

40725 Cherry Blossoms

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Mark the arrival of spring and new beginnings with this LEGO® Cherry Blossoms (40725) celebration gift for aspiring florists and nature lovers aged 8 and up. Featuring 2 buildable cherry blossom twigs that can be decorated with delicate buds in shades of white and pink, the set encourages flower-lovers to create customized LEGO blooms. Once complete, the set makes a beautiful piece of floral decor that will add a touch of spring joy to any space. It can also be combined with other LEGO flowers (sold separately) to create a vibrant bouquet.

Build blooms: Sow the seeds of creativity with this LEGO® Cherry Blossoms celebration gift for kids aged 8 and up and adults who love flowers.

Spring colors: This LEGO® set features 2 cherry blossom cuttings covered in buds in hues of pastel pink and white.

Floral décor: Once complete, the cherry blossoms become spring-inspired decor that can be displayed in any room. The set includes 430 pieces and each cherry blossom twig measures over 14 in. (35 cm) long.

The front of the box shows two brown cherry blossom stems standing upright on a light pink background. The left edge is yellow, with a pattern of studs and tiles. The stems have many branches, each ending in a cluster of flowers. Most of the flowers on the stems are in full bloom. There are some budding flowers near the top of each stem, almost ready to bloom! One stem's flowers have white petals with a light pink center, and the other stem has light pink petals with a pink center. Each flower in bloom has green leaves surrounding its base. The top of the box has a life-sized image of a white pentagonal tile piece combined with a pink blossom element to show the scale of the build. This combination is used prominently in the petals of the flowers. The back of the box shows both stems laying down, horizontal to the camera so the viewer can see the blooms and buds sprouting off the stem's branches. An inset image shows a cherry blossom stem silhouetted in light pink, with a line showing its full length of 13.92 inches (35.35 cm) The build is 430 pieces, and 38 building steps.

Welcome to text-based instructions from Bricks for the Blind. Before you start building, here are some terms we'll be using:

- In Front of/Front: towards you.
- Behind/Back: away from you.
- Up: towards the ceiling.
- Down: towards the floor.
- Stud: the bump on a LEGO brick. Example: A 2x1 brick has two studs on it.
- Vertically: going from front to behind.
- Horizontally: going from left to right.
- Upright: pointing up towards the ceiling.
- That one/ppp: previously placed piece.
- Plate: piece with studs.
- Tile: smooth piece without studs (unless otherwise specified)
- A jumper plate is a 1x2 plate with a single stud on top, or a 1x3 plate with only two studs on top.
- "Anti-stud" is a term for the portion of a LEGO piece which accepts studs, like the bottom of a plate or brick.

- Symmetrically: a mirror image. Example: If you place a 2x1 brick with technic connector on the front wall at the right, connector to the front, and then place another such piece symmetrically on the back wall, at the right, the technic connector of the second piece should point to the back, since it will be placed symmetrically.
- Centered-vertically: even amount of space in front of and behind the piece
- Centered-horizontally: even amount of space left and right of the piece.
- Row: studs lined up from left to right.

For builders with low vision, or a sighted building partner who may want to follow along with the printed visual instructions that come with each set, PDF versions are always online at [\[https://www.lego.com/en-us/service/buildinginstructions/40725\]](https://www.lego.com/en-us/service/buildinginstructions/40725): As low vision users may benefit from viewing the instructions on a personal device where they can zoom in on content and use assistive technologies to enhance the visuals.

Sorting the pieces: To begin a successful build, it helps to sort the pieces into groups, bags or small containers. Have a sighted friend or family member do this in advance following the instructions below. You will see that the pieces should be sorted into groups according to the building steps in the set. Doing this in advance makes locating the pieces easier. See below on how to sort the pieces to correspond to the steps in this set. Number the containers using letters A-Z, numbers or meaningful names. The parts will be collected into a small number of steps in the instructions. Example: Steps 1-3 means collect all the parts used in steps 1, 2 and 3, and put them in one container.

This LEGO set comes with eight small bags labeled 1-8, and an instruction booklet. Sort the pieces into groups as described below. LEGO includes a few spare parts in case you lose something. Set these into their own group away from the rest, in case you need them later.

Bags 1 and 2 (2 groups of bricks)

Brown stem 1

Group 1 contains the pieces for steps 1-6 for the body of the first stem.

Group 2 contains the pieces for steps 7-13 for the stem's branches and bottom half.

Bags 3 and 4 (2 groups of bricks)

Cherry blossoms with white petals and buds

Group 3 contains the pieces for steps 14-16, to make the cherry blossom flowers with white petals.

Group 4 contains the pieces for 17-19, to make more cherry blossom flowers with white petals and the white cherry blossom buds.

Bags 5 and 6 (2 groups of bricks)

Brown stem 2

Group 5 contains the pieces for steps 1-6 for the body of the second stem.

Group 6 contains the pieces for steps 7-13 for the stem's branches and bottom half.

Bags 7 and 8 (2 groups of bricks)

Cherry blossoms with pink petals and buds

Group 7 contains the pieces for steps 14-16, to make the second stem's cherry blossom flowers with pink petals.

Group 8 contains the pieces for 17-19, to make more cherry blossom flowers with pink petals and the pink cherry blossom buds.

A note on LEGO Technic™ part names. These parts are somewhat different from regular LEGO bricks. Here are some definitions in case the builder or helper is not familiar with LEGO Technic™.

Axles - An axle is a connector which has an X shaped cross-section. Because their cross section is not round, anything connected to an axle using an axle-hole will rotate with that axle. Axles are longer than they are wide, and the length of an axle corresponds with how many bricks long it is. Aka a 3L axle is three bricks long. Axles come in a variety of lengths, with a 2L axle being the shortest available. They may be combined with pins, or have circular stops on them. A stop prevents the axle from sliding through an axle-hole at a specific point on the axle.

Pins - A pin is a connector which has a circular cross section and a flanged notch out of one or both ends. This flanged notch allows them to click into bricks with a pin-hole. Pins come with and without friction ridges, which are small bumps on the pin which prevent them from rotating freely. For standard pins, black is a high friction pin, and gray is a low friction pin. A standard-length pin is two brick lengths long, with a stop in the middle. This prevents a brick from being pushed from one side of the pin to the other. A 1L pin is one brick long and still retains the stop, however it also includes a hollow stud at the other end. A 3L pin is three bricks long, and only contains a stop at one side, allowing two bricks to be pushed onto the other side of the pin. Pins may also have one side which is an axle.

Lift-arms - A lift-arm is a basic structural element, similar to a brick or a plate, but usually without any studs. It is a beam with rounded ends and with holes in it, with the same spacing as the studs on a LEGO brick. lift-arms come in a variety of lengths, including a 1x1 lift-arm which looks like a cylinder. Thick liftarms are as wide as a LEGO brick, and thin lift-arms are half as wide as a LEGO brick, but not the same thickness as a LEGO plate! The holes in a lift-arm arm may accept axles or pins. They also come in a variety of shapes, including tees, ells and triangles.

Gears - A gear is a functional element. They are typically discs with teeth on the outside, there are also worm gears which look like a spiraling cylinder! Gears connected by axles transmit or even transform rotational motion!

Axle and Pin Connectors - These elements are typically smaller than lift-arms and are used to connect some combination of pins or axles. They might have pins or axles, as well as axle or pin-holes. They have a lot of different angle combinations! The simplest just connects two axles or pins together in a straight line.

Bushes/Bushings - LEGO Technic™ uses bushes largely as spacers, but they also can reduce friction between rotating parts, or can form useful elements such as handles. Bushes are typically light gray, generally cylindrical, and have an axle-hole running through the middle. They have a flange at the front and back to make them easier to pull on and off.

Building Instructions: (Note for helpers: I have broken some of LEGO's original instructions into smaller steps, but I have kept the original base number. For example, step 1 is now steps 1.1 and 1.2.)

Main build 1 – Brown stem 1.

Open bags 1 and 2.

Open group 1.

1.1. Place a brown straight axle and pin connector vertically upright in front of you. There are two axle holes on the top and bottom, and a pinhole in the center of the element. The pinhole should be oriented facing the left and the right.

1.2. Insert a black 2L notched axle vertically into the top hole of the previous piece.

2.1. Connect another brown straight axle and pin connector on top of the previous piece. The two pinholes should be vertically aligned with each other and should face left and right. This is the beginning of the cherry blossom stem!

2.2. Insert a black 2L notched axle vertically into the top hole of the previous piece.

3.1. From the left, insert a grey 1L pin into the topmost axle and pin connector's pinhole.

3.2. From the right, insert another grey 1L pin into the lower axle and pin connector's pin hole (on the opposite side of the stem from the first, at the right). There should be one stud facing the left and one facing the right.

4.1. Attach a brown 1x1 round plate with hollow stud to the upper left side of the stem, on the grey 1L pin's stud.

4.2. Attach a brown 1x1 round plate with hollow stud to the lower right side of the stem, on the grey 1L pin's stud.

5.1. From the left, insert a brown 1L bar with claw clip into the hollow stud of the previous piece on the upper left side of the stem. This clip should be oriented vertically, in line with the stem.

5.2. From the right, insert a brown 1L bar with claw clip into the hollow stud of the brown 1x1 round plate with hollow stud on the lower right side of the stem. This clip should be oriented vertically, in line with the stem.

5.3. Set this portion of the stem aside. You will join it to other sections of the stem later.

6.1. Place a brown straight axle and pin connector vertically upright front of you. There are two axle holes on the top and bottom, and a pinhole in the center of the element. The pinhole should be oriented facing the left and the right.

6.2. Insert a black 2L notched axle vertically into the top hole of the previous piece.

6.3. Connect another brown straight axle and pin connector on top of the previous piece. The two pinholes should be vertically aligned with each other, holes to the left and right.

6.4. From the left, insert a grey 1L pin into the topmost axle and pin connector's pinhole.

6.5. From the right, insert another grey 1L pin into the lower axle and pin connector's pinhole (on the opposite side of the stem from the first). The upper stud should be facing the left, and the lower stud should be facing the right.

6.6. Attach a brown 1x1 round plate with hollow stud to the upper left side of the stem, on the grey 1L pin's stud.

6.7. Attach a brown 1x1 round plate with hollow stud to the lower right side of the stem, on the grey 1L pin's stud.

6.8. From the left, insert a brown 1L bar with clip into the hollow stud of the 1x1 round plate with hollow stud on the upper left side of the stem. This clip should be oriented vertically, in line with the stem.

6.9. From the right, insert a brown 1L bar with clip into the hollow stud of the 1x1 round plate with hollow stud on the lower right side of the stem. This clip should be oriented vertically, in line with the stem.

6.10. Insert a grey 3L axle vertically into the top hole of the stem you have just created.

6.11. Place a brown bar and axle connector hub on top of the previous piece. The two extensions for a bar piece should be oriented front to back, perpendicular to the stem's claw clip pieces.

Repeat steps 6.1. through 6.11. to make another segment of the stem!

6.12. Now, we'll begin to connect the two stem elements we've just constructed! The notched axle on top of one stem should connect into the axle and pin connector on the bottom of the other stem. The 1L bars with claw clips should all be aligned vertically, and they should be staggered so that each claw clip is on the opposite side of those immediately above and below it.

6.13. Connect the stem piece constructed in step 5.3. to the top of the previous piece by inserting the grey axle into the axle connector hole. The claw clips should still be staggered, resulting in one long stem with alternating clips along its length. There should be three clips on the left and three clips on the right, and a black 2L notched axle poking out of the top.

Congratulations! The beginning of the cherry blossom stem is complete! Set this build to the side.

Open group 6.

Now, we're going to make the branches of the stem!

7.1. Place a brown bar holder with handle upright, handle to the bottom, in front of you. There is a hole for a bar element on the top, and a rounded handle on the bottom.

7.2. Insert a brown 2L bar with stop ring into the hole on the previous piece.

7.3. From above, connect a brown 1x1 brick with 4 side studs to the previous piece. The brick's anti-stud should be touching the brown bar holder with handle, and all 5 of the studs should be exposed- top and four sides.

7.4. Connect four dark red 1L bars with angled hollow stud to the previous piece using the holes on each of the side studs. These bars should be angled upwards to represent flowers.

7.5. Place the stem back in front of you and connect the brown bar holder's handle element to the lowest right-facing clip on the brown stem. The stem should now have one small movable branch.

You will now repeat steps 7.1. through 7.5. Connect the brown bar holder's handle element to the lowest left-facing clip on the brown stem. The stem should now have two small movable branches!

8.1. Place a brown bar holder with handle upright, handle to the bottom, in front of you. There is a hole for a bar element on the top, and a rounded handle on the bottom.

8.2. Insert a brown 2L bar with stop ring into the hole on the previous piece.

8.3. From above, connect a brown 1x1 brick with 4 side studs to the previous piece. The brick's anti-stud should be touching the brown bar holder with handle, and all 5 of the studs should be exposed.

8.4. Connect two dark red 1L bars with angled hollow stud to the previous piece using the holes on the 1x1 brick's left and right hollow studs. These bars should be perpendicular to the handle element of the brown bar holder and should be angled upwards to represent flowers.

8.5. Place the stem back in front of you and connect the brown bar holder's handle element to the lowest available clip on the right of the stem. The flower pieces should be aligned vertically with the stem, which should now have three small movable branches.

You will now repeat steps 8.1. through 8.5.

The stem should now have four small movable branches!

9.1. Place a brown bar holder with handle in front of you. Connect this to the lowest available clip on the right of the stem.

9.2. Place a brown bar holder with handle in front of you. Connect this to the lowest available clip on the left of the stem. There should currently be no clips remaining unoccupied on the stem.

Now, let's make the small fixed branches!

10.1. Place a dark red 1L bar with angled hollow stud in front of you. Attach a brown round 1x1 plate with hollow stud to the 1L bar's stud. Repeat this three times. There should be four 1L bars total, with a brown stud attached to each of them.

10.2. Insert one brown 2L bar with stop ring into the hole in hollow stud of the 1x1 round plate. Repeat this three times. There should now be four dark red 1L bars with angled hollow studs in total, with a brown 1x1 round plate with hollow stud attached to each of them and a 2L bar with stop ring inserted in each of the stud's hole. These will be used to make small branches.

10.3. Insert the end of the previous pieces' dark red 1L branches into the four brown axle and bar connector hub holes on the brown stem. These four pieces should be angled so that the ends of the brown 2L bars are pointing up and are aligned with the stem. These pieces are the "fixed" branches because they can't move up and down as the branches attached to the claw clips can.

11.1. Place a brown 1x1 round plate with hollow stud in front of you. Attach a brown 1x1 brick with four side studs on top of the previous piece.

11.2. Insert a dark red 1L bar with angled hollow into the left side-stud of the 1x1 brick. Angle the stud upwards, towards the sky. This is the stem of a flower. Repeat this step on the right side of the 1x1 brick. There should now be two dark red 1L bars on opposite sides of the 1x1 brick, angled upwards.

Repeat step 11.1 and 11.2.

You should now have two 1x1 bricks, each with a brown 1x1 round plate with hollow stud on the bottom and two dark red 1L bars with angled hollow studs inserted into opposite sides of the brick.

11.3. Take the pieces you built in the previous step, and slide each of them onto the lowest 2L small, fixed branches of the stem. There should be one of the previous pieces on the left, and one of the previous pieces on the right. The brown 2L bar attached to the brown stem should be inside of the brown 1x1 round plate with hollow stud, and the bottom of the 1x1 brick. Align the dark red 1L bar with angled hollow studs (flower stems) vertically with the body of the brown stem.

12.1. Place a brown 1x1 cone piece in front of you, narrow end pointed up. Connect a brown 1x1 brick with four side studs to the top of the stud on the narrow end of the cone.

12.2. Now, let's begin a few more flowers! Insert a dark red 1L bar with angled hollow stud into the hole in the center of the left side of the 1x1 brick. Angle the stud upwards, towards the sky. Repeat this step on the right side of the 1x1 brick. You should now have a cone attached to the bottom of a 1x1 brick with two flower stems on opposite sides of the brick.

12.3. Place this piece on the top end of the brown stem. The black 2L notched axle on the stem will connect into the wide bottom end of the cone piece. Rotate the piece until the dark red 1L bars with angled hollow studs are aligned with the 2L bar with stop ring "small, fixed branches."

You have built the stem and all the branches! Now, let's extend the stem to the proper length!

13.1. Place a brown 2L axle connector in front of you, oriented vertically. Insert a black 2L notched axle into the top hole of the axle connector. Repeat this 10 times. There should now be 10 brown 2L axle connectors, each with a black 2L notched axle coming out the top.

13.2. Begin connecting the previous pieces together using the black 2L notched axles. Insert the black notched axle on the top of one axle connector into the bottom of the next axle connector and repeat until you have a long stem with just one black 2L notched axle poking out the top.

13.3. Join the long stem you have just constructed to the stem with branches you have previously built. Use the black 2L notched axle to join the top hole of the long stem to the bottom hole of the stem with branches.

Main Build 2- Flowers with white petals

Open bags 3 and 4.

Open group 3.

14.1. Place a dark red 1x1 flower plate in front of you.

14.2. Place a white crown eggshell piece with 5 points on top of the previous piece's stud. This piece represents the flower petals of the cherry blossom flowers.

14.3. Connect a light pink 1x1 flower plate to the center stud of the white crown piece. This is the first blossoming flower!

14.4. Let's build two more of these flowers, following the same steps. The dark red flower plate will go on the bottom, followed by the white crown eggshell piece, with the light pink flower plate on top of the central stud of the white crown eggshell.

14.5. Now we will attach these flowers to the branches on the brown stem. Place the stem vertically in front of you and connect one flower directly on the top end of the stem. It should be connected directly to the top stud on the 1x1 brick, at the very end of the stem.

14.6. The other two flowers will be placed on the lower set of opposing small fixed branches. These branches are the ones you made in step 11 and have a 1x1 brick and two dark red 1L bars with angled hollow studs. These branches are the only ones that will not wiggle up and down when you move them. The flowers will join directly onto the 1x1 brick, just like in the previous step.

15.1. Place a light green 1x1 round plate with 3 leaves in front of you.

15.2. Place a white crown eggshell piece with 5 points on top of the previous piece's stud.

15.3. Connect a light pink 1x1 flower plate to the center stud of the white crown piece.

15.4. Build five more of these flowers, following the same steps. The light green leaf plate will go on the bottom, followed by the white crown eggshell piece, with the light pink flower plate on top of the central stud of the white crown eggshell. At this point, there should be six flowers with green leaves.

15.5. Begin placing the flowers with green leaves onto the branches of the stem. We will put two on the upper set of small, fixed branches. Just slide the end of the brown 2L bar through the hole in the bottom of the green leaf plate and through the center of the flower. Be sure to place the green leaves so they are angled away from the body of the brown stem.

15.6. The other four flowers with green leaves will go onto the lower set of small fixed branches- there should already be a flower attached onto each of these from step 14.6. Just like those flowers, they will connect directly to the 1x1 brick- on the two studs on the front and back of the brick. There should be two studs on each of the 1x1 bricks to connect each of the green leaf plates. The leaves should be angled downwards, and away from the stem.

The lower set of the fixed branches should have six flowers total now; with three on each branch. Let's build some more flowers!

16.1. Place four dark red 1x1 flower plates in front of you.

16.2. Connect four white crown eggshell pieces with 5 points to the top of the dark red 1x1 flower plates.

16.3. Place four light pink 1x1 flower plates on top of the center stud of each of the white crown pieces. You should now have four flowers with white petals just like the ones constructed in step 14.

16.4. Each of these flowers will be placed on the ends of the four small movable branches. There should be a stud on the 1x1 bricks available to place them directly onto. Make sure this is the stud on the very tip of the branches, so that the flowers face away from the body of the stem.

Open Group 4.

17.1. We will be constructing 10 flowers with green leaves in this step. Just like in step 15, they should be constructed like a sandwich. There should be a 1x1 light green round plate with 3 leaves on the bottom, a white crown eggshell piece with 5 points directly on top of the leaf plate, and a light pink 1x1 flower plate placed in the center of the white crown eggshell piece. Once you have constructed 10 flowers, let's place them on the stem!

17.2. Place two flowers on the brown 1x1 brick at the very top of the stem. Attach them directly to the two free studs on the brick- leave the dark red 1L bars with angled hollow studs free for step 18! The flowers you attach should be on opposite sides of the brown 1x1 brick so that they face different directions.

Move down the stem to find the first set of staggered movable branches. There should be two, with a brown 1x1 brick and a flower at the end of each one.

17.3. We will attach two flowers with green leaves to each branch, using the available studs on the brown 1x1 brick. There should be three flowers on each of these branches, plus two dark red 1L bars with angled hollow studs.

Move down the stem to find the second set of movable branches. These also have a brown 1x1 brick, but all four studs on the brick should be occupied by dark red 1L bars with angled hollow studs!

17.4. This time, we will attach flowers onto the angled hollow studs instead of onto the brick itself. Place two flowers with green leaves onto each branch, with one flower on the angled hollow stud closest to you and one flower on the angled hollow stud furthest from you. Each flower should be on opposite sides of the brown 1x1 brick. There should now be three flowers on each of the lower movable branches, and two remaining 1L bars with angled hollow studs.

Let's finish building the flowers with white petals!

18.1. We need to create fourteen flower pieces by placing fourteen light pink 1x1 flower plates on top of the center studs of fourteen white crown eggshell pieces. There should now be fourteen flowers with white petals and pink centers.

18.2. Let's start adding these flowers to the branches! We'll begin at the top. Place two of the flowers we just built onto the two remaining 1L bars with angled studs at the top of the stem. There should now be five flowers on the very top piece of the stem!

18.3. Move down the stem, past the first set of fixed branches and stop at the first set of movable branches. Each branch should have two remaining 1L bars with angled studs on it- attach a flower to each one. There should now be five flowers on each of the top two movable branches!

18.4. Keep moving down the stem, to the second set of fixed branches. Each branch should have two remaining 1L bars with angled studs. Attach a flower to each of these studs. There should now be five flowers on each of the lower set of fixed branches!

18.5. Move down the stem, to the bottom two movable branches. Each branch should have two remaining dark red 1L bars with angled studs. Place a flower on each of these studs. There should now be five flowers on each of the movable branches!

Now, we'll construct the budding flowers that are yet to bloom.

19.1. Place a brown plant flower stem piece in front of you. This piece has three smaller stems, and a bar connector in the center of them. Insert a smaller brown plant flower stem with bar piece into the connector hole in the center of the first piece. Repeat this process with another large brown stem piece and another small brown stem piece. There should now be two pieces, with each one having three small stems on the edge of the piece and a central stem in the middle.

19.2. Place six dark red 1x1 flower plates in front of you. Begin attaching a white 1x1 stud with vertical swirl on top of each flower plate. There should be six pieces total- 6 dark red studs with one white stud attached to the top of each.

19.3. Attach the previous pieces to the brown flower stem elements from step 19.1. There should be three dark red/white studs attached to each of the small stems. These are the budding cherry blossom flowers!

19.4. Go to the larger stem with flowers and find the two brown bar holder with handle pieces. These are near the top of the stem, and act like small movable branches. Insert the base of the budding flowers' stem into one of the bar holder's holes. Repeat this process for the other bar holder on the opposite side of the stem.

You have now completed the Cherry Blossom Stem with White Petals!

Main build 3 – Brown stem 2.

Open bags 5 and 6.

Open group 5.

1.1. Place a brown straight axle and pin connector vertically upright in front of you. There are two axle holes on the top and bottom, and a pinhole hole in the center of the element. Make sure the pinhole faces left and right.

1.2. Insert a black 2L notched axle vertically into the top hole of the previous piece.

2.1. Connect another brown straight axle and pin connector on top of the previous piece. The two pin holes should be vertically aligned with each other, both facing left and right. This is the beginning of the cherry blossom stem.

2.2. Insert a black 2L notched axle vertically into the top hole of the previous piece.

3.1. From the left, insert a grey 1L pin into the topmost axle and pin connector's side hole.

3.2. From the right, insert another grey 1L pin into the lower axle and pin connector's side hole (on the opposite side of the stem from the first). There should be one stud facing the left and one facing the right.

4.1. Attach a brown 1x1 round plate with hollow stud to the upper left side of the stem, on the grey 1L pin's stud.

4.2. Attach a brown 1x1 round plate with hollow stud to the lower right side of the stem, on the grey 1L pin's stud.

5.1. From the left, insert a brown 1L bar with claw clip into the central hole of the brown stud on the upper left side of the stem. This clip should be oriented vertically, in line with the stem.

5.2. From the right, insert a brown 1L bar with claw clip into the central hole of the brown stud on the lower right side of the stem. This clip should be oriented vertically, in line with the stem.

5.3. Set this portion of the stem aside. You will join it to other sections of the stem later.

6.1. Place a brown straight axle and pin connector upright vertically in front of you. There are two axle holes on the top and bottom, and a pin hole in the center of the element. Make sure your pin hole is facing left and right.

6.2. Insert a black 2L notched axle vertically into the top hole of the previous piece.

6.3. Connect another brown straight axle and pin connector on top of the previous piece. The two pin holes should be vertically aligned with each other, both facing left and right.

6.4. From the left, insert a grey 1L pin into the topmost axle and pin connector's side hole.

6.5. From the right, insert another grey 1L pin into the lower axle and pin connector's side hole (on the opposite side of the stem from the first). The upper stud should be facing the left, and the lower stud should be facing the right.

6.6. Attach a brown 1x1 round plate with hollow stud to the upper left side of the stem, on the grey 1L pin's stud.

6.7. Attach a brown 1x1 round plate with hollow stud to the lower right side of the stem, on the grey 1L pin's stud.

6.8. From the left, insert a brown 1L bar with clip into the hollow stud of the brown 1x1 round plate with hollow stud on the upper left side of the stem. This clip should be oriented vertically, in line with the stem.

6.9. From the right, insert a brown 1L bar with clip into the hollow stud of the brown 1x1 round plate with hollow stud on the lower right side of the stem. This clip should be oriented vertically, in line with the stem.

6.10. Insert a grey 3L axle vertically into the top hole of the stem you have just created.

6.11. Place a brown bar and axle connector hub on top of the previous piece. The two extensions for a bar piece should be oriented front to back, perpendicular to the stem's claw clip pieces.

You will now repeat steps 6.1. through 6.11.

6.12. Connect the two stems you have just constructed together vertically. The notched axle on top of one stem should connect into the axle and pin connector on the bottom of the other stem. The 1L bars with claw clips should all be aligned vertically, and they should be staggered so that each claw clip is on the opposite side of those immediately above and below it.

6.13. Connect the stem piece constructed in step 5.3. to the top of the previous piece by inserting the grey axle into the axle connector hole. The claw clips should still be staggered, resulting in one long stem with alternating clips along its length. There should be three clips on the left and three clips on the right, and a black 2L notched axle poking out of the top. Set this build to the side.

Open group 6.

You will now construct Stem 2's branches.

7.1. Place a brown bar holder with handle upright vertically in front of you. There is a hole for a bar element on the top, and a rounded handle on the bottom.

7.2. Insert a brown 2L bar with stop ring into the hole on the previous piece.

7.3. From above, connect a brown 1x1 brick with 4 side studs to the previous piece. The brick's anti-stud should be touching the brown bar holder with handle, and all 5 of the studs should be exposed- top and four sides.

7.4. Connect four dark red 1L bars with angled hollow stud to the previous piece using the holes on each of the side studs. These bars should be angled upwards to represent flowers.

7.5. Place the stem back in front of you and connect the brown bar holder's handle element to the lowest right-facing clip on the brown stem. The stem should now have one small movable branch.

You will now repeat steps 7.1. through 7.4. Connect the brown bar holder's handle element to the lowest left-facing clip on the brown stem. The stem should now have two small movable branches.

8.1. Place a brown bar holder with handle upright vertically in front of you. There is a hole for a bar element on the top, and a rounded handle on the bottom.

8.2. Insert a brown 2L bar with stop ring into the hole on the previous piece.

8.3. From above, connect a brown 1x1 brick with 4 side studs to the previous piece. The brick's anti-stud should be touching the brown bar holder with handle, and all 5 of the studs should be exposed.

8.4. Connect two dark red 1L bars with angled hollow stud to the previous piece using the holes on the 1x1 brick's left and right hollow studs. These bars should be perpendicular to the handle element of the brown bar holder and should be angled upwards to represent flowers.

8.5. Place the stem back in front of you and connect the brown bar holder's handle element to the lowest available clip on the right of the stem. The flower pieces should be aligned vertically with the stem, which should now have three small movable branches.

You will now repeat steps 8.1. through 8.5. The stem should now have four small movable branches.

9.1. Place a brown bar holder with handle in front of you. Connect this to the lowest available clip on the right of the stem.

9.2. Place a brown bar holder with handle in front of you. Connect this to the lowest available clip on the left of the stem. There should currently be no clips remaining unoccupied on the stem.

10.1. Now, let's make the small, fixed branches! Place a dark red 1L bar with angled hollow stud in front of you. Attach a brown 1x1 round plate with hollow stud to the 1L bar's stud. Repeat this three times. There should be four 1L bars total, with a brown stud attached to each of them.

10.2. Insert one brown 2L bar with stop ring into the hole in the center of the previous piece's brown 1x1 round plate. Repeat this three times. There should now be four dark red 1L bars with angled hollow studs in total, with a brown 1x1 round plate with hollow stud attached to each of them and a 2L bar with stop ring inserted in each of the round plate's hollow studs. These will be used to make small branches.

10.3. Insert the end of the previous pieces' dark red 1L branches into the four brown axle and bar connector hub holes on the brown stem. These four pieces should be angled so that the ends of the brown 2L bars are pointing up and are aligned with the stem. These pieces are the "fixed" branches because they can't move up and down like the branches attached to the claw clips can.

11.1. Place a brown 1x1 round plate with hollow stud in front of you. Attach a brown 1x1 brick with four side studs on top of the brown stud.

11.2. Insert a dark red 1L bar with angled hollow stud into the left side stud of the 1x1 brick. Angle the stud upwards, towards the sky. This is the stem of a flower. Repeat this step on the right side of the 1x1 brick. There should now be two dark red 1L bars on opposite sides of the 1x1 brick, angled upwards.

You will now repeat step 11.1. and 11.2.

You should now have two 1x1 bricks, each with a brown 1x1 round plate with hollow stud on the bottom and two dark red 1L bars with angled hollow studs on opposite sides of the brick.

11.3. Take the pieces you built in the previous step, and slide each of them onto the lowest 2L small, fixed branches of the stem. There should be one of the previous pieces on the left, and one of the previous pieces on the right. The brown 2L bar attached to the brown stem should be inside of the brown 1x1 round plate with hollow stud, and the bottom of the 1x1 brick. Align the dark red 1L bar with angled hollow studs (flower stems) vertically with the body of the brown stem.

12.1. Place a brown 1x1 cone brick in front of you, narrow end pointed up. Connect a brown 1x1 brick with four side studs to the top of the stud on the narrow end of the cone.

12.2. Now, let's begin a few more flowers! Insert a dark red 1L bar with angled hollow stud into the left side stud. Angle the stud upwards, towards the sky. Repeat this step on the right side of the 1x1 brick. You should now have a cone attached to the bottom of a 1x1 brick with two flower stems on opposite sides of the brick.

12.3. Place this piece on the top end of the brown stem. The black 2L notched axle on the stem will connect into the wide bottom end of the cone piece. Rotate the piece until the dark red 1L bars with angled hollow studs are aligned with the 2L bar with stop ring "small fixed branches."

You have built the stem and all the branches! Now, let's extend the stem to the proper length!

13.1. Place a brown 2L axle connector in front of you, oriented vertically. Insert a black 2L notched axle into the top hole of the axle connector. Repeat this 10 times. There should now be 10 brown 2L axle connectors, each with a black 2L notched axle coming out the top.

13.2. Begin connecting the previous pieces together using the black 2L notched axles. Insert the black notched axle on the top of one axle connector into the bottom of the next axle connector and repeat until you have a long stem with just one black 2L notched axle poking out the top.

13.3. Join the long stem you have just constructed to the stem with branches you have previously built. Use the black 2L notched axle to join the top hole of the long stem to the bottom hole of the stem with branches.

Main Build 4- Flowers with light pink petals

Open bags 7 and 8.

Open group 7.

14.1. Place a dark red 1x1 flower plate in front of you.

14.2. Place a light pink crown eggshell piece with 5 points on top of the previous piece's stud. This piece represents the flower petals of the cherry blossom flowers.

14.3. Connect a pink 1x1 flower plate to the center stud of the light pink crown piece. This is the first blossoming flower!

14.4. Let's build two more of these flowers, following the same steps. The dark red 1x1 flower plate will go on the bottom, followed by the light pink crown eggshell piece, with the pink 1x1 flower plate on top of the central stud of the white crown eggshell.

14.5. Now we will attach these flowers to the branches on the brown stem. Place the stem vertically in front of you and connect one flower directly on the top end of the stem. It should be connected directly to the top stud on the 1x1 brick, at the very end of the stem.

14.6. The other two flowers will be placed on the lower set of opposing small, fixed branches. These branches are the ones you made in step 11 and have a 1x1 brick and two dark red 1L bars with angled hollow studs. These branches are the only ones which will not wiggle up and down when you touch them. The flowers will connect directly onto the 1x1 brick, just like in the previous step.

15.1. Place a light green 1x1 round plate with 3 leaves in front of you.

15.2. Place a light pink crown eggshell piece with 5 points on top of the previous piece's stud.

15.3. Connect a pink 1x1 flower plate to the center stud of the light pink crown piece.

15.4. Build five more of these flowers, following the same steps. The light green 1x1 leaf plate will go on the bottom, followed by the light pink crown eggshell piece, with the pink 1x1 flower plate on top of the central stud of the light pink crown eggshell. At this point, there should be six flowers with green leaves.

15.5. Begin placing the flowers with green leaves onto the branches of the stem. We will put two on the upper set of small, fixed branches. Just slide the end of the brown 2L bar through the hole in the bottom of the green leaf plate, and through the center of the flower. Place the green leaves so they are angled away from the body of the brown stem.

15.6. The other four flowers with green leaves will go onto the lower set of small, fixed branches- there should already be a flower attached onto each of these from step 14.6. Just like those flowers, they will connect directly to the 1x1 brick- on the two studs on the front and back of the brick. There should be two studs on each of the 1x1 bricks to connect each of the green leaf plates. The leaves should be angled downwards, and away from the stem.

The lower set of the fixed branches should have six flowers total now; with three on each branch. Let's build some more flowers!

16.1. Place four dark red 1x1 flower plates in front of you.

16.2. Connect four light pink crown eggshell pieces with 5 points to the top of the previous pieces.

16.3. Place four pink 1x1 flower plates on top of the center stud of each of the white crown pieces. You should now have four flowers with white petals just like the ones constructed in step 14.

16.4. Each of these flowers will be placed on the ends of the four small movable branches. There should be a free stud on the 1x1 bricks to place them onto. Make sure this is the stud on the very tip of the branches, so that the flowers face away from the body of the stem.

Open Group 4.

17.1. We will be constructing 10 flowers with green leaves in this step. Just like in step 15, they should be constructed like a sandwich. There should be a light green 1x1 leaf plate on the bottom, a light pink crown eggshell piece with 5 points directly on top of the leaf plate, and a pink 1x1 flower plate placed in the center of the white crown eggshell piece. Once you have constructed 10 flowers, let's place them on the stem!

17.2. Place two flowers on the brown 1x1 brick at the very top of the stem. Attach them directly to the 2 free studs on the brick. Leave the dark red 1L bars with angled hollow studs free for step 18! The flowers you attach should be on opposite sides of the brown 1x1 brick so that they face different directions.

Move down the stem to find the first set of staggered movable branches. There should be two, with a brown 1x1 brick with studs on 4 sides and a flower at the end of each.

17.3. We will attach two flowers with green leaves to each branch, using the available studs on the brown 1x1 brick with 4 side-studs. There should be three flowers on each of these branches, plus two dark red 1L bars with angled hollow studs.

Move down the stem to find the second set of movable branches. These also have a brown 1x1 brick, but all four studs on the brick should be already occupied by dark red 1L bars with angled hollow studs!

17.4. This time, we will attach flowers onto the angled hollow studs instead of onto the brick itself. Place two flowers with green leaves onto each branch, with one flower on the angled hollow stud closest to you and one flower on the angled hollow stud furthest from you. Each flower should be on opposite sides of the brown 1x1 brick. There should now be three flowers on each of the lower movable branches, and two remaining 1L bars with angled hollow studs.

Let's finish building the flowers with white petals!

18.1. We need to create fourteen flower pieces by placing fourteen pink 1x1 flower plates on top of the center studs of fourteen light pink crown eggshell pieces. There should now be fourteen flowers with light pink petals and pink centers.

18.2. Let's start adding these flowers to the branches! We'll begin at the top. Place two of the flowers we just built onto the two remaining 1L bars with angled studs at the top of the stem. There should now be five flowers on the very top piece of the stem!

18.3. Move down the stem, past the first set of fixed branches and stop at the first set of movable branches. Each branch should have two remaining 1L bars with angled studs on it- attach a flower to each one. There should now be five flowers on each of the top two movable branches!

18.4. Keep moving down the stem, to the second set of fixed branches. Each branch should have two remaining 1L bars with angled studs. Attach a flower to each of these studs. There should now be five flowers on each of the lower set of fixed branches!

18.5. Move down the stem, to the bottom two movable branches. Each branch should have two remaining dark red 1L bars with angled studs. Place a flower on each of these studs. There should now be five flowers on each of the movable branches!

Now, we'll construct the budding flowers that are yet to bloom.

19.1. Place a brown plant flower stem piece in front of you. This piece has three smaller stems, and a bar connector in the center of them. Insert a smaller brown plant flower stem with bar piece into the connector hole in the center of the first piece. Repeat this process with another large brown stem piece and another small brown stem piece. There should now be two pieces, with each one having three small stems on the edge of the piece and a central stem in the middle.

19.2. Place six dark red 1x1 flower plates in front of you. Attach a light pink 1x1 round plate with vertical swirl on top of each flower plate. There should be six pieces total- 6 dark red 1x1 flower plates with one light pink 1x1 round plate with swirl attached to the top of each.

19.3. Attach the previous pieces to the brown flower stem elements from step 19.1. There should be three dark red/light pink studs attached to each of the small stems. These are the budding cherry blossom flowers!

19.4. Go to the larger stem with flowers and find the two brown bar holder with handle pieces. These are near the top of the stem, and act like small movable branches. Insert the base of the budding flowers' stem into one of the bar holder's holes. Repeat this process for the other bar holder on the opposite side of the stem.

Congratulations! The Cherry Blossoms are now complete!

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