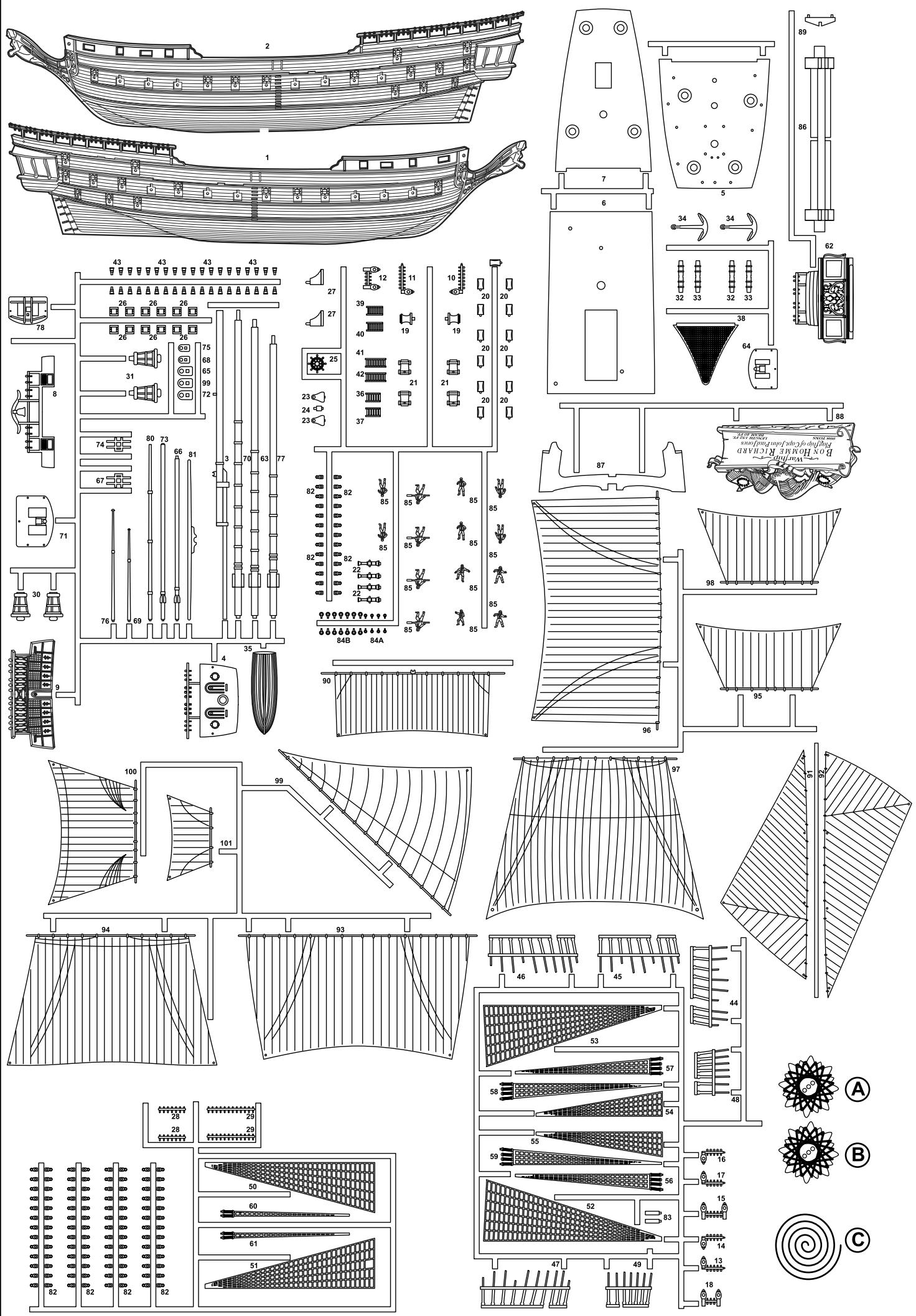


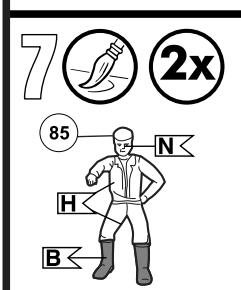
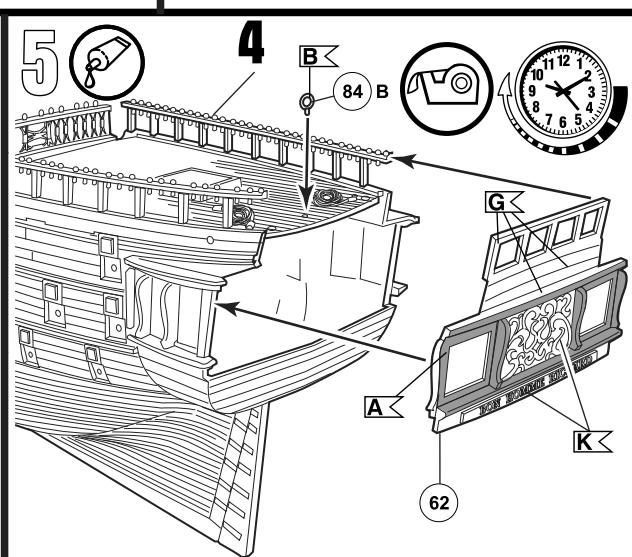
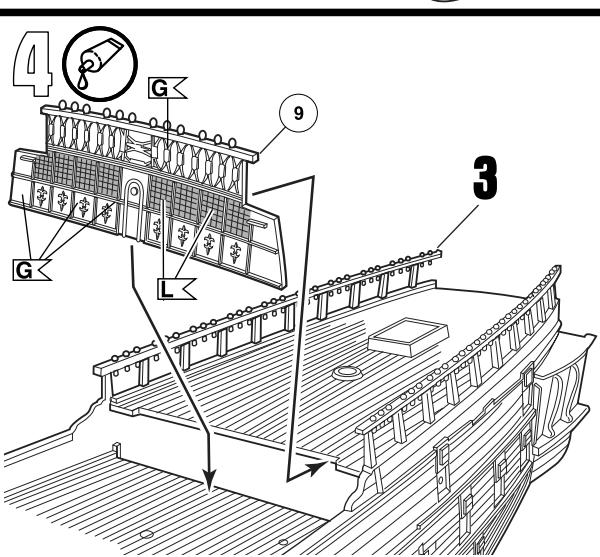
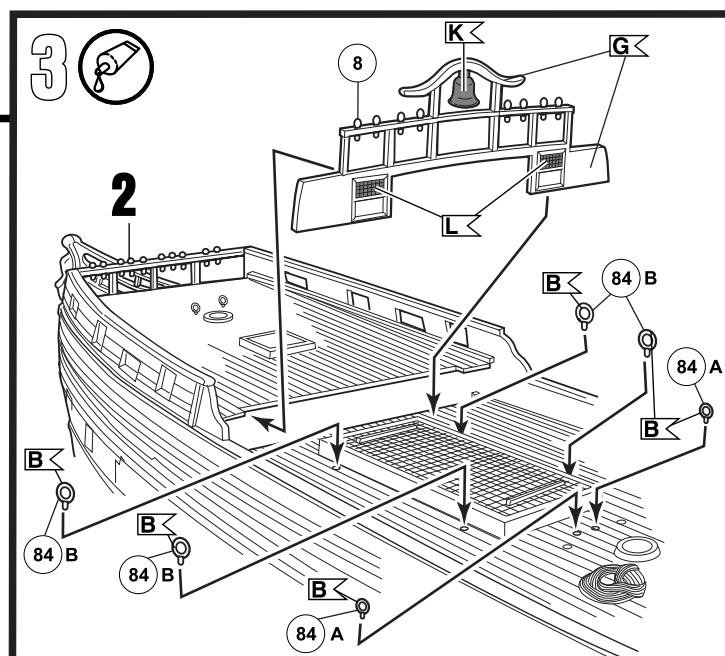
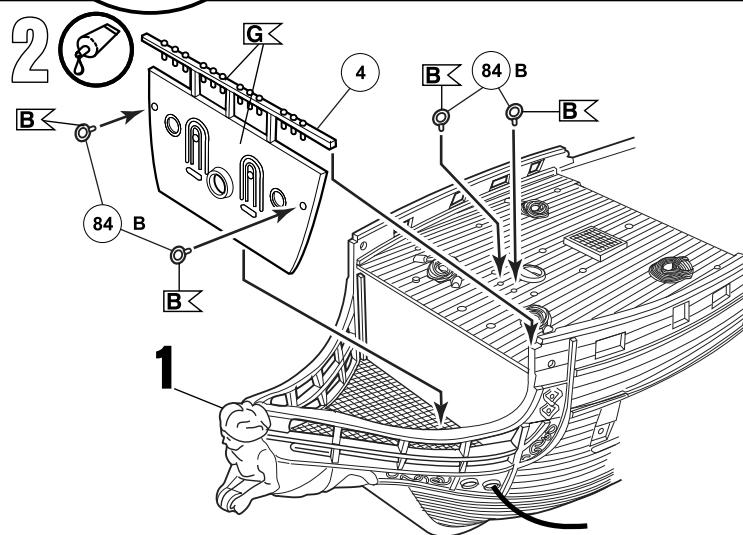
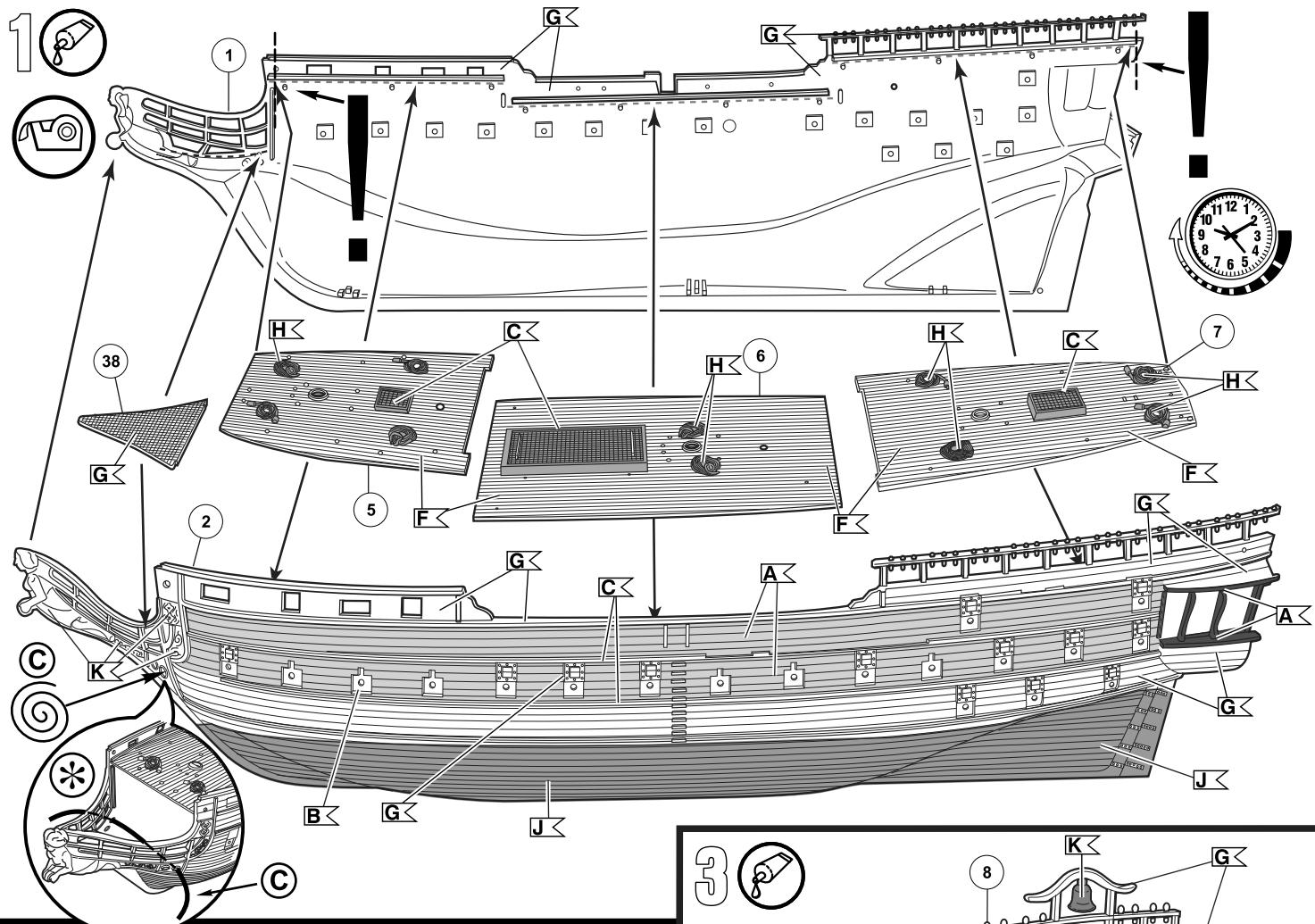
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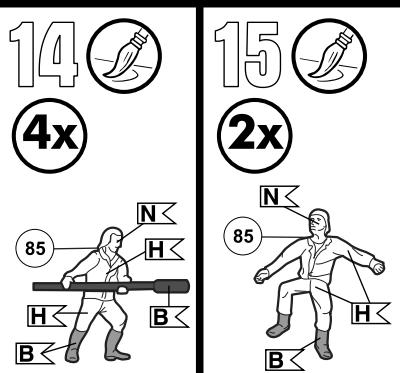
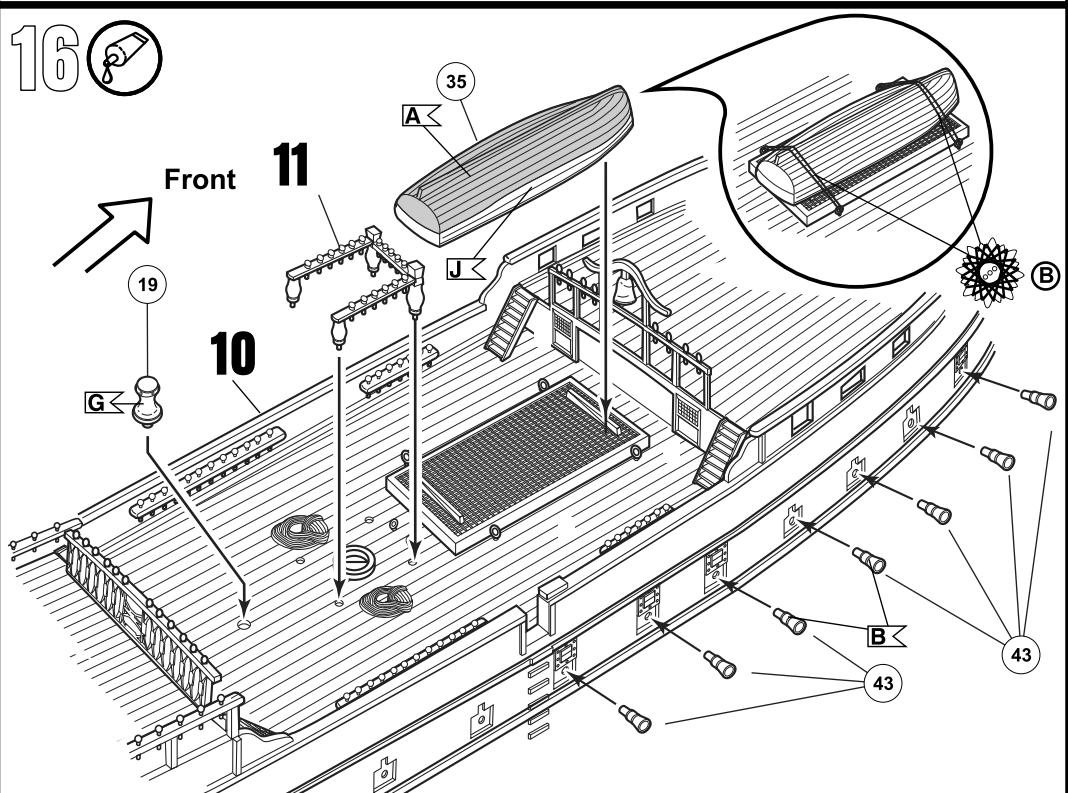
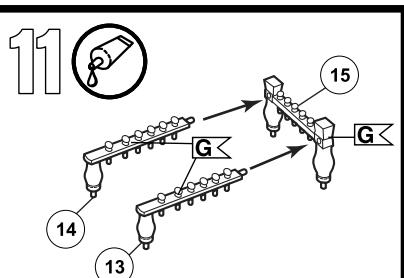
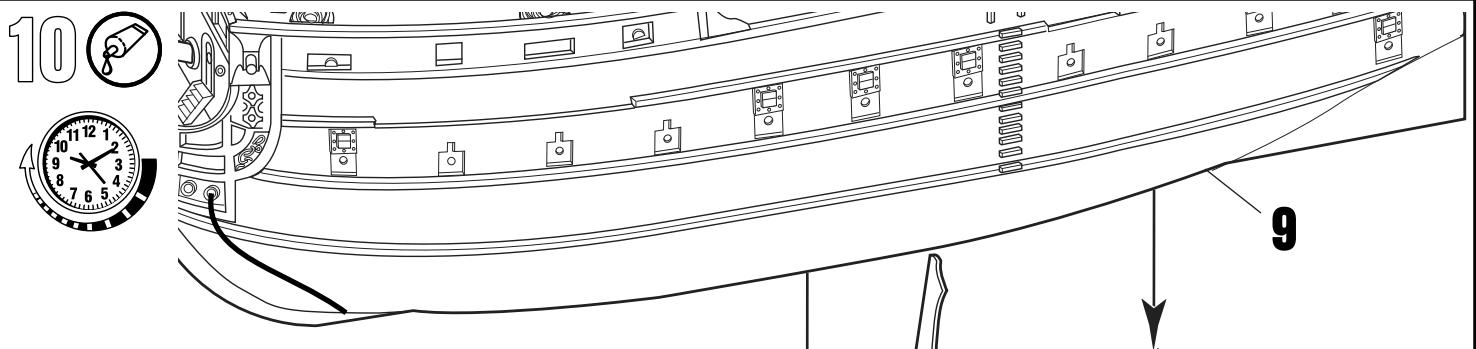
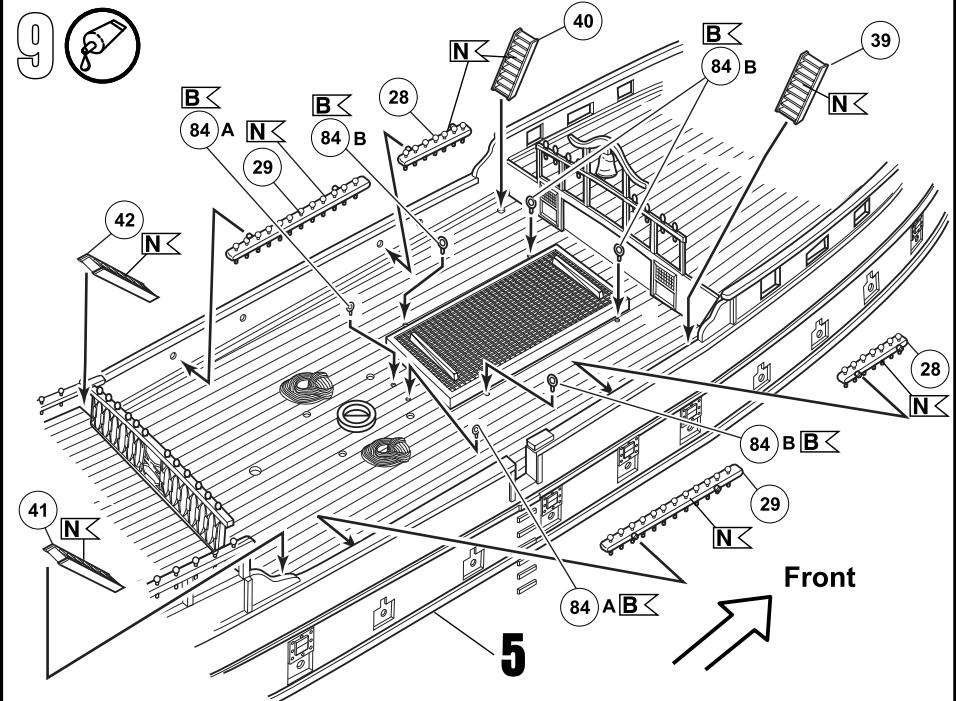
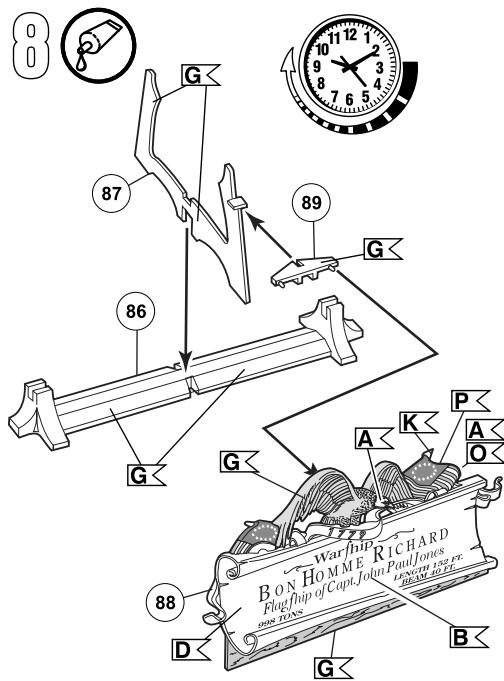
Die „U.S.S. Bon Homme Richard“ war ursprünglich ein Handelsschiff der französischen Ostindienkompanie, welches unter dem Namen „Duc de Duras“ für Fahrten zwischen Europa und Asien eingesetzt wurde. Am 4. Februar 1779 übergab König Ludwig XVI das Schiff an die USA. John Paul Jones, fortan Kapitän des Schiffes, ließ es zu einer Fregatte umbauen und nannte es zu Ehren Benjamin Franklin's „Bon Homme Richard“. Bekanntheit erreichte das Flaggschiff der Continental Navy durch die Seeschlacht bei Flamborough Head am 23. September 1779. Nach einem erbitterten Gefecht mit der englischen „H.M.S Serapis“, die zunächst überlegen war, gelangte es Jones durch einen strategischen Schachzug, diese außer Gefecht zu setzen. Trotz allen Rettungs-bemühungen sank die „Bon Homme Richard“. Jedoch führte der Sieg Jones dazu, dass die französische Krone den ehemaligen britischen Kolonien weiterhin Unterstützung gewährte. Obwohl vermutet wird, dass das Schiff in etwa 30 Meter Tiefe vor Flamborough Head (Yorkshire, Nordengland) untergegangen ist, konnte das Wrack bis heute nicht gefunden werden.

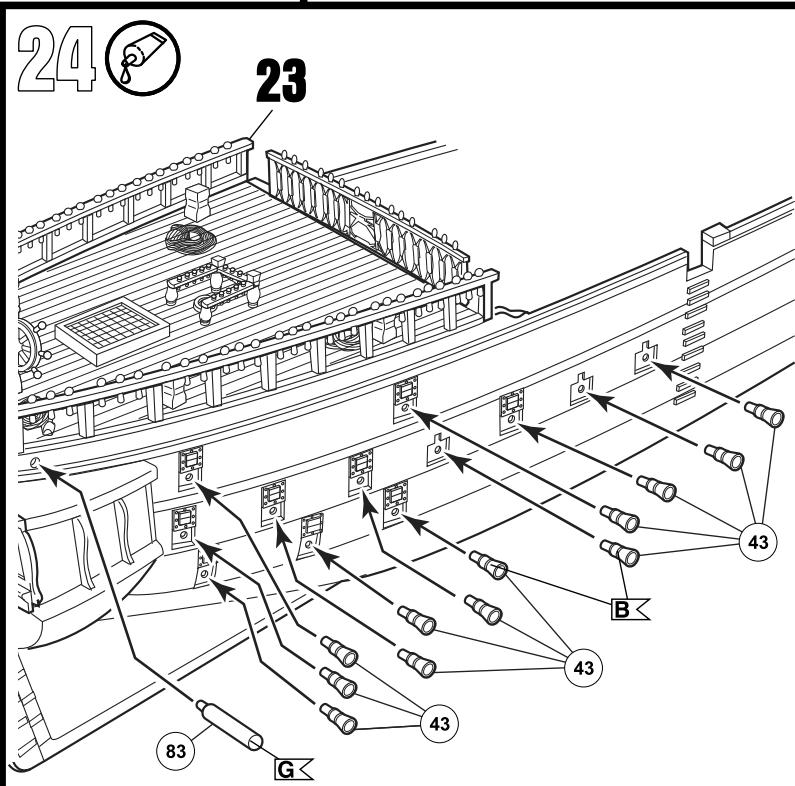
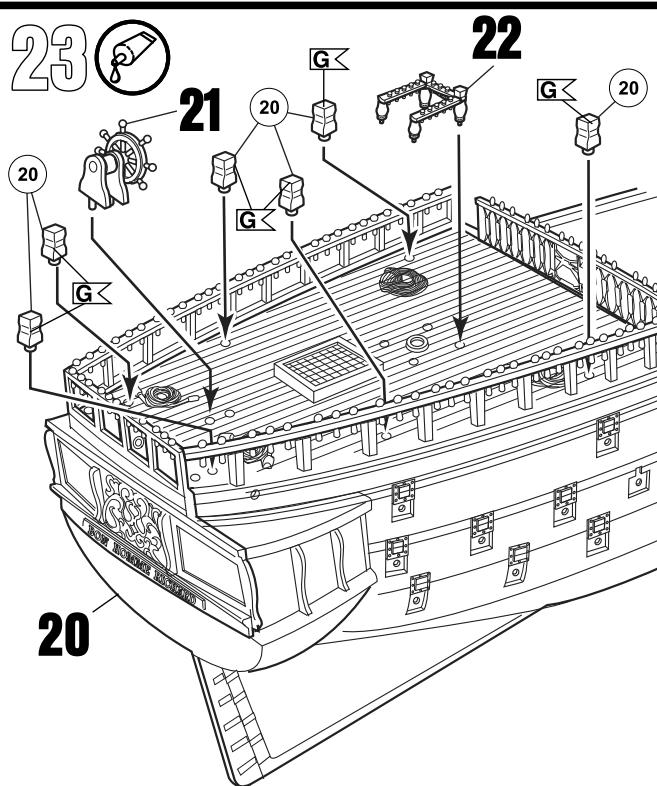
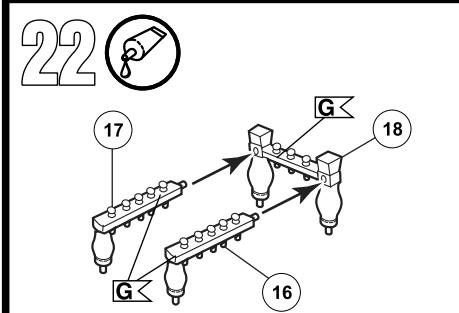
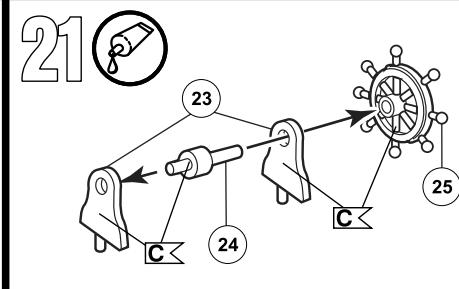
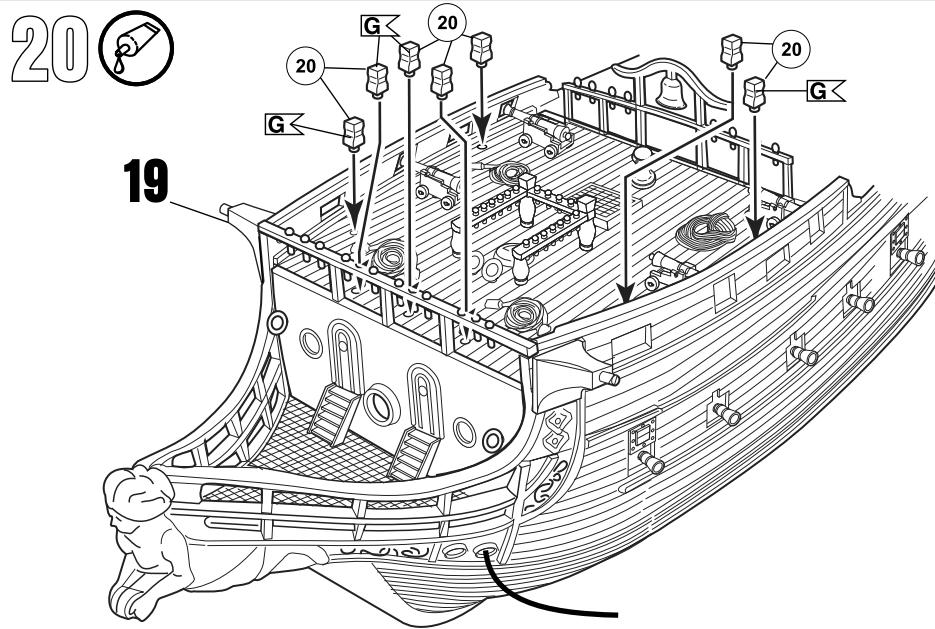
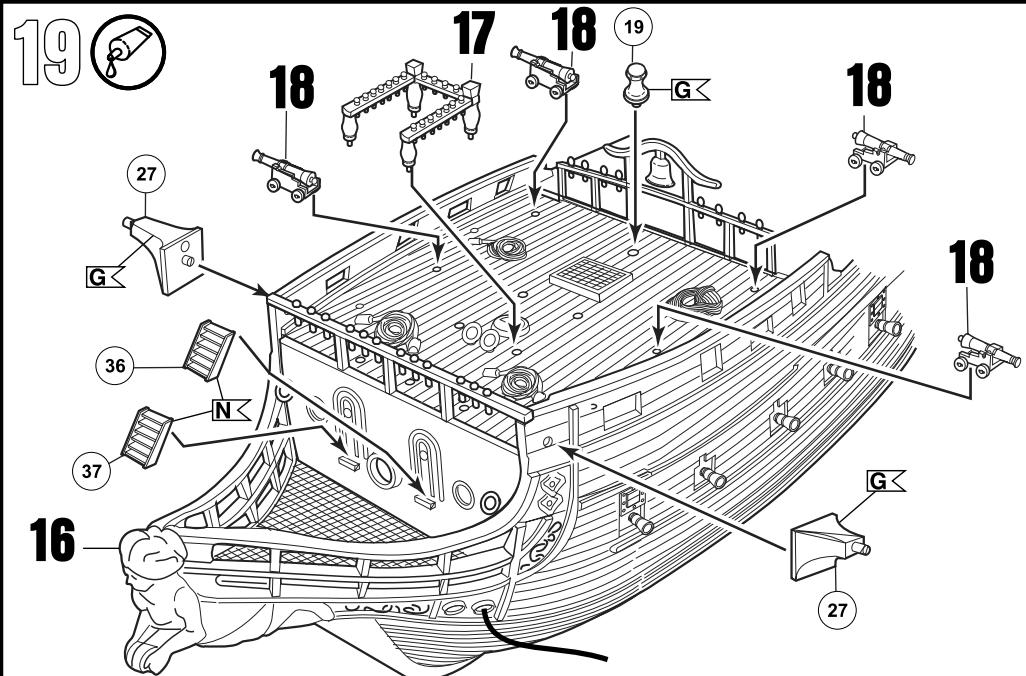
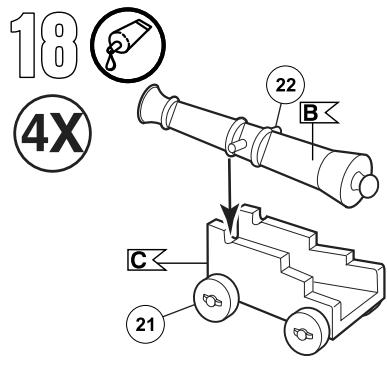
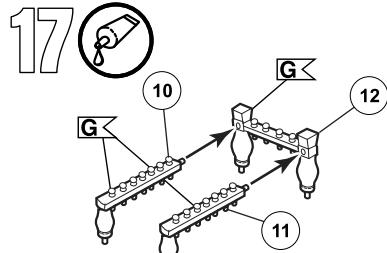
U.S.S. Bon Homme Richard

The U.S.S. "Bon Homme Richard" was originally a merchantman with the French East India Company, which voyaged between Europe and Asia under the name "Duc de Duras". On 4th February 1779 King Louis XVI handed over the ship to the USA. John Paul Jones, henceforward the captain of the ship, had her converted into a frigate and named in honour of Benjamin Franklin's "Bon Homme Richard". The flag ship of the Continental Navy achieved fame in the battle off Flamborough Head on 23rd September 1779. After a stubborn fight with the English "HMS Serapis", which had initial superiority, with a strategic manoeuvre, Jones succeeded in putting her out of action. Despite all efforts to save the "Bon Homme Richard" she sank. However Jones's victory caused the French crown to continue supporting the former British colony. Although it is assumed that the ship went down in about 30 metres of water off Flamborough Head (Yorkshire), the wreck has never been found.

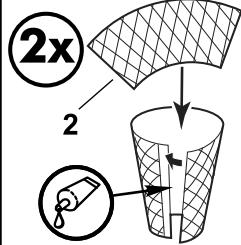




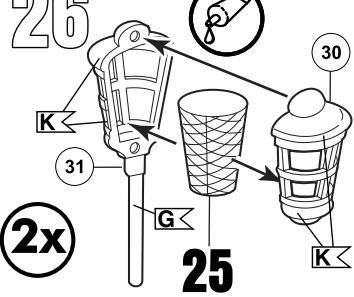




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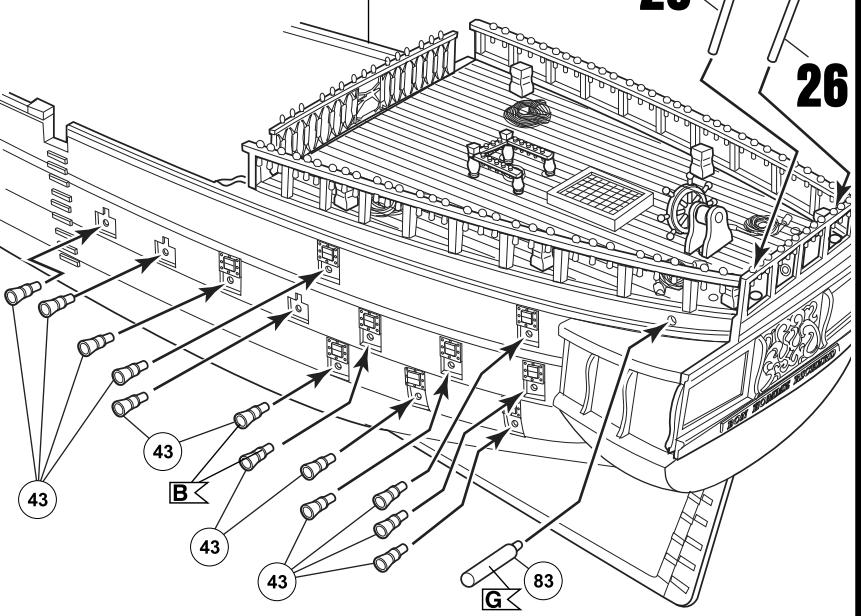
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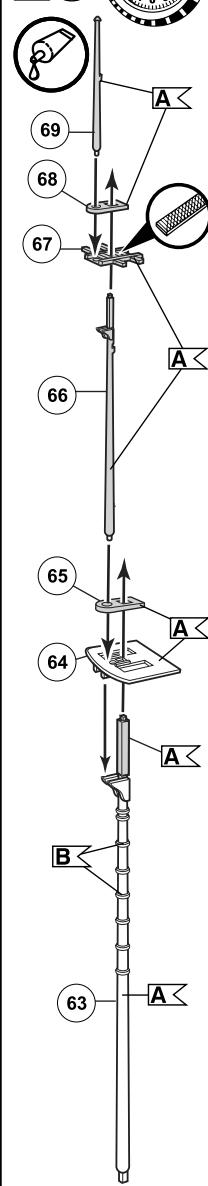
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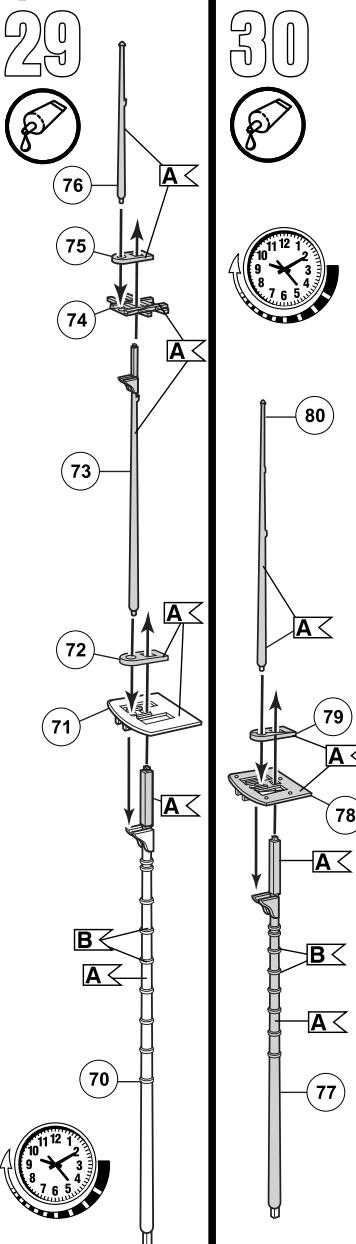
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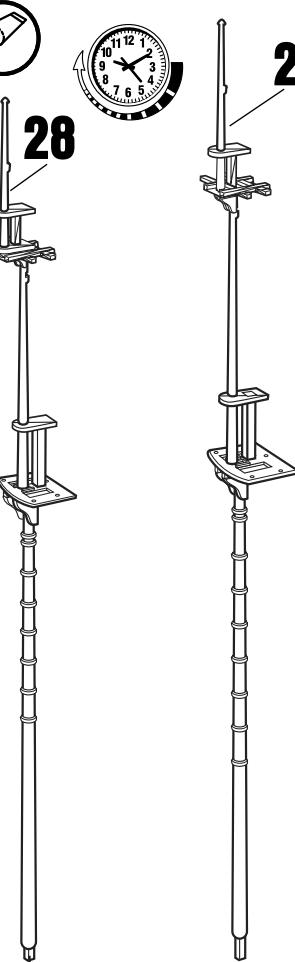
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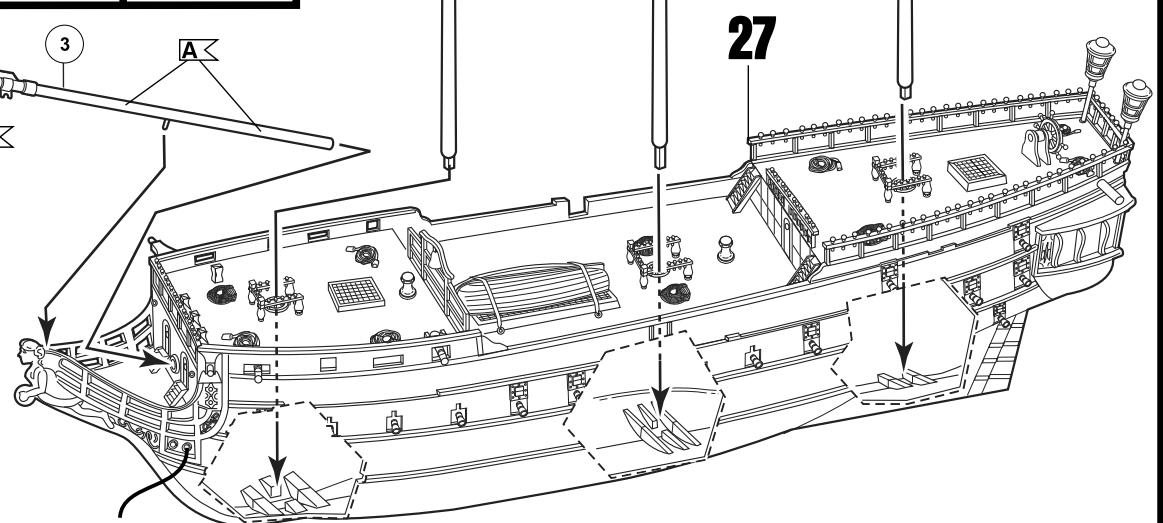
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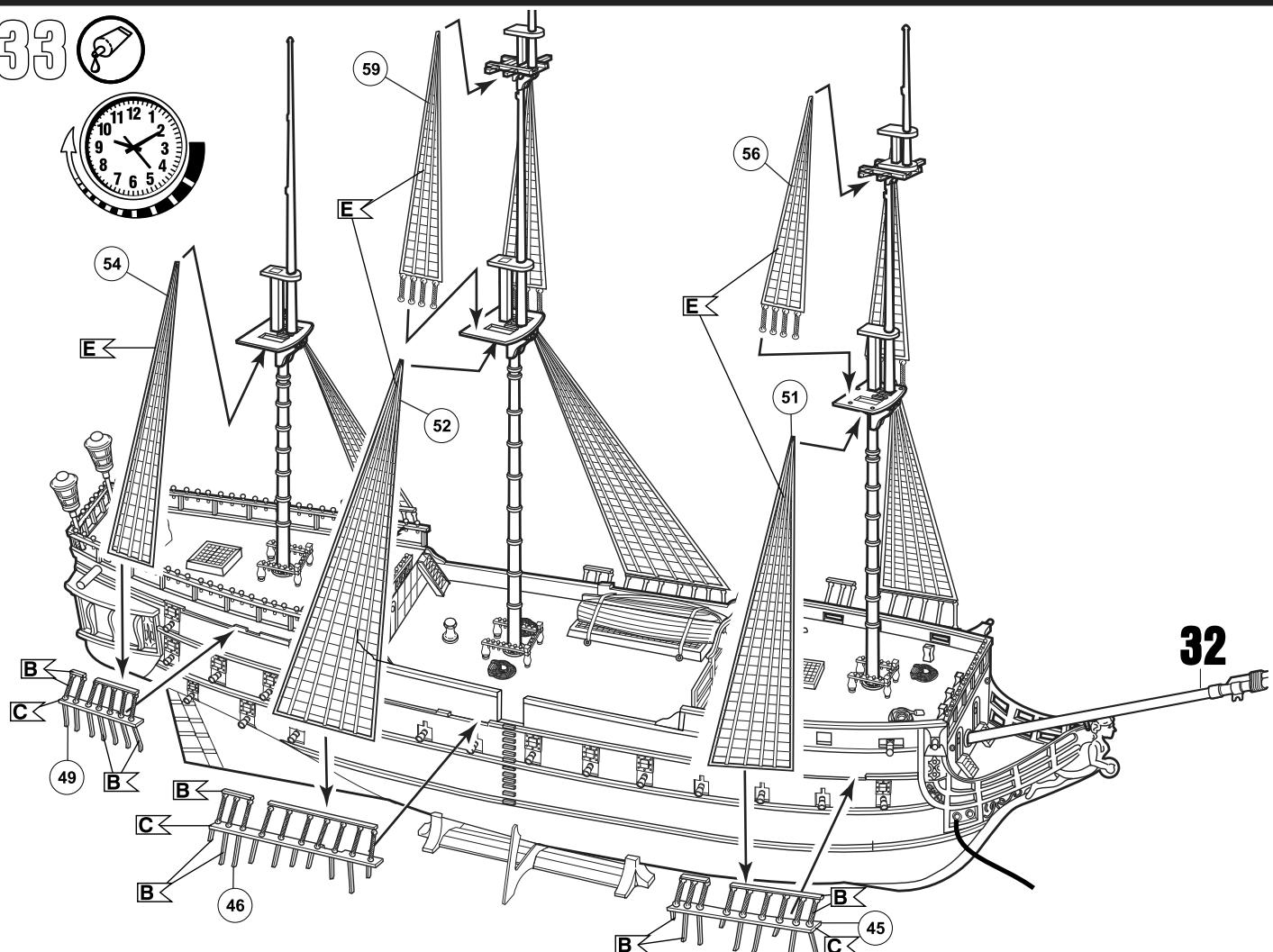
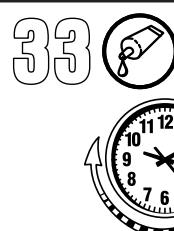
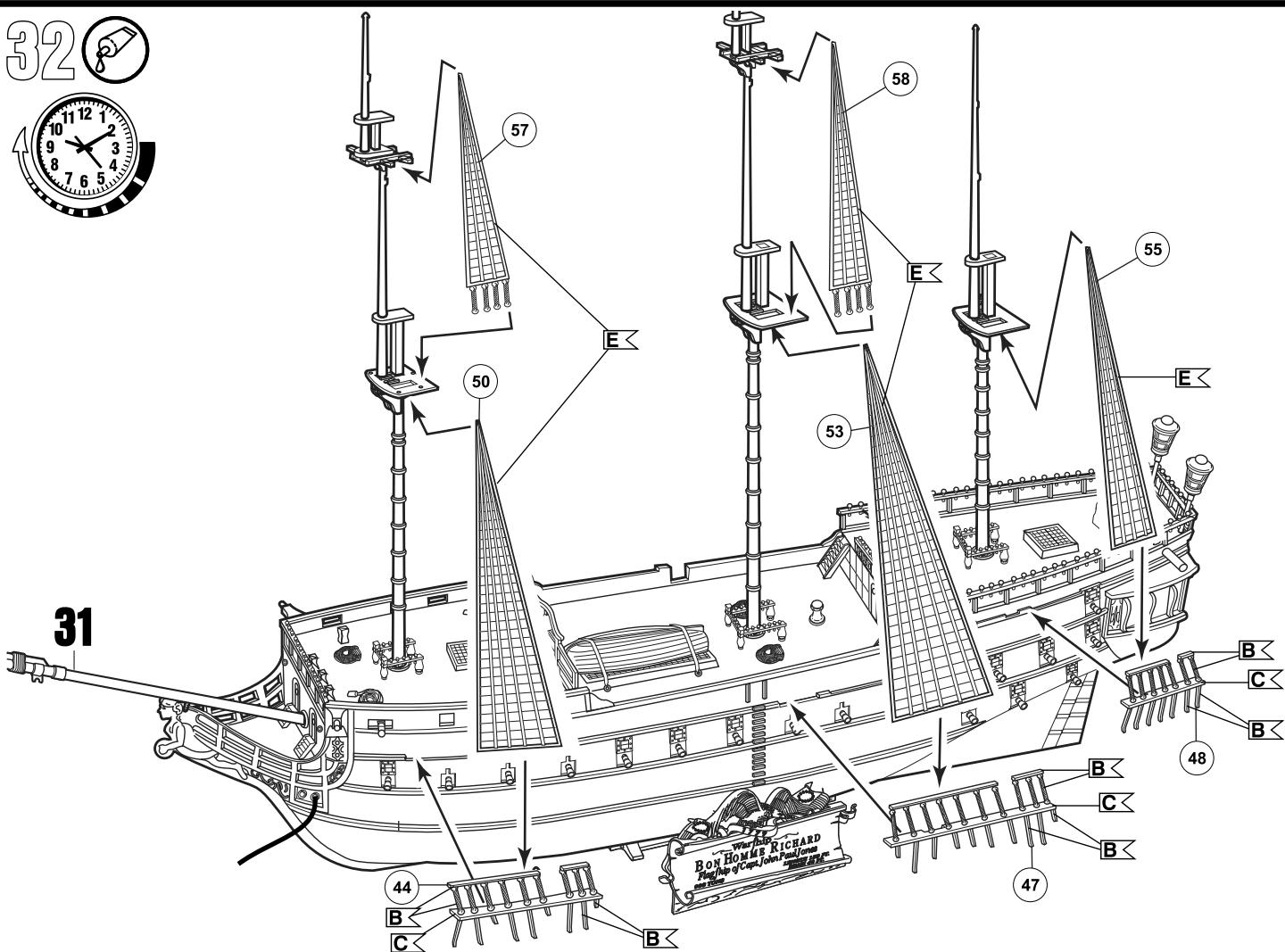


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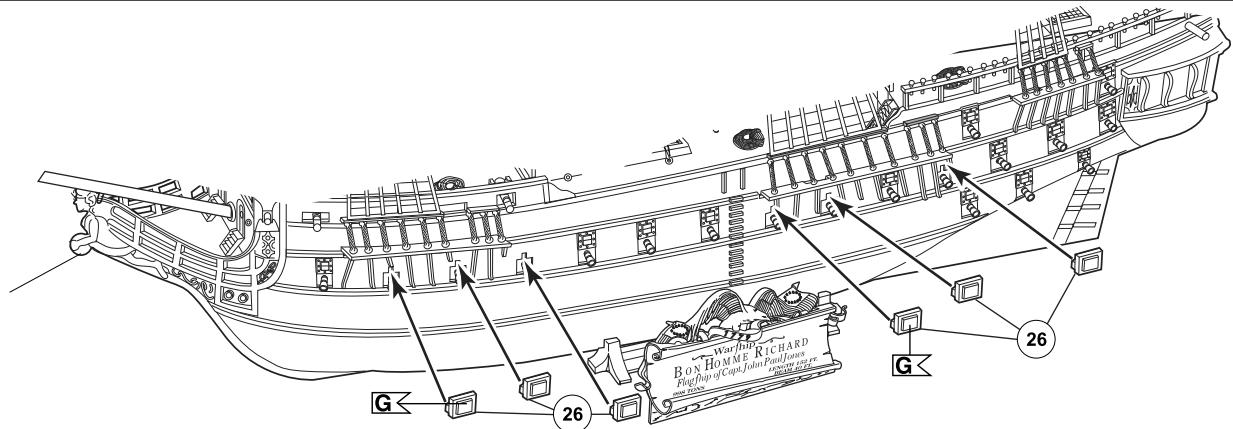


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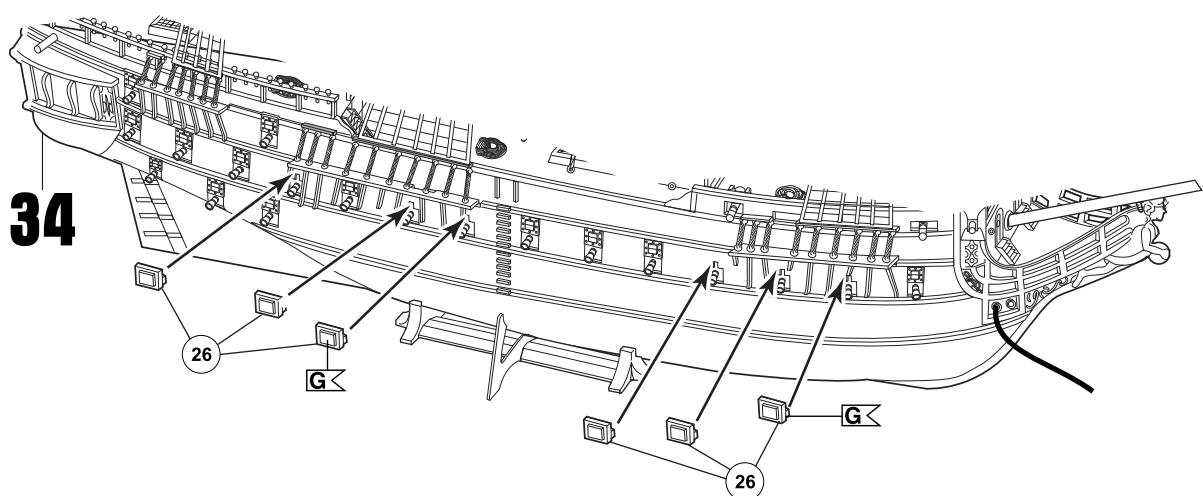




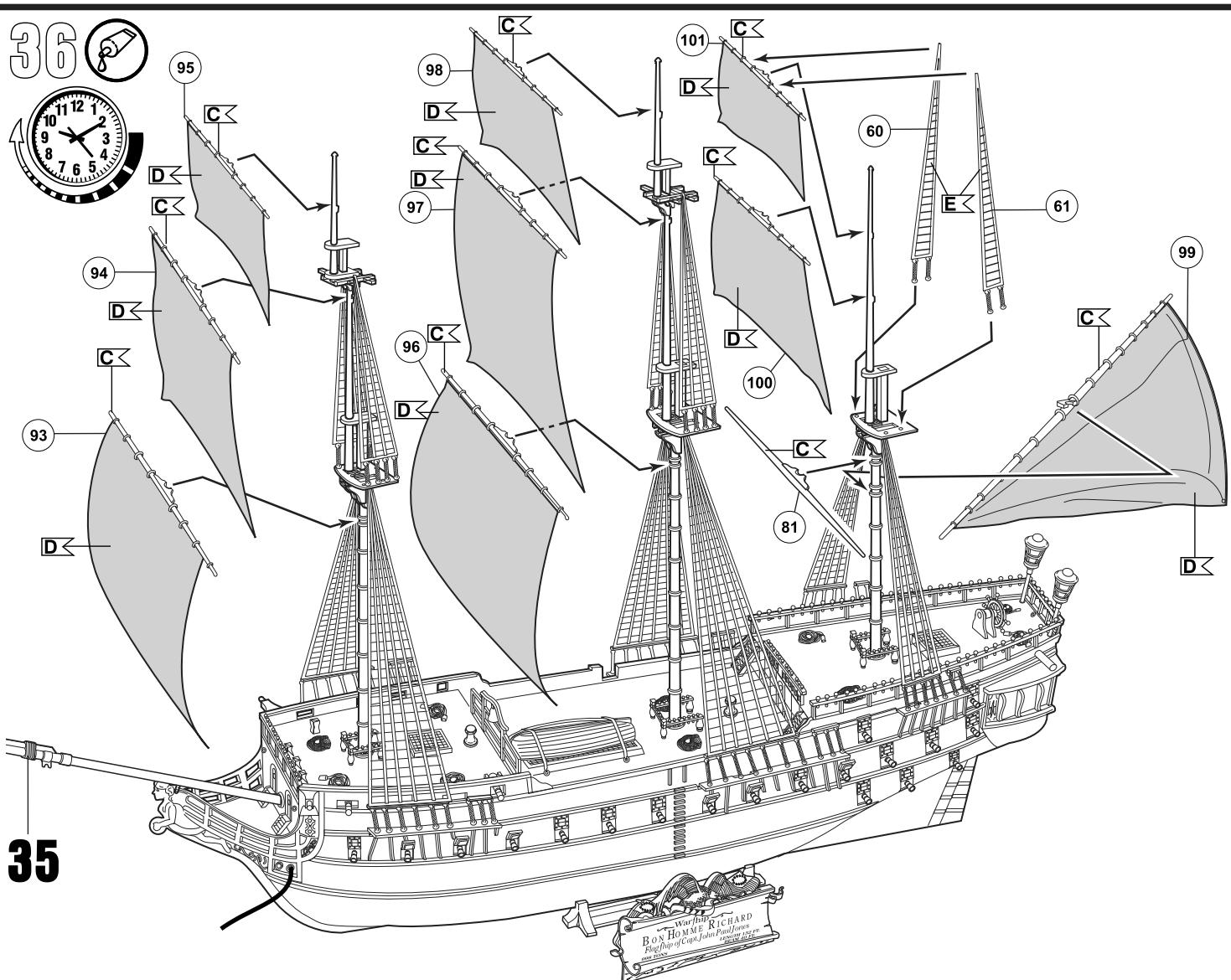
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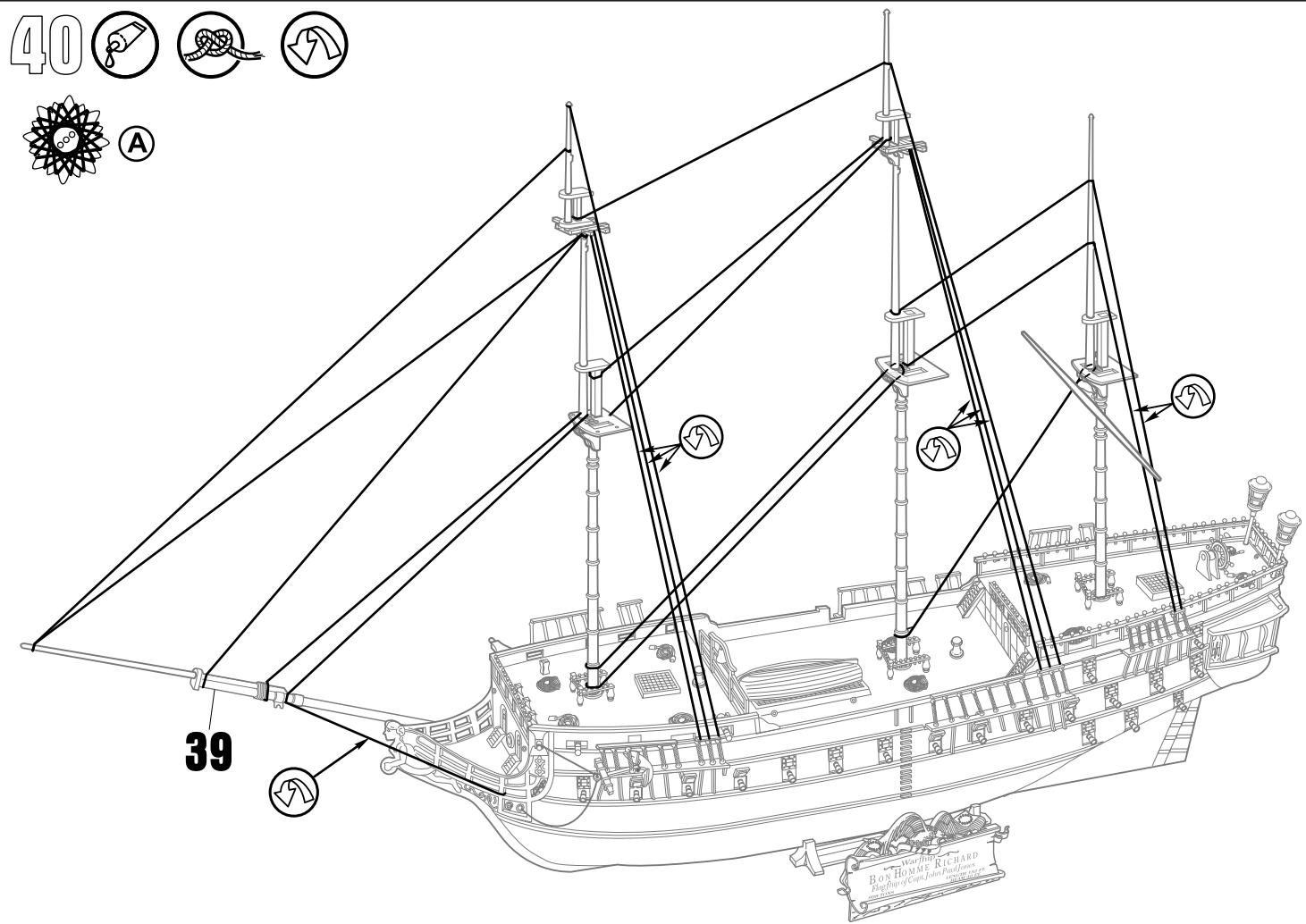
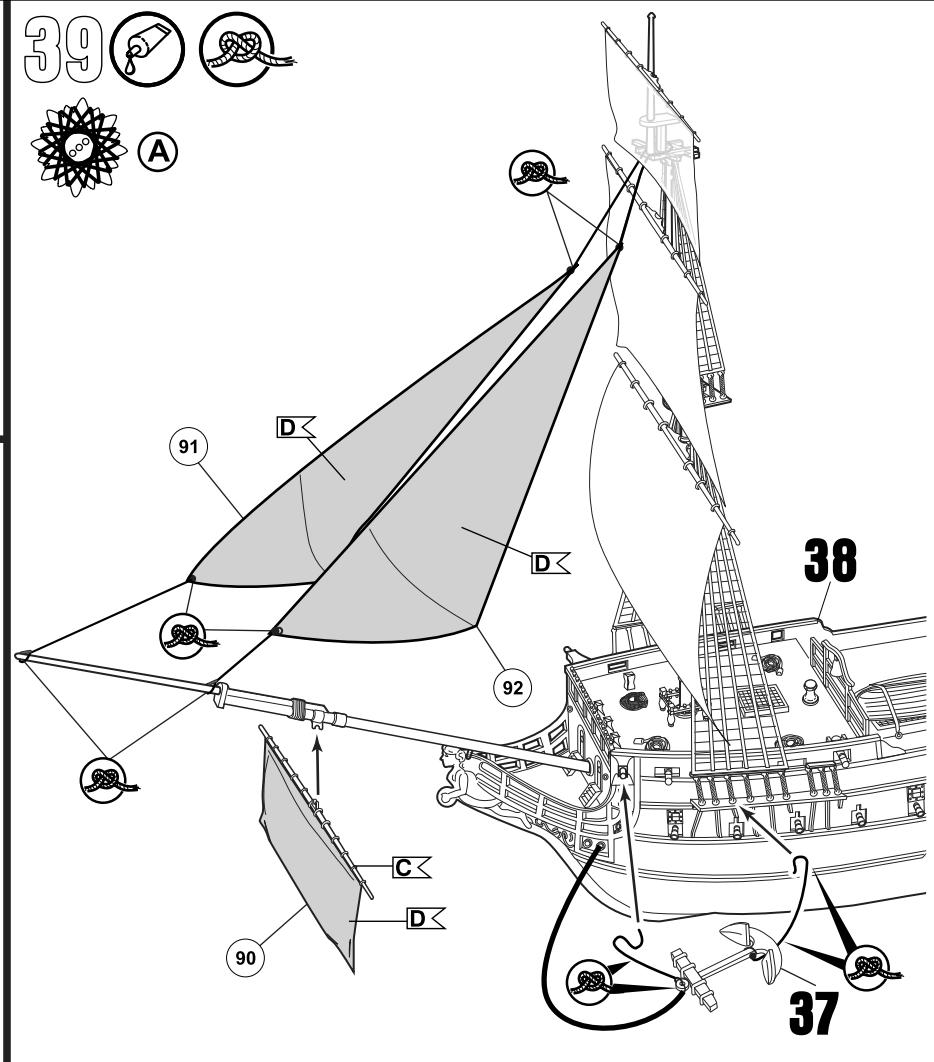
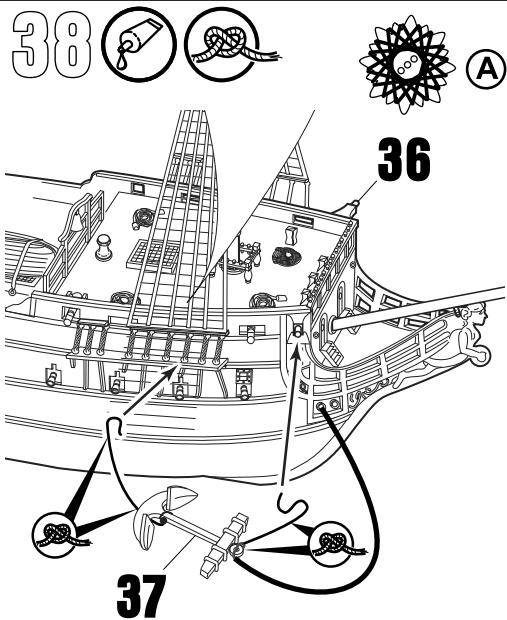
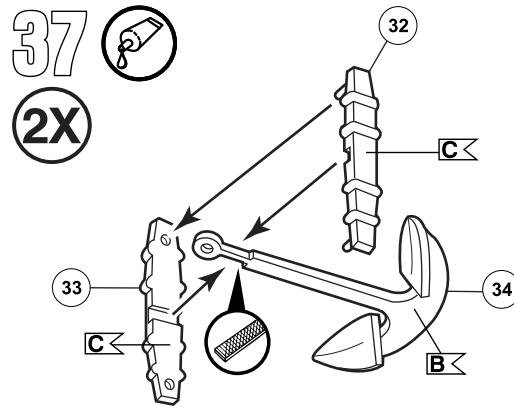
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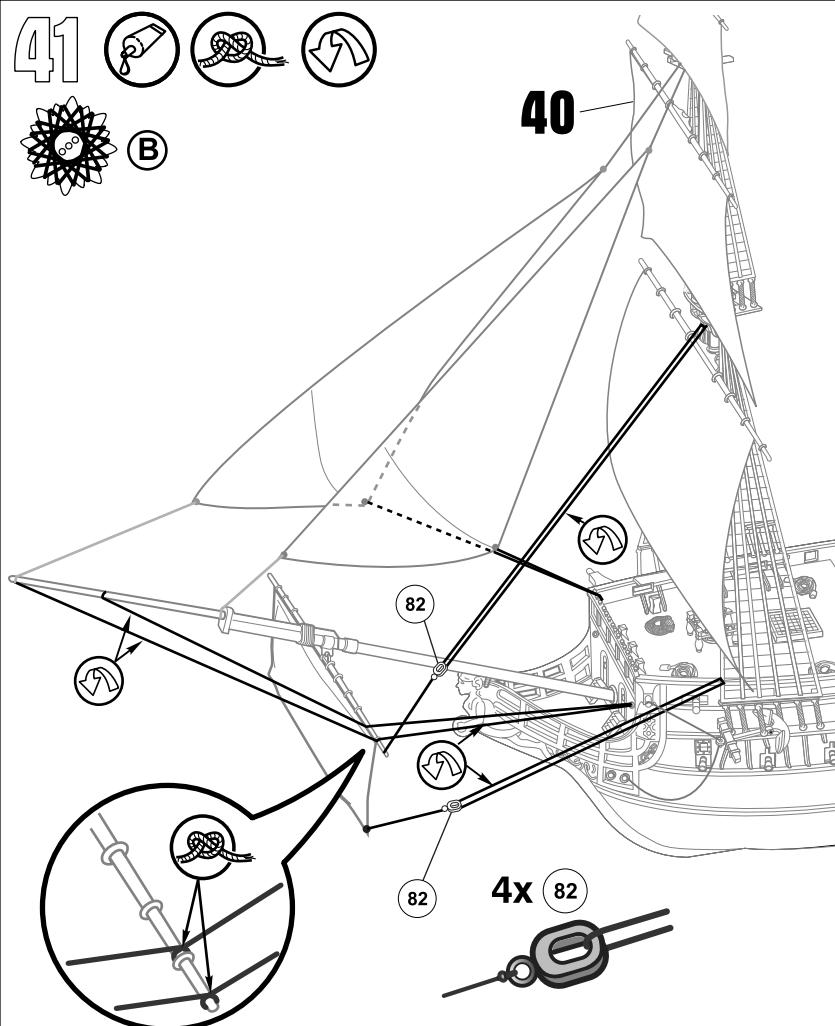
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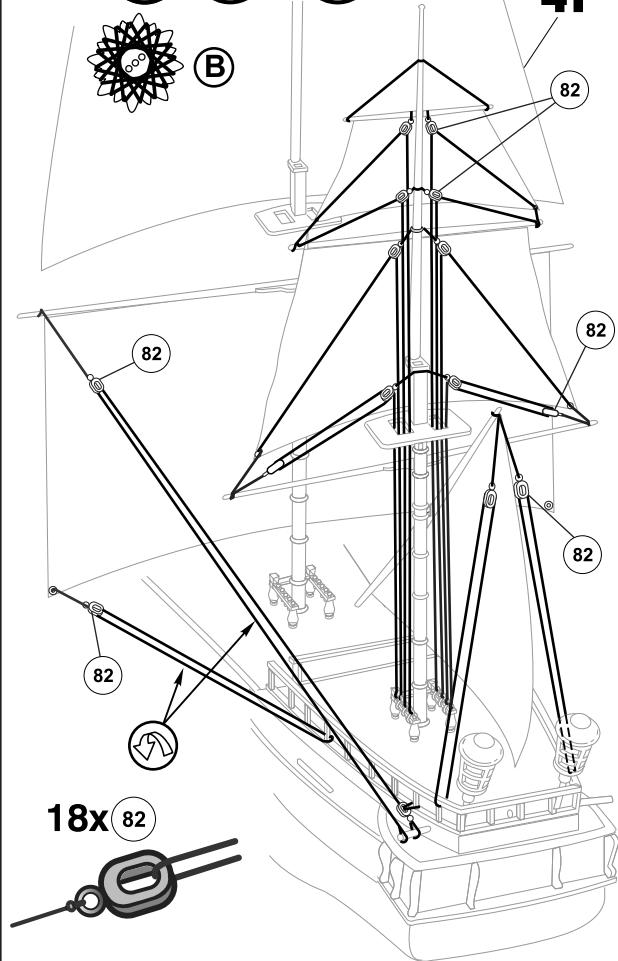


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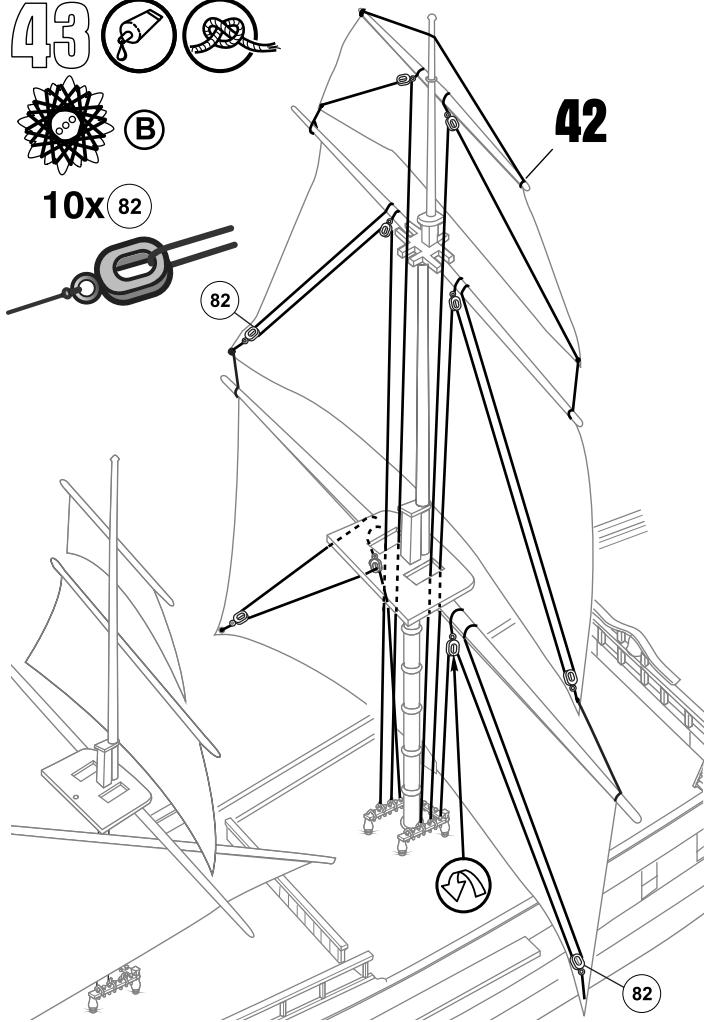
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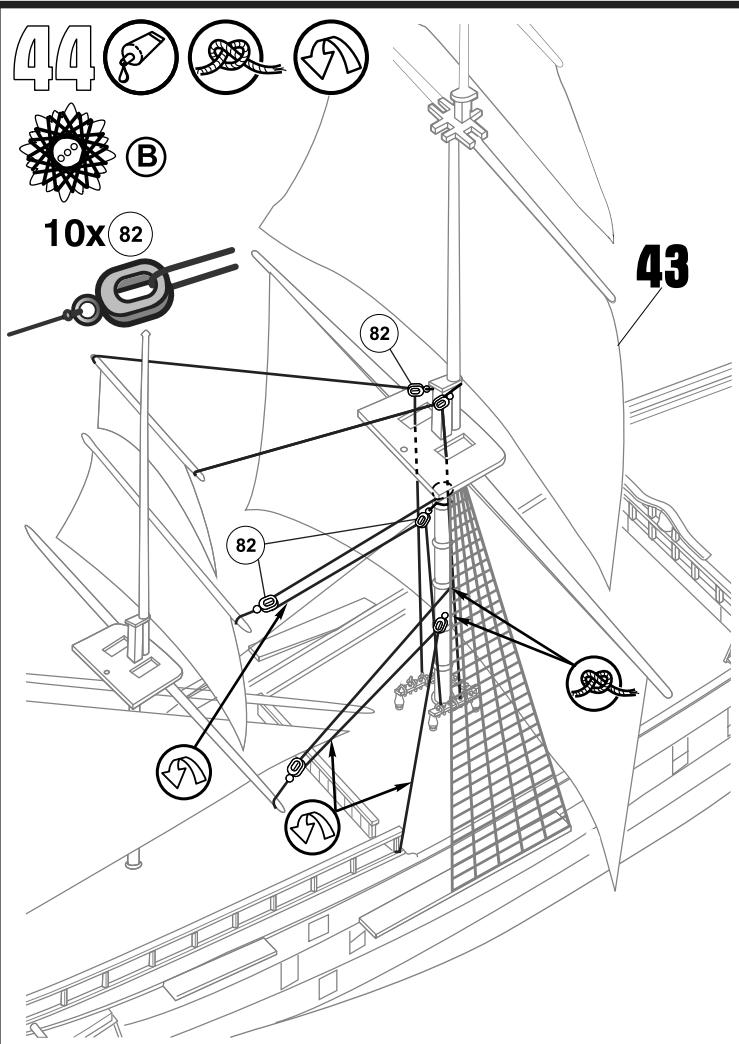
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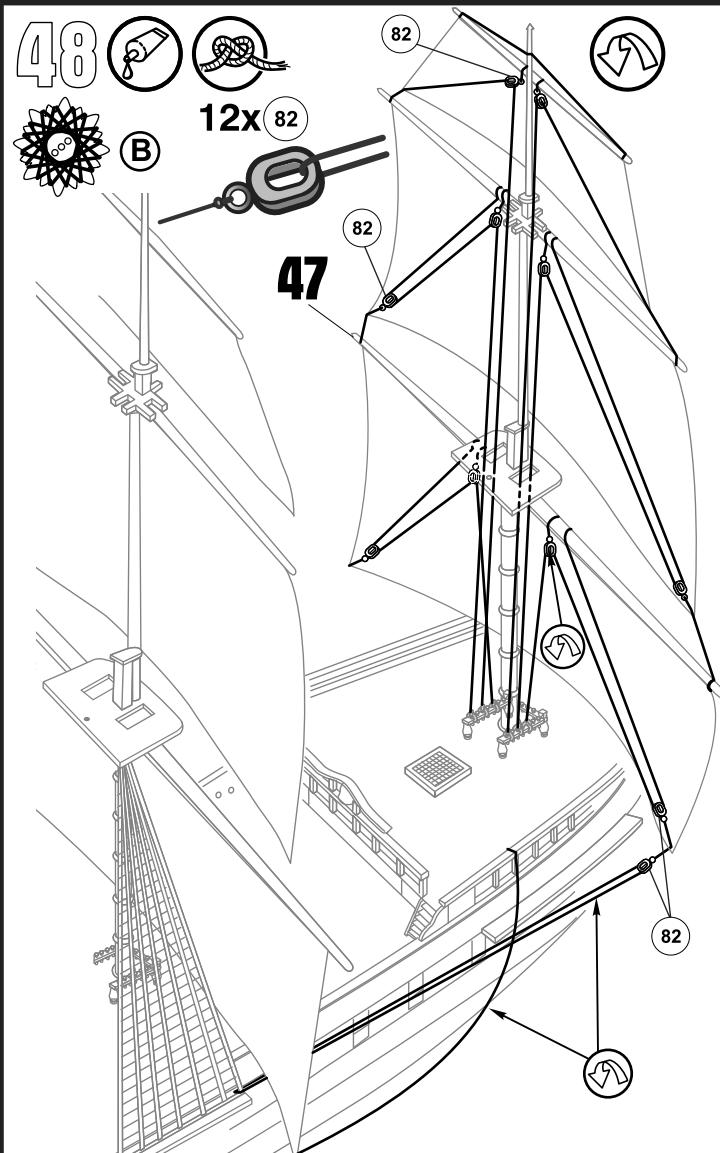
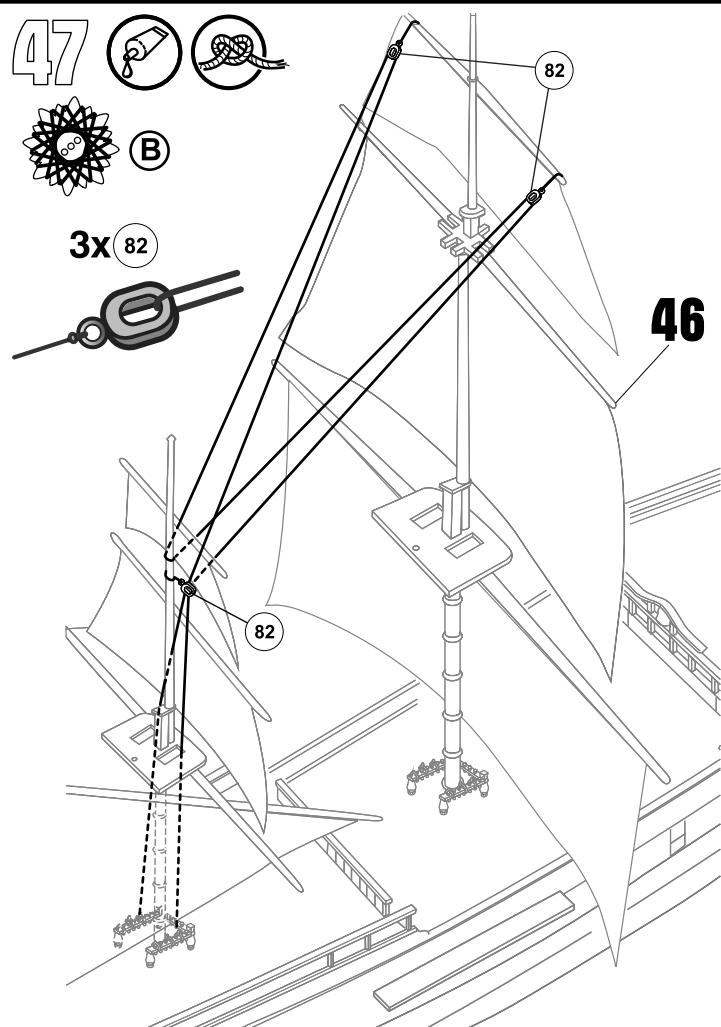
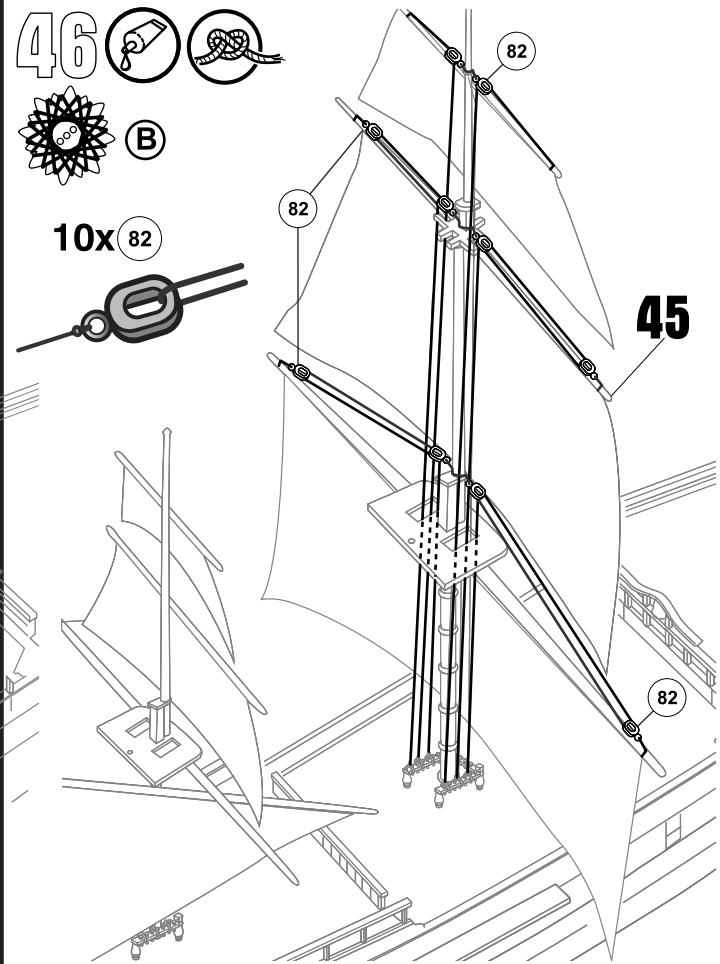
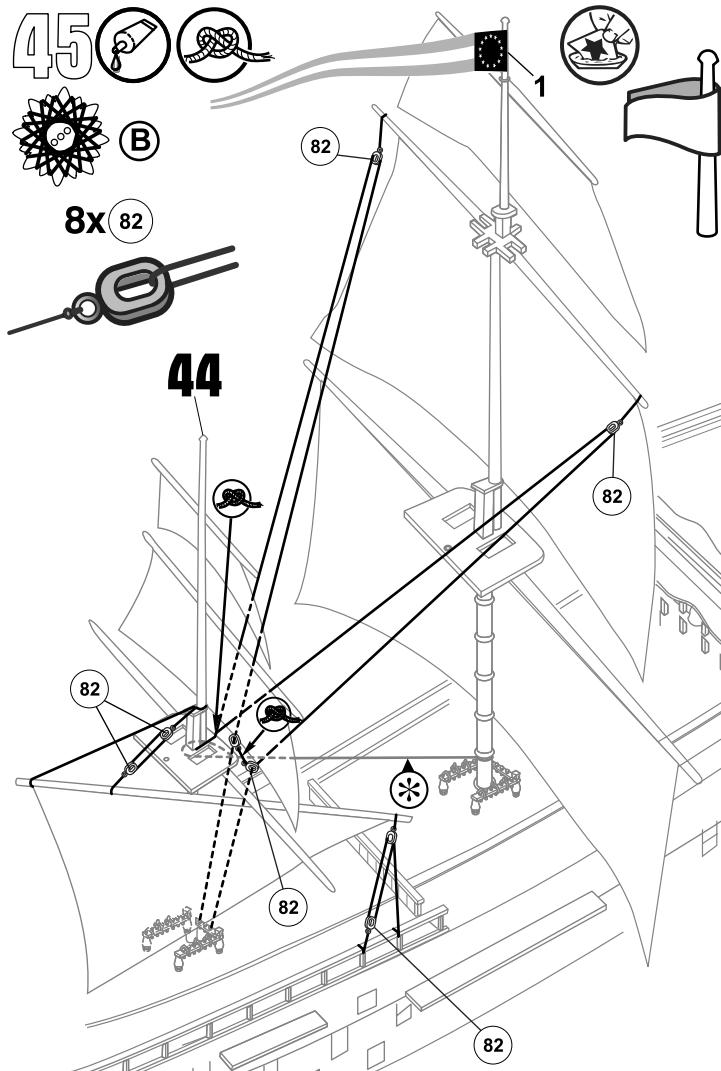
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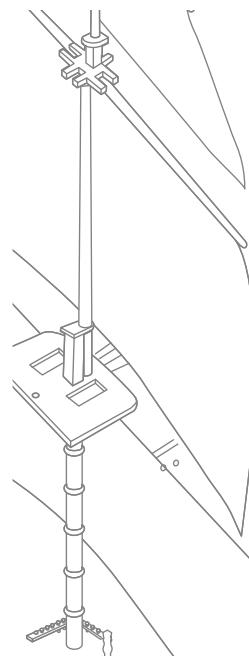
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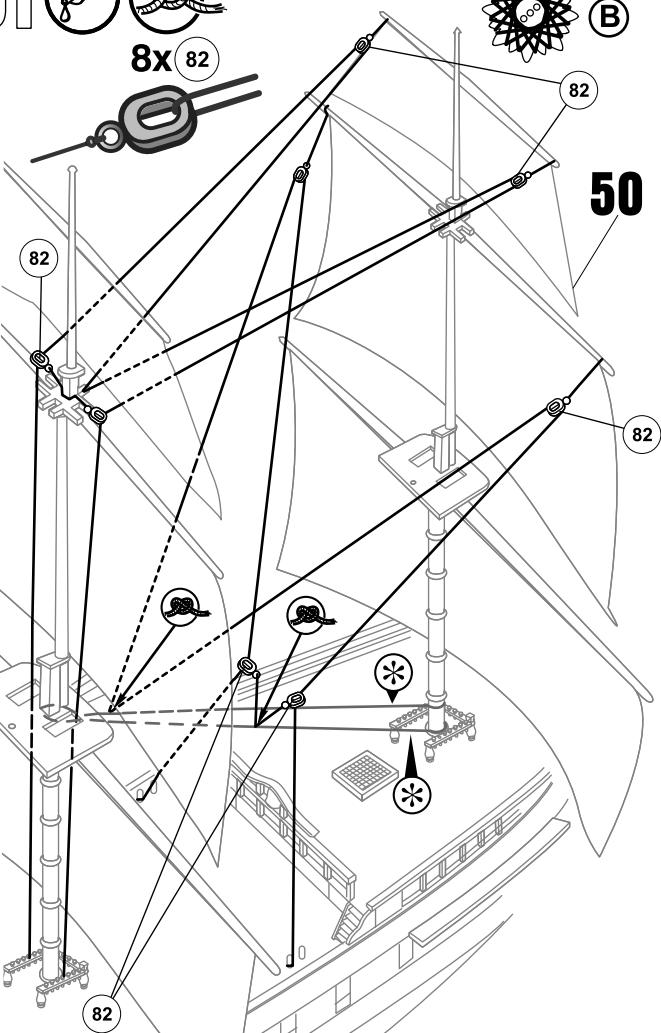
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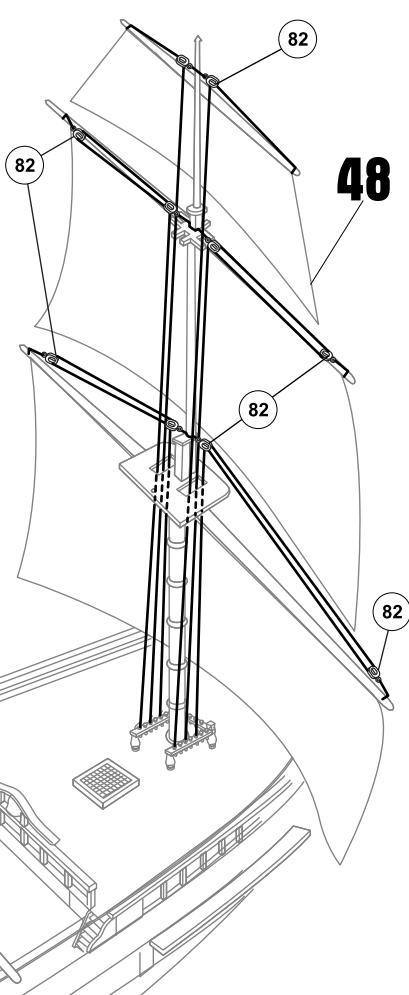
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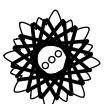
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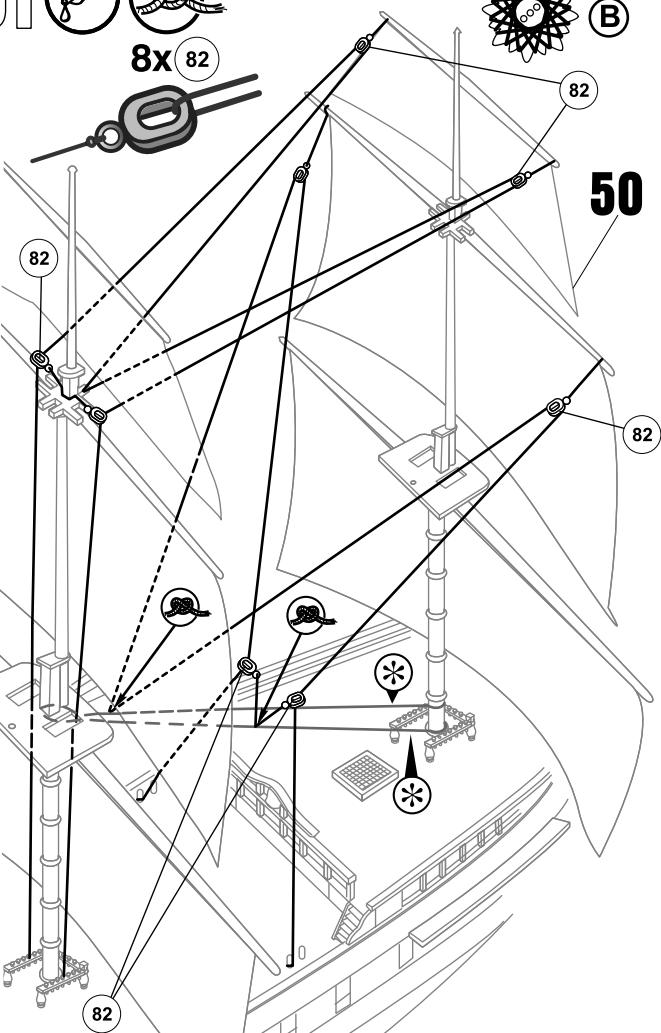
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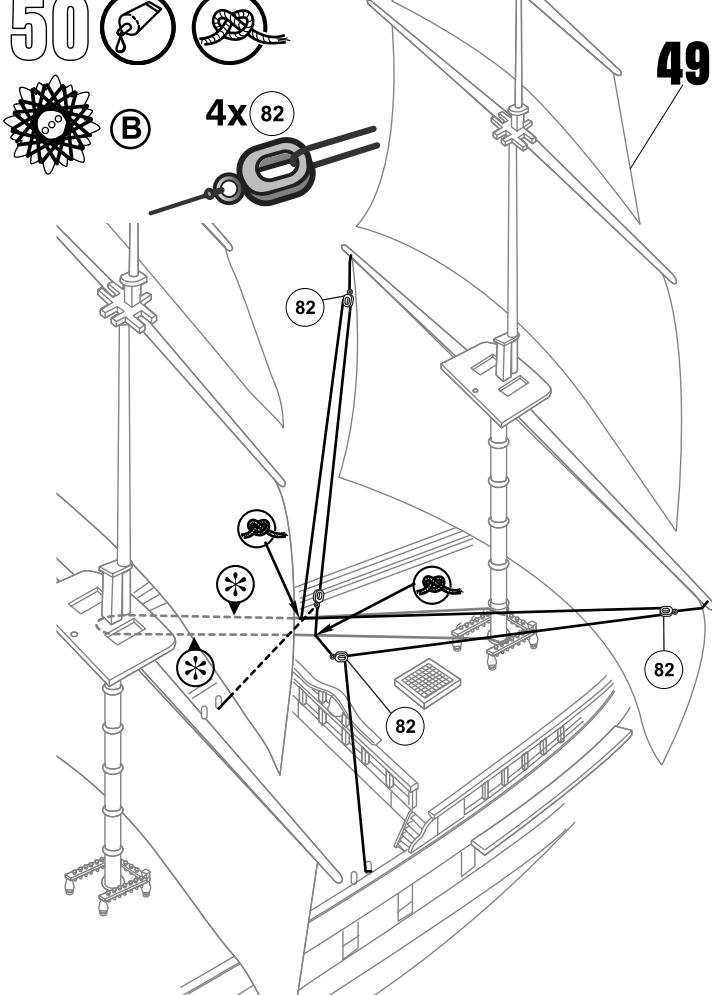
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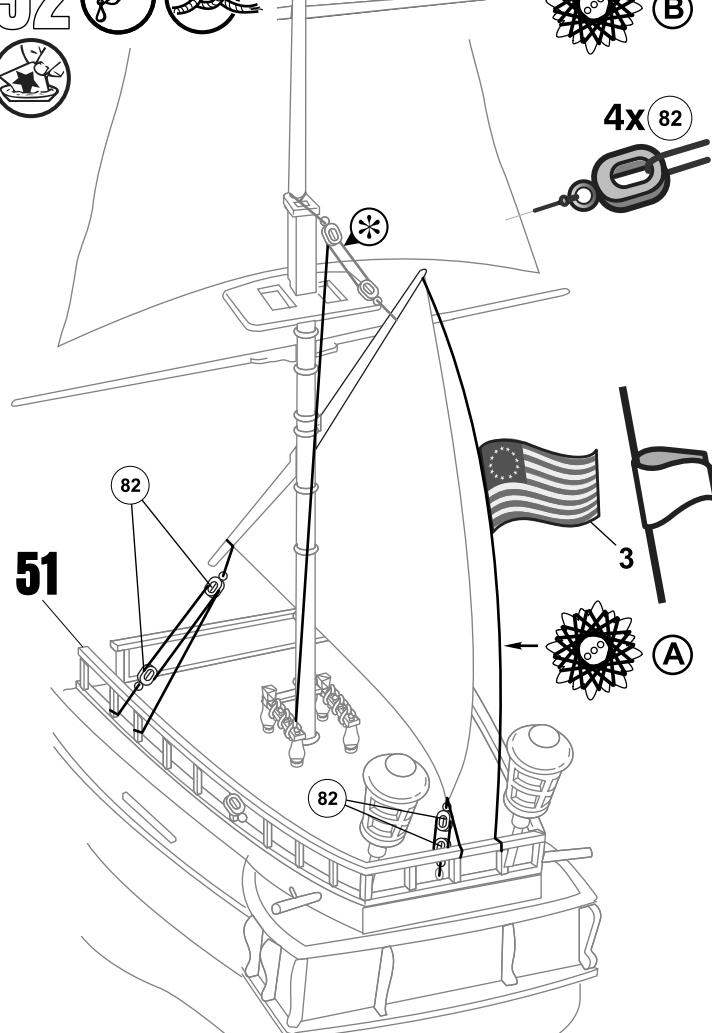
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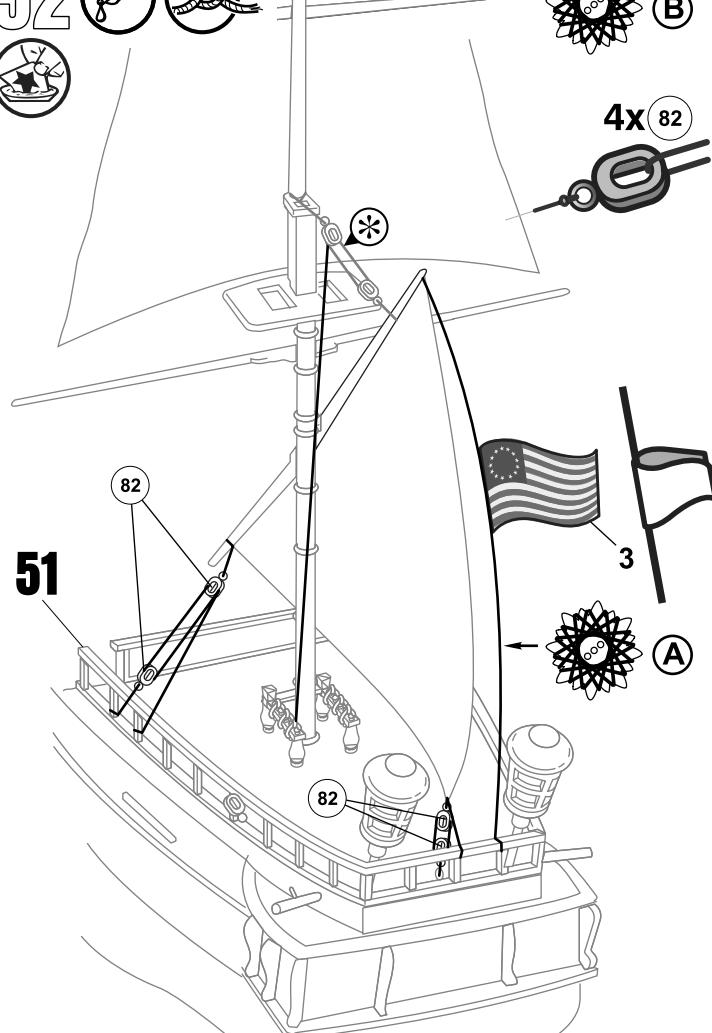
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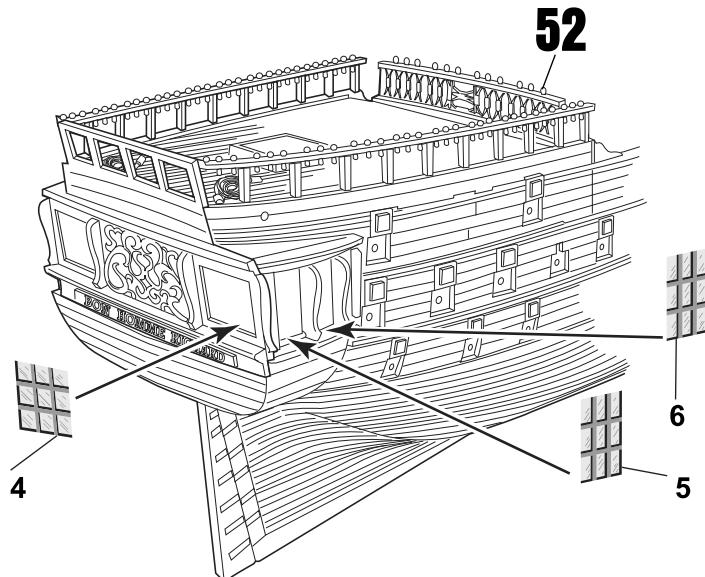
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