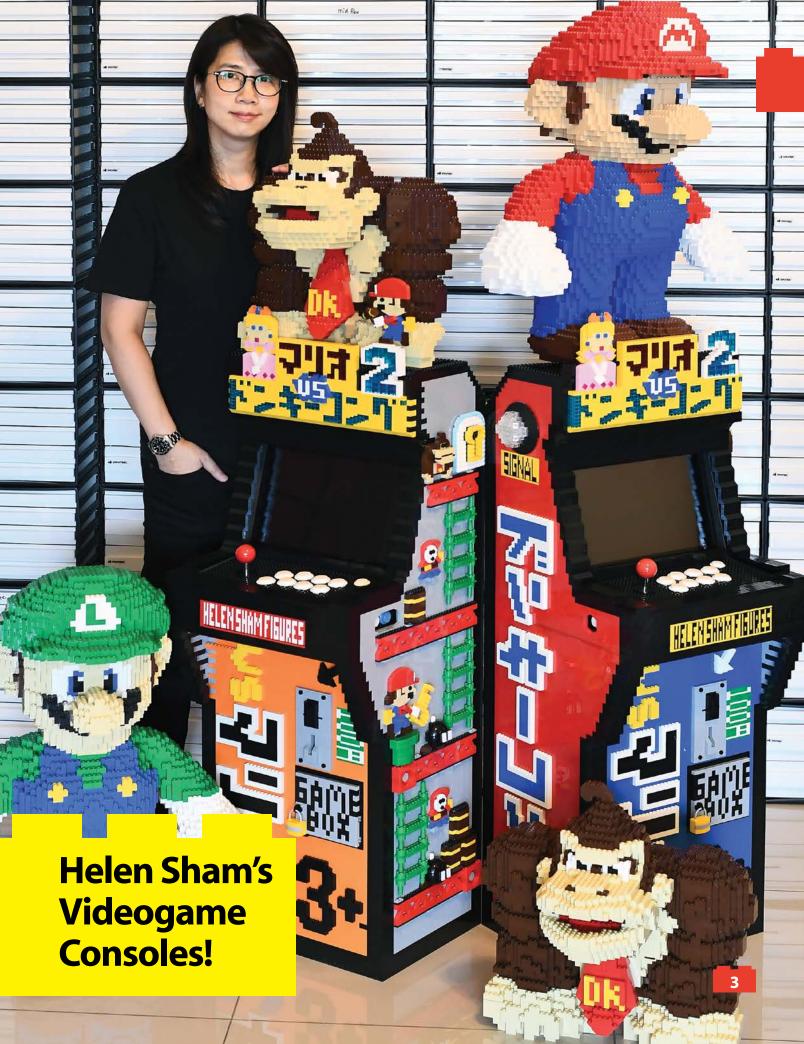






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Some of the detail work on the consoles.



Article and photography by Helen Sham

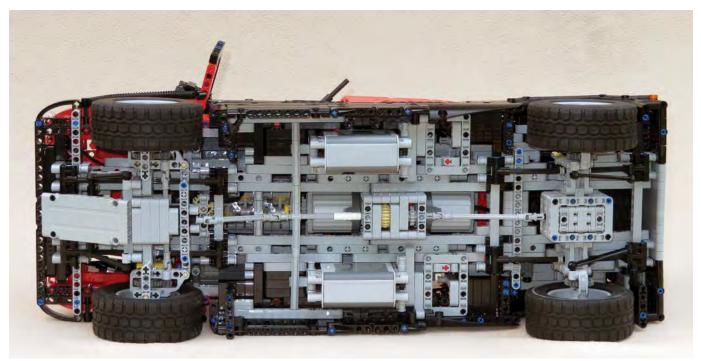
I believe that the childhood memories of many people include the familiar moustached face of the Nintendo character Mario. I am a big fan of Mario; when I was young, I enjoyed playing the various Super Mario games with my brother on the weekends. We could sit in front of the old 14" monitor for the entire day, taking turns to beat one round after the other, full of fun and excitement! Our fun time always ended in the evenings when my mom told us it was time for dinner. It was such a difficult moment when we had to turn off the games. I would say that I grew up with Mario in his many incarnations from the original Nintendo family computer, Game Boy, to the more recent Nintendo 3DS. I wouldn't miss any of them!

I also have been a LEGO creator for over two years now. My current projects are building large-scale models of characters that many people are familiar with. These include the very popular large size 70cm Mario and 75cm of his brother Luigi.

One day when I opened a drawer and came across one of my Nintendo devices, an idea popped into my head: "Why not use LEGO to build a Mario arcade console?" My first thought was that it might be a little boring if I only use Mario, so then I decided to choose the 1981 Donkey Kong game as my theme. I then looked for an arcade console with a 14" LCD monitor, joystick, buttons and LED lights online. Then, I used the LDD (LEGO Digital Designer) software to create my design to the scale of the unit I was going to build. It took about six hours to create the LDD file, and would require about 1200 LEGO







A look at the mechanics in the bottom of the truck.

With side panels open.



Opening up to see the engine.



The remote features are:

- Driving with 4-wheel traction
- Steering
- Opening side panels
- Unloading spare wheels

The manual features are:

- Opening cabin door
- Tilting hood
- Tilting cabin
- Engine with moving pistons
- Full cabin interior
- Leaf spring suspension combined with springs

This is the Renault Truck link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jGQBYWTdT7A



You can also scan the QR code at the left to see the video.

Alfa Romeo Spider Touring Gran Sport 1932

Again like most of my creations I do have a model of this car. Like the Bugatti, it is a 1:8 scale model kit in metal, leather, rubber, and plastic. The brand is Pocher, an Italian company of highly detailed model cars.

Here, the story is the same as the Bugatti, except that I decided to make it a non-power function model. The body shape is a challenge to reproduce in Technic, because it is a convertible with a lot of round shapes, especially the back part with the spare wheels. This model also has a realistic fake engine with fake gearbox this time, and imitation leafspring suspension.

People





The Chosen 4: Ness, Paula, Jeff, and Poo.

Builder Profile: Kevin Hinkle

Article by Joe Meno Photography by Kevin Hinkle

Pokémon Trainer Red.



Kevin is a builder of not only LEGO bricks, but creator of a comic strip about the AFOL community which, you'll see in this and other upcoming issues! Besides that, he has built more than a few creations based on video games (including Yoshi from BRICK 101). BrickJournal was able to talk to him about his creations.

BrickJournal: What do you do in real life?

Kevin Hinkle: I'm a Freelance Graphic Designer and Illustrator from Connecticut. In addition to producing my own web comic series titled *Bricks in the Middle*, which aims to bring a comedic look at the LEGO fan community, I offer my services to clients in a variety of creative mediums.

How long have you been building?

If you focus exclusively on my adult life, I've been engaging with and enjoying the LEGO hobby for the past 13 years.

Did you have a Dark Age?

Absolutely. As I entered into my teenage years, I was increasingly interested in other passions such as video gaming and illustration. When it became apparent that I was no longer interested in playing with my collection of colorful plastic bricks, I offered them to my younger siblings to enjoy. In hindsight, my Dark Age didn't last very long!

When did it end?

For some reason, the last LEGO set I acquired, before entering my Dark Age, has always stuck with me. As such, it certainly helps me pinpoint the moment in which I stepped away from the LEGO hobby... if you were to consider it a hobby from a child's perspective. It was Droid Fighter (7111) from LEGO *Star Wars*, released in 1999—when the very first wave of LEGO *Star Wars* sets appeared on the market! I wouldn't attempt to click two LEGO bricks back together until 2005, thanks largely to my opportune hiring at a LEGO Brand Retail Store in Lakewood, Colorado, USA. Although I mostly considered my journey back to the brick as a focus on LEGO product knowledge (to excel in my new position), I was absolutely rediscovering a love for the creative and endless possibilities of playing with LEGO bricks.



Build Better Bricks (B³): Creating Custom

High Quality LEGO Instructions!

Article by Vaughn Himber Photography provided by Build Better Bricks



Black Panther.



Rocket Raccoon.

Have you ever seen an amazing LEGO creation online and wondered how you could build your own version with the parts you already have at home? Imagine if you had special high-quality instructions which would allow you to build some of the coolest custom models out there.

Well, now the wait is over! Enter Build Better Bricks (B3). Created by renowned builders Tyler Clites and Sean Mayo, Build Better Bricks provides incredible custom-designed LEGO model instructions and parts lists.

"Many builders can relate to their friends or family saying something like: 'You should make instructions and sell these!' So having heard this hundreds of times, while already doing occasional commissions on the side, we figured, why not? Well, it turns out there's a lot that goes into it, and there's always something just outside your wheelhouse. These things ranged from building styles, initial overhead, to programming, studio space, and of



Hail to the Baron: Baron von Brunk

Article and Photography by Baron Von Brunk

If you want to see an assortment of video game-themed models, a good place to start is the website Baronvonbrunk.com. "Baron" Julius von Brunk is an artist residing in New York who has been building video game-inspired models for more than a few years, with some of his models published in Nintendo Power magazine in 2012. Here, he talks to BrickJournal about his builds.

BrickJournal: What do you do outside of building?

Baron Von Brunk: Aside from assembling custom LEGO models, I'm also an independent photographer and aspiring animator. I do in fact make some animations with my LEGO pieces, and hopefully some day I'll launch some short films of my stop-motion animation. Sometimes I incorporate my various artistic hobbies together, such as using my photography along with my graphic arts for print designs.

Career-wise, I'm a professional graphic artist in New York City, and currently I design images and graphic assets for Goldman Sachs in Manhattan's Financial District. On a daily basis, I typically develop PowerPoint presentations, including creating covers/section dividers in Photoshop. I also use Illustrator and other vector imaging programs to generate maps for investment bankers. Prior to this job, I've worked as a designer in a variety of fields—including consumer electronics, fashion, and even Major League sports. I started off many years ago by designing packages and labels for third-party electronic devices, and I've sort of bounced around between industries whilst expanding my portfolio. I'm actually completely self-taught, and never attended college. My career path has been very long and troublesome, but the way I like to describe



Plasmashock converts from a mech to a Nintendo Entertainment System Zapper.



The Zapper transformed.

Luigi with such detail. The other reason of course is that the Game Boy robot ended up looking short and stocky, with the Zapper being tall and narrow—which would be exact opposite body types of Mario and Luigi! Eventually I just kept the Game Boy and Zapper to be original robots akin to traditional Transformer designs, and then maintained this ascetic theme for subsequent models.

And what got you into electronic lit models?

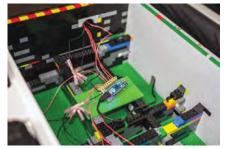
With the electronic models, this started as a byproduct of my Fireflower Airship from early 2012. When I first began construction of the ship in late 2011, I decided to "dazzle" the project by installing lights to give it something special, aside from just being a huge replica. My original plan was to make the back of the ship glow with an illuminated sprite of a Fire Flower, and then to install a sound system to play the *Super Mario Bros.* 3 airship music on a constant loop. This was because I planned on showcasing the ship at art galleries and conventions, and the idea of a sound system with lights would make the whole ship more interesting to



Von Brunk working on the controller.



A close-up of his large-scale work.



The interior of the controller, with an Arduino used for controls.





Charizard.

Building Places and Characters!

Article by Joe Meno Photography by Li Li





Li Li is a LEGO builder who has built many different creations, but has been focusing most recently on Pokémon characters, which have been seen at events, including Bricks by the Bay in 2017. BrickJournal got to see his work and talk to him about building.

BrickJournal: Hi Li Li, first things first—what do you do in real life?

Li Li: I'm an Electrical Engineer.

How long have you been building?

I've been building since when I was five years old. One of my mom's friends gave me a "basic" set as gift. I've always liked building toys. I had wood and plastic brick toys plus some LEGO knock-offs. But once I've experienced LEGO, there's no going back.

Did you have a Dark Age? If so, when?

I had a Dark Age starting around 16, partly because my mom refused to let me buy any LEGO (because the box said 5-14), and also because of video games such as Pokémon Red/Blue.

What inspired you to build your own creations?

I think building MOCs from your bricks comes naturally. The stock sets are never as good as what you have in your mind. So it prompts you to build your own. When I was a kid, I always had this "perfect" spaceship that I wanted to build. So every year I would rebuild it to make it closer to what I had in mind. (By the way, looking back, what I had in mind was absolutely horrible.)



Staring in a Pokéball: Grant Davis

Article and Photographs by Grant Davis

This diorama showed up online and was quickly picked up by LEGO blogs. Built by Grant Davis (one of the builders behind the LEGO IDEAS pop-up book, due out soon), the university electrical engineering student also works for a small IT company managing and servicing software. With this creation, he came up with a creative answer to the question, "Where do Pokémon live?" He answered a few more questions for *BrickJournal*.

BrickJournal: How long have you been building? Grant Davis: I have been "Building" since I was around four years old, though I first joined the community in 2013 when I learned about LEGO CUUSOO, which became LEGO Ideas. From there, I started building and entering contests, and even had an idea approved as a set!

What inspired you to build your own creations?

Although, like your stereotypical artist, I do enjoy recreating things that people have seen, being able to convey emotions with images, and to express my creativity through the medium of my choice (Bricks). The thing that really drives me is new techniques and ways to connect bricks being put into action. When I sit down with a bucket of bricks, I immediately start trying to come up with a parts connection that is new, or a pattern that hasn't been seen before. And when I sit down to *build* I try to combine all of those ideas, to prove to myself and the world, that they can be applied in ways which were previously not thought possible.





Mario's Question Box

Design and Instructions by Tommy Williamson

About this issue's model:

I know we've seen this built a million times, but I've never built one. Besides, there's some fairly new tiles that I thought would work well, and I'm a big Nintendo fan, so here it is, the Question Cube! It's an 8-bit classic, and you never know what you're going to get when Mario bashes them (okay, you know exactly what you're going to get; you've played this level 128 times and still haven't gotten past that stupid Goomba). Try and build this and not have the theme song in your head—I dare you!

Parts List (Parts can be ordered through Bricklink.com by searching by part number and color)

Qty	Part	Color	Description
4	25269.dat	White	Tile 1 x 1 Corner Round
12	27263.dat	White	Tile 2 x 2 Corner without Corner
12	30039.dat	White	Tile 1 x 1 with Groove
24	2431.dat	Yellow	Tile 1 x 4 with Groove
12	3069b.dat	Yellow	Tile 1 x 2 with Groove
24	3794a.dat	Yellow	Plate 1 x 2 without Groove with 1 Centre Stud
8	30039.dat	Yellow	Tile 1 x 1 with Groove
16	87079.dat	Yellow	Tile 2 x 4 with Groove
20	87580.dat	Yellow	Plate 2 x 2 with Groove with 1 Centre Stud
8	4733.dat	Black	Brick 1 x 1 with Studs on Four Sides
16	30039.dat	Black	Tile 1 x 1 with Groove
6	41539.dat	Black	Plate 8 x 8



Tommy Williamson is no stranger to *BrickJournal*, having been featured previously for his Jack Sparrow miniland scale figure. Since then, he has gone farther into building, making some remarkable *Star Trek* props and other models. He's now doing a column for *BrickJournal*: DIY Fan Art. Here, Tommy

takes a little time out from his busy schedule at BrickNerd.com to make a model of his choosing for the magazine.

You Can Build It

MINI Model

Knights of the Old Republic

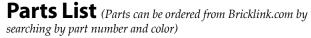
MINI Thranta Class Corvette

Design and Instructions by Christopher Deck

Hello everybody and welcome back to our ongoing minimodel building series! I am glad to join again in this exciting issue which is all about video games. Video games can be found throughout all genres, so science-fiction and *Star Wars* in particular are no exception. One of the most popular and exhaustively developed and worked-out video games of recent years is *Knights of the Old Republic*, a part of the *Star Wars* universe which is set around four millennia before the classic *Star Wars* trilogy. It is full of new characters, locations and vehicles, and thus also a new playground for us as mini model builders.

A common starship from *Knights of the Old Republic* is the Thranta-class corvette, a mid-sized capital ship used by the Republic Navy. Not only the orange/gray color scheme remind us to corvettes of newer days, but also the remarkable hammerhead-style. A similar corvette, the Sphyrna-class corvette, is used thousands of years later by the Rebel Alliance. It can be seen in the *Star Wars Rebels* animated TV series as well as in the *Rogue One* spin-off movie. You can find building instructions for the latter one in *BrickJournal* #48 from November 2017.

Back to the Thranta-class corvette, the most tricky and interesting part of the ship is its engine block. It consists of two cross-shaped sub models which are geared into each other. I am sure you will have fun building this model. Keep on building, and see you next time!



Thranta Corvette Front and Middle

Qty	Color	Part	Description
2	Light-Bluish-Gray	4070.dat	Brick 1x 1 with Headlight
2	Dark-Bluish-Gray	4733.dat	Brick 1x 1 with Studs on Four Sides
1	Light-Bluish-Gray	52107.dat	Brick 1x 2 with Studs on Sides
3	Dark-Bluish-Gray	30162.dat	Minifig Binoculars with Round Eyepiece
1	Light-Bluish-Gray	3024.dat	Plate 1 x 1
1	Dark-Bluish-Gray	3024.dat	Plate 1 x 1
2	Orange-Solid	3024.dat	Plate 1 x 1
1	Trans-Black	3024.dat	Plate 1 x 1
3	Dark-Bluish-Gray	6141.dat	Plate 1 x 1 Round
2	Light-Bluish-Gray	3023.dat	Plate 1 x 2
4	Light-Bluish-Gray	3794a.dat	Plate 1 x 2 without Groove with 1 Centre Stud
1	Dark-Bluish-Gray	61409.dat	Slope Brick 18 2 x 1 x 0.667 Grille
1	Light-Bluish-Gray	3665.dat	Slope Brick 45 2 x 1 Inverted
1	Dark-Bluish-Gray	11477.dat	Slope Brick Curved 2 x 1
3	Orange-Solid	93273.dat	Slope Brick Curved 4 x 1 Double
1	Light-Bluish-Gray	92946.dat	Slope Plate 45 2 x 1
1	Light-Bluish-Gray	4599b.dat	Tap 1 x 1 without Hole in Spout
2	Dark-Bluish-Gray	6541.dat	Technic Brick 1 x 1 with Hole
1	Light-Bluish-Gray	32123a.dat	Technic Bush 1/2 Smooth with Axle Hole Reduced
2	Light-Bluish-Gray	98138.dat	Tile 1 x 1 Round with Groove
1	Orange-Solid	3070b.dat	Tile 1 x 1 with Groove

Thranta Corvette Engine Block

Qty	Color	Part	Description
2	Dark-Bluish-Gray	4733.dat	Brick $1x 1$ with Studs on Four Sides
4	Dark-Bluish-Gray	3024.dat	Plate 1 x 1
6	Light-Bluish-Gray	3024.dat	Plate 1 x 1
4	Trans-Orange	3024.dat	Plate 1 x 1
4	Light-Bluish-Gray	3023.dat	Plate 1 x 2
4	Trans-Orange	3023.dat	Plate 1 x 2
4	Orange-Solid	54200.dat	Slope Brick 31 1 x 1 x 0.667
4	Dark-Bluish-Gray	11477.dat	Slope Brick Curved 2 x 1
4	Dark-Bluish-Gray	3070b.dat	Tile 1 x 1 with Groove
4	Light-Bluish-Gray	2412b.dat	Tile 1 x 2 Grille with Groove

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Super Mario and Sonic.

There are many LEGO-oriented webpages on YouTube. David Pickett runs the YouTube channel BRICK 101, where he shares videos of his LEGO creations as well as set reviews and animations. One of his longest running series is "How To Build" where he shows step-by-step instructions for his MOCs. Dave is an avid gamer, so many of his MOCs are based on popular video games. He also takes requests for MOCs from his audience, so here's only a partial portfolio of BRICK 101's video game characters, with notes from David. There are also instructions to some iconic characters, so enjoy and visit BRICK 101 online for more videos on building!

BRICK 101's Video Game Characters!

Article and Photography by David Pickett



Super Mario Brothers' Mario

Design by Dave Pickett Instructions by Joe Meno

Designed by Dave Pickett, this model was made for BRICK 101. As seen above with the minifigure Marios, this model can be changed to Fire Mario by changing the overalls to red and his shirt to white.

Parts List (Parts can be ordered from Bricklink.com by searching by part number and color)

Qty	Color	Part	Description
2	White	6141.dat	Plate 1 x 1 Round
2	White	15712.dat	Tile 1 x 1 with Clip (Thick C-Clip)
1	White	85861.dat	Plate 1 x 1 Round with Open Stud
2	White	98138p07.dat	:Tile 1 x 1 Round with Eye Pattern
1	Red	2432.dat	Tile 1 x 2 with Handle
2	Red	3023.dat	Plate 1 x 2
2	Red	3069b.dat	Tile 1 x 2 with Groove
2	Red	3070b.dat	Tile 1 x 1 with Groove
1	Red	3176.dat	Plate 3 x 2 with Hole
2	Red	15573.dat	Plate 1 x 2 with Groove with 1 Centre Stud, without Understud
2	Red	61252.dat	Plate 1 x 1 with Clip Horizontal (Thick C-Clip)
4	Red	87087.dat	Brick 1x 1 with Stud on 1 Side
2	Reddish Brown	3023.dat	Plate 1 x 2

Qty	Color	Part	Description
2	Reddish Brown	4070.dat	Brick 1 x 1 with Headlight
2	Reddish Brown	6141.dat	Plate 1 x 1 Round
2	Tan	3023.dat	Plate 1 x 2
2	Tan	4070.dat	Brick 1x 1 with Headlight
2	Tan	6141.dat	Plate 1 x 1 Round
1	Tan	44567.dat	Hinge Plate 1 x 2 Locking with Single Finger On Side Vertical
2	Dark Tan	3069b.dat	Tile 1 x 2 with Groove
2	Yellow	6141.dat	Plate 1 x 1 Round
1	Black	2540.dat	Plate 1 x 2 with Handle
1	Blue	3021.dat	Plate 2 x 3
2	Blue	3022.dat	Plate 2 x 2
1	Blue	3023.dat	Plate 1 x 2
2	Blue	3024.dat	Plate 1 x 1
2	Blue	3062b.dat	Brick 1x 1 Round with Hollow Stud
3	Blue	3069b.dat	Tile 1 x 2 with Groove
1	Blue	4032b.dat	Plate 2 x 2 Round with Axlehole Type 2
4	Blue	4274.dat	Technic Pin 1/2
2	Blue	6141.dat	Plate 1 x 1 Round
2	Blue	15573.dat	Plate 1×2 with Groove with 1 Centre Stud, without Understud



Super Mario Brothers' Yoshi

Design by Kevin Hinkle and Dave Pickett Instructions by Joe Meno

This model was made for BRICK 101 by request.

Parts List (Parts can be ordered from Bricklink.com by searching by part number and color)

Qty	Color	Part	Description
3	White	2654.dat	Dish 2 x 2
1	White	3022.dat	Plate 2 x 2
2	White	3023.dat	Plate 1 x 2
1	White	3176.dat	Plate 3 x 2 with Hole
1	White	3660.dat	Slope Brick 45 2 x 2 Inverte
2	White	6141.dat	Plate 1 x 1 Round
2	White	15535.dat	Tile 2 x 2 Round with Hole
1	White	15573.dat	Plate 1 x 2 with Groove with 1 Centre Stud, without Understud
1	White	18674.dat	Plate 2 x 2 Round with 1 Centre Stud
6	White	87087.dat	Brick 1 x 1 with Stud on 1 Side

Qty	Color	Part	Description
2	White	98138p07.dat	Tile 1 x 1 Round with Eye Pattern
2	Red	2555.dat	Tile 1 x 1 with Clip
1	Red	3069b.dat	Tile 1 x 2 with Groove
2	Red	6141.dat	Plate 1 x 1 Round
1	Red	14769.dat	Tile 2 x 2 Round with Round Underside Stud
2	Orange	3023.dat	Plate 1 x 2
2	Orange	3024.dat	Plate 1 x 1
2	Orange	6141.dat	Plate 1 x 1 Round
2	Yellow	3023.dat	Plate 1 x 2
2	Green	2420.dat	Plate 2 x 2 Corner
2	Green	3020.dat	Plate 2 x 4
2	Green	3022.dat	Plate 2 x 2
4	Green	3023.dat	Plate 1 x 2
4	Green	3069b.dat	Tile 1 x 2 with Groove
1	Green	3660.dat	Slope Brick 45 2 x 2 Inverted
6	Green	4070.dat	Brick 1 x 1 with Headlight
2	Green	6091.dat	Brick $2 \times 1 \times 1 & 1/3$ with Curved Top
2	Green	6141.dat	Plate 1x 1Round
4	Green	11477.dat	Slope Brick Curved 2 x 1
2	Green	30039.dat	Tile 1 x 1 with Groove
1	Green	47458.dat	Slope Brick Curved $1 \times 2 \times 2/3$ with Fin without Studs
2	Green	48336.dat	Plate 1 x 2 with Handle Type 2
1	Green	85984.dat	Slope Brick 31 1 x 2 x 0.667 Green

You Can Build It



Cuphead

Design by Dave Pickett Instructions by Joe Meno

I really wish Cuphead was available on PS4 or Switch. I don't have an XBox and I don't enjoy playing games on my laptop. The art style for this game is so phenomenal and it looks right up my alley. In the meantime I'll have to settle for building Cuphead and Mugman out of LEGO bricks. This build actually came about because of a partnership I did with the short-lived *brickly* app. Users on the app were able to determine my next build. I always take requests into account when selecting what to build next, but this really stood out because the voting pool was much smaller. I think there were only 30-some votes total, and Cuphead won with just four votes.

Parts List (Parts can be ordered from Bricklink.com by searching by part number and color)

Qty	Color	Part	Description
2	White	3023.dat	Plate 1 x 2
1	White	4070.dat	Brick 1 x 1 with Headlight
4	White	6141.dat	Plate 1 x 1 Round
2	White	14769p01.da	at Tile 2 x 2 Round with Round Underside Stud and Black Eye Pattern
1	Red	3002.dat	Brick 2 x 3
2	Red	3023.dat	Plate 1 x 2
1	Red	3024.dat	Plate 1 x 1
5	Red	6141.dat	Plate 1 x 1 Round
1	Red	15712.dat	Tile 1 x 1 with Clip (Thick C-Clip)
1	Trans Red	58176.dat	Cylinder Domed 1x 1 x 1.667 with Bar
4	Reddish Brown	3023.dat	Plate 1 x 2
4	Reddish Brown	6141.dat	Plate 1 x 1
2	Yellow	2540.dat	Plate 1 x 2 with Handle
4	Yellow	6141.dat	Plate 1 x 1 Round
2	Yellow	85861.dat	Plate 1 x 1 Round with Open Stud
2	Black	3021.dat	Plate 2 x 3
5	Black	3023.dat	Plate 1 x 2
1	Black	3024.dat	Plate 1 x 1
4	Black	3069b.dat	Tile 1 x 2 with Groove
1	Black	15573.dat	Plate 1 x 2 with Groove with 1 Centre Stud, without Understud
2	Black	48336.dat	Plate 1 x 2 with Handle Type 2
2	Black	60897.dat	Plate 1 x 1 with Clip Vertical (Thick C-Clip)
2	Black	61252.dat	Plate 1 x 1 with Clip Horizontal (Thick C-Clip)
1	Black	87087.dat	Brick 1 x 1 with Stud on 1 Side
1	Lt Bluish Grey	2357.dat	Brick 2 x 2 Corner
2	Lt Bluish Grey	2420.dat	Plate 2 x 2 Corner
2	Lt Bluish Grey	2432.dat	Tile 1 x 2 with Handle
1	Lt Bluish Grey	3001.dat	Brick 2 x 4
1	Lt Bluish Grey	3004.dat	Brick 1 x 2
1	Lt Bluish Grey	3021.dat	Plate 2 x 3
1	Lt Bluish Grey	3022.dat	Plate 2 x 2
4	Lt Bluish Grey	3024.dat	Plate 1 x 1
2	Lt Bluish Grey	3062b.dat	Brick 1 x 1 Round with Hollow Stud
1	Lt Bluish Grey	11211.dat	Brick 1 x 2 with Two Studs on One Side
2	Lt Bluish Grey	15068.dat	Slope Brick Curved 2 x 2 x 0.667
2	Lt Bluish Grey	30414.dat	Brick 1 x 4 with Studs on Side
1	Lt Bluish Grey	48336.dat	Plate 1 x 2 with Handle Type 2
2	Lt Bluish Grey	54200.dat	Slope Brick 31 1 x 1 x 0.667
1	Lt Bluish Grey	60474.dat	Plate 4 x 4 Round with Hole and Snapstud
1	Lt Bluish Grey	60897.dat	Plate 1 x 1 with Clip Vertical (Thick C-Clip)
1	Lt Bluish Grey	87087.dat	Brick 1 x 1 with Stud on 1 Side
3	Lt Bluish Grey	93273.dat	Slope Brick Curved 4 x 1 Double

Building

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Minifig Customization 101



Dear Laika Studios,

My family and I have enjoyed several of your films without knowing of your central involvement. Specifically we enjoyed *Kubo and the Two Strings* and The Boxtrolls. Recently I was introduced to Coraline (for this project) and enjoyed it as well. A mutual friend introduced me to Holly Webster (one of your digital visual effects artists), who was looking for help with her LEGO Ideas project [see page 71] to create the characters from Coraline. I dove into the film, its inspiration and the characters. I crawled over the extended footage (per Holly's direction), and discovered the inspiration and artistic vision of the film. I also found great similarities behind what I do with LEGO figures and how Laika creates the film's puppets. Therefore, for this issue of BrickJournal I thought a letter to the studio about how I created these figures would be enjoyed.

For those that have not seen the film, Google's synopsis of the film follows:

While exploring her new home, a girl named Coraline (Dakota Fanning) discovers a secret door, behind which lies an alternate world that closely mirrors her own but, in many ways, is better. She rejoices in her discovery, until Other Mother (Teri Hatcher) and the rest of her parallel family try to keep her there forever. Coraline must use all her resources and bravery to make it back to her own family and life.

For Holly's LEGO Ideas Project titled *Coraline's Pink Palace Apartments* (https:// ideas.lego.com/projects/e923271e-078a-4e21-8847-906d0453875d) I started creating the central characters for the film. Holly supplied some reference materials for the characters as well as her base designs, and I started working on how to create physical LEGO figures. Surprisingly, Coraline was the last figure I created, and while the simplest, gave me the most difficulty.

Characters Created:

- Coraline
- Other Wybie
- Other Mother
- Other Father
- Other Bobinsky
- Coraline's Doll
- Cat

I create most of my work with waterslide decals, similar to those found in model cars and planes. I create my own vector art in Corel Draw and print the decals using a micro-dry printer. This printer affords me several specialty inks, three of which I used on this project: white, metallic gold, and metallic cyan. Brasso brass polish, a micro-abrasive, was used to remove the printing from the needed LEGO elements. Once the LEGO elements are cleared of printing and the decals are printed, they are dipped in water to release from the backing paper. This allows the decal to slide off the

backing and on to the LEGO element. This central application concept is how all of the art is transferred onto the figures. These decals are then protected through the application of a UV resistant clear gloss acrylic paint.



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e collector for the most part. I love setting ghout, often rotating out the themes. I s too, but not as often as I would like. I tend e getting carried away with building a MOC, with my kids as well.

When did you come out of your Dark Age?

I didn't have much of a Dark Age. My LEGO sets and bricks were my favorite toys when I was little and I still have all of them. I don't recall building much in my teenage years, but I started buying sets every now and then in college as the *Star Wars* sets were being released, and it has ever increasingly spiraled out of control, especially after having kids.

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Holly Webster's LEGO Idea!

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