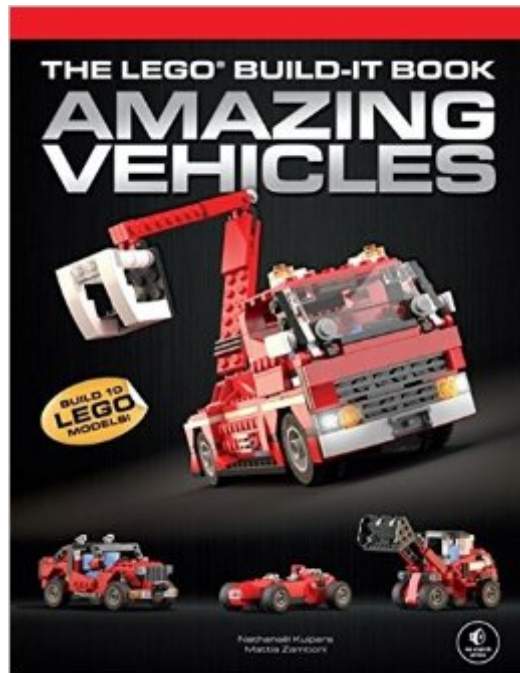


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The LEGO Build-It Book, Vol. 1: Amazing Vehicles



Synopsis

BUILD 10 COOL MODELS! With just one collection of LEGO® bricks, you can build any of these 10 models—from the simple Go-Kart to the intricate Rescue Truck. Handy tips and advanced building techniques will inspire you to create your own amazing models for even more fun! Off-Roader Go-Kart Muscle Car Stroller Multi-Purpose Truck Historic Racer Classic Car Wheel Loader Street Rod Rescue Truck

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The book begins with a nice introduction, including some expert building tips, such as how certain numbers of plates, when laid on their sides, equate to the same width as certain bricks, plus how this can be used for cool effects in building. Next, it jumps right into the instructions. One of the things that I found most fun was how all ten (yes, ten!) of the models in this book can be built from the same set of pieces. In fact, those pieces are all from one set. So, if you own the set, "5867: Super Speedster," you already have all of the pieces you need! Most of them are relatively common and should not be hard to find, even if you do not have that set. (There is a full list of all parts used at the front of the book.) The ten instructions are then marked for various levels of difficulty. I opted to build the Classic Car, and, because I was utilizing the Lego Digital Designer, I could build it in colors other than the red, white, and black that came with the set (blue with yellow accents and green upholstery in this case). Turning to the portion of the book with the instructions, I immediately

found that each step lists the parts needed in addition to showing where they go. My building experience went well. While I anticipated having issues keeping the book open on account of the spine binding, it stayed open well on its own. Because I was not using actual bricks, the build took a bit longer than it would have otherwise. Additionally, there were a few places, where the instructions were not entirely clear, because the other side of the model was not shown in the instructions or the angle was not entirely descriptive. Some of the build techniques, especially in this model (which, you will note, is marked as being complex) were a bit complicated...but they were awesome!

The Amazing Vehicles book in The Lego Build-It Book series is off-the-charts for fun, creativity, and simplicity. Yes, simplicity! Author Nathanael Kuipers and illustrator Mattia Zamboni have put together a brilliant set of ten cool models that you can build using common Lego pieces. There's no need to run out and buy extra fancy or techie pieces to make any or all of these amazing vehicles. The book opens with a page showing all the parts used to make the models. An illustrated friendly guide named George says, "If you are missing a few pieces, don't worry! Be creative and replace them with something similar or build in a different color!" Each page is done in full, brilliant color. The illustrations are step-by-step, large, and easy to follow. George the Guide offers occasional tips along the way. For example, George shows how two simple Lego parts can be used to construct engine pistons, shock absorbers, auto chairs and side mirrors, springs, a logo for the grille, exhaust pipes, or a license plate. He's brilliant! Each of the ten vehicles is rated for complexity (how difficult the model is to build), functions (how many working functions it has), and pieces (how many pieces are needed). The first model, an off-roader, is rated easy while the last model, the rescue truck, is the most complex in the collection. A side box provides design notes, technical specifications, and features. Nothing is missing from the clear and easy-to-follow instructions. For kids who don't do much reading, they can follow by using the colorful illustrations alone. Plus, there is not much to read anyway. My personal favorite model is the muscle car, because it reminds me of my real life Mustang. This one is a red convertible with a wide white stripe.

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