

# Review: 79117 Turtle Lair Invasion

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**Number of parts: 888**

**Minifigs: 6**

They are four, they are green, they are teenagers and they are mutants, they are The Ninja Turtles!!

In the nineties these creatures emerged from the sewers of New York City to get into our hearts. A few years ago, our beloved green critters and their teacher have been reinvented by the Nickelodeon touch, resulting in one of the funniest animated series in recent times, and to make things better, this year they have given us an action movie with the turtles as main characters. One of the most important scenes in the movie is when the Foot Clan invades the secret lair of our heroes, well, this is the set which this article is about.

The set is one in a collection of three sets based on the movie, of the three, this is the largest one, and the only one which

is a building, since the other two are focused on scenes with vehicles.

The box is medium sized, decorated in green, but a bit darker to differentiate it from the animated series sets. It includes seven parts bags, a bag of special parts, two building instructions books and... a sticker sheet, but don't worry!! the outcome resulting from using the stickers makes them tremendously useful.

From the first bag a small training platform is built with a rotating target to practice strikes, also includes a motorbike, a Foot Clan soldier minifig and the Leonardo minifig, as it can be seen, it is a simple and fast building, no secrets.

Bag number two includes parts to assemble the fan structure, which incorporates a mechanism that causes the fan itself to be ejected, very useful against Shredder's attack, a minifig is included in this bag along with a blue skateboard. Again, very





simple and quick to build, and it is attached to the training platform built before.

Going with the third bag, the following is built on top of the fan structure. The construction is a kind of vault, or retaining door, it's not very clear, and very rightly it includes a mechanism that closes and if in case it is opened a small catapult throws a barrel to the invader. It also incorporates another Foot Clan soldier.

Now we go to bag number 4, which includes the master Splinter minifig, and parts required to assemble the weapons room, which is closed after a huge gate is activated by a



mechanism. This is an independent structure from the other construction built before, but can be joined by a small bridge located at the first level of both sets.

Bags 5 and 6 are used to build the most important thing for all heroes, the supercomputer, and the most important thing for our green heroes, pizzas!! Without wishing to be repetitive, simple construction, but with patience, since most of the stickers are used at this time. This construction is completed with the content of the seventh bag, which allows you to build the top level representing a stretch of road and the secret entrance as well as a trap cell where the invaders get caught. This last bag includes the Donatello minifig.

This is a set with lot of gameplay, full of mechanisms that allow recreating many different situations. The minifigs are very accurate to the movie characters, so they are different from those that come in the animated series sets, the only bad thing is that not all four turtles come in this set.

Honestly, the stickers give much color and realism to the set, a curious remark is that the stickers are numbered on the stickers' sheet, the building instructions not only indicate that you have to use a sticker, it also tells you which must be used, no more forcing the eyes to find out what you have to use ... hehehehe

Definitely, if you are a new fan or a romantic of these four green brothers and their teacher you can not miss this set.

Construction: 5 (easy, the essence is in the minifigs)  
 Gameplay: 9 (full gameplay, lots of mechanism and traps)  
 Parts: 6 (curved slides, minifigs)  
 Price: 6 (a bit high for its simplicity and parts)  
 Final Mark: 7.5 (Who is not a Ninja Turtle fan?)  
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