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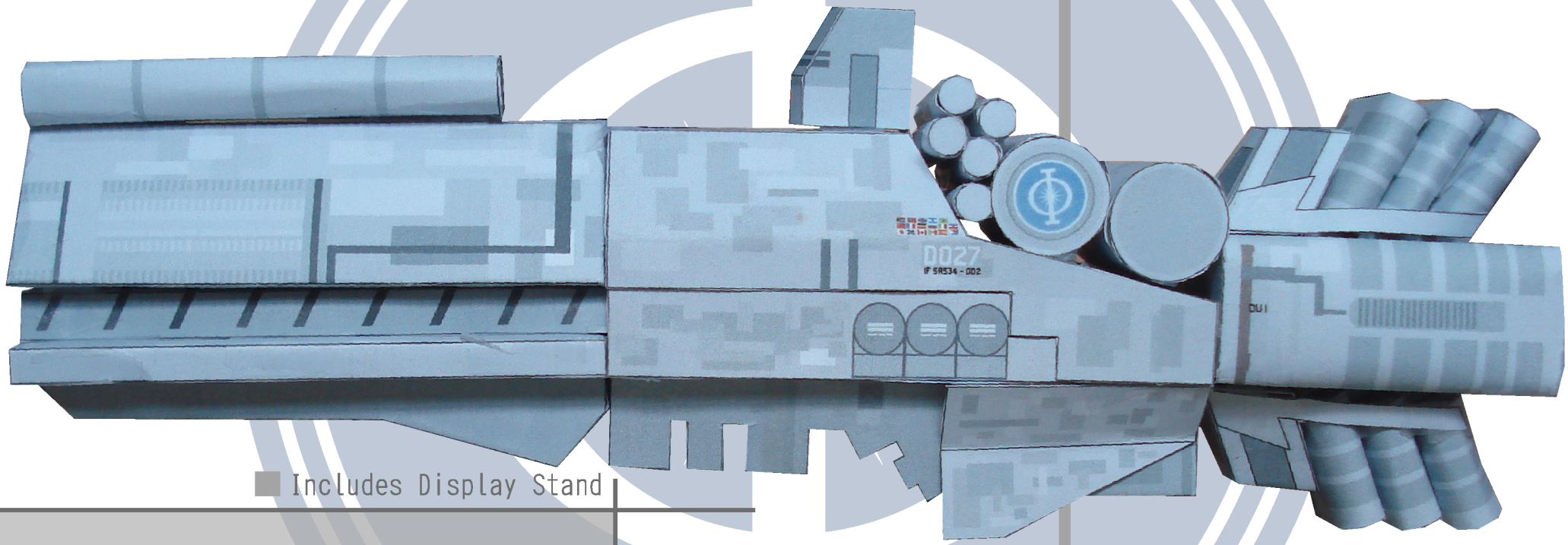

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On O. S. Card's Views (or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Work and Myself)

TL;DR - Card's a jerk, his work is good, and it doesn't matter if you're queer.

I am fairly certain that a lot of you out there are well aware of Orson Scott Card's views on homosexuality and anything related to gay rights. For the many of us out there, Card's far-right views have turned many off from the "Ender's Game" series and the recent movie. As a bisexual myself, many of you may be wondering why I would do a model (or, maybe, model series) based on a work by someone with such misguided and bigoted views.

Truth of the matter is: I don't care. Okay, let me elaborate: as an afficionado of good art - good art in any medium for that matter - I thoroughly enjoy Card's "Ender" series and couldn't care less about what he thinks. As a human being (let alone a bisexual one) on the other hand, I am disgusted, insulted, and saddened by Card's views. "Ender's Game" is easily one of my favorite books of all time, and I've read it again and again since I was in middle school. To think that someone who created a work that gave me so much enjoyment probably hates my guts is not a good thought at all. Still, that doesn't stop me from enjoying his work, just like how I enjoy "The Patriot" (Mel Gibson), "Valkyrie" (Tom Cruise), or the "Ring" cycle (Richard Wagner). Heck, the majority of my model kits are centered around Nazi Germany, whose ideologies I don't quite agree with.

While some of Card's work may very well contain page upon page of his homophobic beliefs, "Ender's Game" or the other three books in the main series do not. There is not a single word that convey's Card's views. While Orson Scott Card's views are ugly, his Ender series is not. However, I understand and support those out there who feel too personally affected by Card's views to forego anything relating to him whatsoever. That is your choice, and I respect it.

Nevertheless, Orson Scott Card's view's on homosexuality are disgusting, shameful, and insulting. No one - be it one of the most renowned Sci Fi authors of all time or a random guy on the street - has the right to tell anyone else what love is and isn't. All anyone can say is that love can be shared between anyone, and so long as the love is reciprocated and harms no one else, who are you to say that it is wrong? You say that homosexuality is corrupting and debasing what it means to be in love? Now hold on a minute. You're the one who says that love is only valid between a man and a woman; that two people of the same gender do not have the right to the same emotional bond, to the same happiness and companionship that heterosexual couples have. How dare you invalidate the strong, loving bond between two people who have done you no harm.

And for those of you out there who are victims of homophobic treatment: it gets better. We are at a tipping point in history where the world is beginning to realize that it is okay to love the same gender, to be LGBTQ. You are not alone in your suffering, and you are not alone in your sexuality. No matter what anyone tells you, you are not broken, possessed, evil, unholy, or anything negative because you are LGBTQ, *you are you*. It may not be safe to come out, you may get a lot of hate, but ***you are not alone, you are not broken***. You will find people like you, you will find love, compassion, and tolerance. It may be a few years from now, it may be tomorrow, but *things will get better*.

While it may not be safe to come out, and there may not be anyone you know of personally who are LGBTQ, there are many online communities where you can connect, talk, and find comfort with fellow LGBTQ folk and allies. One good place to start is the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, and Intersex Association website at **ilga.org**

The Trevor Project
thetrevorproject.org

Int'l Suicide Hotline Directory
suicidepreventionhelp.com/directory/Crisis_Centers

National US Suicide Crisis Hotline:
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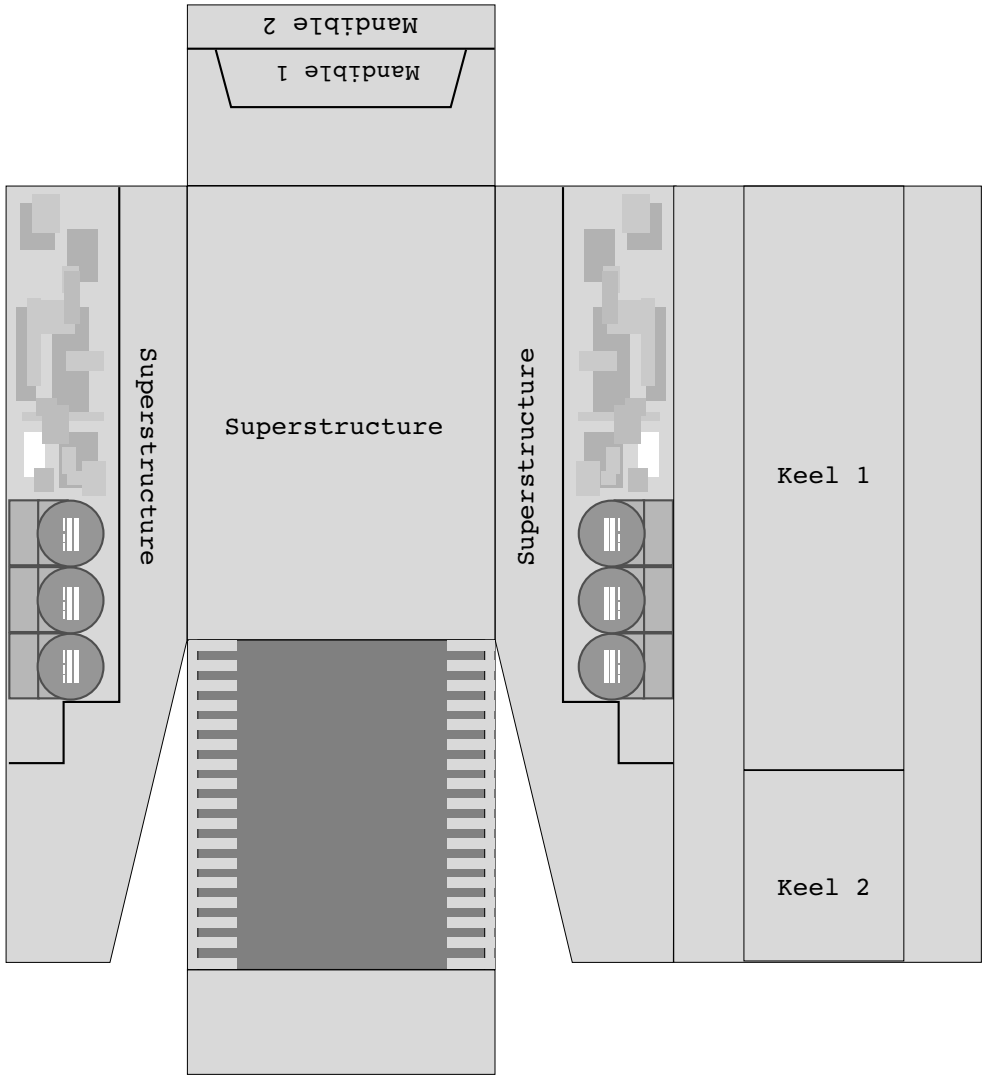

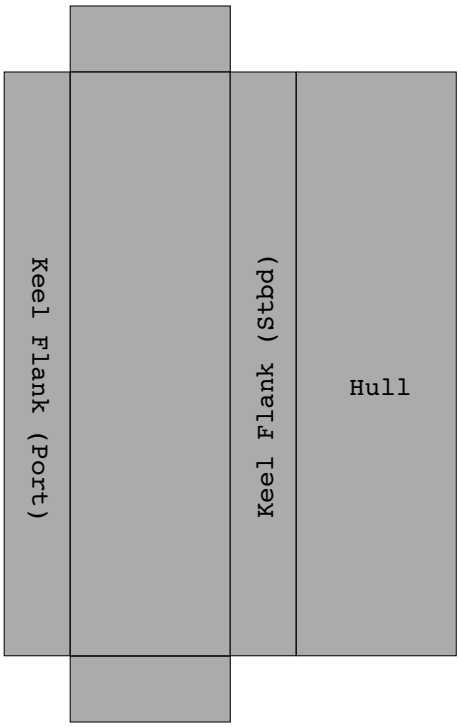

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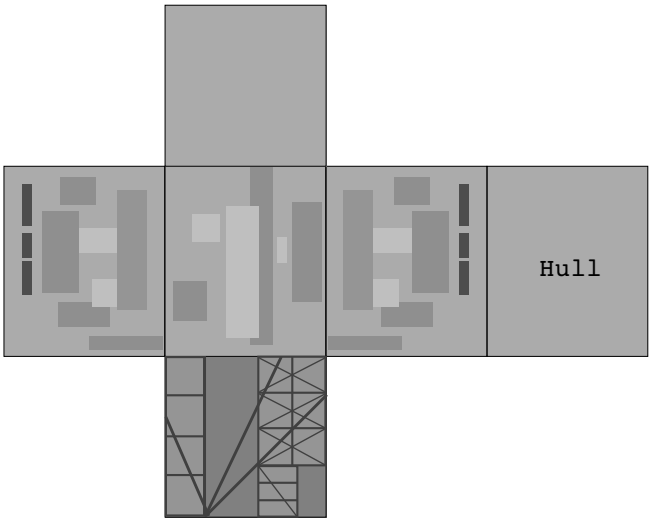

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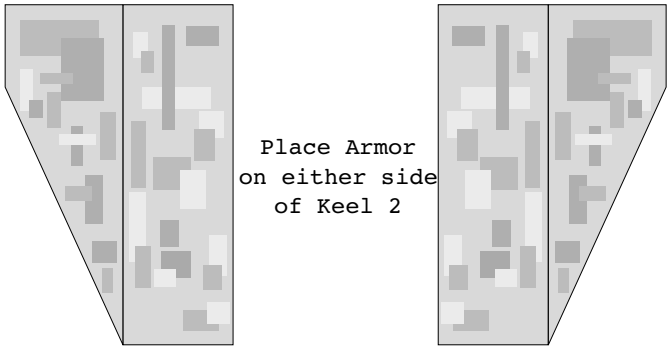

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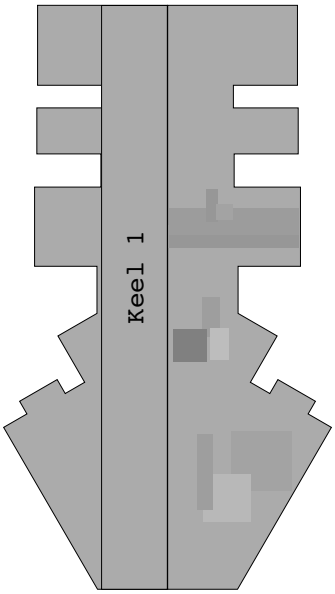

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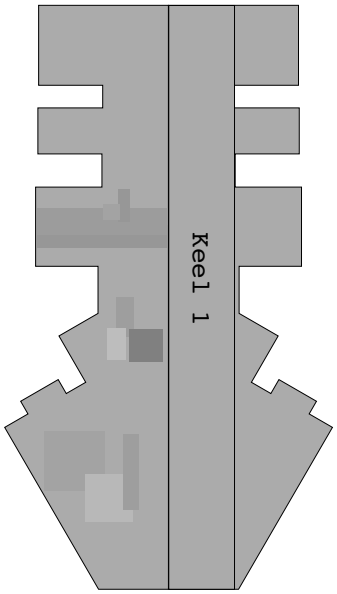

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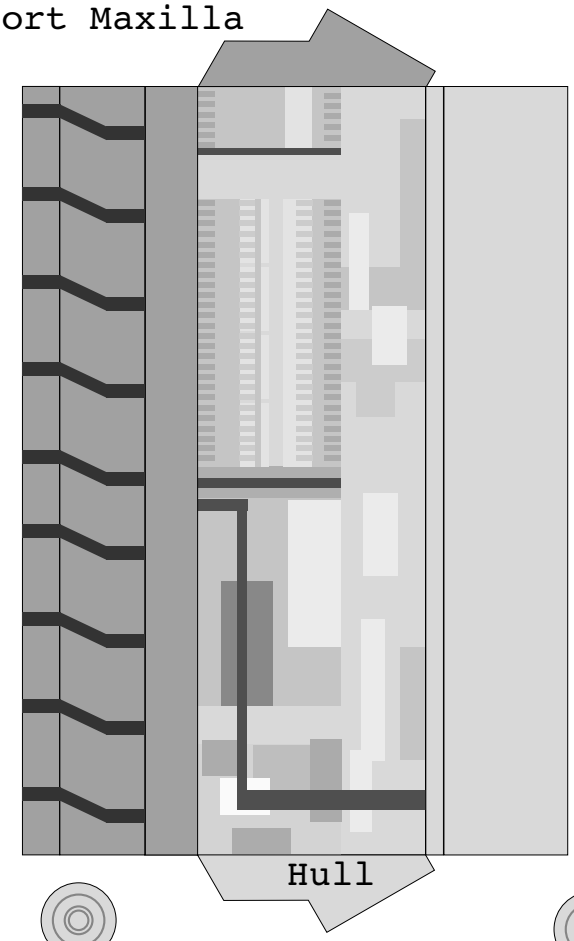

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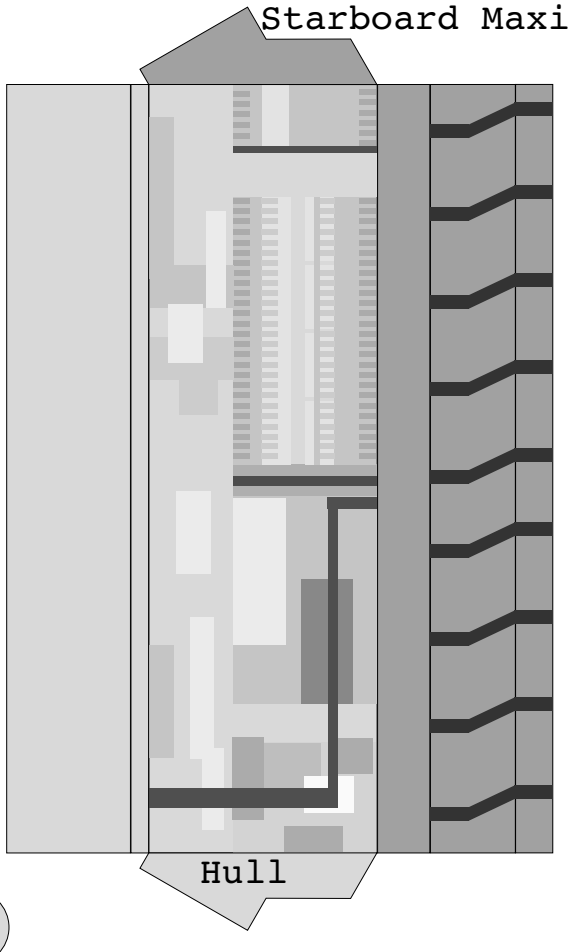

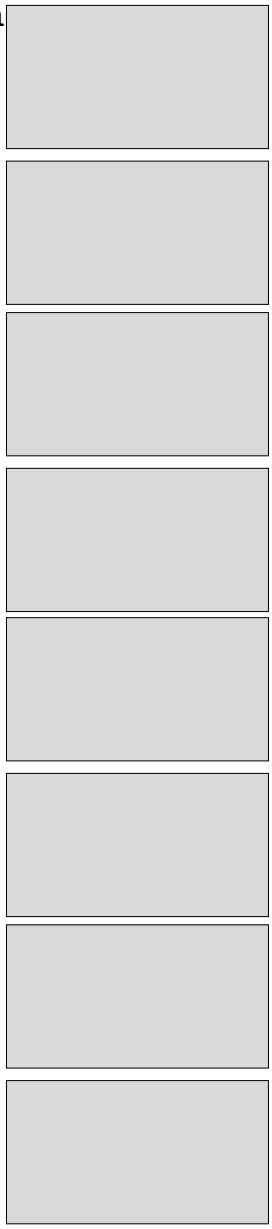

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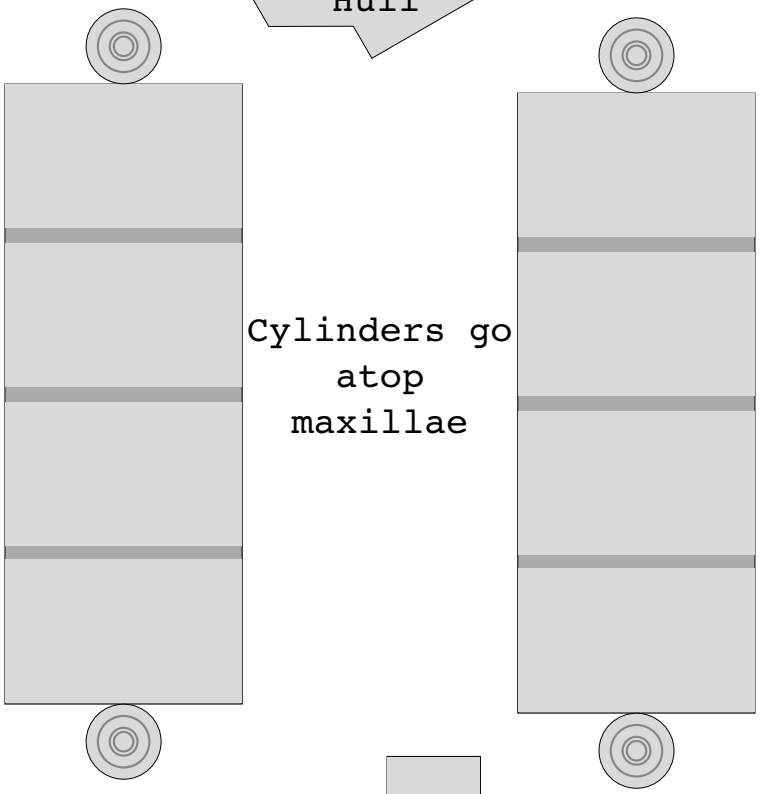

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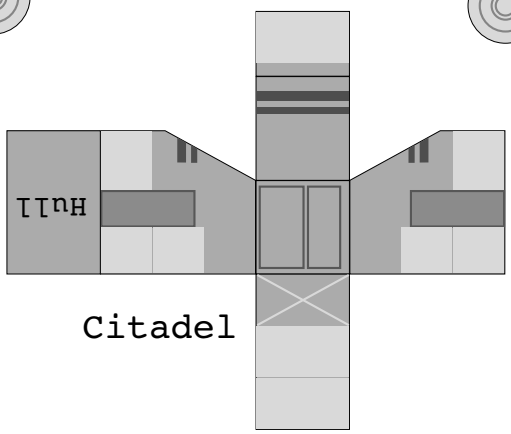

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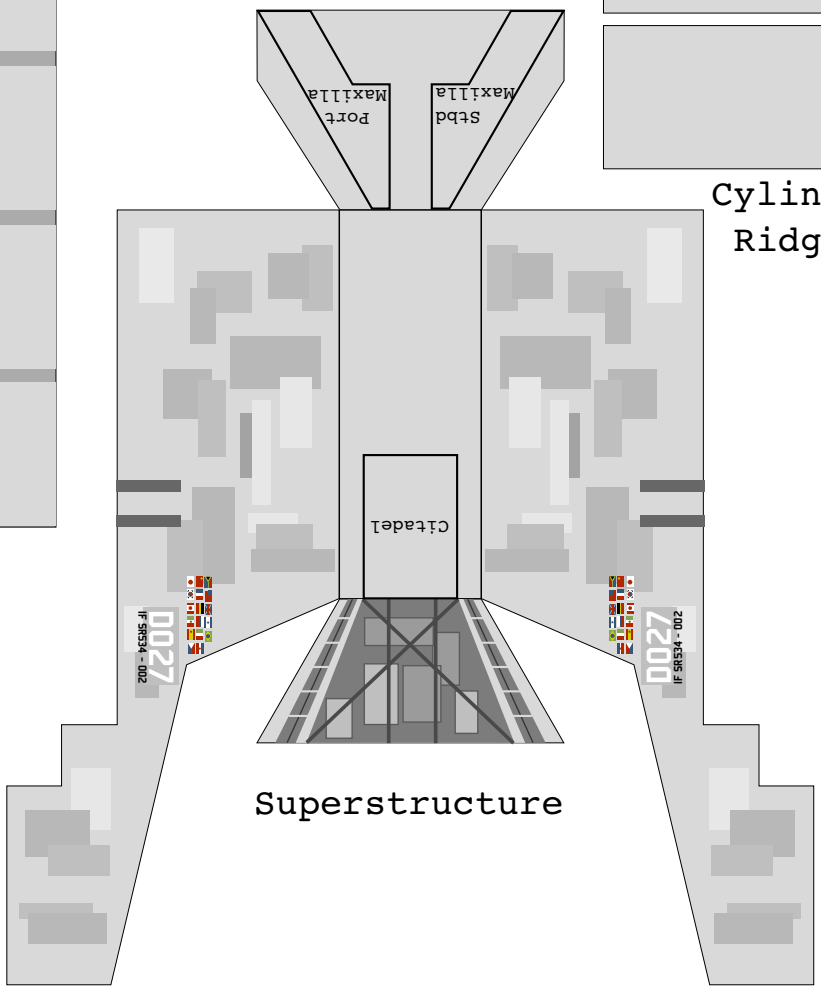

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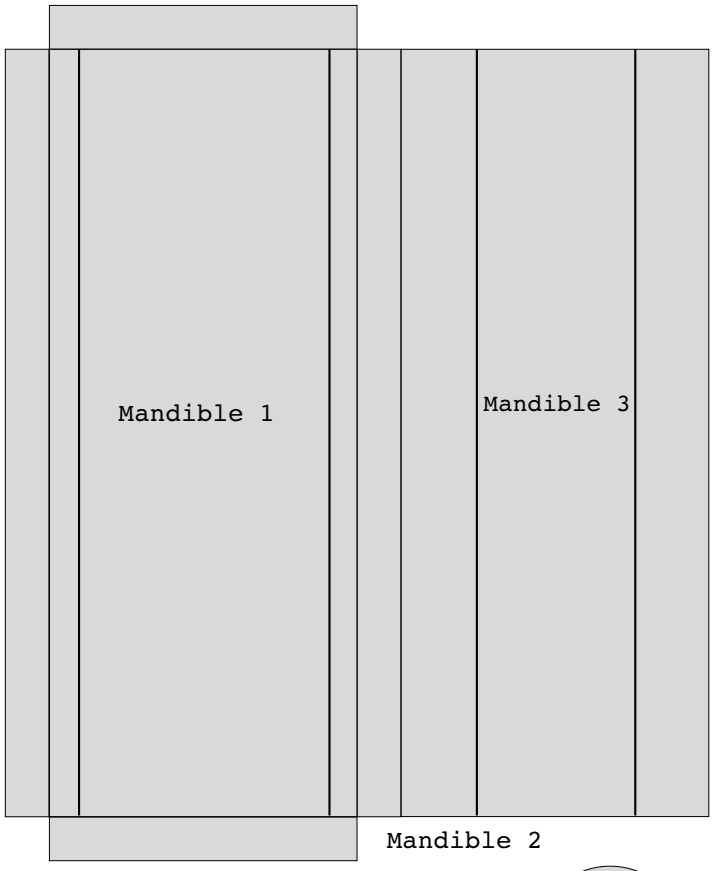

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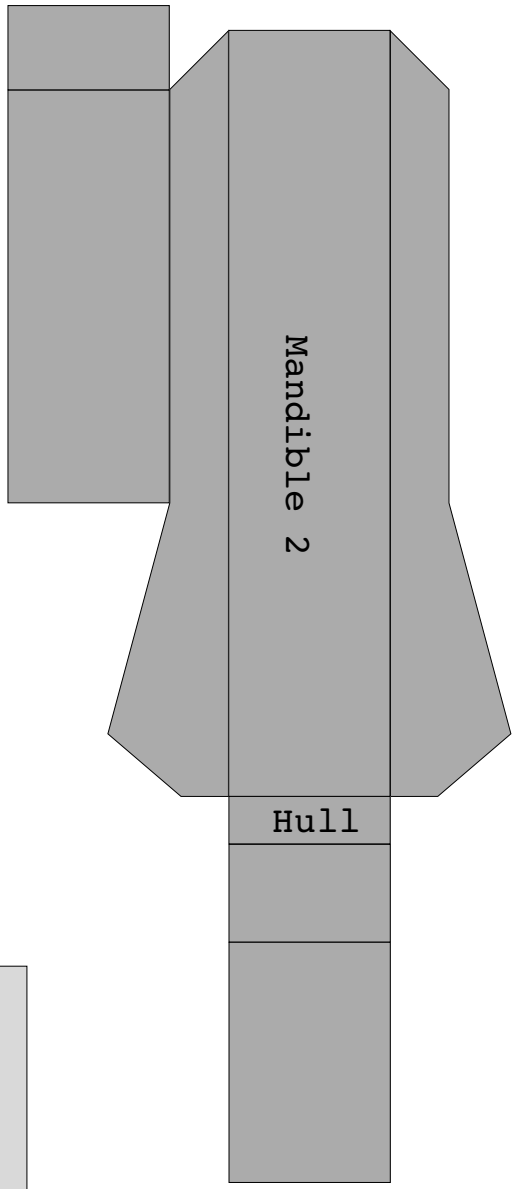

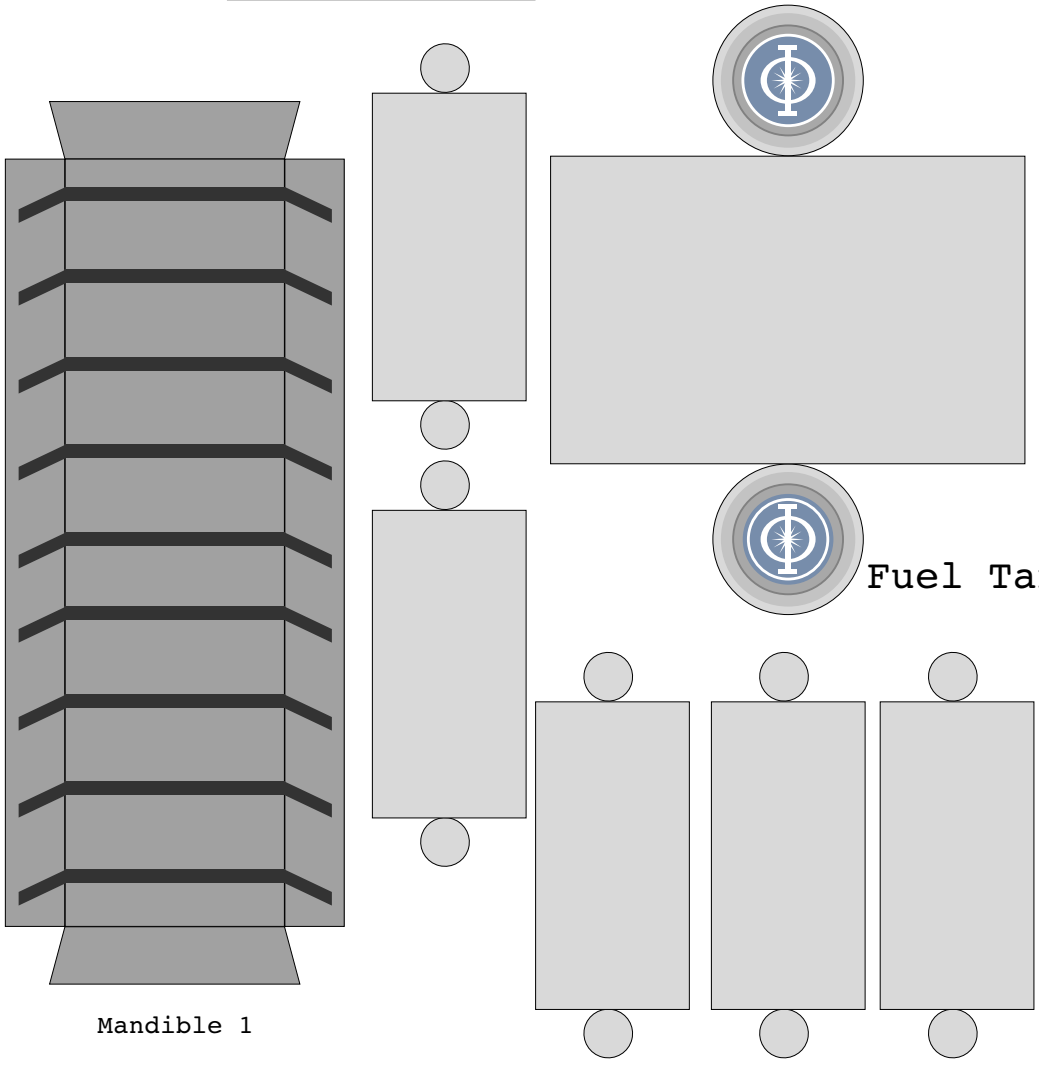

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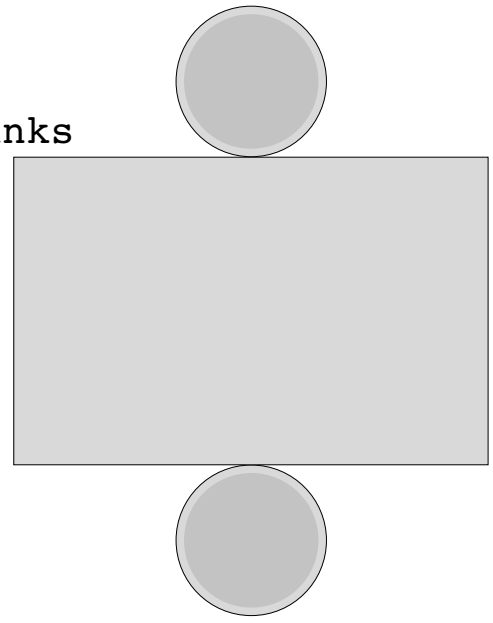

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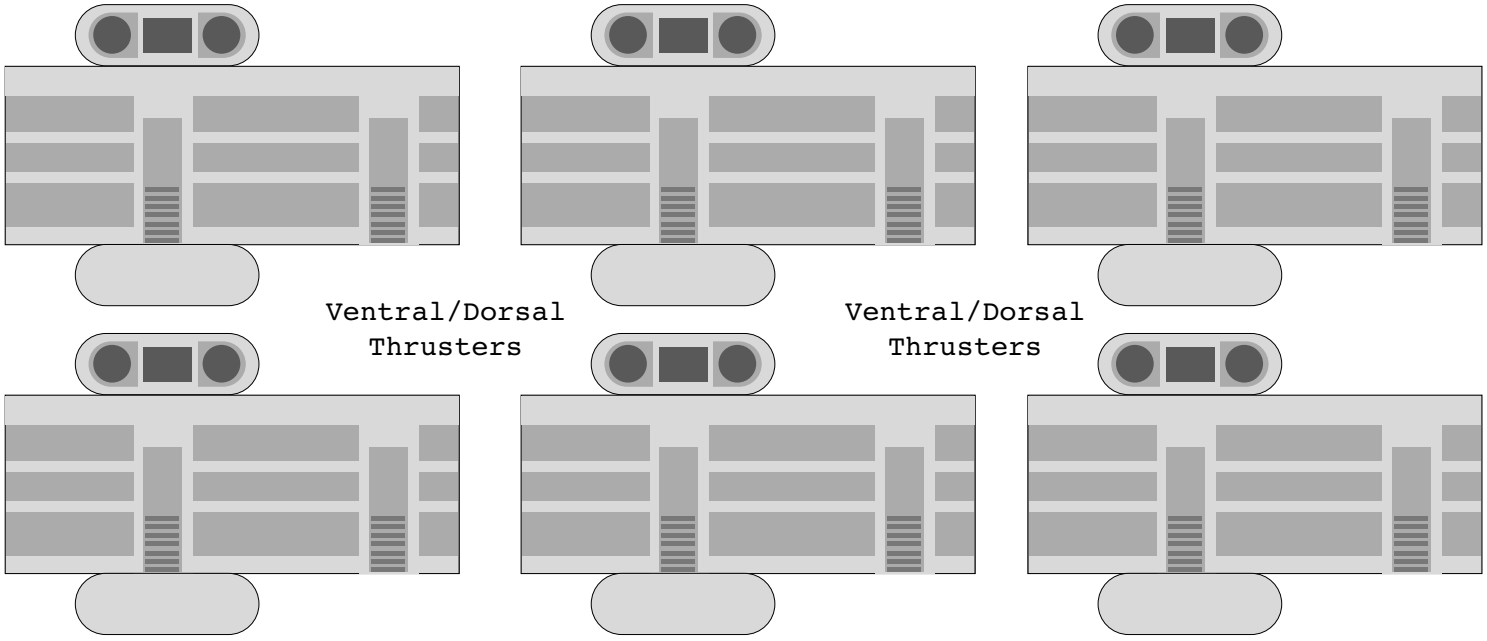

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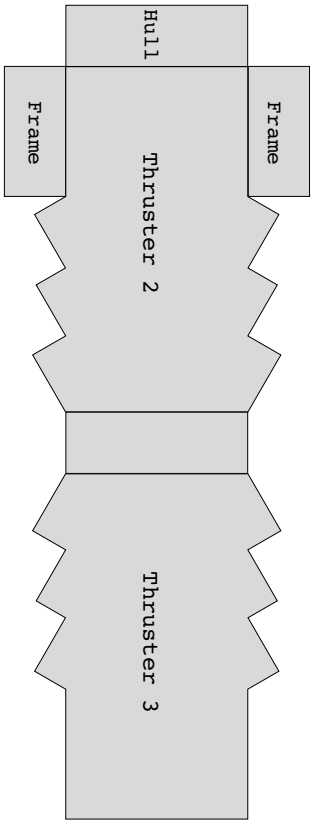

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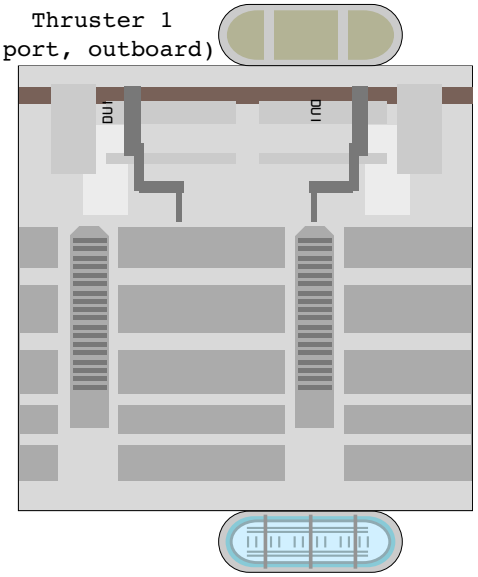

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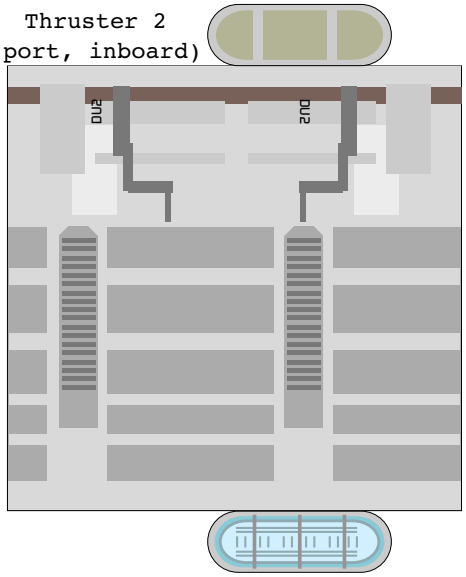

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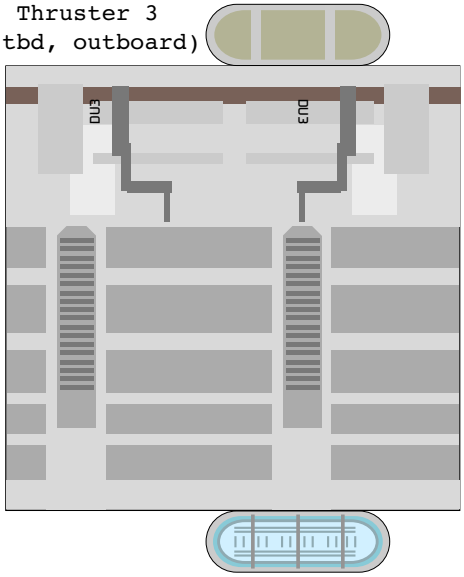

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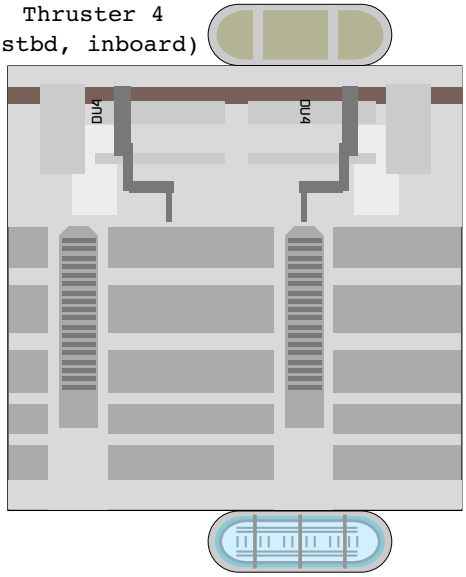

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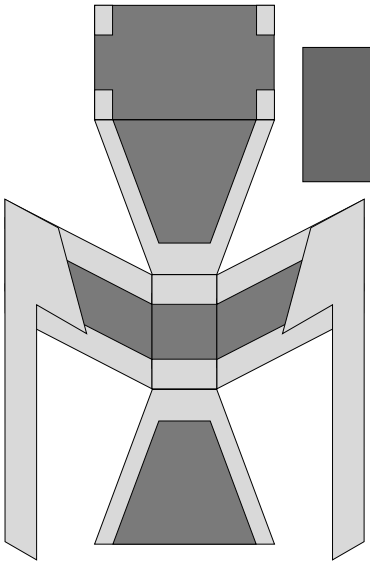

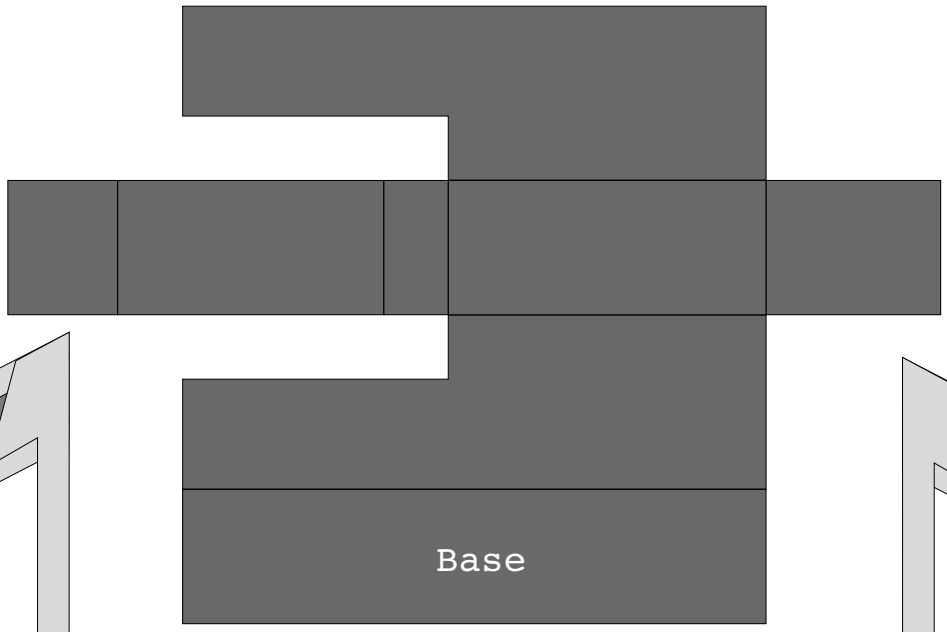

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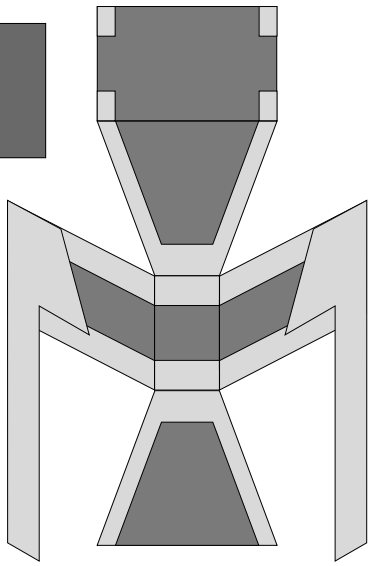



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