

# Victorian Science Fiction

## Aphid & Locust Class Airship

Please read the instructions before starting construction.

When opening the kit, you will notice the smell of burned wood. This is because the parts are laser-cut, which literally means a very tight light beam burns through the material. You may also notice some soot at the cut edges. The amount of soot depends on the material used. You can considerably reduce it by gently wiping at least the bigger and easy to reach edges with a soft cloth or household tissue.

PVA or equivalent glue will be required to glue parts together. Give glue enough time to dry. Wipe away any excess glue immediately using a fine cloth or the tip of a toothpick. A sharp hobby knife is needed to remove parts from the sheet. Be careful and always cut away from your body. Fine sandpaper may be useful to clean these areas or any tight-fitting joints. Clamps, pegs and elastic bands may help during the construction of the kit. Make sure that the parts are aligned correctly before applying any of these tools.

### General pre-assembly preparations

You will achieve the best results in finishing this kit when you follow the steps listed below. Always double check with the provided pictures before gluing parts together and moving on to the next step.

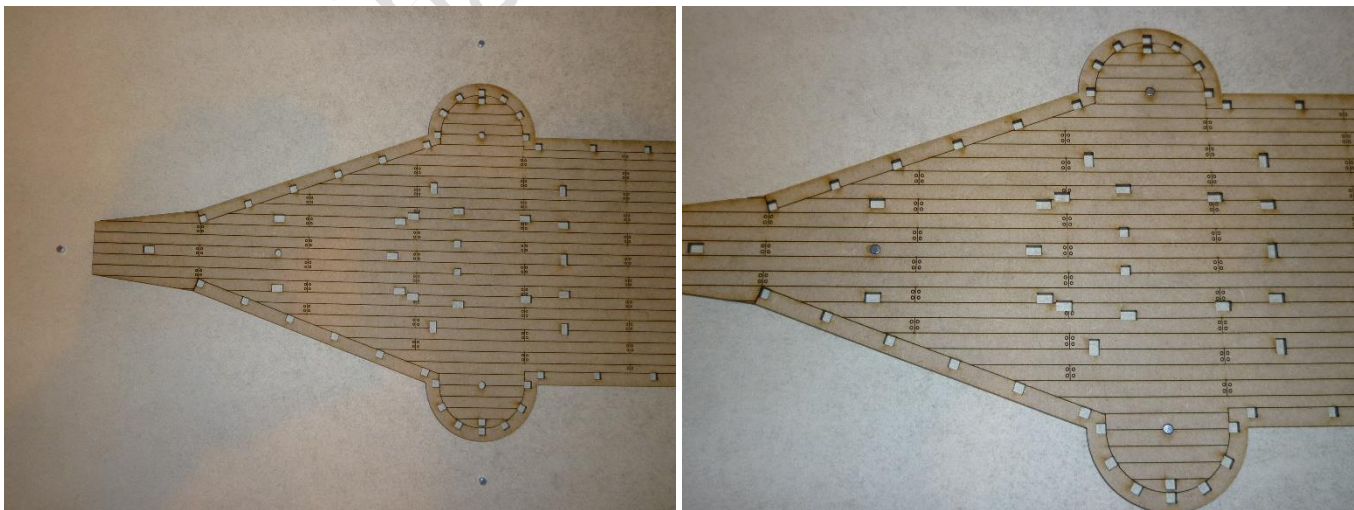
Please keep in mind that - in general - engraved sides of parts are considered “outside”; not engraved sides are “inside” or positioned less visible once the kit is finished.

### Assembly

***Assembly for both ship classes is mainly the same. The Locust is a variant of the Aphid Class, so follow the instructions for the Aphid and refer to the Locust for any different or additional steps.***

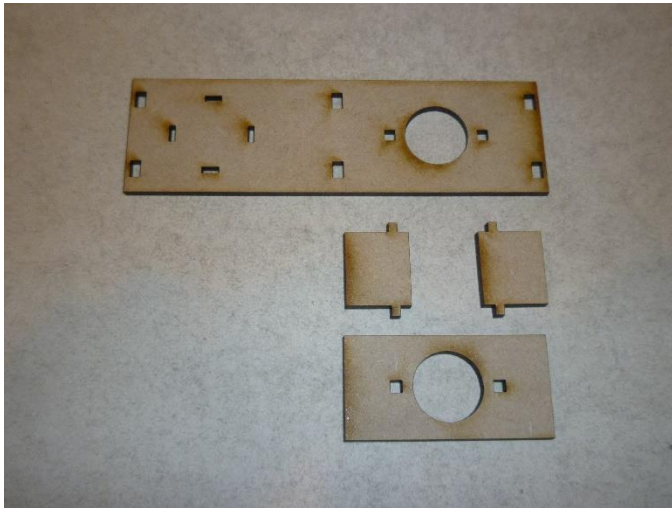
### Aphid Class Airship

#### 1. Magnetize deck for guns

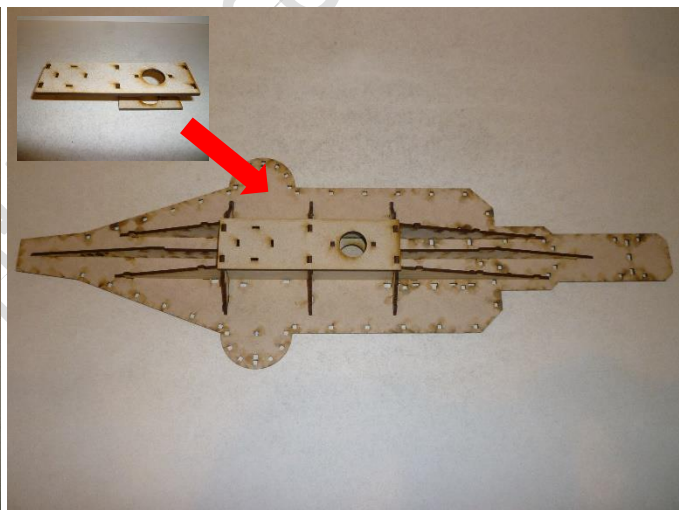
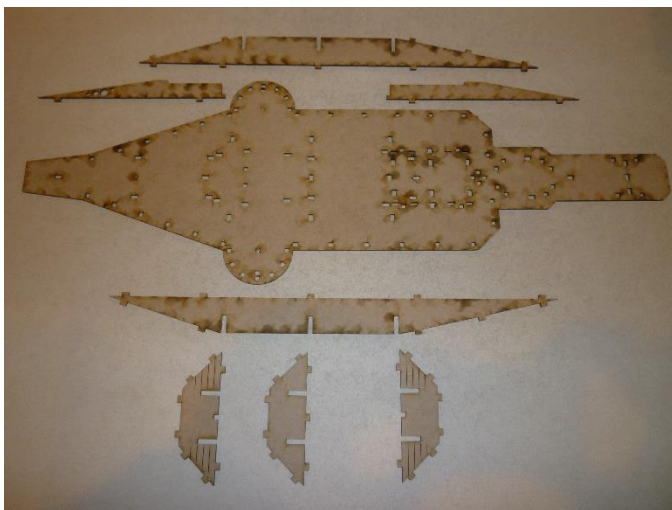


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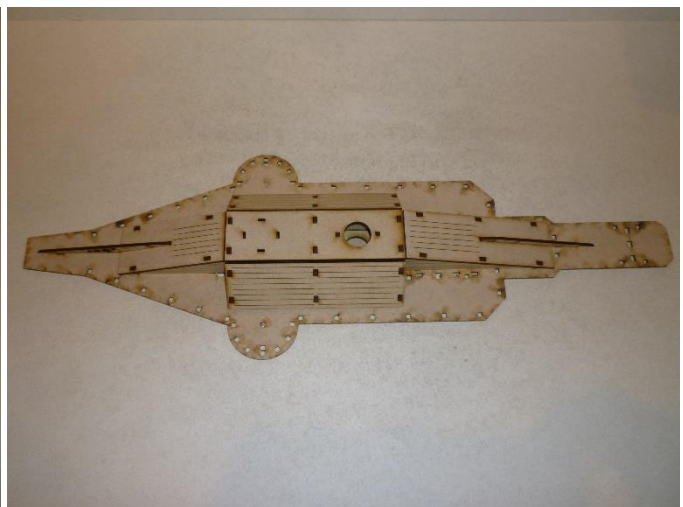
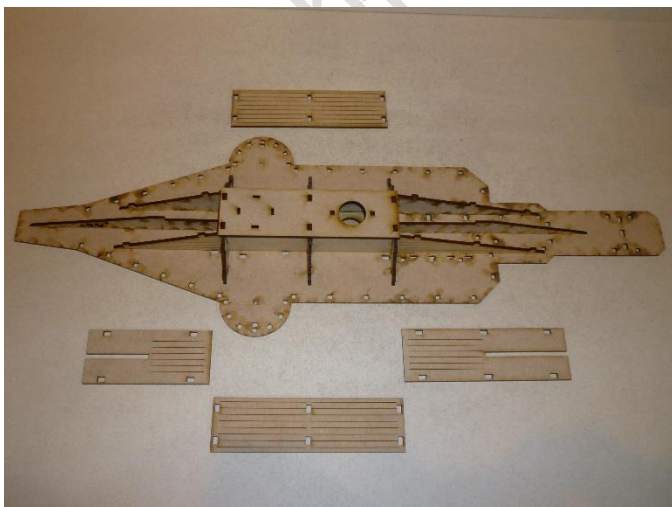
2. Let dry thoroughly!!



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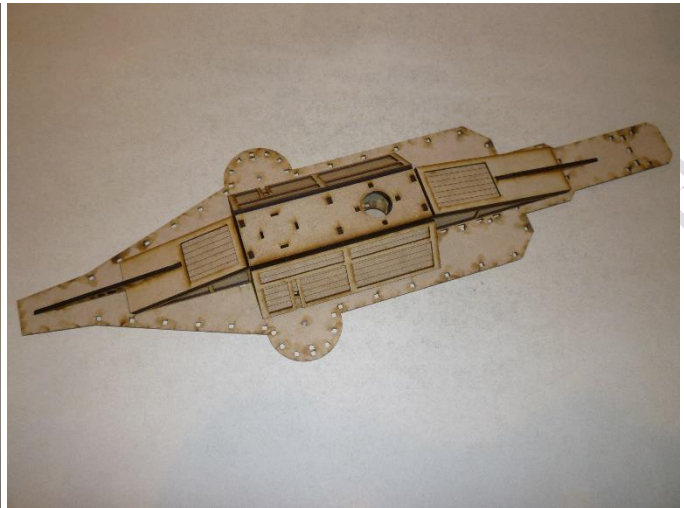
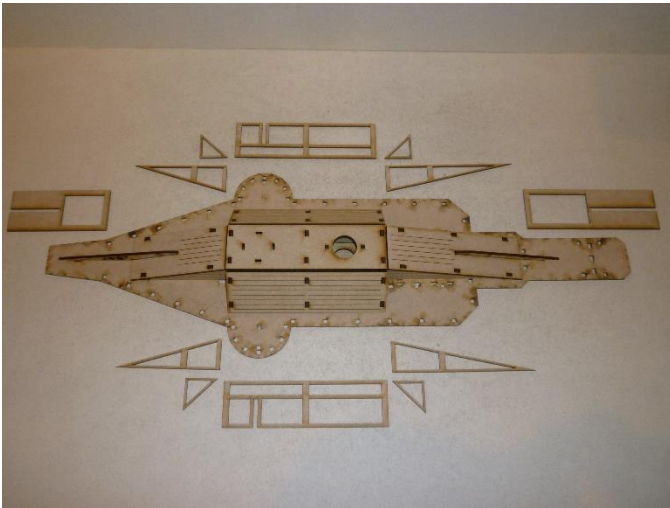
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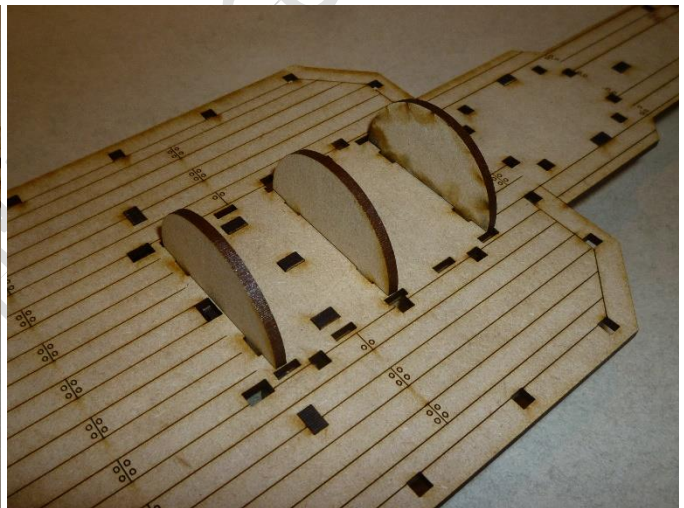
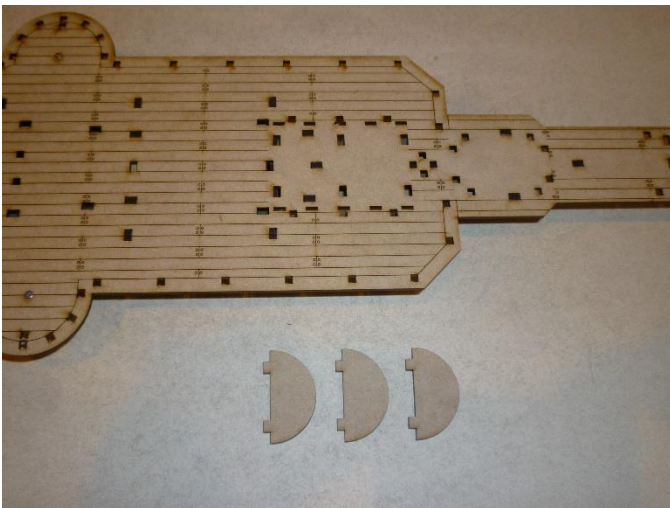


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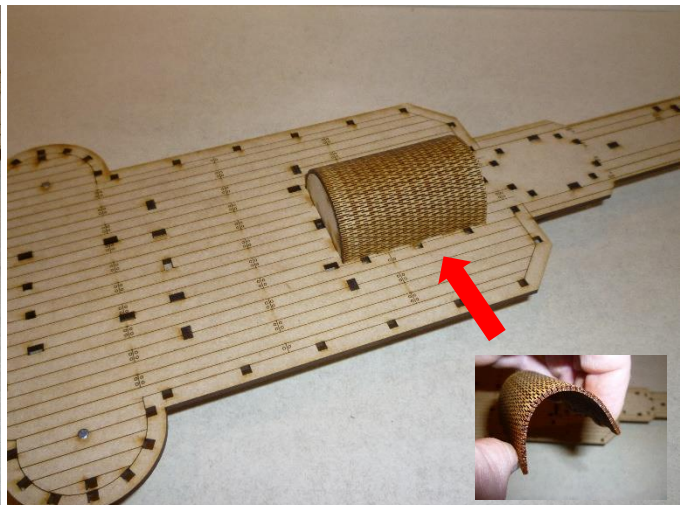
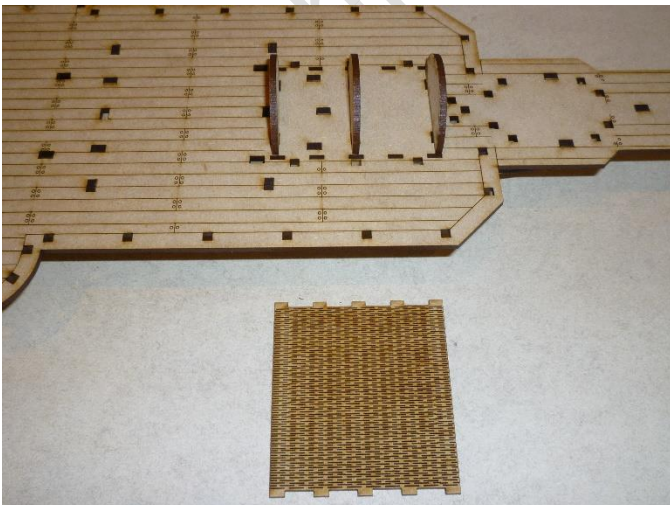
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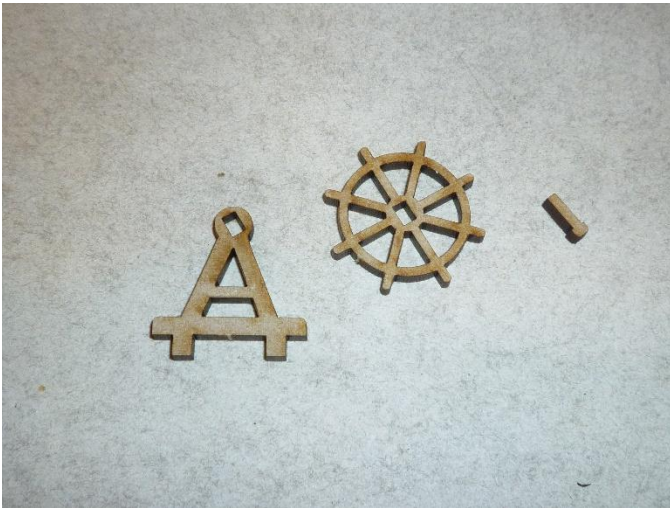
7. Carefully bend boiler into shape!



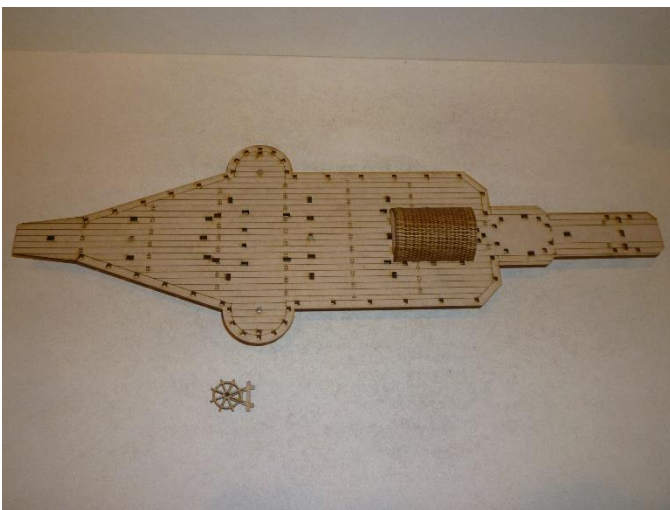


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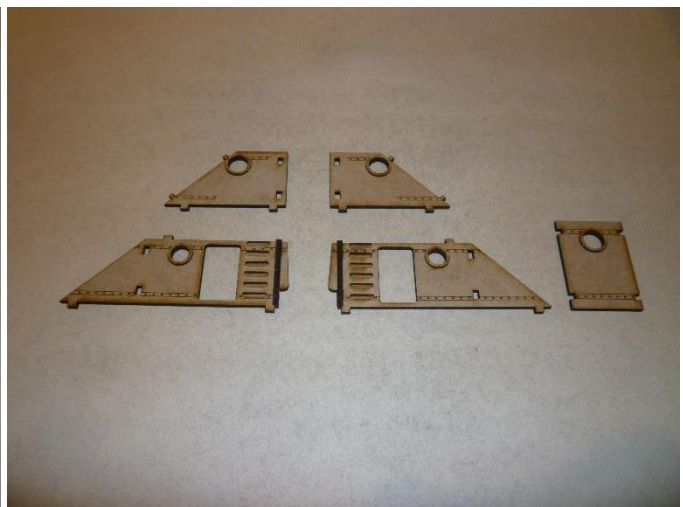
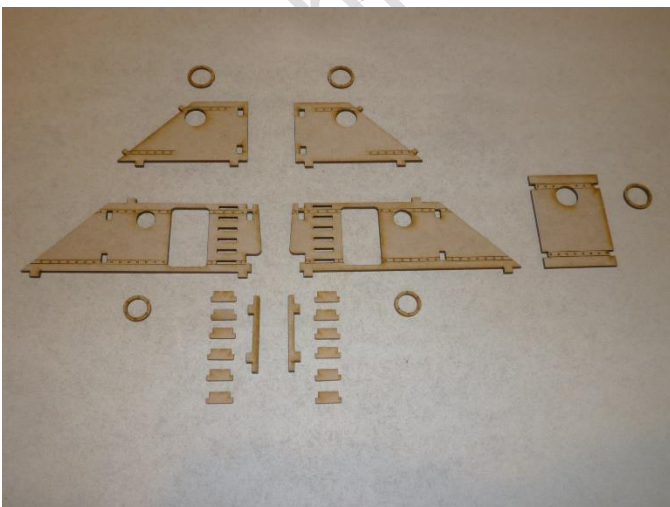
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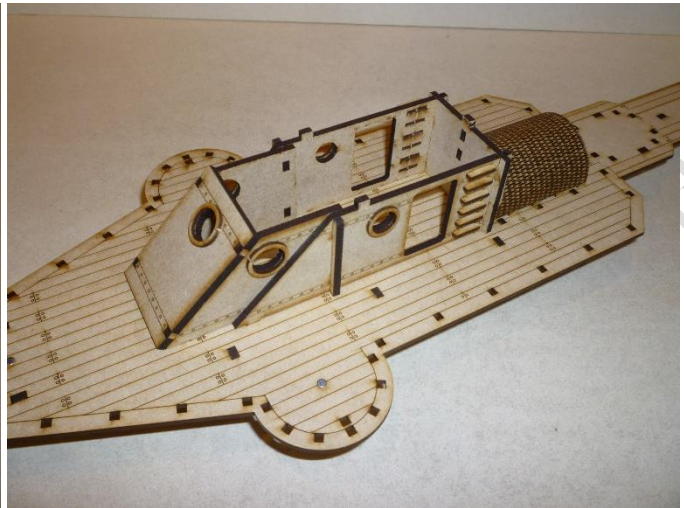
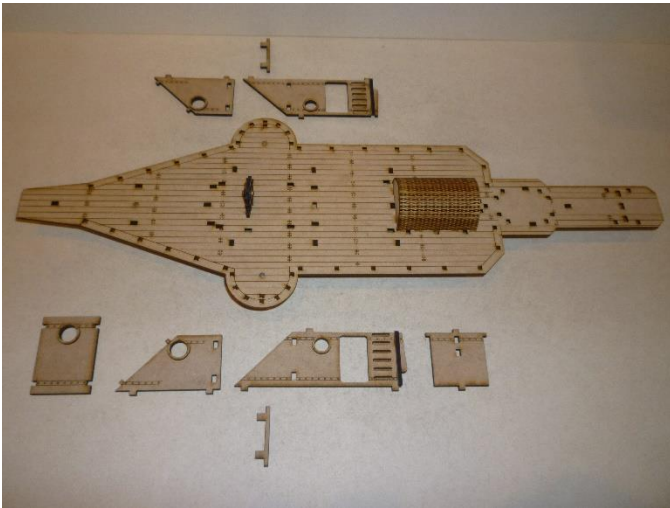
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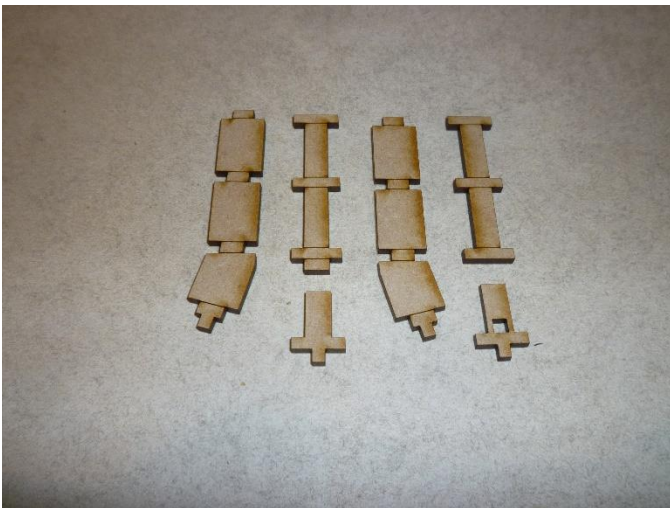


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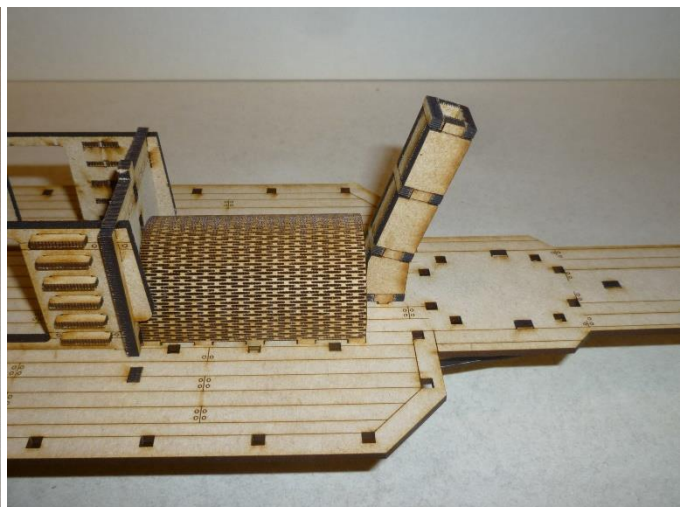
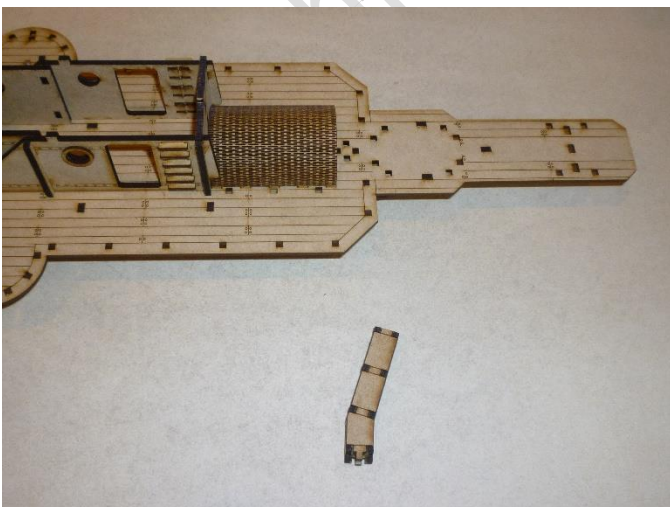
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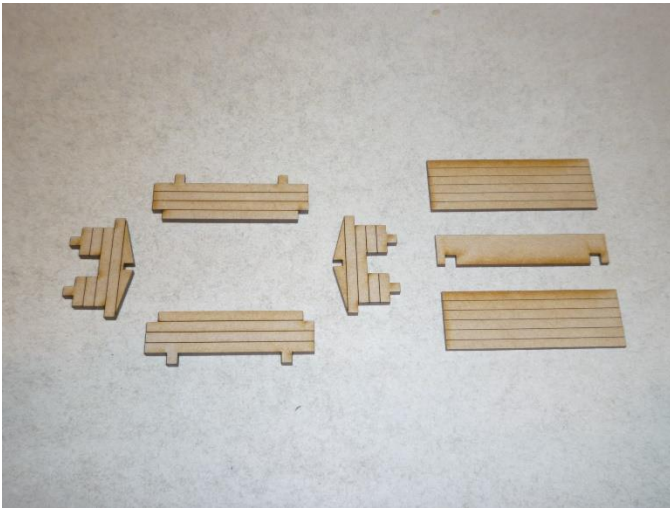
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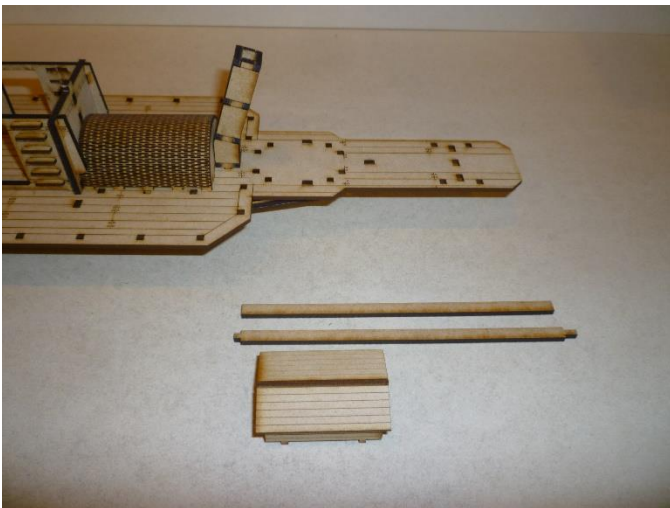


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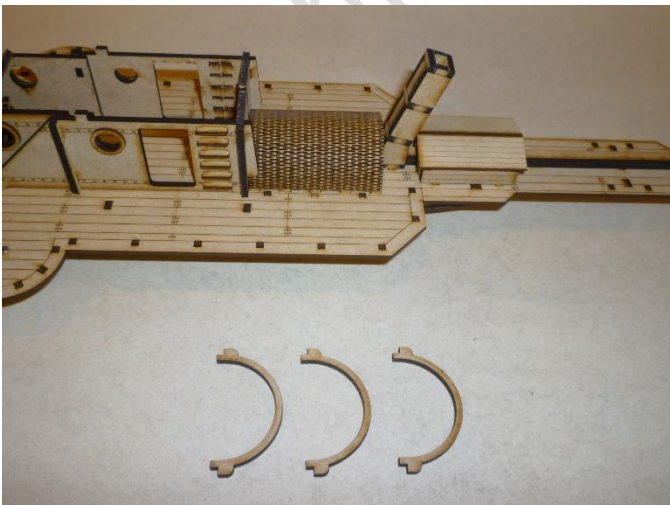
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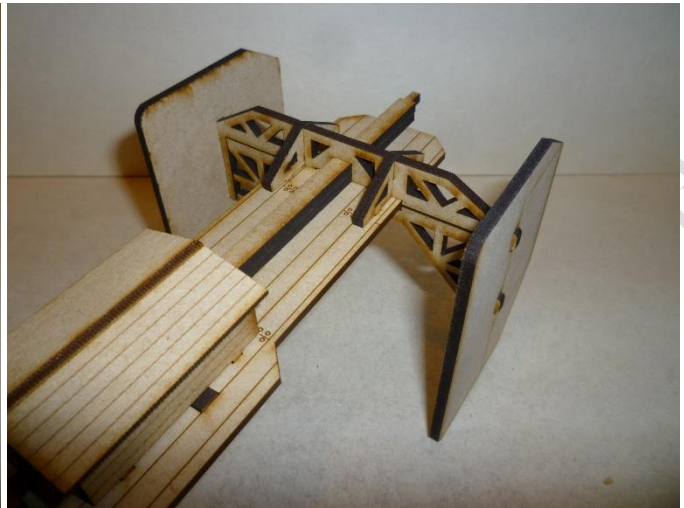
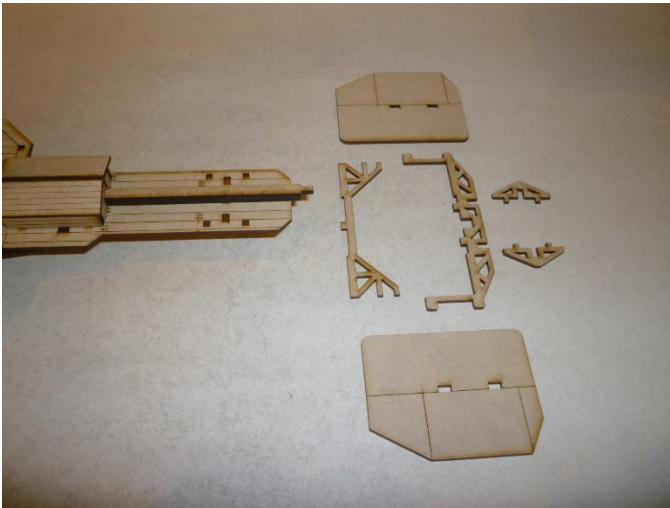


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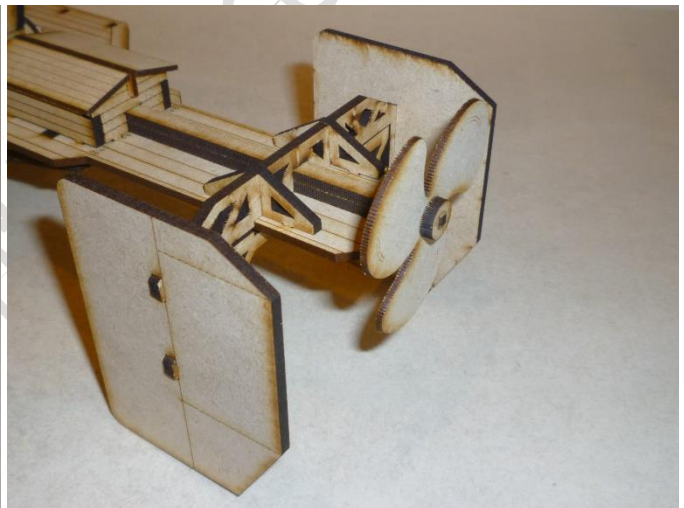
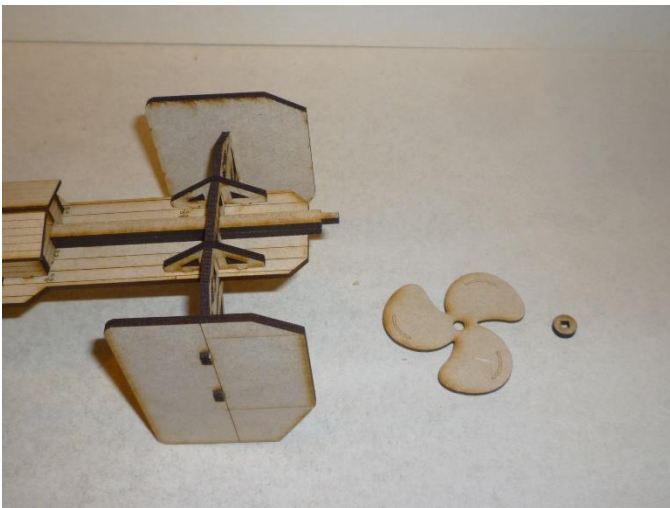


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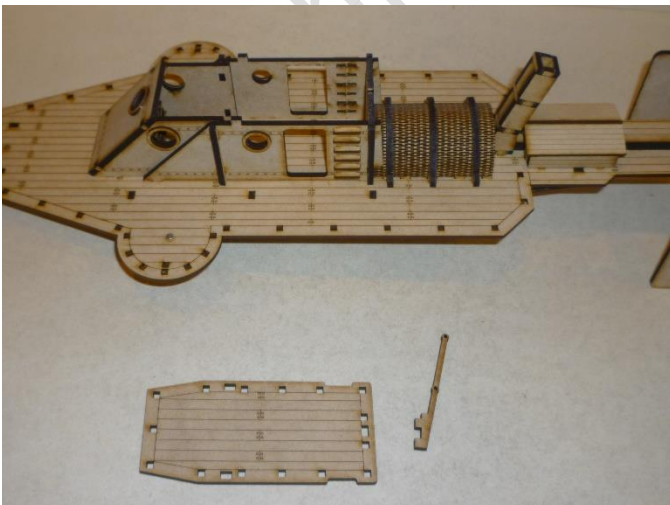
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18. Do NOT glue propeller!



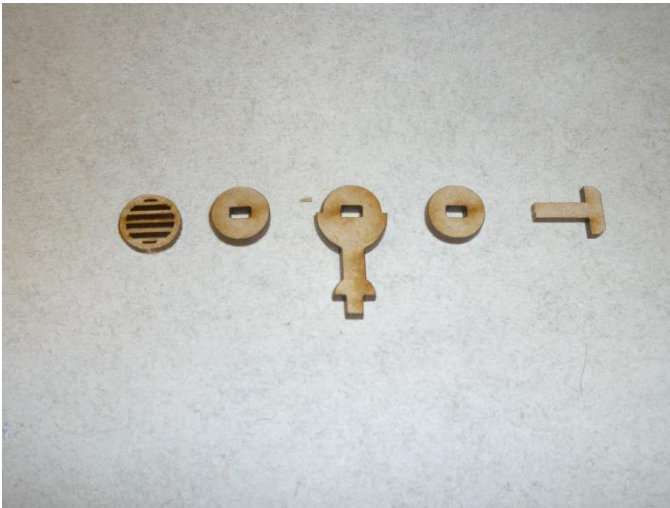
19. Do NOT glue roof!



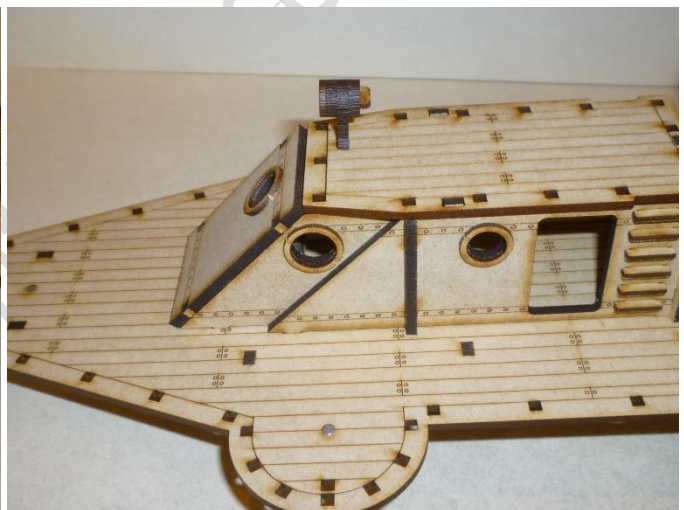
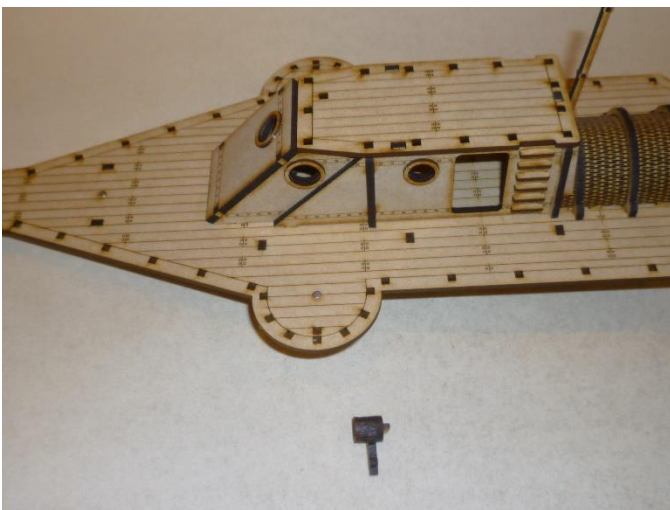


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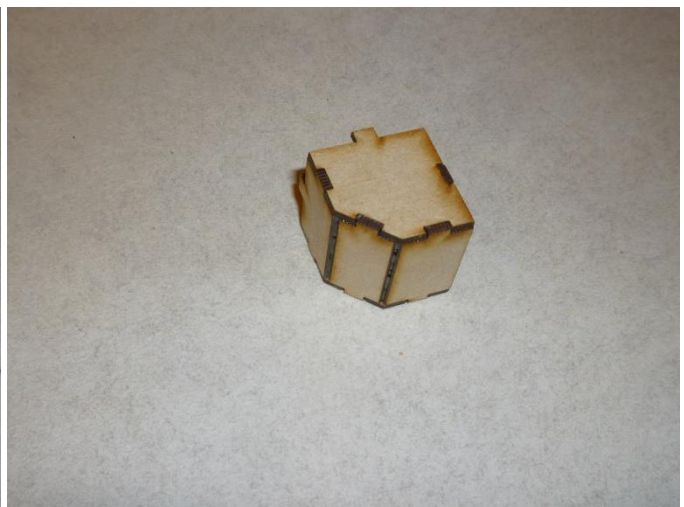
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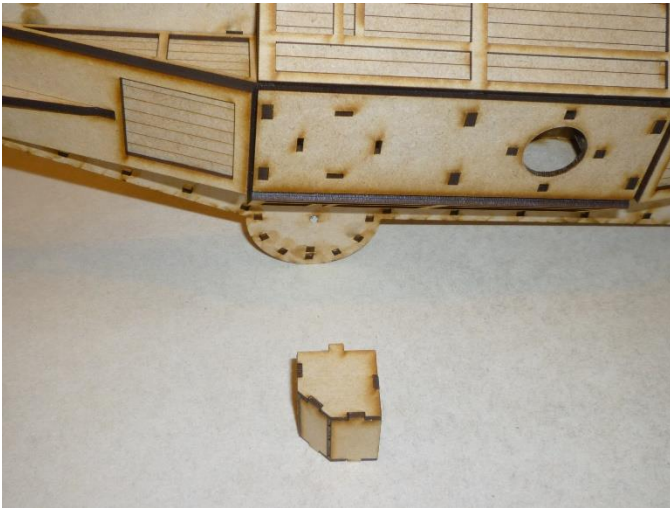
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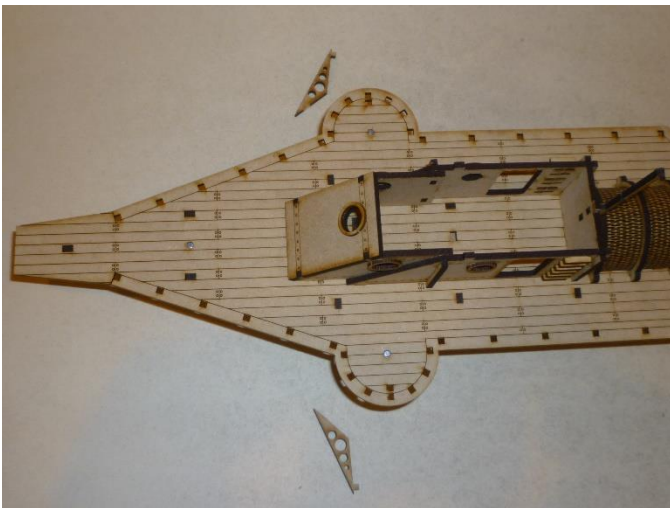


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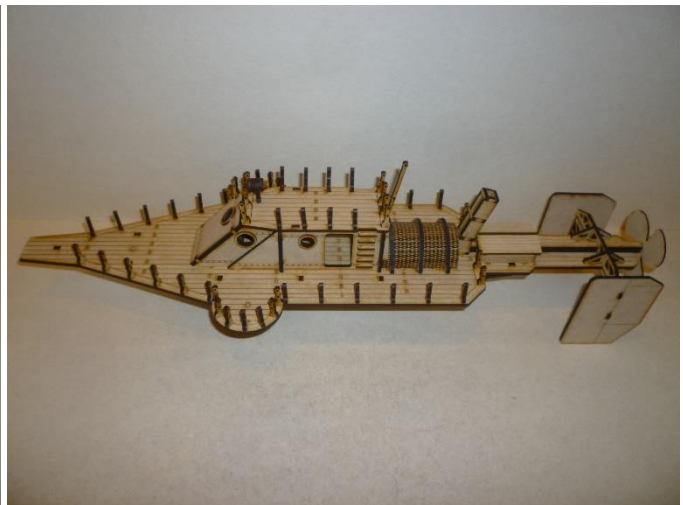
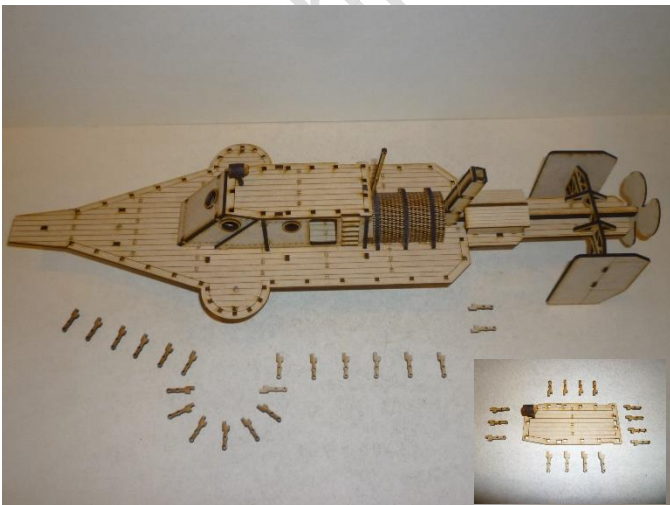
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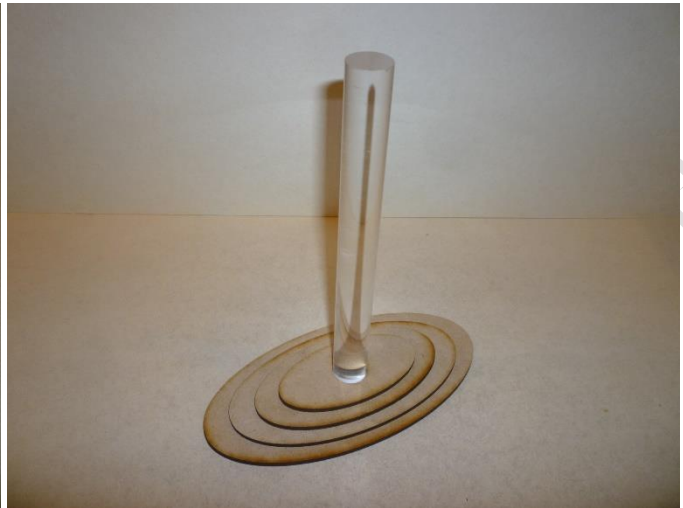
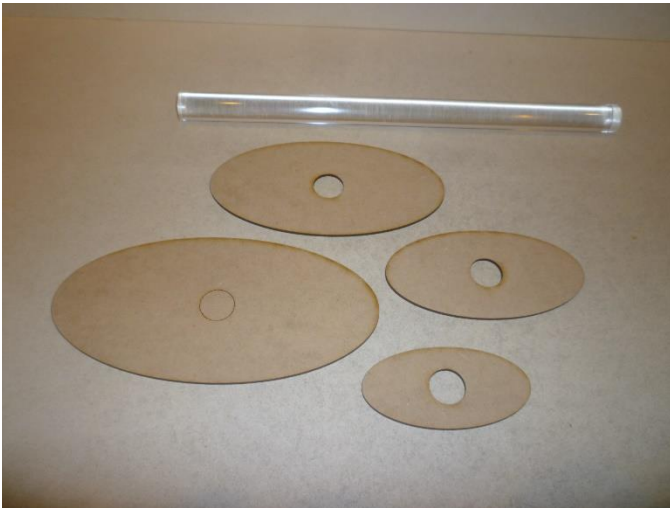


25. Glue in stanchions port AND starboard as well as on the small upper deck!

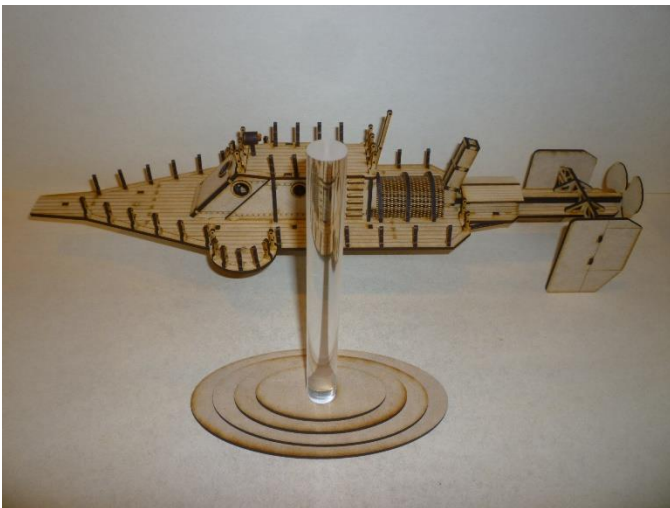


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27. Insert acrylic rod into underside of the ship's hull.



28. Magnetize guns. Make sure that they are aligned correctly so that the guns are fixed to the deck!

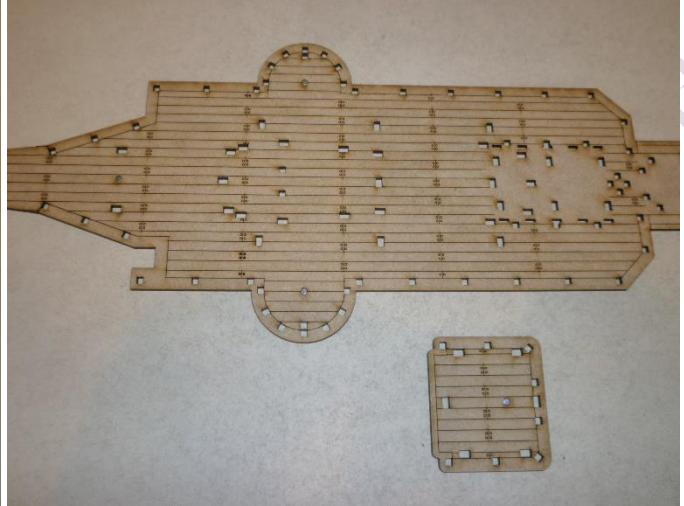
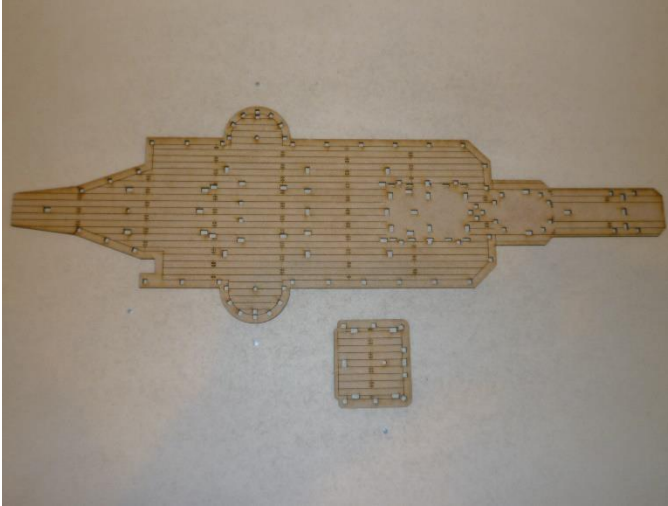




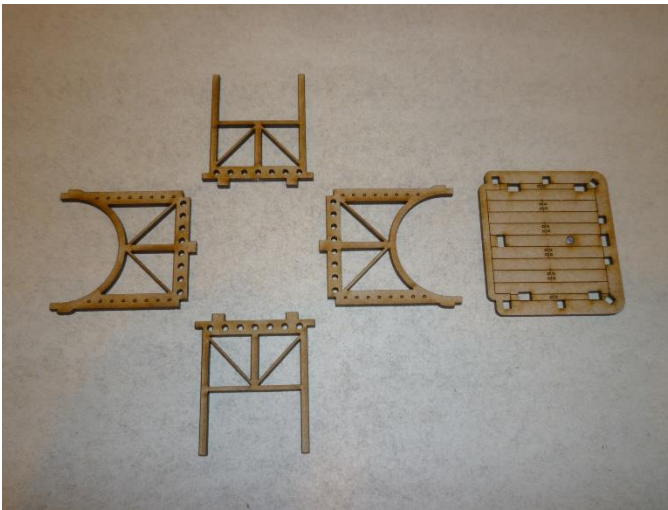
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### 29. Magnetize decks for guns

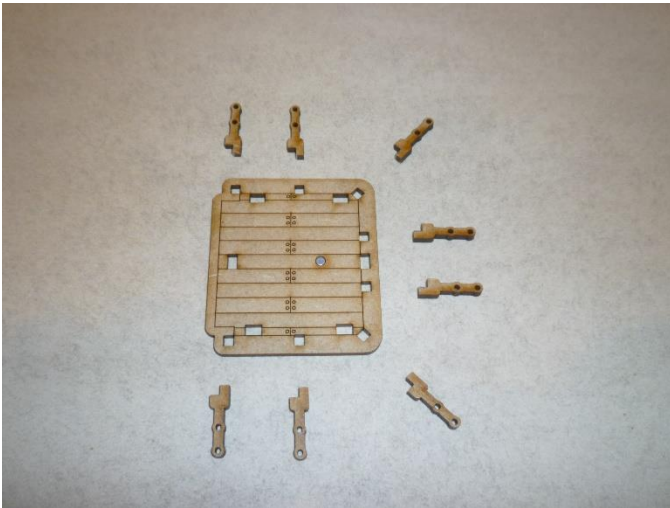


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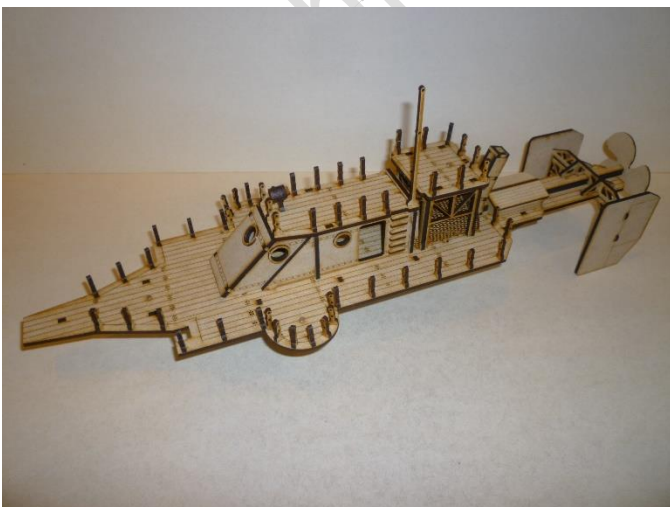
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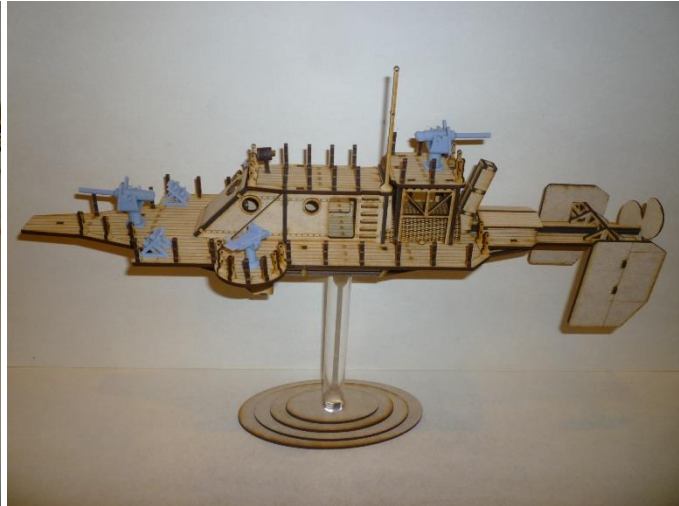
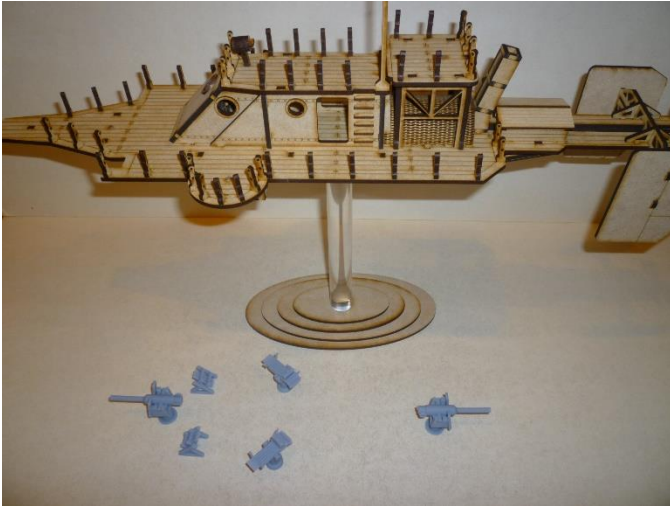
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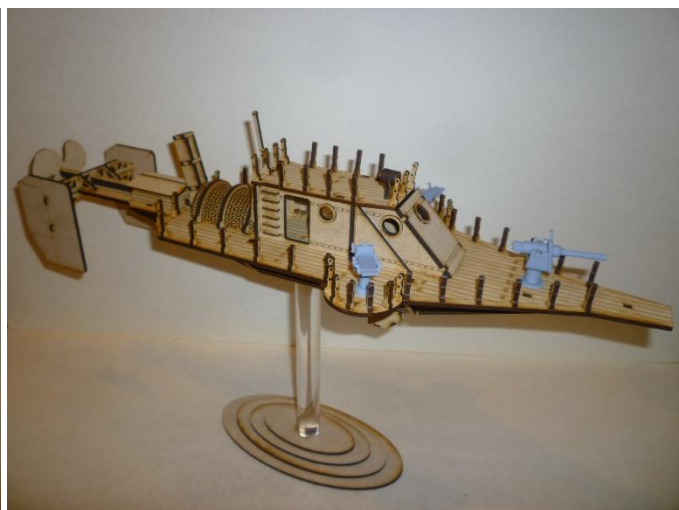
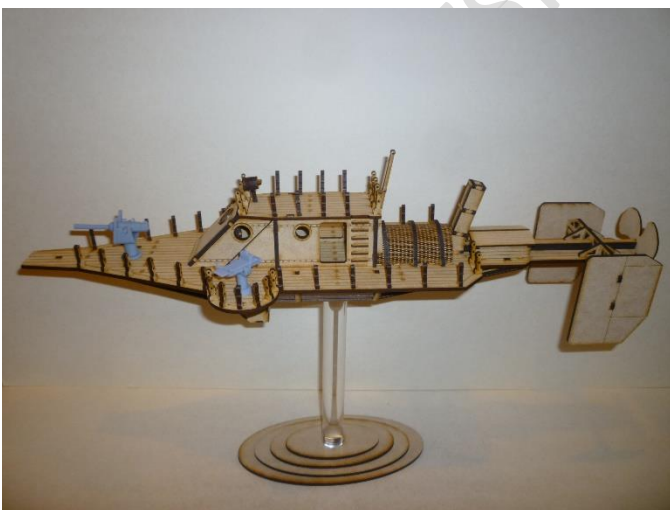
## 34. Downward firing rocket launcher left (port), upward firing rocket launcher right (starboard)



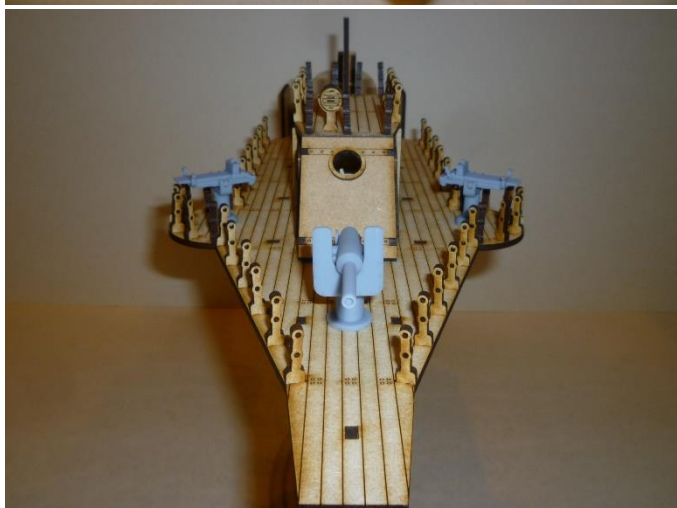
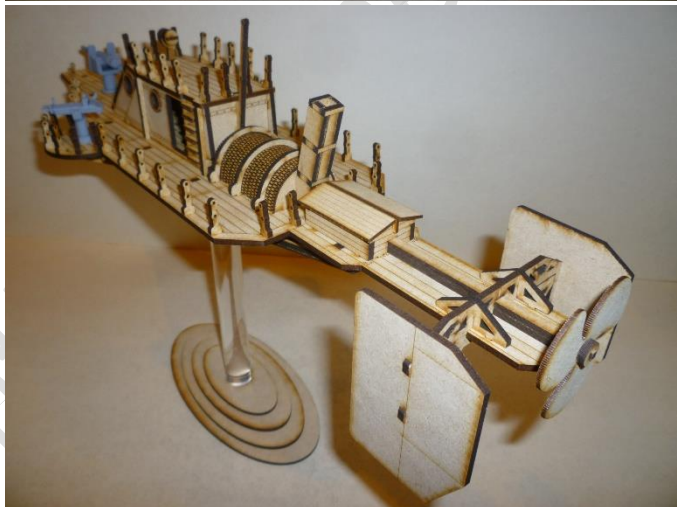
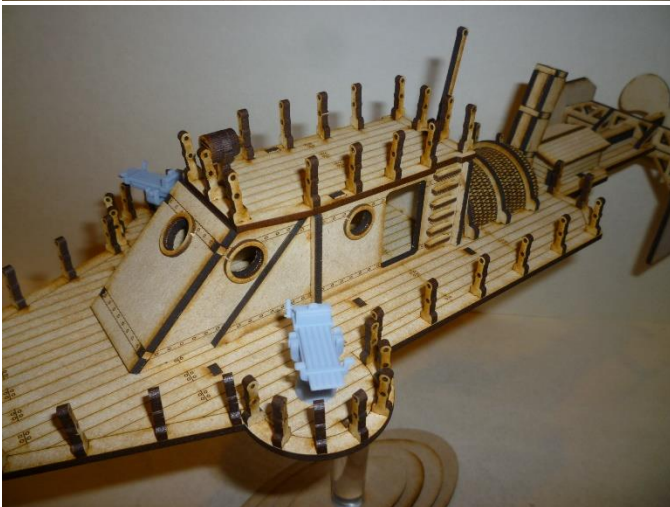
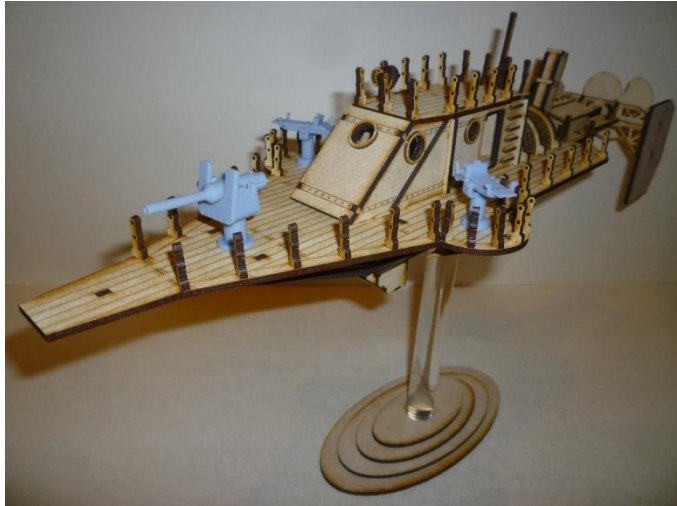
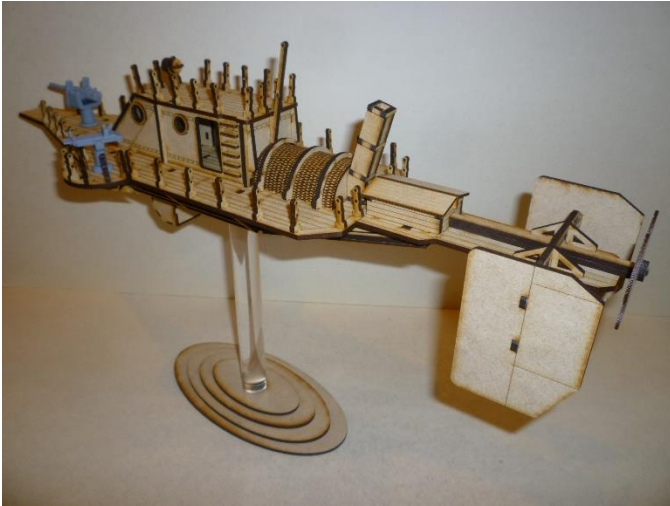
If you ever experience problems or difficulties in finishing this kit do not become desperate! Just send me an email at [thingsfromthebasement@gmail.com](mailto:thingsfromthebasement@gmail.com) and I will help you get it done. Having designed the kit and then providing an instruction for everyone to understand is probably the hardest part of the whole project. I am ready for every kind of feedback to improve kit and instructions. I just need to know!

### Photos of finished kits:

## Aphid Class Airship

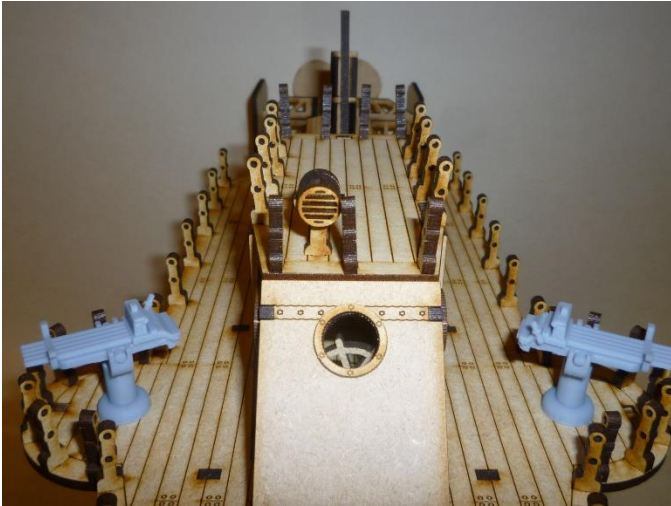


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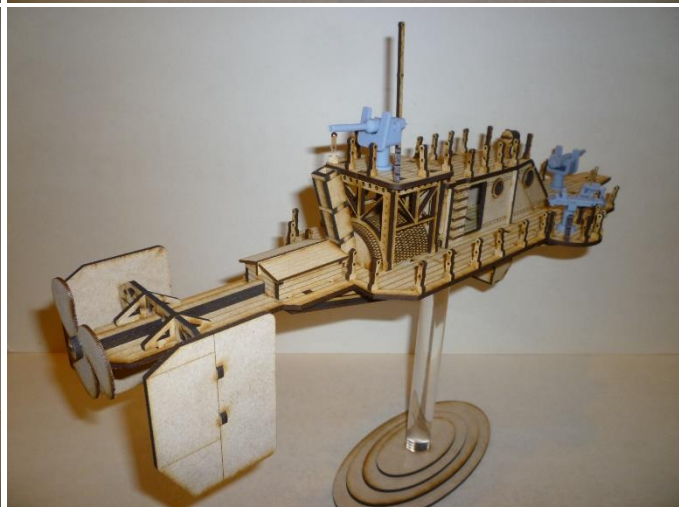
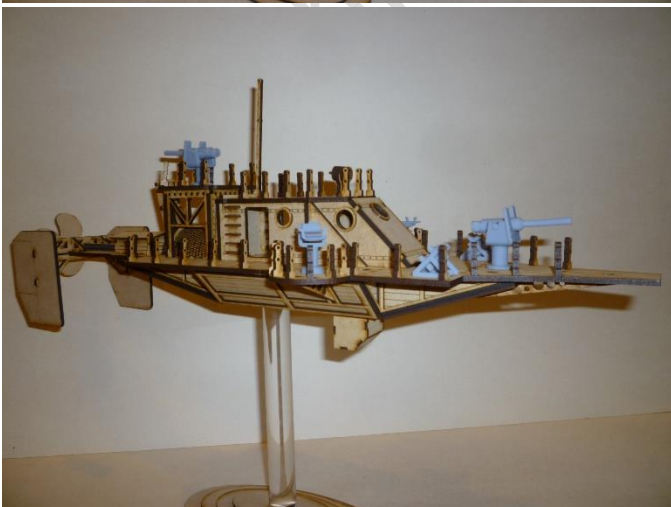
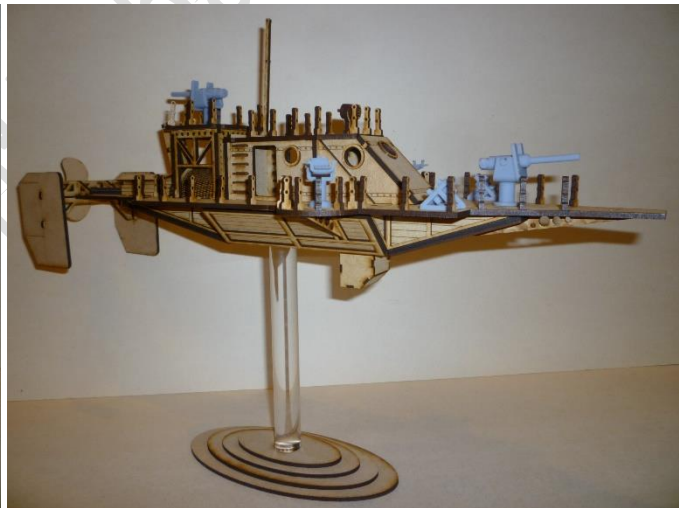
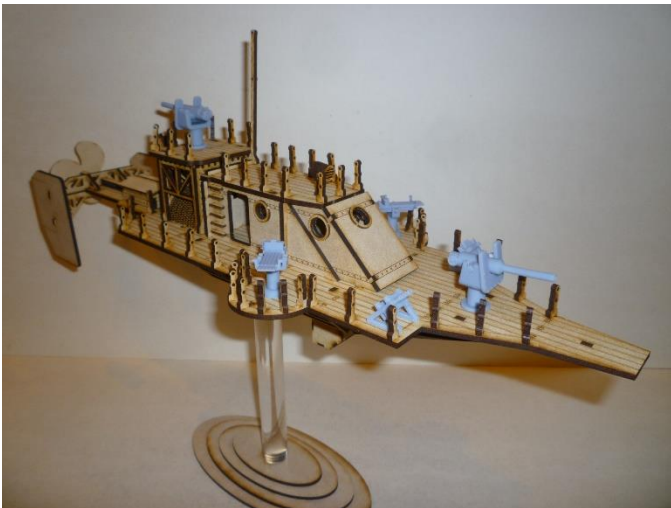




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