

Review 6914: T-Rex

Concerning cavemen...

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Set: T-Rex
Set number: 6914
Number of parts: 191
Recommended retail price: 14,99€

There is something about the creatures in the Creator theme that strongly attracts me... Maybe it is because the first Creator set that brought me back to "classic" LEGO® building after many years of building exclusively Technic and MINDSTORMS was the 4892 Prehistoric Power, followed shortly afterwards by the 4894 Mythical Creatures. Both these sets revolved around building surprisingly attractive monsters with comparatively simple bricks. And something must have stuck in my mind, because every time I see a Creator set with a creature I am immediately attracted to it.

The 6914 T-Rex 3 in 1 is no exception. Despite the fact that it is supposed to be a ferocious dinosaur my first thought was "cute!" The set does seem to fulfil its goal as my daughter refused to build the main model on the grounds that it was too scary.

Although the main (or should I say biggest) model may be the most attractive one to boys (I saw a few video reviews of boys who hadn't even bothered to build the other models) and has lots of nice articulations, the other two models are by no means inferior builds. Personally I'd go so far as to say that while the T-Rex may be the most spectacular construction I much prefer it's four-legged alternative (which is "evidently" a she and was immediately baptised "Dina" by my daughter). Even the third option – a pterodactyl – has hip and ankle joints and can move its head and tails in the same way the other models can. Another distinction between the main and alternative models is usually the number of parts that are used in each case. In this set, however, a pair of slopes are unused in the Tyrannosaurus and both other models use a large proportion of the available pieces.

With sets like these we hardly ever take a model apart before attempting to build any of the alternatives. This gives you an interesting insight into which pieces are used where. Most of the hinge pieces are used in exactly the same places in all three models, which is hardly surprising since they all represent animals with 4 legs/wings. They each have a peculiar and personal character given not only by the shape of their bodies, but by the features of their heads (and all the mouths can open). And even though my daughter is still outside the age range for this set, she was quick to discover that all three share the same final segment for the tail – economy of building!

One thing I did miss in this set, although it comes as no real surprise, is what got me so excited about the sets that re-

introduced me to the Creator theme some years ago: those sets featured a number of inspirational models for which no instructions were available. For such a comparatively small set as this one, three building options is already quite something, but one of these days we should really try to build something else with those pieces – that's what LEGO is really all about. I'll have to take a trip to the library to get some inspiration (or maybe to Brickshelf). For now I've been told to keep my hands off Dina - she lives in my daughters LEGO city, with a reindeer for a friend and I get to play with the caveman...

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