

Interview: Lennart Cort

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HispaBrick Magazine: Please, tell us about yourself.

Lennart Cort: My Name is Lennart Cort I am 27, I live in small town called Give approx 15 km from Billund with my girlfriend and dog. I work as a salesman in Billund Airports LEGO® shop.

HBM: Did you play with LEGO® when you were a kid?

LC: Yes I did. LEGO® and Micro Machines (military theme) was my favourite toys.

HBM: Are you an AFOL?

LC: Yes indeed I am since 2010.

HBM: Which are your favourite LEGO® themes?

LC: As a kid I had lots of different Themes and I played with castle, space, city and pirates. Back then I probably enjoyed castle the most.

Today I like the creator expert theme and UCS Star Wars

But what I like most is to MOC, so all my money I spend on bricklink buying pieces.



HBM: Did you want to work for LEGO®?

LC: Yes that would be great and I hope I might eventually wil.



HBM: How did you get into the Billund Airport LEGO® Store?

LC: Just normal application and then it's not bad to have passion for what you sell.

HBM: Why did you think to build a model of the Billund Airport?

LC: I knew Billund Airport was very much interested in a set for their 50 anniversary. Since i hadn't build any buildings yet, I figured I could build one in the LEGO® architecture-style.



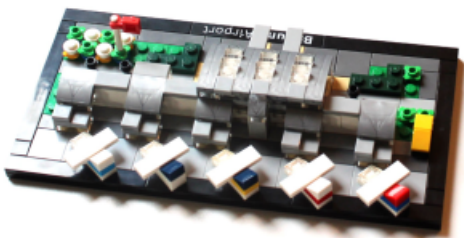
HBM: How long did you take to build it?

LC: Not that long, luckily for me Billund Airport is mostly light gray and that is the colour I have most of.

HBM: But it was in a bigger scale than the final model. How bigger was it?

LC: Approx 3 times bigger so the official set is less detailed than what I started with.

I think you can compare it to the LEGO® Cussoo/ideas sets, they tend to be changed from the originals to the official sets.



HBM: How did your idea come into LEGO®?

LC: After I showed the model to Billund Airports management they immediately took picture of it and mailed to Jørgen Vig Knudstorp (LEGO's CEO) at LEGO®. Just that was an awesome feeling.

HBM: How did you feel when you knew that your idea became real?

LC: I was very glad. I know I had been at the right place at the right time for such a thing to happen, and of course with the right model.

It's really awesome to be a part of.

HBM: Then, Mel Caddick designed the real set. Did you have any interaction in the design process?

LC: Yes, she did. Sadly I had not, even then it was a secret for me.

My model had been gone for months, and without my knowledge it was at LEGO, when it was returned to me I got it back with black tiles written "Billund Airport" on them, you know them they use in the architecture sets. Then I knew what was going to happen.



HBM: Now the set is on sale exclusively at the Billund Airport. How is the reaction of the people when they know that you are the person who thought about it?

LC: People are very kind and of course asks a lot of questions about it. I really enjoy meeting other AFOLS in the shop.

In general people a pretty cool about it, but sometimes some have reacted like I was a movie-star, that's really a strange feeling and I start to blush with all that attention.





HBM: Have you designed another model that could be a LEGO® set?

LC: I still build, but I haven't built anything LEGO set-friendly since. I am currently working on a minifig-size viking ship.

I did a model of a Eurofighter for Airbus GmbH, which also was a awesome experience and my F-16 model is at the Danish air museum, so things are going great.

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