



Storage System with LEGO® bricks by Plast-Team

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Plast-Team, a company located in Denmark, has launched a new line of storage products shaped like LEGO® bricks. Storing our LEGO bricks is one of the most important concerns of AFOLs. This product will solve two problems at the same time.

The first one: storage. The bricks don't only look like LEGO bricks, but they have been designed to fit just like conventional bricks. In this way, the storage system allows you to safely stack the bricks in columns because, although the bricks don't fit as tightly as conventional LEGO bricks (the fit is looser) it is sufficient to be able to build a tower of blocks that will not come down easily.

The second: ¡IT'S LEGO! Yes, as fans of the LEGO brand we like everything that's related to the brick. As a consequence, these boxes are the perfect excuse to convert our homes into a LEGO paradise with the excuse that we need to store our bricks in an organized way and so mothers, wives, husbands etc. won't have any arguments to refuse them.

In this first stage, 4 types of bricks have been launched in 12 different colours:

- A 1x1 Brick
- A 1x2 Brick
- A 2x2 Brick
- A 2x4 Brick

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The outside dimensions of the 1x1 brick are 12.5x12.5x15cm (not counting the stud, which corresponds to the proportions of the LEGO brick (5x5x6). The stud, in the lid of the box, carries the LEGO name in relief. The inside of the box, the storage area, is slightly smaller as Plast-Team has decided to reinforce the structure, sacrificing some of the storage capacity. This reinforcement is done with ribs that run along the outside of the container. Another characteristic that slightly reduces the capacity is the fact that the base of the container has been somewhat elevated to allow the stud of any piece we place below it to fit. The effective storage capacity of the 1x1 brick is 10.5x10.5x11.5cm which is an effective use of 54%. In larger bricks this percentage is considerably higher. In the 2x4 brick for example it is 67%.

Man must live, not on bricks alone, and Plast-Team has kept this in mind and launched minifig heads, also for storage. This piece comes in two sizes: S, which is compatible in scale with the bricks and fits on the studs, and XL. This "bighead" make you doubt whether to use it for storage or to decorate your dining room (in my case I have chosen the second option). The effective space is considerably larger in this piece as it doesn't have the reinforcement ribs of the bricks. On the other hand if you apply some pressure you can notice the walls of the head flexing. In any case, the closed head is quite robust and does not feel fragile at all.



In addition these bricks allow you to make gigantic constructions. There are some limitations like the grip between the pieces which does not allow for 'hanging' bricks in the design. But with a bit of imagination we'll end up with a storage system that doubles as a MOC to show off to our friends.

It looks like there may be more types of pieces available in the future. One of the pieces I believe Plast-Team should launch in the future, and that will be a hit with both children and AFOLs is a box that can contain 32x32 baseplates. The 2x2 brick has an outside size of 25x25 (23x23 inside). I would need to be about 2.5cm bigger to house a baseplate. I don't know if they didn't think about this possibility but I believe it should be on the agenda for future models.

To sum up, this new storage system will help us to keep our parts well organized and at the same time create huge constructions. ¿Will they kick us out of the house in the end? Maybe...

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