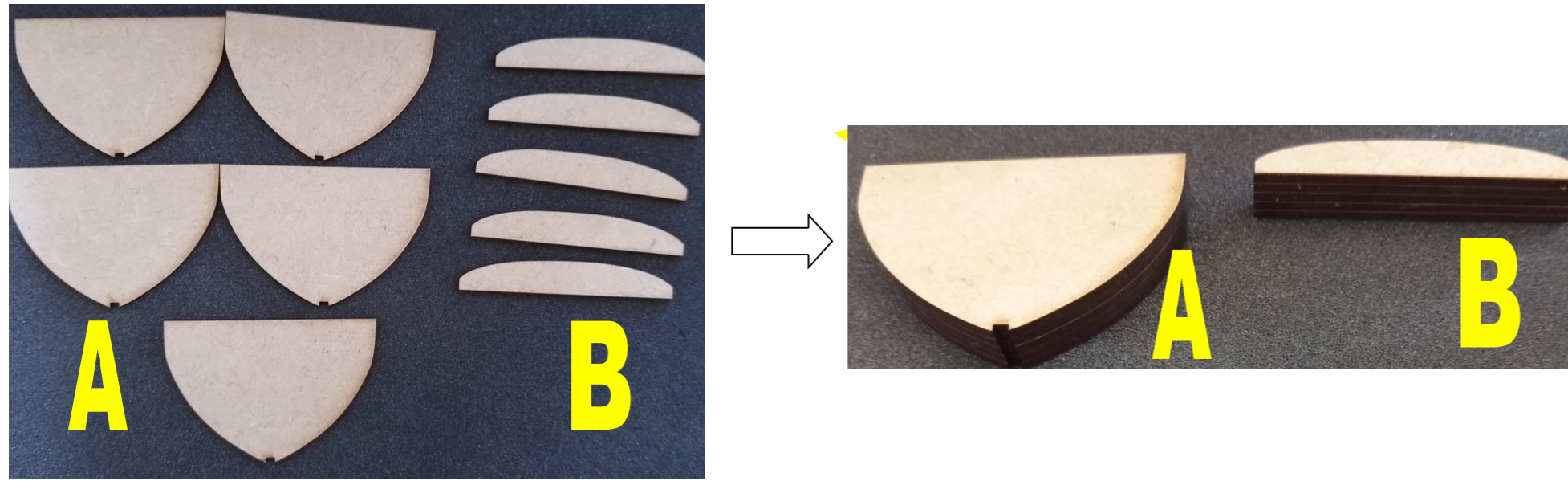


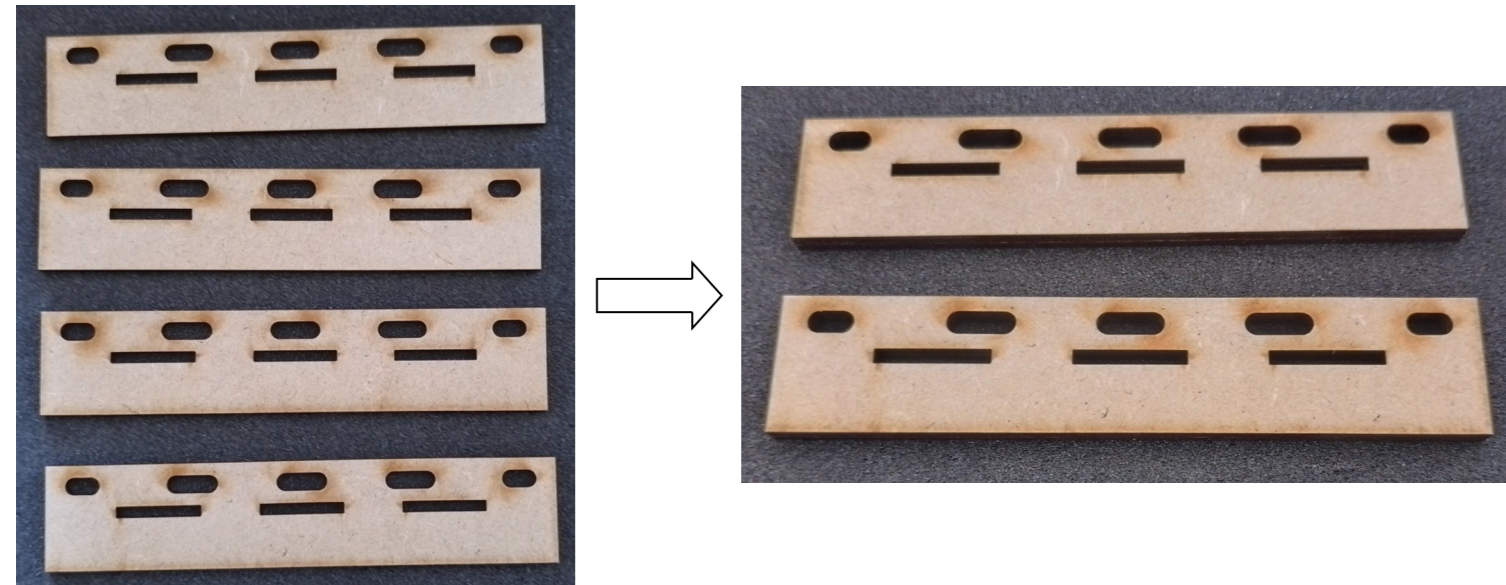
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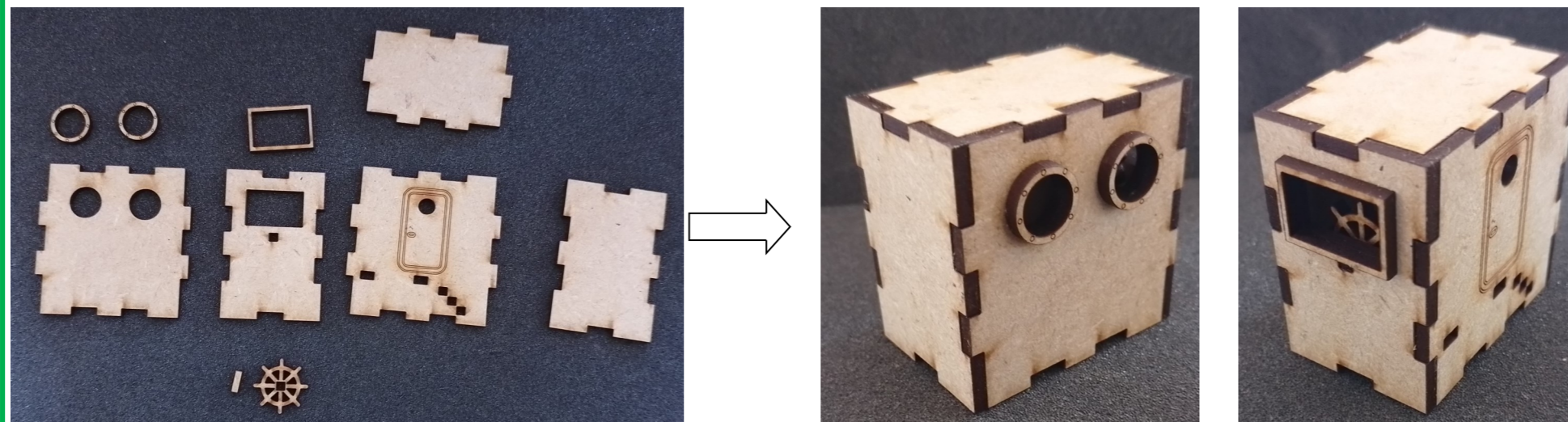
1: Glue together shown pieces 5 x A & 5 x B (sandwich)



2: Glue together shown pieces for the ship sides. (sandwich x 2)



3: Glue together shown pieces for the wheel house.



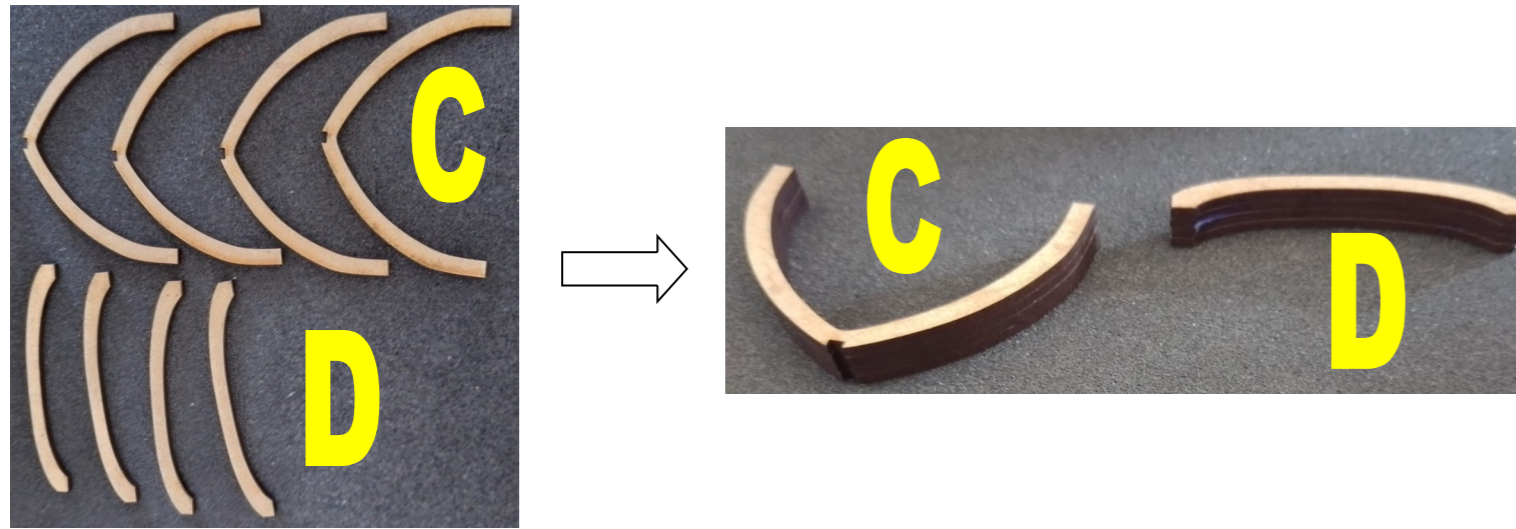
4: Glue together shown pieces for the main funnel.



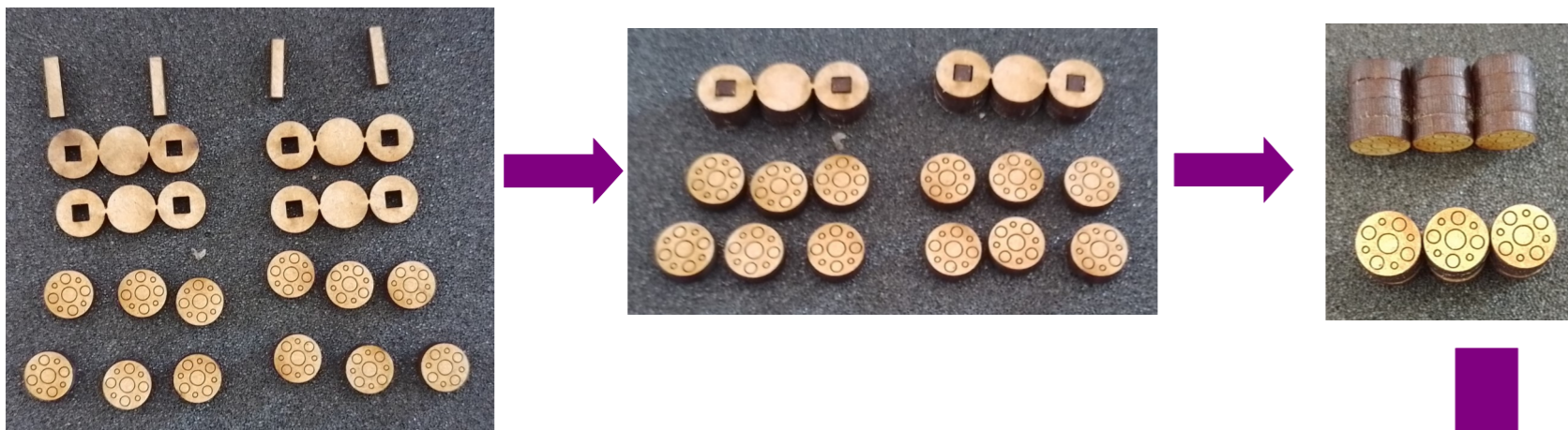
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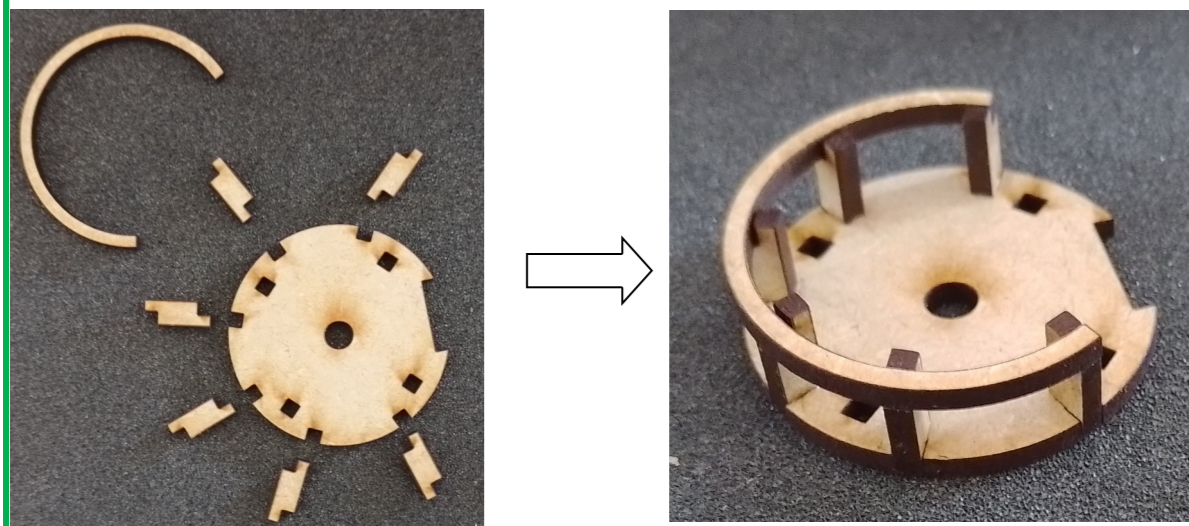
5: Glue together shown pieces 4 x C & 4 x D (sandwich)



6: Glue together shown pieces for the depth charges. When glue is dry, use sandpaper to make the "bottom" a little flat/plane.



7: Glue together shown pieces for the weapon platform.



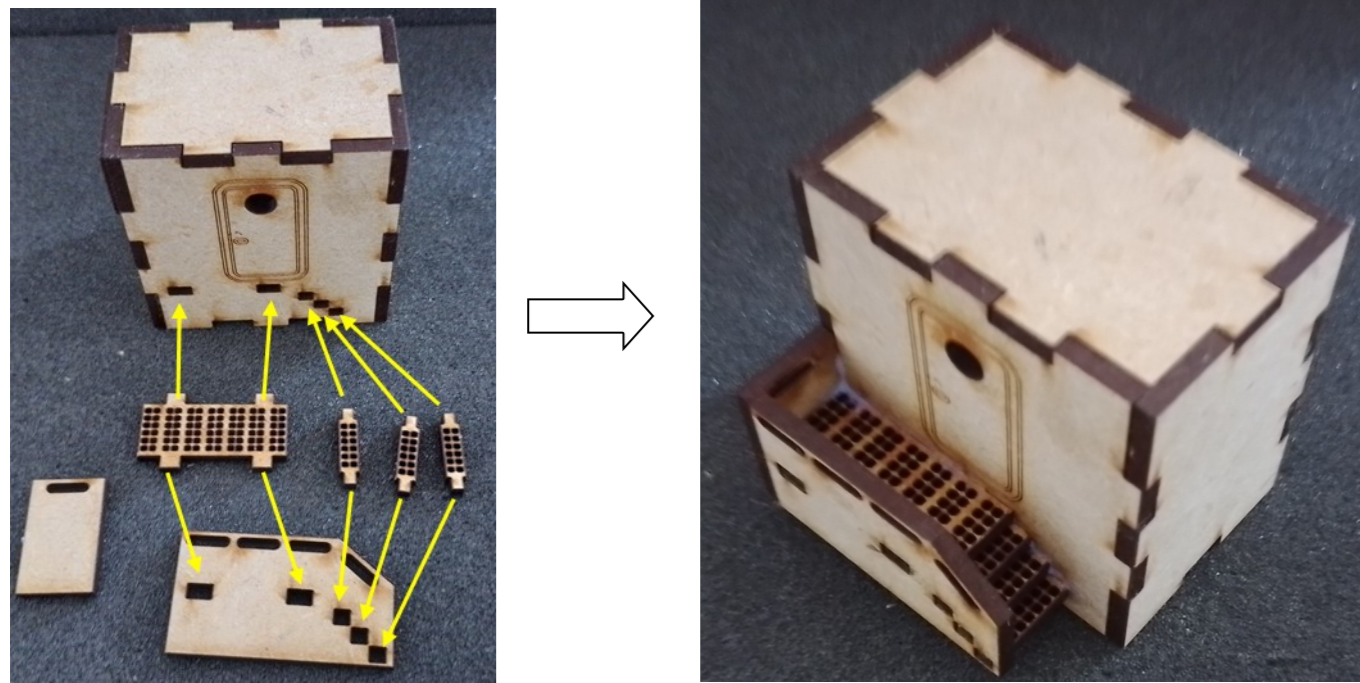
8: Glue together shown pieces for the air intake funnels.



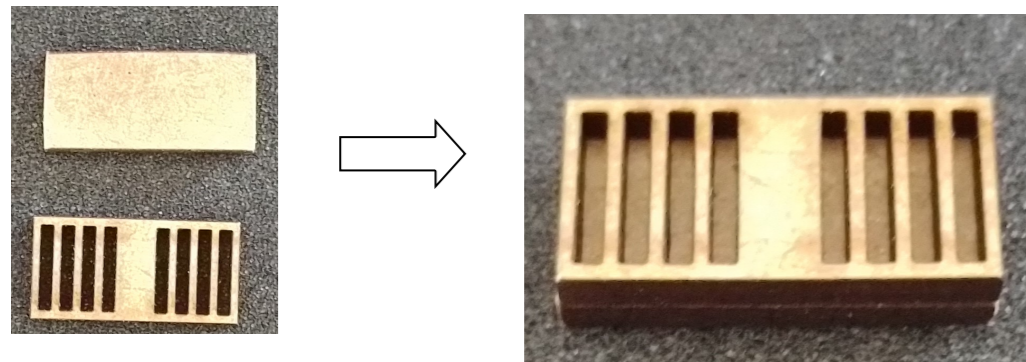
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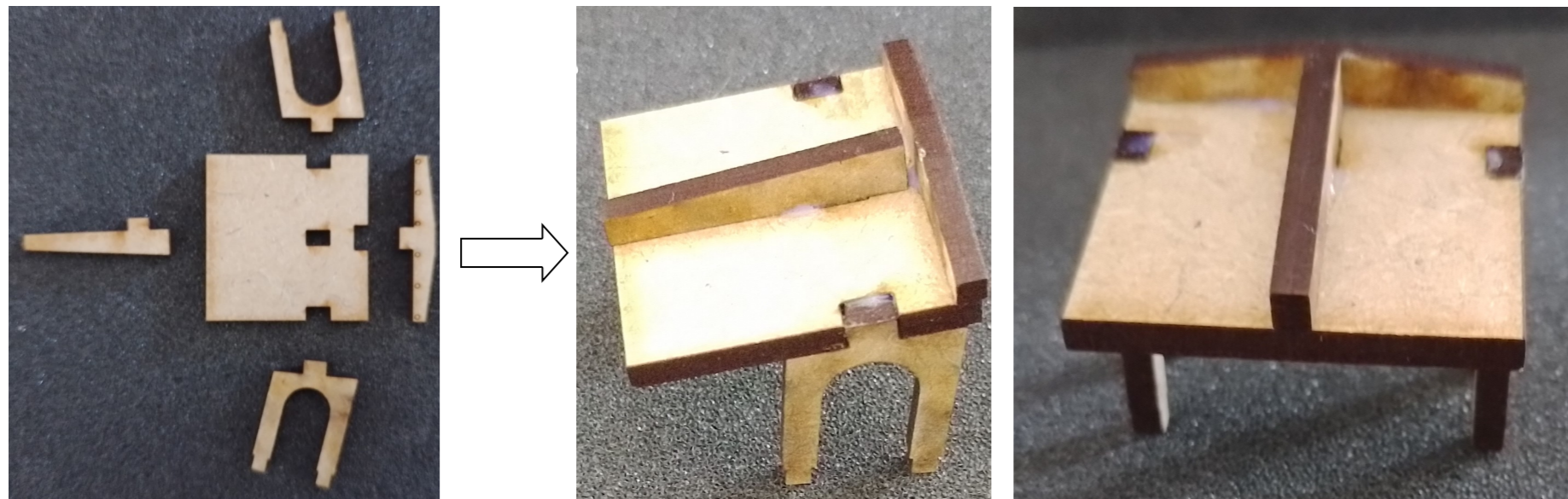
9: Glue stairs onto the wheel house.



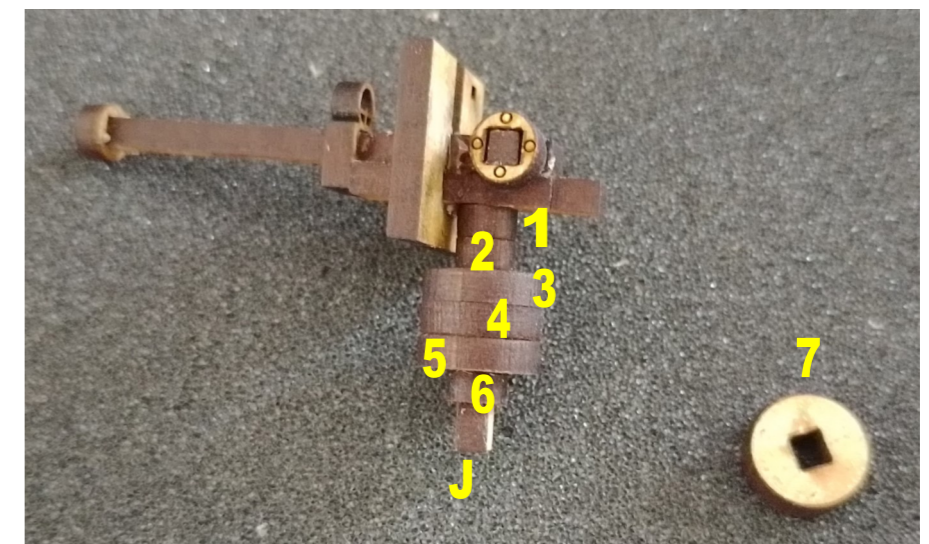
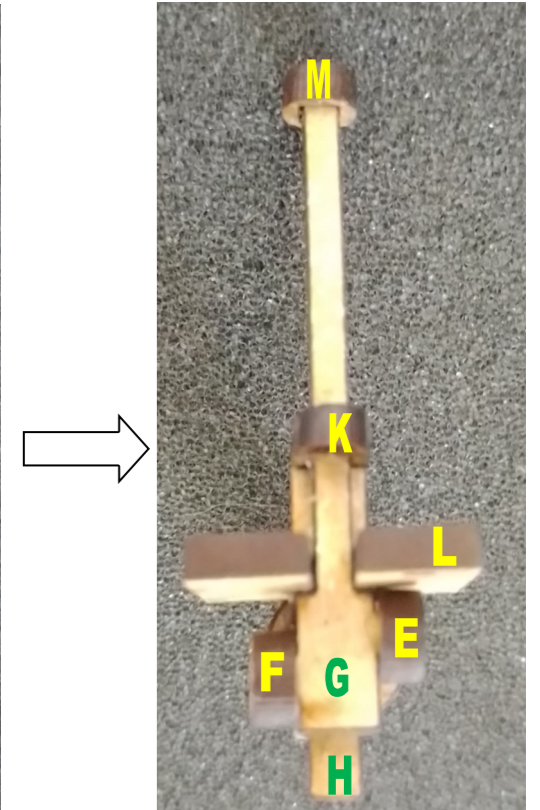
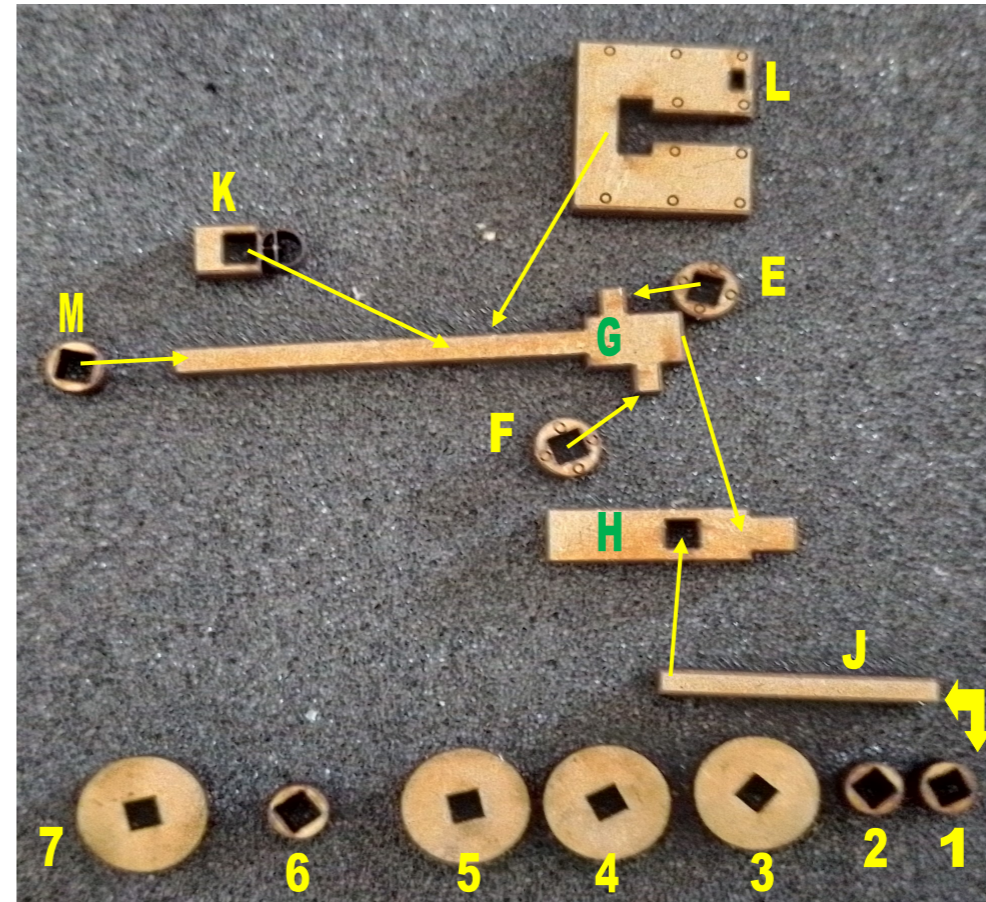
10: Glue together shown pieces for the forecastle deck's main hatch.



11: Glue together shown pieces for the depth charges platform.

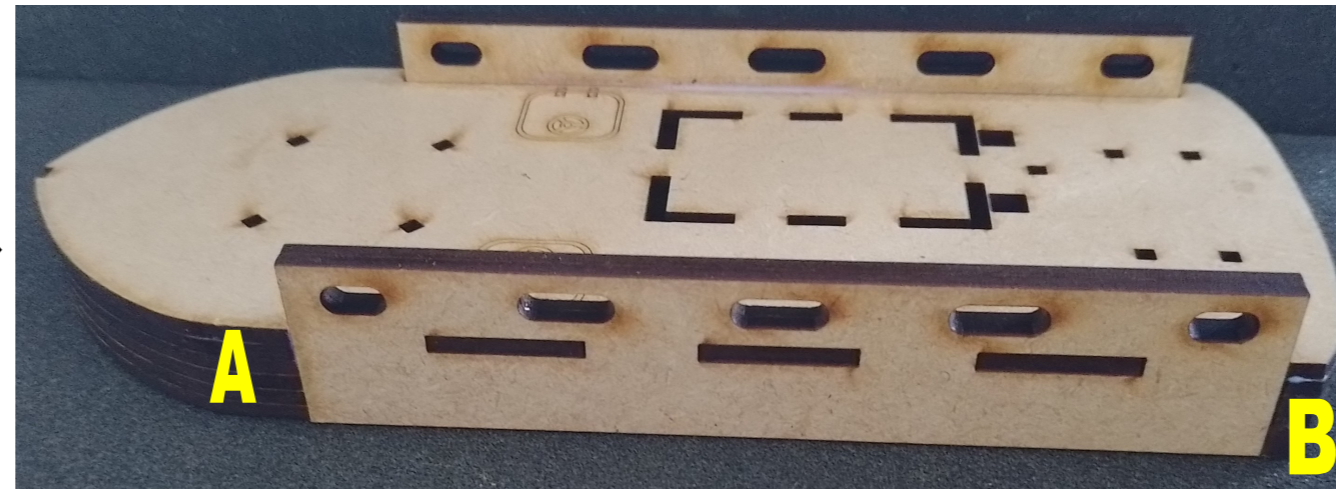
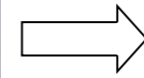
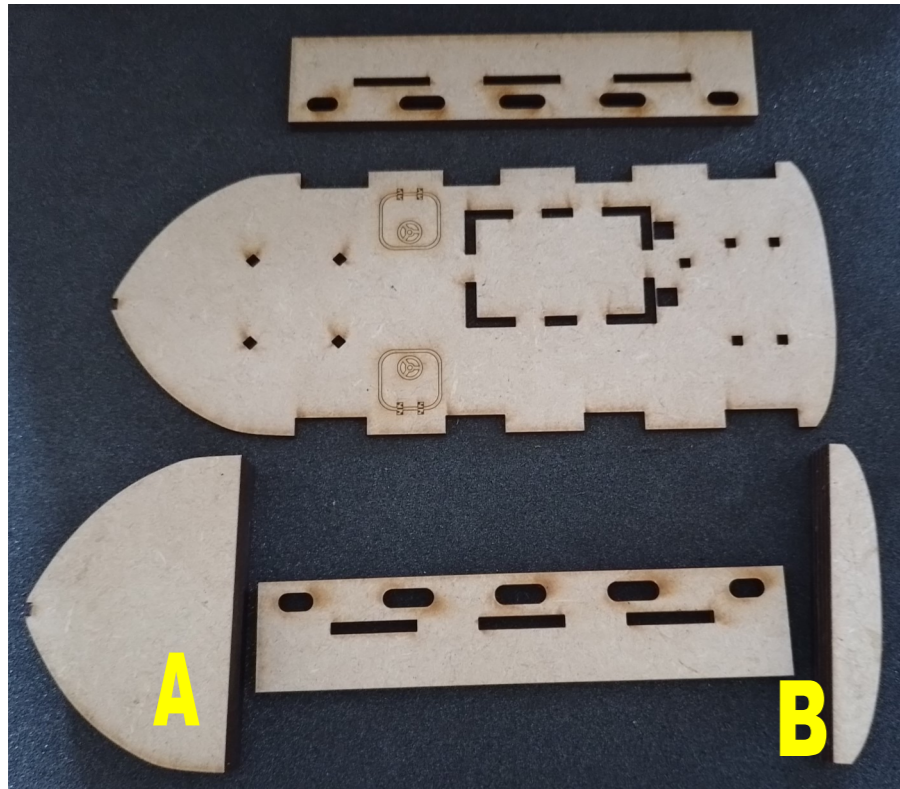


12: Glue together shown pieces for the deck gun. Glue in the shown order. Wait with part 7 for now.

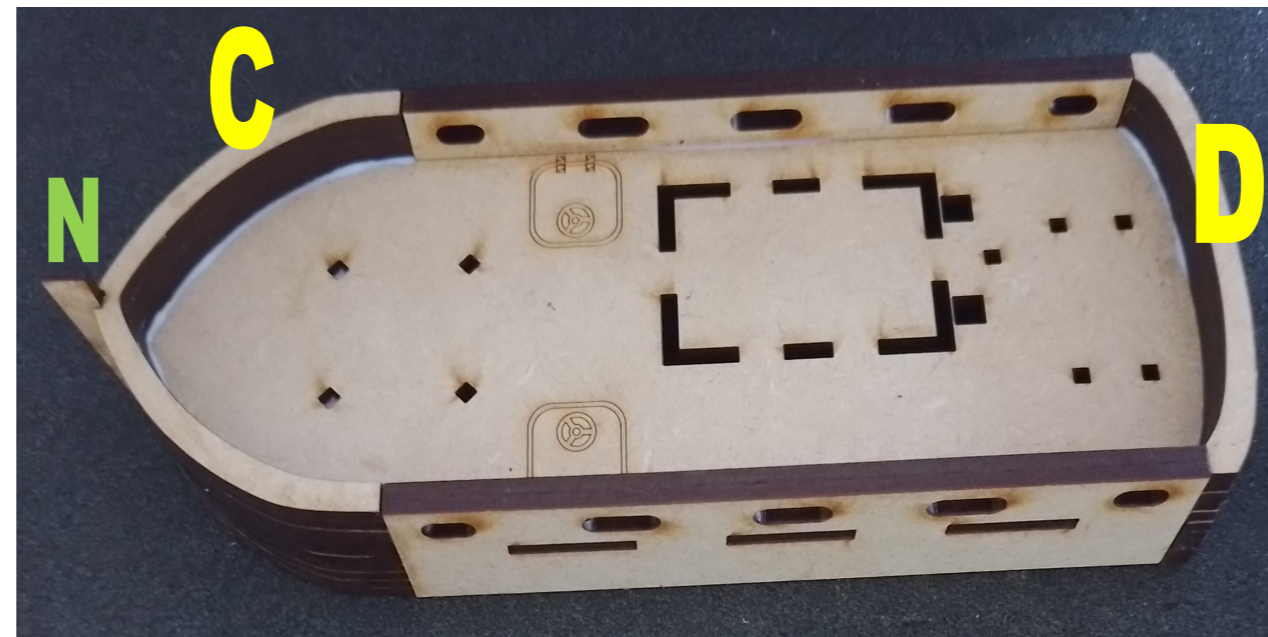
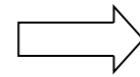
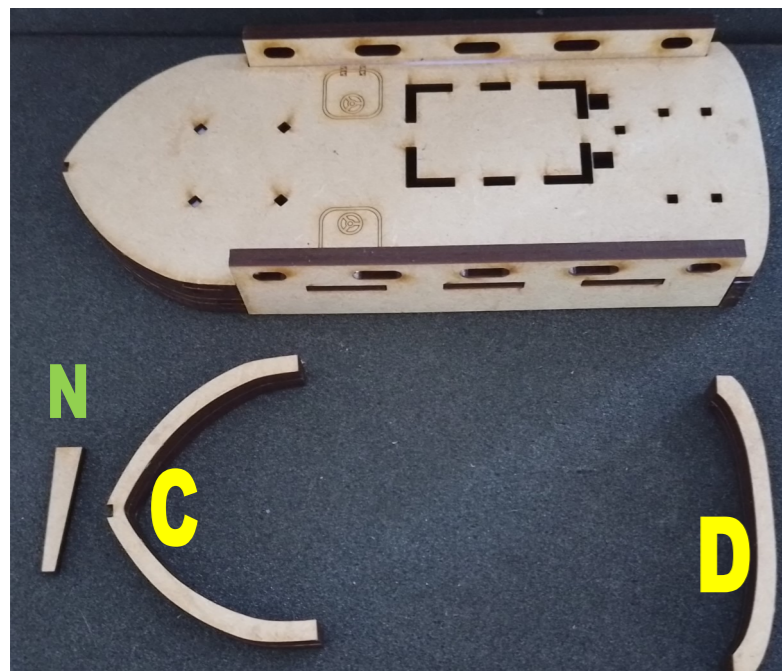


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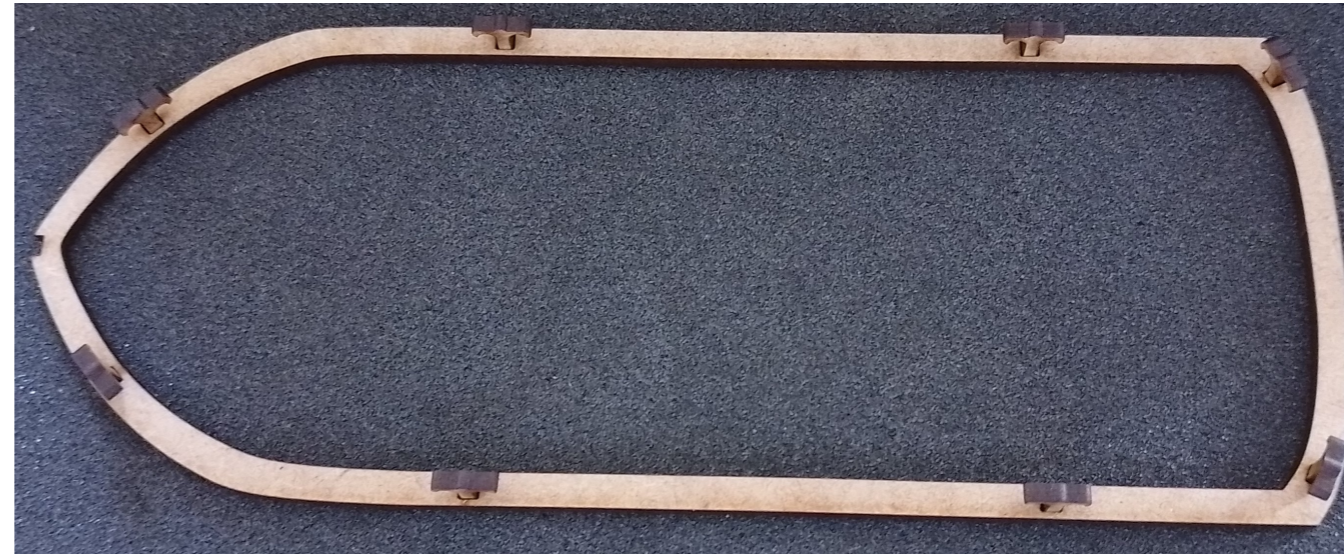
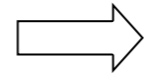
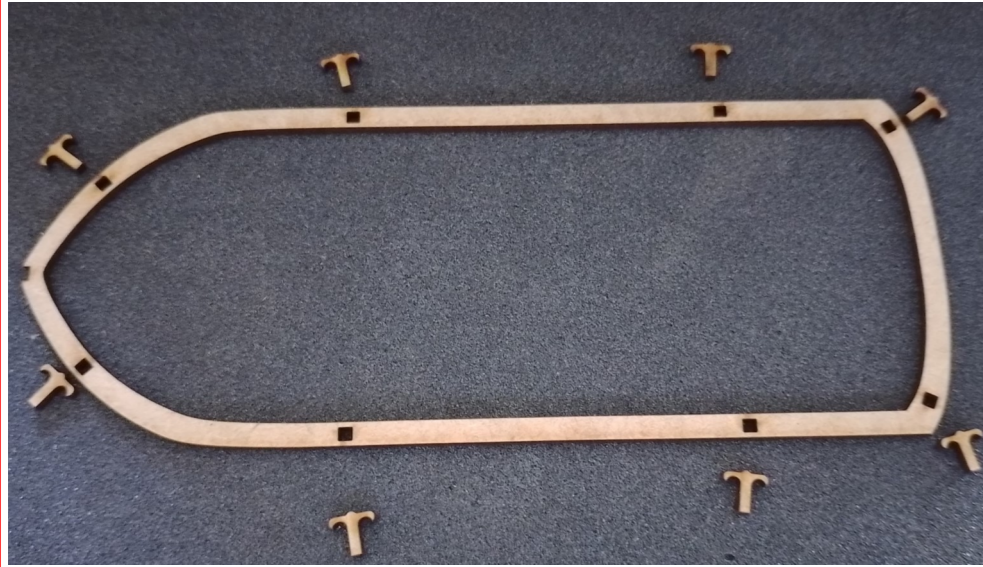
13: Glue pieces A and B onto the bottom of the ships deck. Glue the sides onto the side of the deck.



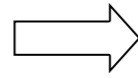
14: Glue pieces C and D onto the top of the ships deck. Glue piece N onto the bow.



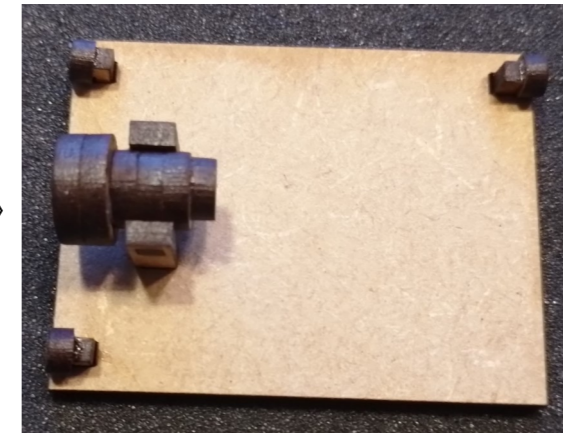
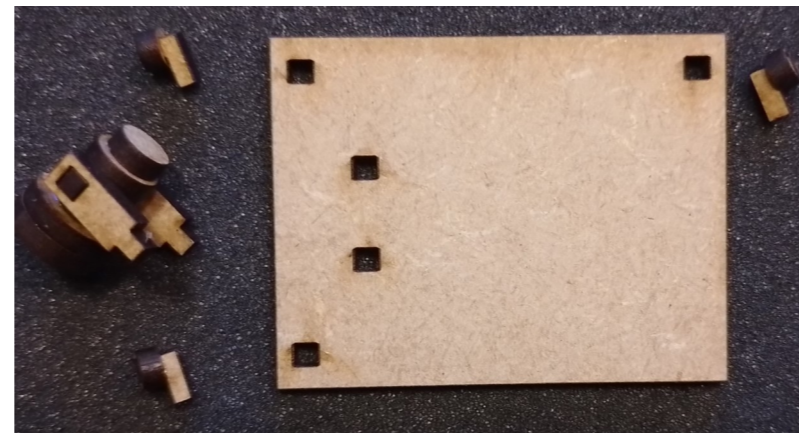
15: Glue mooring gear onto the ship railing.



16: Glue together shown pieces for the ship's marker lights (x3). Front starboard (Green), Front port side (Red), Aft (White).

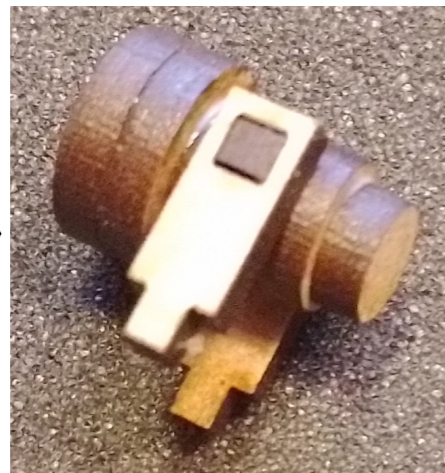
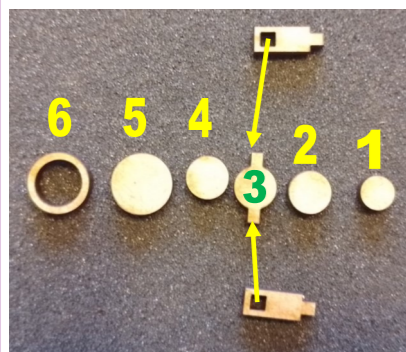


18: Glue search light and marker lights onto the steering house roof.



17: Glue together shown pieces for the search light.

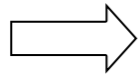
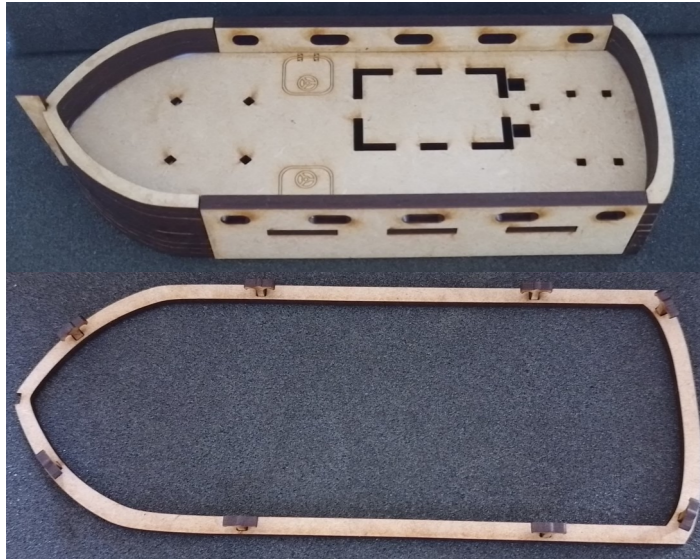
Glue in the order shown



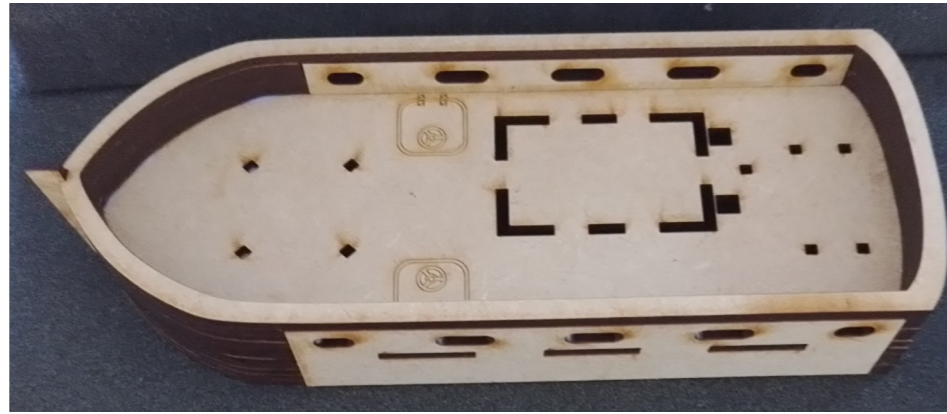
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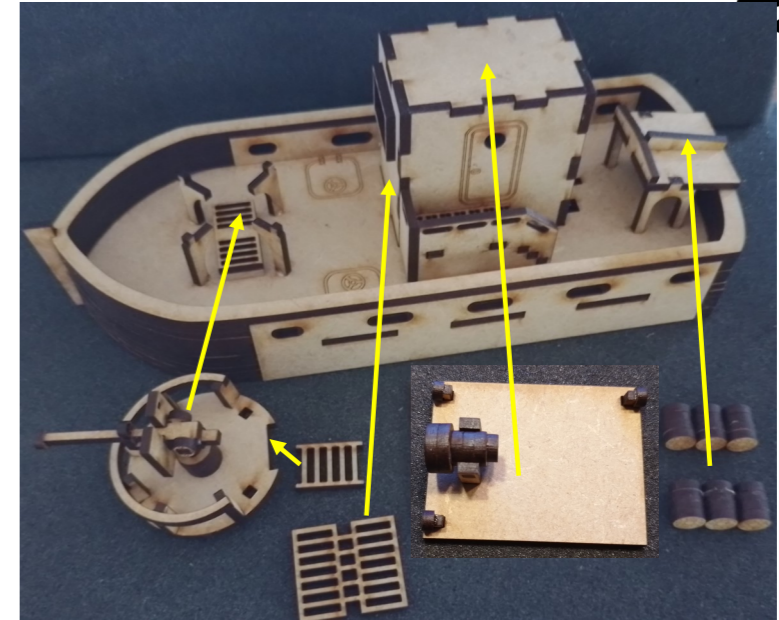
19: Glue railing onto the deck.



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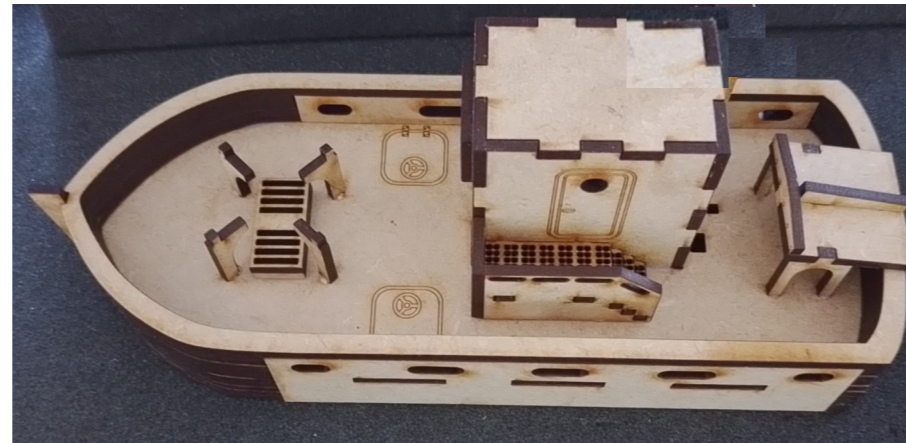
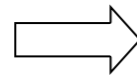
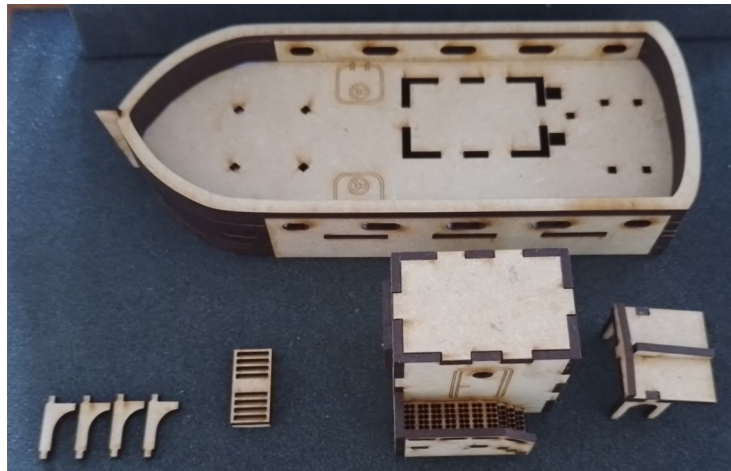


22: Glue shown pieces onto the deck.

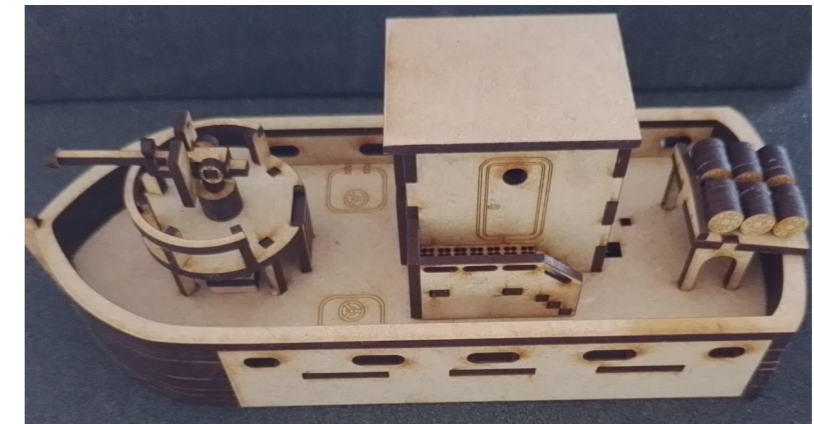
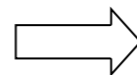
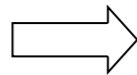


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20: Glue shown pieces onto the deck.

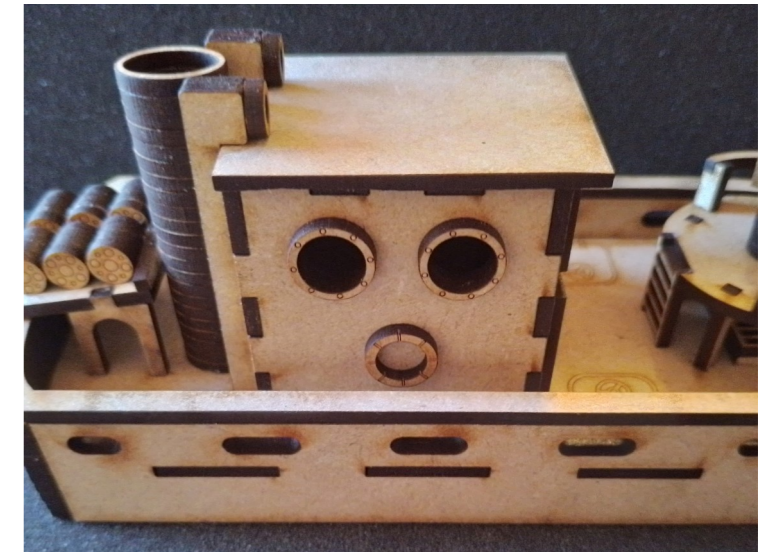
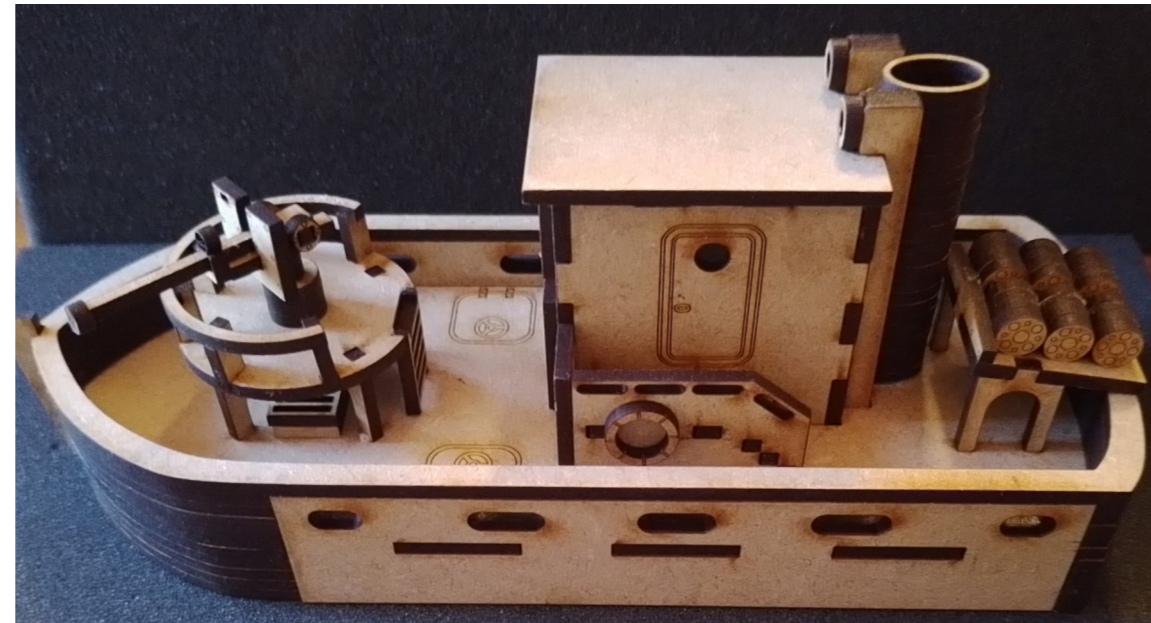
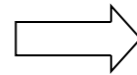
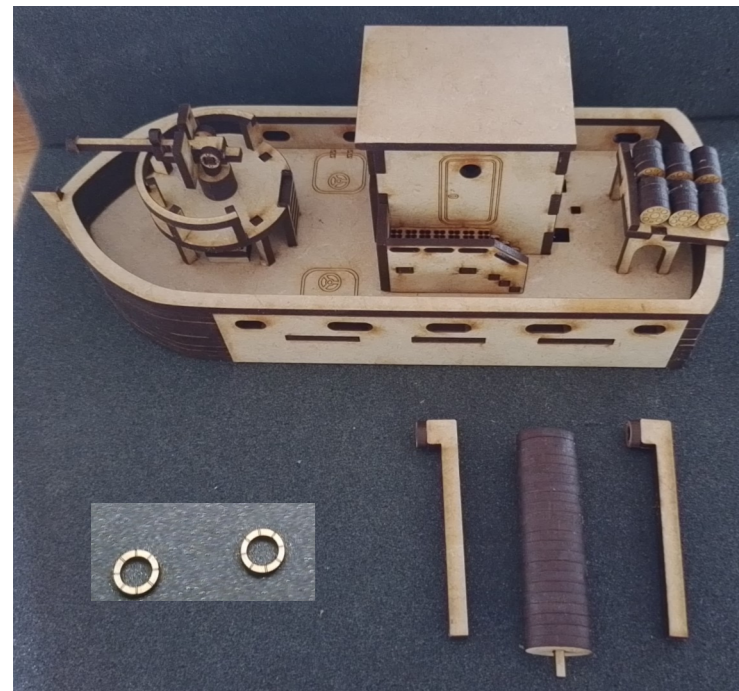


21: Glue the deck gun onto the weapon platform. ONLY add glue onto the squared tap, so that the gun can turn. Glue on part 7.



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19: Glue the funnels onto the deck. Add the life lines.



### Armed Trawlers in Ww2.

**Naval trawlers** are vessels built along the lines of a fishing trawler but fitted out for naval purposes, and they were widely used during Ww2 by Britain, USA, Brazil, Belgium, China, France, India, New Zealand, Japan, Romania and Germany (kriegskutter).

Some were purpose-built to naval specifications, others adapted from civilian use. Fishing trawlers were particularly suited for many naval requirements because they were robust vessels designed to work heavy trawls in all types of weather, and had large clear working decks.

A minesweeper could be created by replacing the trawl with a mine sweep. Adding depth charge racks on the deck, sonar below, and a 3 or 4-inch gun in the bow equipped the trawler for anti-submarine duties.

The US Navy generally favoured custom-built warships to civilian conversions. However, due to an acute shortage of vessels for coastal defence and anti-submarine work, the US also used auxiliary minesweepers. However, they were confined to coastal waters and not rated for offensive or convoy escort duties. In total the US used 70 as minesweepers, 10 as harbour patrol crafts and 50 as coastal transports.

