



# Reviews

## Review: Minecraft™ 21121 The Desert Outpost

Set name: THE DESERT OUTPOST

Set number: 21121

Parts: 519

Minifigs: 4

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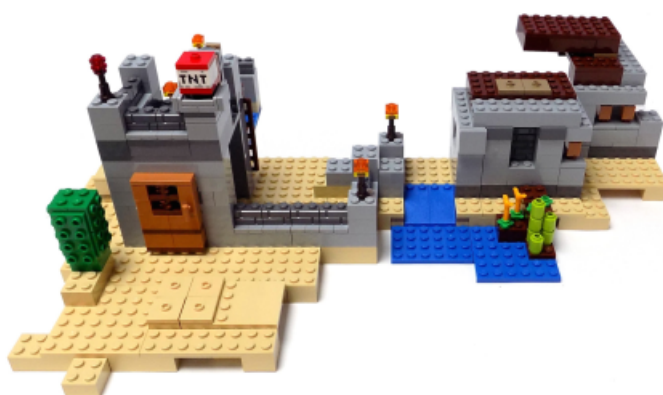
**Minecraft™ adventures in the desert.**

This set belongs to Minecraft theme sets surfaced this Summer 2015. The set depicts a small outpost located in a sandy area of the Minecraft™ world, ready to be used by our characters as a defensive position against the dangers of the Minecraft™ world. It is a mid size set, and in my personal opinion, a very good example of what can be considered a great LEGO® set.



The building process is very easy, with clear and very well explained instructions. In this case, it is very curious to see that secondary elements and details are built first, to be incorporated to the ongoing main construction, like many of the Minecraft sets. Each part of the outpost is built separately, and then they are joint together with hinges or with permanent connections. Thanks to those hinges it is possible to get different positions of the structures. Some of the techniques used to get that “Minecraft” appearance for the buildings are very interesting, and can be applied to medieval or modern houses. They add some volume and improve the wall a lot because there is almost no other detail in the buildings.

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When you look at the finished model you can realize that it seems bigger than expected. Furthermore, the hinges allow you to open the different sections in order to play every angle of the outpost. There are several functional elements, like the entrance trap that works very well, or the explosives launcher. The main building is fitted with a removable roof, so you can play inside. There are also some “Minecraft blocks” of sand that can be detached very easily and placed in many different places to add more playability.

The set contains 4 minifigs and some other complements. We have 2 skeletons and the Steve and Alex minifigs. Both skeletons are the same as we have seen in other sets of this theme, but one of them is equipped with armour and a helmet. The Steve minifig is the same, and we have Alex, a new character to play with. They are not very detailed, but they have the most distinctive features that can be seen when you play Minecraft. There is also one animal, and one of my favourites, a wolf, a perfect addition to guard the outpost. The set comes with some more typical elements of the game, like torches, a craft table, a bed or an oven, that can be placed in many locations of the outpost. There are also some plants, a nice addition to this set.



In short, this a great set, very well designed with a very interesting assortment of parts.

I don't like to write long conclusions, as they are a personal opinion, but this time it is mandatory for me.



For those who like Minecraft™ this a perfect addition to play your own adventures with Steve and Alex, with many features of the Minecraft world. And for those who don't like Minecraft™ it is perfect to add many bricks to their collection.

I like this set very much, and I'm not a fan of Minecraft. But, in my opinion, the set is very well thought. This set is designed to encourage new builds. Some changes can be found in the instructions in order to make small modifications. And it is especially a set to play with. You can compare this set with some others like pirates, where there is no room to put your minifigs, and the houses are just made with several walls with some details and with no place to put the minifigs. In this set you have a main building, with a door, windows and with plenty of space to place your minifigs and many utensils. There is a walled enclosure, with much space inside, yes there are many studs to put the minifigs instead of directly on a table. There is room to build, to battle or to play with your minifigs. There is also a fortified entry, big enough to accommodate several minifigs, and furthermore, there is some external landscape with a river and an esplanade bordering the outpost, where you can play. This is very important to have a good playability, so that is why I consider this set is a great design. And that with only 500 pieces!



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