

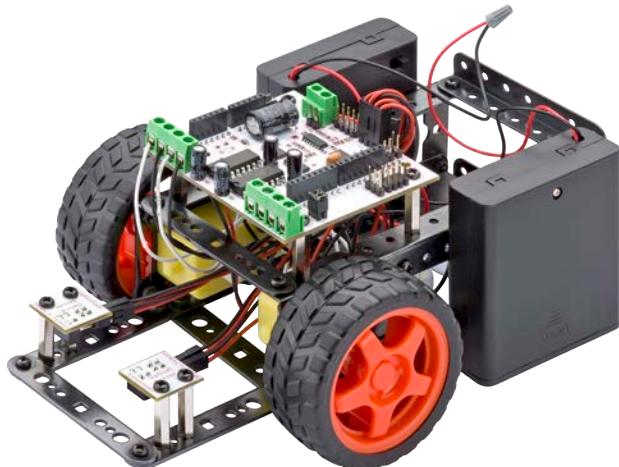
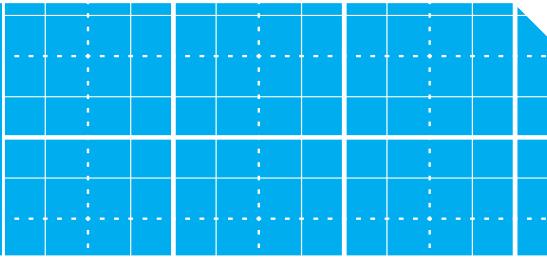


# Make: it

# Robotics Starter Kit

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User's Guide



Line-Following Robot

We hope you enjoy your Make: it Robotics Starter Kit from RadioShack.  
Please read this user's guide before using your new robotics kit.

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## Getting Started

This Make: it Robotics Starter Kit contains almost everything you need to build a line-following robot or a walking robot. Connect your Arduino Uno R3 (not included) to the robot's PCB, upload the example program, and watch as your creation comes to life. Change your robot's behavior by experimenting in the Arduino programming environment

### Warning!

- Adult supervision and assistance are required.
- **CHOKING HAZARD —** This product contains small parts and functional sharp points on components. Keep away from children under age 3.
- Read and follow all instructions in the user's guide before use.
- Retain this user's guide for future reference.

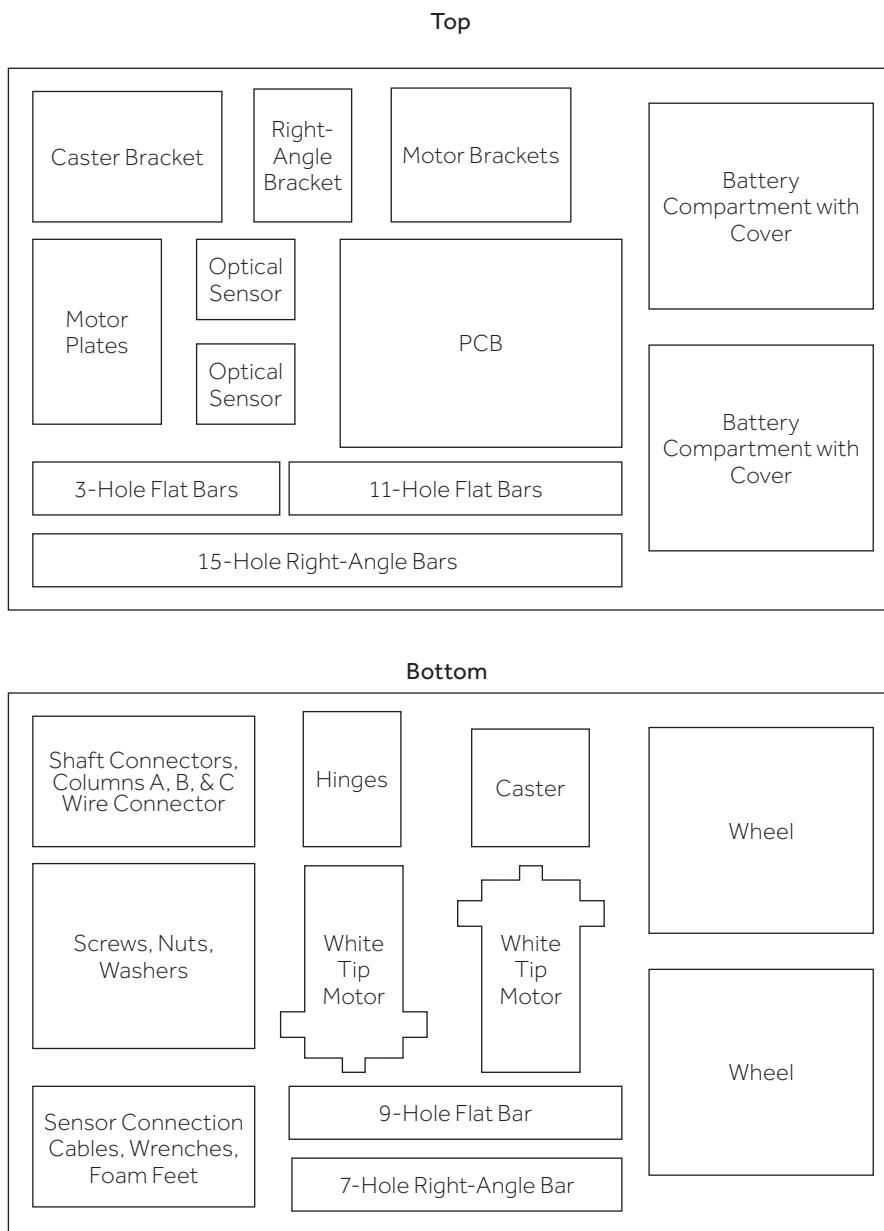
### Battery Notes

- Use only fresh batteries of the required size and type. Do not mix old and new batteries, different types of batteries (standard, alkaline, or rechargeable), or rechargeable batteries of different capacities.
- Dispose of batteries promptly and properly. Do not burn or bury them.
- If you do not plan to play with the robot for an extended period of time, remove the batteries.

### Caution!

- The wires are not to be inserted into socket outlets.
- As an extra precaution, check this product regularly for signs of wear or damage.
- Ensure all wiring connections are correct before inserting batteries and switching on the product. Failure to do so may result in damage to components and the product.
- Ensure all wires are correctly connected to the battery terminals and other connectors. If the circuit does not work, make sure the plastic insulation of the wire is not obstructing the connection to the connector.
- When you have finished playing, remove the batteries and switch off the unit before you disconnect the wires. Do not apply any components or parts to the unit other than those provided with this kit.
- **To prevent overheating and damage, do not short-circuit the battery terminals and connectors. Do not block or cover the motor or other moving parts.**

# Package Contents



Parts			
White Tip Motor (2)	PCB	Optical Sensor 1	Optical Sensor 2
Caster	Battery Compartment with Cover and Screw (2)	Left Wheel (2)	Right Wheel (2)
Sensor Connection Cable (4)	Paper Track	Wire Connector (1)	White Sticker (2)
Support Bars			
15-Hole Right-Angle Bar (4)	7-Hole Right-Angle Bar (3)	11-Hole Flat Bar (12)	9-Hole Flat Bar (10)
3-Hole Notched Flat Bar (8)	3-Hole Flat Bar (2)	Motor Plate (2)	Motor Bracket (2)

**Support Bars (Continued)**

			
Right-Angle Bracket (2)	Caster Bracket (1)		

			
Single Hinge (4)	Double Hinge (8)	Column A (12)	Column B (6)
			
Shaft Connector (2)	Column C (2)		

**Nuts**

			
M2 Nylon Nut (8)	M3 Nylon Nut (4)	M3 Nut (52)	M4 Nut (4)
			 M2 M3 M4
M4 Washer (2)	M3 Washer (10)	Spring Washer (4)	Wrench (2)

**Screws**

			
M2 × 5 Screw (4)	M3 × 6 Screw (50)	M3 × 10 Screw (10)	M3 × 28 Screw (4)

			
M3 × 15 Screw (4)	M3 × 10 Flat Screw (4)	M2 × 12 Washer Screw (8)	

**Required Tools**

- No. 1 Phillips crosspoint screwdriver
- No. 2 Phillips crosspoint screwdriver

**Required Accessories**

- AA batteries (8)
- Arduino Uno R3 board
- USB cable (type A connector to type B connector)

**Note:**

- Gather all the necessary components before you begin building your robot.
- You can build only one robot at a time.

**Helpful Hints**

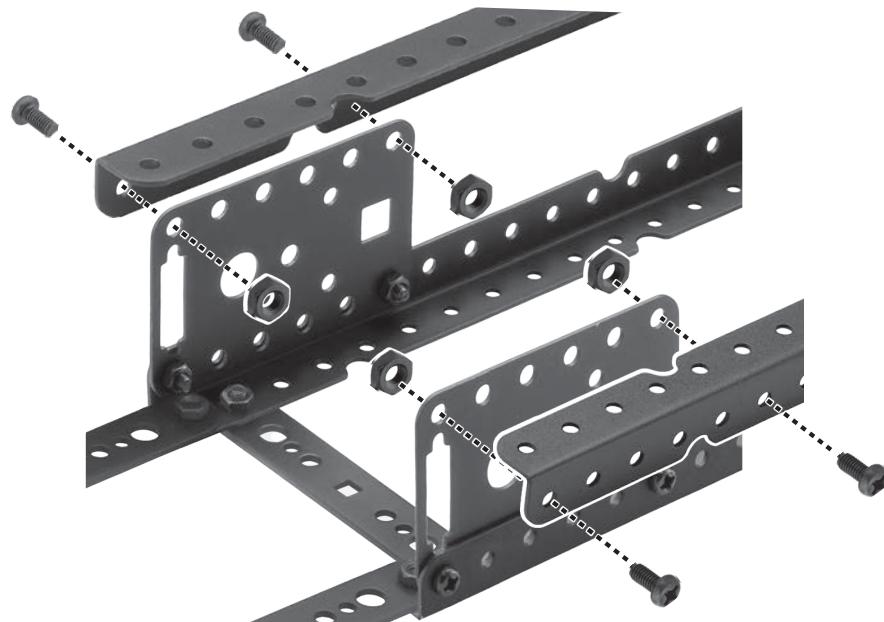
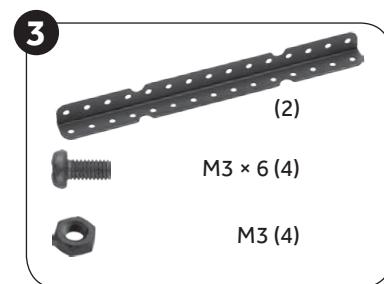
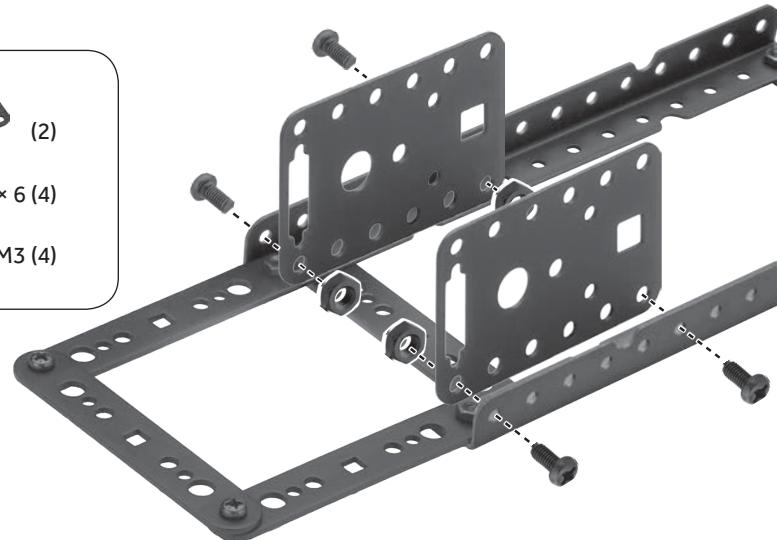
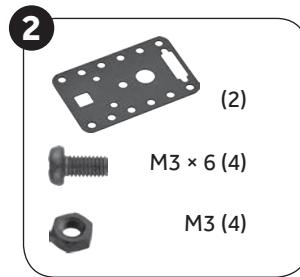
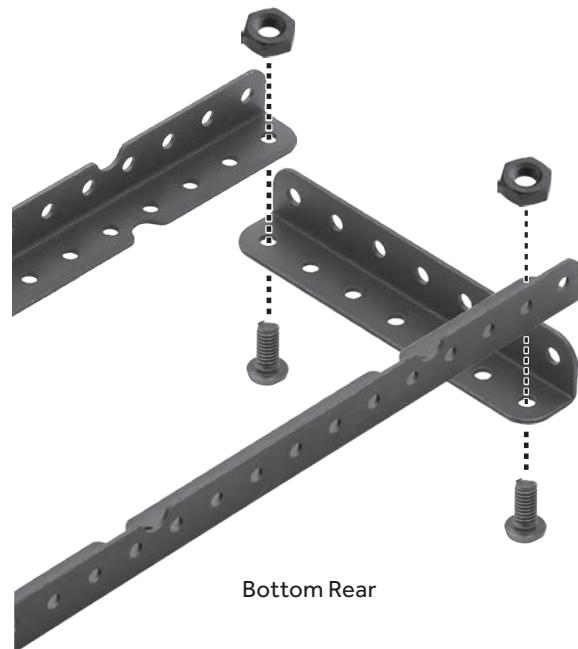
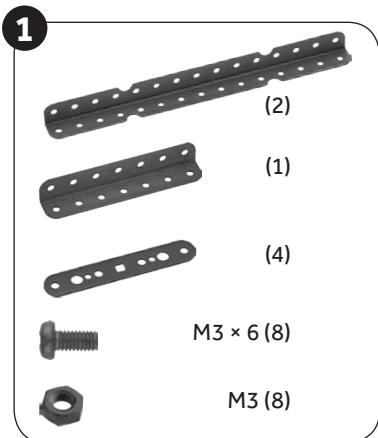
- For screw and nut connections at 90° from each other, partially tighten each screw before fully tightening both.
- When installing columns into nylon nuts, insert an M3 × 6 screw into the end of the column and screw tight into the nylon nut. Hold the column with an adjustable wrench (not included) and unscrew the M3 × 6 screw from the column.

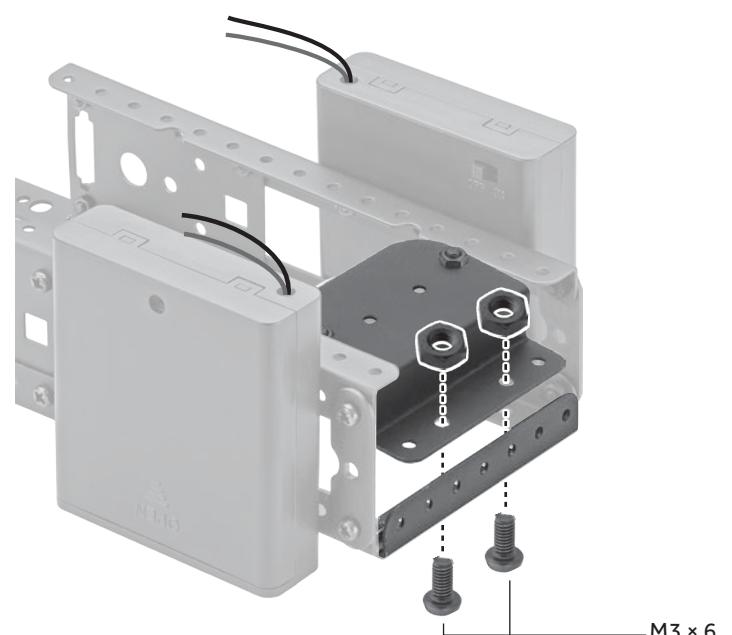
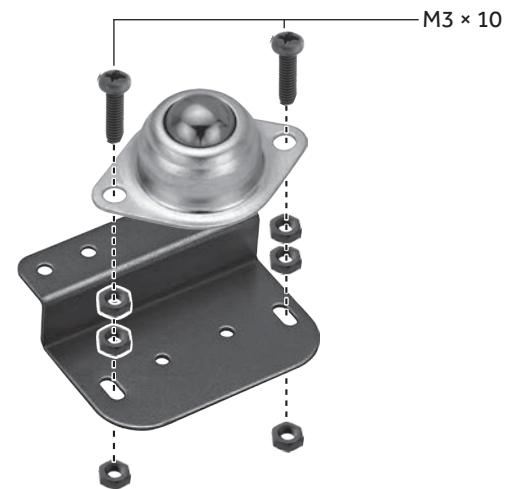
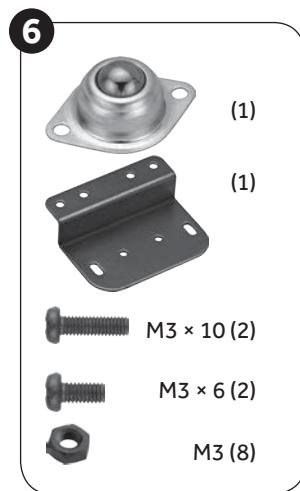
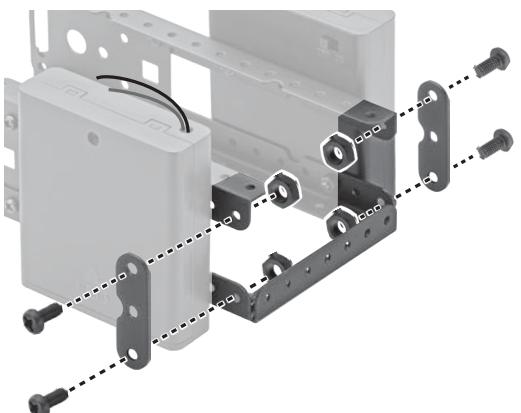
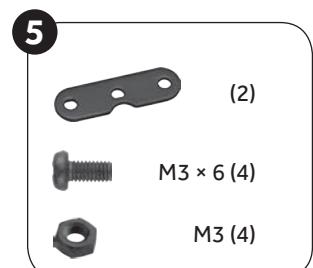
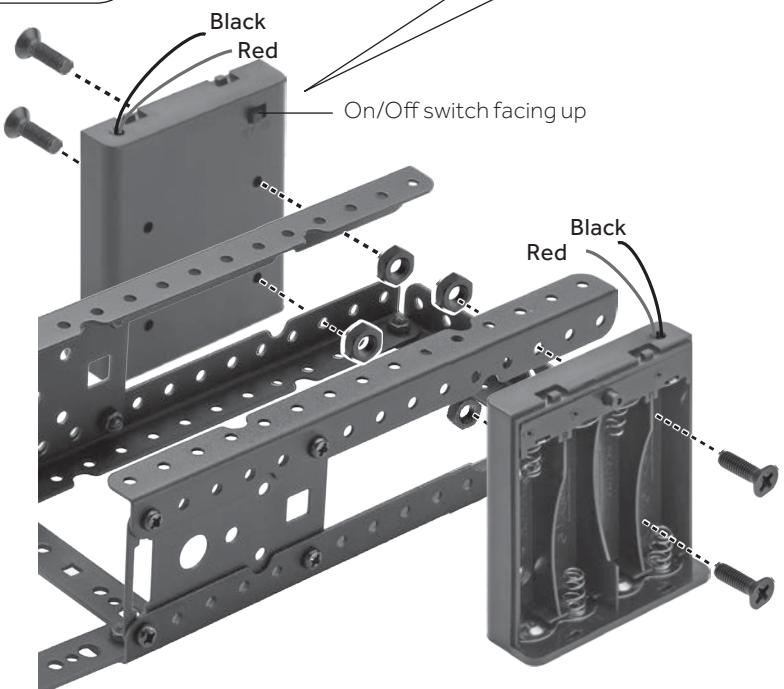
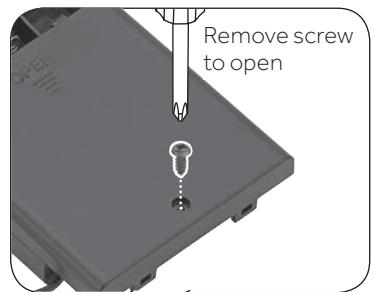
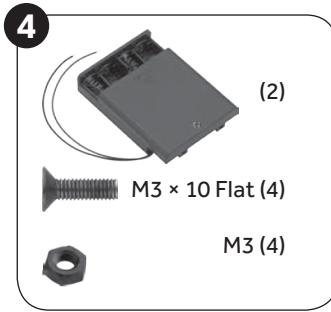
**Nylon Nut**

- Optical sensors are sensitive to ambient light intensity. If your robot is not functioning properly, lower the ambient light intensity by moving the robot away from windows or turning off lights.

# Line-Following Robot

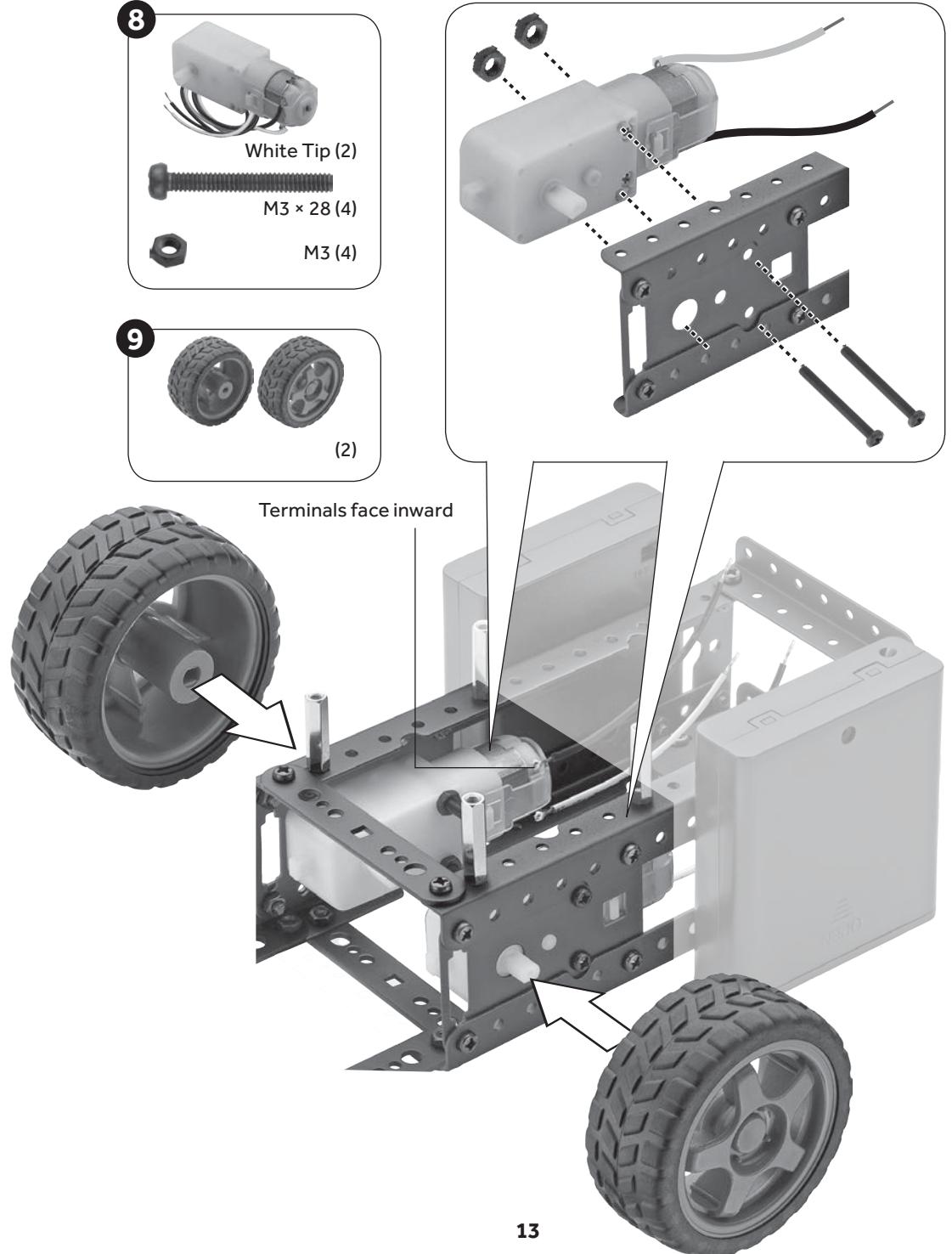
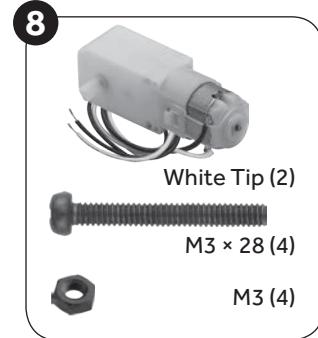
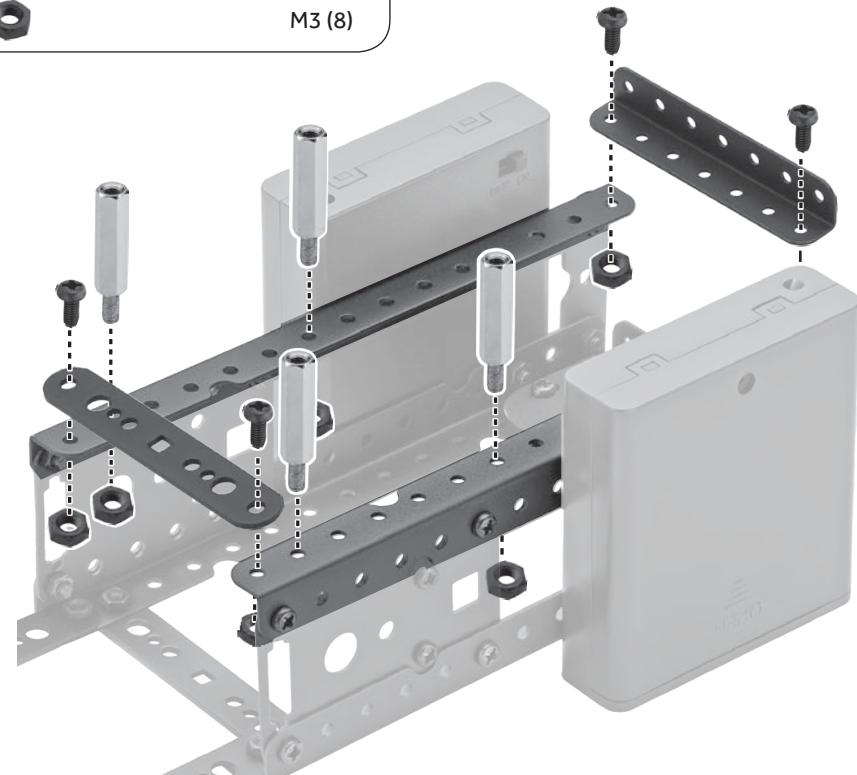
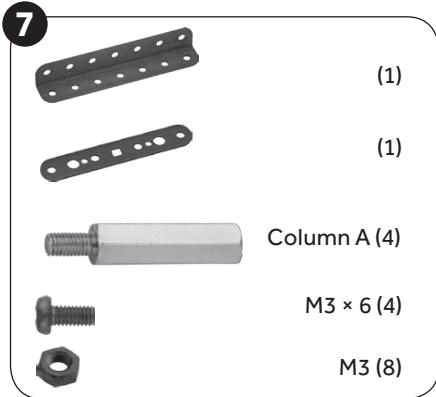
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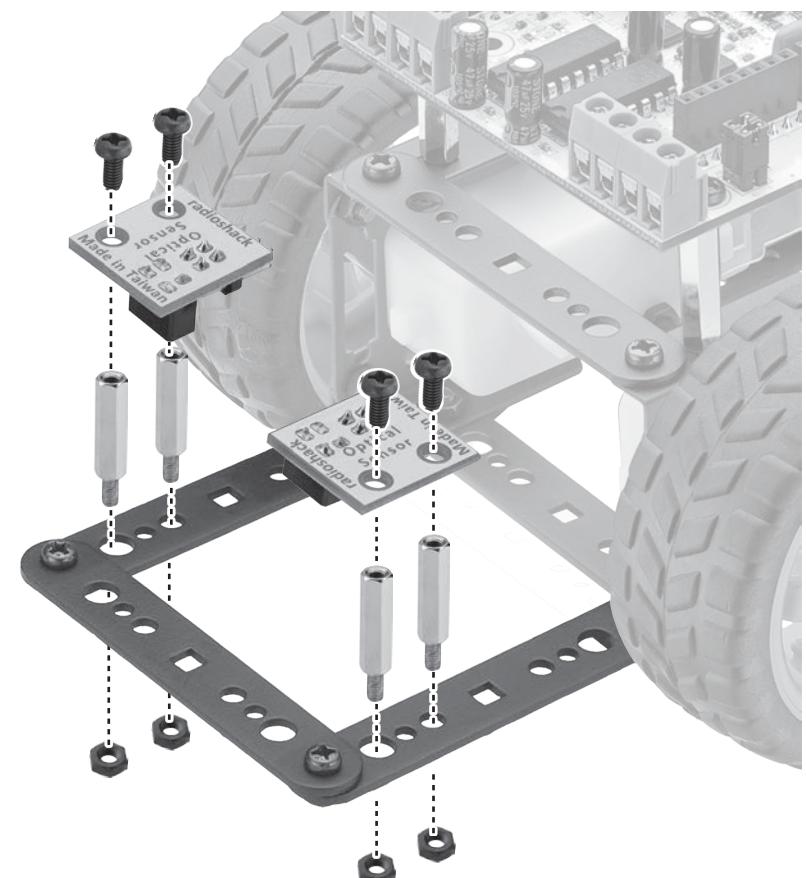
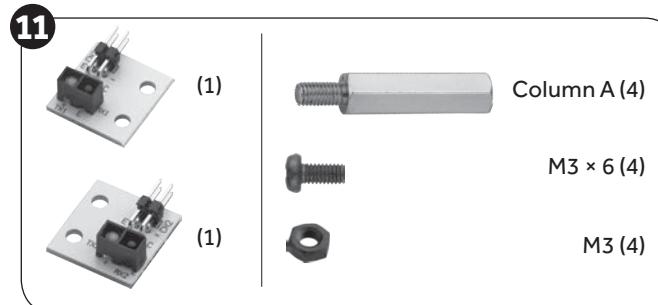
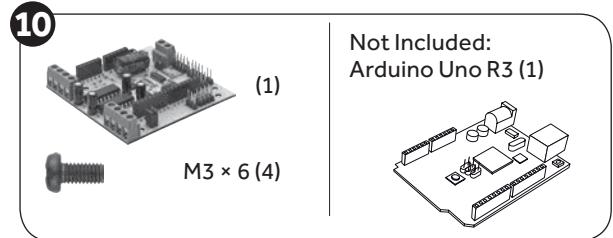
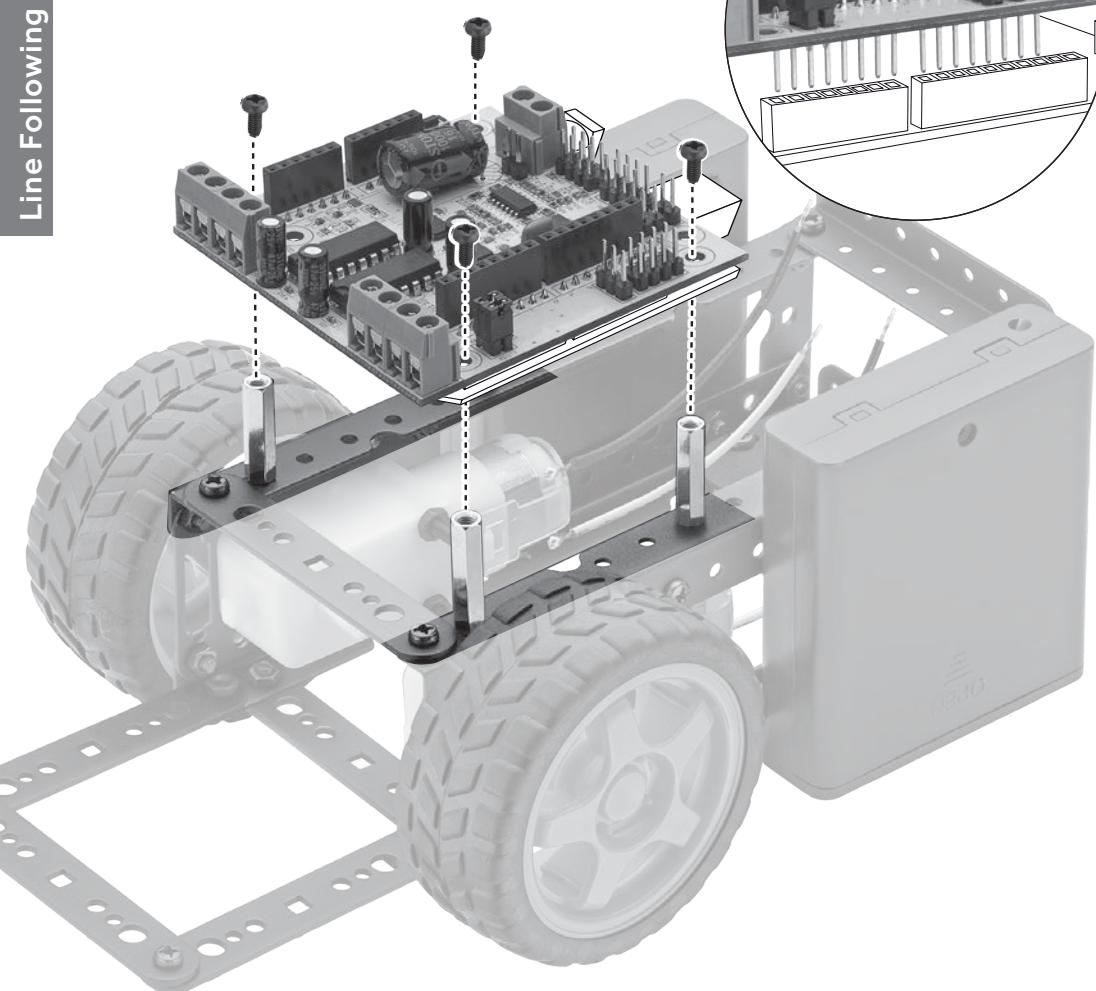


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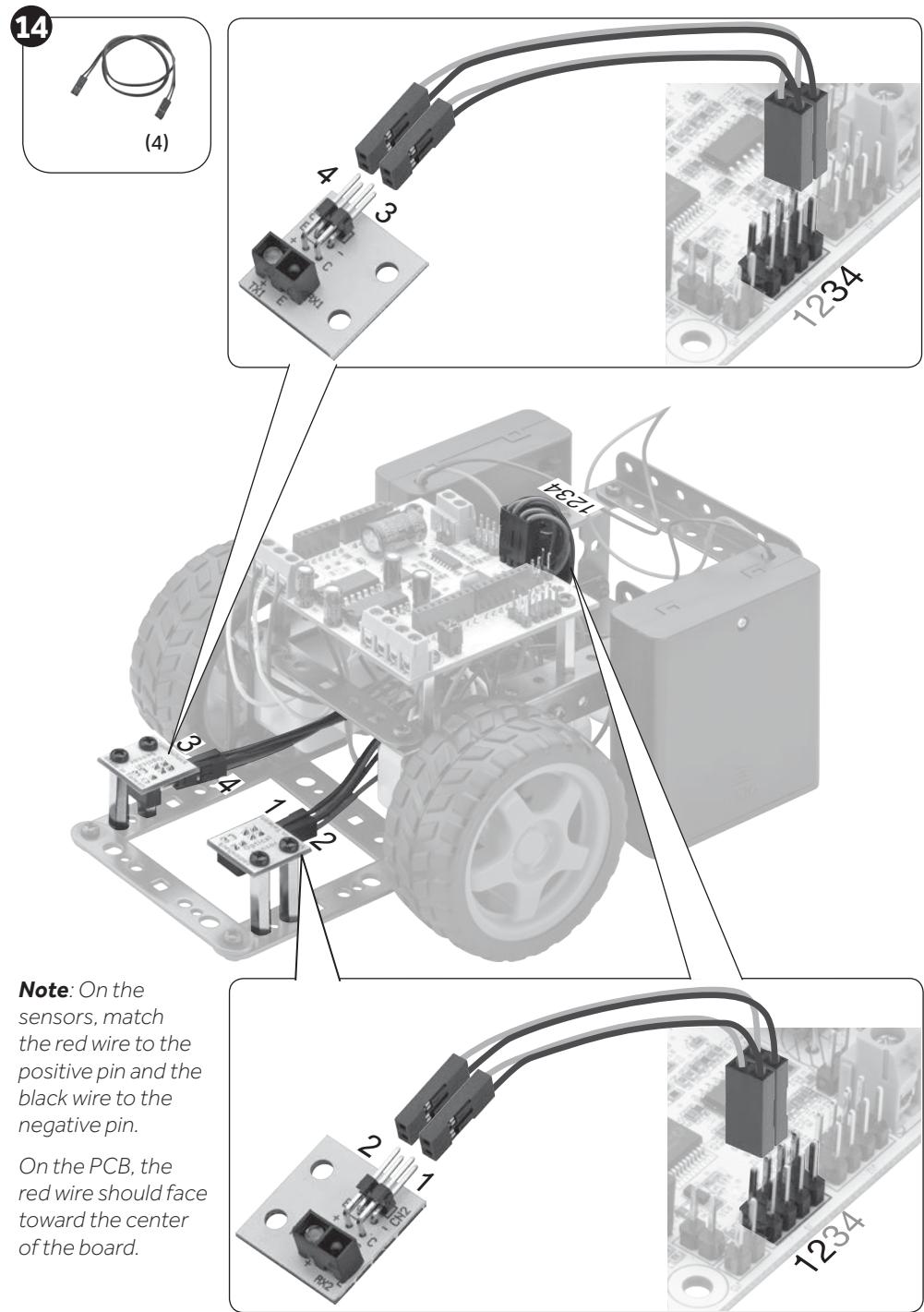
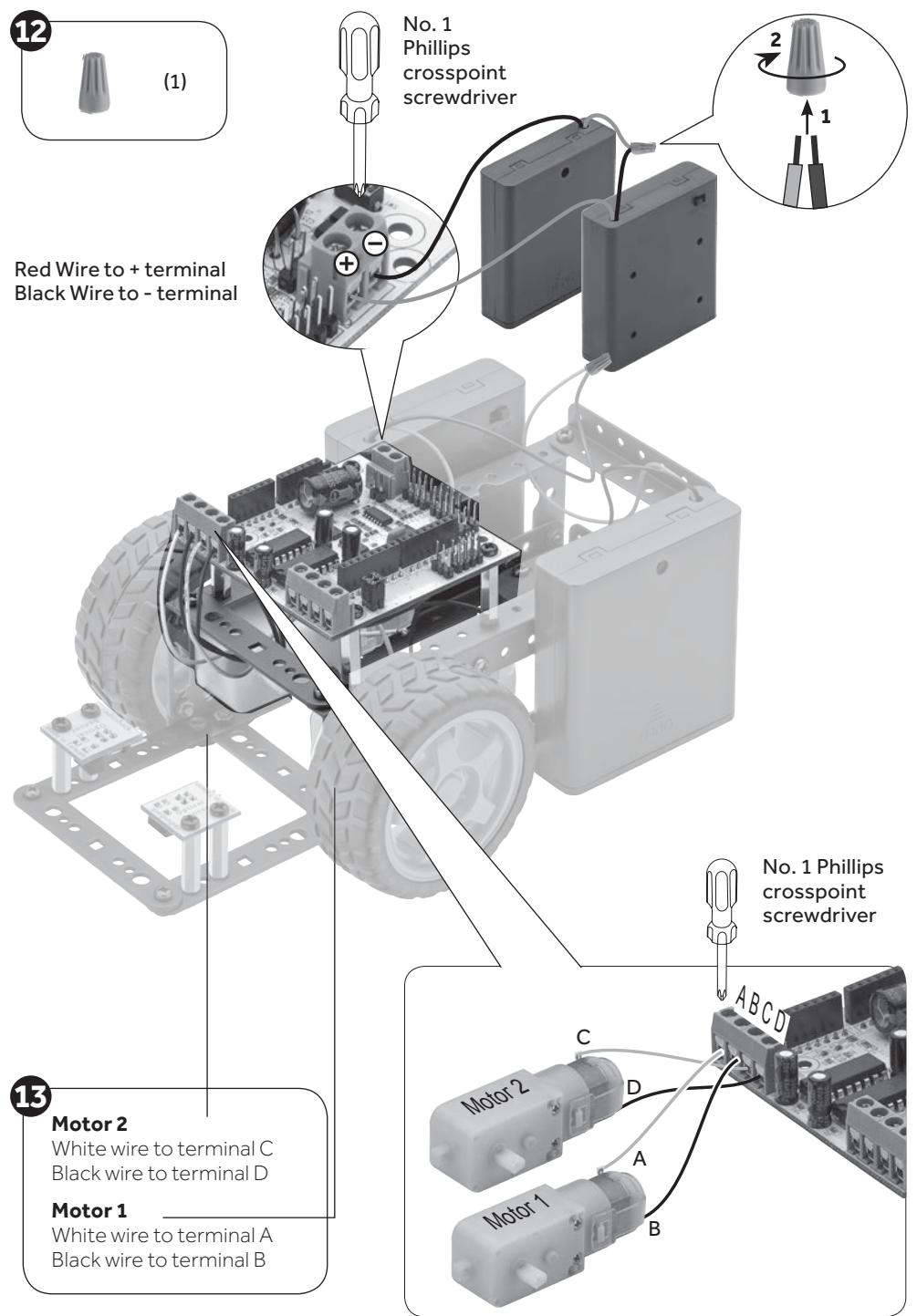


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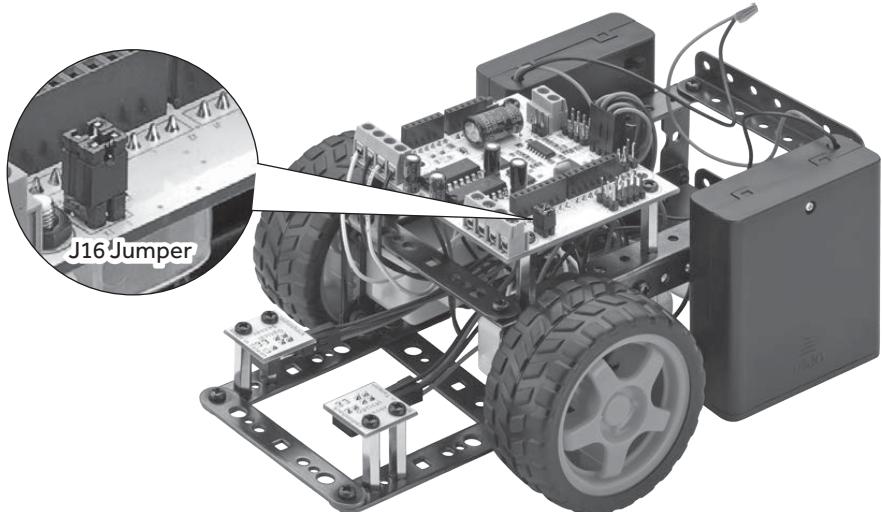
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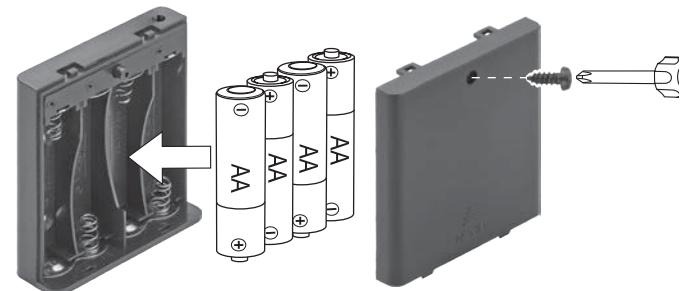
## Download the Support Files

1. For the Arduino program and libraries, go to <http://shack.net/MakelRobotics>.
2. At the end of the blog post, click **Make: it Robotics Starter Kit Support Files** and save the folder to your computer.
3. If you have not created a directory in your Arduino folder for the Make: it Robotics programs, open READ\_ME.txt and follow the directions.
4. Connect your Arduino Uno R3 to your computer with a USB cable.
5. Remove the jumpers from J16 on the PCB to allow your Arduino's USB port to communicate with your computer.
6. Open **linefollow.ino** in the Arduino programming environment.
7. Verify and upload the program to your Arduino Uno R3.
8. Remove the USB cable from your Arduino Uno R3.
9. Put the jumpers back onto J16. When the PCB is connected to your Arduino and the jumpers on J16 are in place, your Arduino's serial port will be unavailable.

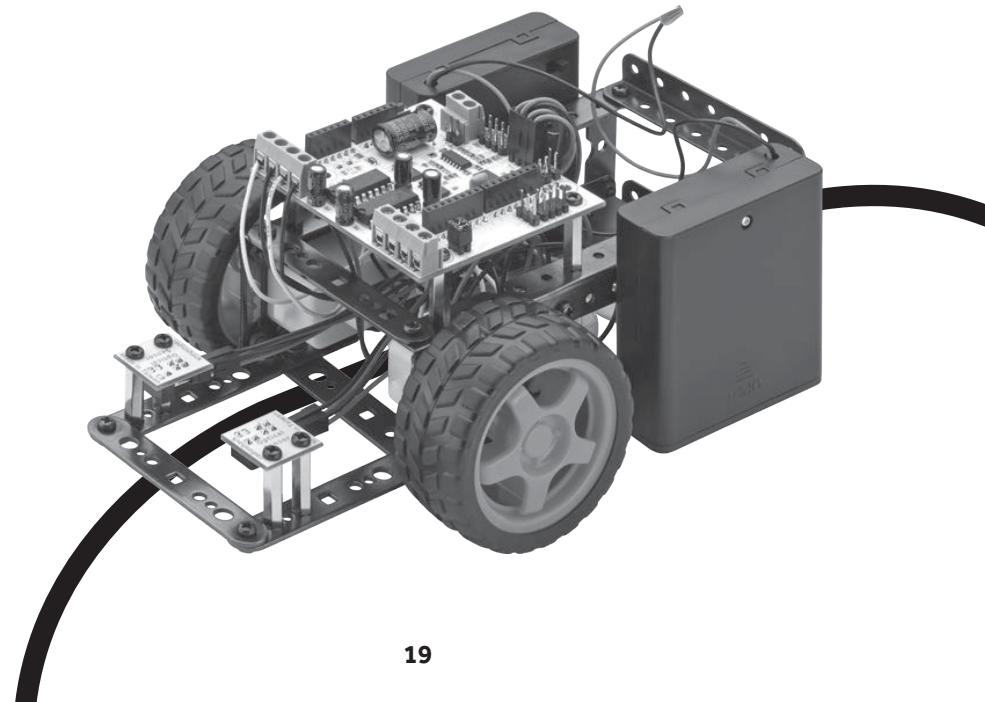


## Play

1. Lay out the enclosed paper path on a flat surface. To create your own path, use black tape on a large, flat, white surface. For best results, avoid creating sharp angles (such as a 90-degree turn).
2. Install batteries into the battery compartments on the robot matching the polarities marked inside. Replace the covers and the screws.



3. Slide the battery compartment switches to ON. Your robot will begin following the path.
4. Experiment! Many online resources as well as books like *Make: Getting Started with Arduino* and *Make: Arduino Bots and Gadgets* (available at your local RadioShack store and [RadioShack.com](http://RadioShack.com)) can help you learn about Arduino programming.



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