



Review 10216: Winter Village Bakery

Preparing for Christmas

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Set: WINTER VILLAGE BAKERY
 Set Number: 10216
 Parts: 687
 Contains: 7 Minifigs, pastry, tree store, ice rink, light brick.
 Recommended price in Spain: € 54.99

It looks like the LEGO® boys want us to get used to regular purchases. They began years ago with modular buildings and the result appears to be satisfactory, since this year has the fifth building has been launched. Based (I assume) on this precedent, last year they surprised us with a fascinating set, Winter Toy Shop. A Christmas store / toy shop, with a wonderful Christmas tree and a few accessories. When I first saw this set and later when I had it in my hands, I thought it would not be the only one, because from that set you could build a nice winter diorama. I have had to wait a year to see if I was wrong and (thankfully) I wasn't.

Construction

The set has 4 parts. We will go from the easiest to the most elaborate.

The tree store is a simple construction of a few dozen parts. It reminds me of the typical stands of the Christmas markets of Central Europe. The reproduction of the sheet in two colors

is the touch of color that makes it stand out in the set. The 2x4 tile with a sticker to indicate the price of trees is a curious detail and it's funny that there are prices for two sizes, when the representation of the set only shows just a tree of one size near the store.

The carriage for transporting the trees is the romantic touch of the set. It's nice to see how they thought about this detail, instead of a delivery van, which is what we would see nowadays. The construction is not very complicated. In the carriage there is only room for one tree and the lumberjack, and it has a festive crown decorating the back. It also has a Plate 1 x 1 with Clip for the axe with which the lumberjack cuts trees. A warmly clothed child gives the horse an apple to eat.

And so we come to one of the strong parts of the set. The ice rink is a beautiful recreation of a small frozen lake. The construction starts with two 8 x 8 trans-clear blue plates, surrounded by white plates. The latter serve as a representation of the snow surrounding the lake, while allowing the entire lake to remain as one piece. To give the final touch to "the feeling of snow", some white 1 x 1 round plates represent snowballs. There are two skaters and a half! The two skaters (a man and a woman) are on the lake skating and taking photos, "without noticing" a third skater who fell head first into a mound of snow. It's not really a minifig, it's only the legs with the skates, embedded in the mound of snow. It's a funny twist



that designers wanted to add. The question that arises is if I must consider it a minifig of the set or not...

The lake is decorated with a bench, and two poles from which Christmas lights hang, which gives the set a festive touch. Finally, on top of one of the poles there is an owl watching the whole scene.

And we come to "the jewel in the crown." The floor of the bakery is a mosaic of Medium Stone Gray, Medium Blue and Brick Yellow. The mosaic design is tailored to what will later be placed over it (the counter, the window ...). The building is made of Dark Light Red with hints of Light Nougat. The front door is medieval house style. This door leads to the counter, where the cash register is, and at the back, a showcase where you find some boxes of cakes. On the left is a basket with loaves of bread that have come out of the oven that is located right behind. Further to the left, there is a window showing the different types of candy the shop has to offer, muffins, croissants, meringues ... The showcase becomes important when the window receives light from light brick that accompanies the set. This is placed on top of the window, when building the roof of the bakery. Its amber light is very nice and has enough intensity to be able to be seen under any room ambient light.

The roof is made of two parts. Each part is made with a square of white plates (snow effect) with a hole in the middle, where two small windows are placed, and are topped with small ledges. Behind one of the windows there is a small loft that serves as a pastry store with a brown storage box. Behind the other window the light brick that illuminates the window is mounted. Above the windows there are two white awnings with a mound of snow on top of each one. Just below the canopies, there are decorative Christmas lights, the same as those of the frozen lake. And right in the middle of the building, we can find the chimney for the oven of the bakery.

On both sides, there are windows behind Nougat Light arches, just like the front window. Above each of the arches there's a bit of mistletoe. A lamp with a sign for the bakery is the last element that is part of the construction.

Two minifigures complete the building. The baker, who carries a tray of pastries in one hand, and a customer with a box of pastries she just bought. The client wears a red skirt, instead



of the typical minifig legs. It is a nice touch, although I miss some drawing on the skirt. Being smooth, it seems a bit poor compared to other details of the set.

The complete set

After finishing setting up the various parts that make up the set, I can see how well designed it is. A bakery and a Christmas tree stand, beside a frozen lake with some skaters. A festive picture that reminds many of the images we have of the Christmas story. 7 minifigures "and half" for a set of this size is noteworthy. They are also minifigures with beautiful and funny details. The whole set is remarkable. The bakery, with the oven, cakes, light and snow-covered roofs. The lake, with the skaters, the bench and, above all, the skater that is trapped in the mound of snow. And the carriage, which is complemented by the stand for selling trees, the romantic touch of the set.

It's hard to find a fault in the set. The price (€ 54.99) justifies the use of stickers (few) instead of silk prints. The price per piece is 8cts, which is quite restrained, and taking into account that it doesn't abuse of the smaller pieces.

It is a perfect complement to the Winter Toy Shop. We start to have material to make a Christmas diorama, and it can give us many ideas. Now I can only begin to imagine what can be in the works for the fall of next year. I have many ideas in mind, but I will not venture a guess. I'll wait to be surprised (and fascinated) again.

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