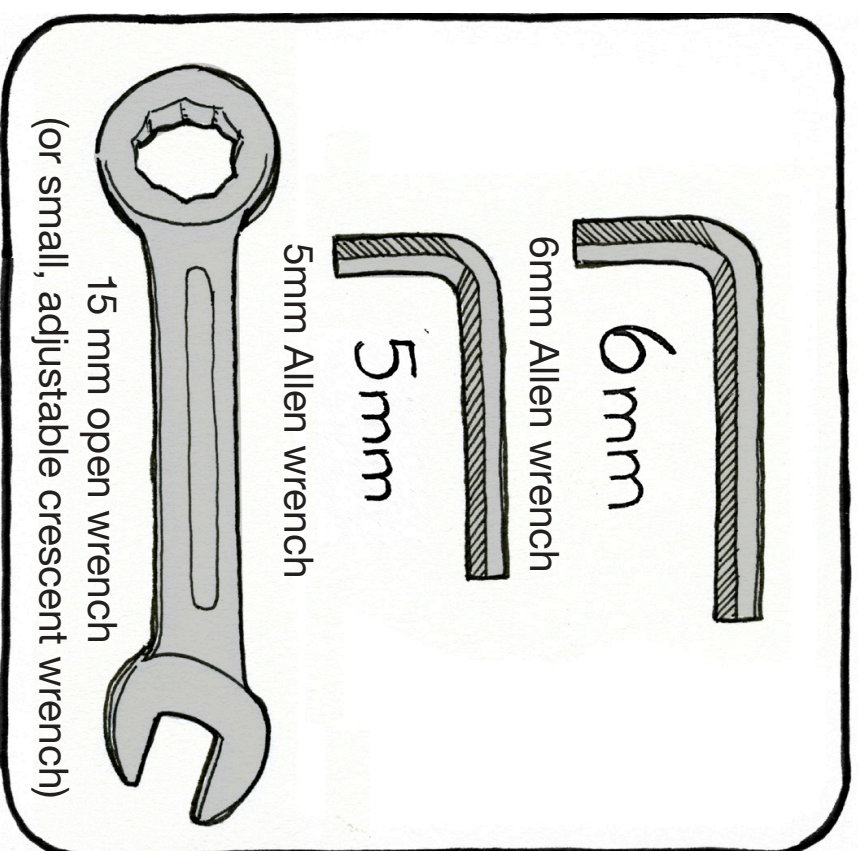


# WELCOME TO THE CLEARY FAMILY!

We're very happy you've chosen to ride with us. Before you get rolling on your new Cleary Bike, you need to assemble it. Please follow the steps outlined in this manual, or in our on-line manual and instructional videos on our website:

**[www.clearybikes.com/support](http://www.clearybikes.com/support)**

# WHAT YOU'LL NEED



Tire pump with Schrader or Presta valve, depending on bike model.

See page 11 for information about the disc brake shipping spacer.

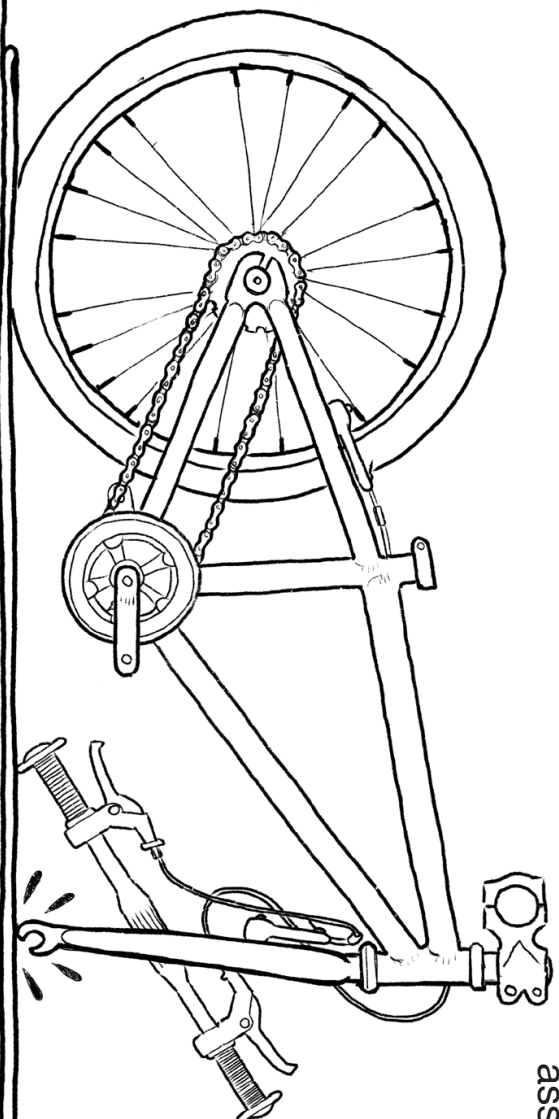
It's time to assemble and adjust the bike for your young rider. This manual describes the process for assembling your bike. Video instructions on our website also provide tips on assembly and fine tuning: [www.clearybikes.com/support](http://www.clearybikes.com/support)

If you purchased your bike from an Authorized Cleary Dealer who assembled and adjusted it, and gave you some tips, we still encourage you to read this manual before your rider takes a spin so both of you are knowledgeable about your new bike.

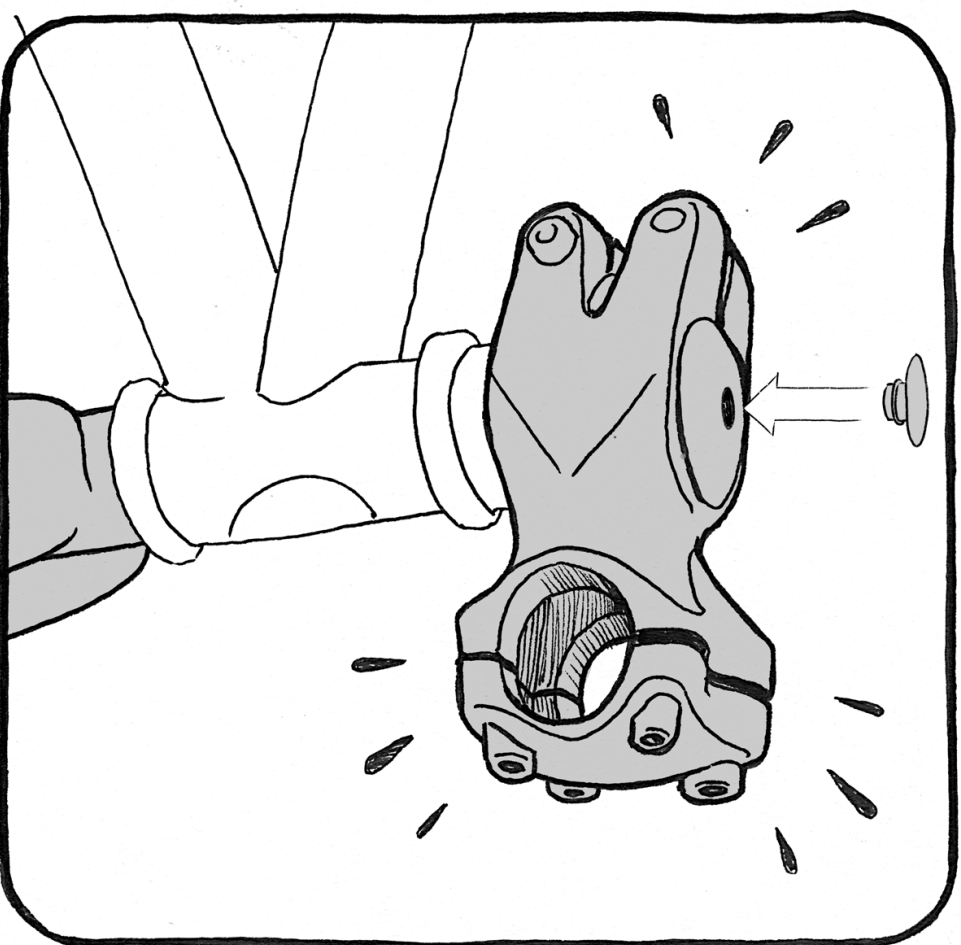
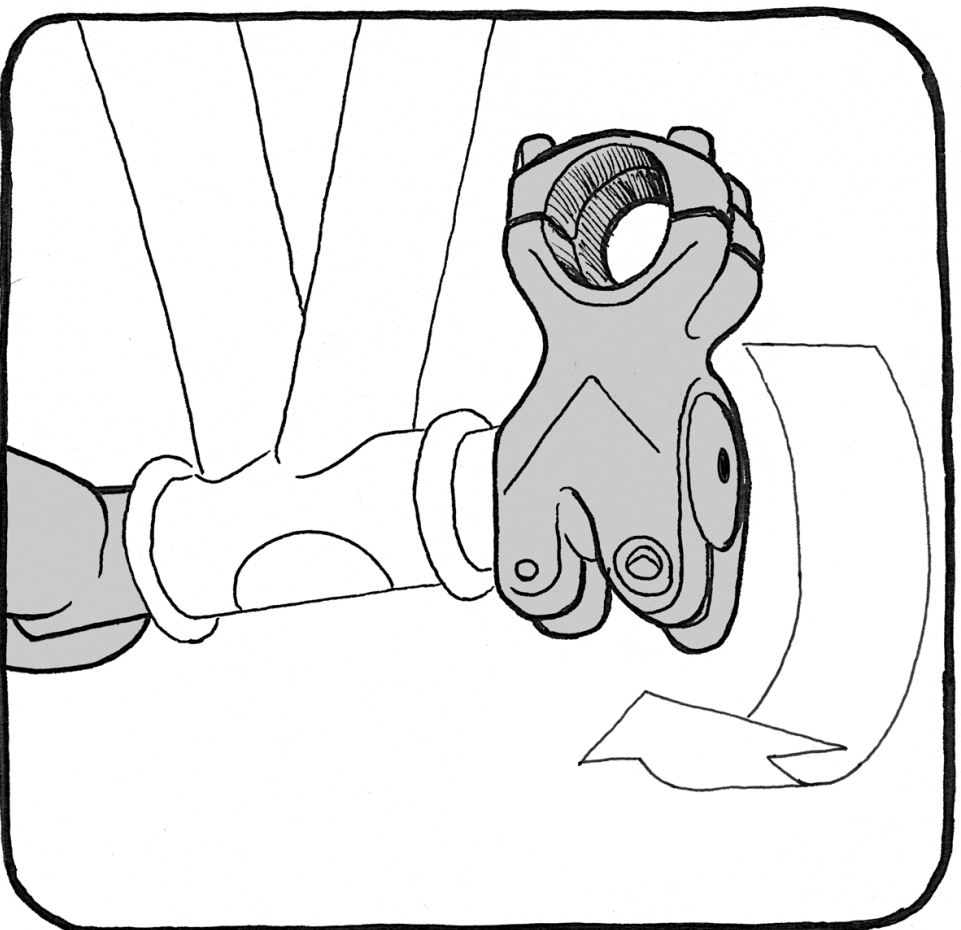


# STAND UP BIKE

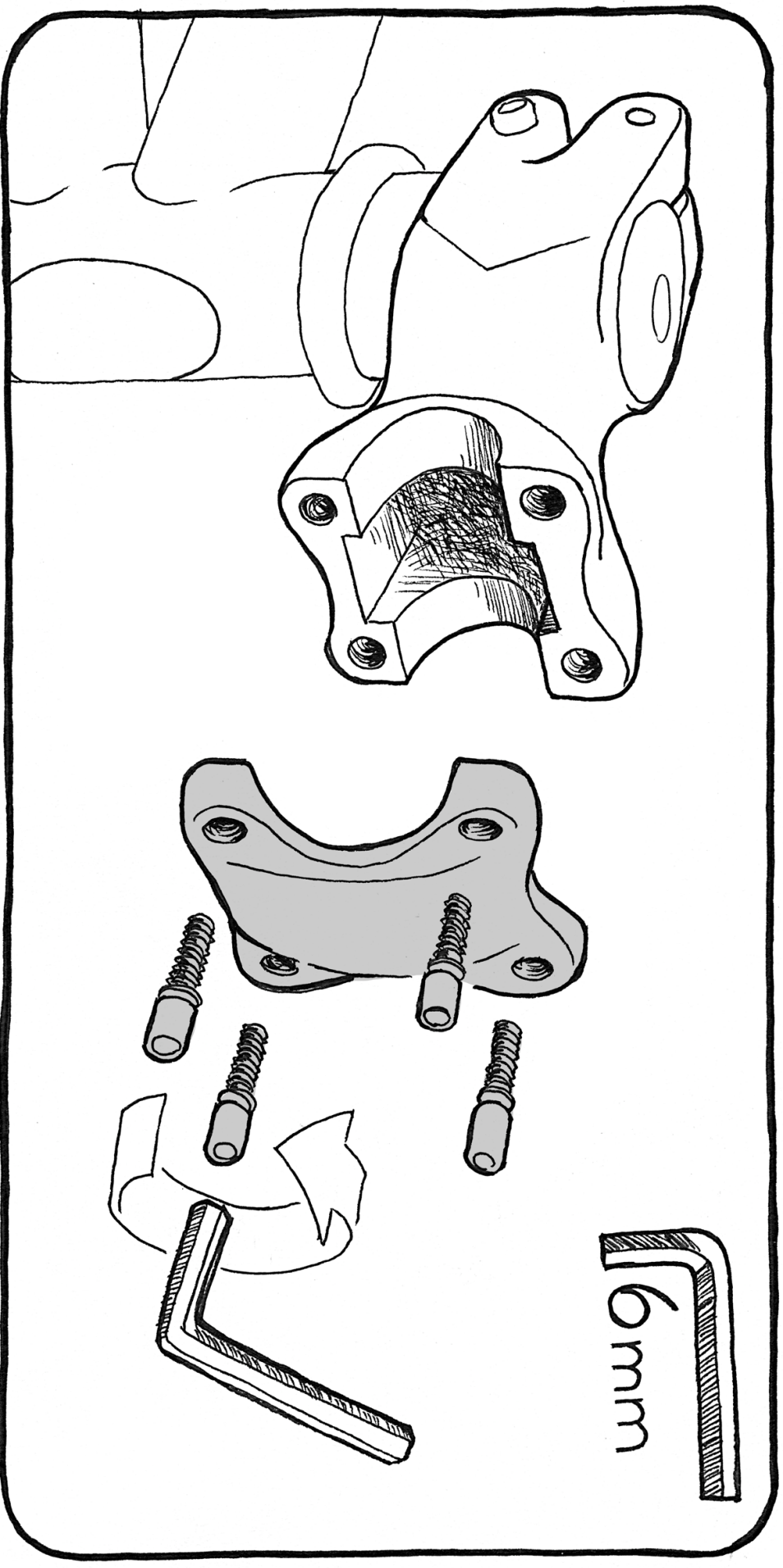
Stand up bike on cardboard or other padded surface to protect fork legs during assembly.



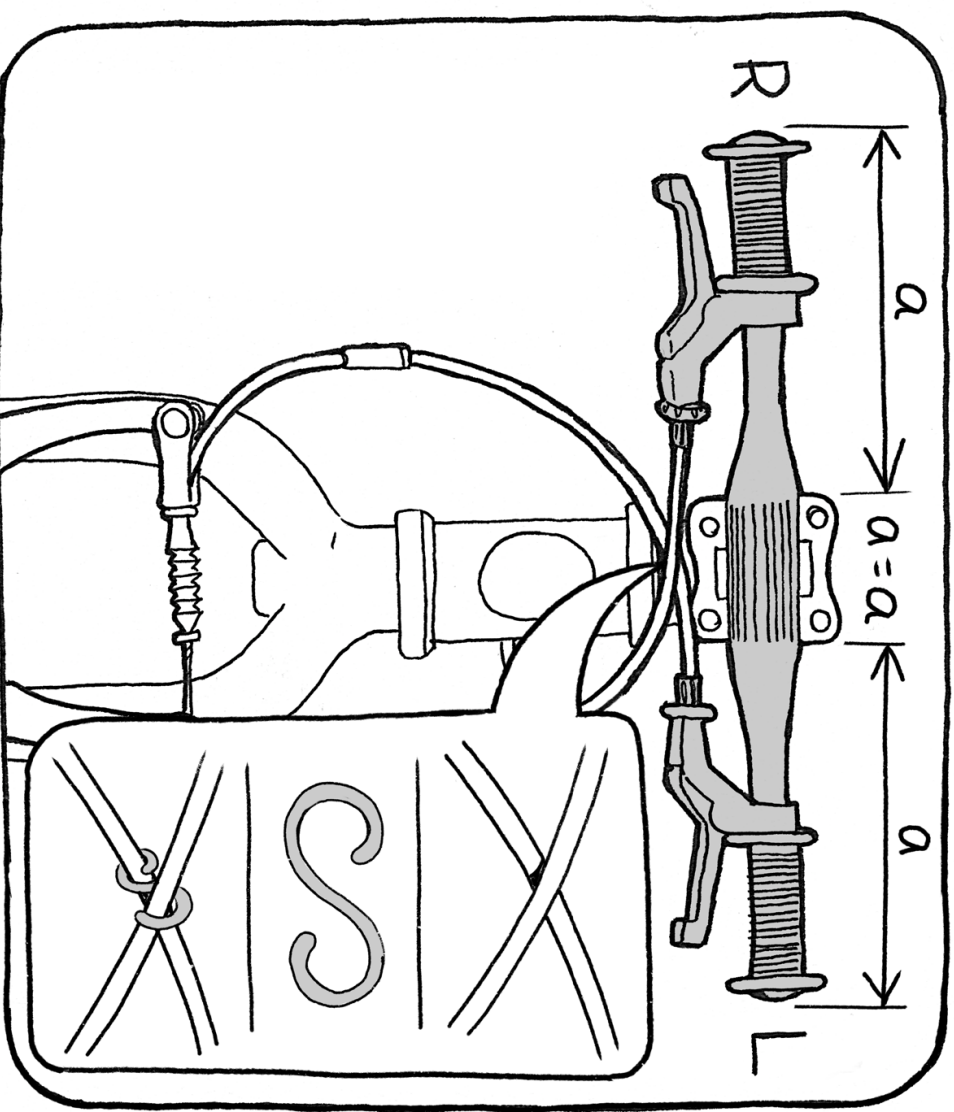
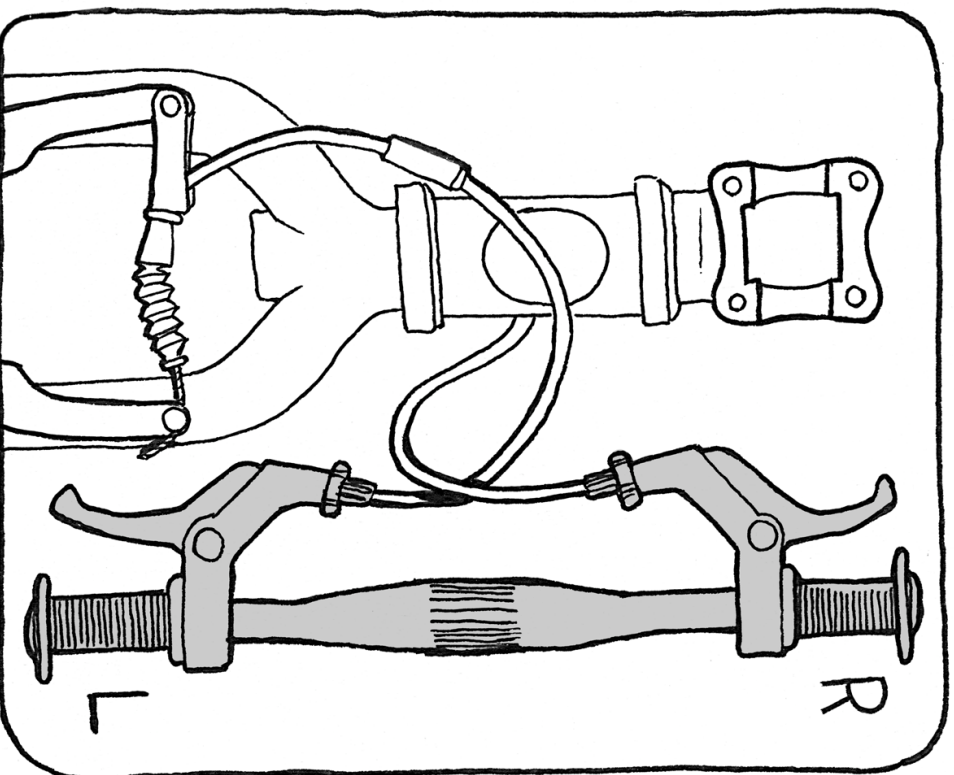
# ROTATE STEM AND FORK



# REMOVE HANDLEBAR CLAMP PLATE

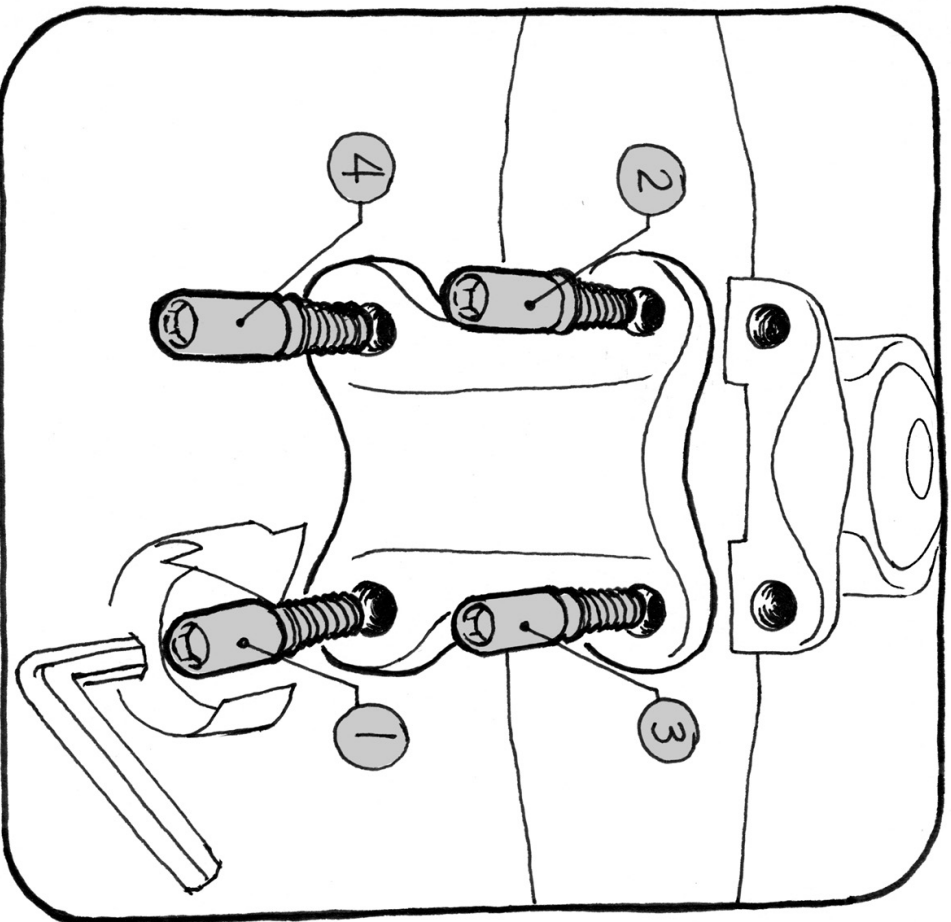


# POSITION HANDLEBAR



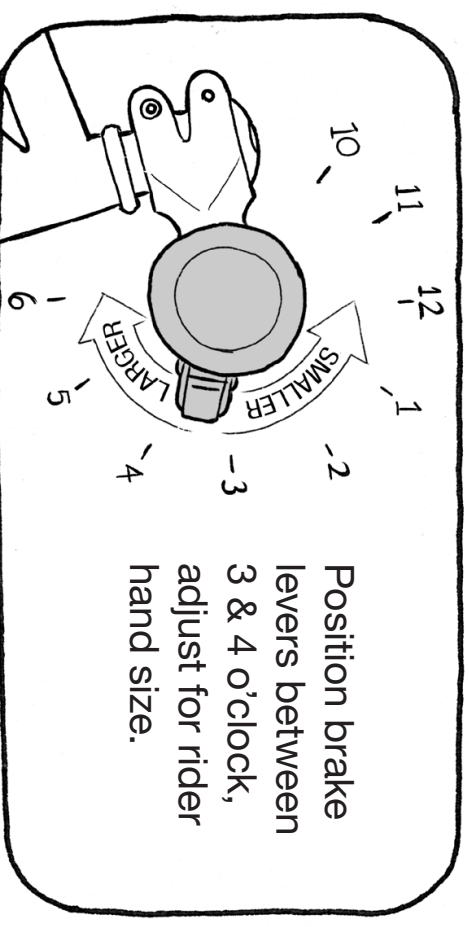


# REPLACE HANDLEBAR CLAMP PLATE



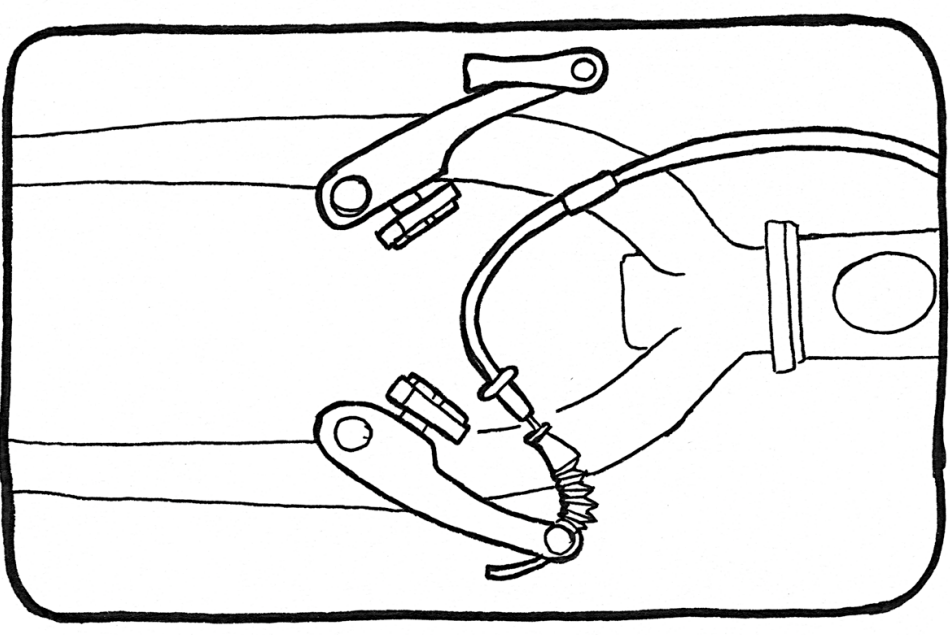
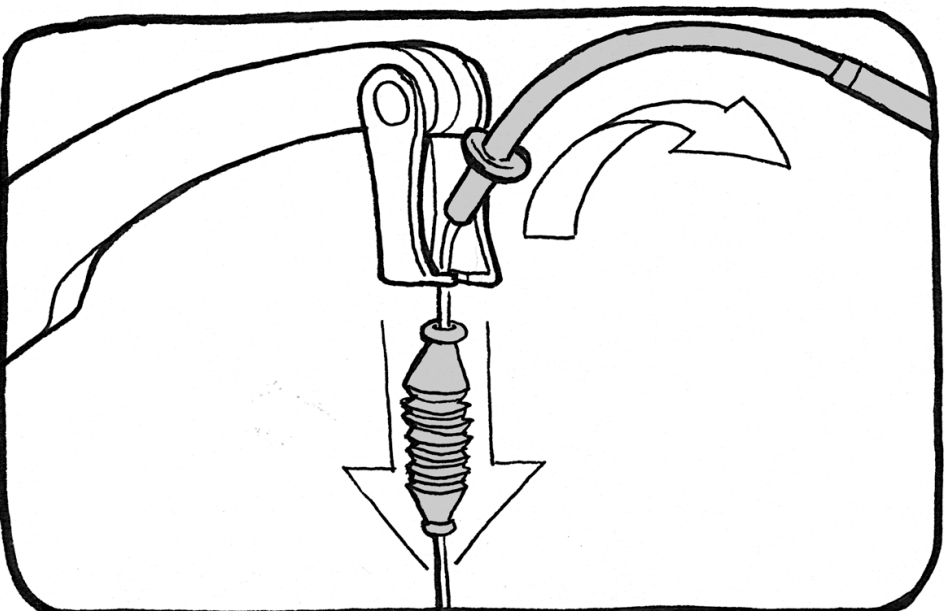
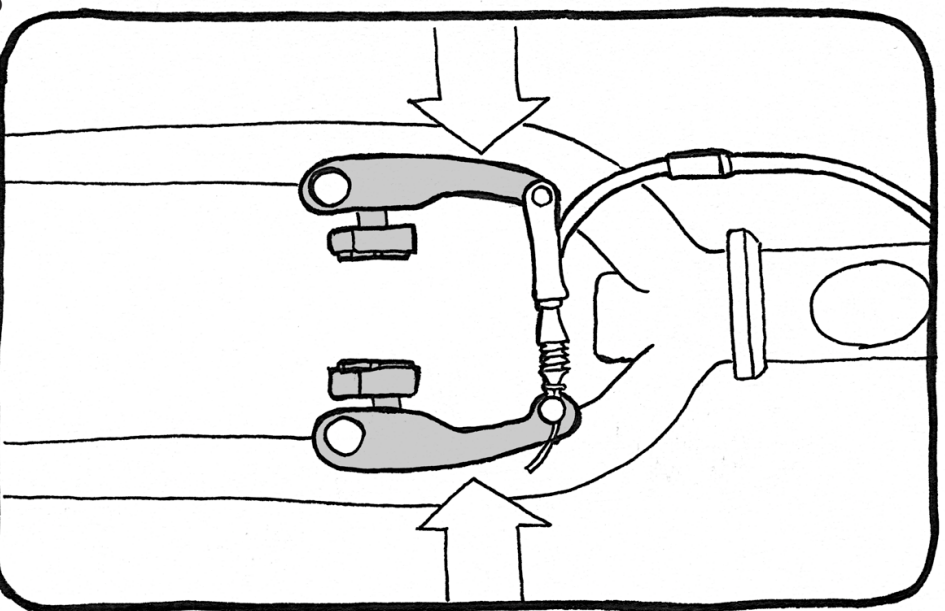
Working in an “X” pattern, tighten each of the bolts about 1/4 turn per pass to keep the tension even.

As you tighten the bolts, check to see that the handlebars are centered and that the handbrakes are rotated to the correct position for your rider.



The top and bottom of the stem face plate should be equal distance from the top and bottom of the stem base.

# DISCONNECT FRONT BRAKES

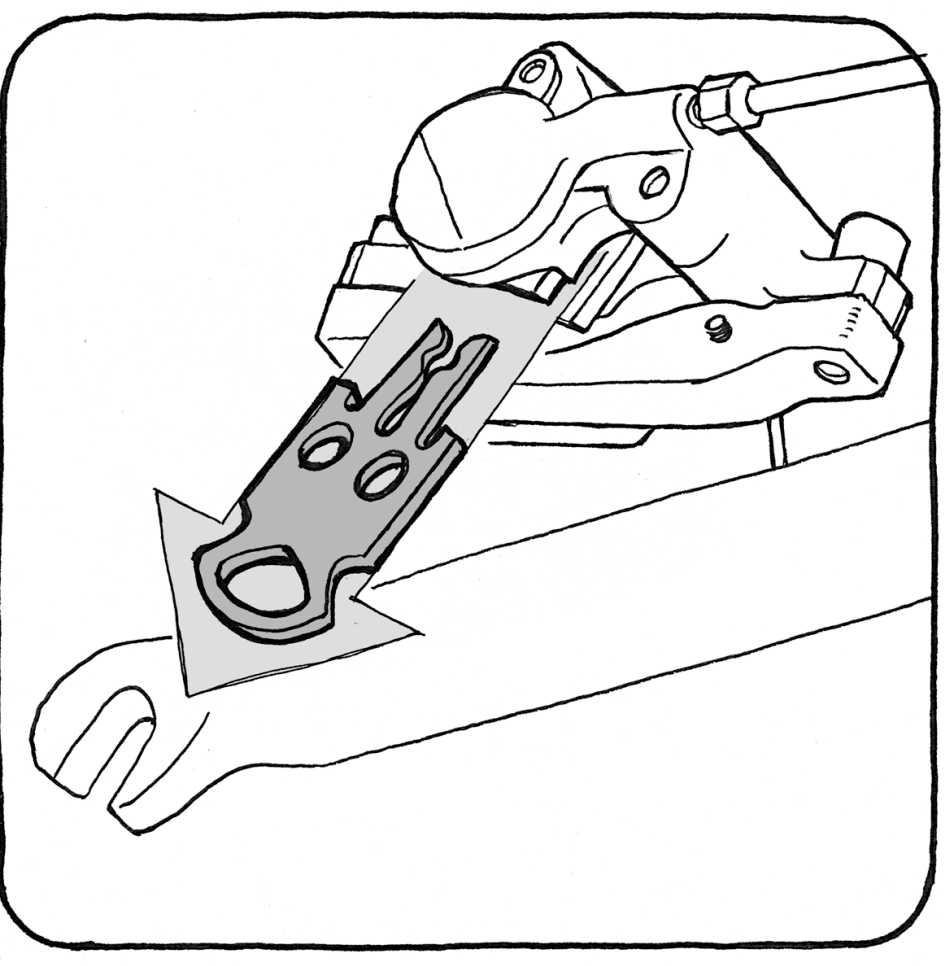




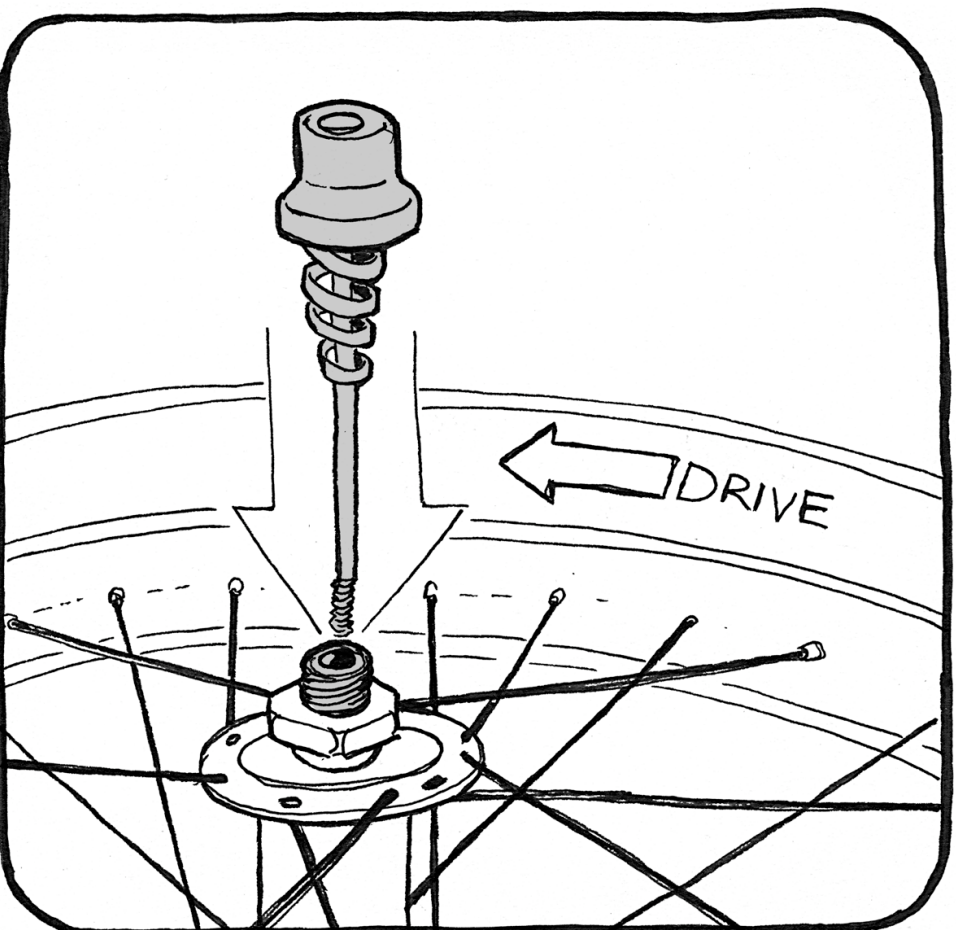
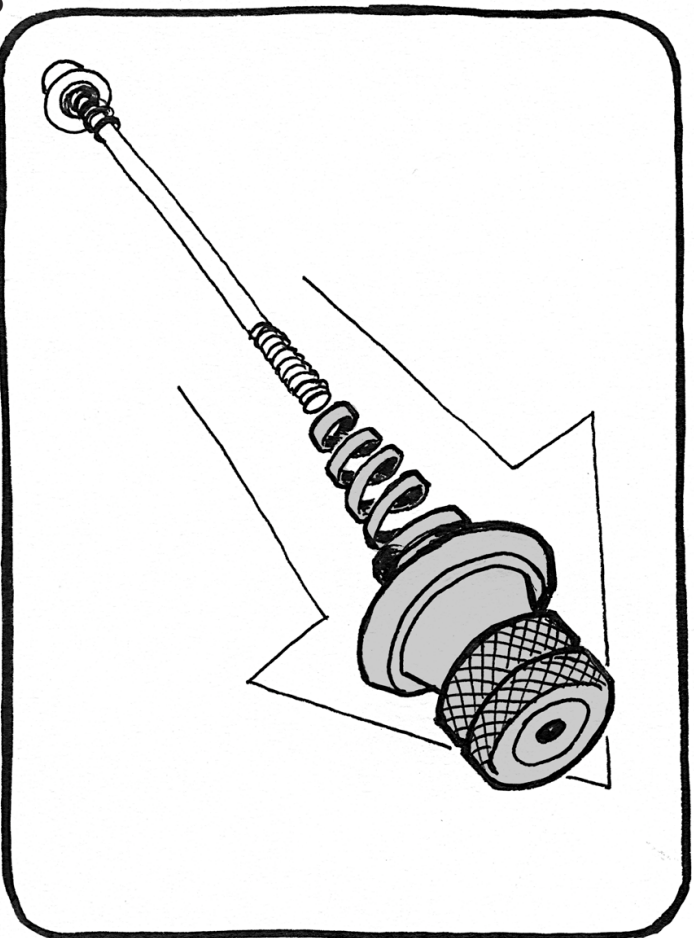
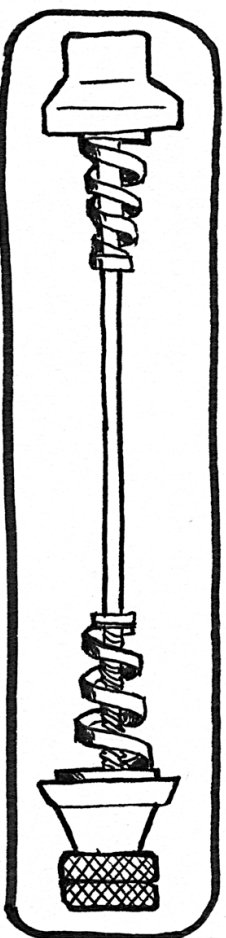
# REMOVE SPACER FOR DISC BRAKES

Your bike will arrive with a spacer placed between the front brake pads to keep them from closing during shipping. Remove the spacer before inserting the front wheel into the fork drop outs.

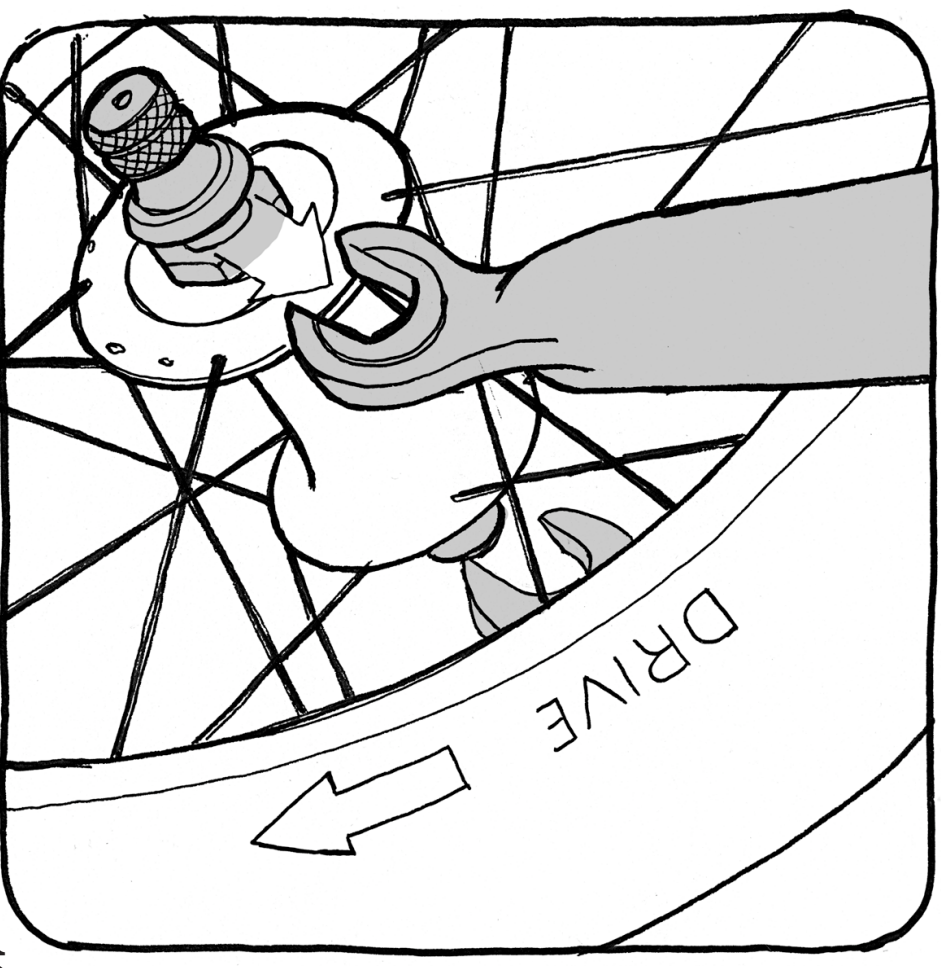
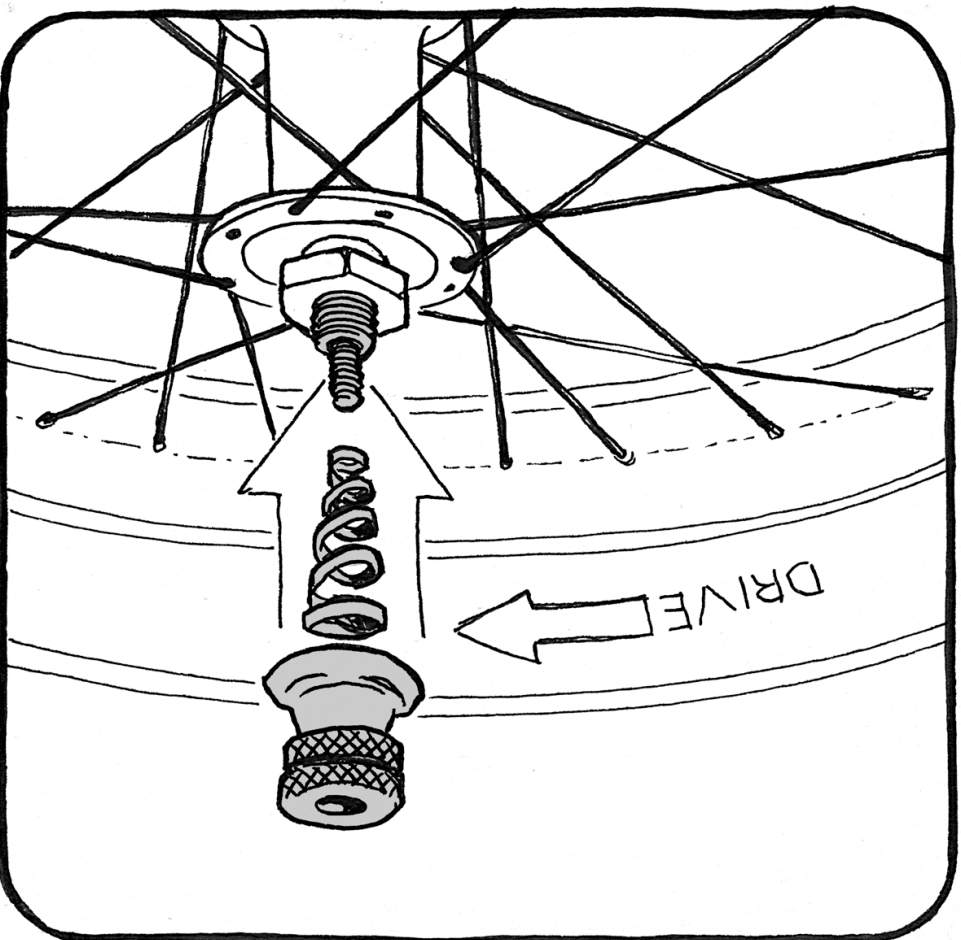
Do not squeeze the front brake lever before you've installed the front wheel.



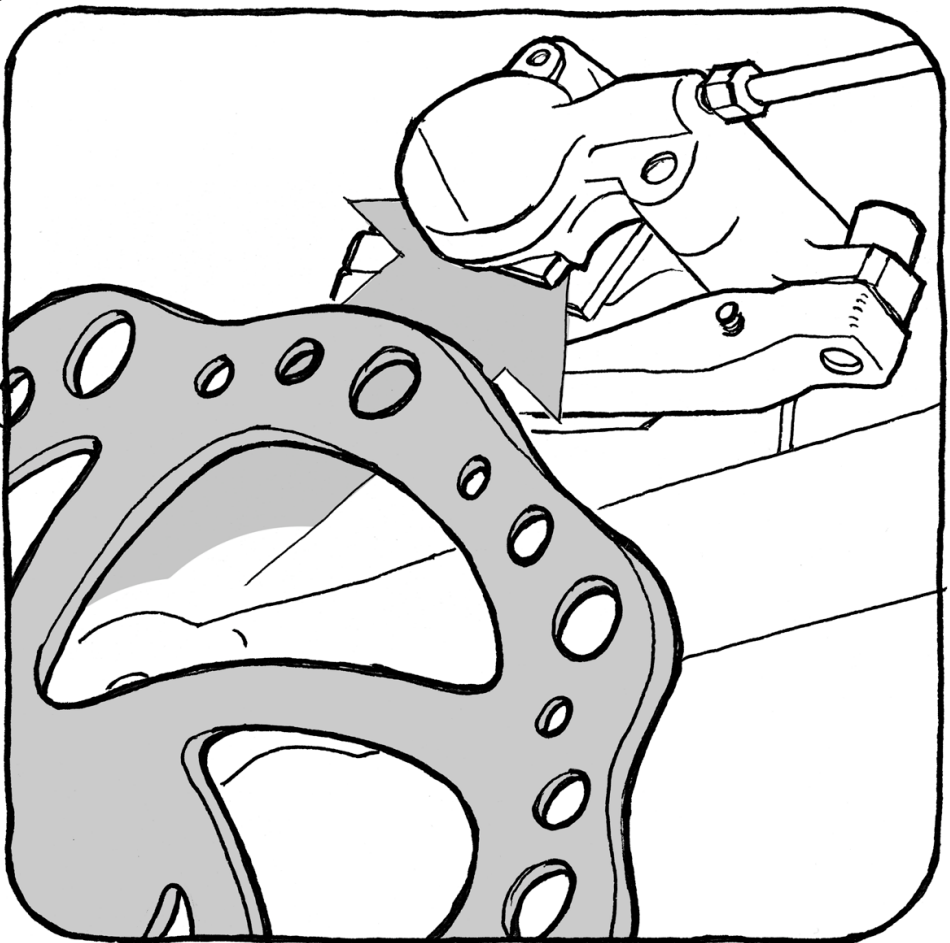
# INSTALL HUB SKEWER



# INSTALL FRONT WHEEL



# INSTALL FRONT WHEEL WITH DISC BRAKES



The ROTOR should slide in between the pads of the brake, easily.

If you squeeze the disc brake levers without a rotor or disc brake spacer between the brake pads, the pads will stay sandwiched together. Use the disc brake spacer to separate the pads.

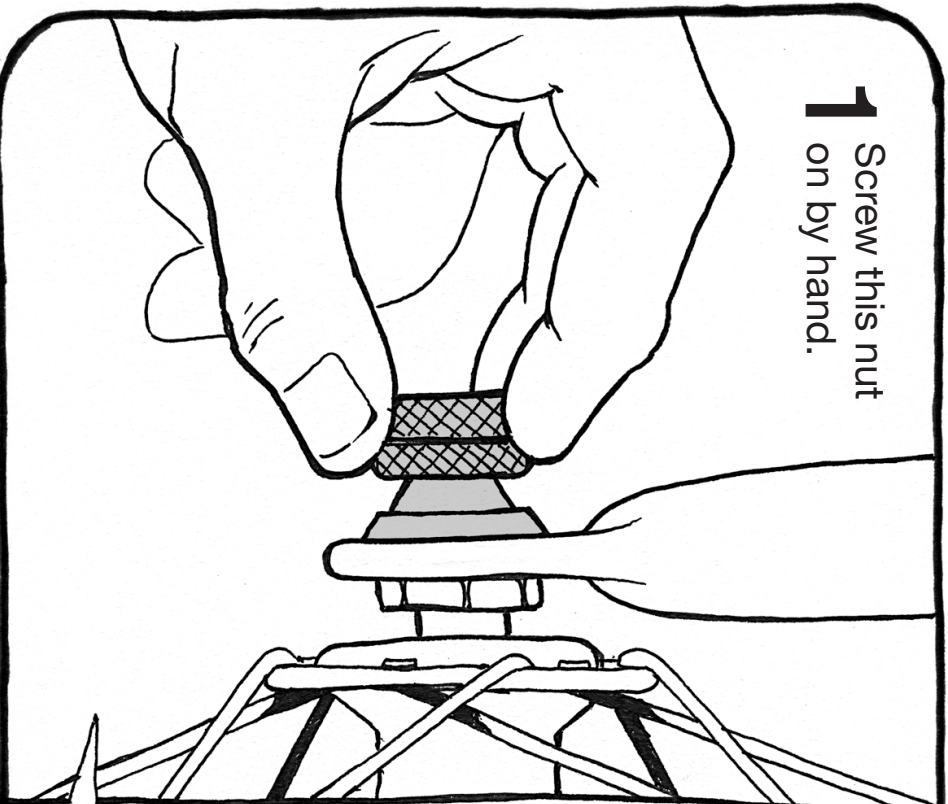
Avoid touching the ROTOR, as oil from your hand can affect the function of the brakes.

**CAUTION:** Rotor can be hot when in use.



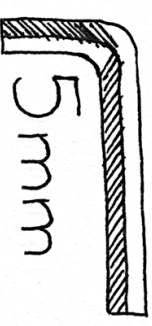
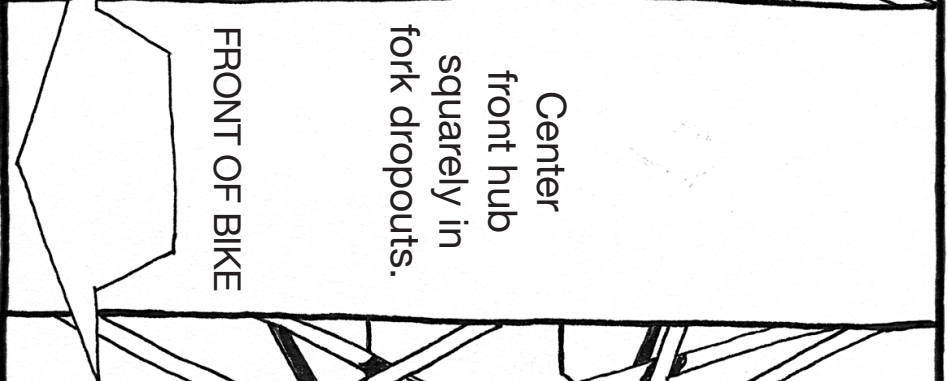
# TIGHTEN FRONT WHEEL NUTS

**1** Screw this nut  
on by hand.



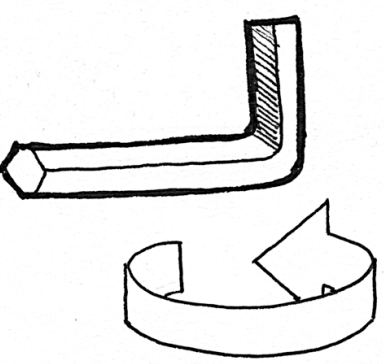
Center  
front hub  
squarely in  
fork dropouts.

FRONT OF BIKE

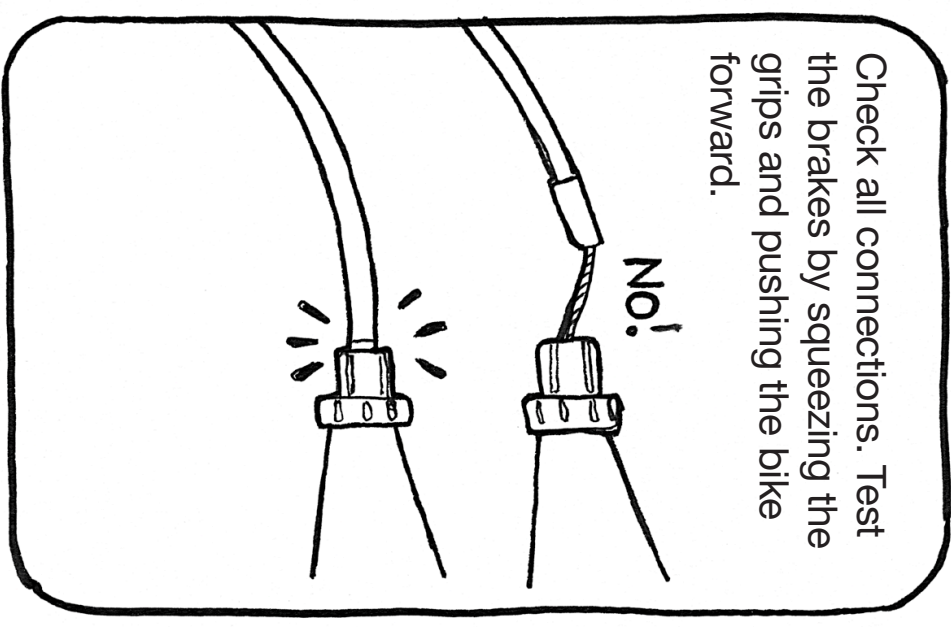
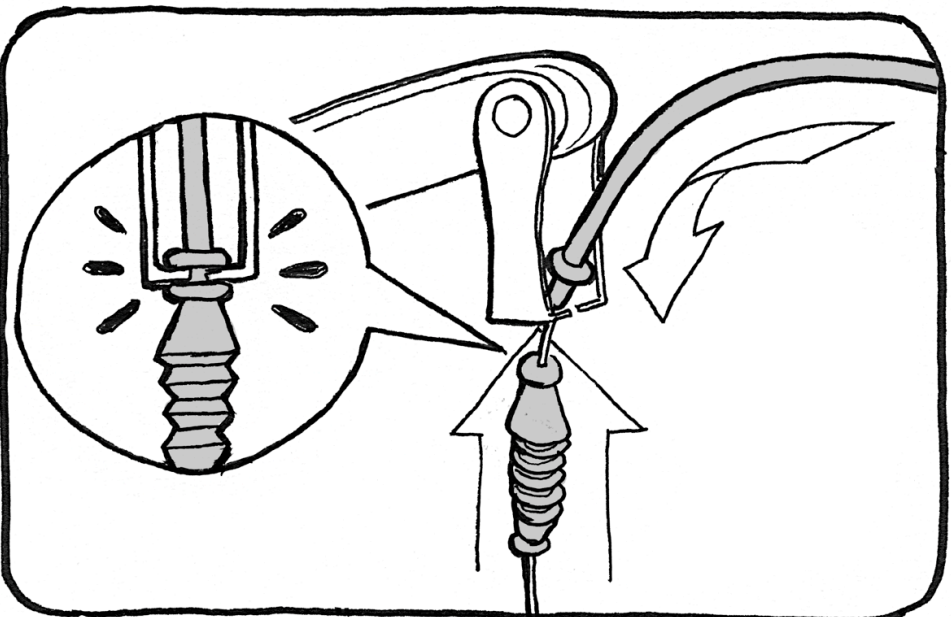
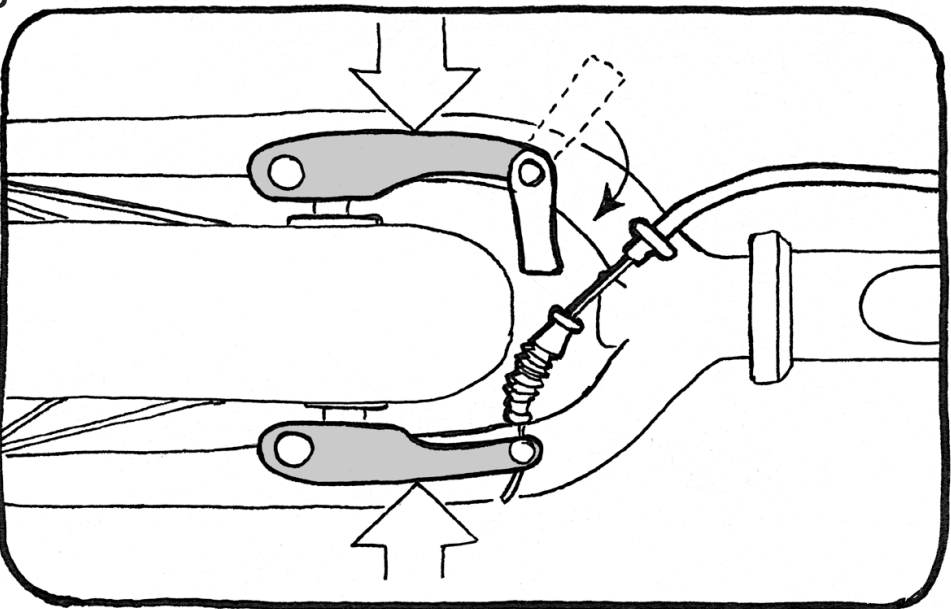


**2**

Finish tightening with a 5mm Allen  
wrench. Make sure the fit is snug,  
then crank it a little bit tighter.



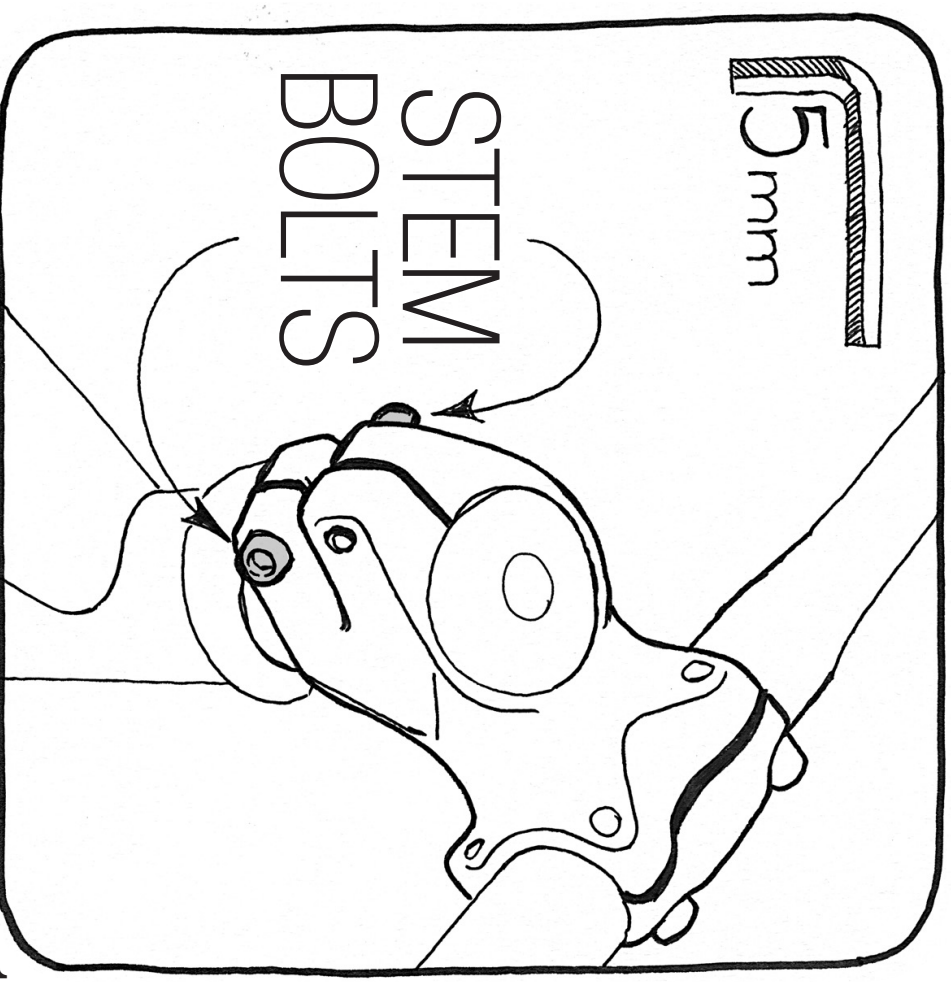
# RECONNECT FRONT BRAKE



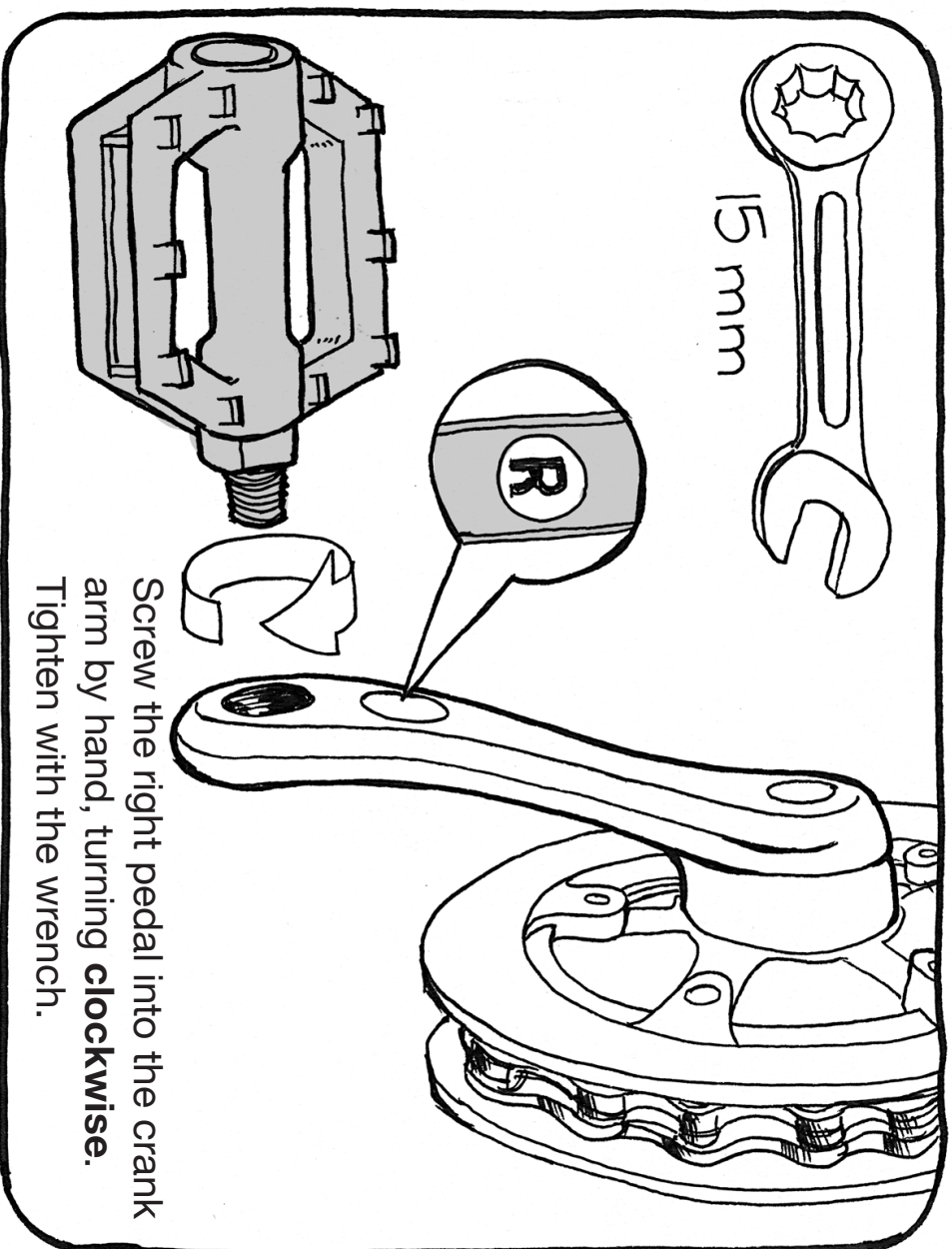
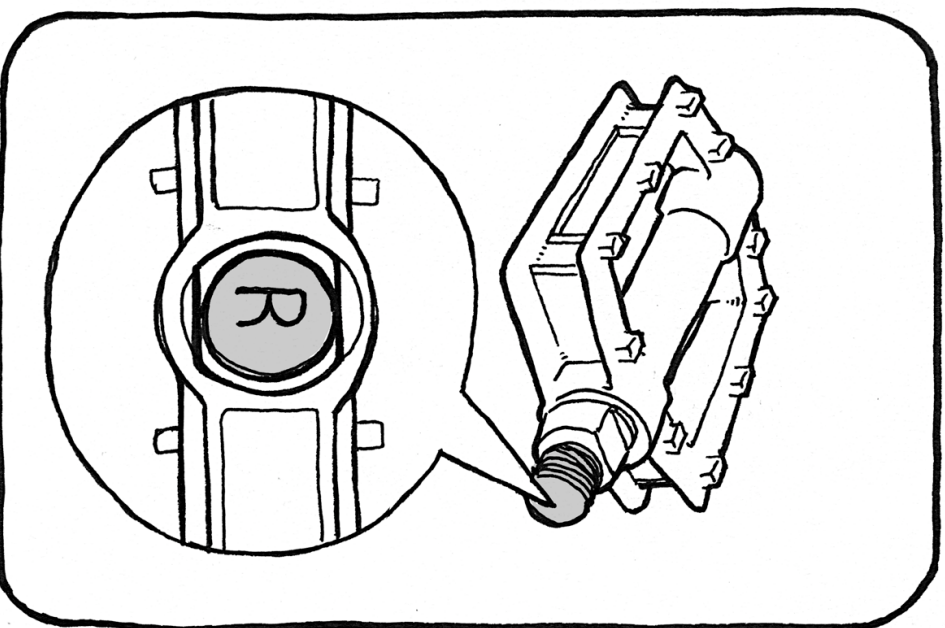


# ADJUST STEM ALIGNMENT

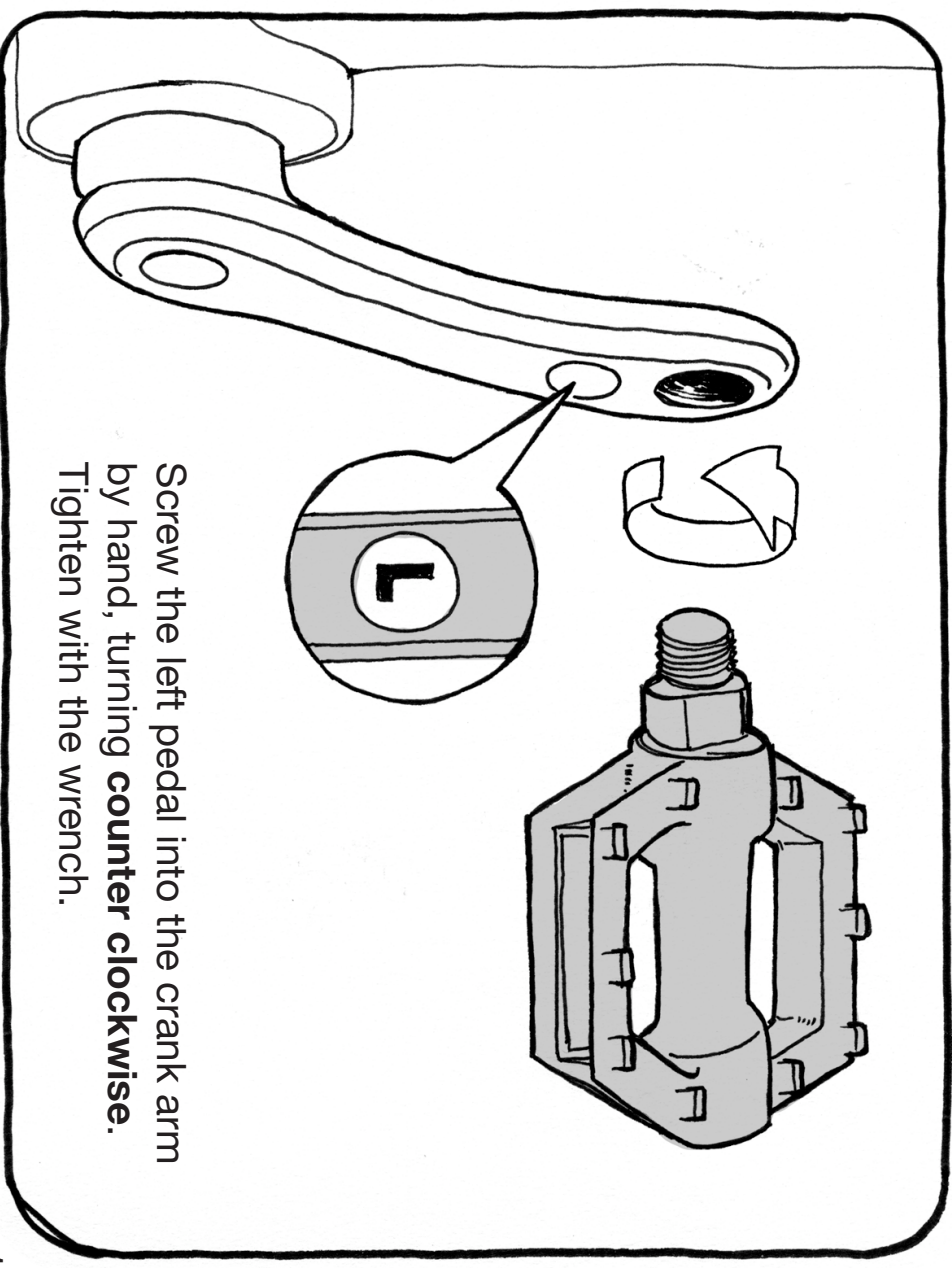
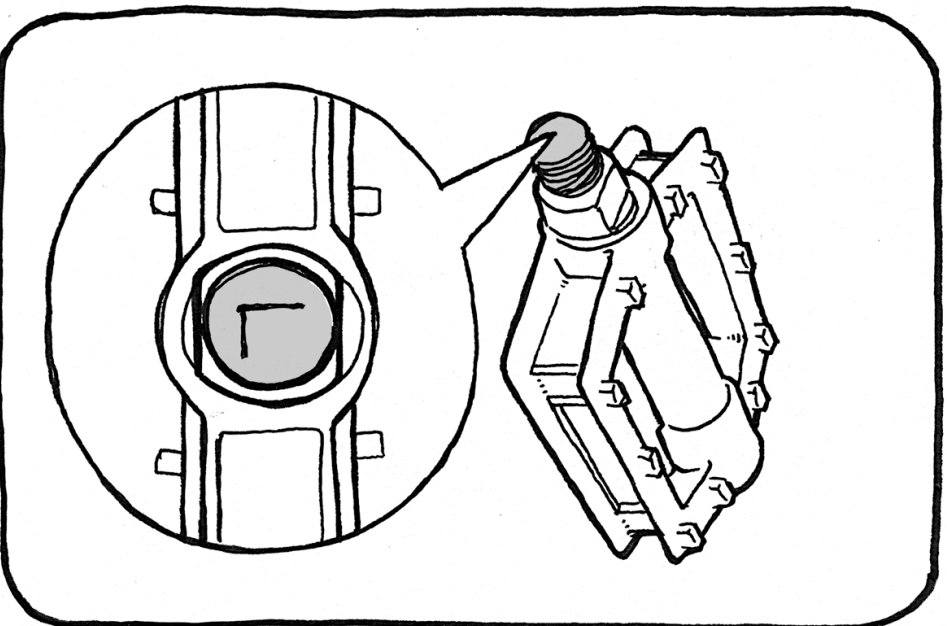
Make sure the handlebar is perpendicular to the front wheel. To correct the alignment, loosen the rear stem bolts enough to allow the handlebar to rotate independently. Move the handlebar into the correct position and firmly tighten the stem bolts.



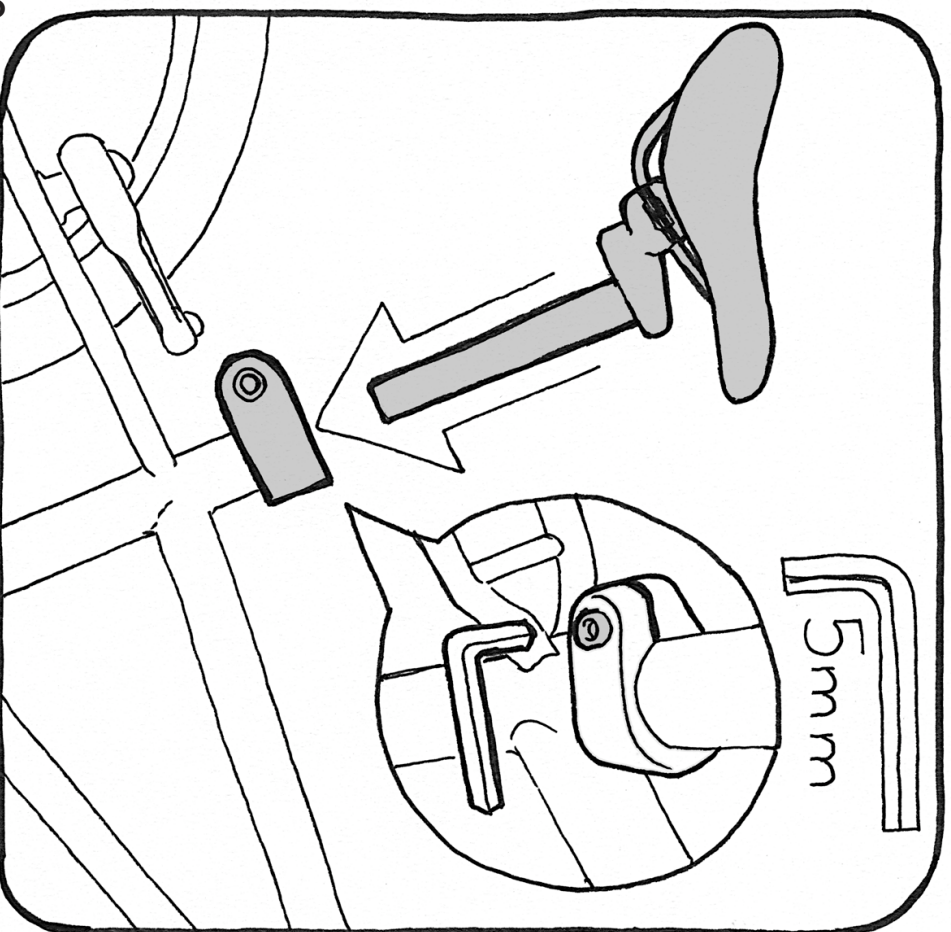
# INSTALL RIGHT PEDAL



# INSTALL LEFT PEDAL



# INSTALL AND ADJUST SADDLE



Loosen the seat post clamp bolt if necessary. Slide the seat post into the seat tube. Position the saddle so that it is approximately the same height as your child's hip and tighten the seat post clamp to secure.

Adjust the seat forward or back by loosening the 6 mm bolt underneath the saddle.

Your child should be able to sit on the saddle and reach the handlebar grips with slightly bent elbows.



# INFLATE THE TIRES

Remove the dust cap from the tire valve and check the pressure using a pressure gauge. If you don't have a pressure gauge, squeeze the tires. They should feel very firm, but give a little when strong pressure is applied. Fill the tires to the recommended pressure using a bicycle pump with a Schrader valve or Presta valve. Pressure recommendations can be found on the tire sidewall and also below.

**12" - 35 to 40 PSI**

**24" - 35 to 65 PSI**

**16" - 40 to 65 PSI**

**26" - 40 to 65 PSI**

**20" - 40 to 65 PSI**

Cleary recommends for kids to inflate tires to no more than the lowest recommended psi.

# BEFORE THE RIDE

It's important to make sure handlebar and saddle positioning are correct and that the brakes are working before heading out for a ride.

First, do a visual check. The rider should be able to sit on the saddle with feet touching the ground and reach the handlebars with slightly bent elbows.

Next, ask the rider to check the brakes. All Cleary bikes have front and rear hand brakes. The

Gecko also has pedal (coaster) brakes. Riders should be able to grasp the hand brakes easily while seated on the bike. Ask the rider to squeeze and release the brakes, practicing the “stop” and “go” positions.

While state laws vary, we strongly believe that all riders should wear properly fitted helmets every time they ride. For new riders, we recommend practicing on a soft surface (like a grassy field). Having a soft landing pad will help beginning riders avoid injury and gain confidence while they learn.

# CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Periodic checks and simple maintenance will keep your sturdy Cleary Bike in tip-top shape.

## CLEANING

Keep your bike gleaming by washing it with a sponge, water, and degreaser. Dry it with a towel or soft cloth. Avoid using soap!

## CHAIN LUBRICATION

Lube your chain regularly and keep it clean in 3 Steps.

1. Dry your chain and wipe off debris by back pedaling the chain through a rag or t-shirt.
2. Back pedal the chain while dripping or spraying chain lube across the chain links. (A little lube goes a long way.)



3. Remove excess lube from the chain by backpedaling through the rag.

Clean cog(s) and chainring with your rag to prevent dirt build-up. Proper lubrication prevents corrosion and ensures the drive train operates smoothly.

## NUTS, BOLTS, AND FASTENERS

It's a good idea to do a periodic visual check of all the nuts, bolts and fasteners on the bike to make sure that none of them are loose, missing, or damaged.

## TIRE AND WHEEL CONDITION AND PRESSURE

Check the tire pressure regularly to make sure the tires are inflated to the recommended PSI (printed on tire sidewall and on page 21). Correct tire pressure will extend the life of the tires, and make for a safer and more comfortable ride. Inspect the tires periodically and replace any tires that show cracks, cuts, uneven wear, or bald spots.

If you find the wheel rims are not running "true," or evenly through the brake pads, have them inspected and adjusted by a qualified bicycle mechanic. You can also contact us for assistance.

## BRAKES

Verifying proper brake function can help avoid accidents and injury. First do a visual inspection to make sure the cables are seated correctly and the levers appear to be in good working order.

Squeeze the brake levers. The brake pads should contact the wheel rim before the brake lever touches the handle grip. If they don't, use the cable adjuster to shorten the cable and then re-test. The brake pads should strike the wheels flatly and evenly, hitting on the alloy rim (not the tire). If the pads are not connecting properly have the bike serviced by a qualified bicycle mechanic.

## CABLES

Inspect the cables periodically and have a qualified bicycle mechanic replace any that show signs of corrosion, fraying, or rust.

## BEARINGS

Cleary Bikes have bearings located at the hubs, crank, headsets, and pedals. Bearings in need of repair will make loud or uneven noises. Maintenance and repair to the bearings should be performed by a qualified bicycle mechanic. Contact us if you have any questions or concerns about your bike's bearings.

## REFLECTORS

All Cleary Bikes are equipped with reflectors; a white front reflector, a red rear reflector, two white wheel reflectors, and four orange pedal reflectors. Reflectors are legally required and important for safety. To function properly they must remain clean, in good condition, and securely fitted at all times.

## SAFETY

Always wear a helmet. In wet weather, take precautions. Caution your rider to bike more slowly and allow more time for braking. Avoid riding at night. If necessary, wear bright clothes, use a full set of CPSC compatible reflectors and a lighting set that includes a white front and red rear lamp.

## WARRANTY

Cleary Bikes stands behind our bicycles for as long as you ride it. The original purchaser has a lifetime warranty against any and all manufacturer's defects on the bike.

Ride hard! We'll be here if you need us.

### **CHOKING HAZARD - Small Parts**

Not for children under 3 years.

This bike is intended to be assembled by an adult.