MiniTrekMOCs Commissions Guide

Thank you for your interest in a custom model! Every commission is built one brick at a time and this guide is intended to answer common questions about the process and estimate.

01 • DESIGN PROCESS

Research: I study as many reference images as I can find, including screenshots, blueprints, photography, and community resources to ensure accurate colors, features, and proportions

Part Selection: I design each model digitally in Stud.io with genuine LEGO pieces and choose parts based on accuracy, solid construction, and availability, which keeps your build cost down

SIZE MATTERS

As model scale increases, piece count (and thus, design complexity) increases dramatically. For example, a 6" *Enterprise* is around 90 pieces, but an 11" *Enterprise* is around 400 pieces.

Designing for Bricks: designing for genuine LEGO parts is a unique puzzle I love to solve. Structural stability, part availability, and element size all shape the design, and sometimes a single piece, like the width of a nacelle on a starship, sets the scale for the whole model.

02 • TIMELINE

Phase 1 | Exploration: where scope is unclear (usually models with 1,000+ pieces), a $250 fee separate from the estimate covers design hours needed to nail down size, for an accurate estimate

Phase 2 | Estimate & Scheduling: I'll send you an invoice once the estimate is approved; 50% of the total cost of the project is due before work begins to reserve your slot on the design schedule

Phase 3 | Design: work begins in Stud.io with weekly check-ins; two rounds of revisions based on digital renderings and our conversations (usually via email) are included, but if scope changes significantly during the design process, I'll send a new estimate so there are no surprises

Phase 4 | Final Approval: before optimizing the parts list and crafting the instructions, I'll get confirmation from you that the model is finished and ready for production

Phase 5 | Delivery: full payment is due before your digital files are delivered

EXPECTED TIMELINE

Most models are delivered 2-8 weeks after the design phase begins. Speed depends mostly on communication, number of revisions, and how well the scope was originally defined.

03 • WHAT'S INCLUDED

Digital Files: estimates cover design and digital files only, including hand-crafted instructions, parts lists for viewing and uploading to BrickLink, renderings, and in most cases, a sticker for the display stand

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

For additional fees, I can source bricks and ship directly to you, print and apply stickers, design additional stickers, and even rush production.

04 • FINAL DETAILS

Estimate: the estimate is based primarily on size, part count, and design complexity; this is why price rises faster than size. A store-bought set splits its design costs across thousands of buyers; your model is designed for one. A slightly smaller scale can make a big difference in cost, so let's talk about it! If your model might join the MiniTrekMOCs collection, I'm happy to offer a discount.

Payment: invoices and payments are sent via Stripe, offering many different payment methods.

Usage Rights: your model is yours to build and enjoy! Models remain the intellectual property of MiniTrekMOCs LLC and cannot be sold physically or digitally without prior written consent.

I'm so excited to work with you and see your model come to life!
If you have questions, shoot me an email at MiniTrekMOCs@gmail.com!