



LEGO® event at the XI Collectors Fair at Mungia, Vizcaya

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The Collectors Fair was held in Mungia, Vizcaya, from April 6 - 7. This year was the eleventh edition, organized by the Bitxikiak association (www.bitxikiak.org), in collaboration with the local municipality. Like past years we had a hall reserved to prepare everything related to the event of constructions with LEGO® bricks, where we held the exhibition and the activities that were planned for this edition.

The LEGO event was organized by HispaBrick Magazine®. The main part of the event was the public exhibition, in which several members of the Spanish LEGO user groups HispaBrick Magazine® and HispaLUG® were involved. Furthermore, there were several activities, like contests and games for the visitors, mainly focused on children. The exhibition consisted of several dioramas, thematic stands and different MOCs built by the participants. As always this was the favorite part for the visitors. Year by year, recurring participants make better constructions and bigger dioramas, full of details and awesome building techniques. Visitors could see some of

the dioramas that have been growing and have been shown in previous years, and other new constructions that were shown in this event for the first time.

In this event, contrary to the bigger ones, there is no need for any fence nor other kinds of physical separation between the visitors and the tables with the LEGO MOCs. Visitors are very respectful with the constructions and materials shown. This year the weather was really bad, but despite this many visitors came to see the exhibition, and we had the hall at full capacity several times, with queues to enter the hall, but things went very calmly.

In this edition we wanted to have more activities with visitors than previous years. Greater importance was given to activities for children, who could perform simple builds or test their skills with contests to build simple structures. The games with parts didn't require any prior knowledge about LEGO. This fact was very important for the parents, who gave a positive feedback of



this new type of games. We were told that this kind of activities was better than the ones done in previous years, in which knowledge of LEGO® or habitual use of parts were a great advantage for participants.

This year we tried out a new activity for visitors. We selected several collaborators among the visitors to build a mosaic. It was a vertical mosaic built with bricks, that depicted the medieval letter "M", that it is in the coat of arms of the city. The building process was entirely carried out by selected collaborators, and we provide the design, the pieces and some



advice. The design was simple enough so that they didn't have problems to build it. It took them 45 minutes to finish it.

In conclusion, it was a new opportunity to share our MOCs, to talk with other AFOLs and to show visitors the quality of the constructions made by the participants. It was a pleasure to get such a wonderful treatment by the organization, Bitxikiak Association, who made this great event possible, and who made a great effort to make us feel at home.
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