



Review 10221: A group build

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Set: Super Star Destroyer
Set number: 10221
Number of parts: 3152
Recommended retail price: 399,99 €

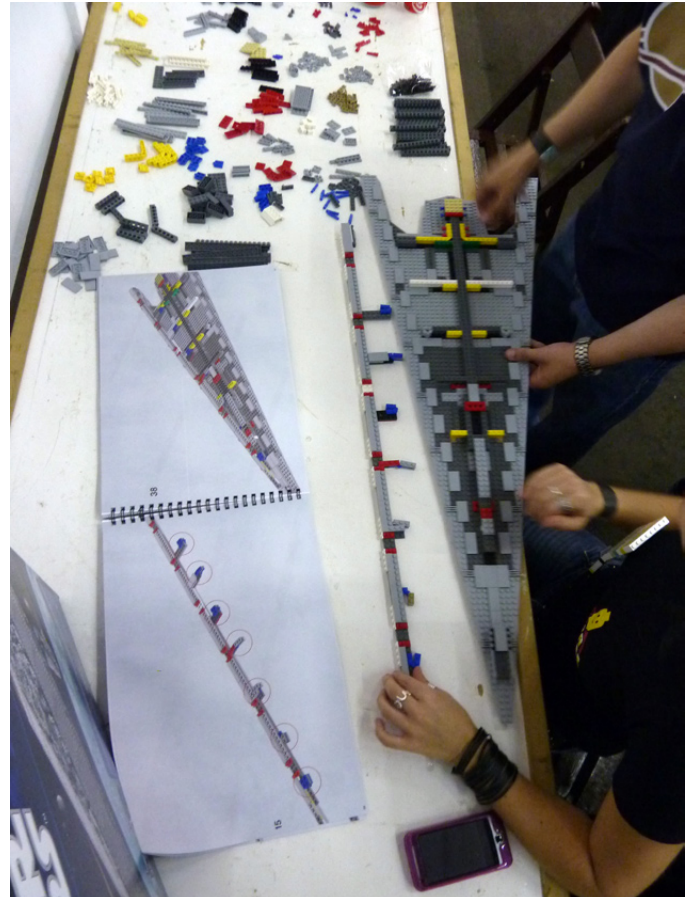
During the last CIFICOM, which you have already been able to read and see images from on our website, we had the opportunity, thanks to LEGO®, to do a live build of the brand new Super Star Destroyer set (10221).

Given the size and the number of parts we decided to plan it as a group construction, so we could build it in one go, while still being able to continue attending the public that came to our stand, interested in the constructions they were seeing. The assembly took more or less 9 hours.

We made two groups and full of courage and trust to finish the construction during the day, we opened the box. Inside it 4 smaller boxes filled the space. Three with parts and one with the instruction book (yes, book). That is when you realize the mess you're getting into...

The bags are numbered and we used them to organise the shift changes.

Building the set is very simple, the instructions are easy to follow but there is still the colour problem between dark grey and black, which made us go backwards and repeat some step and use the unpleasant LEGO® parts separator.



As with any self-respecting set, the first thing is the minifigs, and to be honest, despite the fact that I do not know how many Darth Vader I have, this is a minifig I never get tired of. Then we built the accompanying mini ISD to give an idea of the scale and then we started with the central structure which is later added to the bottom. Up next was the assembly of the central part of what is going to be a great ship, perhaps the most repetitive part, where almost all the decoration is included. It also includes a small room that represents the command panel, which I think could have been left out from the construction without any problem ... I'm sorry but that is how classic I am with the UCS.

After the stand, the typical identification sign of this line and the engines, we face the side surfaces, which give it its characteristic triangular shape. Except for some problems to put them in place (probably due to our clumsiness) the result is fantastic and they are much better fixed than in the ISD ones (this time it has no magnets). A few last touches and the "beast" is ready for the final group photo.



Building is enjoyable, and doing it as a group it is more relaxing and fun. By the end of the day visitors could admire the set in all its glory and they could see the entire building process that a spacecraft like this one involves. Many of those who came to visit us didn't know that with LEGO® parts a construction of this type can be made.

The aesthetic result is very good, although I'm disappointed that the bottom of the spacecraft is flat and without any decoration. This is usually not seen because the sides hide the viewing angle of that part, but I know it's there, sure you understand that feeling. The part of the inner room is completely removable and if they wanted to include some minifig ... Why not a Chrome Darth Vader?

Finally, I would like to recommend this type of group constructions in events if you have the chance; they are fun and attract a lot of attention from visitors.

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