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BALEEN-CLASS FREIGHTER

HEAVY FREIGHTER *ERAVANA*

For the vast majority of freighter captains, hauling cargo is an unromantic and dull job. This is especially true of those flying bulk haulers such as the *Baleen*-class ships – slow, ugly, box-like vessels with all the looks and flair of a duracrete block. That Han Solo and Chewbacca ever owned one would be a surprise to any who knew them.



Despite Han Solo's usual tinkering, the huge, ungainly *Baleen*-class freighter *Eravana* was never going to replace the smuggler's beloved *Millennium Falcon*. What it did do, however, was allow Han and Chewie to shift a lot of cargo, much of it illegal, all at once.

The *Eravana*, a *Baleen*-class heavy freighter, was built by the Corellian Engineering Corporation, and is one of countless others still in regular use around the galaxy. Bulk freighters of this class, dull but essential, are able to move truly huge amounts of cargo, thanks to their enormous size – 425.99 meters (1398 feet) in length. Due to this, Baleen vessels are built in orbital shipyards, and are, under normal circumstances at least, not intended ever to enter inside a planet's atmosphere. Even if they do, they certainly aren't designed to land, as they aren't built to withstand the rigors of re-entry. Instead, *Baleen*-class freighters rely on space stations or orbital transfer yards. From here cargo is moved to smaller haulers that make multiple journeys back and forth to the planet below.

ERAVANA TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

MANUFACTURER	Corellian Engineering Corporation
MODEL	*Baleen*-class heavy freighter
CLASS	Bulk freighter
LENGTH	425.99 m (1,398 ft)
CREW	2 (minimum: 1 pilot and 1 co-pilot), 6 recommended
WEAPONS	None
AFFILIATION	Han Solo and Chewbacca

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Han had never given up hope that he would one day find the *Falcon*. However, bills had to be paid – eventually – so the 'simple life' of a smuggler distracted him from the pain of so much loss. That, and a new jacket.

HYPERDRIVE UPGRADE

Never content to run a ship as he found it, and despite the fact that it was never going to be the *Falcon*, Han was determined to upgrade the *Eravana*'s systems. In particular, the speed-loving Corellian wasn't happy with the bulk freighter's painfully slow hyperdrive – a stuttering Class 4. Solo and Chewbacca's efforts to upgrade to a slightly more respectable Class 3 were not without incident, however, and resulted in a punctured housing on the warp vortex stabilizer, followed by an uncomfortably expensive lay-over at a shipyard in orbit over Botajef.



The *Eravana* had powerful tractor beams to move cargo – and captured long-lost spacecraft – into its cavernous main hold. From there, the cargo could be inspected and then moved to a more suitable home elsewhere on the ship.

OPEN WIDE

The front of the ship opens up like a huge mouth, with enormous docking bay doors hinging at the top and retracting at the base. These doors are secured with a heavy-duty locking mechanism that can only be operated from inside the ship. The huge docking bay area, which also doubles as a forward hold, is controlled by a sophisticated re-pressurization system. Atop the docking bay is an observation deck that enables the crew to control the doors, as well as the tractor-beam projectors that help move cargo around. Once the docking bay doors are opened, huge spotlights enable the operators to light up any items moving in or out of the cargo bay.

The freighter is powered by two main engines, each protected by thrust vector plates, four smaller engines, and a primary thruster at the rear.

Maneuvering thrusters are located at the front, rear, and side of the freighter to allow it to dock in any orientation. Multiple docking points, in various places around the ship, allow numerous other ships to dock simultaneously. In theory, this was to offer maximum efficiency in the loading and unloading process, but in reality often made it a little chaotic.

BALEEN-CLASS OWNERSHIP

The overwhelming majority of bulk transports are operated in fleets by larger corporations that can afford the up-front costs, maintenance bills, and the insurance premiums that independent operations can't even consider. However, Han Solo owned and operated his *Baleen*-class *Eravana* independently, along with Chewbacca, after 'losing' his beloved *Millennium Falcon*, and the freighter was able to make the pair a good amount of credits. Their income came from carrying all manner of cargo across the galaxy, some of it legal, and some of it… not so much.

Compared to the *Falcon*, the *Eravana* was vast – over 12 times its size and with multiple interior levels. This was a plus point in some respects, as it meant that they could move more cargo, though it was nowhere near as nimble as the *Falcon*, and a freighter that size was not easily concealable. The *Eravana* also had no weapons capability, although it did have a powerful deflector shield projector, impressive sensors and a very strong front-facing tractor beam that could be used to hold an opponent at bay.

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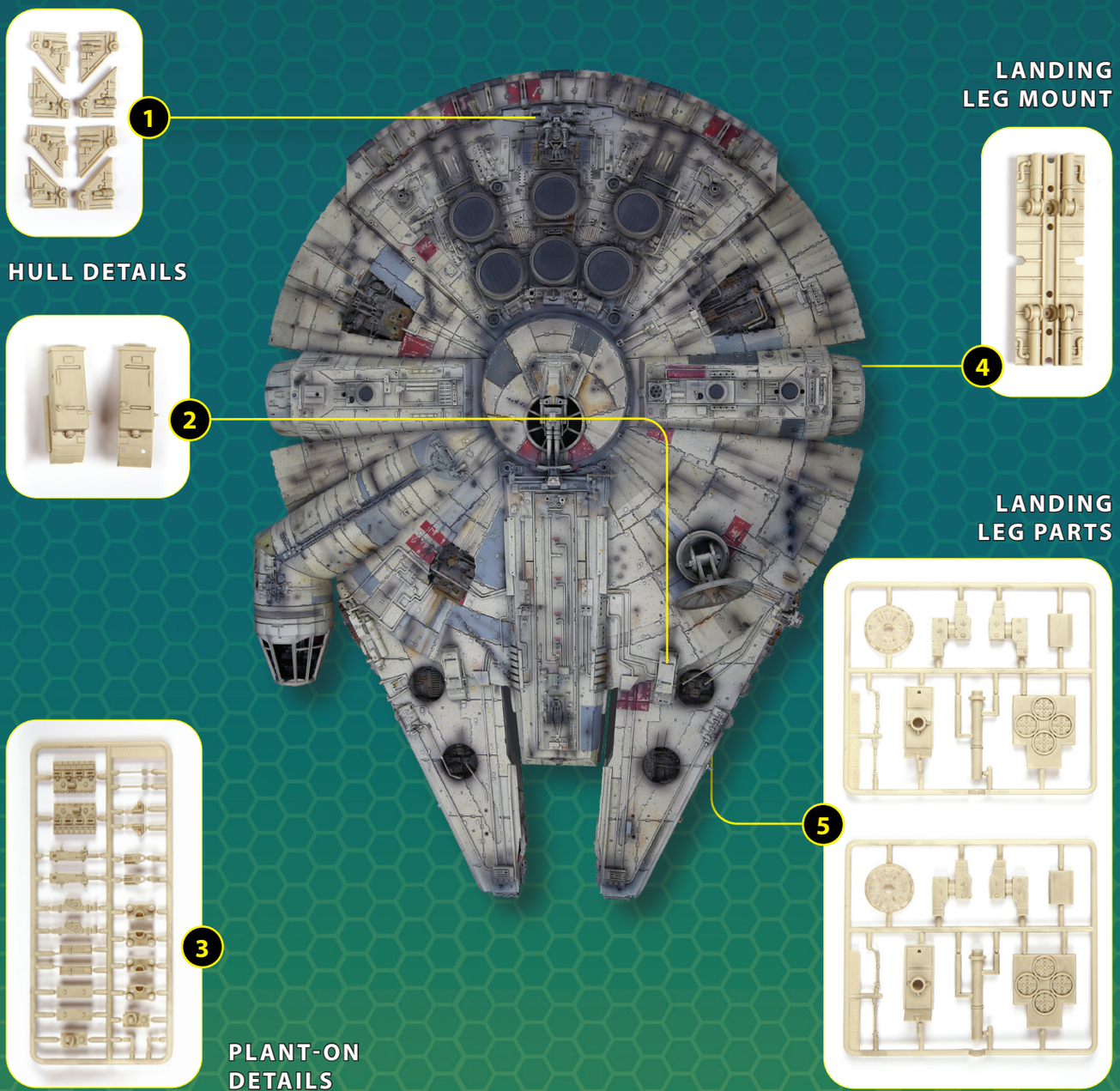
This issue's parts include more details for the engine bay cover and hull plating. You also have the final set of landing leg parts.

This stage continues adding the plant-on details that cover the engine bay cover, although you will keep the deflector shield projectors until the next stage. You can also decide how to display your model, which will determine whether you need to assemble the landing legs as shown on pages 7-10.

COMPONENTS CHECKLIST

1. Fuel drive pressure stabilizers (supplied in two halves) x 4
2. Deflector shield projectors x 2
3. Plant-on details (24 on sprue)
4. Landing leg mount
5. Landing leg parts (9 on sprue) x 2

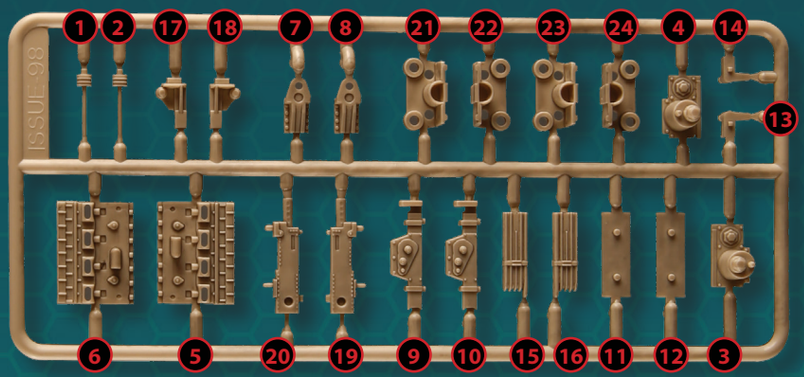
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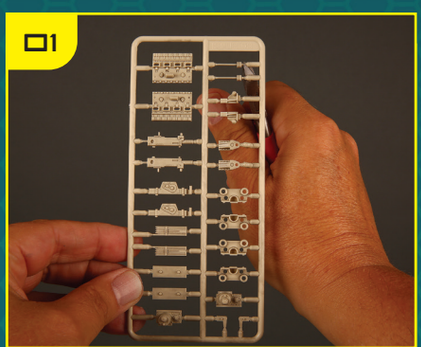
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ADDING PLANT-ON DETAILS

The engine bay cover is highly detailed, and you will be adding another 24 plant-ons, plus the fuel drive pressure stabilizers. Make sure you know what goes where. You can check the positions against the picture of the completed cover on page 6, and you may prefer to do a dry run before gluing the parts permanently.

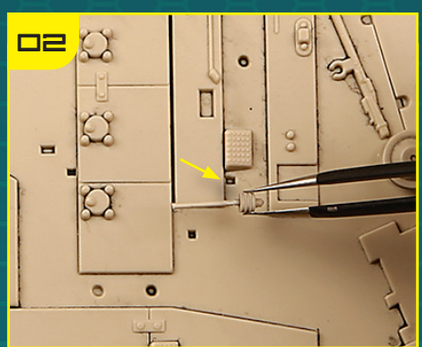


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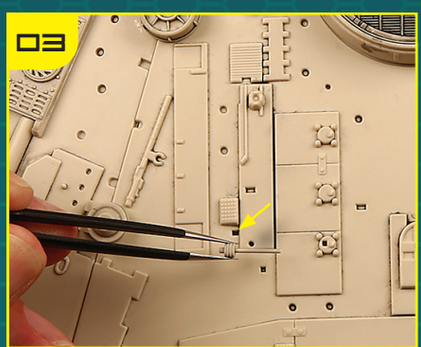
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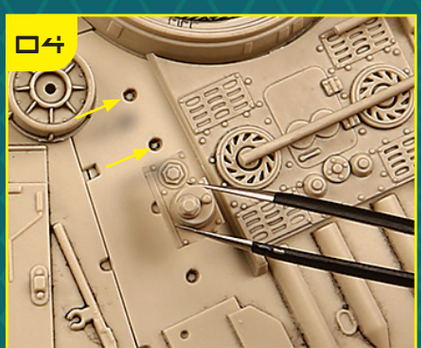
Glue the lug on the back of (1) into the hole indicated.

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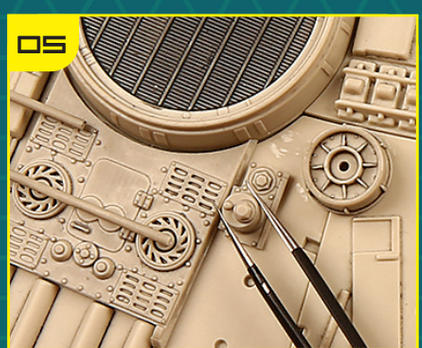
Glue (2) into the corresponding position on the opposite side.

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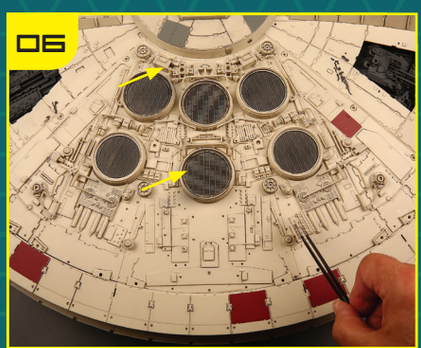
Glue the pins on the back of (3) into the matching holes.

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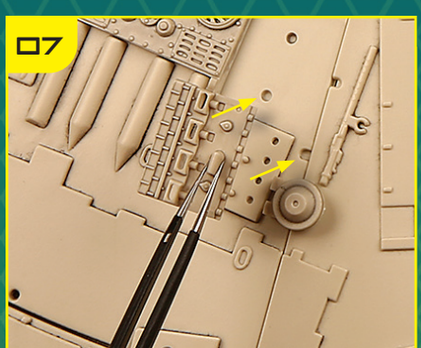
Glue (4) into the corresponding holes on the opposite side.

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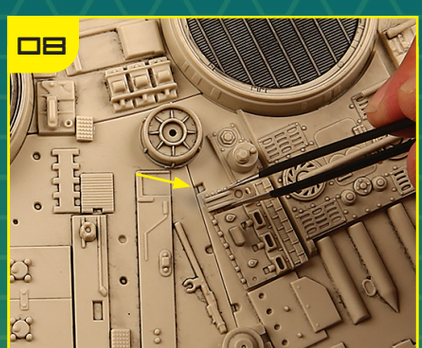
Glue the two pins on the back of (5) into the matching holes.

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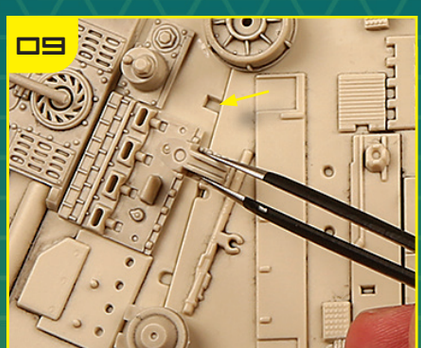
Glue (6) into the corresponding holes on the opposite side.

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Glue the pin on (7) into the matching hole.

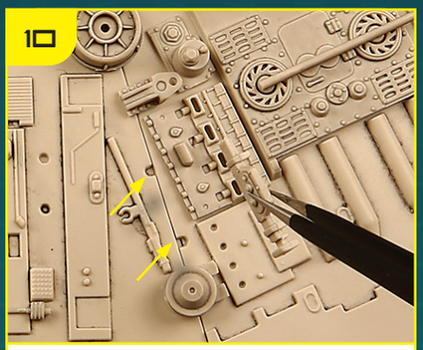
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Glue (8) into the corresponding hole on the opposite side.

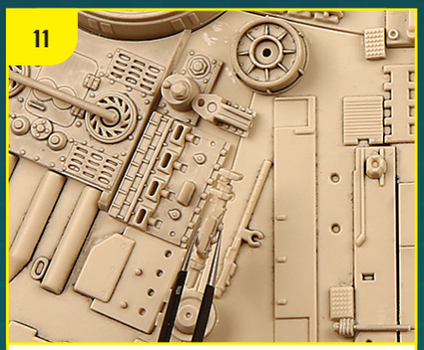
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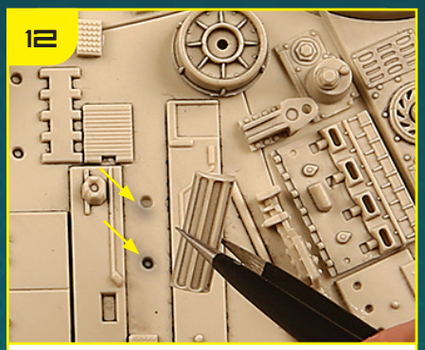
Glue the pins on (9) into the two matching holes.

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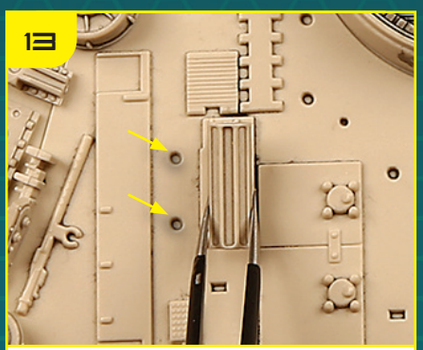
Glue (10) in the corresponding position on the opposite side.

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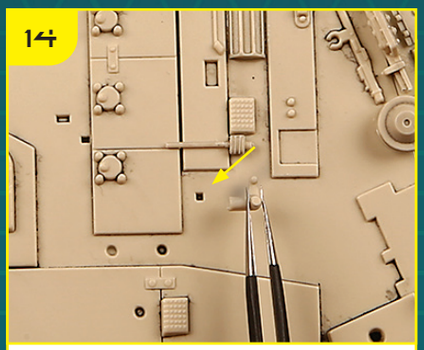
Glue the pins on (11) into the two matching holes.

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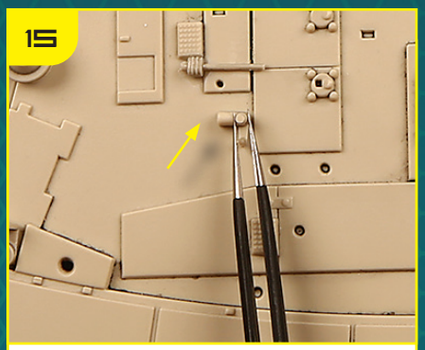
Glue (12) into the corresponding holes on the opposite side.

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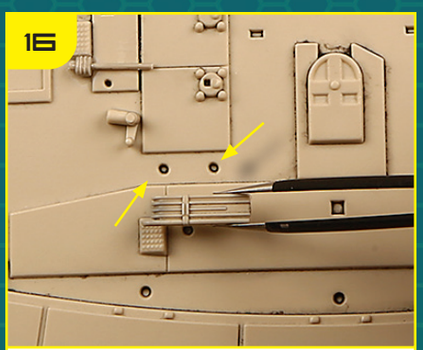
Glue the pin on (13) into the indicated hole.

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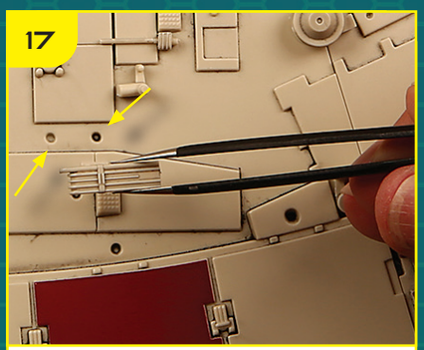
Glue (14) into the corresponding hole on the opposite side.

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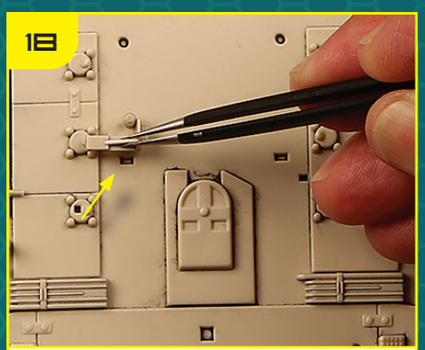
Glue the pins on (15) into the two matching holes.

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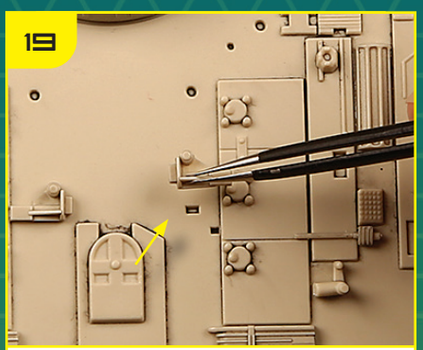
Glue (16) into the corresponding holes on the opposite side.

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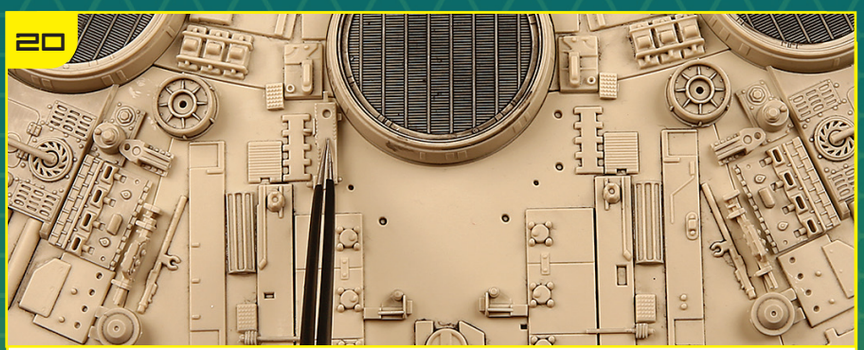
Glue the pin on (17) into the indicated hole.

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Glue (18) into the corresponding hole on the opposite side.

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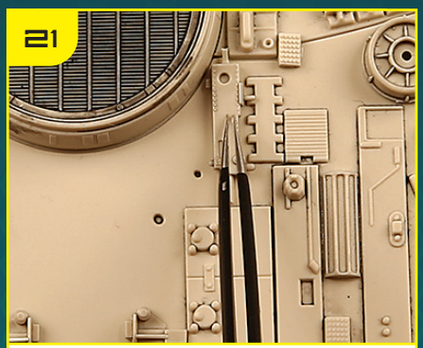


Glue the pins on (19) into the two matching holes.

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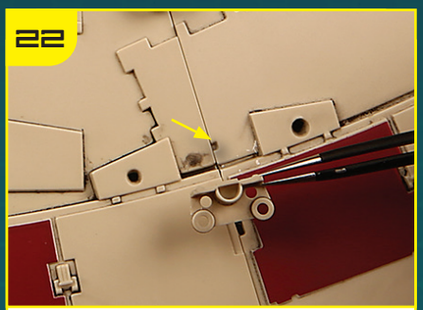
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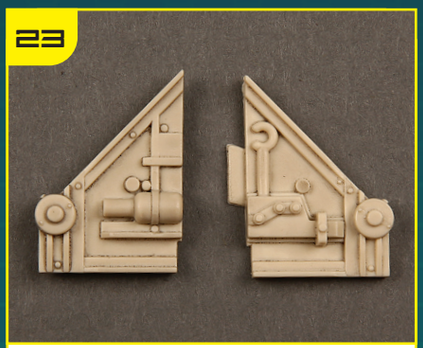
Glue (20) into the corresponding holes on the opposite side.

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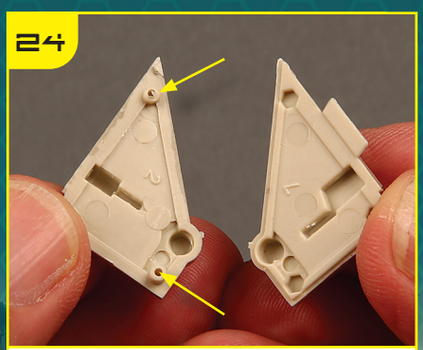
Glue the pins on (21), (22), (23) and (24) into the holes between the four pairs of elements near the thrust vector plates.

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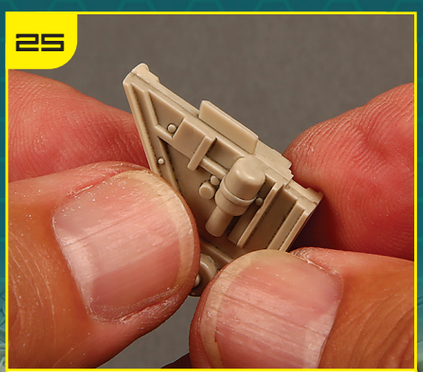
Each of the fuel drive pressure stabilizers comes in two halves.

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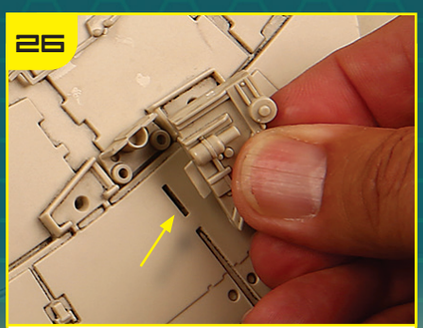
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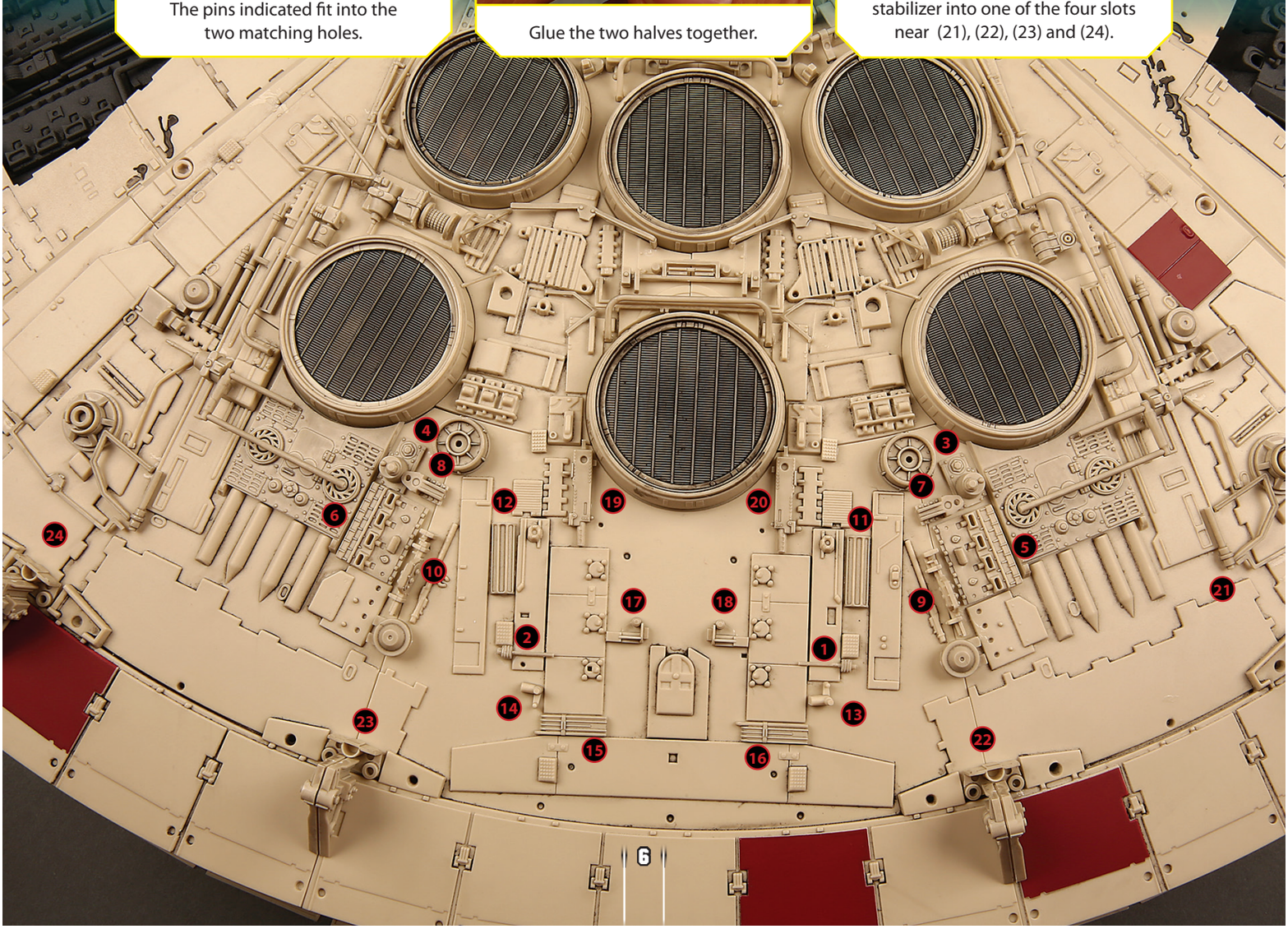


Glue the two halves together.

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Glue the tab on the base of each stabilizer into one of the four slots near (21), (22), (23) and (24).

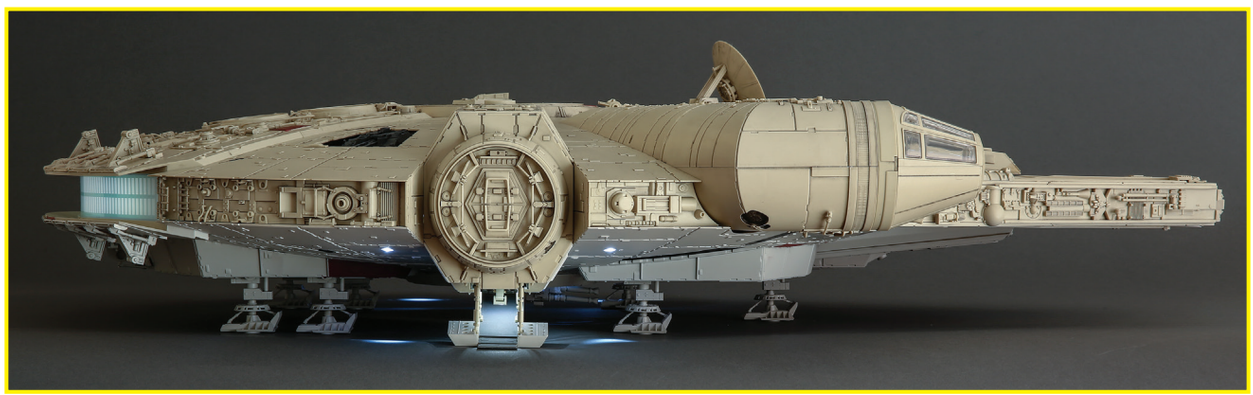


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CUSTOMIZING YOUR MILLENNIUM FALCON

CHOOSING YOUR MOUNTING

Before moving on to the next steps, it's time to decide how you want to display your finished *Millennium Falcon* replica. If you want it to stand on its landing legs, assemble them as shown on the next three pages, ready to fit them in Stage 99. Alternatively, if you prefer your *Falcon* to look as if it's flying, you will not need to build or fit the legs.



With its five legs fitted on the underside, the *Millennium Falcon* will stand on any suitable surface, recreating the scenes that show it after landing.

LANDING LEGS

The parts provided with Issues 95-98 include everything you need to make the ship's five landing legs, as shown above and on the pages that follow. They can be fitted by removing the five blanking plates on the underside of the ship, after which they plug in as explained in Stage 99. Because it is important for them to provide a solid support, the legs are not designed to be removed and replaced without damage, so we do not recommend trying to change the ship over to a wall mounting once the legs are fitted.

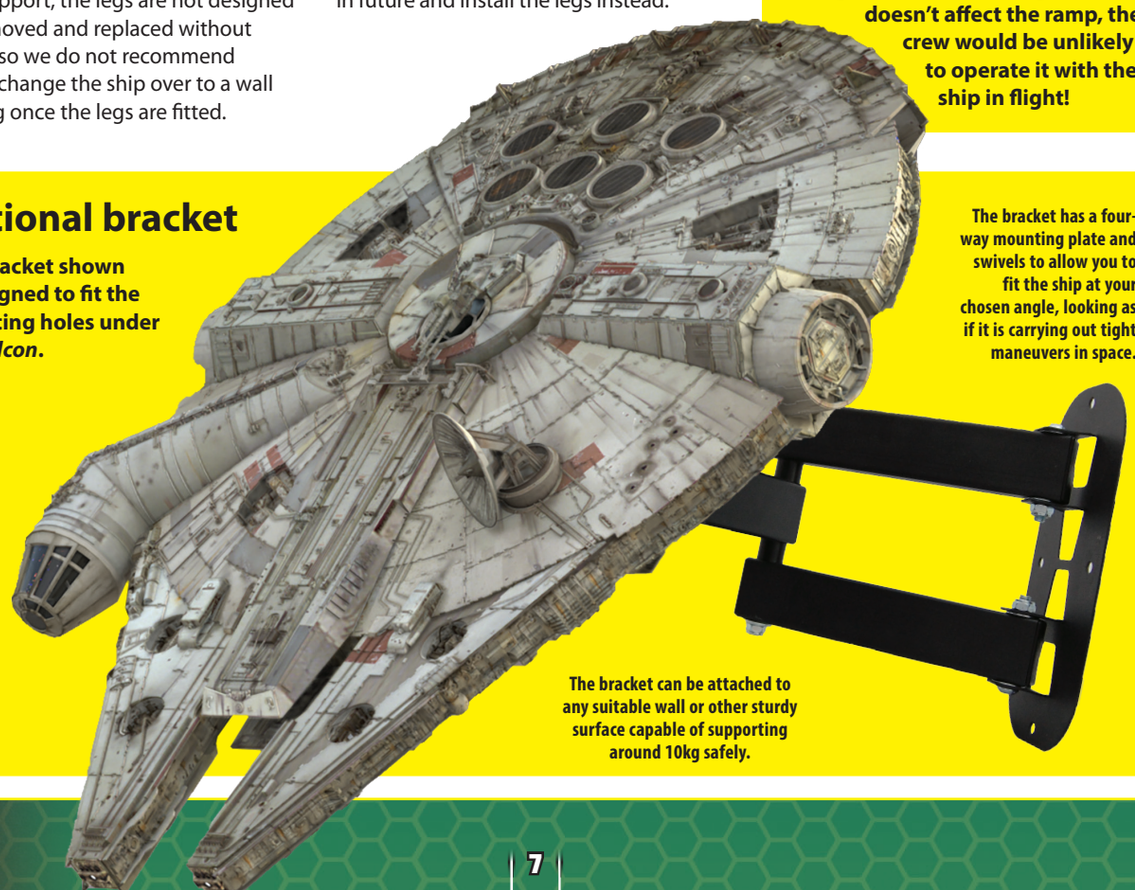
WALL MOUNTING

If you opt to mount the ship on the wall, you will need a suitable bracket, as shown below. It is fixed to the underside of the ship using the four bolts supplied with Issue 54, following the instructions included with the bracket. If you do decide to wall-mount the ship, this will not prevent you from deciding to take it down in future and install the legs instead.

Don't forget that the way the *Falcon* is mounted affects how the electrics work. The landing lights have an interlock switch so that they will only come on when the legs are fitted. Although this doesn't affect the ramp, the crew would be unlikely to operate it with the ship in flight!

Optional bracket

The bracket shown is designed to fit the mounting holes under the *Falcon*.



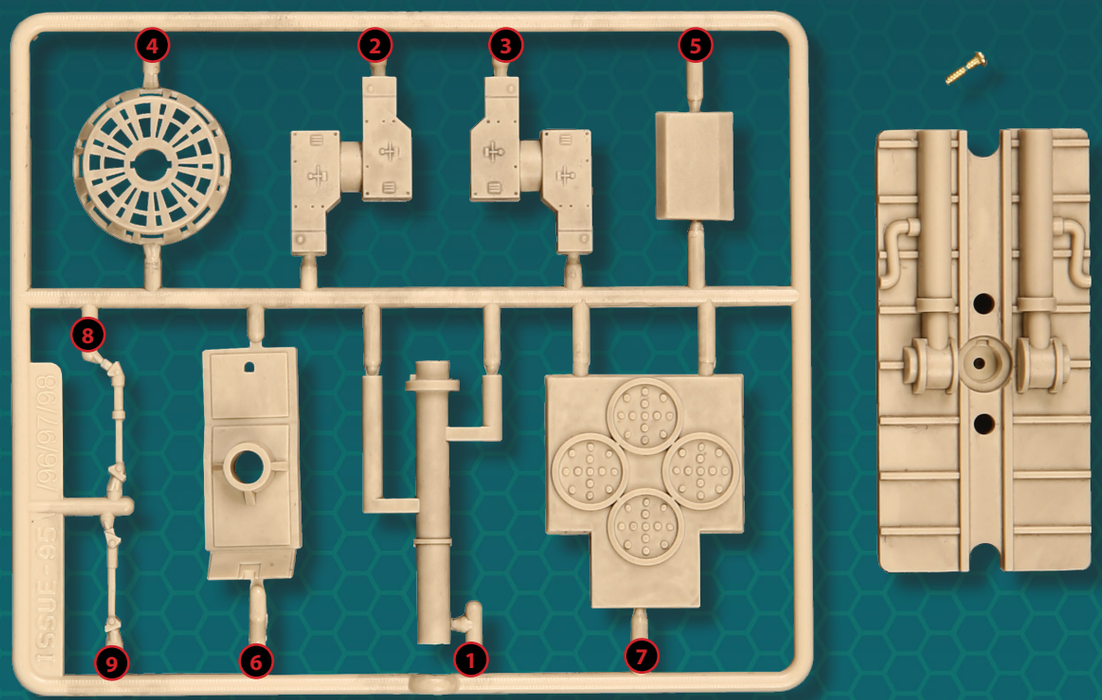
The bracket has a four-way mounting plate and swivels to allow you to fit the ship at your chosen angle, looking as if it is carrying out tight maneuvers in space.

The bracket can be attached to any suitable wall or other sturdy surface capable of supporting around 10kg safely.

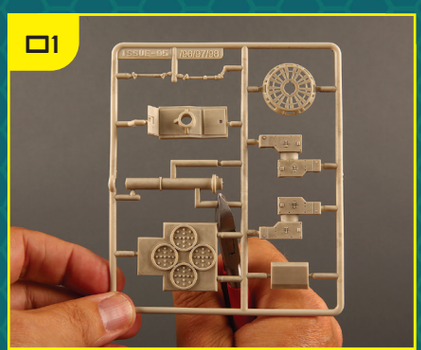
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ASSEMBLING THE SINGLE LEGS

Parts for two of these legs were provided with Issue 95 and another came with Issue 96. They come as a sprue carrying the nine numbered parts, plus a mounting plate that will fit into the recess in the hull. All of them are assembled in the same way.

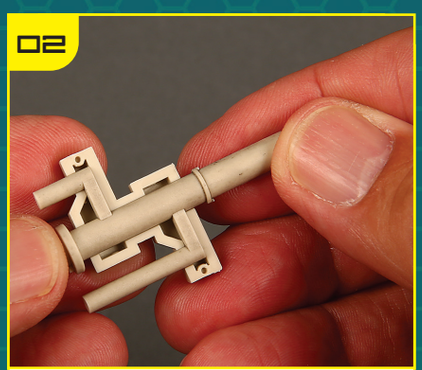


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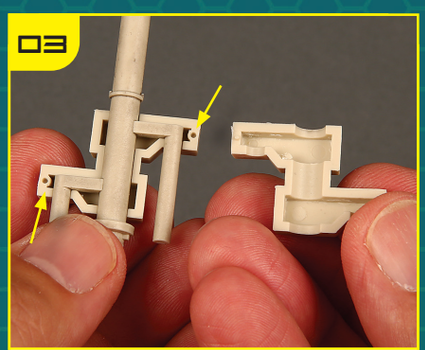
Remove all the parts from the sprue as you need to fit them.

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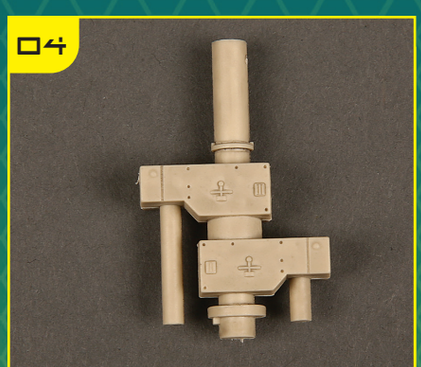
Fit (1) inside (2) as shown.

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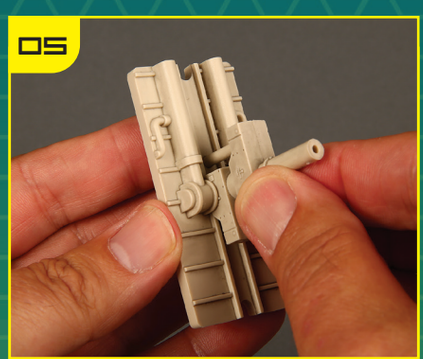
Glue (3) onto (2) so that the two small pins on (3) fit into the holes indicated.

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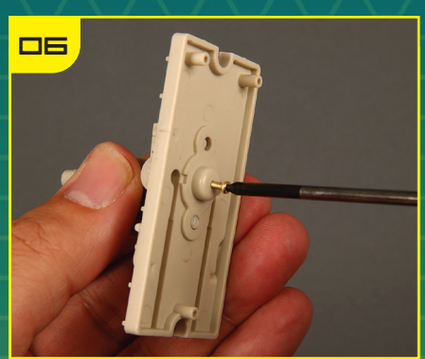
The assembly should now look like this.

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Glue the assembly into the mounting plate this way round.

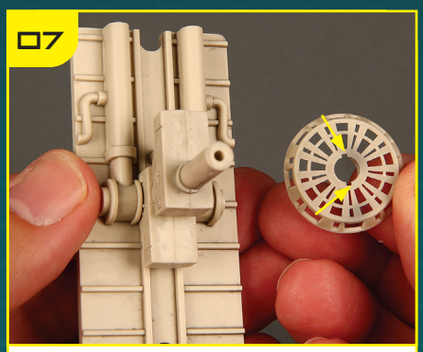
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Secure the main post with a single screw fitted though the mounting plate.

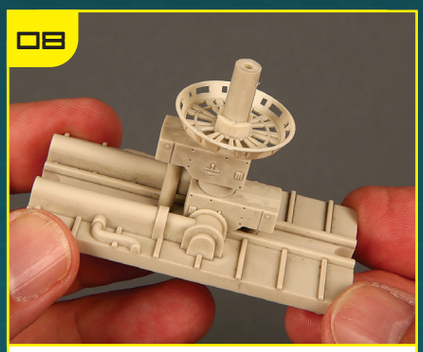
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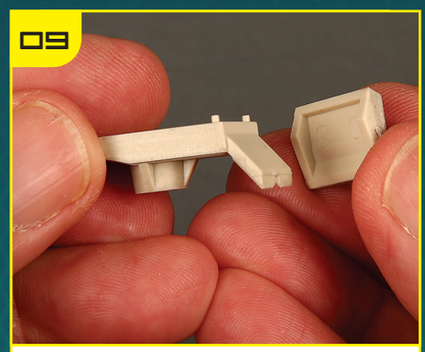
Glue (4) to the main leg, noting the two alignment notches shown.

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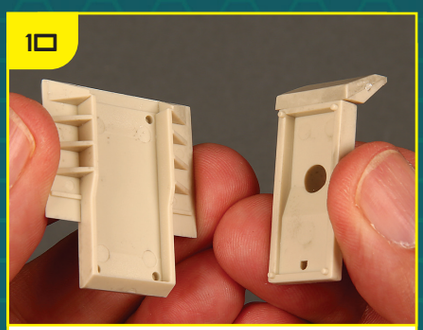
The notches ensure that the part fits in the correct alignment.

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Glue (5) onto the angled tip of (6), noting which way up it goes.

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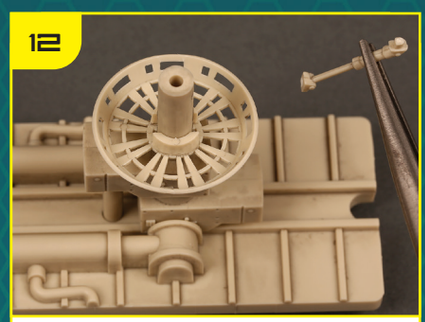
Glue the assembly from Step 9 into the recess in (7), noting the four locating pins in the corners.

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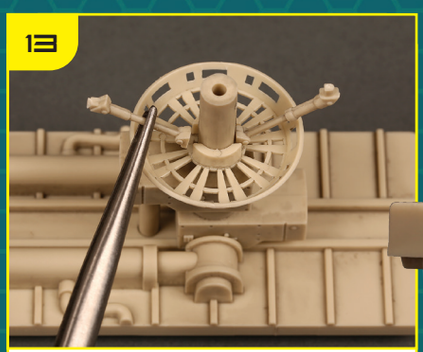
Make sure that the parts fit together flush to complete the foot assembly.

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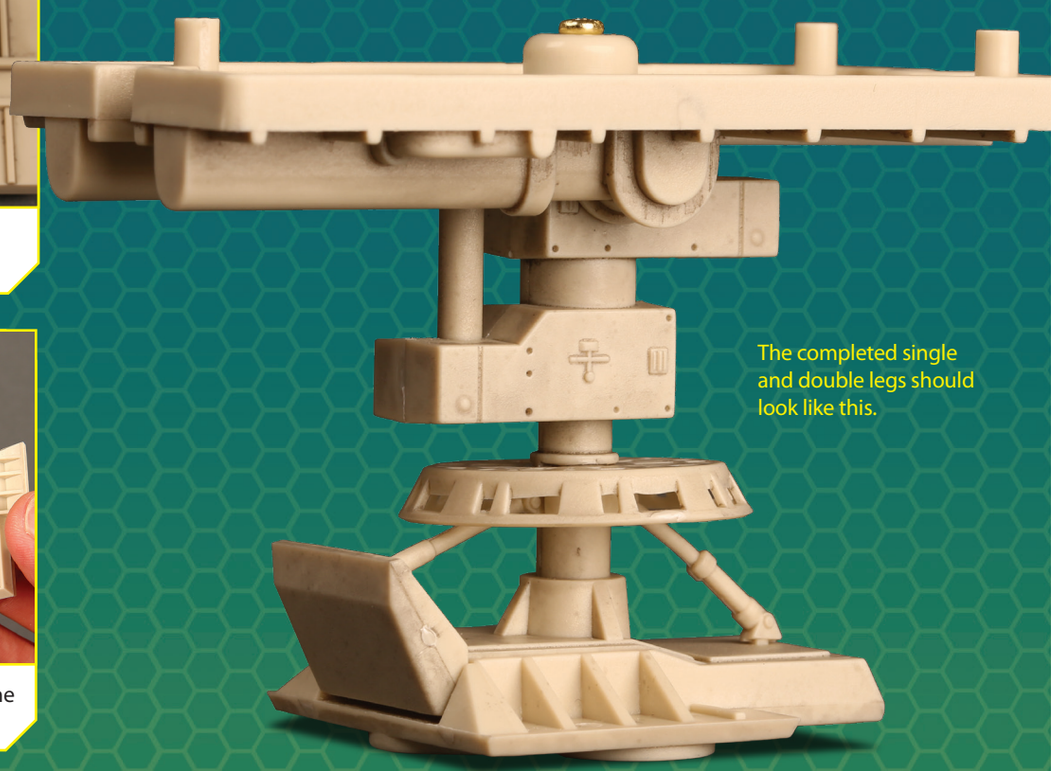


Steps 12-14 have to be done quickly before the glue sets, so you may wish to do a dry run. Glue (8) to (4)…

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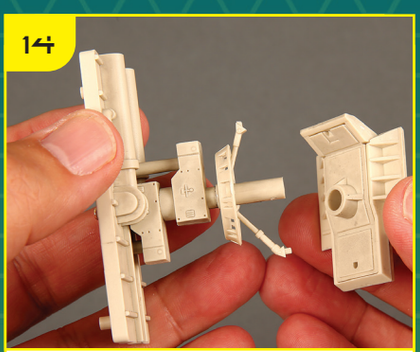


…followed by (9), which fits at a shallower angle than (8).



The completed single and double legs should look like this.

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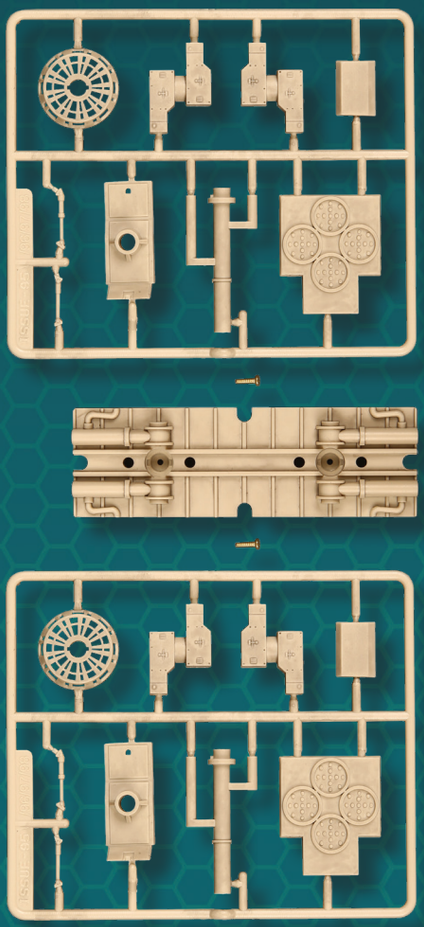


Finally glue the foot assembly onto the leg, plus the pins on (8) and (9).

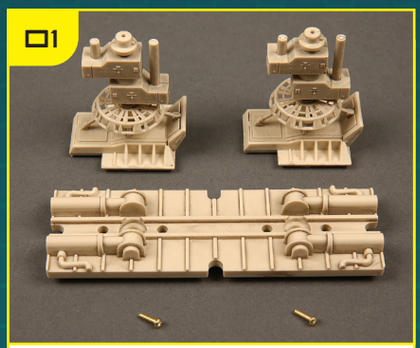
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ASSEMBLING THE DOUBLE LEGS

Parts for one of the double landing legs came with Issue 97, and the second is provided with this issue. Each of the individual legs is identical to the single ones, so the only difference is how they are fitted to the mounting plate.

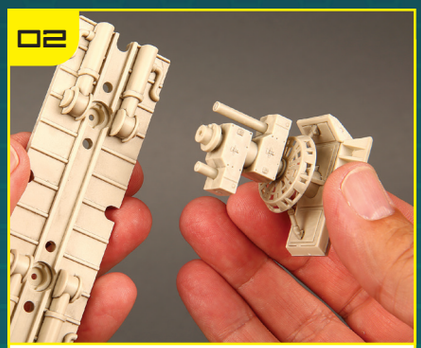


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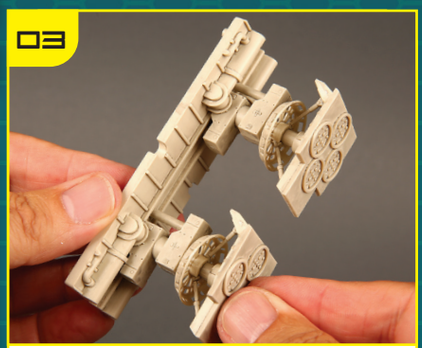
Assemble two single legs following the sequence on the preceding pages.

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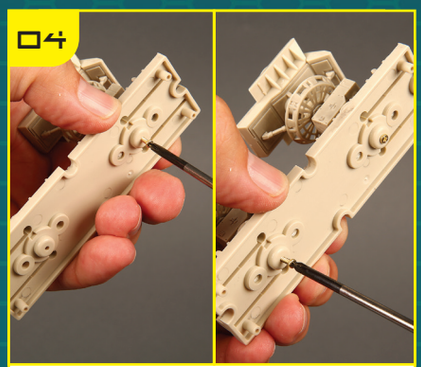
Glue the first leg to the mounting plate this way round.

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Glue the second leg to the mounting plate the same way round.

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Reinforce both legs with screws.



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