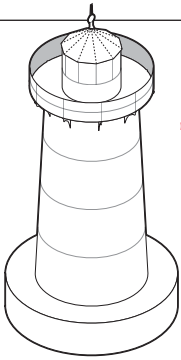


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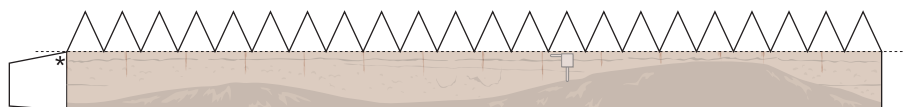
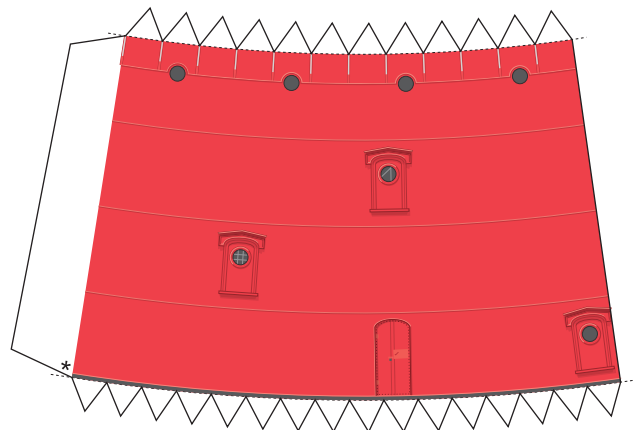
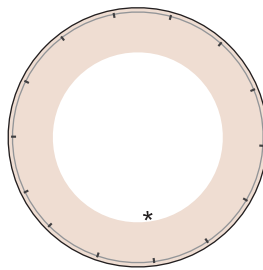
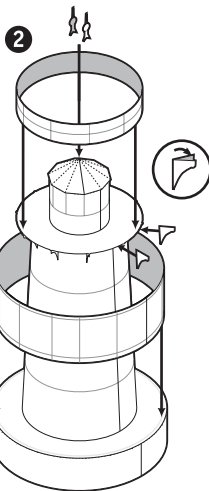
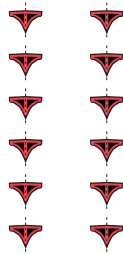
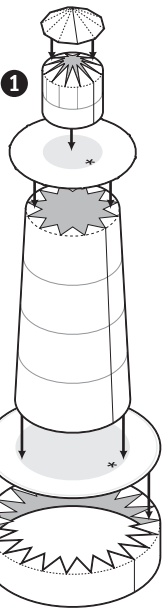
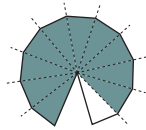
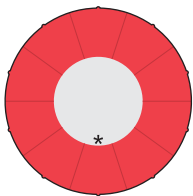
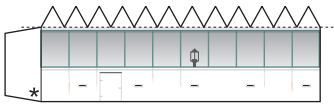
Officially known as Jeffrey's Hook Light, this little lighthouse once guided shipping on the Hudson River past a rocky outcrop at the north end of Manhattan Island.

The 40-foot beacon was originally constructed for Sandy Hook, New Jersey in 1880. After three decades of service there it was considered obsolete and dismantled. Meanwhile, increasing barge traffic on the Hudson necessitated better navigation aids, so the Coast Guard rebuilt the little lighthouse at Jeffrey's Hook in 1921.

Just ten years later the great gray George Washington Bridge was completed across the river right above the lighthouse. The bridge was itself a well-lit navigation landmark, making the lighthouse again obsolete.

The picturesque lighthouse inspired Hildegard Swift and Lynd Ward to write the children's book *The Little Red Lighthouse and the Great Gray Bridge* in 1942, telling the story of the busy river and the dedicated little lighthouse on its shore.

When the Coast Guard planned to sell the lighthouse for scrap in 1948, outraged fans of the book wrote letters and sent funds to save the landmark. The tower was donated to the City of New York and is now restored. It has become an iconic landmark of Fort Washington Park.



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