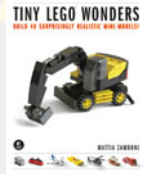


Review: Geekly LEGO® Crafts

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LEGO® instruction books are all the rage, from the Yoshihito Isogawa's Technic and MINDSTORMS related idea books to Mattia Zamboni's Tiny LEGO Wonders or Chris McVeigh's LEGO Ornaments Book. [1] The latest offering in this series of build-it-yourself books by No Starch Press is Geekly LEGO Crafts – 21 fun and quirky projects by David Scarfe. The book contains simple and clear step-by-step instructions for more or less useful everyday objects.



Most of the designs draw heavily on the pixelated nature of brick-built LEGO sculptures. As a matter of fact, only a few of the builds use anything other than standard 1x and 2x bricks and they all use the traditional stacking method – no fancy building techniques required. This also means that some of the builds look too flimsy to accomplish their purpose without gluing some of the parts together. Although the book doesn't even so much as hint at this possibility it does provide some guidance on how to attach some projects to a wall or a fridge.

I particularly liked the Cassette Letter Holder (excellent use of colour) and the Floppy Disk Coasters, mainly because of their vintage feel. The book looks like the perfect companion to one or more large Classic Creative Brick Boxes, as a source of additional inspiration.

[1] All titles by No Starch Press. You can find reviews of these books on our blog and/or previous issues, which you can download for free from www.hispabrickmagazine.com/downloads

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BRAIN IN A BOX Where better to store your pencils than poked into the brain of a reanimated human corpse? Be the envy of your friends with your own Night of the Living Lead.

16x 2x 15x 2x 9x 2x 9x 1x 23x
 15x 2x 2x 2x 3x 7x 2x
 25x 2x 2x 3x 2x
 5x 3x

1 2 3 4 5 6

Missing the best game of all time? Then bring back memories of this vintage classic. Your fridge has never looked so good.

RED BRICKS

1 2 3 4 5 6

These two 1980s androids are the perfect servants to hold your wine bottle. Frantically loyal, the boozey bots don't move unless commanded to do so.

SMALL ROBOT

1 2 3 4 5 6

1x 20x 15x 9x 13x 5x
 6x 2x 3x 1x 2x 10x 1x
 1x 5x 8x 2x 1x 3x 3x
 5x 2x 2x 2x 76x 2x 2x
 6x 2x 4x 1x 7x 1x