

Building Commissions

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The logo for BrickBuildr is displayed within a white rectangular box. The word "BrickBuildr" is written in a bold, sans-serif font, with "BrickBuild" in blue and the final "r" in pink. Below the main text, the tagline "COMMUNITY, PICTURES, & LEGO" is written in a smaller, grey, all-caps font.

BrickBuildr
COMMUNITY, PICTURES, & LEGO

Intro

- A part of the LEGO Fan Community since 1998.
- Co-founder of COLTC, current member of GFLUG & GFLTC.
- Attended various LEGO conventions since 2002.
- Web-Site Coordinator for BrickMagic & Brickworld.
- Creator of BrickBuildr and iPick-a-Brick.
- Partial owner of Brick Replicas Inc., LLC.

Brick Replicas Inc., LLC

<http://www.brick-replicas.com/>

- Our Experiences
 - Holmes Regional Medical Center Build
 - MedQuist Bridge Build
 - Miami Children's Hospital Build
- Four "Owners" to BRI

Holmes Regional Medical Center

- 17,000 Bricks
- 3 Weekends
- 75" x 30"



http://www.flickr.com/groups/hrmc_project/



MedQuist Bridge Build



Miami Children's Hospital

http://www.flickr.com/groups/mch_project/

- 24,000 Bricks
- 60" x 45"
- Several Months

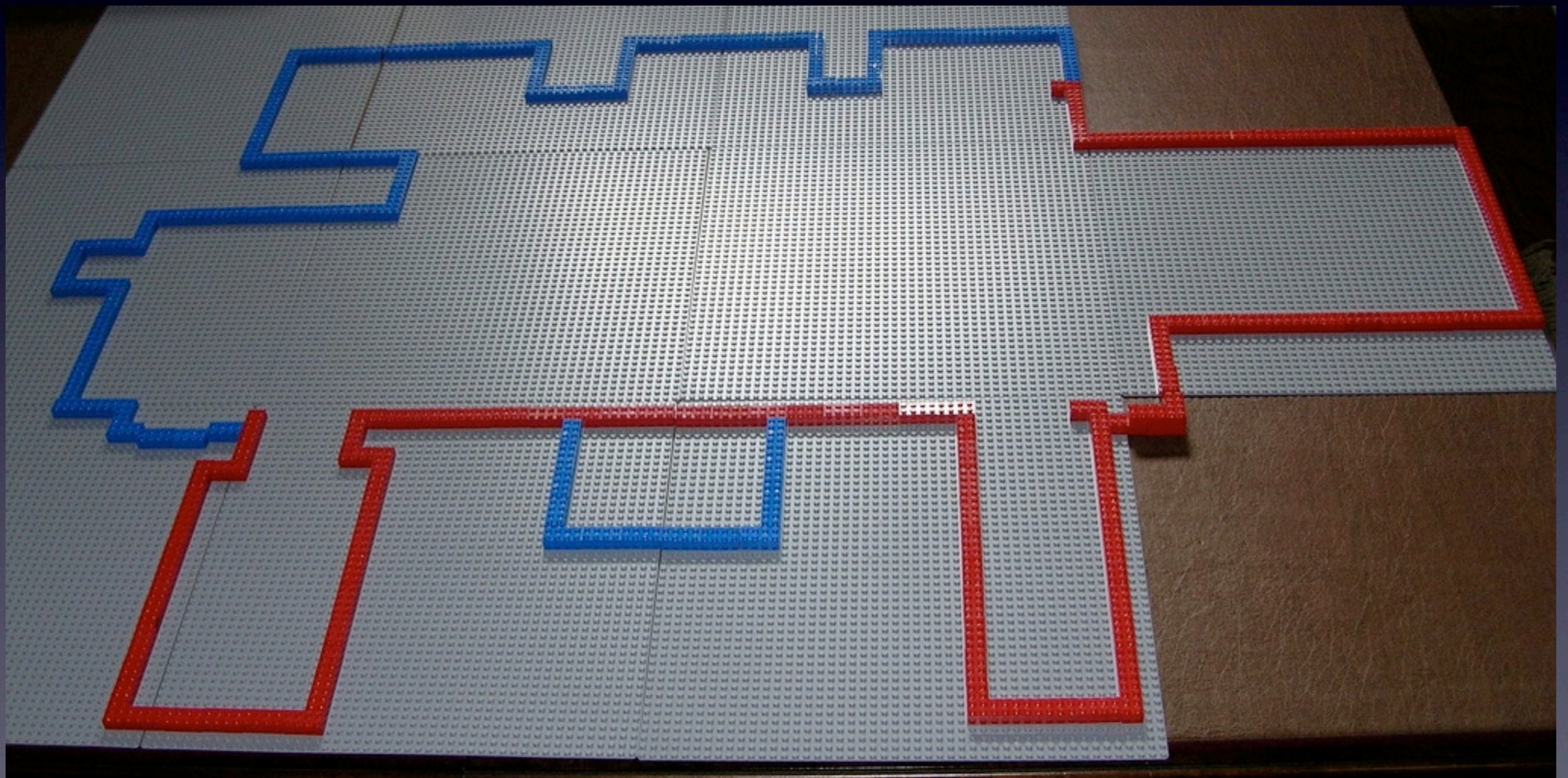


Tools of the Trade

- Guestimating Costs
- Photos & Builder Blue-prints
- On-line resources: Bing & Google Earth
- Acquire Bricks
- Space/Location to Build

Guestimating Costs

nawabari - lit. "stretched rope" - figuring out the layout of your building



Building Photos



On-Line Resources



Acquire Bricks

- Pick-a-Brick
- Bricklink.com
- ...Personal Collections

Challenges

- Acquiring Bricks & Limited Part Palette
- Compromises in Colors
- Time Management
- Choosing the Scale to Work In
- New Architects in Middle of a Build
- Compression & Selective Editing
- Storage in between “build” days
- To become a LEGO Certified Professional or Not?

Other Commissioned Works

<http://modelbuildingsecrets.wordpress.com/2010/04/14/the-big-secret-revealed/>

By Mariann Asanuma

