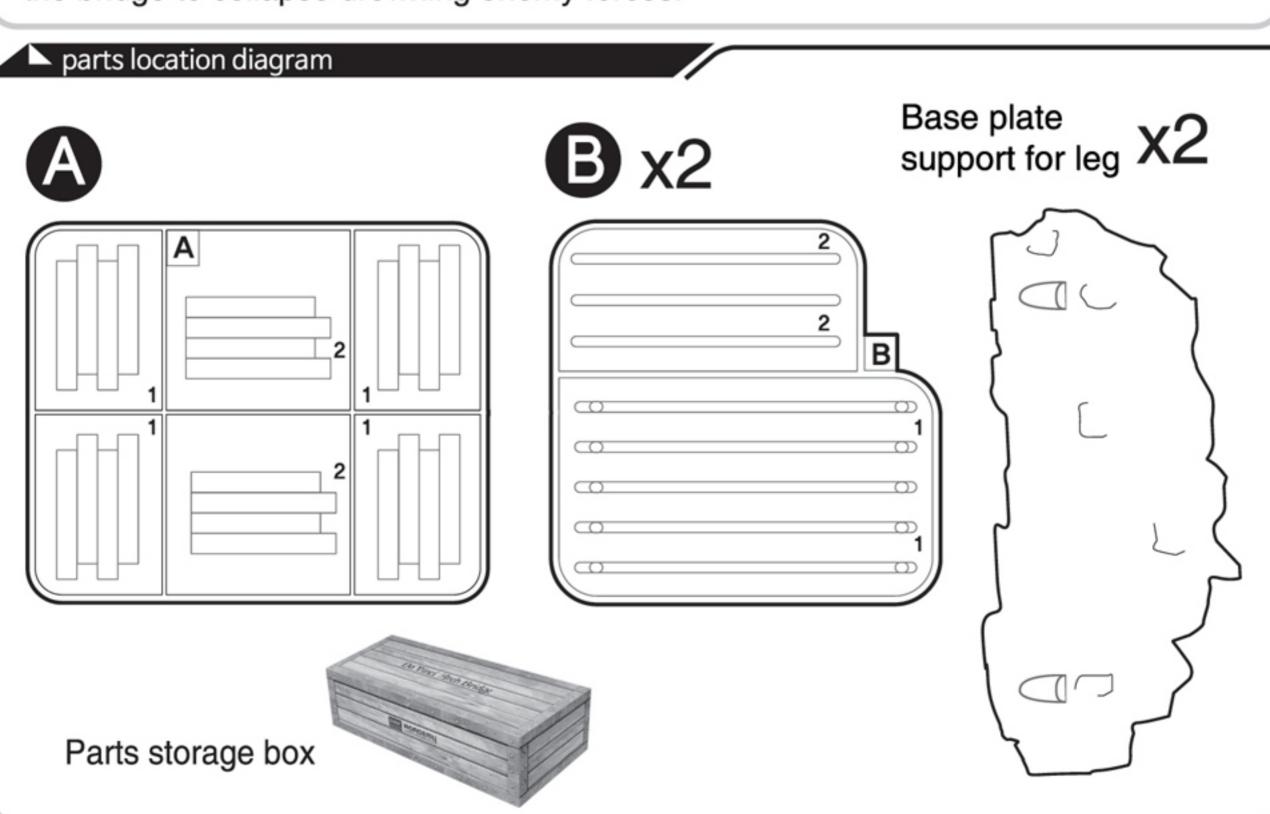
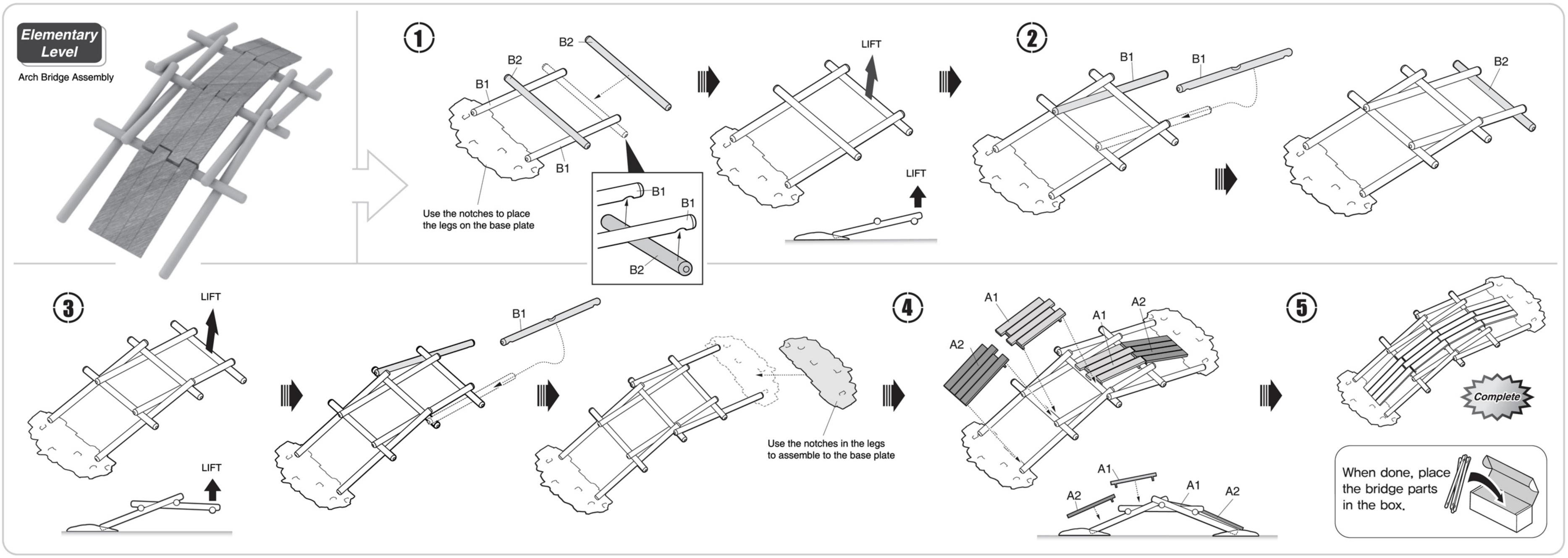


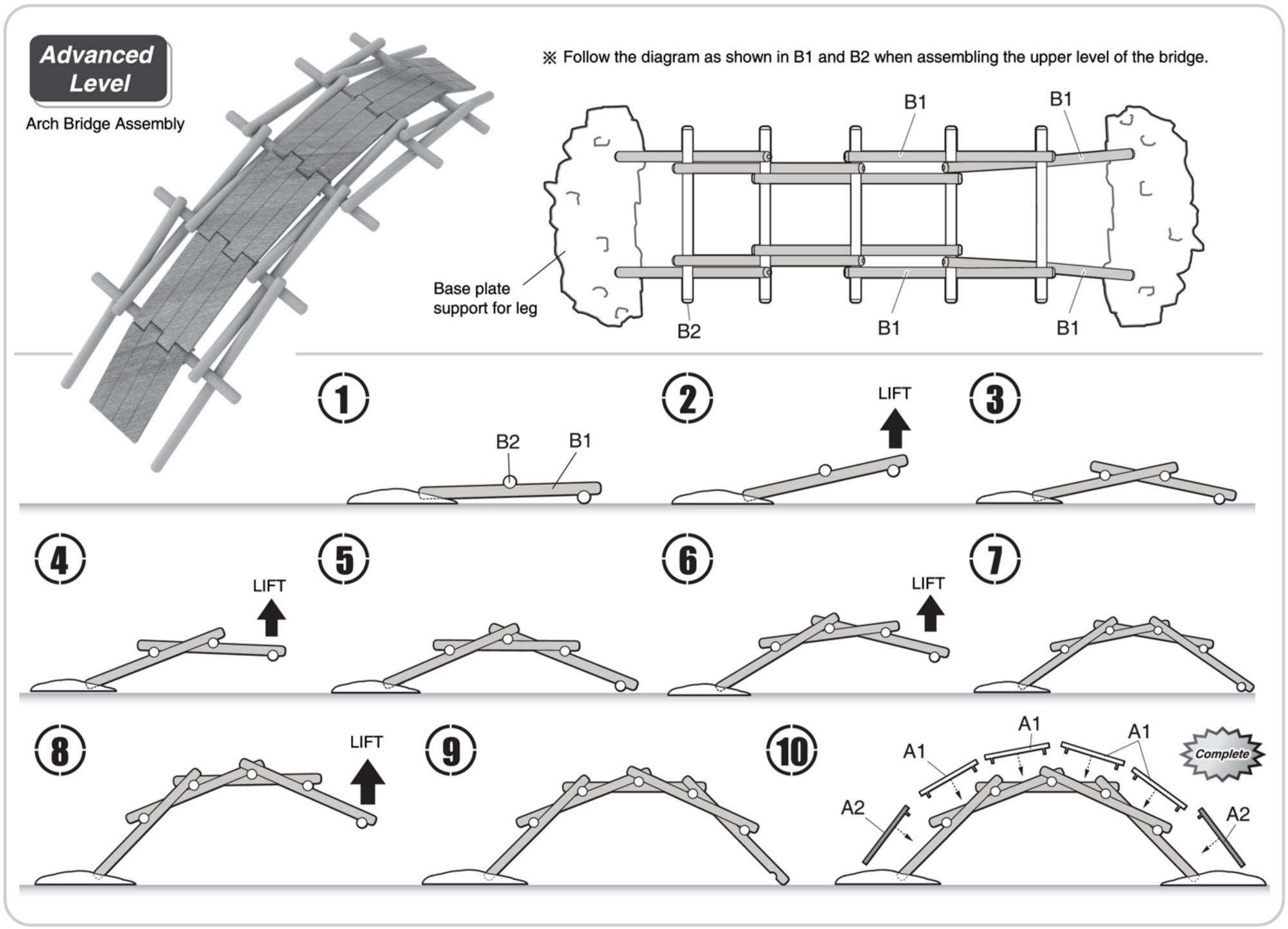
Arch Bridge by Leonardo da Vinci

The more weight the bridge carries, the stronger it becomes. On the other hand, if one key component is removed, the bridge will fall.

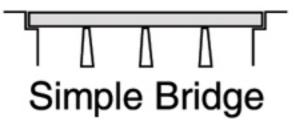
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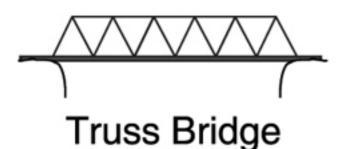
Types of Bridges



A simple bridge design uses beams to support the upper roadway.



An arch bridge uses its semi-circular "arch" shape to distribute the force of compression by spreading the weight outward.



A truss bridge uses the strength of the triangle to transfer load from a single point to a wider area. Truss design is often used in rail bridges.



A suspension bridge suspends the deck by cables hung from towers. Compression tension is transferred from the cables to the towers to the ground.

The Principles of da Vinci's Arch Bridge Design

Arch Design Concept: The arch design uses a bow shape to transfer the weight of the bridge throughout the entire curvature of the arch.

- Da Vinci's Arch Bridge (Self Supporting Bridge)
- Example of a Modern Arch Bridge Design (applying da Vinci's arch bridge design)
- Another Type of Modern Arch Bridge Design (applying da Vinci's arch bridge design)

