

Review 21128: The Village

Continuing to explore the world of Minecraft™

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Set: THE VILLAGE

Set Number: 21128

Parts: 1563

Contains: 8 minifigs



It looks like LEGO® is very invested in Minecraft™. This set has been one of the big surprises for 2016 because nobody was expecting it and it is not included in the winter or spring series. This set contains all the elements to build a village like the ones you can see in the Minecraft game. The set is quite large and contains over 1500 parts.

The contents of the box comes in different bags together with a booklet to build the village and another one for optional constructions, which cannot be built simultaneously, but can be added to the village. The village contains different structures representing a tower, a market an area to grow crops and

several buildings as well as lots of space to develop your game play in the village.

The building process is divided in the different elements that make up the village. All the elements are built in the same way as other sets within this theme, with plates on bricks as a basis for all the other elements. The set is divided into modules that can be built independently and after finishing all of them they can be put together to create the village. Each construction consists of a number of bags for that specific module and each module includes a different character from the game.

You start with the market, which is a simple build consisting of a stall and a small tent for the market. Next to it, you build a typical Minecraft tree that includes a hanging branch. There are also a number of loose blocks that help connect it to the other modules. The construction includes the minifig of the librarian of the village, who appears for the first time. It is a pity his legs are short so you can't move them. The next stage is building the forge. The structure is very similar to that of the game, with a flat roof under which you find all the elements of the forge. The construction includes



a mechanism that allows you to lift up the roof as if the forge were a box, so you can access the interior, which is quite spacious. This could of course also have been achieved with a simple lid-like roof, but the added functionality is welcome. This build includes Steve (once again...).

The next element you build is the house of a villager, the one with the library. As is standard in Minecraft, the building is very square. although nicely recreated. with walls that include the



classical designs you can see in the game. In addition, you can access the house by means of some hinges that open one of the sides. Inside the building, there are some bookshelves and some furniture, and a working door. Even though the walls are very thick, there is plenty of space to place a minifig inside. This is also when you build Enferman.

Up next is the tower module, which contains a small mountain area with snow and part of a river. The tower is a simple



structure you build on top of the mountain. The top level is a balcony. The character for this stage is an iron golem, which is built with many articulated parts so it can adopt many postures.

Then there is the area for growing crops, which also includes an enclosure for animals. The space is quite large and a simple build, but it includes some curious details, like carrots



in different stages of growth and a mast with torches. This part includes a farmer and a pig.



The next module is the well. It is placed on arid soil, contrary to the rest, which is very grassy. There are very few decorative elements. Just the structure of the well and some plants. It also includes Alex, a creeper and a piglet.



Finally, there is a module with a new house. The design of the house is very similar to that of the house I mentioned earlier, with a side that opens on hinges. This house only contains some furniture, but there are two doors, one front door and another which gives access to small terrace. It comes with two minifigs, a zombie and a zombie villager.



After building all of the elements, you can put them together using the extra blocks to build the village. The set takes up quite some space, and is very playable. There are many and varied structures that allow you to play and recreate a Minecraft village. Although there are many modules of very different styles, the building process is quite fast.

My personal opinion of this set? I simply love it! I am not a Minecraft fan, but this set is brilliant. It contains many structures: 3 buildings, 2 structures, a desert area and another for crops and 8 minifigs, 2 of which are animals. Despite the fact that the set simulates square world of Minecraft, with thick-walled buildings, all the buildings are playable and the interior is large enough to be able to place several minifigs as well as furniture. I would love to see something like this in medieval, Western or Pirates themed sets, instead of micro-constructions with a single wall and no space to play. In addition, the areas between buildings are quite wide and allow for easy play because of the space. That is not to say there are no outstanding details. It is a Minecraft set and so it includes some of the typical elements of the game, like material blocks, bookshelves with books, furniture, plants etc. In addition, the instruction booklet contains additional designs you can add to the village in case you have a second set. Since the modules are compatible with the rest of the sets in this theme you can build huge scenes. As for the parts, they are simply great, all bricks and plates - the most useful parts for any type of construction. There are also a couple of new parts, like the Plant Flower Stem with Bar and 6 Stems (Dark orange) and the Plate Modified 1x2 with Minifig Head Post (white) which will surely allow for very creative uses. The set doesn't include any stickers and there are many printed parts with the classical design of other Minecraft sets. As for the minifigs, although the same minifigs are repeated for the umpteenth time (Steve, Alex, a zombie and a creeper) there are also 4 new ones including Enderman and some villagers. The only downside to the set is the difference in shade between printed and unprinted parts, which stands out quite a bit. But aside from that little detail, this is a really good set.

I would like to thank LEGO for providing this set for review. This opinions in this review are of course entirely my own.
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