

Review 10229: Winter Village Cottage

A newbie's opinion

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Set: Winter Village Cottage
Set number: 10229
Parts: 1490
Minifigs: 8

I will start by saying that I accepted writing this article because I have special predilection for the Christmas theme. I like the Christmas atmosphere and the idea of building a set related to this theme attracted me. For that very reason I would have preferred to build the set during Christmas, but I must admit that for a couple of hours it seemed to me as if that lovely time of year had already arrived.

The most outstanding aspects of this set are: the large number of pieces it contains (it is fun to look for the piece you need at each time, better to build it without hurry, as it may drive you crazy... at more than one time I got the feeling Mr LEGO® forgot to include a certain piece in the set...). The other aspect that, in my opinion, deserves mention is the amount of detail the set contains. Worthy of mention are, for example, the chainsaw, the Christmas socks, the toys in one of the rooms (a boar and a plane), the chimney and fireplace, and the light that, when pressed and reflecting on the pieces simulates the

flames (a very attractive effect which, personally, I'd love to be able to leave on all the time). And the details I love best are the Christmas tree and the simulation of coloured lights which, at the end of the build, are placed on the roof of the house.

Construction is started with the complements that surround the main house (in my case it is a good way to get some training). The Igloo is very curious as it is not something I have seen a lot (I have seen more trucks, stalls...). Regarding the igloo I'd say it seemed feebly built and a little unstable... I was a little surprised. These complements lend a certain dynamism to the set, allowing a child to start playing, making the minifig ski or pushing bricks (or anything else at hand) with the snow plough on the truck or transporting goods on the sled.

The next step in building the set is the construction of the main house. The entertaining mosaic on the floor, the fireplace, the elements in the kitchen, the walls, windows and main door (the latter with a homely Christmas garland) and all the details I mentioned earlier (and many more) are added. I consider this to be the most interesting part of the construction of the set and the one that most deserves taking some time and enjoying the process without any hurry.





The final part of the construction is placing the white roof (as if covered by snow) on the house, with a curious construction and attachment method, which is rather "complicated" for someone who is not used to building ... or for a kid. On the roof there is a small window that gives the house a rural look and the construction of which is one of the most curious parts and, together with the roof, one of the most complicated (as far as a LEGO® set for six-year-olds can be considered complicated).

To finish off, this set has been one of the most entertaining to build, has a large number of pieces which initially may impress, but as you build you feel motivated to continue, because you see that what you are building, in a very entertaining way, starts taking shape and you get small results little by little.
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