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A tribute to our favourite *Star Wars*™ droids

Droids are integral to the *Star Wars*™ universe – to Rebels, Imperials, farmers, merchants, scoundrels and smugglers alike – and they are often iconic characters in their own right.

This set lets you build a tribute to your favourite astromech droid/starship mechanic/Rebel hero – a collectible R2-D2 display model with authentic details and an information plaque.

Enjoy building!

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**"Help me, Obi-Wan Kenobi.
You're my only hope." – Princess Leia
– transmitted by R2-D2**

In 2021, Lucasfilm Ltd. celebrates its first fifty years. The LEGO® *Star Wars* team has had the pleasure of creating hundreds of *Star Wars* models over the years, but it seemed only fitting to celebrate this anniversary with the fan-favourite droid who has been such an important character in the *Star Wars* saga. We are celebrating this milestone and our great collaboration with an exclusive anniversary brick you can find only in this set.



Why we love R2-D2

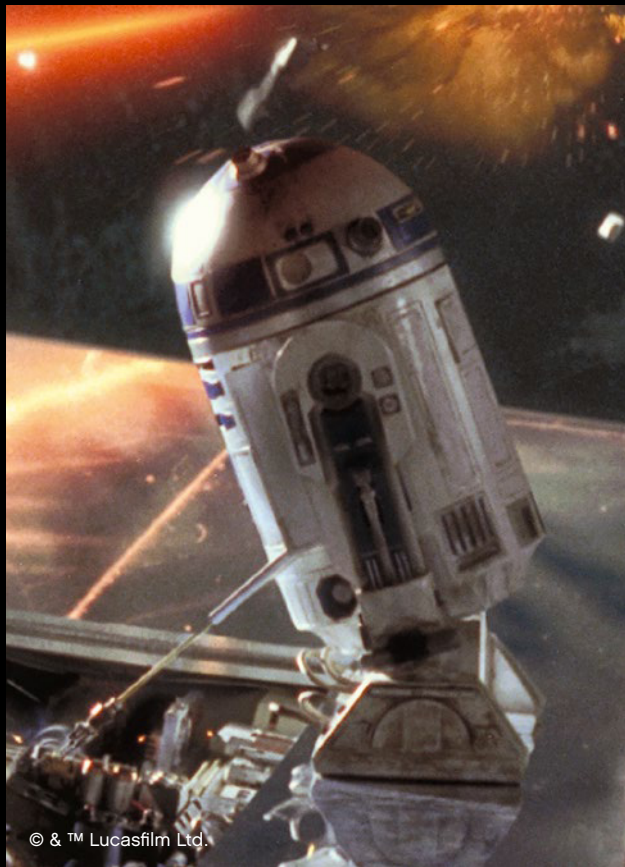
A Naboo native, R2-D2 was a loyal partner to Anakin Skywalker from the early Podracing years through The Clone Wars. He was recognised by Queen Amidala for helping her escape during the Trade Federation's occupation. He has zapped, shorted out and set fire to Imperial battle droids and enemies. He has created ingenious diversions, fixed hyperdrives, unlocked lift and spaceship doors, traps and trash compactors.

Still, one of our favourite moments is when he plays Princess Leia's urgent plea for help for Luke Skywalker and Obi-Wan Kenobi. We realise what is at stake and that this little droid is more than an 'overweight glob of grease'. It's a point of no return for the young farm boy and the Jedi-in-hiding. They must choose a side in the escalating galactic civil war. The adventure can begin.





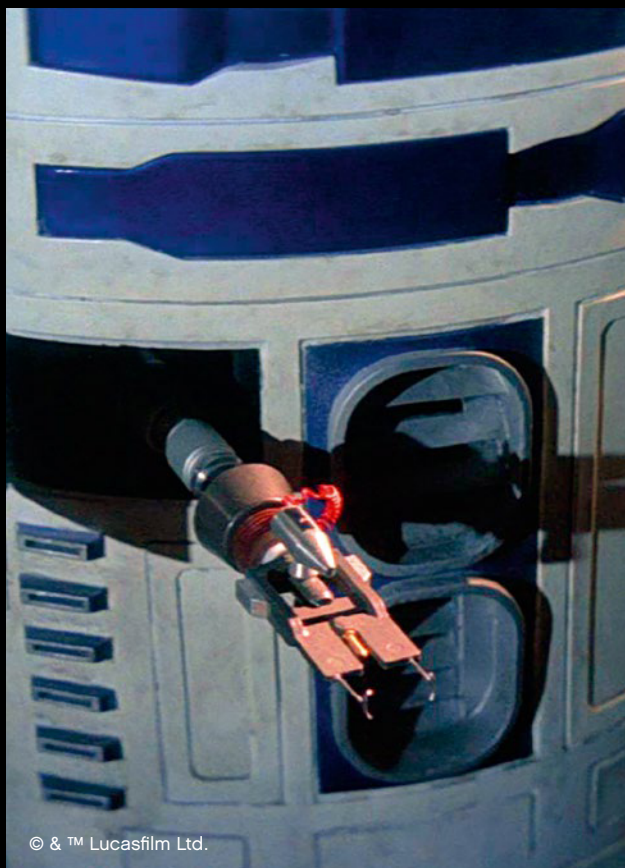
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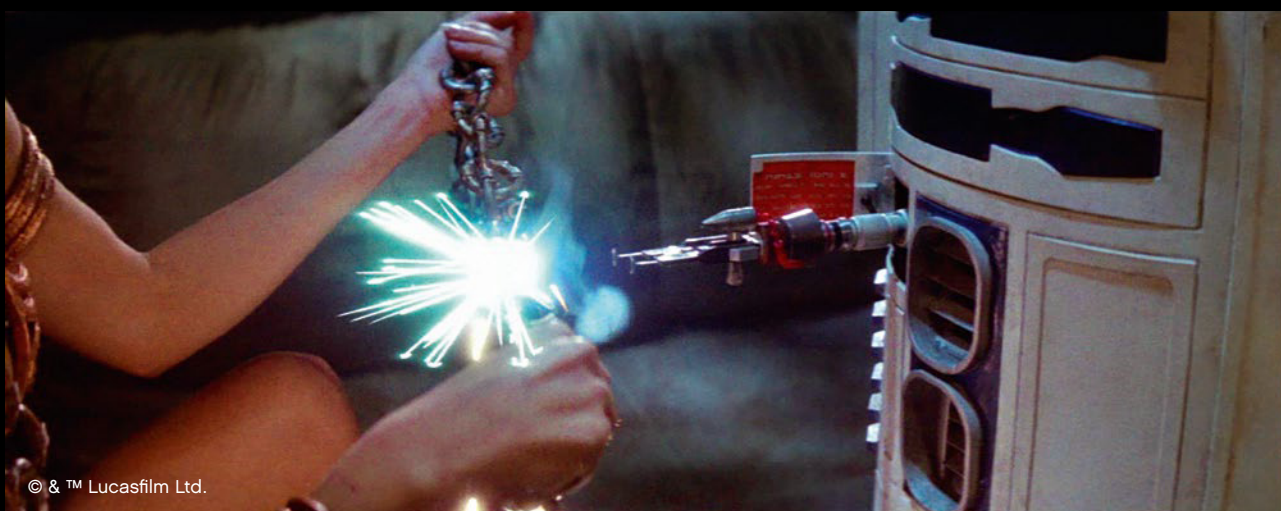
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Size matters not

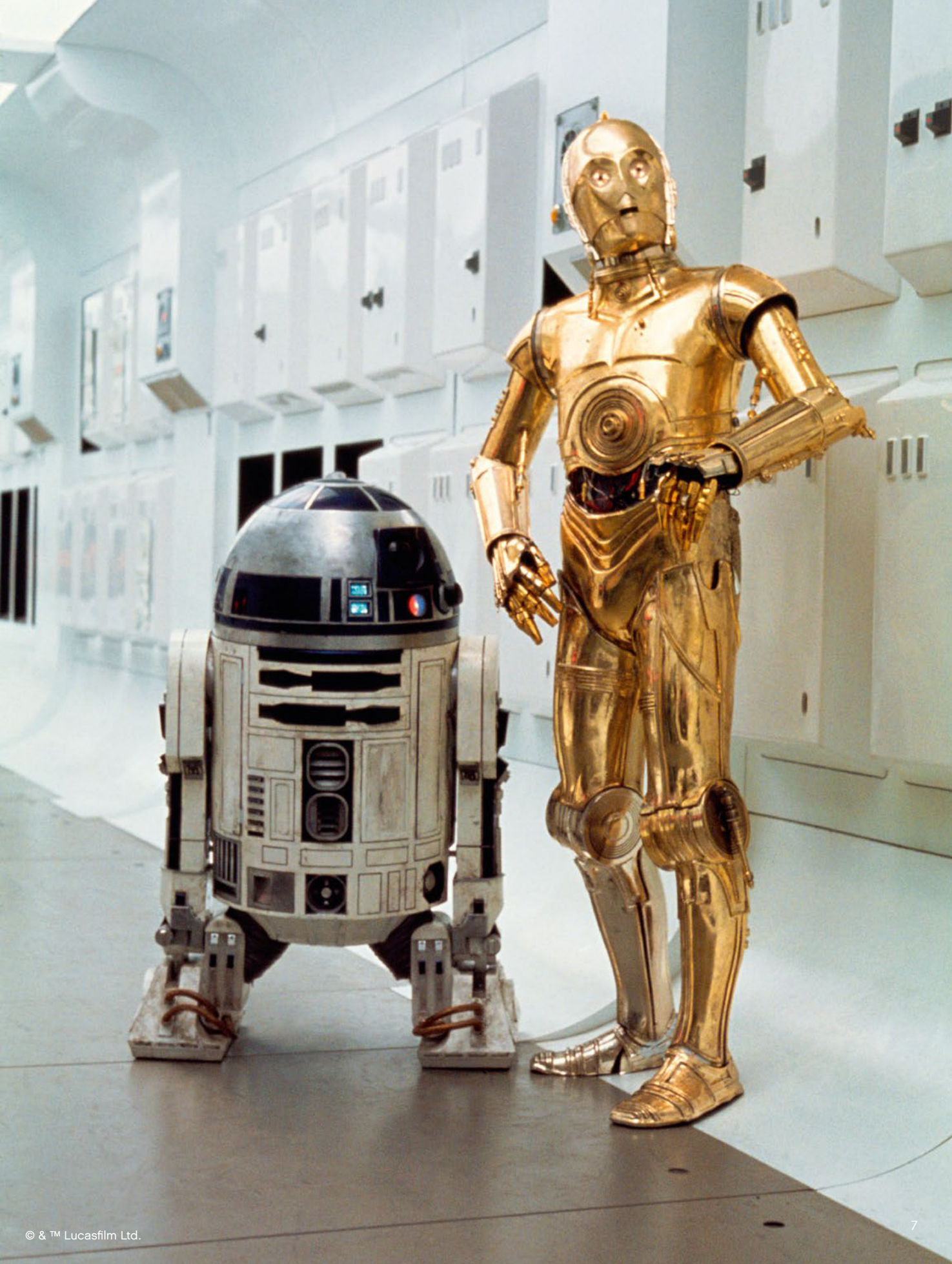
Despite his humble size, 'Artoo' is an invaluable, resourceful and loyal sidekick to the masters he serves. It's clear from very early on that he has a mind of his own. His petite size often causes people to underestimate him, and he can sweep in under the radar, stall the enemy, repair a starfighter in mid-flight, put out fires (or start them) and rescue his friends time and time again.

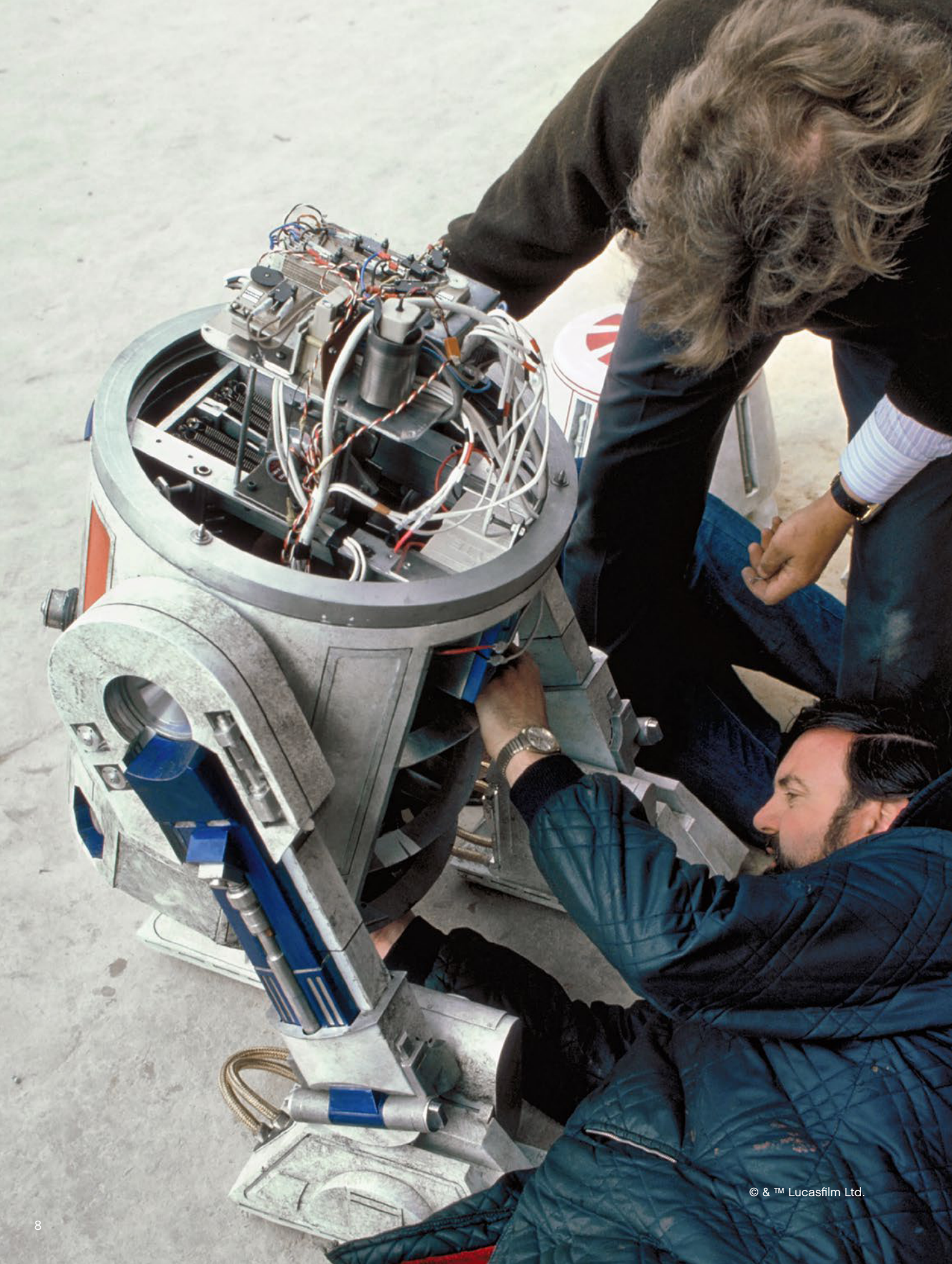
An unlikely friendship

Despite speaking only in bleeps, whistles and squeaks, R2-D2 has his own ways of making his opinion known. Through a tilt of his little body, eager stomping or spinning, and the volume and pitch of his voice, you always get the gist of his message. When he needs to convey more complicated updates, his life-long etiquette and protocol droid partner, C-3PO, offers a translation of his code into human languages. Although C-3PO doesn't always understand what those messages mean, and never misses a chance to argue with R2-D2, the two share a genuine, affectionate bond and obligation to help their human friends defeat the dark side.



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A piece of creative engineering

The R2-D2 model that was designed for *Star Wars: A New Hope* by concept artist Ralph McQuarrie has been adapted several times over the years. For *The Empire Strikes Back*, for example, the special effects team added remote-controlled versions, including two 'stunt doubles' for the scene where the poor droid shoots out of the muddy waters on Dagobah after a narrow escape from a swamp creature.

In close-up scenes, R2-D2 was operated by actor Kenny Baker from inside a hollow model. For action and battle scenes, remote controls were used to make adapted models speed across surfaces and propel through the air. In the later movies, many special effects were created with CGI.



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