



# CLASSIC

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I still remember my first set. It was the set with reference 40. I still have most of the set, including its box. When you play with its parts you realize how the plastic our dreams are made of has changed through these years. That set allowed me to build a variety of models of different topics. They came represented on the box and for me it was a set of inspiration for many years. But let's not get melancholy. LEGO has made a modernization of its classic parts cubes, which has changed both the container and the content. These changes have been accompanied by a new name for the theme, LEGO Classic.

I had the chance to play with two of the new sets (10693 and 10695) and I must say that I find the changes very correct. The boxes are nice and flashy, full of color. The box shape varies in size from roughly standard boxes to brick-shaped or one that opens like a trunk. The decoration however, is similar in all sets, predominantly a photo of



the bricks included inside the box and small photos of the models that can be built with the assortment of parts.

Inside, the parts are distributed in bags by color, or rather colors with similar shades. All shades of blue come together, all shades of green, ... A small instruction book includes several models of inspiration as well as a link to a website where you can download instructions for more models. They can be built all at a time, without taking one apart to build another. The models are simple for any AFOL and can be built mostly without even looking at the instructions, but for kids who are getting started in this world I think they are very successful. There is a wide variety of models of different themes, so any child will find at least





one model that suits him/her. Some models even have simple SNOT techniques that improve the normally square look of the models in this type of sets. Once you have built all the inspiration models, there are still plenty of remaining parts available for building complementary models or building completely new ones.

a wheeled vehicle, something all kids want to do sooner or later. Also in this set the absence of plates drew my attention. The largest set, the 10695, has a pair of axles with wheels, plates and a door and a window included, which makes it a much more comprehensive and flexible set. There are larger sets as the 10696 or 10698 which include more wheels and even hinges.

My final opinion could not be more positive, I think the new Classic sets are a success. The selection of parts can be interesting even for AFOLs, and the selection of models and colors makes it very attractive as set of inspiration and introduction for younger children.

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The selection of parts has also been revamped, with the presence of the new colors introduced with the Friends theme, and also parts from recent years as new printed tiles with eye patterns, bricks modified with stud on one side ...

But not everything is going to be perfect; of course I missed some things. In the smaller set, the 10693, there are no wheels, so you don't have the possibility of building