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Putting the top on the tallest tower in the world

A giant Sikorsky Skycrane helicopter the biggest of its type in North America - is putting the top on what will be the highest free-standing structure in the world.

The CN Tower in Toronto, when completed in 1976, will rise over 1,800 feet, surpassing Moscow's Ostankino Tower, the tallest comparable structure, which is 1,748 feet high. The

transmission mast being erected by the huge helicopter (payload ten tons), will probably take some 30 days to complete, compared to six months if conventional methods had been used.

The Skycrane, designed specially for aerial construction, picks up sections of the mast from an assembly area at the east end of the site, flies them to the top of the tower then lowers them



The Skycrane helicopter at work, settling one of the 39 steel transmissionmast sections in place on Toronto's CN Tower - soon to become the world's tallest free-standing structure. It is estimated that it will take 30 working days to complete the task of erecting the 335-foot mast, and early this spring, the CN Tower will reach a height in excess of 1,800 feet.