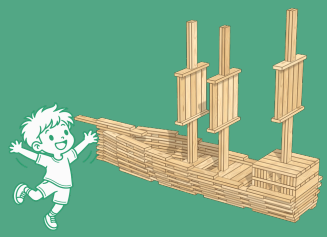
Pirate ship

Difficulty :

Pieces : ~179

Age : +8

Duration : ~60 min



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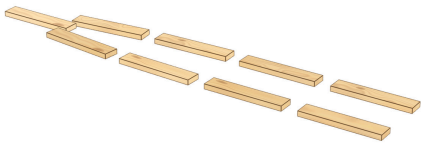

Lay 9 planks flat to draw the hull, that is the body of the ship. On each side, line up 2 parallel planks, then 2 slightly turned ones meeting at the front. Finish with 1 piece in the middle for the tip. Leave a gap as wide as a plank between 2 planks.

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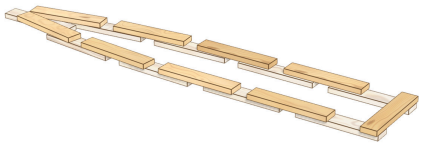

Lay 9 more planks on top, each one bridging a gap below. At the back, close the hull with 1 plank perpendicular to the others: this is the transom, the flat back of the ship.

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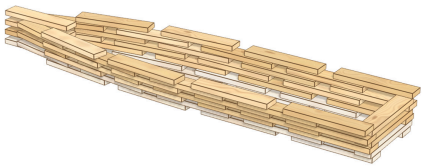

Stack 5 more levels, 45 planks, repeating the first and the second level in turn. Each plank bridges the gap below and each level is a little wider: the hull curves like a real ship's.

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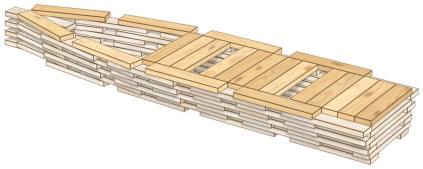

Lay a last level of 9 planks, then 12 planks perpendicular to the hull, from one side to the other: this is the deck, the floor of the ship. Leave 2 holes: they are the hatches, the trapdoors down to the hold.



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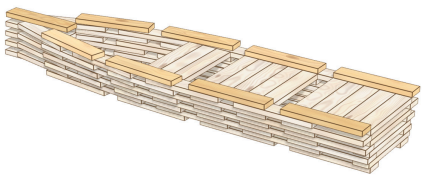

Run 9 planks flat around the deck: this is the rail, the edge that keeps the pirates from falling overboard.

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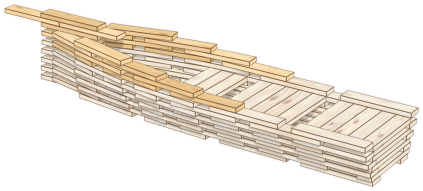

The bow, that is the front of the ship, rises 4 levels: 6 planks, then 5, 4 and 3. At the very top, lay 2 planks end to end sticking out forward, and 1 on top, further back, holding the front one.

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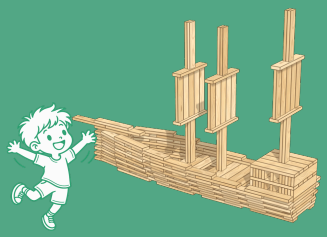

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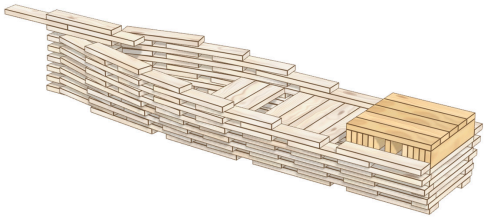

At the back, called the stern, set 11 planks on edge, perpendicular to the hull, leaving 2 windows in the middle. Cover them with 5 planks laid flat, parallel to the hull.

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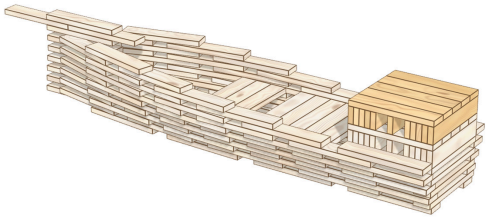

Do it again on top: 11 planks on edge with their 2 windows, then 5 planks laid flat the same way for the roof. This is the captain's cabin!

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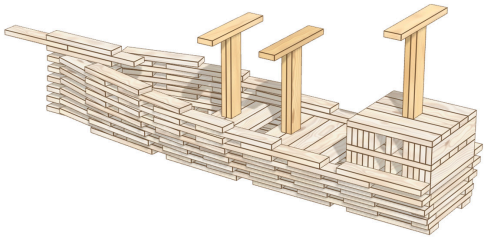

Stand 3 masts of 2 planks back to back: 2 on the deck and 1 on the castle. Top each with a yard, 1 plank laid flat perpendicular to the ship.

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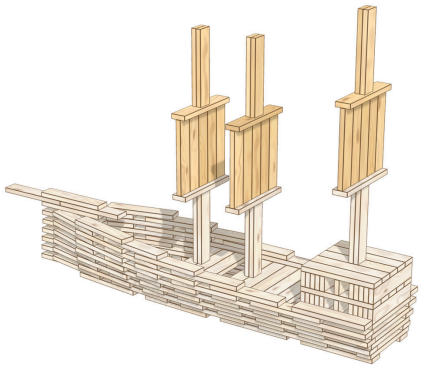

On each yard, stand 5 planks side by side for the sail, then 1 yard on top. Finish each mast with 2 standing planks. All hands on deck!

BRAVO!

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