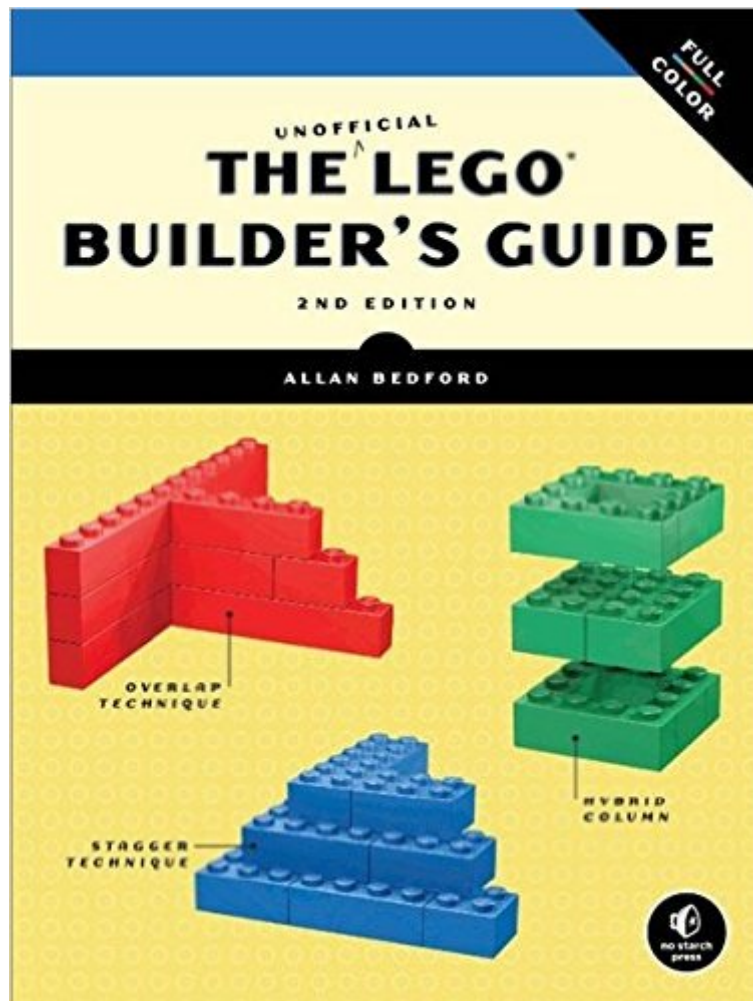


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The Unofficial LEGO Builder's Guide (Now In Color!)



Synopsis

What's the difference between a tile and a plate? Why isn't it a good idea to stack bricks in columns to make a wall? How do you build a LEGO mosaic or build at different scales? You'll find the answers to these and other questions in *The Unofficial LEGO Builder's Guide*. Now in full color, this brand-new edition of a well-loved favorite will show you how to: Construct models that won't fall apart Choose the right pieces and substitute when needed Build to micro, jumbo, and miniland scale Make playable board games out of LEGO pieces Create photo mosaics and curved sculptures Build a miniature space shuttle, a minifig-sized train station, and more Of course, the real fun of LEGO building lies in creating your own modelsâ€”from choosing the subject to clicking that final brick into place. Learn how in *The Unofficial LEGO Builder's Guide*. Includes the Brickopedia, a visual dictionary of nearly 300 of the most commonly used LEGO elements!

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Customer Reviews

When I was approached to review the *Unofficial Lego Builder's Guide*, I knew the kids would like to have a book showing them how to build things. As soon as I got the pdf version of this book (while waiting for the book to arrive via mail), I knew that my two oldest kids would be excited about it. So one day, I came in the living room holding my iPad in which the pdf was opened. Let me tell you that the iPad has not stayed long in my hands. Within seconds, my oldest son, who is 11, grabbed it and proceeded to go through it. The book contains ten chapters guiding the reader in different

constructions. Chapter 1: The Lego System: Endless Possibilities - This chapter will introduce you to the brick vocabulary and the basics on how to build. Chapter 2: Back to Basics: Tips and Techniques - This chapter gives you information on how to stack, overlap, stagger the bricks as well as on to build walls or bracing the bricks. Chapter 3: Minifig Scale: Oh, what a wonderful minifig world it is! - This chapter will guide you in building a train station and help you to identify what you can substitute for when building with Lego. Chapter 4: Miniland scale: The whole world in miniature - This chapter will present you how to build miniland figures and buildings. Chapter 5: Jumbo Elements: Building Bigger Bricks - You have a dream to build in a giant scale? No problem, this chapter will show you how to create jumbo bricks. Chapter 6: Microscale Building: More than meets the eye - This chapter will introduce you on how to build various building in a microscale size. Chapter 7: Sculptures: The shape of things to build - Building spheres and the Sphinx.

My first impressions of this book were that it was immensely packed with information! The 200+ pages all contain tip-after-tip for learning to build with Lego, improving Lego building skills, or just getting ideas for building. When I first received this book, I flipped through it quickly and was struck by the thought that this could easily be a textbook for a Lego building class, if such a thing exists. (If it does not, it ought to exist, and I would love to be the first to sign up...especially if this book were to be used!) Quite frankly, this book is awesome. The Unofficial Lego Builder's Guide begins by covering the very basics of Lego building before continuing to a discussion of scales in Lego (minifigure scale, miniland, microscale, etc). Chapters are then devoted to such topics as sculptures, mosaics, conceptualizing a Lego design (deciding on things like shape, color, proportion, and repetition), and other things to do with Lego (such as creating custom building instructions or making games). Interspersed among the chapters are step-by-step instructions for small projects related to the chapter. These projects are well-explained and help solidify the point being made in the text. The author has chosen the examples well, and the inclusion of a myriad of pictures lends descriptive power. The final two sections of the book differ slightly from the others. The first is called the Brickopedia. This visual encyclopedia of Lego brick shapes/styles gives a lot of information (such as name, part number, and notes for usage) for each listing. The selection of bricks is massive, and yet, by the author's own admission, it contains only a fraction of the total Lego piece catalog.

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