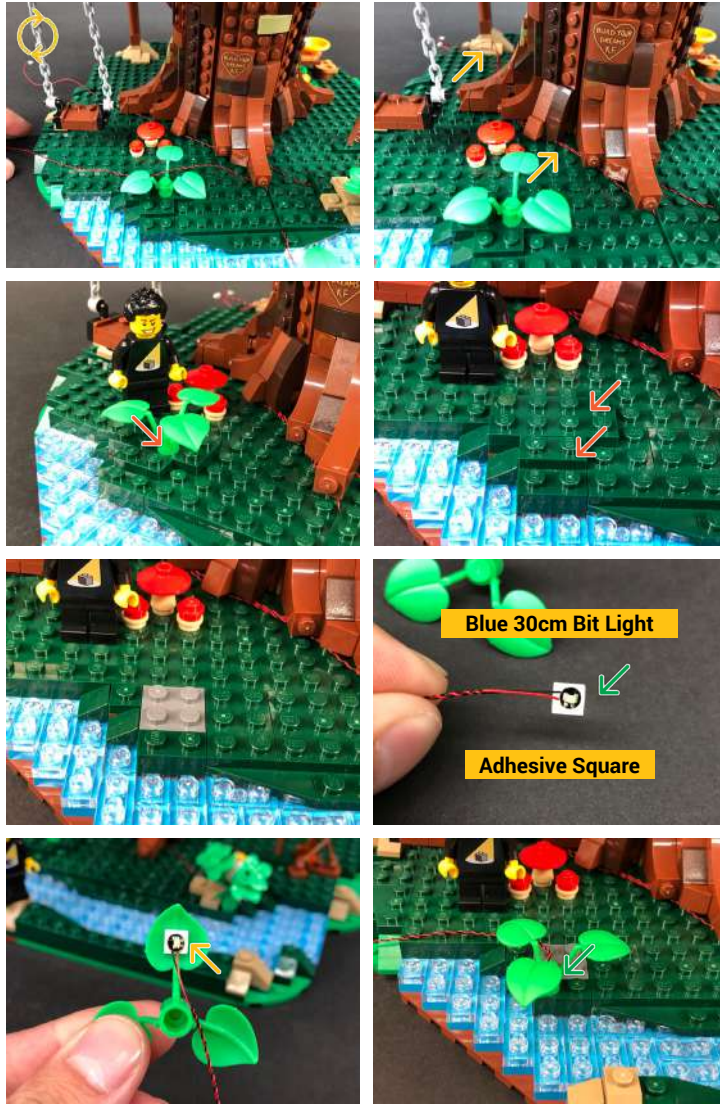
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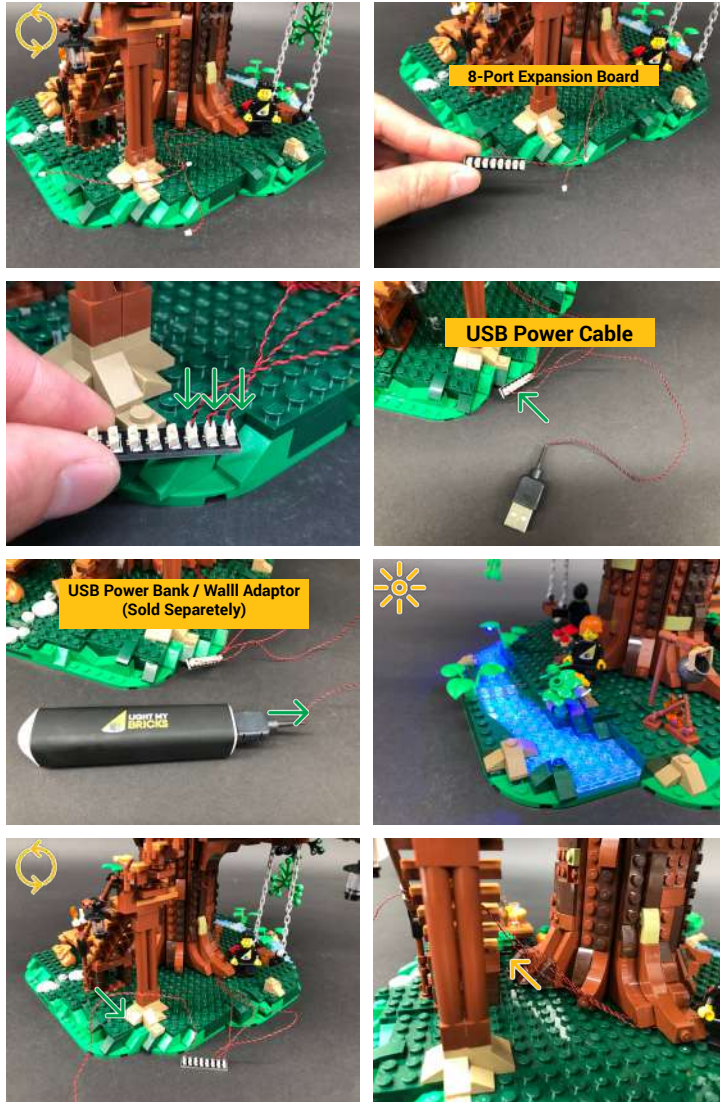
Do NOT forcefully connect the plate completely where the cable is in the top left corner. Doing so will snap the cable. The plate should be completely connected where the right studs are, and partially connected where the left studs are.

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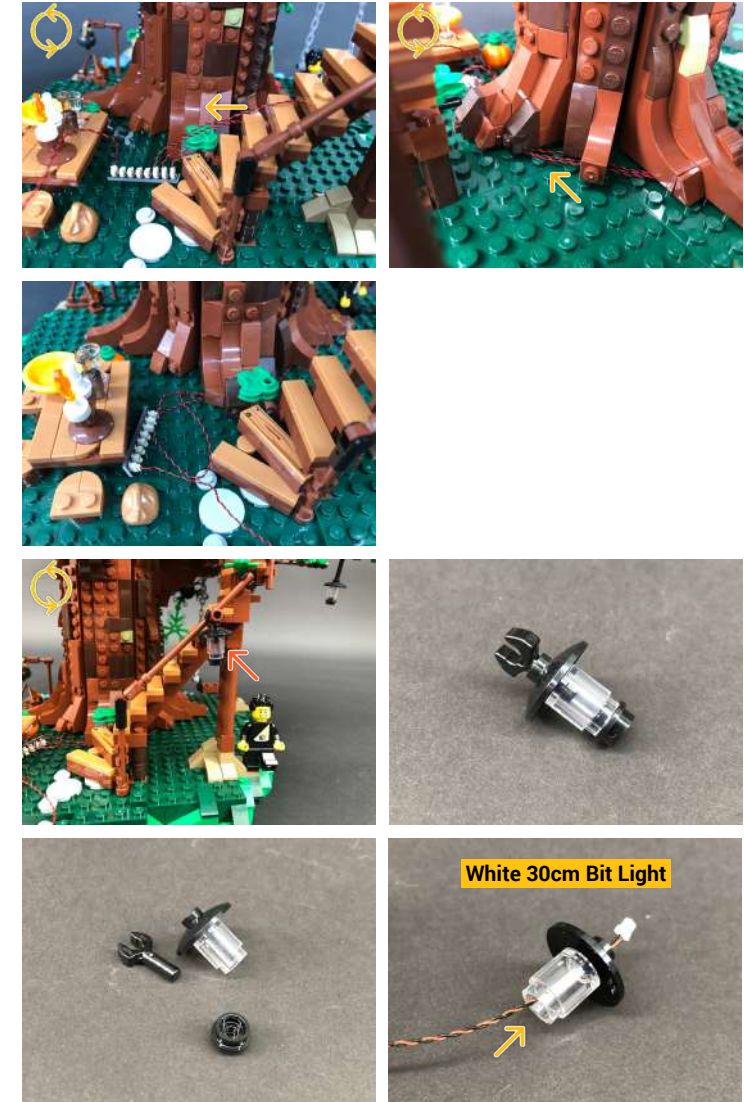


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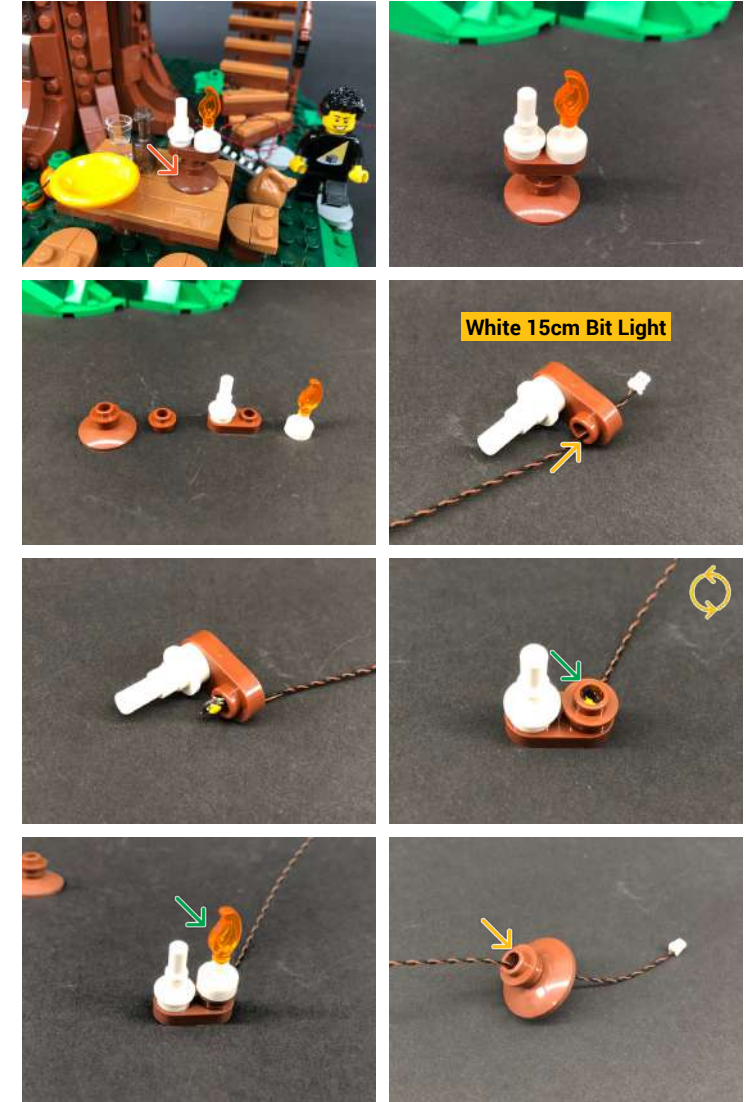


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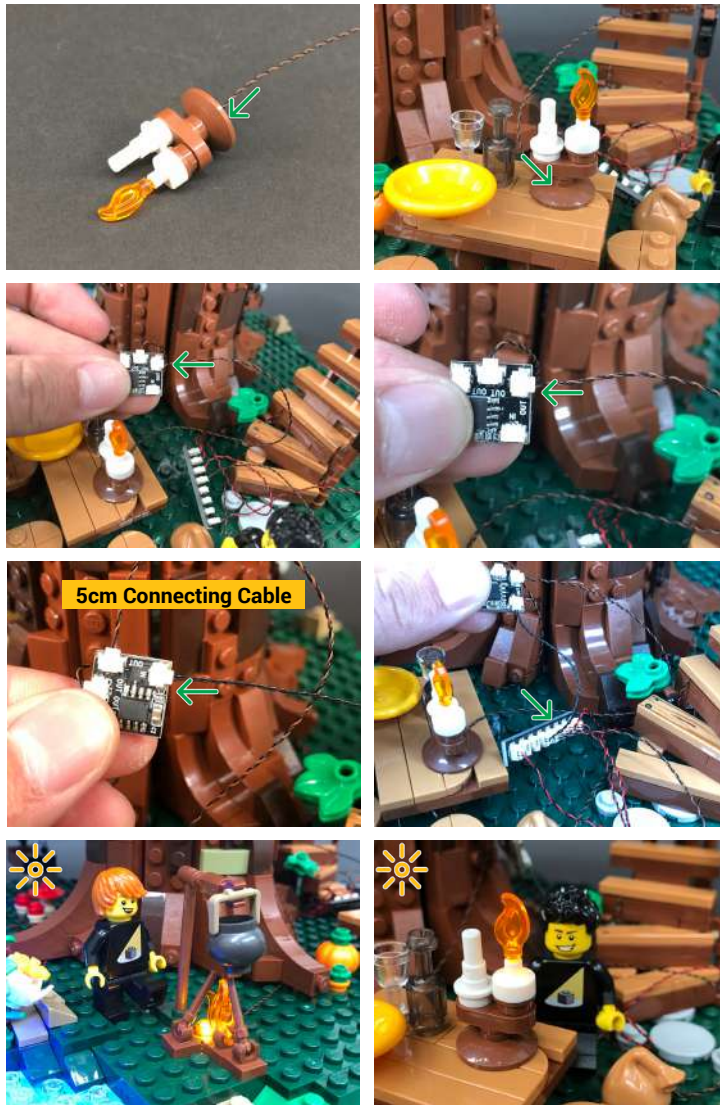



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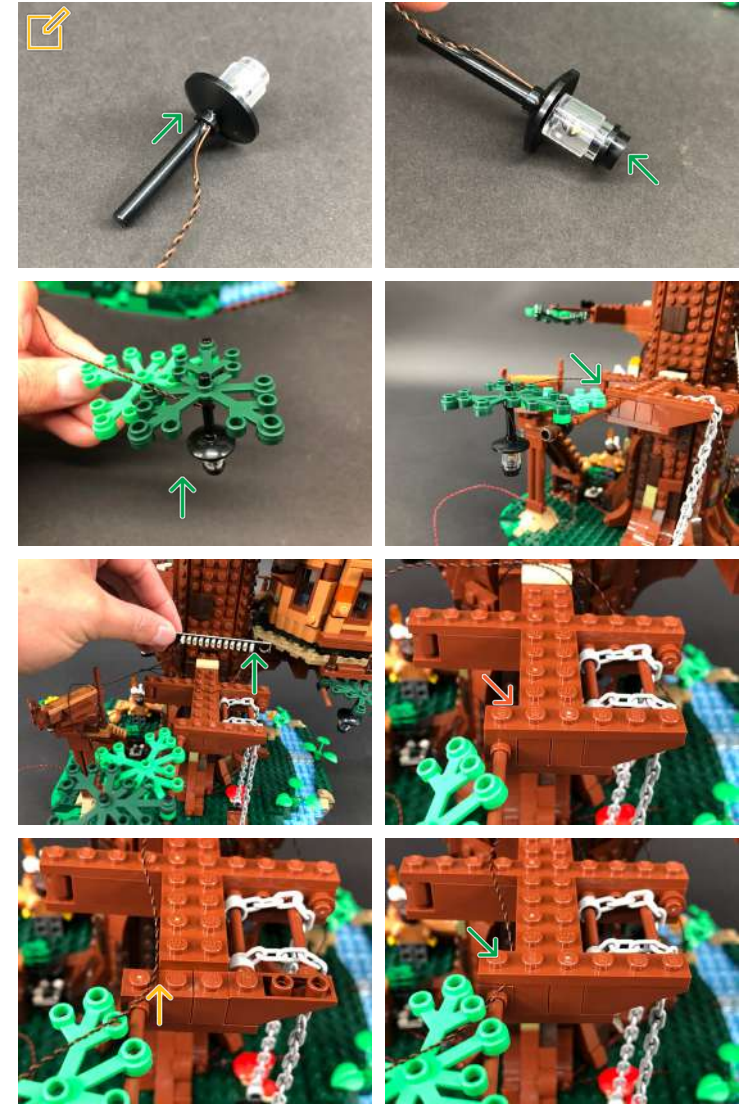
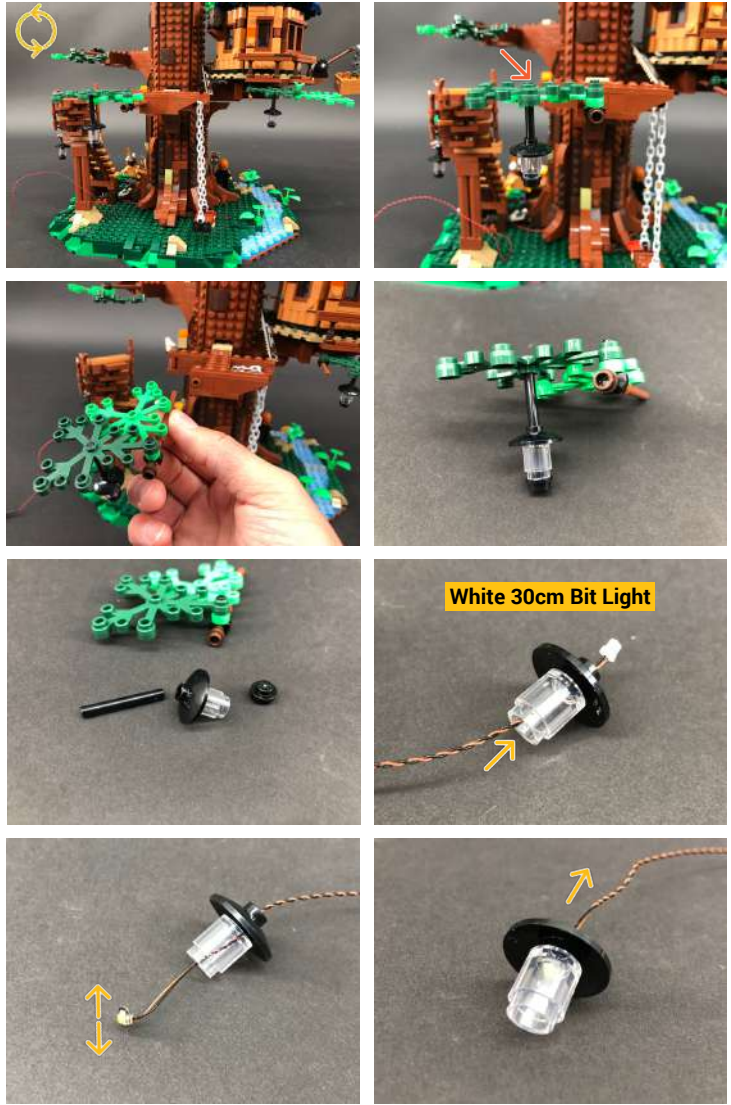
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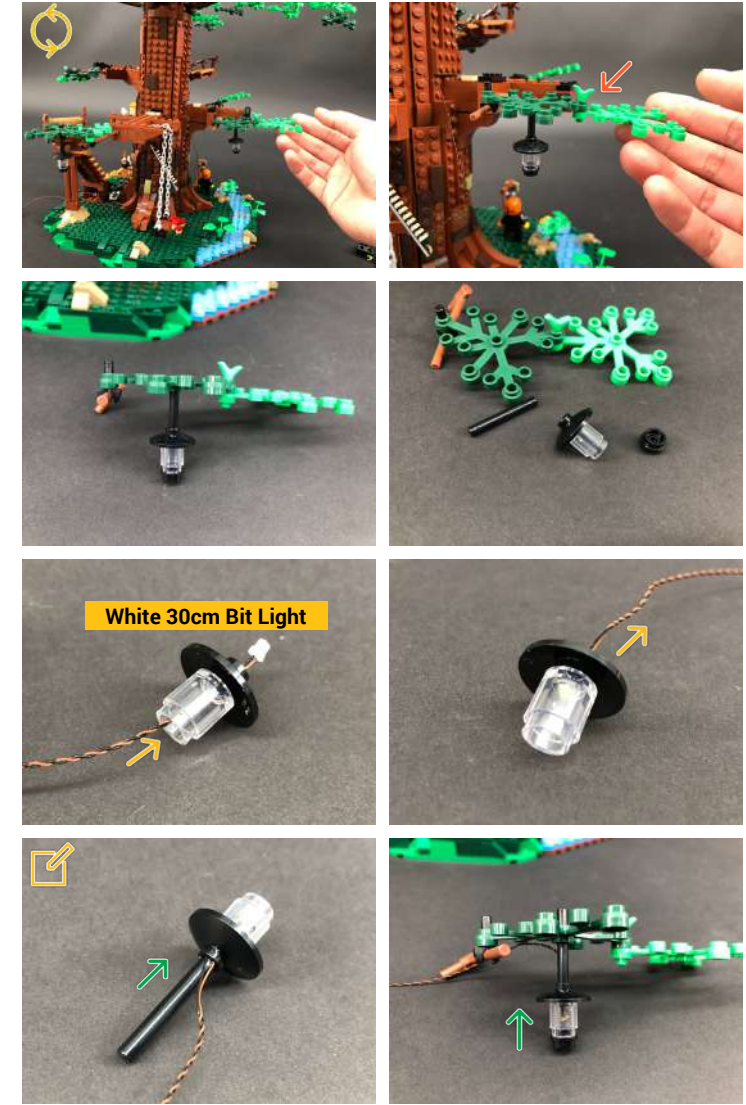
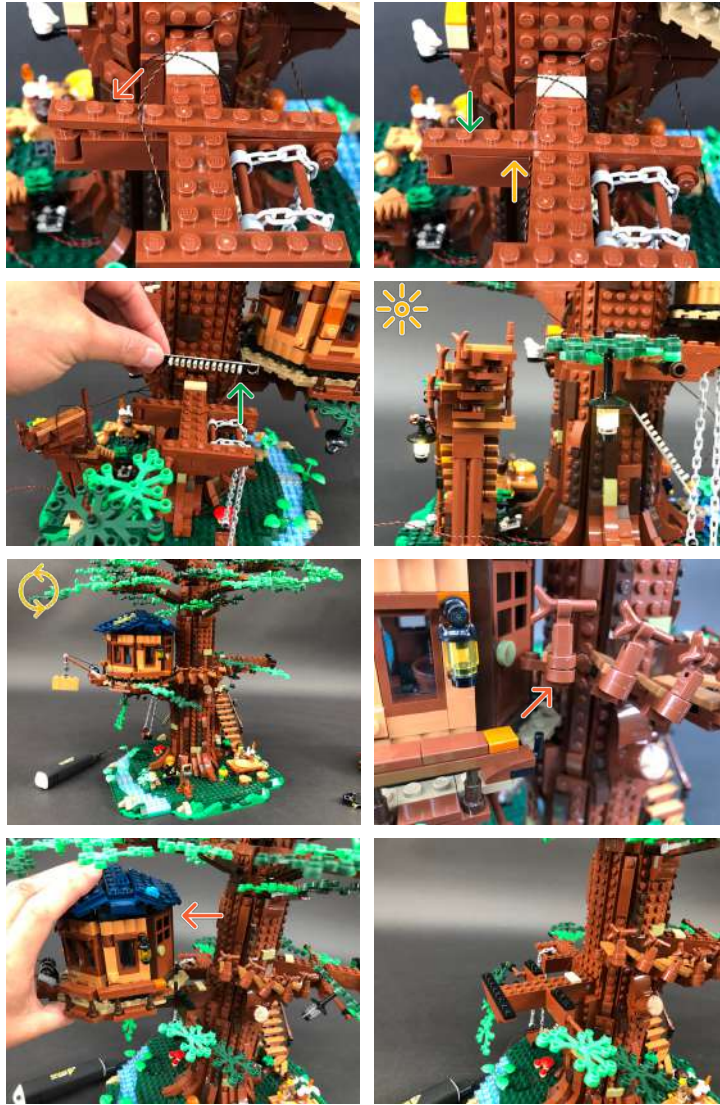
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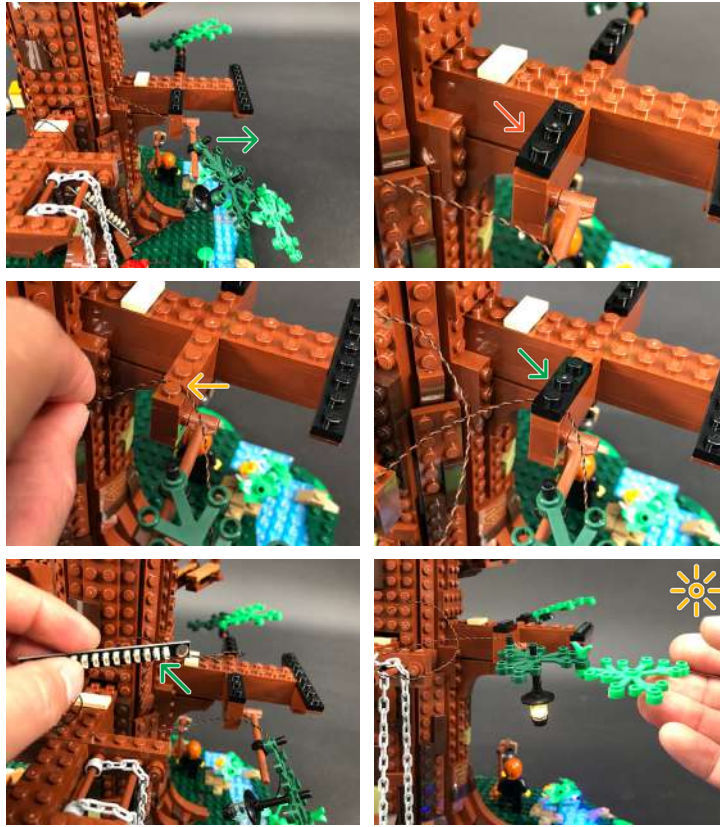
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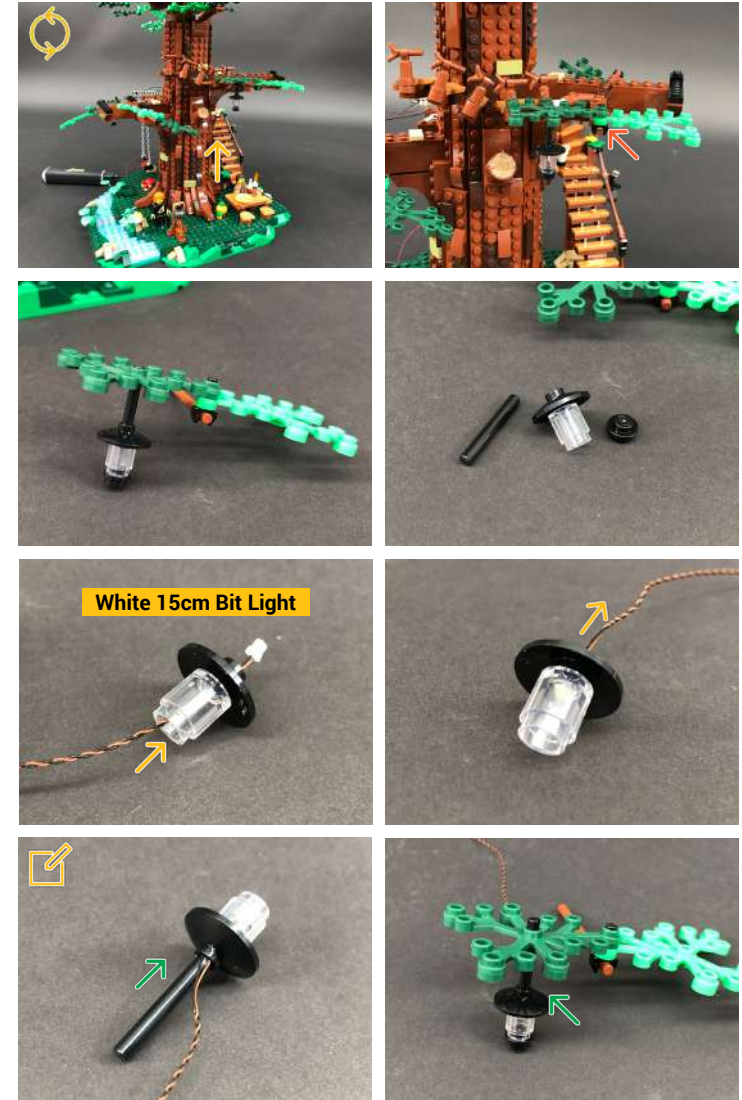
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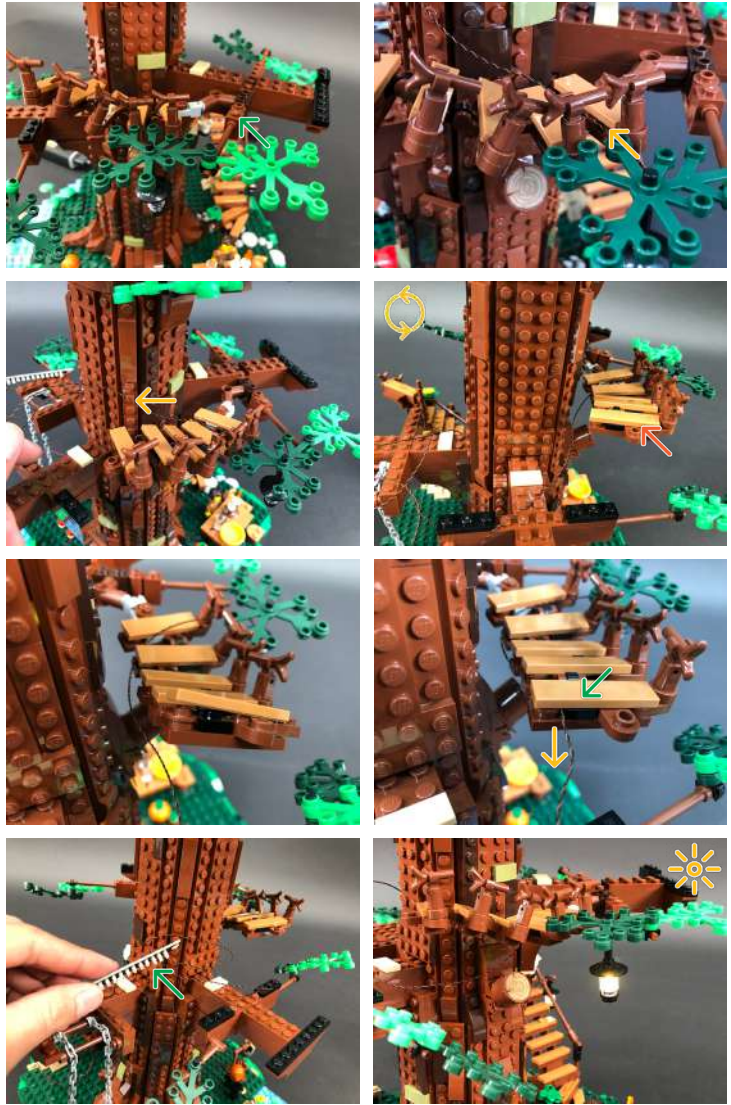
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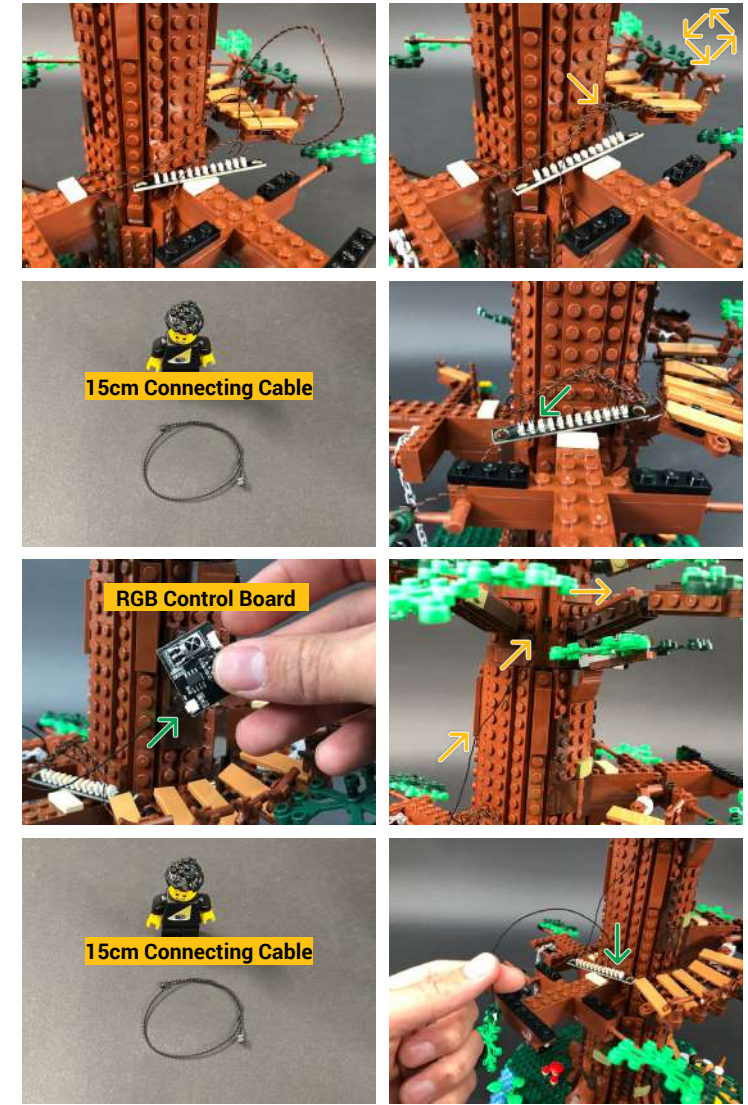
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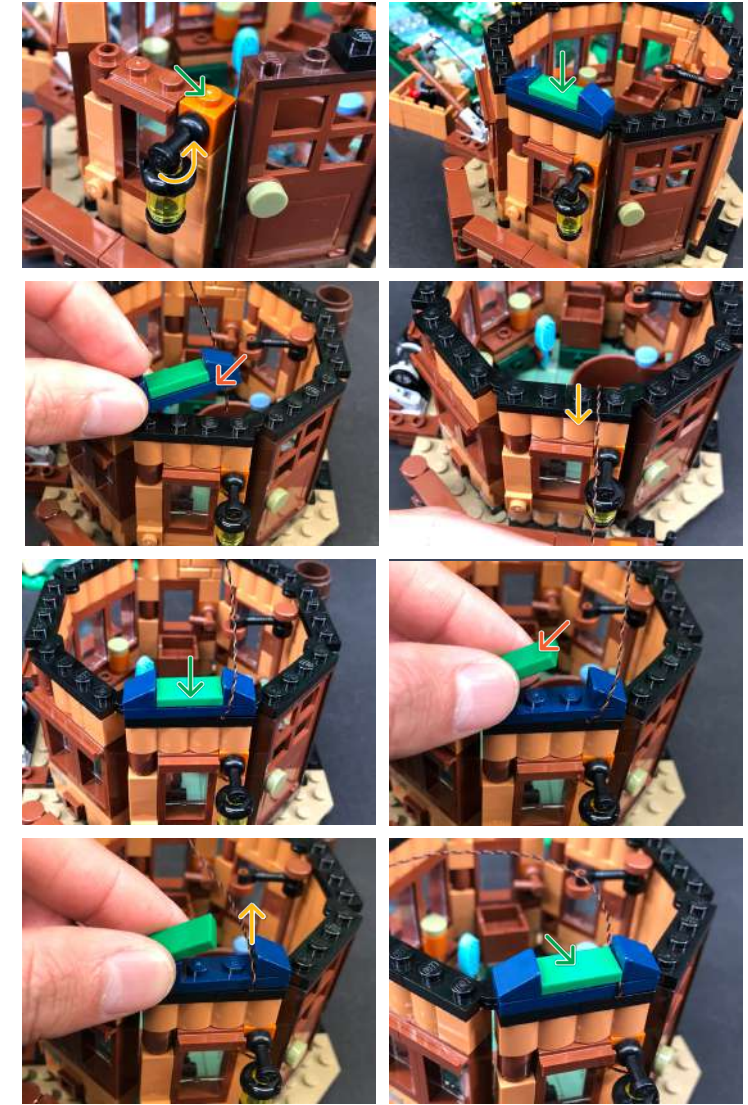
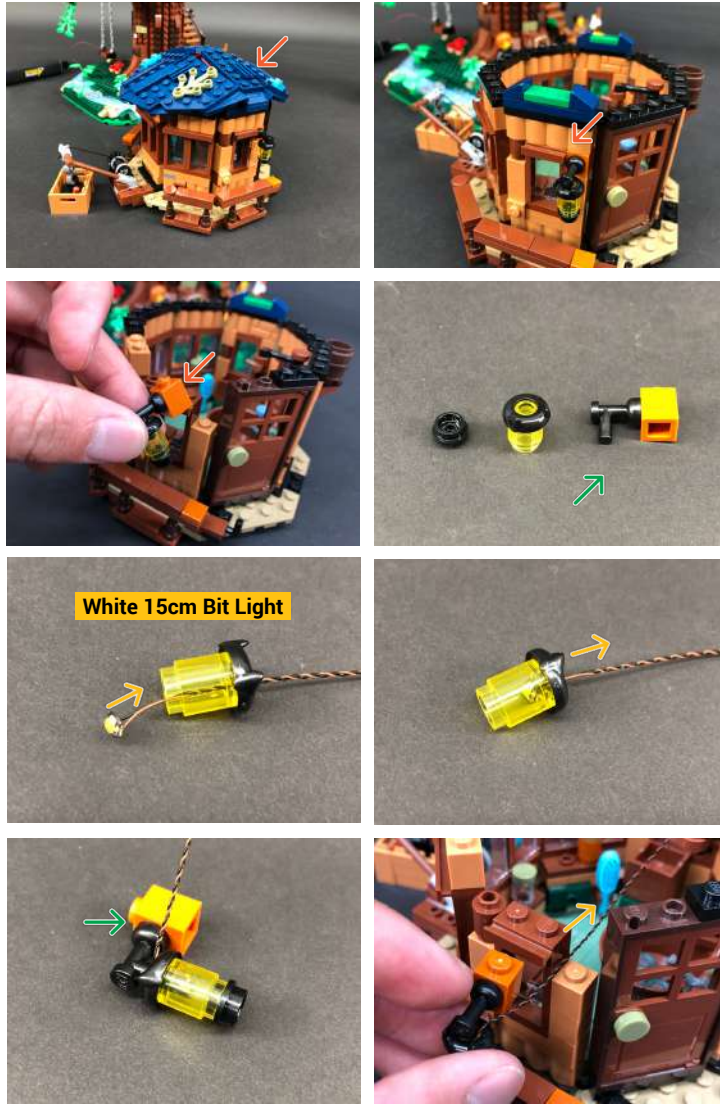


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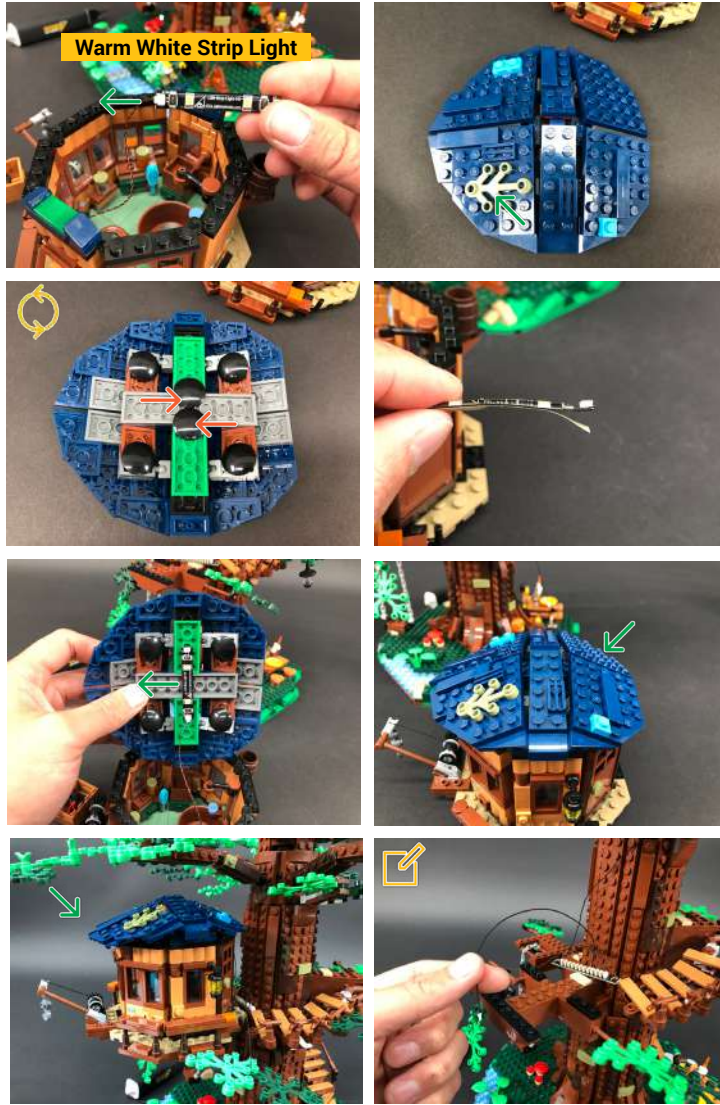
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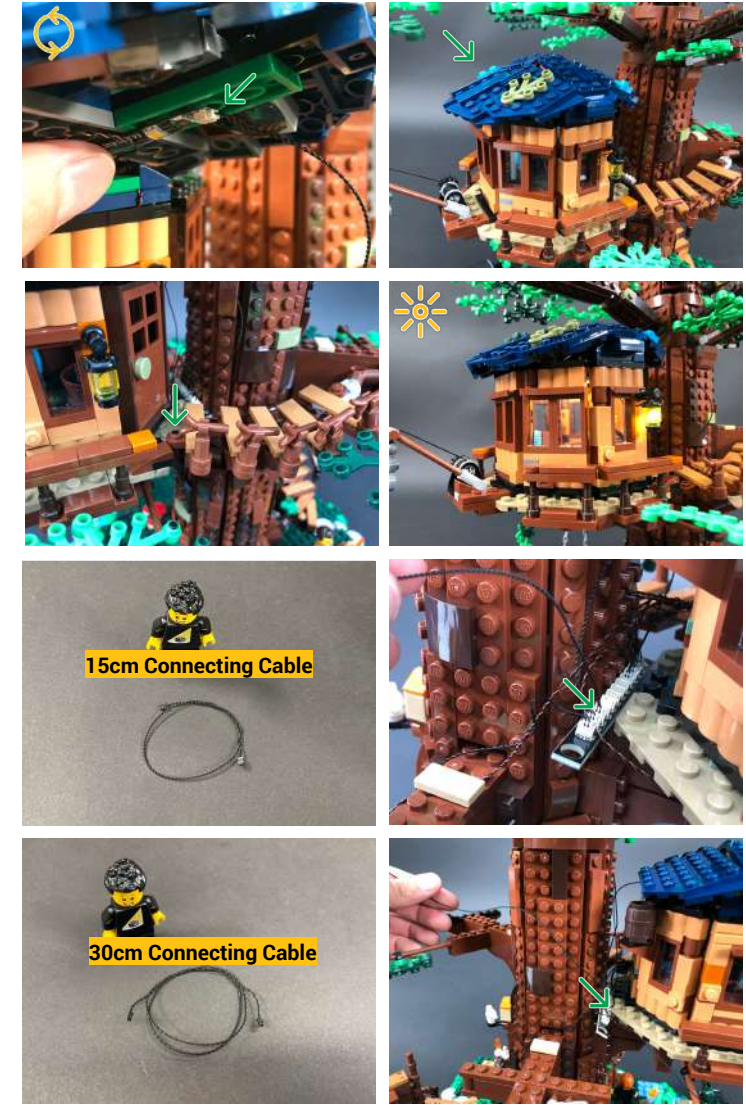
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15cm Connecting Cable from step 13

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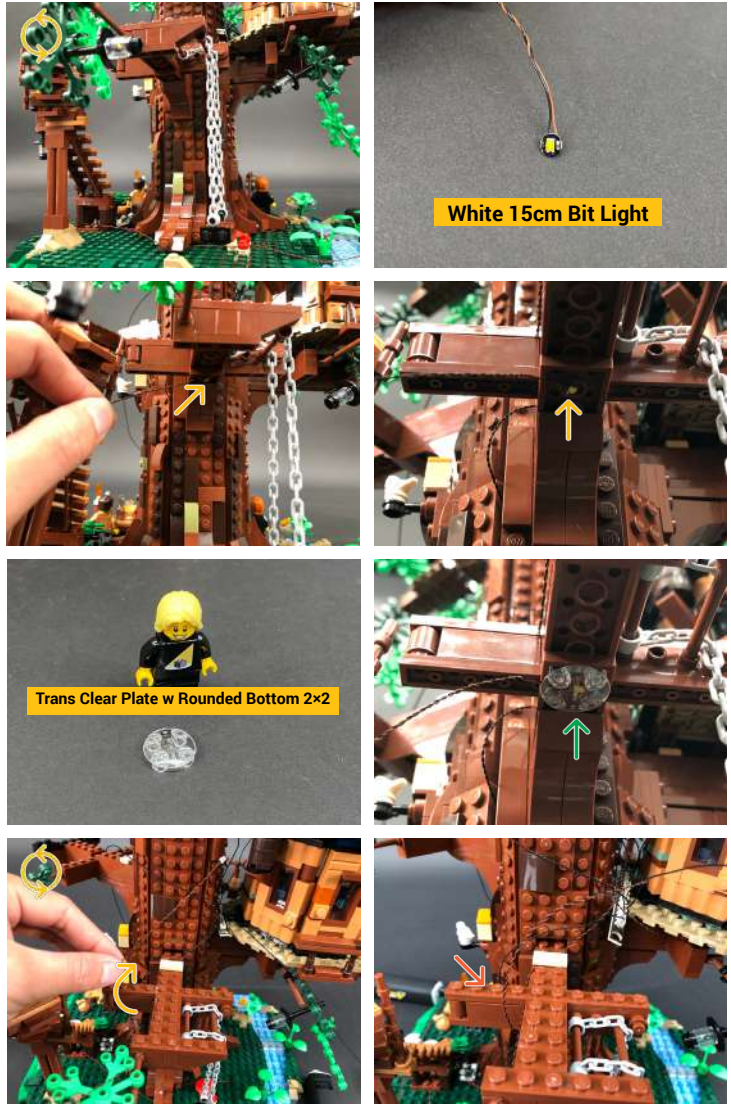
15cm Connecting Cable

30cm Connecting Cable

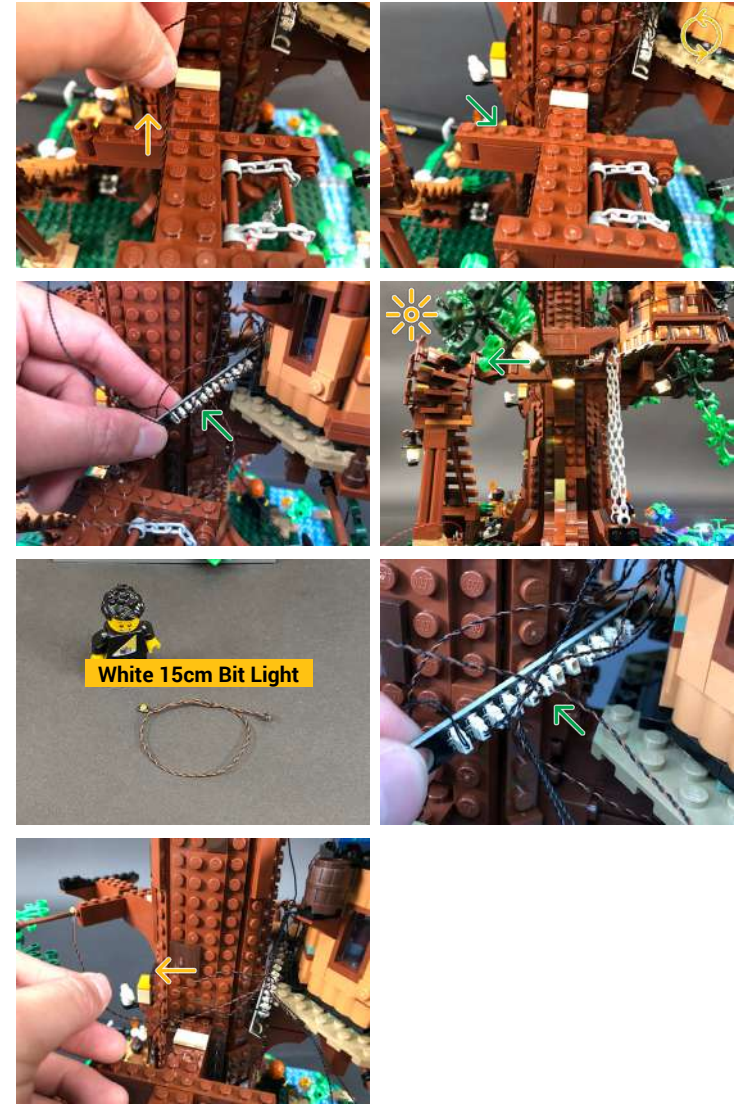
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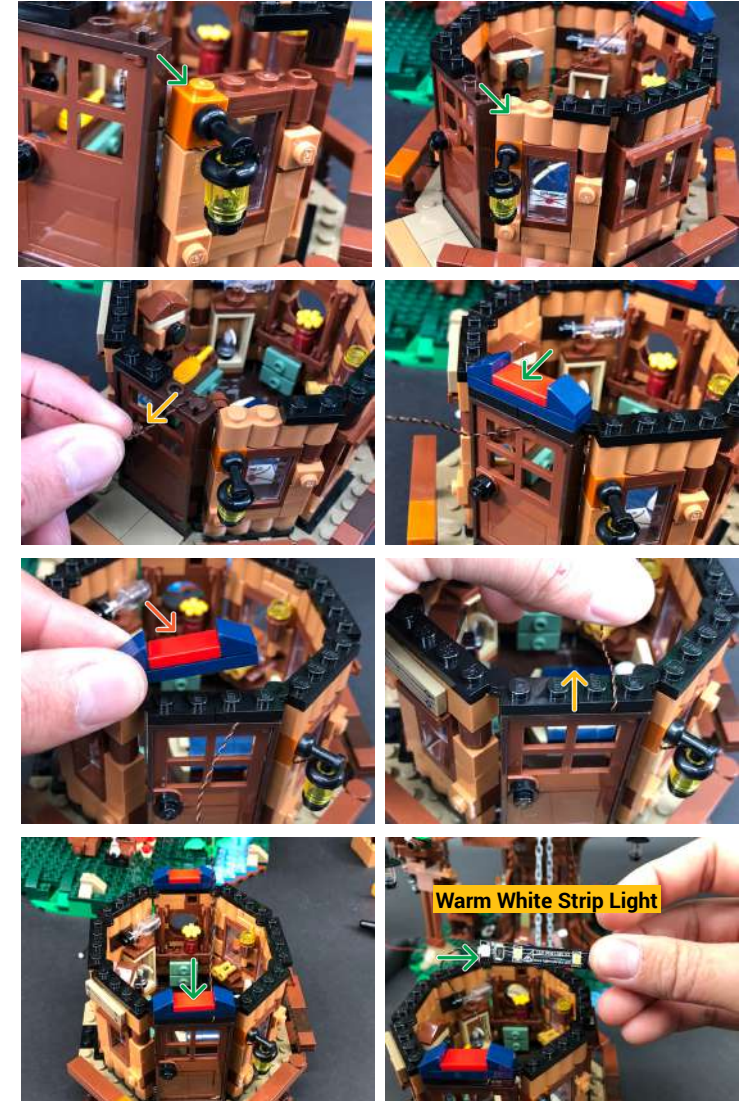
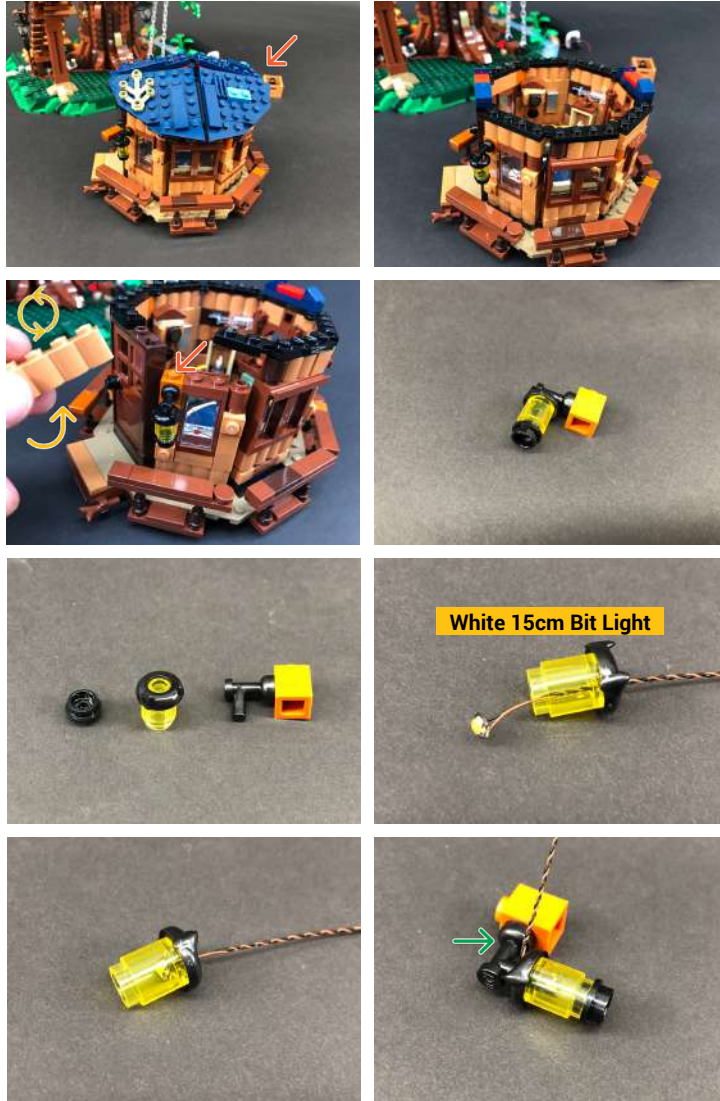


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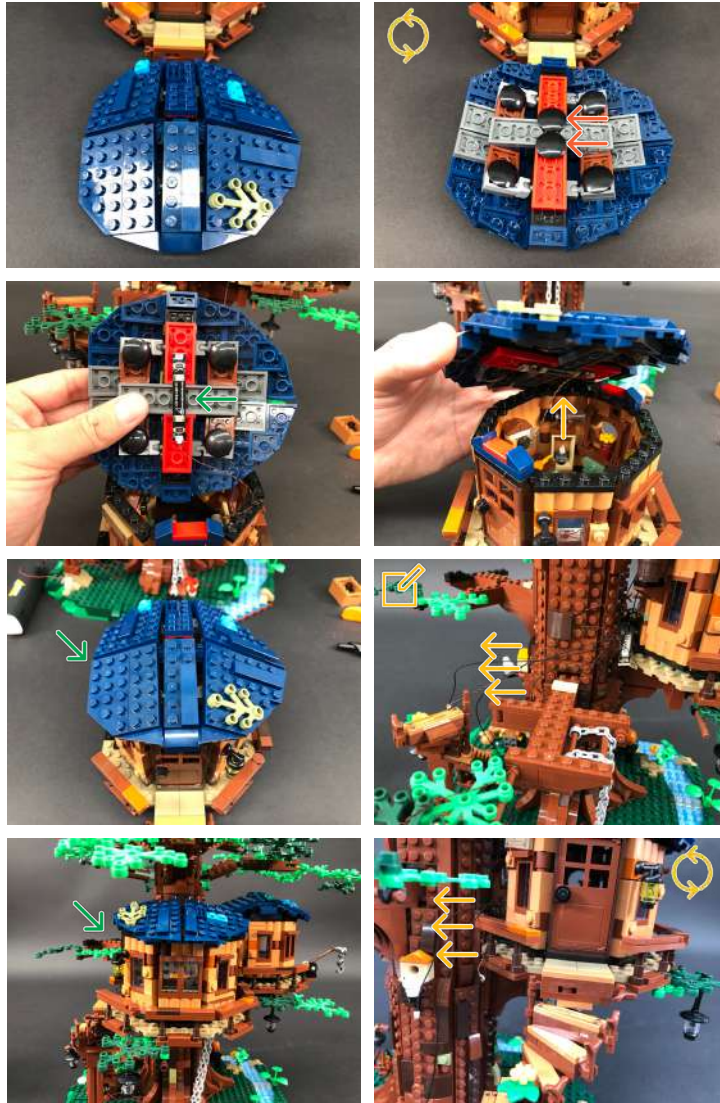
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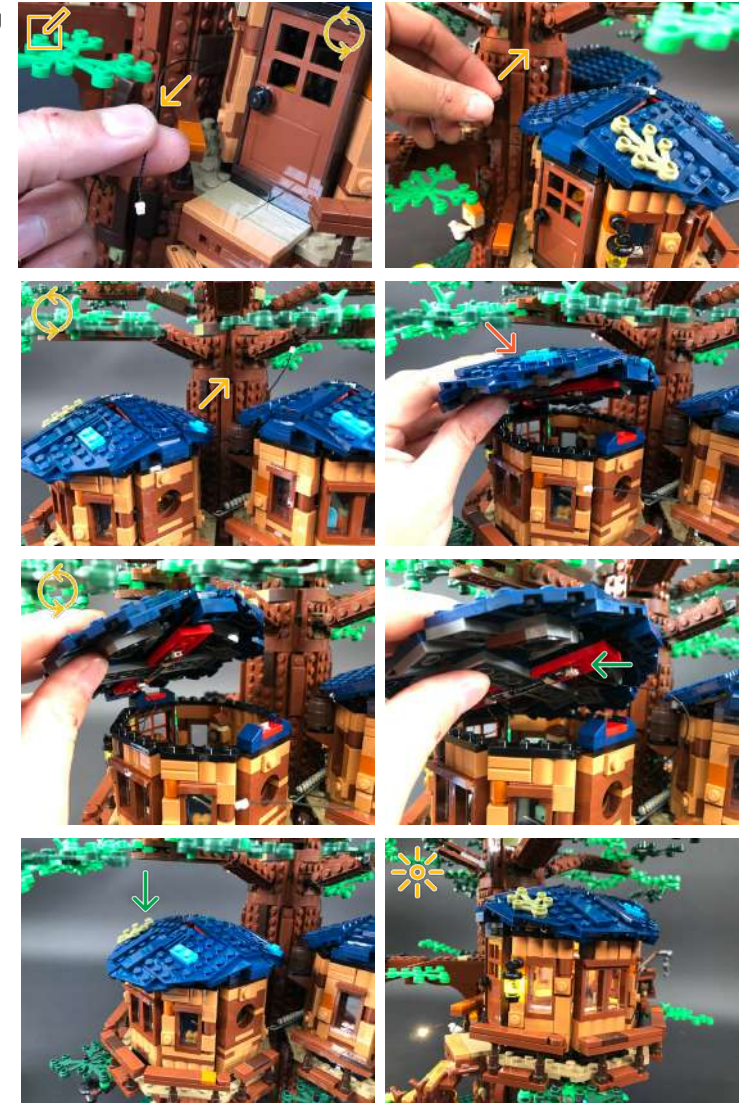
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Connecting Cables from step 16 and Bit Light from Step 18



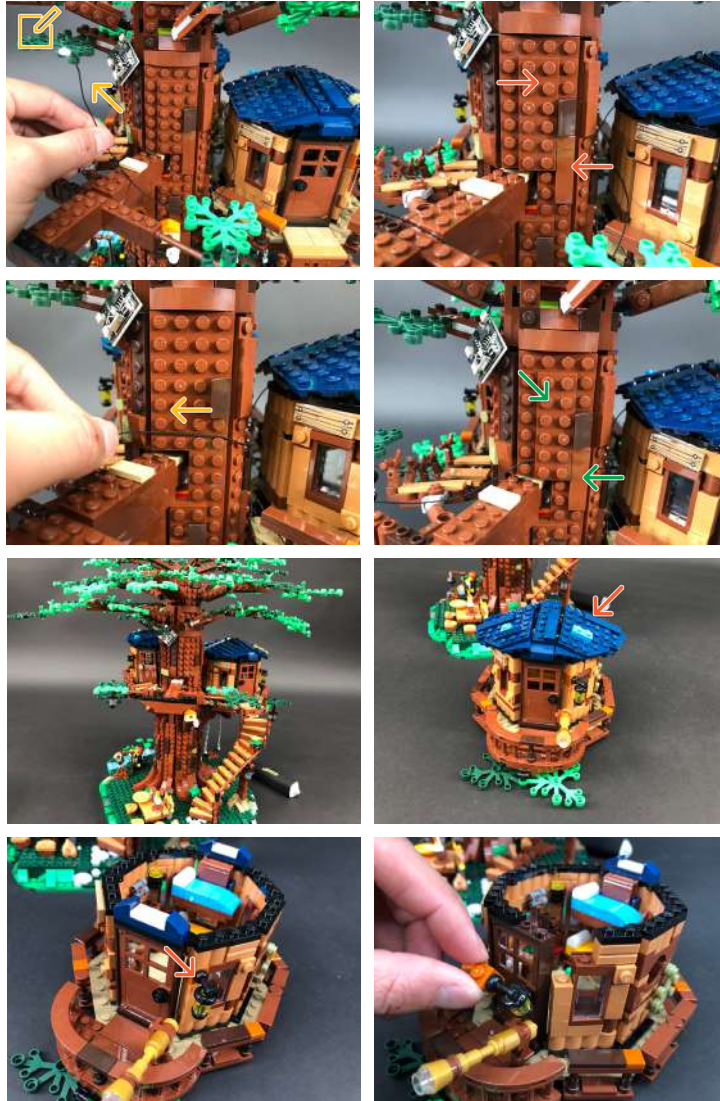
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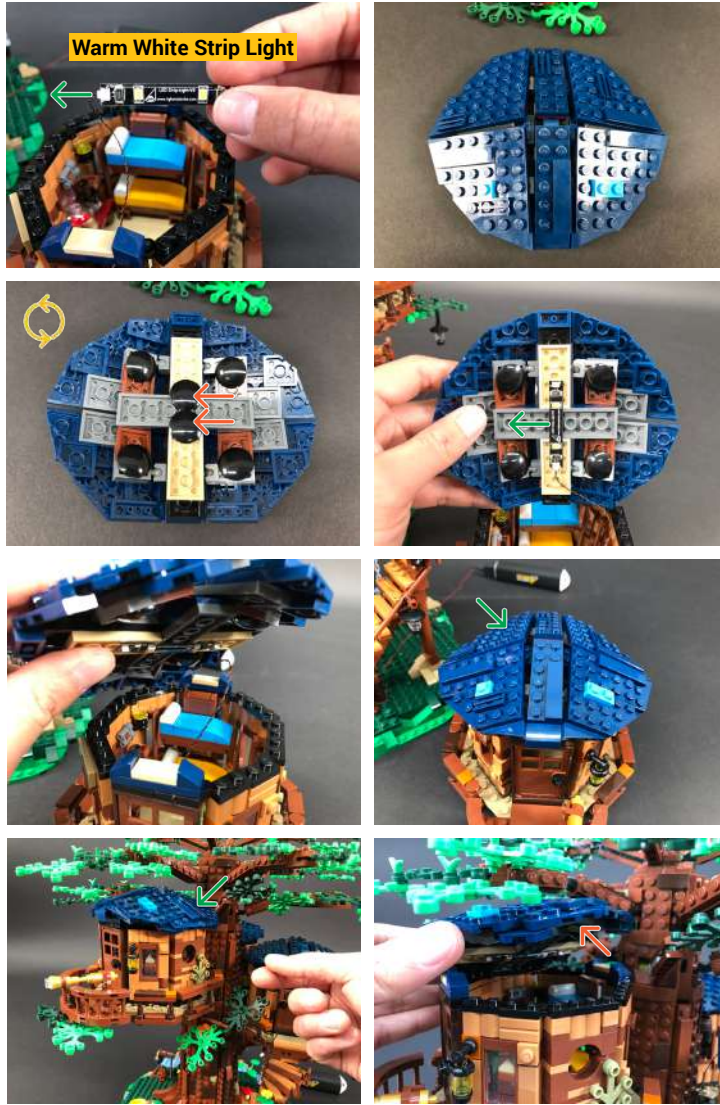
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 30m Connecting Cable from step 16



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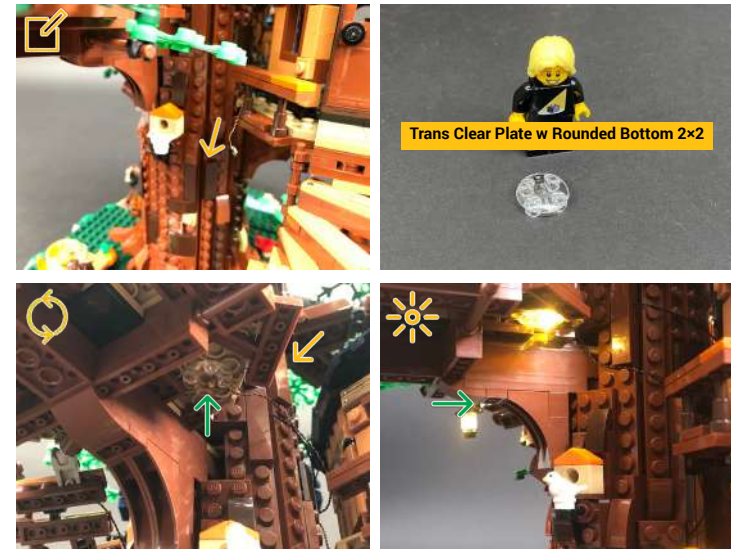


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White 15cm Bit Light from step 18

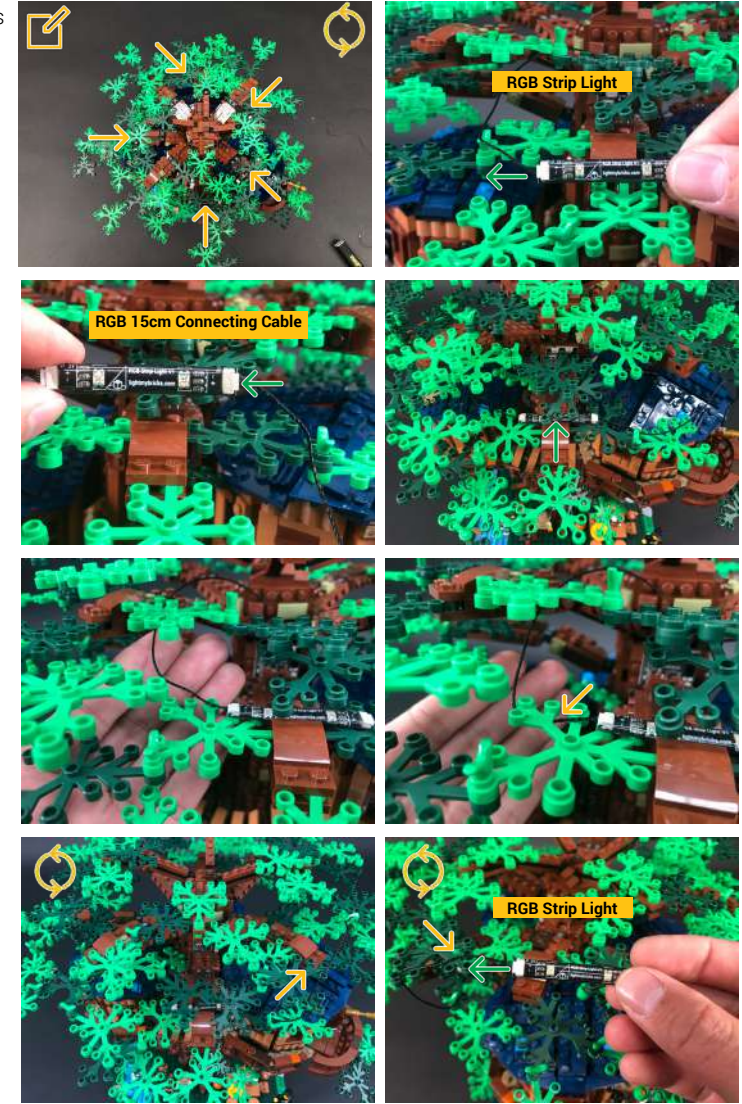


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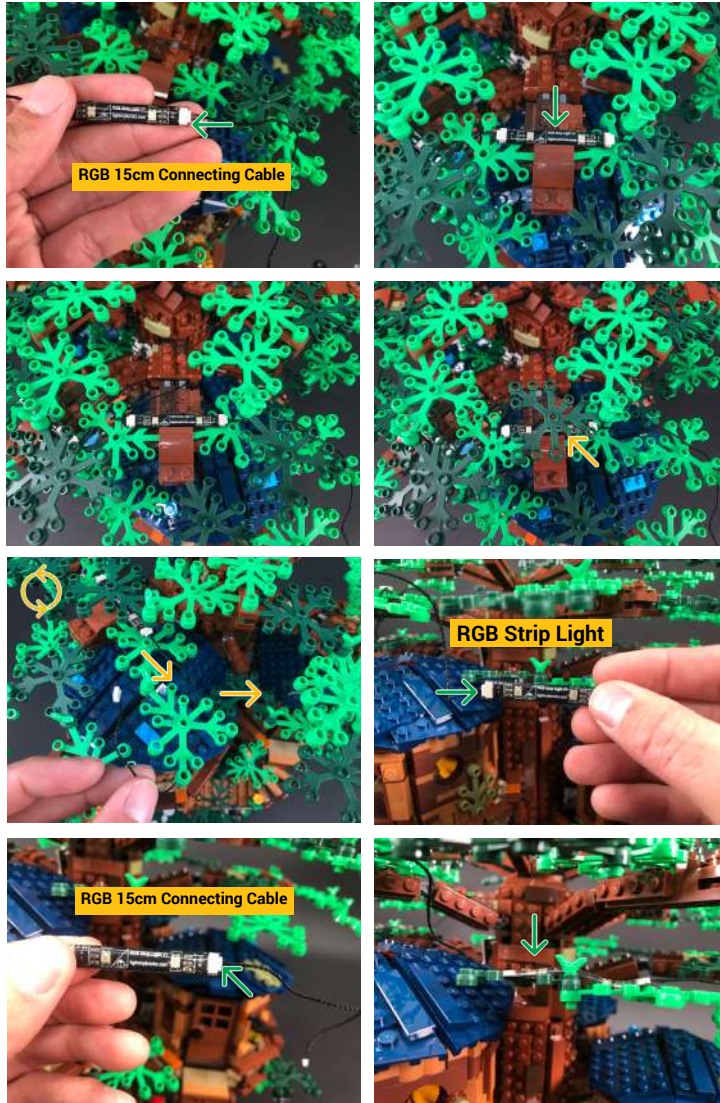
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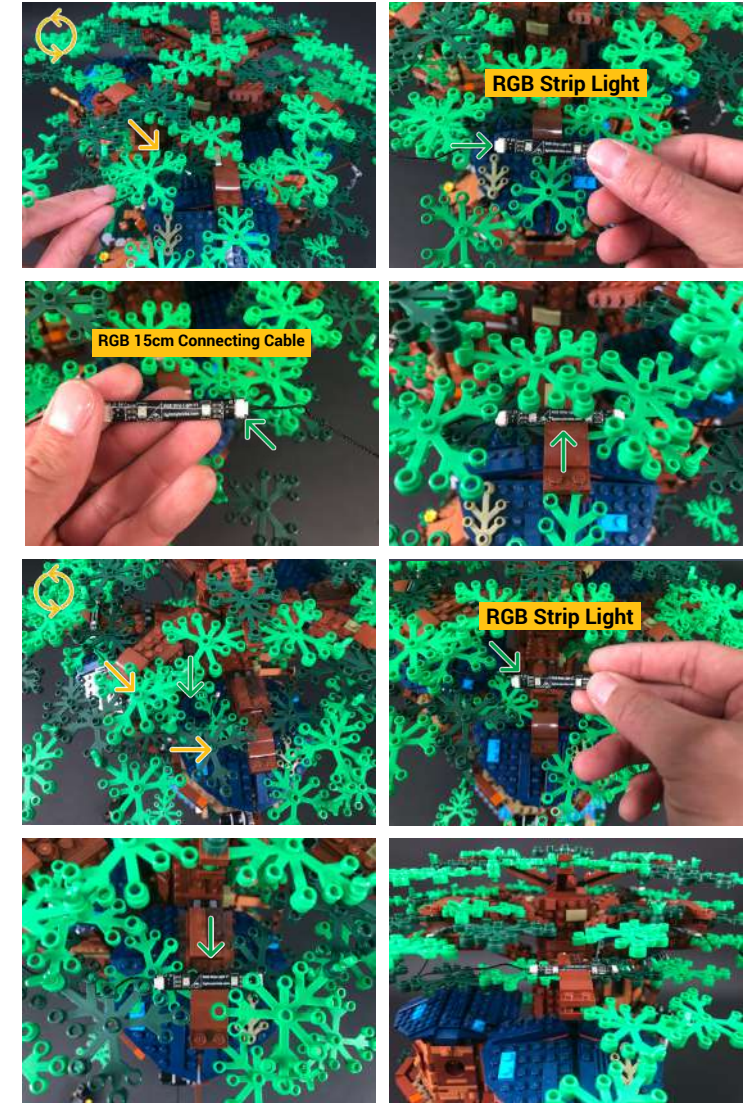
 RGB Strip Lights will be mounted to the following positions



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 The RGB lights are powered off by default, even when the other Tree House lights have been turned on.

To control the RGB lights, point the front of the remote control directly toward the RGB Control Board (we mounted at the front side of the tree) and turn the lights on via the ON button. Choose your desired colour by pressing any of the coloured buttons. You can also control the brightness as well as choose from one of the following effects:

- Flash** – Flash effect on your chosen colour
- Strobe** – Will flash quickly while cycling through all the colours
- Fade** – Will cycle through all the colours 3 seconds at each colour
- Smooth** – Will cycle through all the colours 7 seconds at each colour

 If you experience any issues with the lights not working and suspect an issue with a component, please try a different port on the expansion board to verify where the fault lies (with the light or expansion board). To correct any issues with expansion board ports, please view the section addressing expansion board issues on our online troubleshooting guide.

Final product

This finally completes installation of the Light My Bricks Tree House 21318 Light Kit



Troubleshooting

Light My Bricks lighting kits contain individual components that are very small and can be easily damaged if not handled correctly.

To prevent unnecessary damage to components, we highly recommend that the User Guide section, “Important things to note” is read carefully. Follow the handling procedures in the User Guide to help prevent faults and damages to your Light My Bricks components.

If you are experiencing issues with your Light My Bricks set, watch our troubleshooting video [here](#) or read on for a list of common causes to help you troubleshoot.

Troubleshooting

Firstly, ensure that the batteries have power using a battery charge gauge.

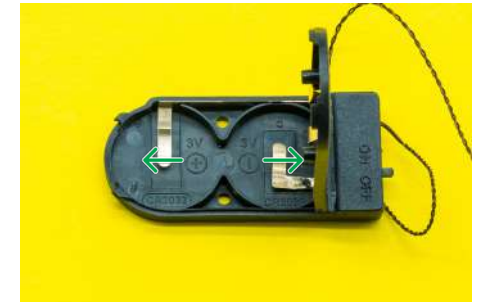
If the batteries have no power, replace the batteries.

If the batteries still have power, check to see if the batteries have been inserted correctly into the battery pack.

CHECK FOR CR2032 BATTERIES USING THE FLAT BATTERY PACK

Inside the battery pack is a symbol indicating which side the (round) CR2032 battery should be inserted. Check that the "+" side of the battery pack has the battery with the "+" symbol facing downwards.

On the opposite side, the "-" side of the battery pack should have the battery flipped upside down, that is the "+" symbol facing upwards.



Troubleshooting

CHECK FOR CR2032 BATTERIES USING THE ROUND BATTERY PACK

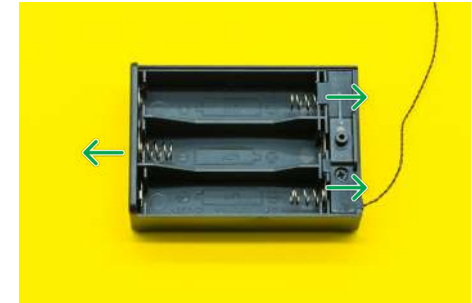
Inside the battery pack is a symbol indicating which side the (round) CR2032 battery should be inserted. In this case, for the stacked battery pack, ensure that BOTH batteries have the "+" symbol facing upwards.



CHECK FOR AA BATTERIES USING THE AA BATTERY PACK

Inside the battery pack are symbols indicating which direction the AA battery should be inserted. The flat side of the battery should be paired with the spring side of the battery pack.

If the batteries have been installed correctly and your kit still isn't operating correctly, the next step is to check the wiring.



Troubleshooting

CHECK YOUR WIRES

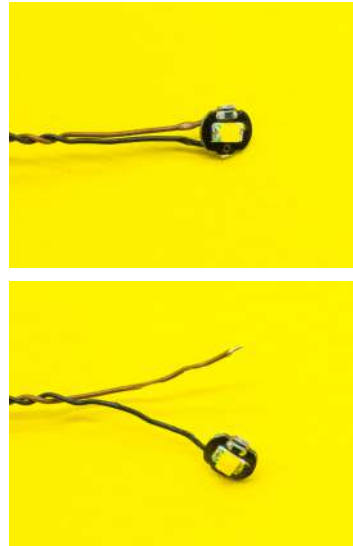
In order for Light My Bricks components to fit in between and underneath LEGO® bricks, the components need to be very small.

Due to this nature, Light My Bricks components can be easily damaged when not handled correctly.

Be careful when removing unpacked components out of the packaging and ensure not to forcibly pull at the wires as this can damage the soldering that attach the wires to the LEDs.

If the wiring is detached from the LED itself, the light will not operate.

When connecting lights to your LEGO set, check that there are no pinched wires underneath or in between bricks and plates. When the wires are pinched and the exposed wires are touching each other, this can cause a crosswire and the lights to not function correctly.

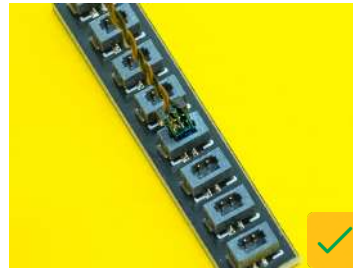


Troubleshooting

CHECK YOUR EXPANSION BOARD PORTS/ STRIP LIGHT PORTS / EFFECTS BOARD PORTS

It is important to note that connectors can only be inserted to the expansion board, strip light, or effects board ports in one direction.

Forcibly inserting connectors in the incorrect direction will result in damaging the pins inside each of the ports on your component board.

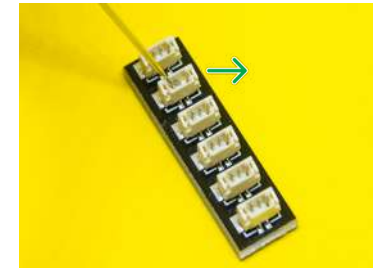
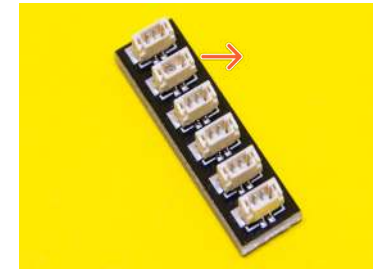


Not only will a light connected to the damaged port not work, but if the pins inside the port are bent to a point they are touching each other, this can result in all other lights in the system to stop working. This is a short circuit.

A short circuit can also result in overheating of the board, cable or batteries. If you suspect a short circuit, **DISCONNECT POWER IMMEDIATELY.** Batteries can fail, catch fire, or even explode if left connected to a short circuit for too long.

If you suspect you have a faulty component due to a bent pin, try the following steps:

If you look carefully inside each of the ports, each port contains 2 small pins that should be straight. You will be able to identify a faulty port if it has any bent pins.

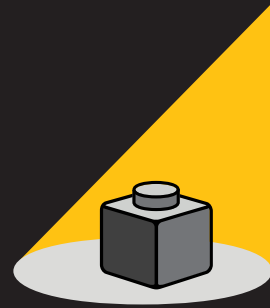


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