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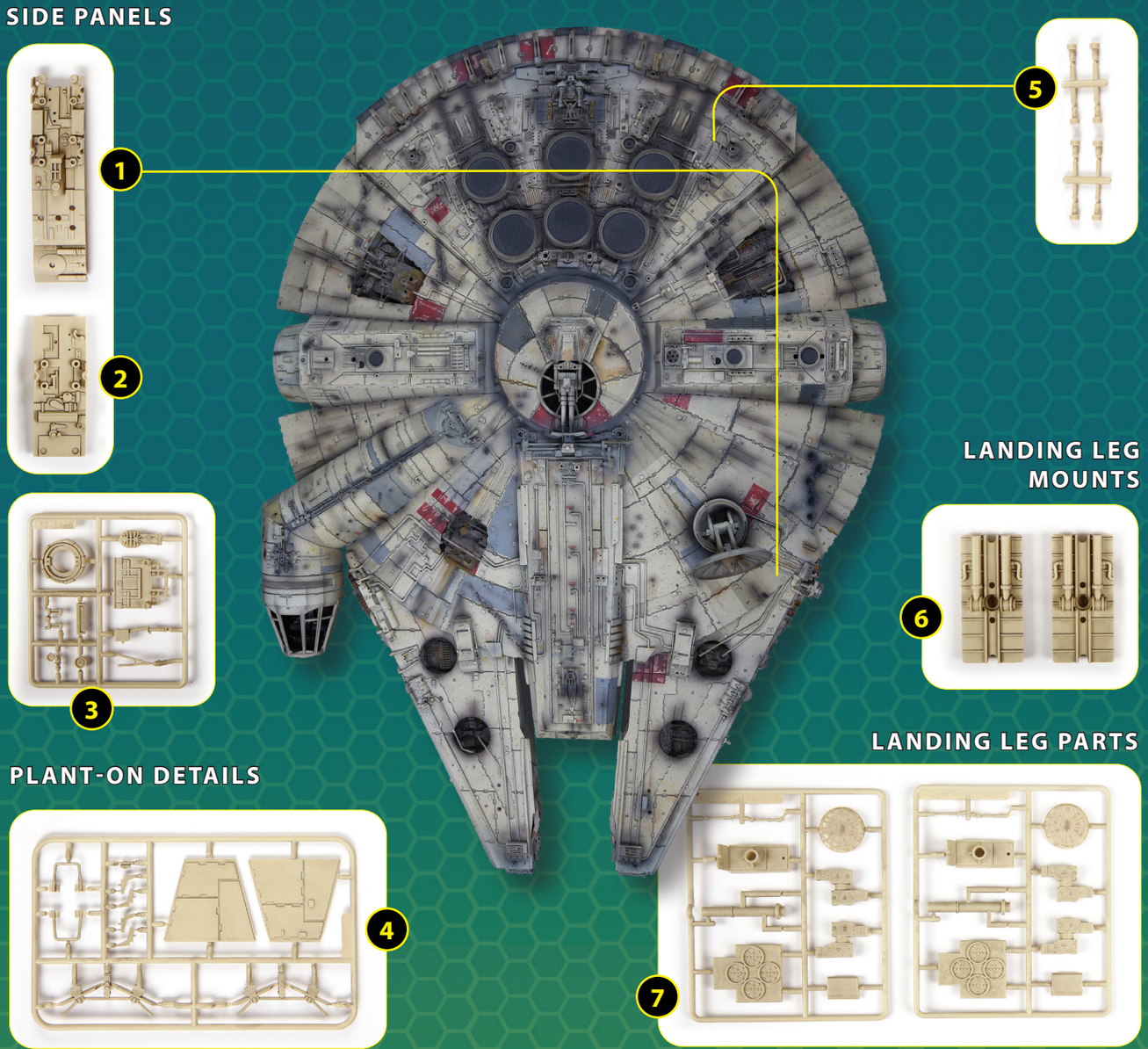
This issue's parts include the last two side panels, plus plant-on details for these, and the airlock doors. You also have parts for two landing legs.

Using the parts supplied, together with the airlocks you received with Issues 93 and 94, you will now be able to complete and detail the rest of the sides of the *Falcon*. Keep parts 5, 6, and 7 safely for now; the screws will be used to attach the engine bay cover a little later on, while the landing legs (which are optional) will not be needed until you have all five of them.

COMPONENTS CHECKLIST

1. Side panel SP-13
2. Side panel SP-14
3. Plant-on details (9 on sprue)
4. Plant-on details for SP-11 (10 on sprue)
5. Fixing screws for engine cover x 8 (including spares)
6. Landing leg mounts x 2
7. Landing leg parts (9 on sprue) x 2

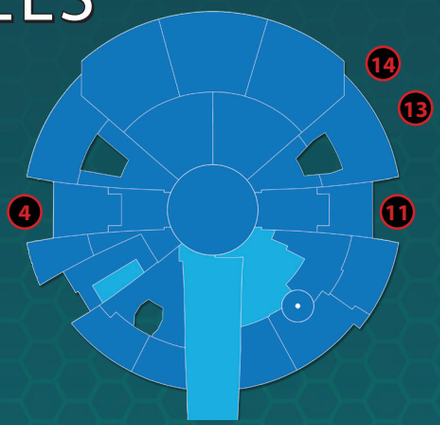
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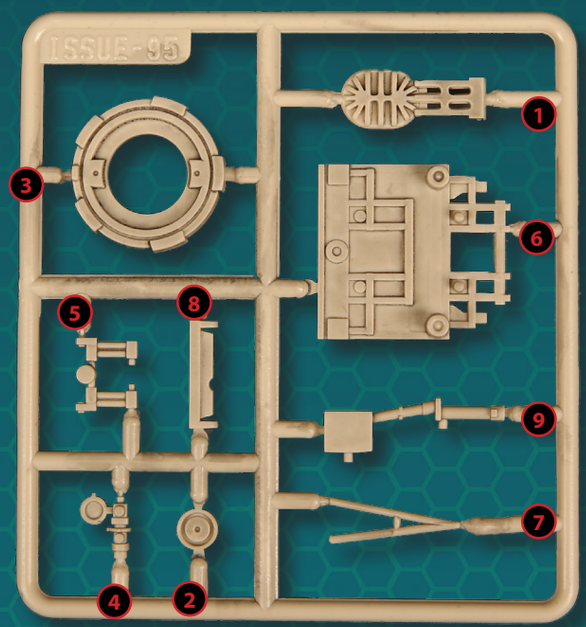


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PREPARING THE SIDE PANELS

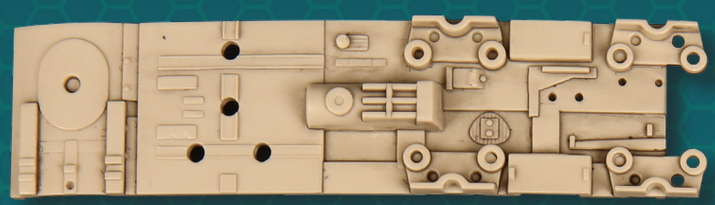
Start by fitting the first plant-on details on the sprue to side panels SP-13 and SP-14. You can then fit the panels to the hull in the positions shown in the blueprint. Note that three of the details are not fitted until the side panels are in place.



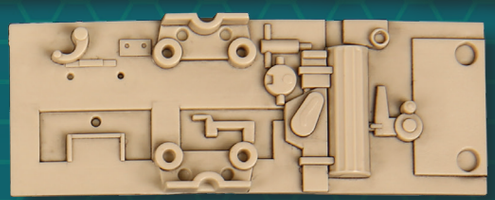


This diagram shows where the last side panels are fitted. SP-13 and SP-14 are the ones being prepared here, SP-04 and SP-11 are the airlocks, which appear on pages 4-7.

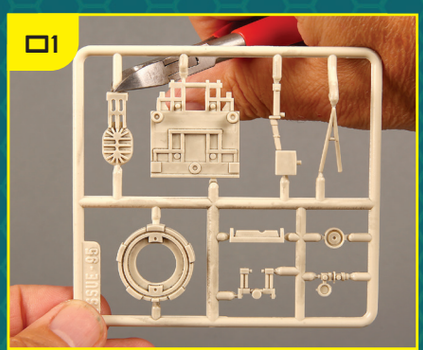
SP-13



SP-14

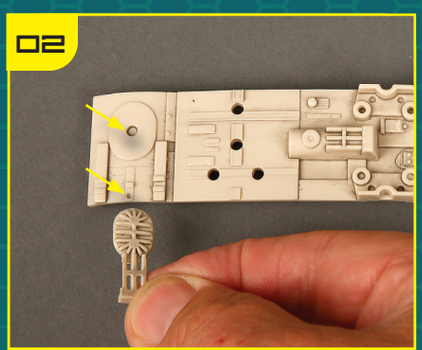


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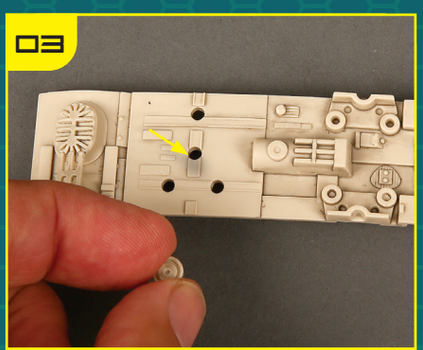
Trim the parts off the sprue as you need them.

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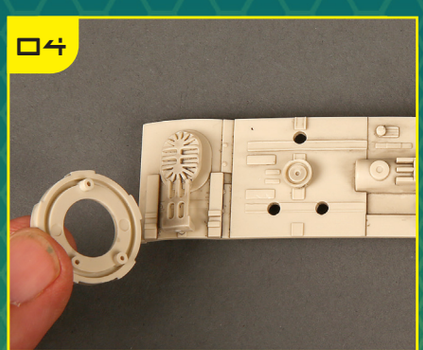
Start by gluing the two lugs on (1) into the two holes near the end of SP-13.

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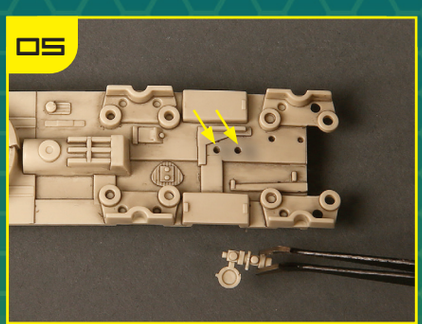
Glue the lug on the small disc (2) into the hole indicated.

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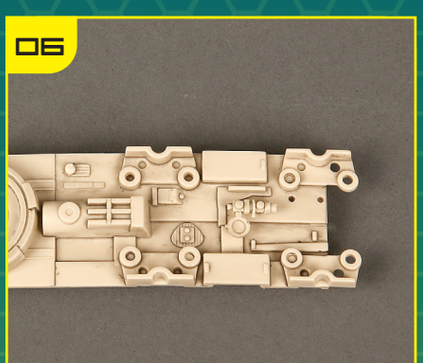
Glue the three lugs on (3) to the three holes surrounding (2).

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Glue the two pins on (4) into these two holes in SP-13. Do not confuse them with the holes to the right.

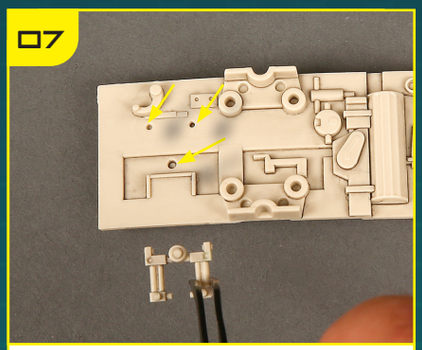
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That completes the details on SP-13.

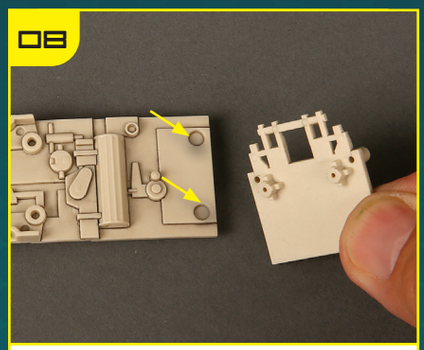
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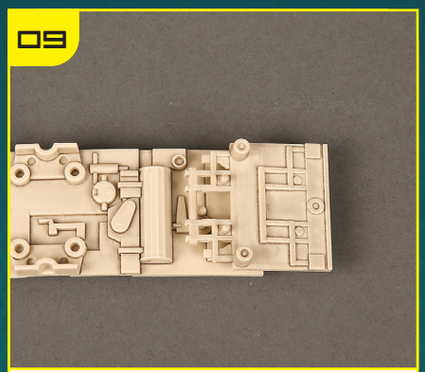
Glue the three lugs on the back of (5) into the matching holes in SP-14.

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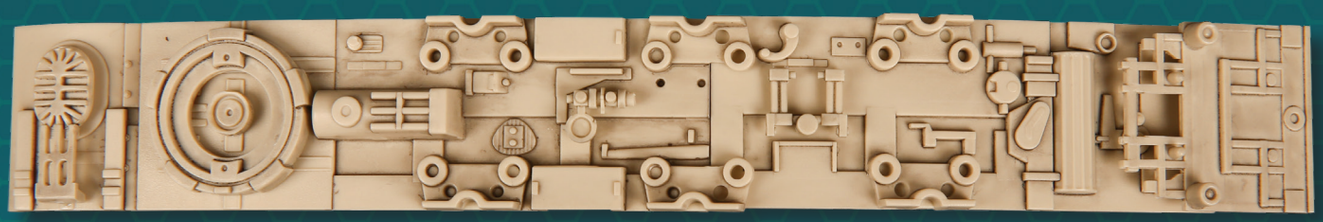


Glue the lugs on (6) into the two matching holes near the end of SP-14.

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That completes the details on SP-14.

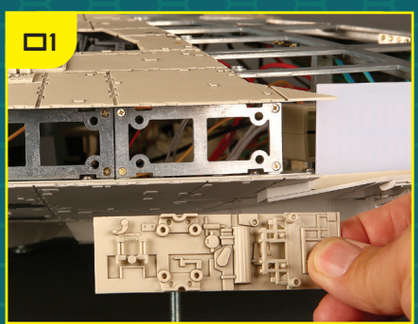


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FITTING THE SIDE PANELS

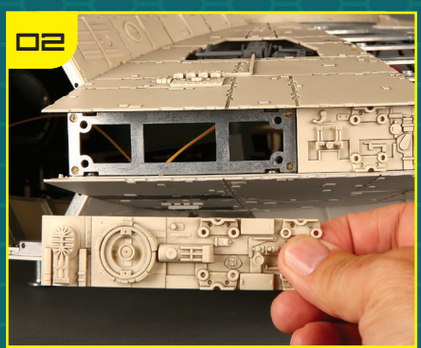
The side panels are glued to the side frames in the same way as the ones from the previous stage. You can then fit detail (7), which is still on the sprue.

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Glue the four lugs on the back of SP-14 to the holes in the side frame next to the sublight engine diffuser strip.

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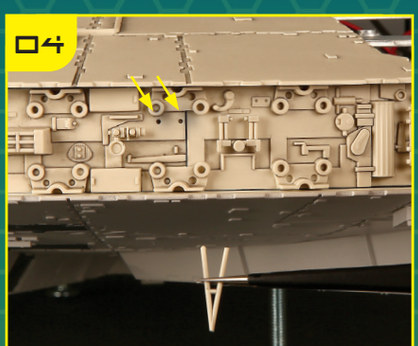
Glue the four lugs on the back of SP-13 to the holes in the last side frame.

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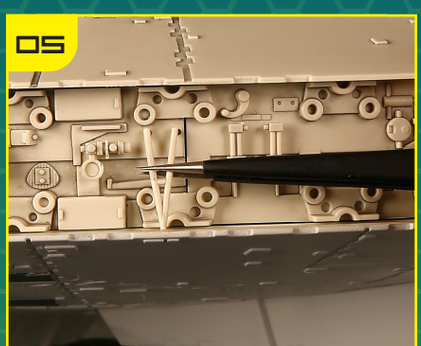
That completes fitting the side panels all round the hull.

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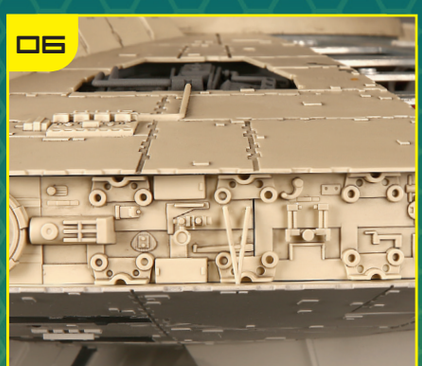
You can now fit detail (7) to these two holes in SP-13.

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Glue detail (7) to the two holes and to the edge of the lower hull.

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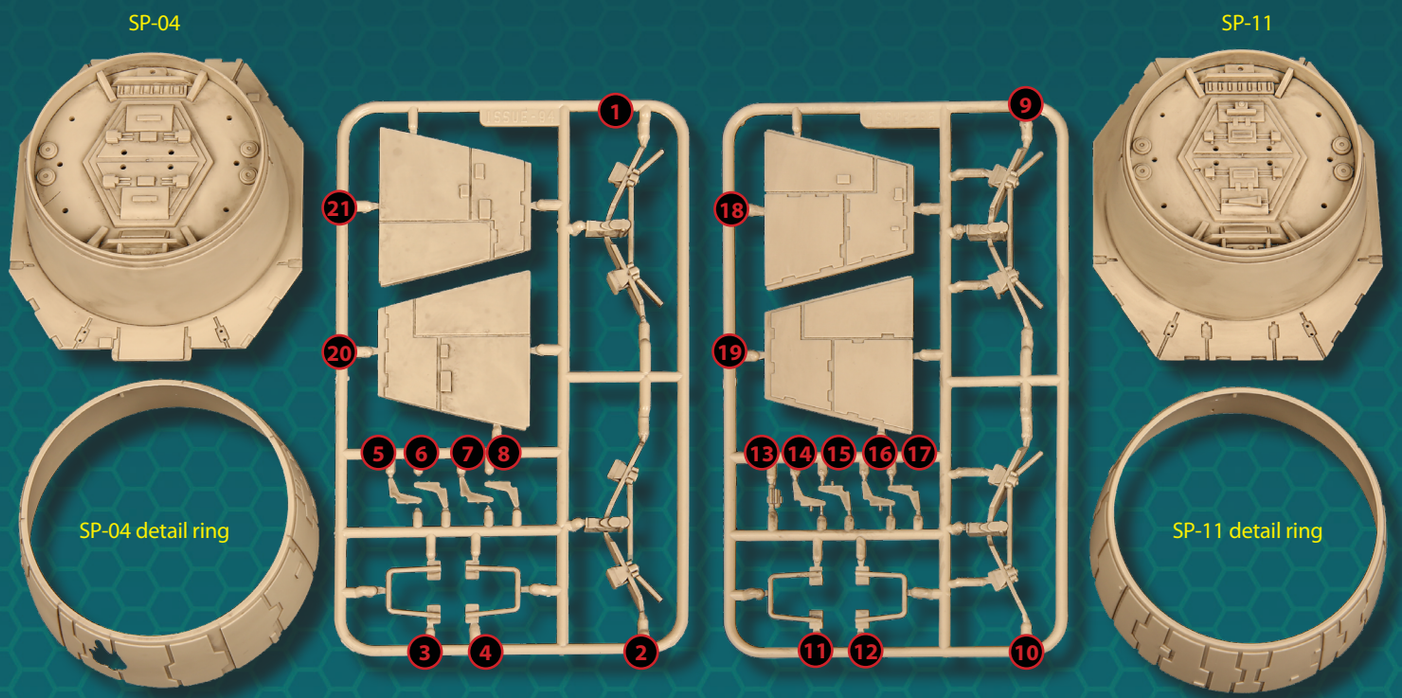
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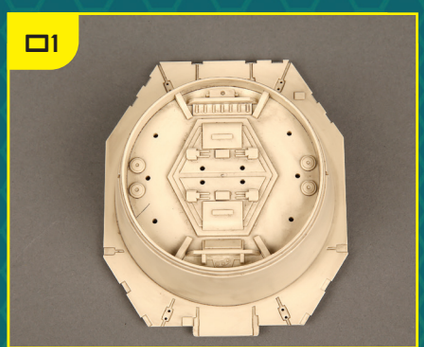
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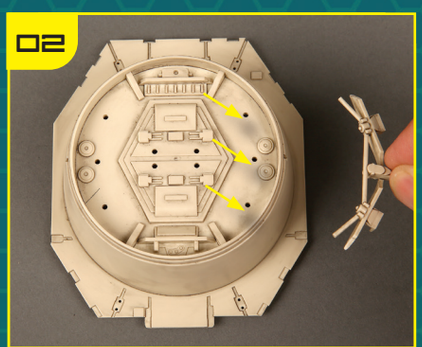
The two airlocks are numbered SP-04 and SP-11. The first of them came with Issue 92 and the second with Issue 94, together with their outer detail rings.

Both airlocks have similar features, so be careful not to mix them and their details up. A sprue of plant-on details for SP-04 came with Issue 94, and the sprue for SP-11 is with this issue.

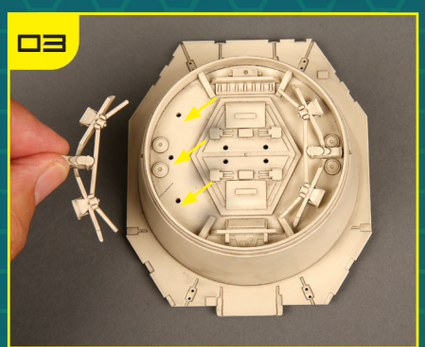




Start with airlock SP-04, noting which way up it is.



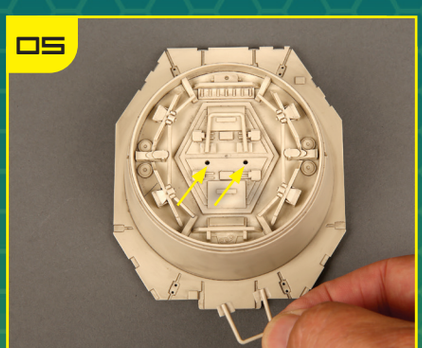
Start by gluing the three pins on (1) into these matching holes in SP-04.



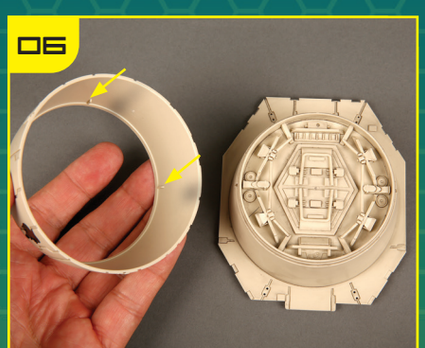
Do the same with (2) on the opposite side of the airlock.



Glue (3) to the upper pair of holes near the center of the airlock.



Glue (4) to the lower pair of holes.



Take the detail ring for SP-04, noting the locating tabs on the inside.

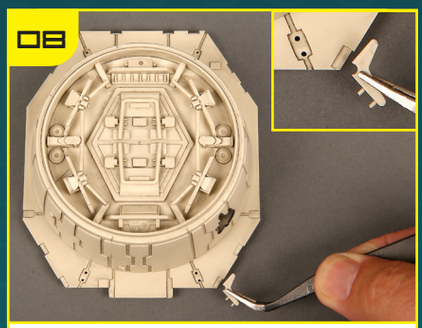
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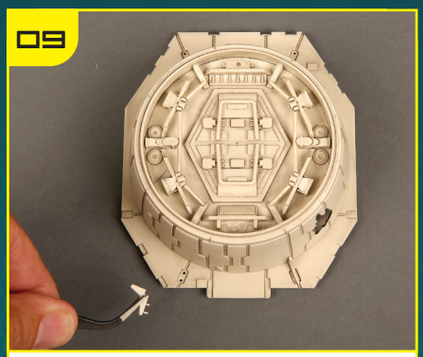
Glue the ring onto SP-04, making sure it fits flush, and is the right way up.

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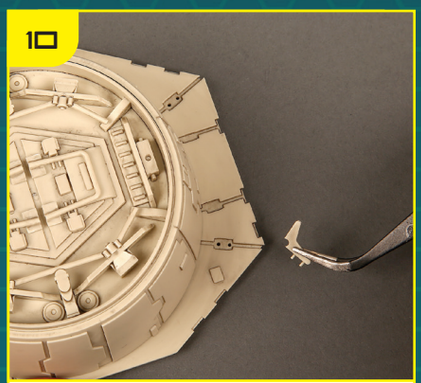
Details (5), (6), (7), and (8) are identical. Glue the two pins of (5) to the matching holes bottom right of SP-04.

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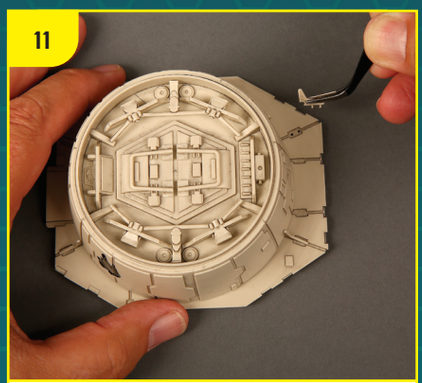
Fit (6) the the other bottom corner in a similar way.

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Fit (7) to the top right corner of SP-04.

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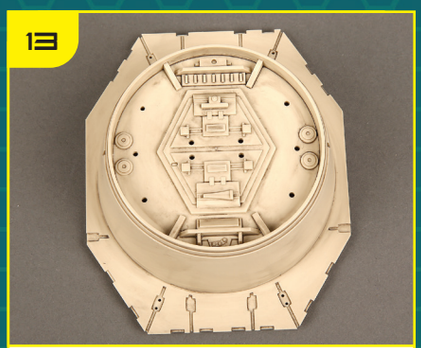
And finally fit (8) to the last corner.

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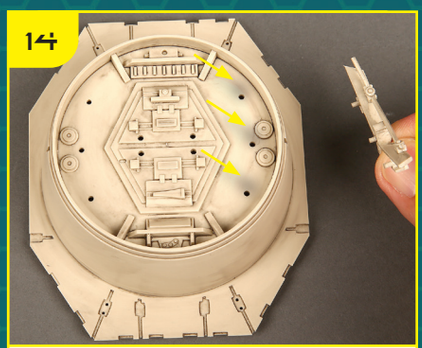
That completes the details on SP-04.

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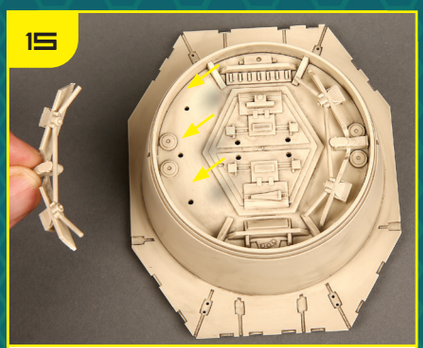
Now take airlock SP-11, noting which way up it is.

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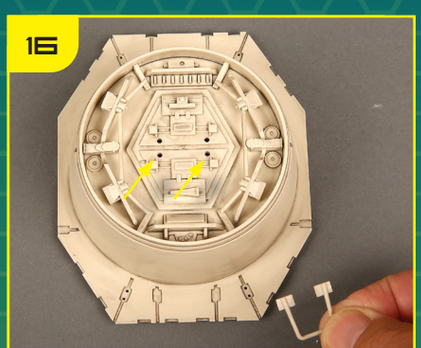
Start by gluing the three pins on (9) into these matching holes in SP-11.

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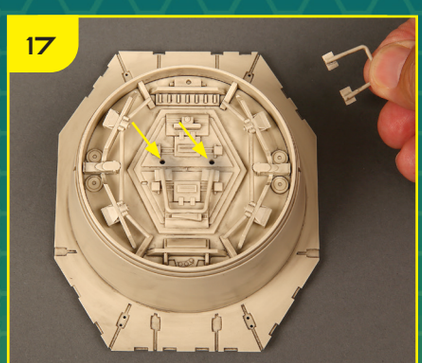
Do the same with (10) on the opposite side of the airlock.

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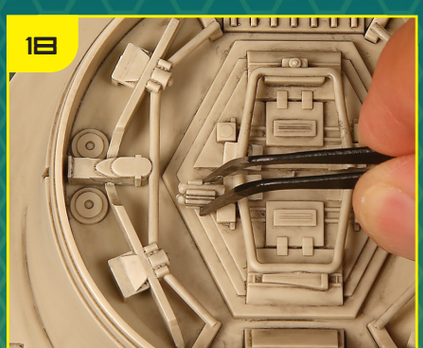
Glue (11) to the lower pair of holes near the center of the airlock.

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Glue (12) to the upper pair of holes.

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Glue the tab on the back of (13) to the small notch to the left of (11).

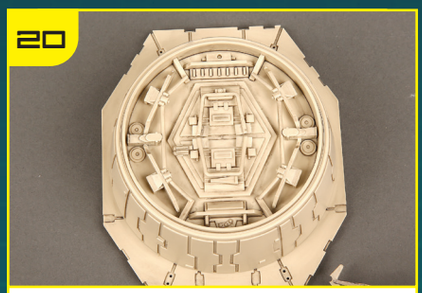
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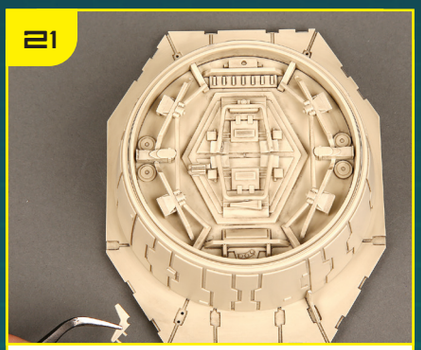
Glue the outer detail ring over SP-11 in the same way you did with SP-04.

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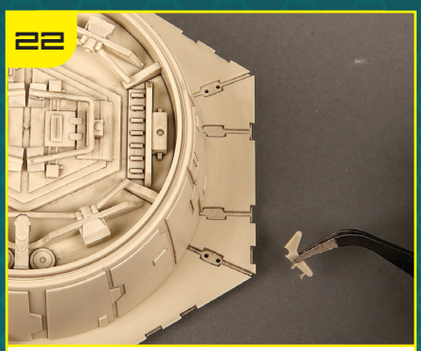
As before, details (14), (15), (16), and (17) are identical. Glue the pins of (14) to the matching holes bottom right of SP-11.

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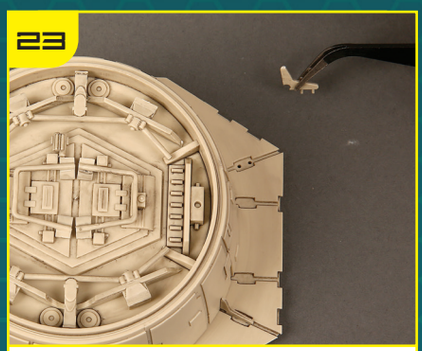
Glue (15) bottom left…

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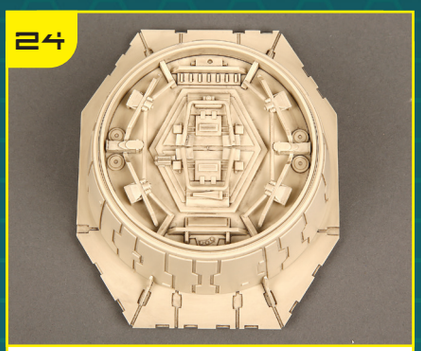
… (16) top right…

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… and finally (17) top left.

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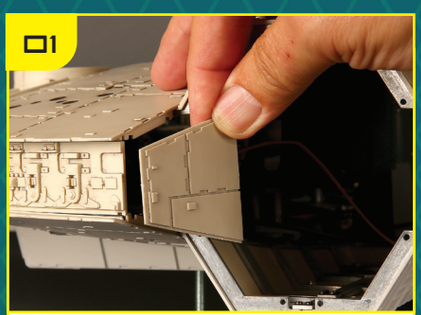


That completes the details on SP-11.

FITTING THE AIRLOCKS

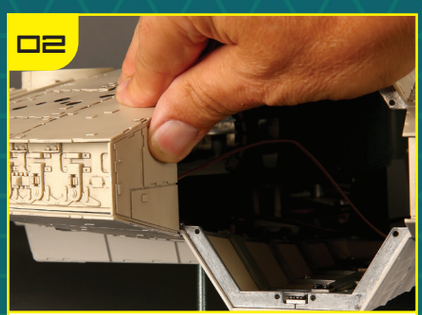
The two airlocks are glued to the octagonal side frames, but first use details (18) to (21) to fill the gaps at the ends of the side frames, taking care not to mix them up.

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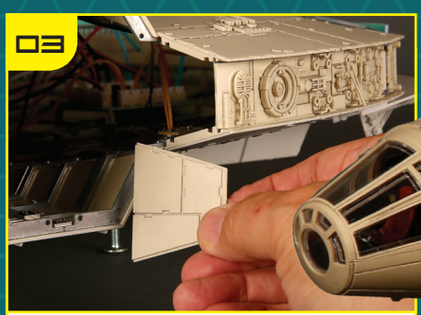
Glue (18) to the forward side of the opening for the port airlock.

02



Make sure it fits flush with the frames, with the hull plating overlapping it.

03



Glue (19) to the rear side of the opening for the port airlock.

04



Align SP-11 with the side frames, making sure it is the right way up.

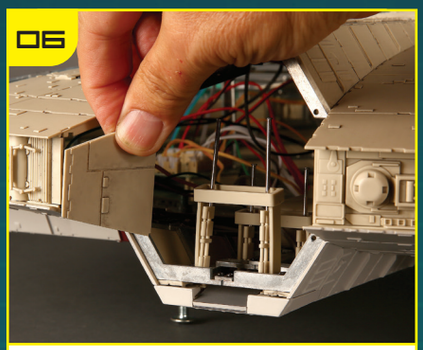
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Glue it to the side frames, with the hull plating overlapping it.

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Glue (20) to the rear side of the opening for the starboard airlock.

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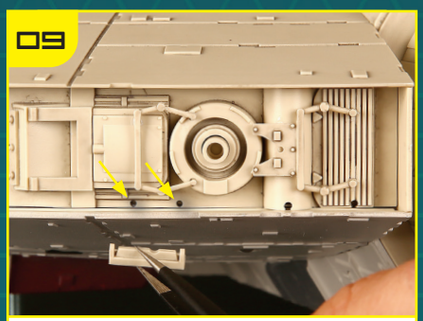
Glue (21) to the forward side of the opening for the starboard airlock.

08



Glue SP-04 to the side frames, making sure it is the right way up.

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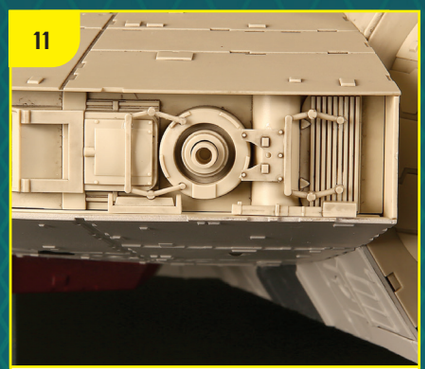
Now glue detail (8) from the sprue on page 8 to these two holes in the side panel, near the switch button.

10



Glue detail (9) to these two holes.

11



The side panel should now look like this.



This is what the model looks like at the end of this stage. All the hull plating is now in place – apart from the removable section over the hold, and the quadrant that covers the engine bay. You will start to work on this in the next stage.

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DIPLOMATIC VESSEL

NABOO J-TYPE STAR SKIFF

Senator Padmé Amidala of Naboo used a number of royal vessels under special licence from the monarch of her people. The J-type star skiff was the last of the starships Padmé was gifted, and the most controversial.



In the latter days of the Old Republic, the design ethos of Naboo's Theed Palace Space Vessel Engineering Corps was well known, and the shining chromium skin that adorned all of the Royal Naboo starships was recognized across the galaxy. Furthermore, the popularity of the planet's spirited young Senator Amidala meant the news channels and gossip columns regularly retold the story of the former queen being granted the use of striking ships, which were normally reserved for the reigning monarch, as a gesture of thanks and respect for her service to

Though distinctly a Naboo craft, the J-type star skiff used by Padmé Amidala during the Clone Wars had some notable departures from the traditions of Naboo design – the most controversial of which were the twin lasers, fitted to the top of the craft's wings.

NABOO J-TYPE STAR SKIFF TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

MODEL	J-type star skiff (modified)
CLASS	Star skiff/yacht
MANUFACTURER	Theed Palace Space Vessel Engineering Corps
HYPERDRIVE	Class 0.5
LENGTH	29.2 m (95 ft 10 in)
WIDTH	49.3 m (161 ft 9 in)
WEAPONS	2 x laser cannon turrets
CREW	1 x pilot, 1 x co-pilot, 1 x gunner
AFFILIATION	Senator Amidala

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REFIT

Towards the end of the Clone Wars, Padmé's J-type skiff was given an interior refit. The main passenger area was made smaller and, at the top of the access ramp, additional storage cabinets were added. Just beyond was a corridor with a medical bay, then another corridor with doors to the passenger area and cockpit access through which the pilot, co-pilot, and – for the first time ever on a Naboo Royal craft – a gunner would pass. The whole interior was brightened with additional lighting, though this gave it a more sterile look.



With security heightened, the cockpit of Amidala's star skiff could be a busy place, with members of the Royal Naboo Security Forces assigned to the protection of their planet's Senator.

her people. This continued service meant that the traditionally quiet and largely unassuming world of Naboo, along with Amidala's modified J-type star skiff, remained in the public eye, as the Senator went about her diplomatic duties during the Clone Wars.

NEW ERA, NEW TREATS

The main hull of the skiff had the same water-droplet shape of traditional Naboo craft, and its wide, graceful wings were another echo of the past. However, this was a ship built for a new, less peaceful era. This was manifested in several key design features. First, with its assigned role of carrying the often-targeted Senator Amidala in mind, the skiff was anticipated to be escorted at most, if not all, times by N-1 starfighters, so there were refueling ports for them to slot into.

Then, there were the wings, which were not fully covered in decorative chromium but included gaps top and bottom for heat exchange grilles. Other parts of the ship also were seen to



Padmé Amidala continued her diplomatic work throughout the Clone Wars, flying the J-type star skiff far and wide throughout the troubled galaxy.



AMIDALA, C-3PO, TYPHO

Padmé Amidala was a talented pilot, and was more than capable of flying the J-type star skiff alone, but often delegated the role to a co-pilot when the situation called for it. The protocol droid C-3PO had, by the end of the Clone Wars, become a trusted companion of the Naboo Senator, while personal friend and Royal Naboo Security Forces stalwart Captain Typho accompanied, and co-piloted, the skiff on more dangerous missions.

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FINAL FLIGHT

AMIDALA HEADS FOR MUSTAFAR

It was in the Royal Naboo J-type star skiff that a pregnant Padmé Amidala embarked on her last, fateful voyage, when she raced to Mustafar in pursuit of her husband Anakin – who had become the Sith apprentice Darth Vader. The Clone Wars were in their final hours: Order 66 had been given, the Jedi Purge had begun, and amidst the chaos, Obi-Wan Kenobi sneaked aboard the skiff to travel with Padmé to confront his former apprentice. This, though, was to prove disastrous, when Anakin, enraged by the sight of his former Master, and believing himself to have been betrayed, gave in to his anger and Force-choked Padmé into unconsciousness. After an unsuccessful attempt to save Padmé on Polis Massa, the final, sorrowful journey of the star skiff was to Naboo, where Padmé Amidala was buried.



The J-type star skiff made its last journey in the service of Padmé Amidala during the last hours of the Clone Wars, when the Senator followed her husband to Mustafar.

embody a more practical, wartime mentality, with the use of hugely powerful sublight engines and a heavily reinforced hull, plus considerably stronger shielding compared to that found on previous models. The diplomatic ship had a powerful sensor-jamming system to scramble guided missiles and scanners that would specifically keep watch for enemy starfighters.

Most controversial of all, however, was the inclusion of two laser cannon turrets, mounted on the top surfaces of the wings. This was the greatest departure from the ethos of the pacifist Naboo people, and though a speedy escape was always the first option for the Royal vessel's pilot – hence the powerful engines – they were now accompanied by a trained gunner, ready to deter any pursuers or attackers with a barrage of laser blasts.

DIPLOMACY FIRST

While Padmé often used the smaller Royal Naboo H-type Nubian yacht for personal missions, the skiff was more useful as a diplomatic vessel. While it had small personal cabins, its primary passenger space was relatively large, with an open area with six acceleration chairs, complete with safety bars for use during take-off and landing. There were other chairs toward the front of the ship that allowed some comfort while accessing communications and information consoles.

This main room was accessed from one of two doors at the top of the main landing ramp. The control cabin, meanwhile, was above and to the rear. The pilot, co-pilot and gunner had to pass through the main passenger area, go through a side door at the front end, and then double back down a narrow corridor to reach the access ladder.



The distinctive, chromium-clad form of Padmé's star skiff was a common sight on the landing pads of the galactic capital world during the Clone Wars, as the Senator came and went, fulfilling her increasingly difficult diplomatic duties.

BEHIND THE SCENES

YB-49 PROTOTYPE

On its first appearance in *Revenge of the Sith*, many likened Padmé's Naboo star skiff to the United States Air Force's Cold War-era prototype bomber, the Northrop YB-49. The strategic bomber was built shortly after World War II, and while it never went into active service for the USAF, the craft, which was constructed around a distinctive 'flying wing' design, is remembered for its appearance in the 1953 film of *The War of the Worlds*, in which a YB-49 – through archival footage – was used as the plane that drops a nuclear bomb on the invading Martians.



The similarities between Amidala's Naboo star skiff (right) and the USAF strategic bomber YB-49 (below, courtesy of USAF) were noted by audiences on the release of *Revenge of the Sith*.



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