

NPU and U

“Nice Part Usage” and You

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How to get more out of those hard to use pieces

Who am I?

- ◉ Chris Doyle

- ReasonablyClever.Com
- Brick House Webcomic
- Mini-Mizer LEGO-esque Avatar Maker

- ◉ Should you care?

- Not really
- This presentation will focus on the work others have done.

What is NPU?

- ◎ “Nice Part Usage”

- Making use of LEGO parts in an interesting and creative way that hasn't been seen before. (Or at least not often.)

- ◎ What it's NOT (at least some of the time)

- “New Part Usage”
- “Newb Part Usage”
- Skillful Part Usage

What we'll be looking at

- ◉ Jumping off points for NPU ideas
- ◉ Stuff I lifted from Flickr

- ◉ A shot of the part, then a sample of it being NPU'd.

The “Let’s get started with” NPU list

- ◉ Minifigure parts (legs and arms)
 - Not really shocking or “neat” any more.
 - New Alien parts could expand the field
- ◉ Minifig accessories
- ◉ Food
- ◉ Any parts with “Only One Possible Use”

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Cherries



El Sombrero-Mobile

By Chris Doyle



EL SOMBRERO-MOBILE

MEXICAN SPACE
SUPERIORITY FIGHTER

THESE CONTROLS
HAVE SOME REAL
"PEPPER!"

SWOOSH-ABLE!



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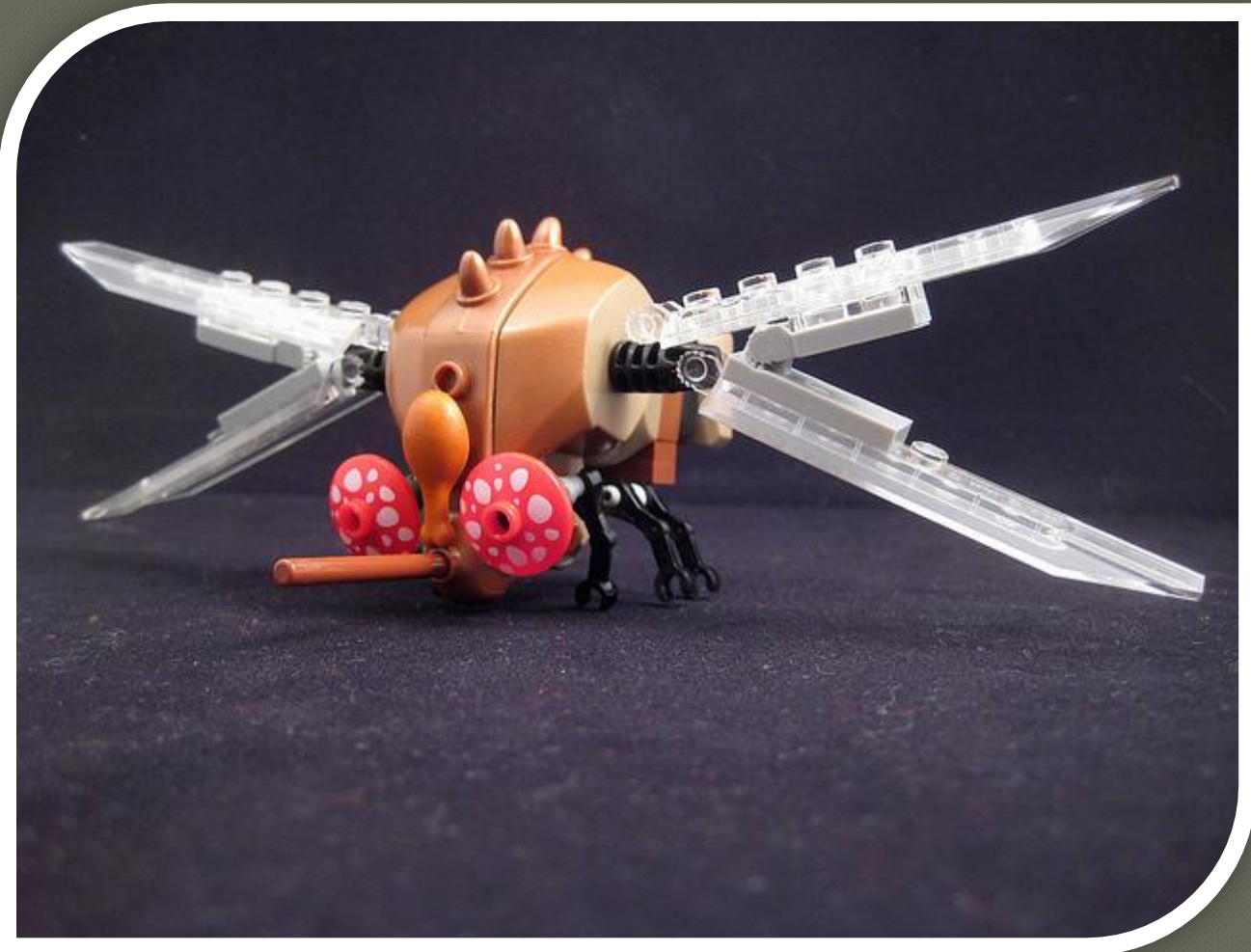
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Troll Body



Trollquito
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LEGO Turkey



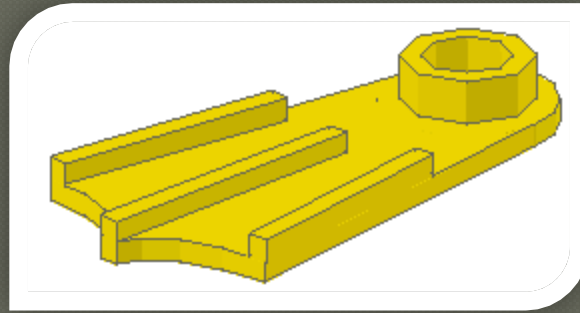
We need more flame units!

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Minifig Flipper



some kind of Rally Car...

By Robiwan_Kenobi



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Wizard Hat



Crocodile temple's water trap

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Motorcycle



TableScrap Vic Viper

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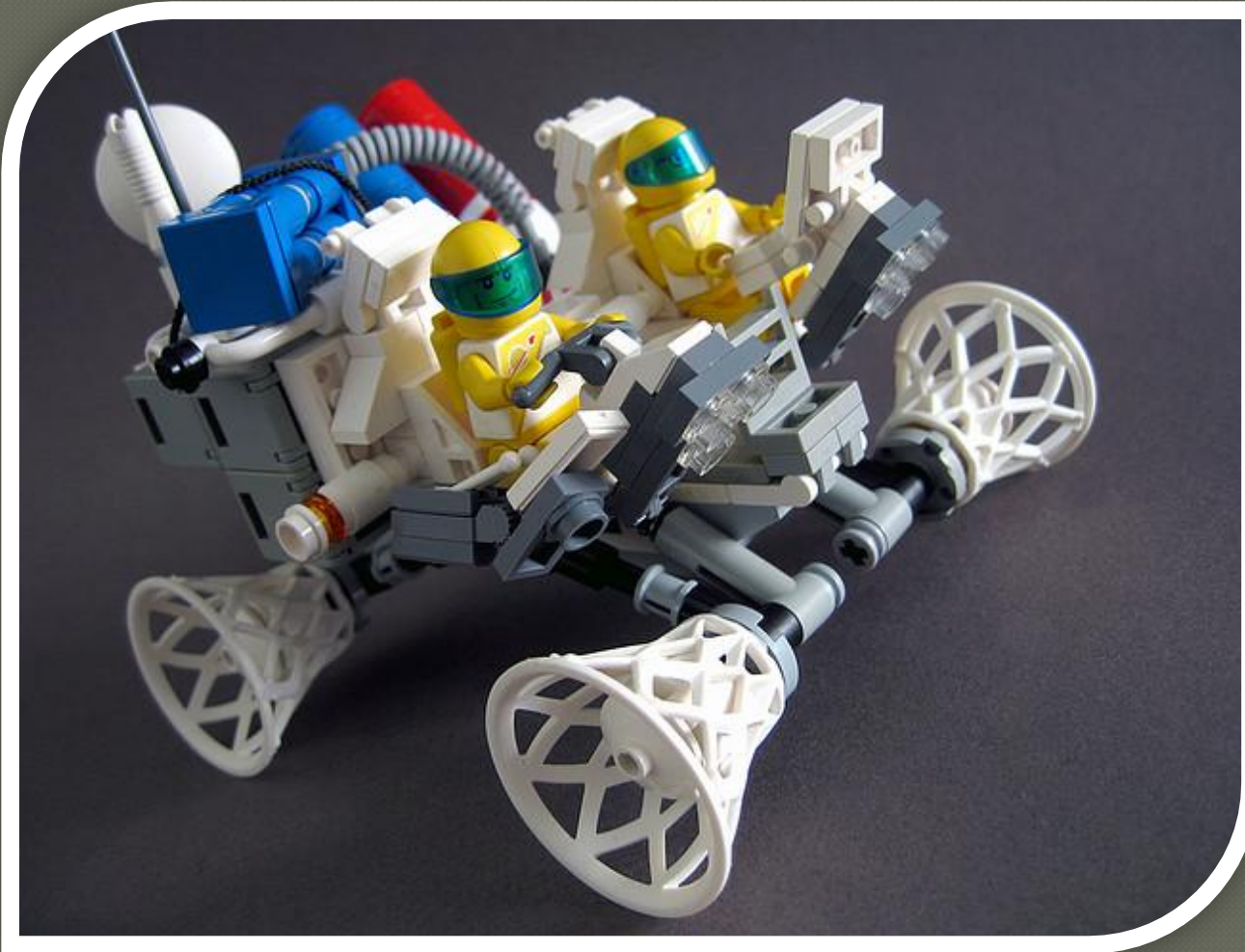


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Basketball Netting

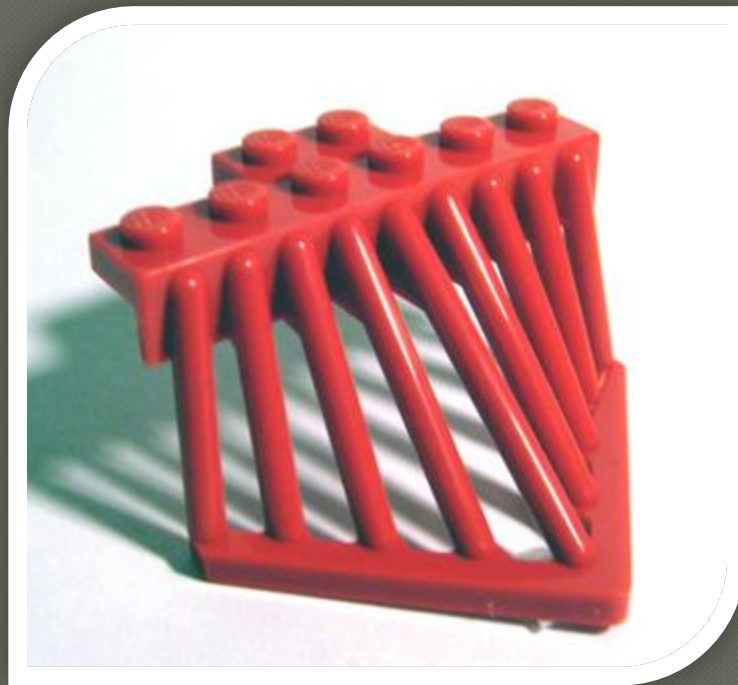


M.O.O.N. Rover
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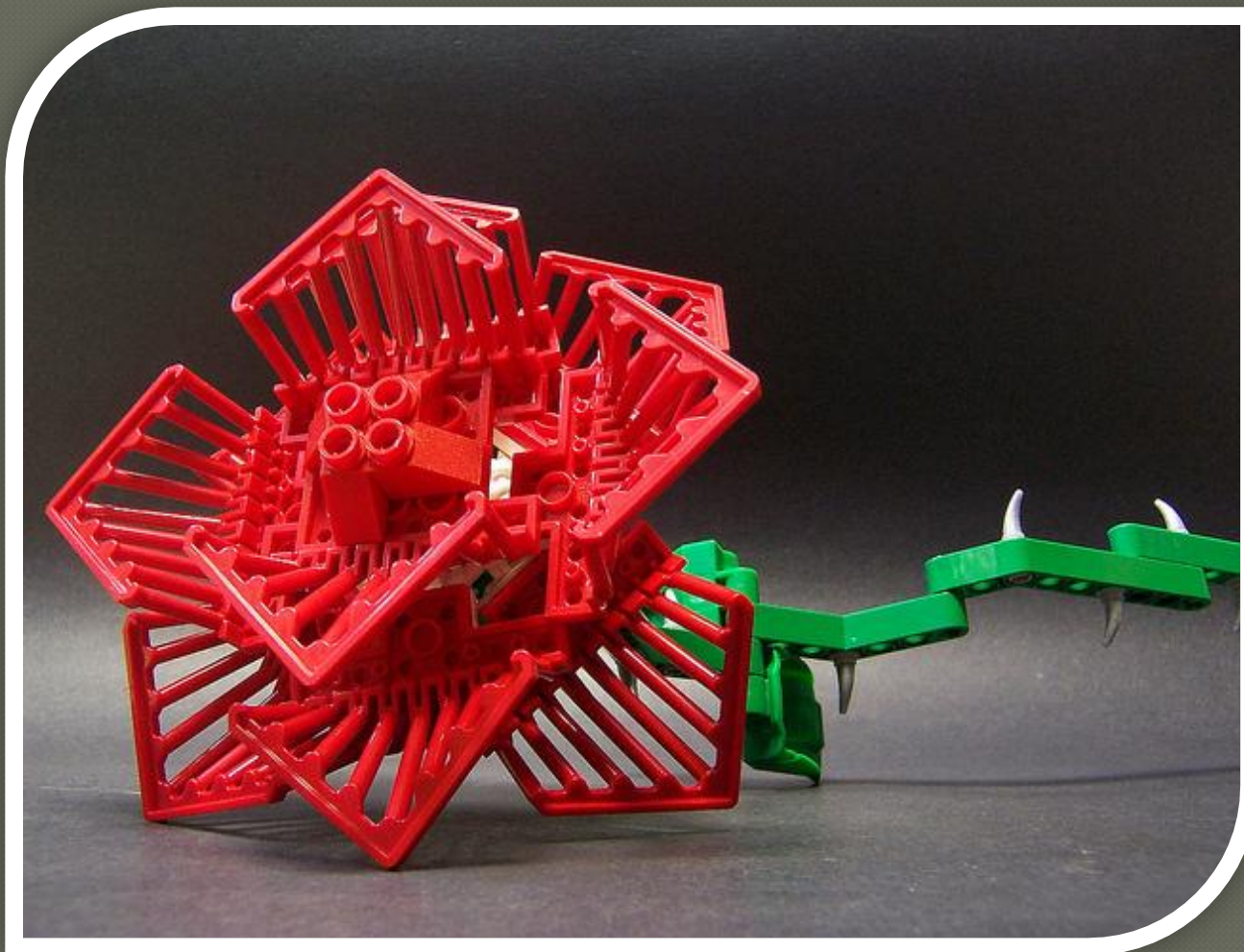


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Cow-Catcher



Roses are bled
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Drill



Carousel
By monsterbrick



Scaling NPU

- ◉ Don't limit yourself to building with parts in the scale they were "intended" for
 - Minifigure Scale
 - Micro Building
 - Macro Building
 - Master Builder Insanely Huge Models
 - And everything in-between

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Rebel Trooper
Helmet



Sydney Opera

By Brainbikerider

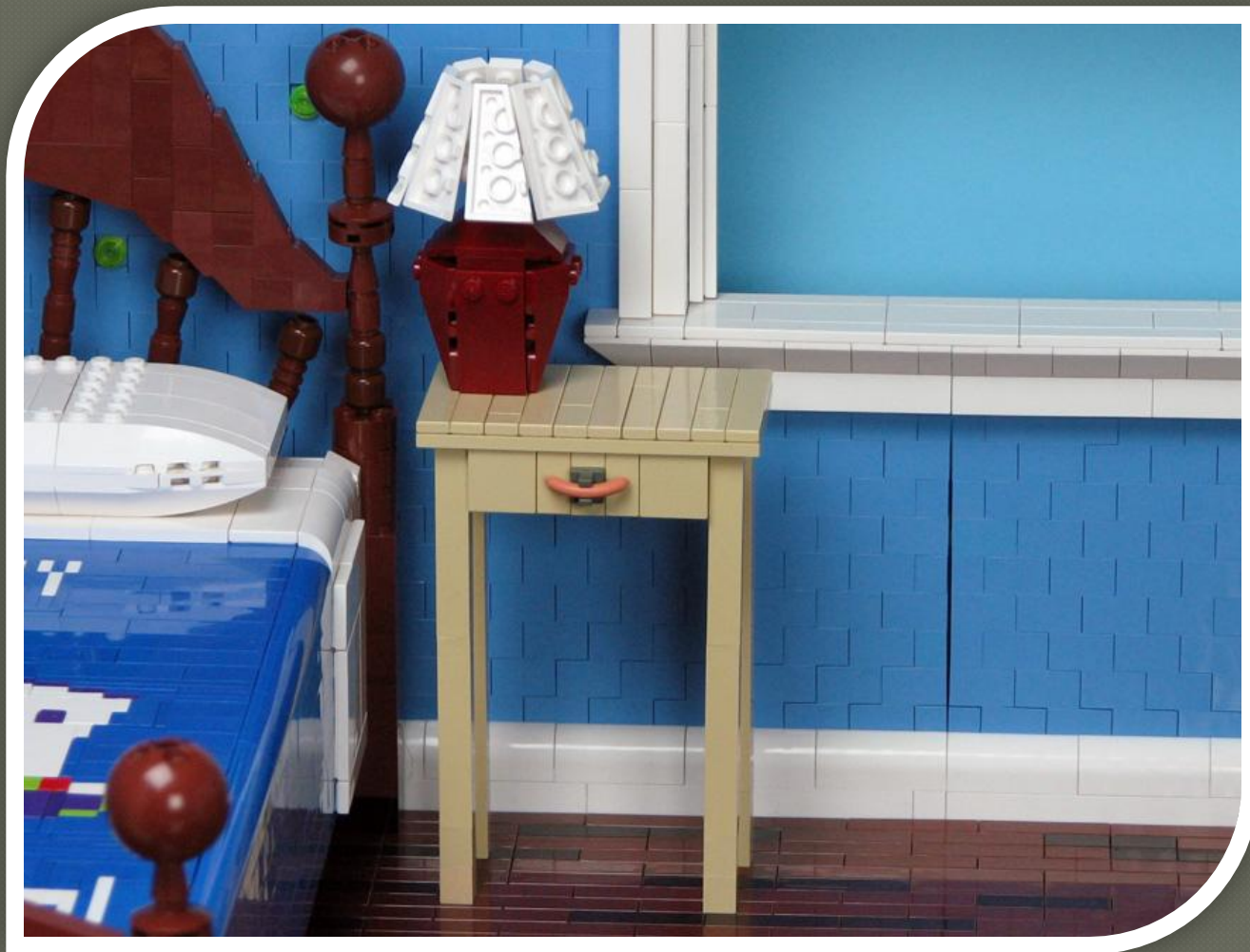


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Hot Dog



Night Stand
By Pepa Quin



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Battle Droid Head



CubeDude vignette - Reebo and Snootles

By Larry Lars



Mixing Themes

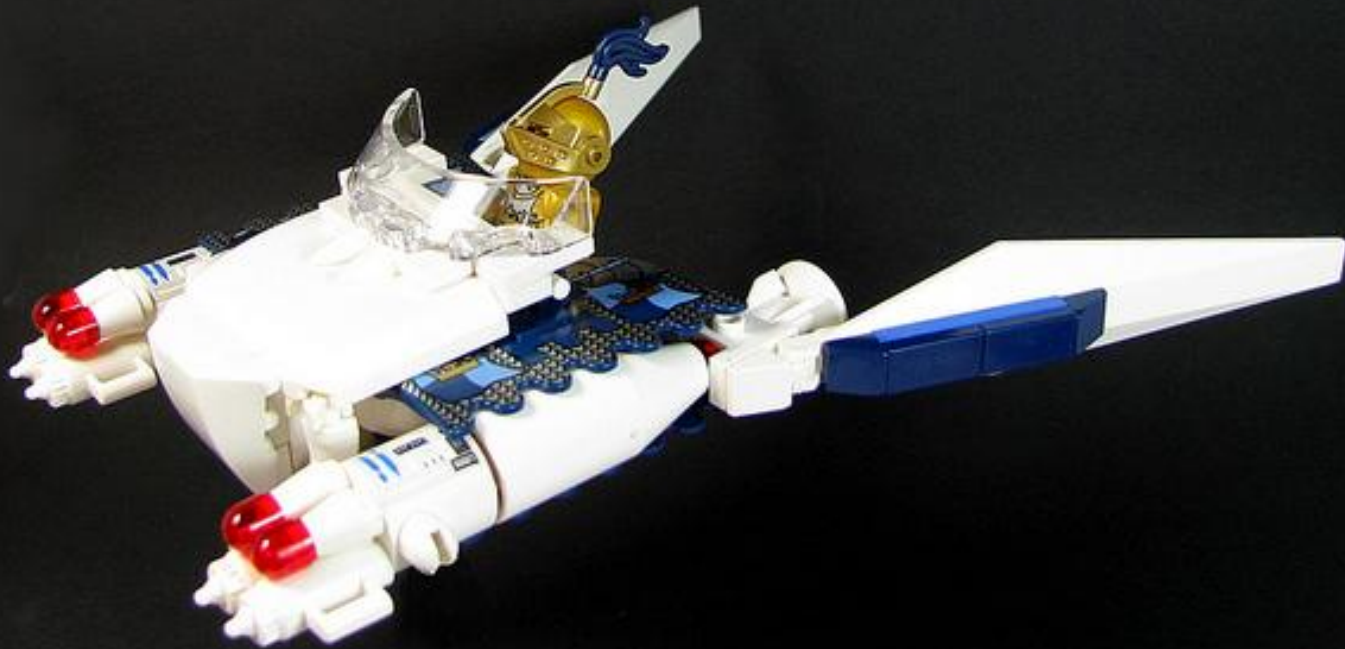
- ◉ Combine parts from the different LEGO lines – it's fun and more useful than you'd think.
 - Bionicle / Hero Factory
 - Belville
 - Scala
 - Fabuland
 - Ben-10

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Scala Baby Bottle



Cloud King
By Karf Oou



NPU CHALLENGE Belville Suitcase



Doozer
By Chris Doyle



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Bionicle Nocturn



Fire and Ice

By mondayn00dle



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Ben-10
Swampfire



Ben 10 Dragon

By nolnet



LEGO Games

- ◉ MicroFigure help create a new scale
- ◉ The die is a great connection point (but not really NPU)
- ◉ But why stop with the obvious pieces?

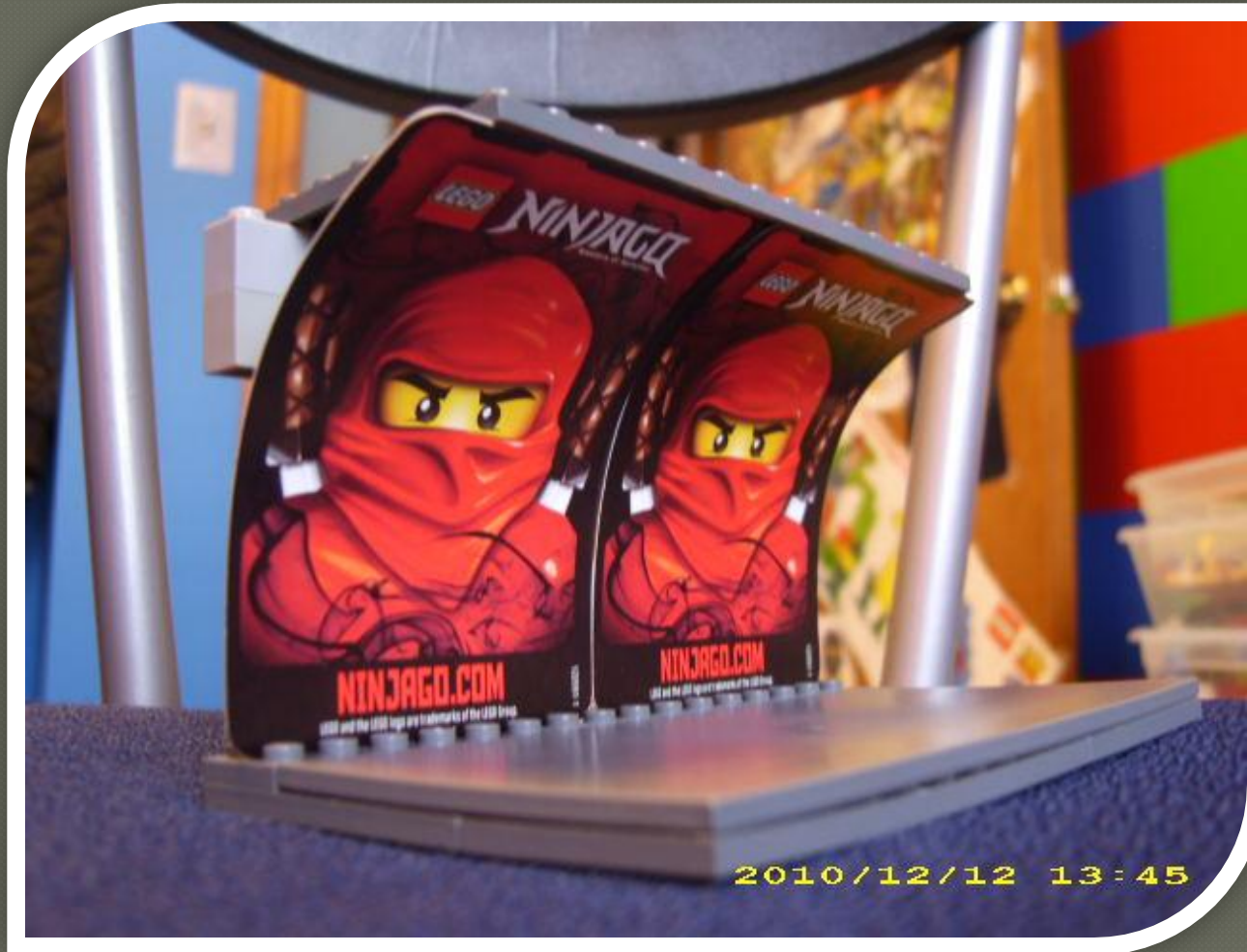
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Ninjago Trading Cards



NinjaGo Subway

By Gavyn Rogers 2.0



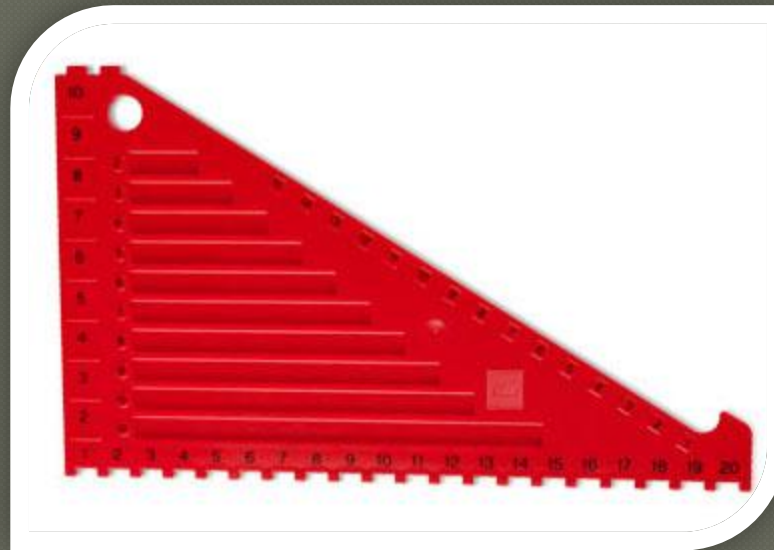
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Looking beyond the sets

- ◉ LEGO Gear and Tools
- ◉ LEGO Packaging
- ◉ Sprues and castoff bits

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LEGO Ruler



S.S. Barnicle
By monsterbrick



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Random bits of plastic

- The parts that hold 1x1 rounds together
- The ring on that tool disc
- Rubber band holder

- Please pretend there's a photo of a bit of plastic here.

Shelves

By Pepa Quin

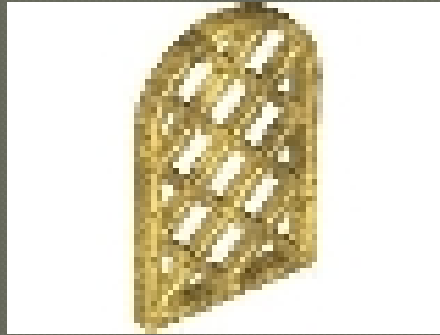


And that's just a few examples

- ◉ Go out and look for NPU in the awesome models and creations out in the ballrooms!
- ◉ Build some of your own!

It's YOUR TURN

- What will YOU do with this part????



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YOU!

And that's the end.

- Any questions?