

Bill of materials

| Item | Total price (\$) | Remarks |
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| LEGO bricks | ~60 | I recommend buying extra bricks in different sizes. |
| Raspberry Pi | 10-50 | Any model works. |
| Raspberry Pi camera | 25 | |
| Camera flex cable | 3 | A long cable (>40cm) is preferred if the Raspberry Pi cannot be placed closer to the camera. |
| Magnifying lens | 10 | M12 thread |
| Micro SD card | 10 | Raspberry Pi operating system. Minimum 16GB is recommended. |
| HDMI display | 50-150 | Optional if an HDMI display is already available. The price varies depending on the size and the model. |
| Arduino board x2 | 20 | One for the mainboard, one for the controller. Any Arduino board with enough number of IO pins should work. |
| Stepper motor driver x6 | 30 | Any other 5V compatible driver should work. Microstepping was not needed in this project. |
| Stepper motor x6 | 15 | 28BYJ-48, 5V, 1/64 gear ratio |
| JST-XH 5P 4S cables | 7 | A few of these cables are required to extend the default cable of the stepper motor (28BYJ-48) |
| High-power LED | 4 | |
| High-power LED driver | 14 | |
| Light diffuser | 3 | An LED backlight module is modified by replacing the low-power LED by a high-power one |
| Potentiometer | 1 | LED intensity control using pulse-width modulation. |
| Thumb joysticks x3 | 12 | Three joysticks for X, Y, Z, Camera, Tilt, and Rotation. |
| 5V power supply | 20 | At least 3A is preferred. A more powerful supply may be needed if the display is also powered from the same supply. |
| DC-DC converter for the LED | 3 | 5V to 12V converter for the LED (note: I do not recommend using Raspberry Pi's USB output for the LED, you can use a separate 12V power supply or use this converter with a standard 5V phone charger) |
| OLED display | 3 | Displays the LED intensity or any other information on the controller. |
| USB connector (type A) | 0.5 | Connection between the mainboard and the controller (mainboard side). |
| USB connector (micro) | 0.5 | Connection between the mainboard and the controller (controller side). |
| JST XH connector set | 5 | Connectors for the stepper motors and the LED |
| OVERALL TOTAL | ~300 | |

- The prices and the links are for exemplary components that were used in this prototype.
- Any other compatible model should work in principle.
- The total price varies significantly depending on the vendor and the model. For example, the type of the Raspberry Pi and the display makes a big difference in the price.
- The cost of 3D-printed parts is not included.
- There are also a few other accessories needed, like USB cables, an HDMI cable, optionally a mouse and a keyboard, an ON/OFF switch, screws and nuts, and printed circuit boards (PCBs).