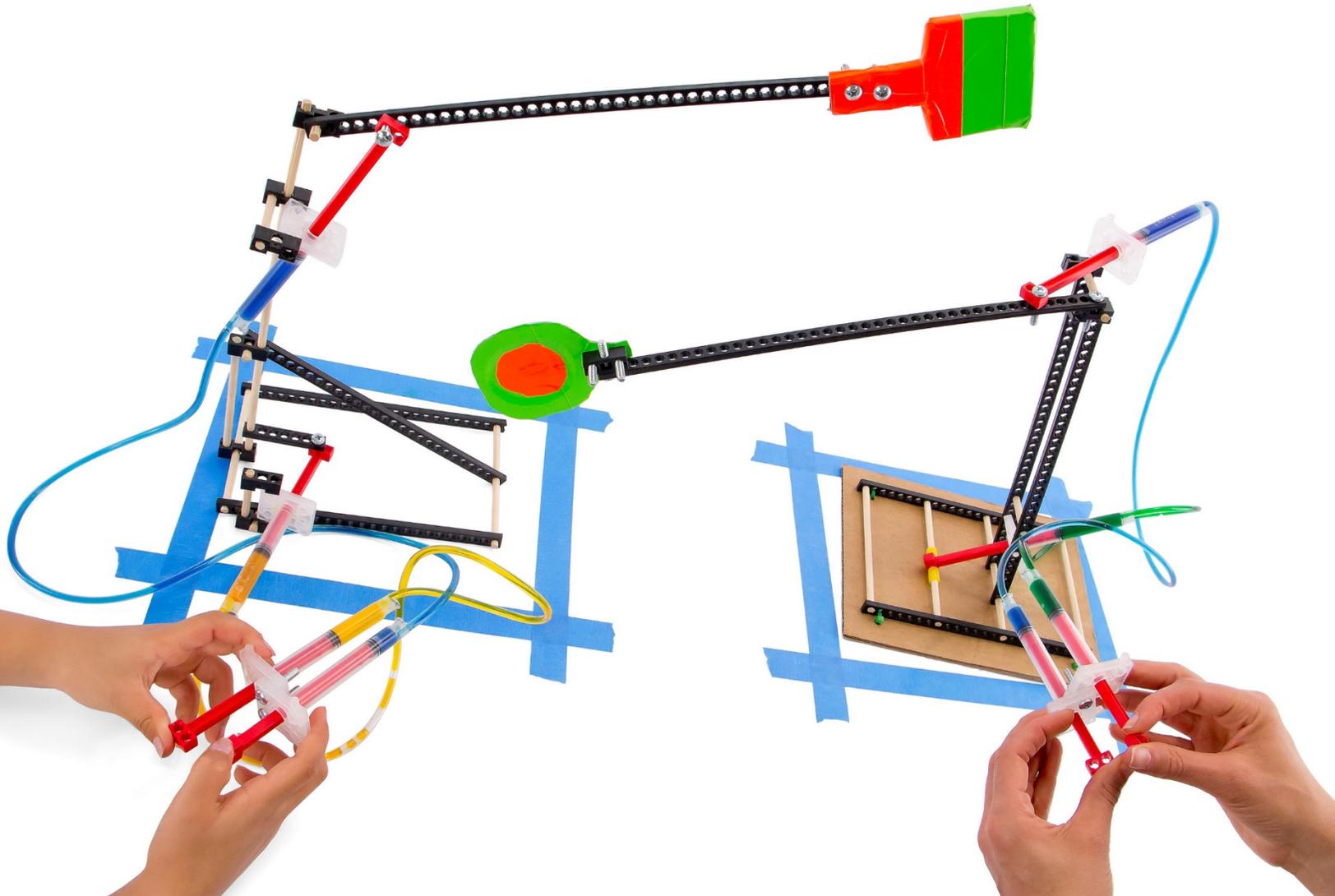
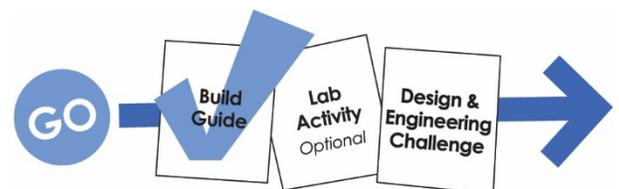


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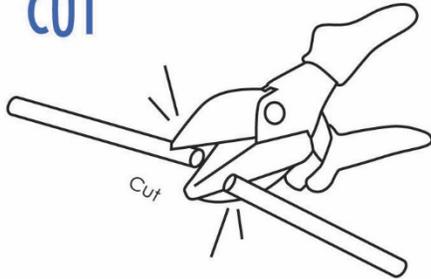


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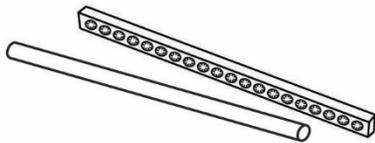
For use with TeacherGeek [Judo-Bot Activity Pack](#),  
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## CUT



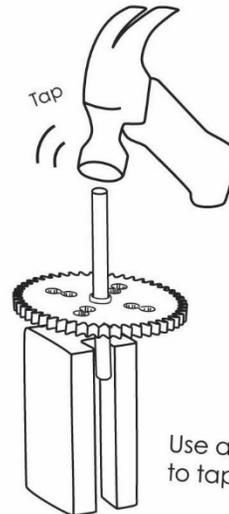
**Multi-Cutters** cut wood & plastic (like **dowels** and **connector strips**). They do not cut metal.



## PUSH, WIGGLE, TAP



Push, wiggle or tap **dowels** into holes.



Use a **hammer** and **slider block** to tap **dowels** farther through holes.

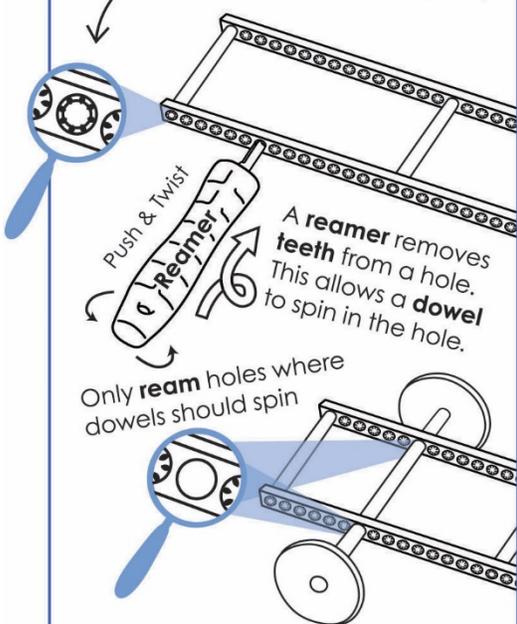
## QUICK TIP!



Use a **crayon** or **soap** on the end of a **dowel** to make building easier.

## REAM

Most parts have holes with **teeth**. The **teeth** hold **dowels** (keep dowels from falling out).



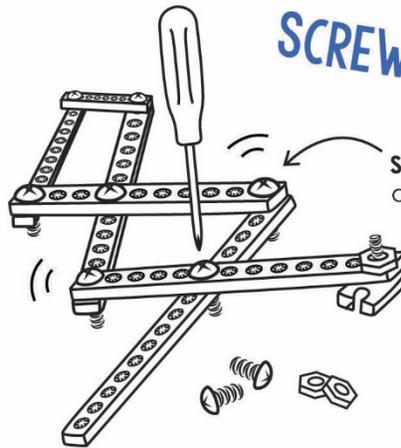
A **reamer** removes **teeth** from a hole. This allows a **dowel** to spin in the hole.

Only **ream** holes where dowels should spin

Never **ream** pulleys, gears, wheels, or any hole a **dowel** stays stuck into.

## SCREWS & NUTS

Do not **ream** holes you will put **screws** into.



**Screws (without nuts)** can connect parts, and allow them to rotate.

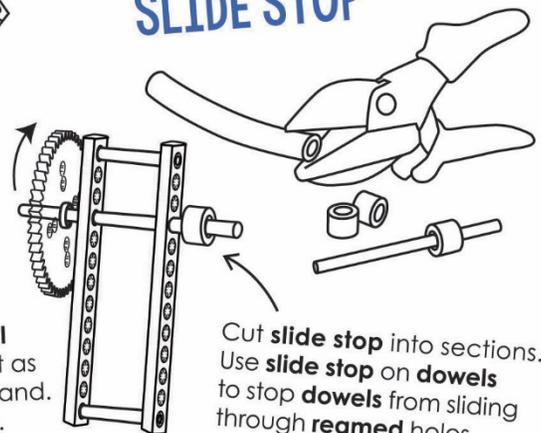
**Screws (with a nut)** can connect parts, and keep them from rotating.

## STOP CLIP



Press a **stop clip** onto a **dowel** to keep it from sliding or use it as a hook for a string / rubber band. It takes little force to get it on.

## SLIDE STOP



Cut **slide stop** into sections. Use **slide stop** on **dowels** to stop **dowels** from sliding through **reamed** holes.

## TEACHERGEEK COMPONENTS

Below is the list of "ingredients" you'll need for one Judo-Bot.

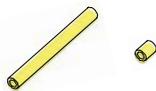
Available as single: SKU 1824-72 or 10 pack: SKU 1824-62. Both include extra parts for your own innovative creations!



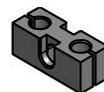
6 - Connector Strips



6 - Dowels  
300mm (12')



1 - Slide Stop  
76mm (3")



8 - Blocks



4 - 4.5mL Cylinders



4 - Cylinder Screws



6 - 25mm Screws  
#10 25mm (1")



6 - Nuts  
#10



4 - Zip Ties



If using the Maker Cart vinyl tubing roll, cut two sections, 2 ft. in length each.

2 - 2 ft. Vinyl Tubing

## TEACHERGEEK TOOLS

This isn't a kit. You're going to really build (cut, ream, screw) your Judo-Bot. Here are tools you'll need to get started:

- Reamer
- Multi-Cutter
- Tapping Block
- Hammer
- Pliers
- Screwdriver



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Class Set [SKU 1823-85](#)

## MATERIALS YOU SUPPLY



Tape



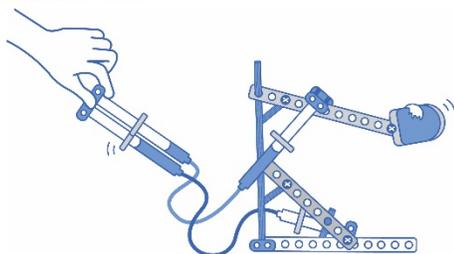
Recycling Materials

What else could you use for a Judo-Bot base?



Crayon

Rub on dowels to make sliding them easier into holes of components.



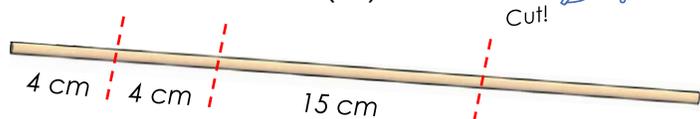
Are you ready to R-U-M-B-L-E?!

In this guide, you will build an example **Judo-Bot**.

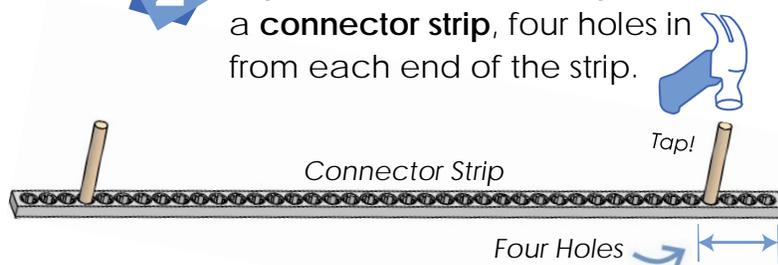
Design a bot-for-battle using **levers** and **fluid power**.

## CONSTRUCTING THE UPRIGHT

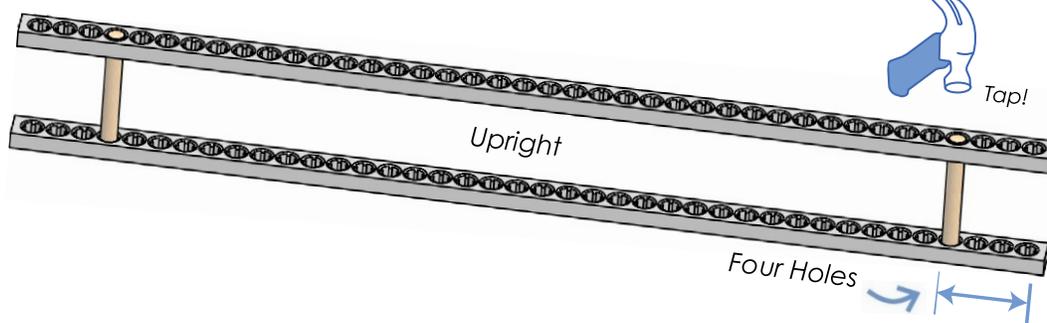
- 1** Cut two 4 cm (1.5") and one 15 cm (6") dowels.



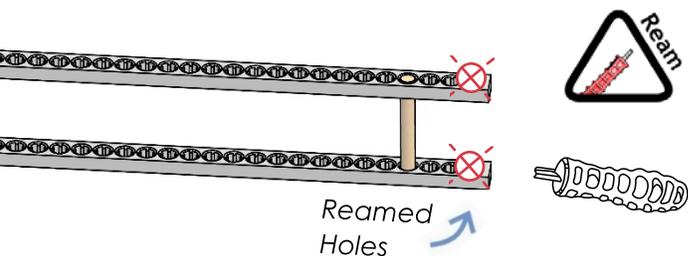
- 2** Tap the **dowels** from **Step 1** into a **connector strip**, four holes in from each end of the strip.



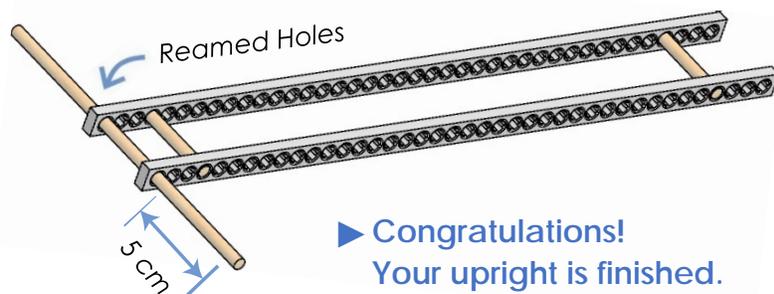
- 3** Push or tap a **connector strip** onto the **dowels** from **Step 2**. This will be your **upright**.



- 4** **Ream** the top two **holes** at one end of your **upright**.



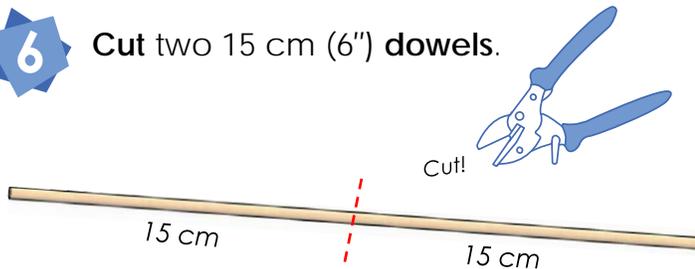
- 5** **Insert** the 15 cm (6") **dowel** from **Step 1** into the **reamed** holes from **Step 4**. Let 5 cm (2") hang off both sides.



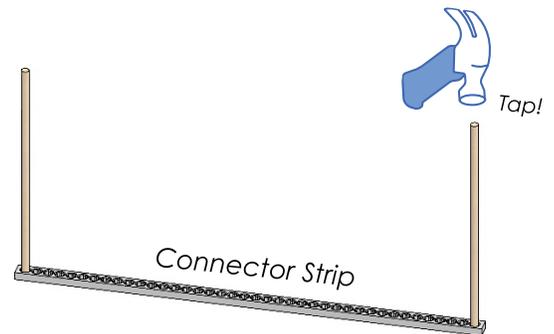
► **Congratulations!**  
Your upright is finished.

## CONSTRUCTING THE BASE

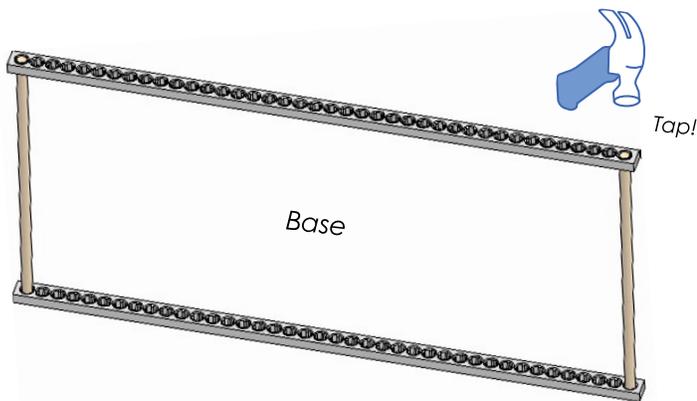
**6** Cut two 15 cm (6") dowels.



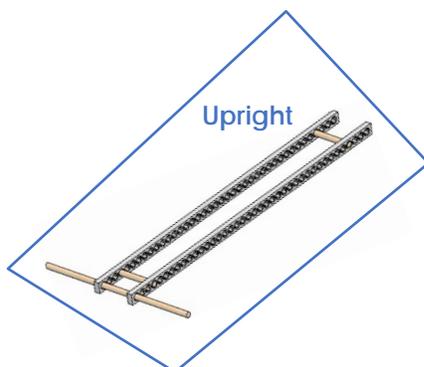
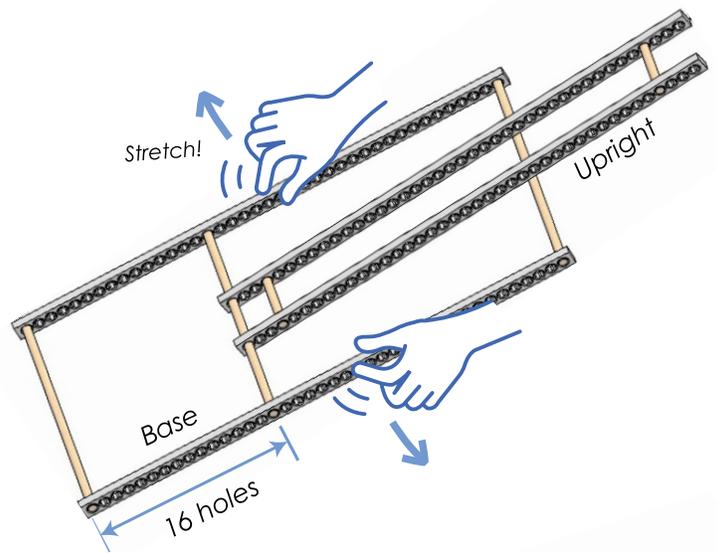
**7** Tap the dowels from Step 6 into the first hole on each end of a connector strip.



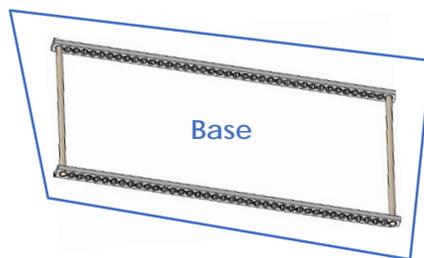
**8** Push or tap a connector strip onto the dowels from Step 7. This is your Bot's base.



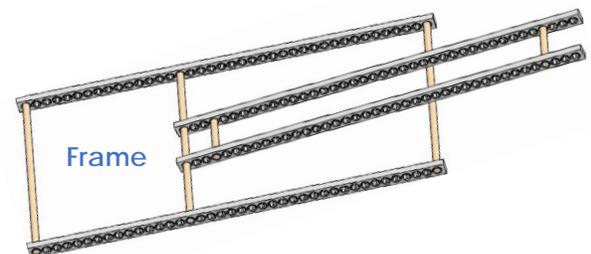
**9** Place the upright from Step 5 in the base. Stretch the base to align the dowel with the 16<sup>th</sup> hole of the strips.



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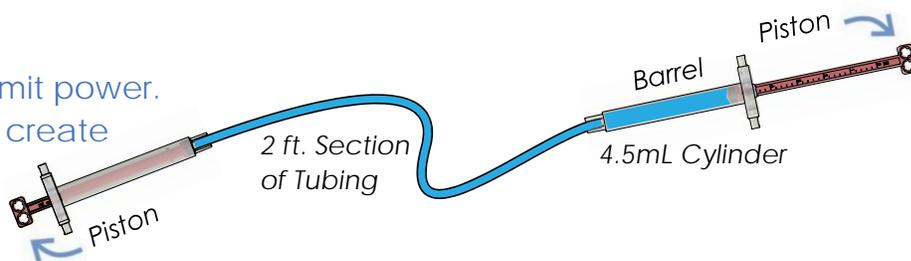
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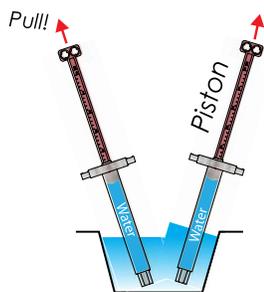
► Congratulations!  
Your frame is finished.

## HYDRAULIC SYSTEMS

**Hydraulic systems** use fluid to transmit power. Using cylinders and tubing, you will create a hydraulic "control" system to move your Judo-Bot.



- 10** Fill two 4.5 ml **cylinders** with water. **Submerge** the cylinder **barrel** in water. Pull the **piston out** to fill the barrel completely with fluid.

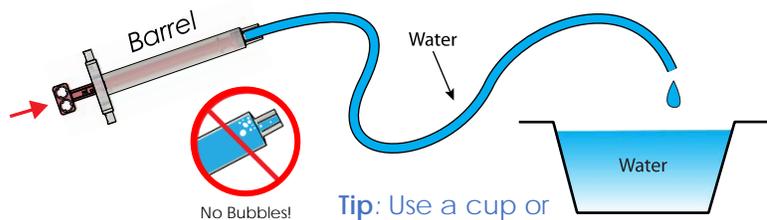


**Tip:** to work properly, no air bubbles should be in the cylinders or tubes.



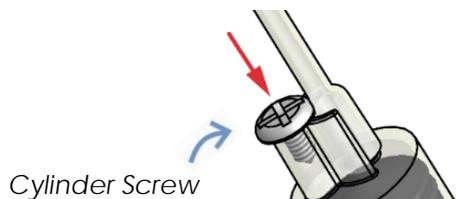
No Bubbles!

- 12** Fill the **tubing** from **Step 11** with water. **Pull** the **piston** back, then **push** in to fill the tubing with fluid. The **barrel** will be **empty**.



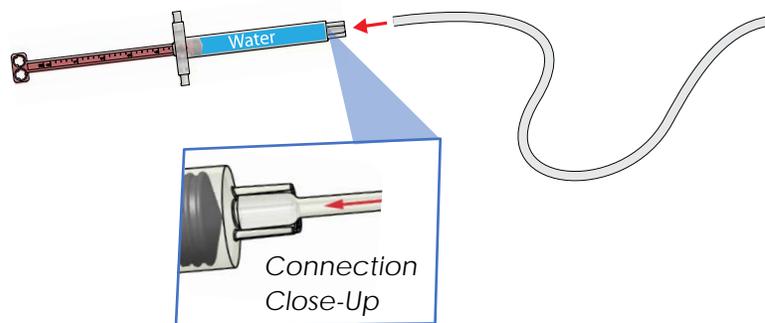
**Tip:** Use a cup or glass to catch fluid.

- 14** Keep the **tubing attached** with a cylinder **screw**. Insert the screw into the **hole** aside each cylinder's **tip**.

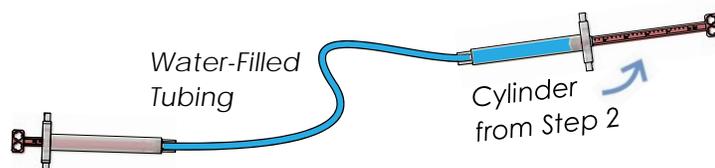


Cylinder Screw

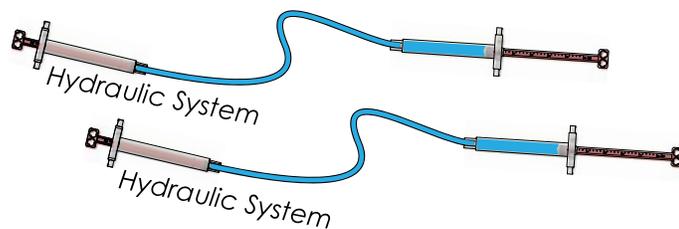
- 11** **Attach** a 2 ft. **tubing** section to one filled **cylinder** from **Step 10**.



- 13** **Attach** the water-filled **tubing** from **Step 12** to the second cylinder from **Step 11**.

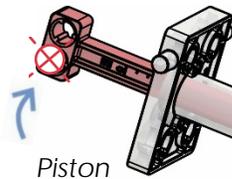
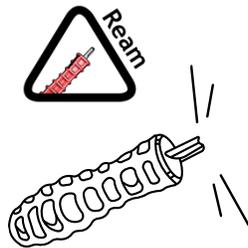


- 15** **Repeat Steps 10-14** to create another **hydraulic system**. **These will power your Judo-Bot.**



## ADDING CYLINDERS

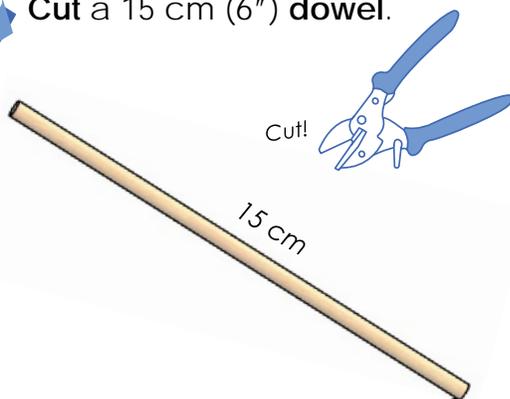
- 16** Ream one of the holes on one cylinder's piston from a hydraulic system from Step 15.



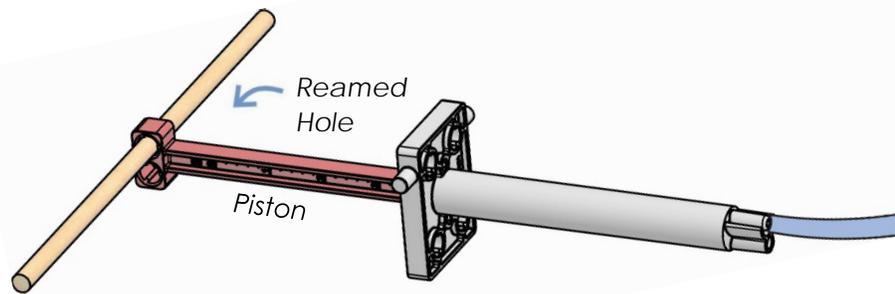
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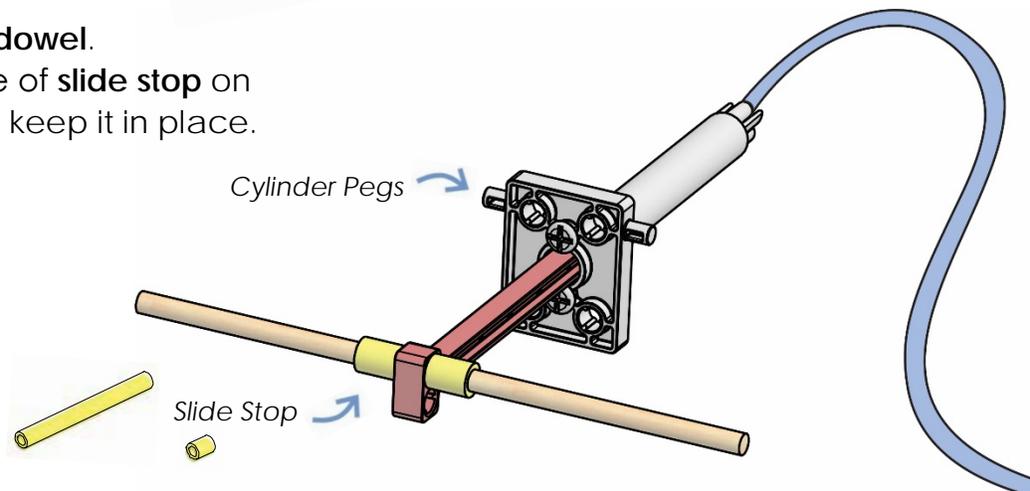
- 17** Cut a 15 cm (6") dowel.



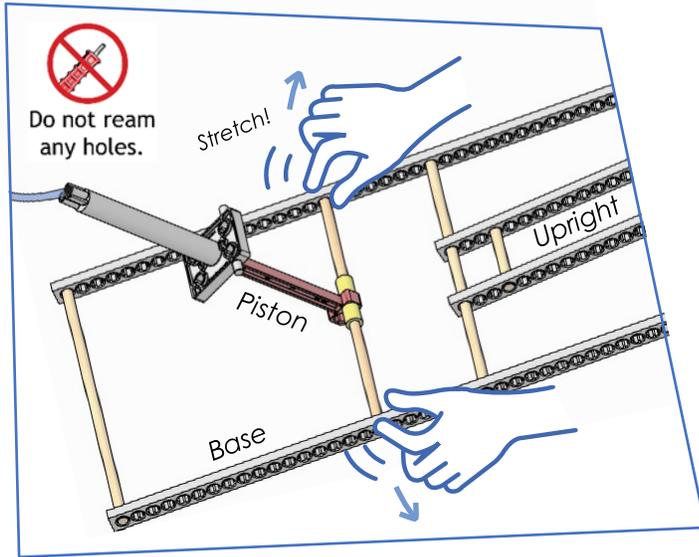
- 18** Insert the dowel from Step 17 into the reamed hole from Step 16.



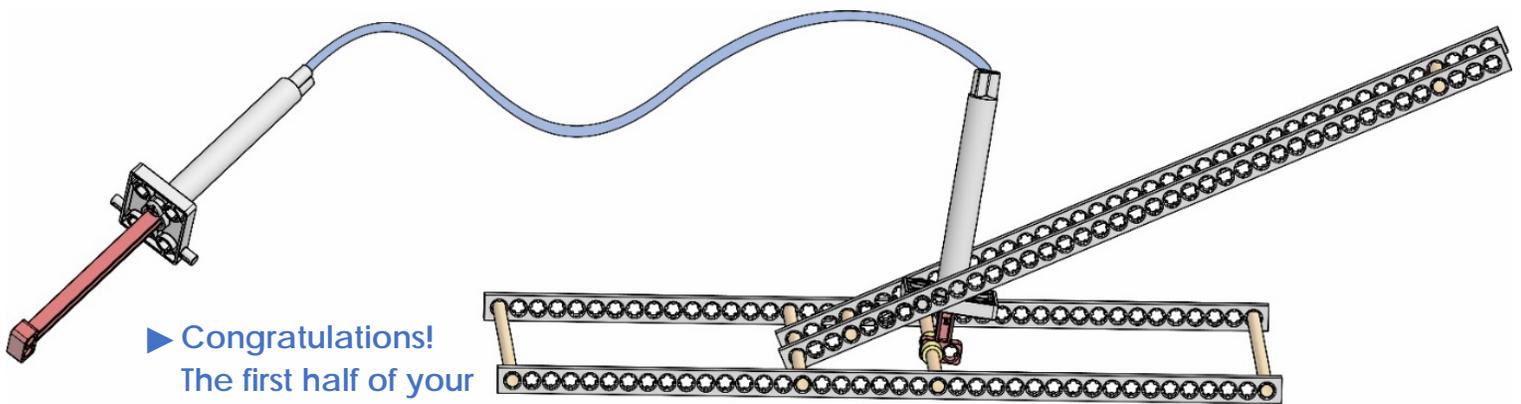
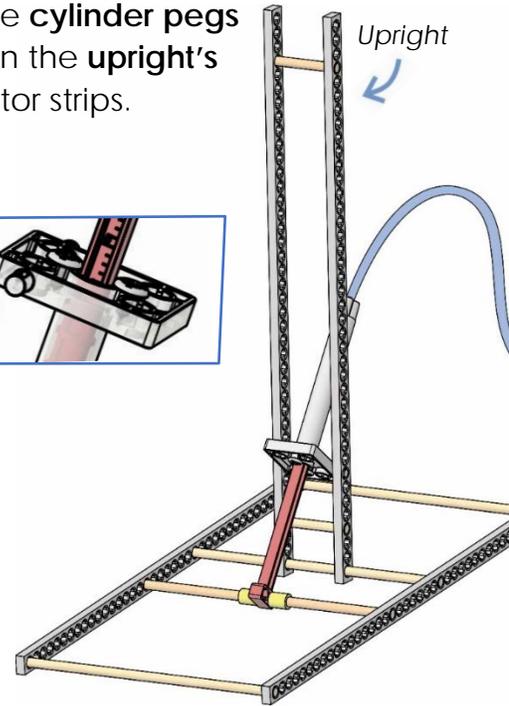
- 19** Center the piston on the dowel. Slide a 4 mm (0.15") piece of slide stop on each side of the piston to keep it in place.



**20** Place the **cylinder** from **Step 19** into the **frame** from **Step 9**. Stretch the frame to **align** the dowel 8 holes from the **upright**.



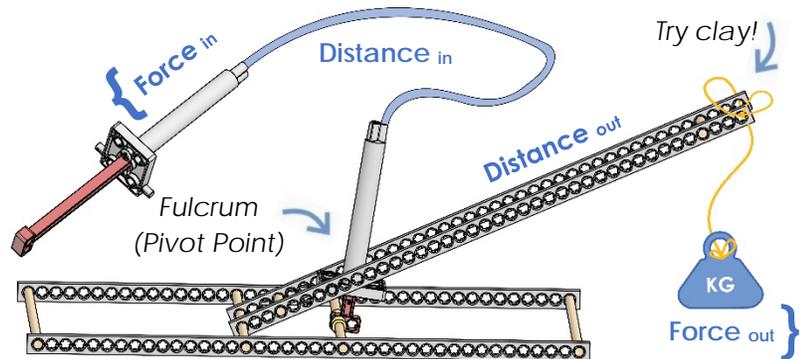
**21** Insert the **cylinder pegs** between the **upright's** connector strips.



► **Congratulations!**  
The first half of your Judo-Bot is finished.

Test how it moves – use the **hydraulic system** to move the upright up and down. Attach a weight to the upright's end (*piece of clay, cup of pennies*).

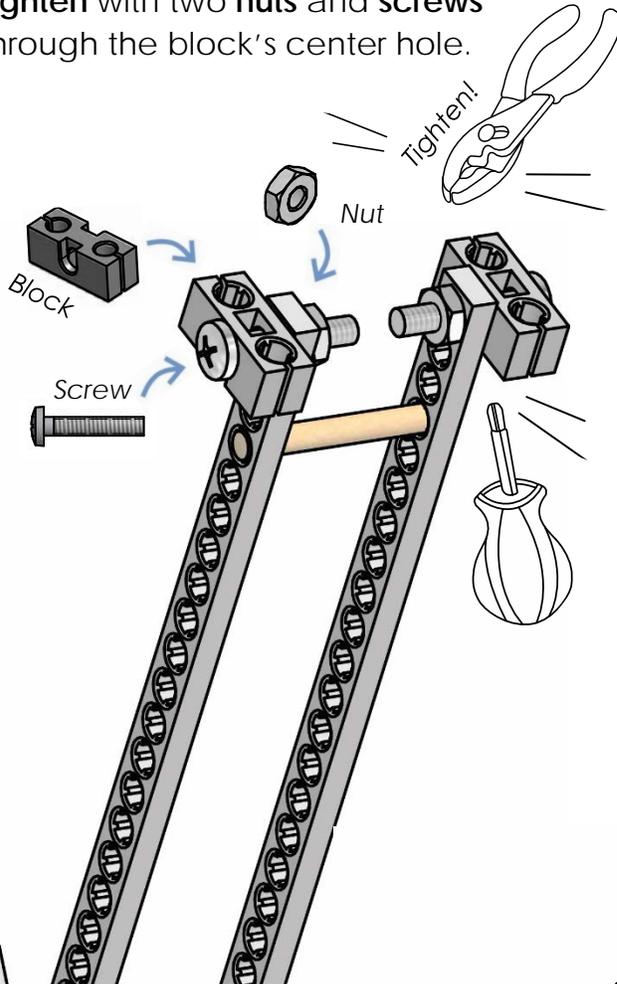
Change the **fulcrum** of your upright's cylinder – what height makes the weight easier to lift?



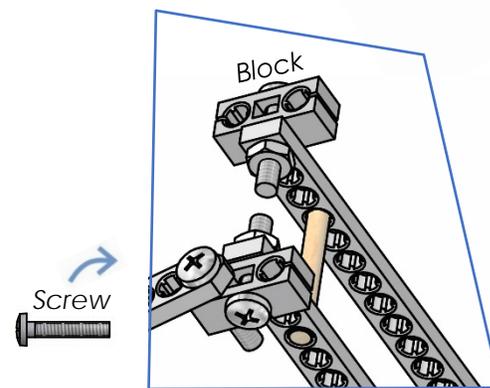
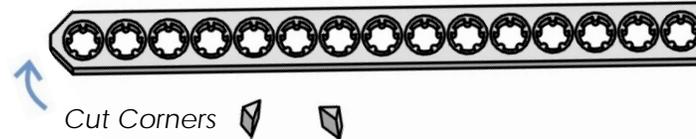
**Mechanical Advantage:** trading distance for force

## LEVER ARM

- 22** Attach two blocks to the top holes of the upright from Step 21. Tighten with two nuts and screws through the block's center hole.

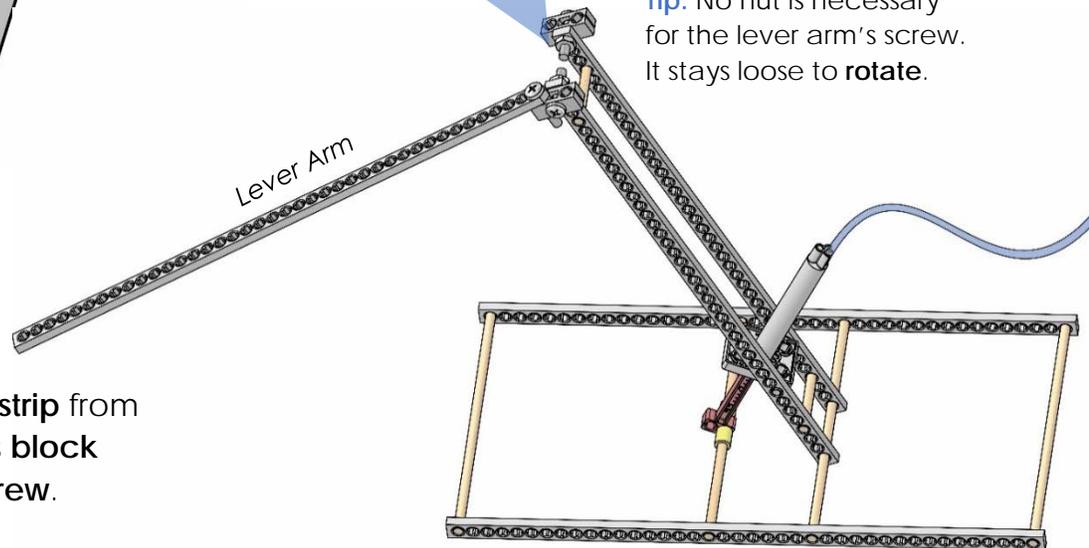


- 23** Cut the corners off one end of a connector strip.

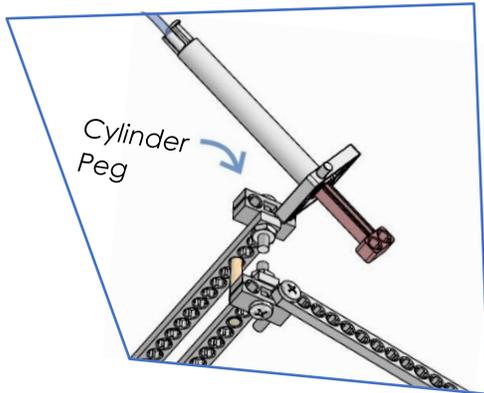


**Tip:** No nut is necessary for the lever arm's screw. It stays loose to rotate.

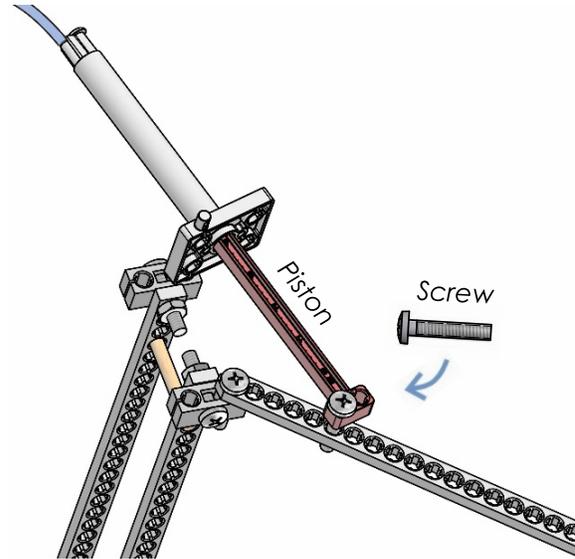
- 24** Attach the connector strip from Step 23 to an upright's block from Step 22 with a screw. This is your lever arm.



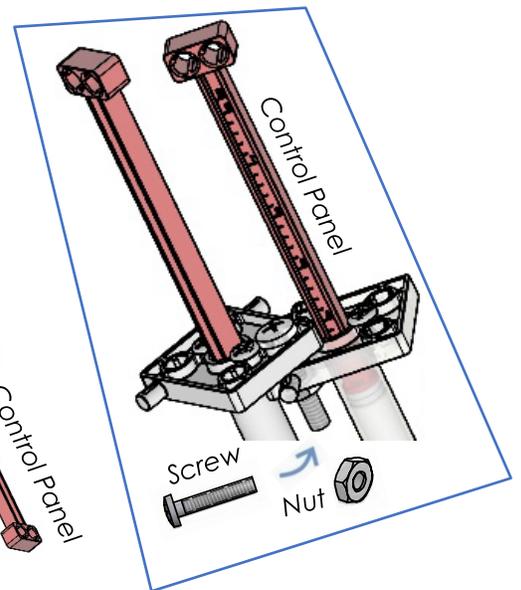
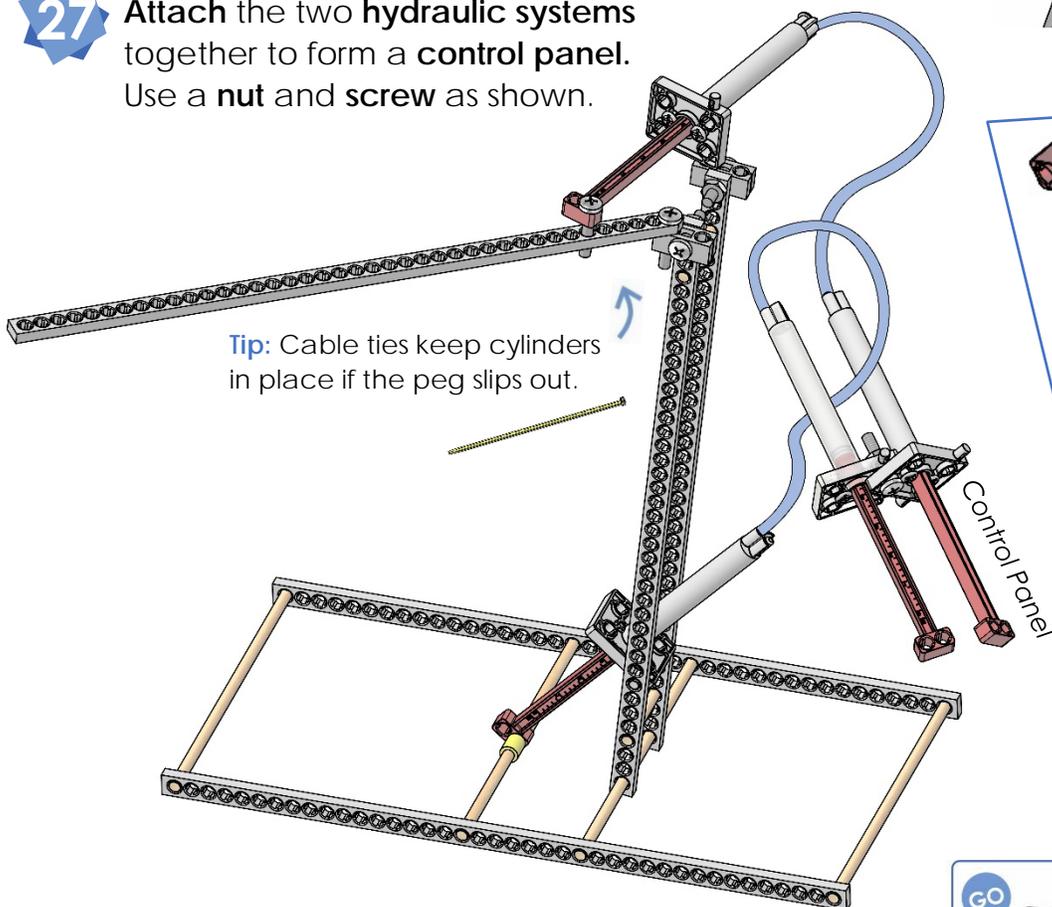
**25** Attach a **cylinder** from the second hydraulic system from **Step 15** to the upright. Insert the cylinder **peg** to the **block** as shown.



**26** Attach the **piston** to the **lever arm** with a **screw**.



**27** Attach the two hydraulic systems together to form a **control panel**. Use a **nut** and **screw** as shown.



► **Congratulations!**  
You have built an example Judo-Bot.  
However, you can make it better!

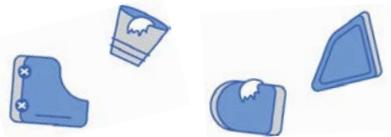


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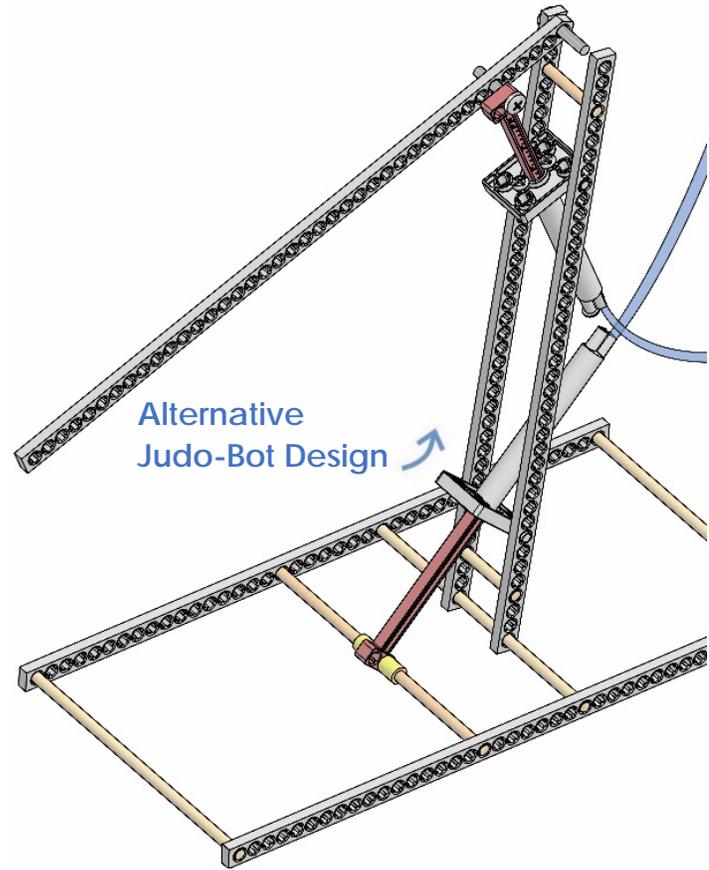
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## DESIGN YOUR JUDO-BOT

This build guide is for an *example* **Judo-Bot** frame. In the Engineering Challenges, you can design and re-design your build and add end effectors for battle. Create the ultimate bot to compete in tournaments! *Will you win? Find out more:* [teachergeek.com/learn](http://teachergeek.com/learn)

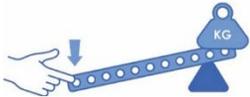


Use found and recycled materials to craft unique end effectors (detachable ends of robot or lever arms) for your Judo-Bot.

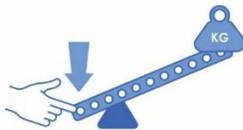


### Design, Create, Innovate

Your example Judo-Bot doesn't have to look this way. Reposition the **lever arm-cylinder** from **Step 26** to fit in the **upright** or place the cylinder (**fulcrum**) closer or further up the arm. *The possibilities are endless!*



Applying force a long distance from the **fulcrum** allows just a *little* effort to lift a *large* load.



Applying force a short distance from the **fulcrum** means *more* effort to lift the load a *shorter* distance.

**Levers trade distance for force.**

The cylinder acts as the **fulcrum** (pivot point).

