

Up on the rooftop (...again!)

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And the project nearly failed before it began when Powell couldn't locate any to-scale drawings online.

His son solved the problem by suggesting they scale it after his LEGO Star Wars ship.

A last-minute design change during construction scrapped the use of some plastic in favor of wood to in-

sure the necessary frame rigidity, but the Millennium Falcon was ready to fly in time for the Powell Halloween party.

Asked if he might consider a career change to full-time prop construction, the Lafayette contractor laughed. "It's pretty fun, actually," he said of his price-

less rooftop projects.

Would Powell design a different model before the release of Star Wars IX in 2019? Possibly. There just might be one more light sabre trick left up his Jedi sleeve.

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Working on a classic: Powell's neighbor Michael Ferrif and friend Bob Christopher inside the framework.



Ian (7), Drew (12) and Cameron (11) Powell.



Framework assembled, and filling up the driveway.



Familiar faces, both human and humanoid, look toward the stars.