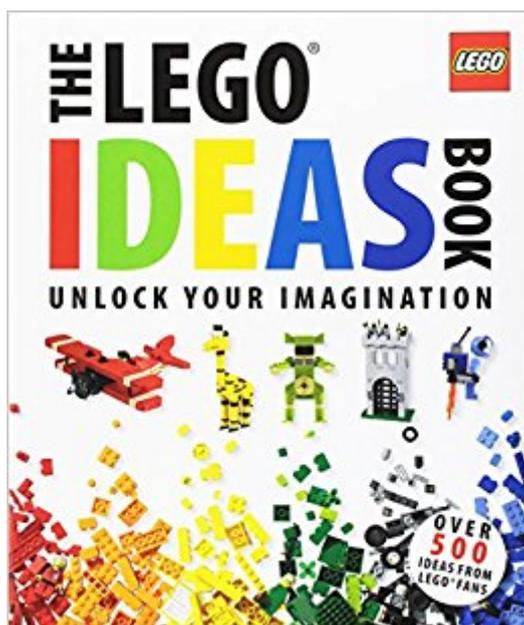


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# The Lego Ideas Book: Unlock Your Imagination



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Discover new and creative building ideas, tips, and tricks for your LEGO® bricks with this #1 New York Times bestseller. With more than 1 million copies sold, The LEGO Ideas Book is perfect for LEGO fans of all ages. Wired.com says, "If you're a LEGO fanatic (or know one), The LEGO Ideas Book is worth taking a look at." Divided into six themed chapters—transportation, buildings, space, kingdoms, adventure, and useful makes—each section contains basic templates of key models to inspire you to create your own. Hints and tips from Master Builders can help you turn your classic car into a race car or add a bridge to your castle. Don't be concerned if you haven't got all the bricks you need: this book also shows how to simplify details, making this a user-friendly guide for any building ability. A hit among parents and in classrooms for inspiring imagination and creativity, The LEGO Ideas Book has won a Teachers' Choice Award, Parents' Choice Award, and is a Children's Choices Selection from the Children's Book Council and International Literacy Association. LEGO, the LEGO logo, the Brick and Knob configurations and the Minifigure are trademarks of the LEGO Group. ©2016 The LEGO Group. All rights reserved. Produced by DK Publishing under license from the LEGO Group.

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As a child of the 80's, I remember fondly the old LEGO Idea books. In those books, there were lots of photos of LEGO creations, and instructions that showed how to build some of the models in the book. I remember the *LEGO Idea Book 6000* the best, that's the one that follows Bill and Mary as they build a house, explore a city, travel to space, and then back in time to a medieval castle. When I saw the title of this book, the obvious connection was to those old books, so how does it compare? The one thing that's missing is the instructions - this is not an instruction manual. Also, unlike Sean Kenney's smaller books (*Cool City*, *Cool Cars and Trucks*, and *Cool Robots*), this is a big book - nearly 200 pages! Like Sean's books, this book is filled with photos of LEGO creations. Like Sean's books, the intent of the book is to give you ideas on how to build things. You'll find that a lot of ideas can be crammed into 200 pages. The book is broken up into sections, essentially these are: vehicles, buildings, spaceships & robots, castles, pirates & adventure, and real world creations. This last section is very interesting, showing you things such as picture frames and pencil holders made out of LEGO. As you can see, like the old LEGO Idea book, this book hits on many of LEGO's core themes. Each of the sections starts out with a two page spread of useful parts that can be used to build creations in that section. I found that even these pages gave me ideas and started me thinking on how a particular part could be used. After that you'll find a number of creations beautifully photographed, often with multiple views which come in handy if you are attempting to reverse engineer one of the creations so that you can build it yourself. I can't tell you how many times I've looked at a LEGO truck and wished I could see how the frame was built. The multiple angle photos in this book help so that you won't experience that problem. At the end of each section, you'll find a few pages where you "Meet the Builder." These include some interview style questions where you learn about the builder who wrote a particular section of the book. I was surprised to find that one of the builders is only 18! I think LEGO fans of all ages will enjoy the book, but young children might have a hard time handling the book due to its size. The lack of instructions also mean that it is probably more suited to an experienced LEGO builder - either an older child or a parent who enjoys building with younger children. My six year old son enjoys paging through the book, but it's a bit much for my 3 year old to handle. Neither would be able to build anything in this book without my help. Overall, I think this is another great book option to inspire LEGO builders - but remember this book is about ideas and imagination - and you can't write instructions for that. If you know what you are buying, I think you'll really like this book, but don't expect it to be what it is not. If

you want instructions, try one of the Brickmaster books such as "LEGO City Brickmaster".

I bought my grandson a large basic Lego set and got this book to go along with it. It has so many different things that he can build with his Lego set. The book is divided between six different chapters to entice your child to pick and choose what he/she wants to build. It even gives you shortcuts on what to do if you don't have all the bricks. My 5 year old grandson doesn't have a problem reading the instructions as the visual is excellent to where it required little if no reading. The only thing I would change about the book is that they use more standard bricks instead of the specialized bricks. It has tons of ideas and then some!

This book is full of wonderful ideas but, unfortunately it has fallen apart. My grandson, an avid Lego builder, actually uses the book and is very protective of it but within 2 months the binding has become unglued. While what the book contains is more than acceptable what is not acceptable is the way the pages just fell out.

I like this item because for me buying lego boxes seems more and more pointless...They come packaged with the right amount of pieces that you assemble in one way to create the design advertised...The problem that comes with that is that in reality, kids destroy it really fast and then lose several pieces... So basically, it's done.. You build it once and unless you glue it, you will never build it again...This book is relevant because its purpose is to inspire kids to build new items with a variety of pieces... So at the end, I find the purchase more relevant.

Terrific book for an active imaginaand a Rubbermaid container of legos. My daughter loves legos and honestly, I do too.Got her some of the larger boxes of bricks and added base plates, windows and doors and wheels so has lots of pieces to build with and this book. Giving the book to her for her birthday and I am looking forward to spending time on the floor with her getting creative. The pictures are beautiful and the ideas are endless.

My seven year old grandson has an incredible imagination when it comes to constructing things with his immense collection of Legos. He even started asking his parents to video tutorials for YouTube as he is putting his Legos together. This is why, now that he can read fluently, I got him this Lego idea book, so that he can expand his abilities and widen his ideas. It is a very useful book.

I really appreciate how this book includes so many fun lego projects for my kids to do! They have lost many of the little booklets that come with the lego sets, but this book has many more projects for them to do. This is a perfect gift for any kid or adult who is really in to legos, or even just starting to develop an interest.

Loved it. Arrived as expected and my daughter had so much fun with this! Can't beat the price anywhere and so convenient!! This is great for someone looking for projects and things to do beyond the instructions that come with the kits. My daughter has gone through half the book already. It's amazing!

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