Review 21041 - Great Wall of China

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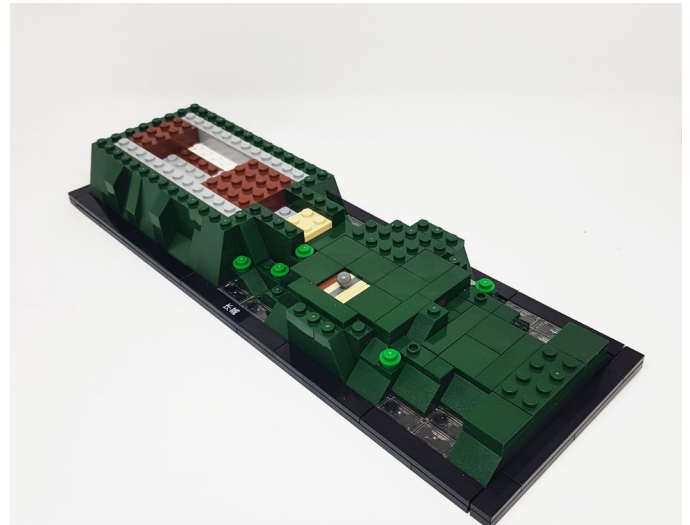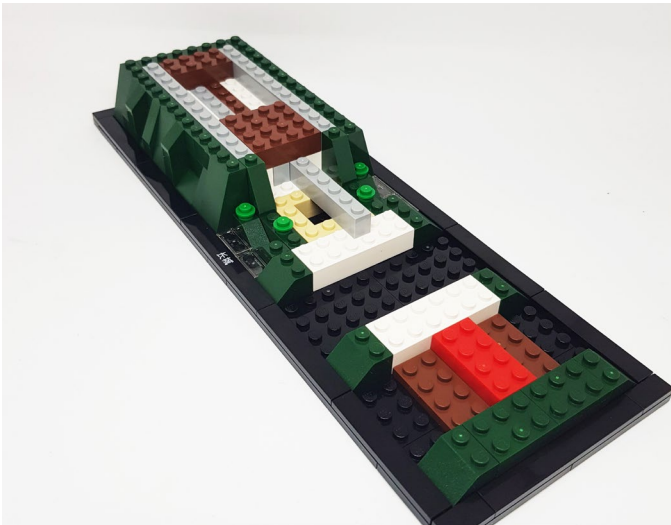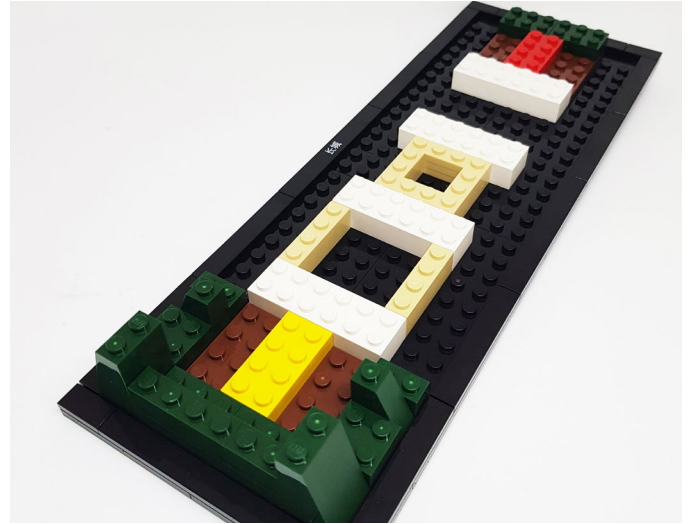**Set number:** 21041
Parts: 551

The first set in the LEGO® Architecture theme not to depict a building or a complete structure, and one designed so you can connect several models together to create a larger structure, is the Great Wall of China. The set reproduces two towers of this world heritage site, linked by a winding wall section on a dark green hilly landscape with lush valleys, woods and lakes.

As usual in this theme, the set is packed in a foldable black box with pictures of the set, and the instructions provide information about the design in both English and Chinese. The contents of the box, aside from the instruction booklet, include five unnumbered bags with the pieces for this set.
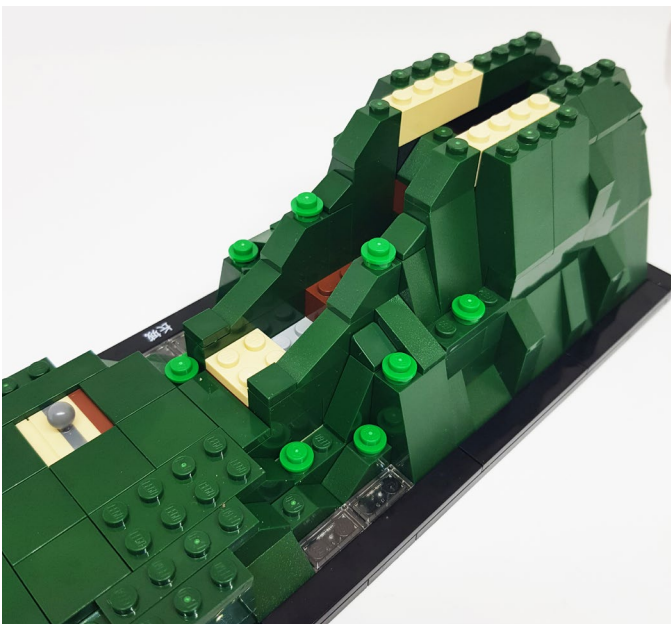

Construction

As with most of the sets in the LEGO® Architecture theme, building starts with the base, which in this case measures 34x12 studs. A curious fact is that the printed tiles with the name of the set are provided in both English and Chinese. To start you stack up pieces to create the base of the terrain and the slopes required for the hills. For the sides of the hills, the set uses dark green pieces in order to simulate vegetation. The final result is a pretty solid construction.

Next up, you use more dark green plates to fill in the landscape, and then build lakes with transparent plates, followed by the construction of the first tower. After building the tower, the next part is building the wall leading to the next tower. To this end, the set uses hinges and bars, allowing for inclined and angled connections.

After this you build the second tower, which is connected to a plate with towball, and then the last section of the wall and the final touches to the vegetation and trees.

Conclusions

In general, the look of the set is quite good and the roads and walls that connect the towers capture the essence of this great construction. The set is quite a fast and easy build. An interesting advantage of the set is the possibility of connecting several modules to produce a much longer and spectacular section of the Great Wall, though that would involve an economic investment not all of us would be willing to make :)

We would like to thank LEGO® for providing the set for review. However, LEGO® does not approve nor endorse the opinions we publish about their sets.
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