



# INTRO TO GEAR



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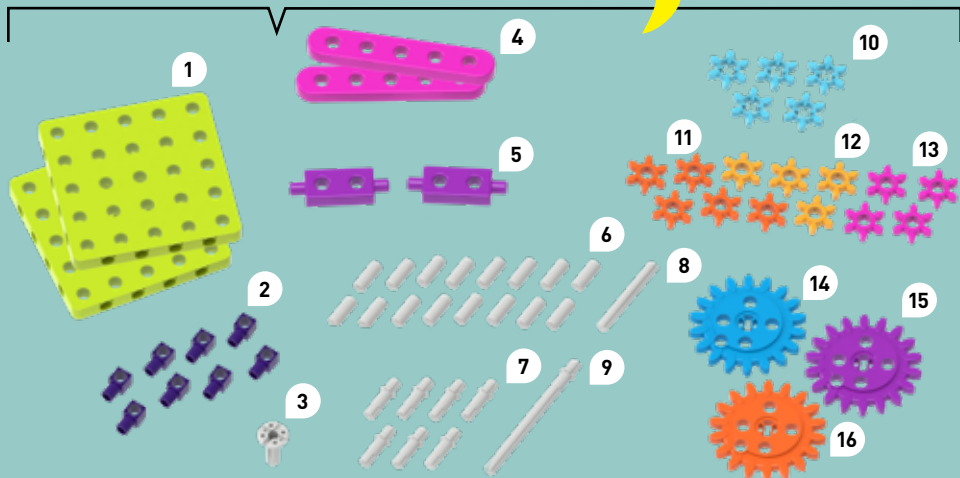


## KIT CONTENTS

*Good to know!*

If you are missing any parts,  
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What's inside your experiment kit:



## Checklist:

✓	No.	Description	Quantity	Part No.
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## WARNING!

- >> Not suitable for children under 3 years. Choking hazard — small parts may be swallowed or inhaled.
- >> Before starting, check the parts list to be sure that all of the correct pieces are included in the kit. Keep the packaging and instructions as they contain important information.
- >> Store the experiment material and assembled models out of the reach of small children.

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Ty and Karlie Omega are siblings. They live in a small city called Makersville. Ty and Karlie's dad is a writer. He writes science fiction stories. Their mom is a mechanical engineer. She designs big machines used in factories.

They live in an awesome warehouse filled with tools, equipment, and building materials. There are always a number of projects going on in the warehouse.

## Dear Parents and Supervising Adults!

Children want to explore, understand, and create new things. They want to try things and do them by themselves.

They want to learn! They can do all of this with Thames & Kosmos experiment kits. With every single experiment, they grow smarter and more knowledgeable.

## Meet the Omega Family!

Ty loves figuring out how things work. Karlie loves building things.

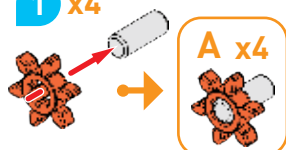
Now it's time for Ty and Karlie to build their very own workbench where they can keep their own tools.

Ty can't wait to figure out how all the tools work, and Karlie is excited to see all the fun models she can build!

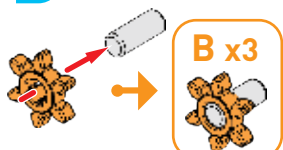
*Yay!*  
Let's go!

# BIG GEAR WALL

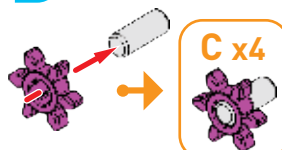
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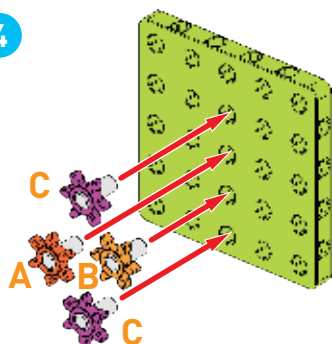
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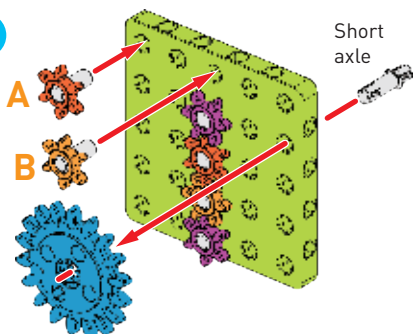
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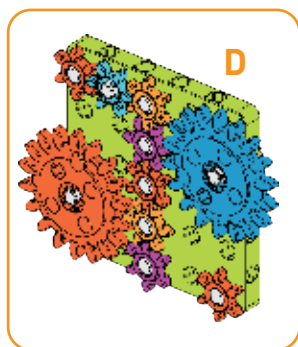
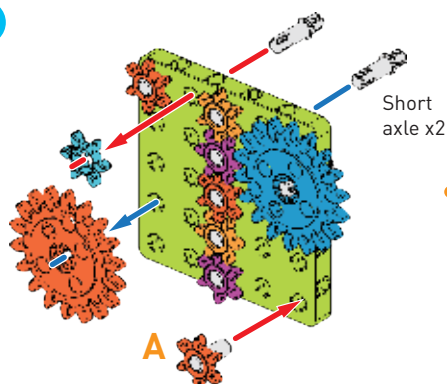
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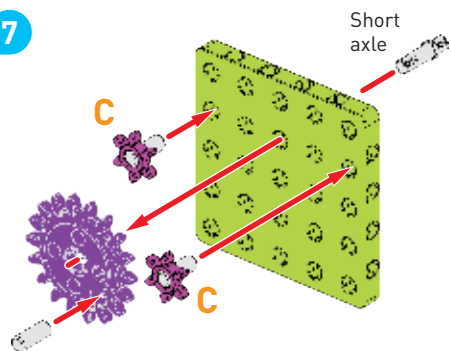
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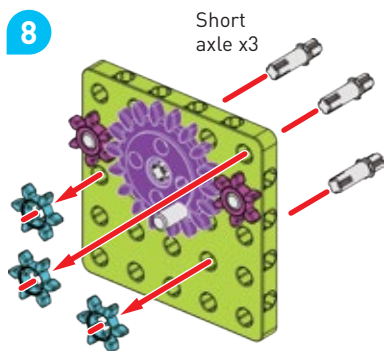
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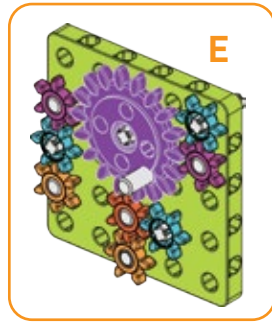
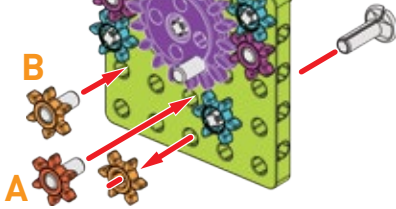


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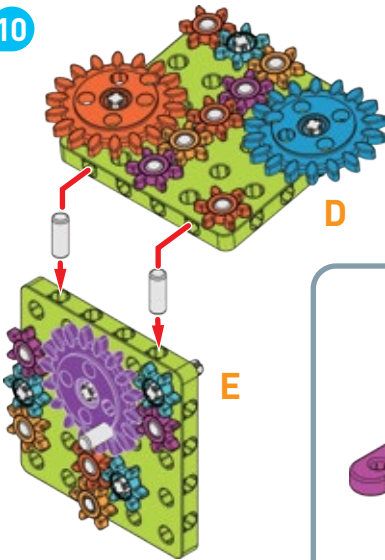




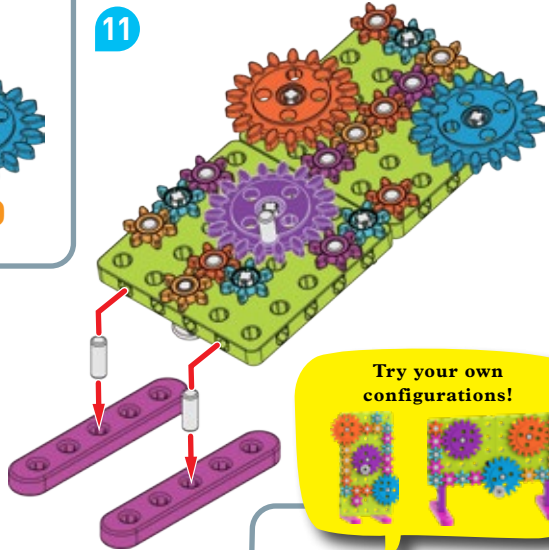
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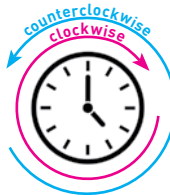
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Try your own  
configurations!

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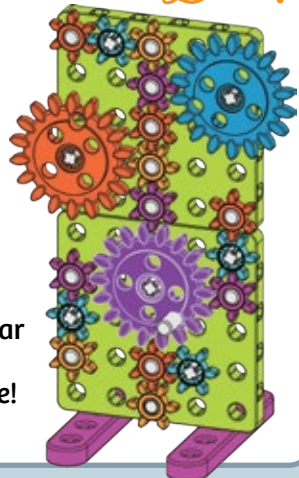
Gears are wheels with **teeth** that engage with each other to transmit **motion**. In other words, gears make things move!



Look closely!  
When you  
turn one gear  
clockwise the gear  
next to it turns  
counterclockwise!  
And vice-versa!

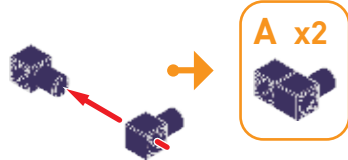


When you rotate  
the large purple  
gear, which  
gears move  
faster: the large  
gears or the  
small gears?

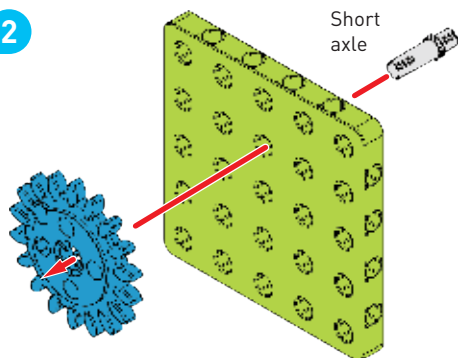


# GEARS TURN A CORNER

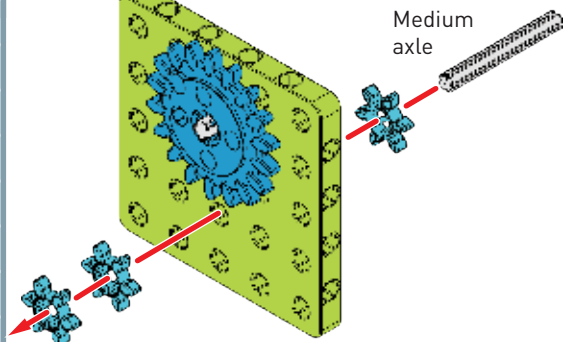
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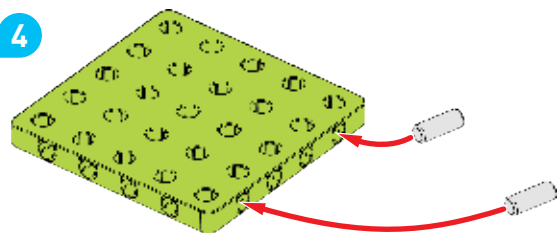
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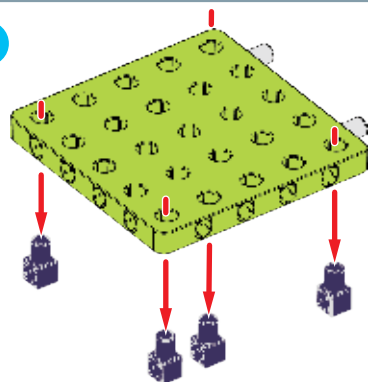
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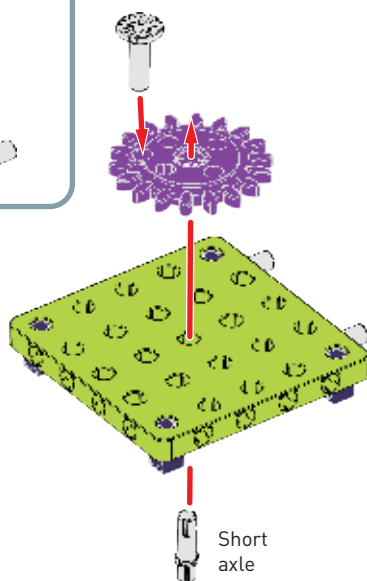
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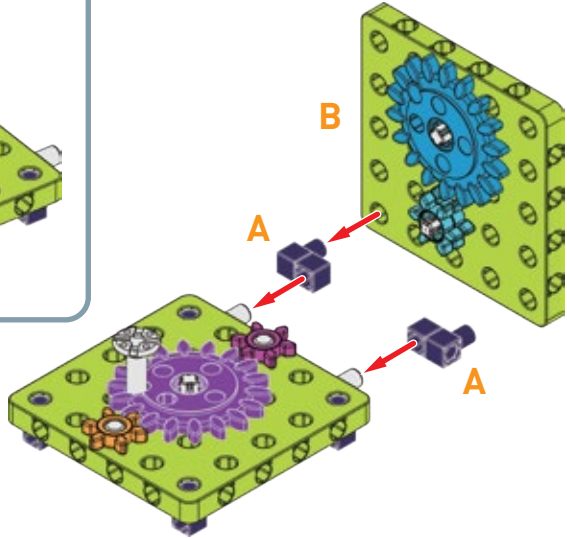




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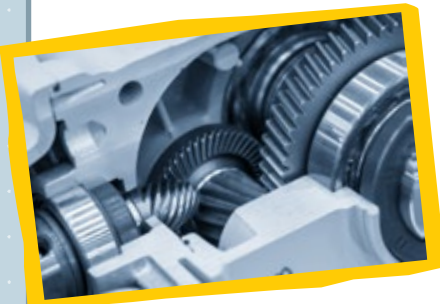
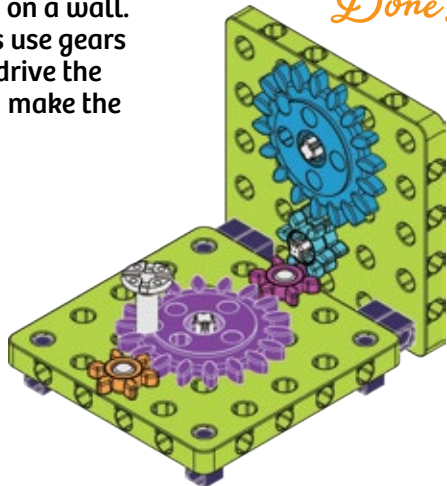


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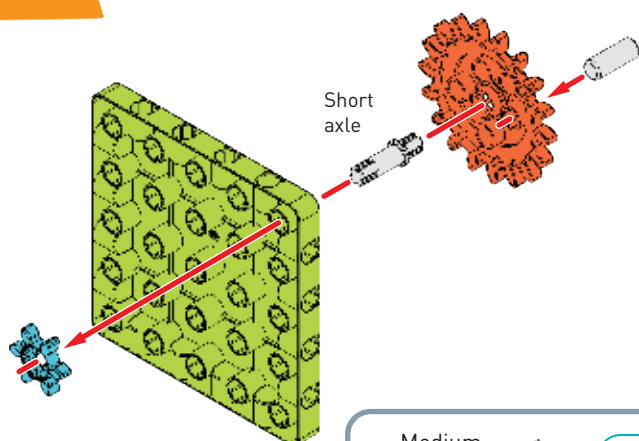
Gears can change the axis of rotation. This means, if you rotate a gear that is flat on the ground, it can rotate a gear that is on a wall. Car engines use gears like this to drive the wheels and make the car go!

*Done!*

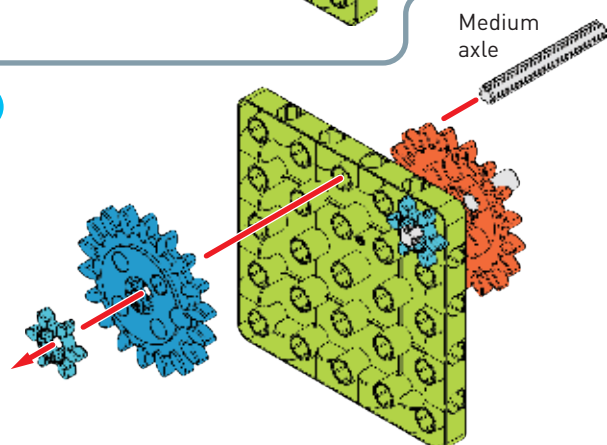


# GEARBOX

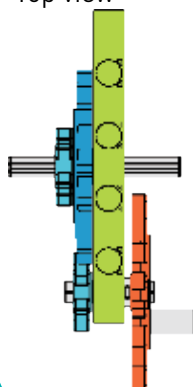
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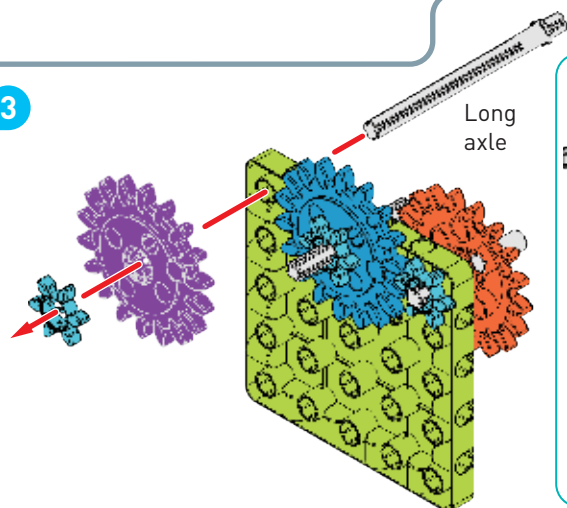
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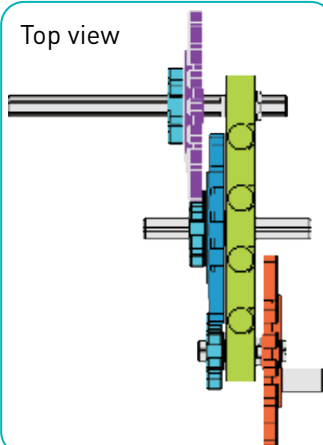
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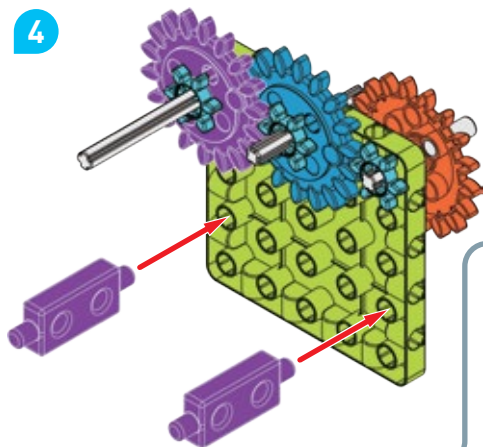
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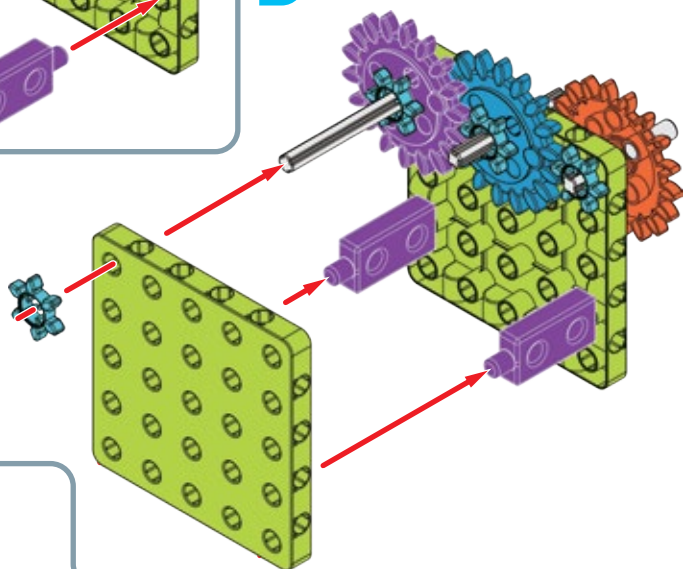




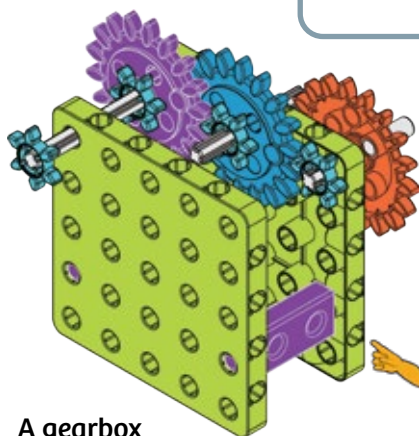
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*Done!*



A gearbox contains a **gear train**, which is a series of gears linked together.

By stacking different-sized gears on the same axis, a gearbox can change the **speed** and **torque** — or rotational power — of motion.

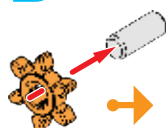


Gearboxes are used in many mechanical devices to slow down electric motors, which spin very fast, while creating more output power.

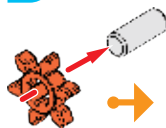
Experiment by building different gearboxes. How fast — or how slow — can you make the gears go?

# SPINNING WHEEL

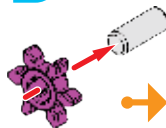
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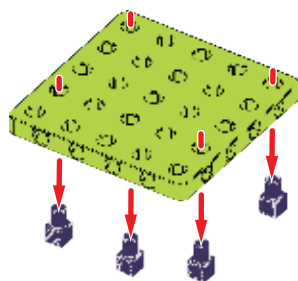
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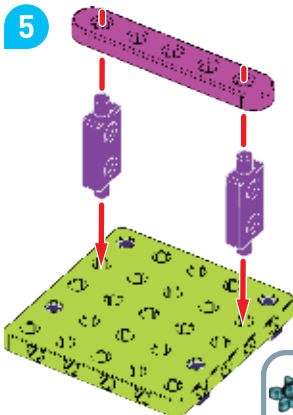
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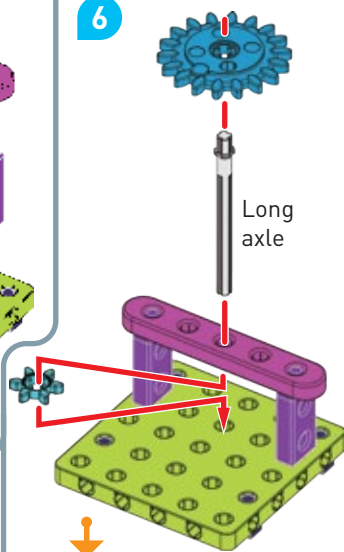
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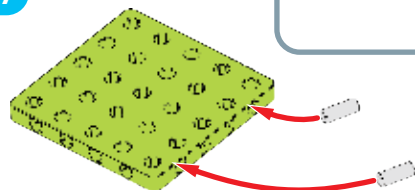
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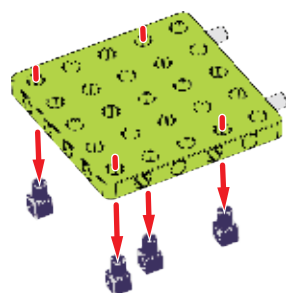
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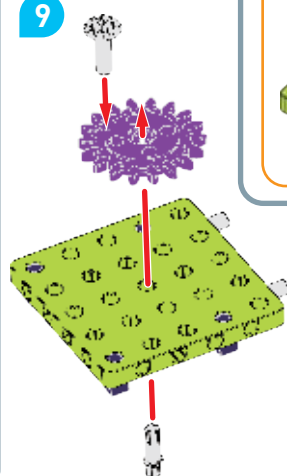
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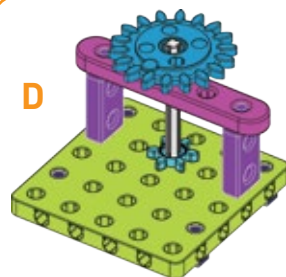
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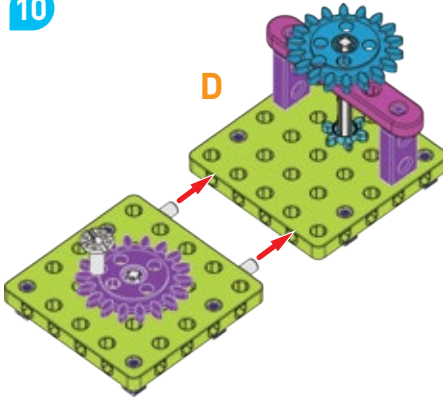


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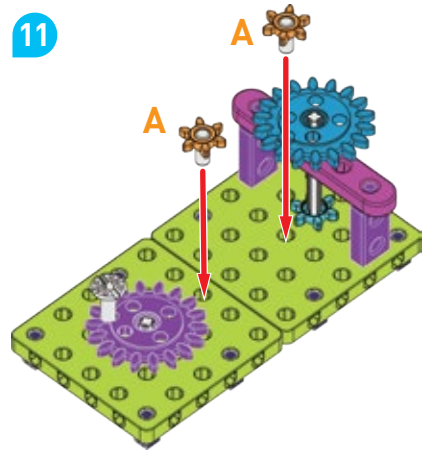




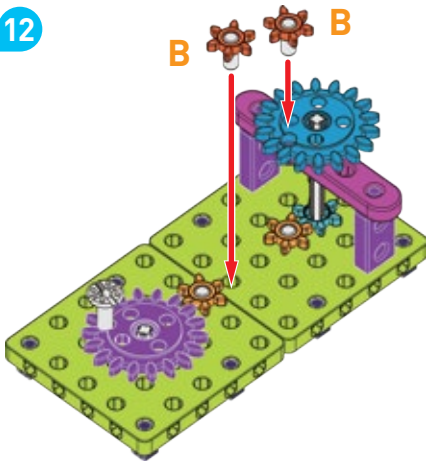
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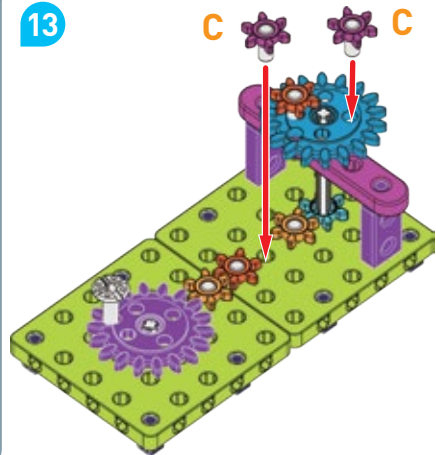
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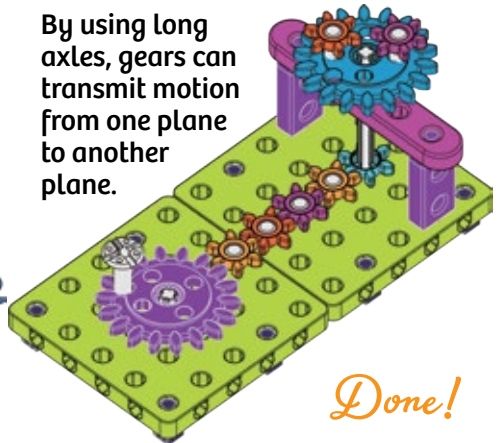
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Now that I  
know how  
gears work, I  
wonder what  
else I can  
build with  
gears ...



By using long  
axles, gears can  
transmit motion  
from one plane  
to another  
plane.



*Done!*

# Endless possibilities for open-ended creative play

What else  
will YOU  
build?!



Gear mechanism



Tour bus



Windmill

Fishing rod

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