Building Guide

Building

Build, breakdown, and rebuild again LEGO is a prototyping platform that takes the place of CAD later on

Building Resources on the Web

You can find a lot of neat build at NXT Program site:

http://www.nxtprograms.com/

LEGO Engineering is at Tufts http://www.legoengineering.com/
This site is for Technic builds. You will not be able to make any of these unless you purchase them but it is good for ideas: http://technic.lego.com/
Robotics Academy at Carnegie Mellon http://www.education.rec.ri.cmu.edu/
Computer Science Student Network http://www.cs2n.org/apps/robots-in-

motion

TechBrick website http://www.techbrick.com/

Parts Guide

Parts and Uses of parts Organization of parts

Basic Connections

Spacing

Pegs

Axles

Turning the corner

Statics—Two point rule

LEGO Geometry

Two point rule—define a line

Two connections on beams
Two points of contact for axles

Two points make a straight line

Three Points—Define a plane

Triangle

Three point chassis

Chassis

Go straight
Beams provide stable body
Road Clearance
Good Turning
Hold the NXT and motors

Wheels

Directional

2, 3 wheels, a ball or skids

4 wheels, two rims Treads