

# Review: 21306 Yellow Submarine

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**Set:** Yellow Submarine

**Set Number:** 21306

**Parts:** 553

**Minifigs:** 4 minifigs

**Current value:** 59,99 € / \$59,99



“ ... We all live in an Orange Submarine ... ”

LEGO Ideas sets have something special. The packaging provides a carefully crafted experience. The subject matter tends to fall well outside that of the traditional LEGO themes. For a fan of the subject it provides an additional thrill and makes the LEGO Ideas set a wonderful experience.

The 21306 Yellow Submarine is the latest of these LEGO Ideas sets. From just looking at the unopened box you already get a sense of the level of attention that has been given to making this set extra special. It is as if this set inaugurates a completely new theme, including stunning graphics. And the wonder continues as you open the box. There appear to be more sides to it than appear possible and even the flaps on the lid continue in the same theme. Of course there is no shortage of material for this purpose as everything is related to the 1968 feature film *Yellow Submarine*. The box does a really good job of blending the psychedelia from that production with the LEGO interpretation in this set.



The instruction booklet is relatively small, but contains a short introduction to the set as well as some information about the fan designer and the LEGO designer who worked on the set. Divided into

five stages (and an equal amount of numbered bags), building the set is pretty straightforward and mostly traditional from the bottom up. LEGO has made a big effort to make following the instructions as easy as possible, using different bright colours for parts (which are covered later on) to make sure you always know exactly what goes where. Officially the set is marked as 10+, but there is really only one part of the construction that

warrants this indication — the sausage-railing at the top of the submarine. Everything else is really quite simple.



The combination of yellow and bright light orange (or maybe for this occasion we should call it dark yellow) faithfully reproduces the colour scheme of the original submarine and the colour scheme is truly spot-on. Attention to detail is also evident in the fact that the set doesn't contain a single sticker, but does come with a considerable number of beautifully printed parts.



Those parts really make the set come together and provide a feel of quality and care. Curiously, most of the printed parts are used on the inside: this is not just a show piece, but a set designed to be played with.

The printing on the minifigs is also exquisite. Not only are the torsos in perfect style with the original film, but both Ringo and George have a stripe on the side of their trousers and all four Beatles have two-sided faces: one normal and one singing. George also has a new hair piece



Pro tip: Play the entire Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band album while building the set for maximum enjoyment.

HispaBrick Magazine wishes to thank LEGO® for providing this set. Of course the opinions expressed in this review are entirely our own.

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