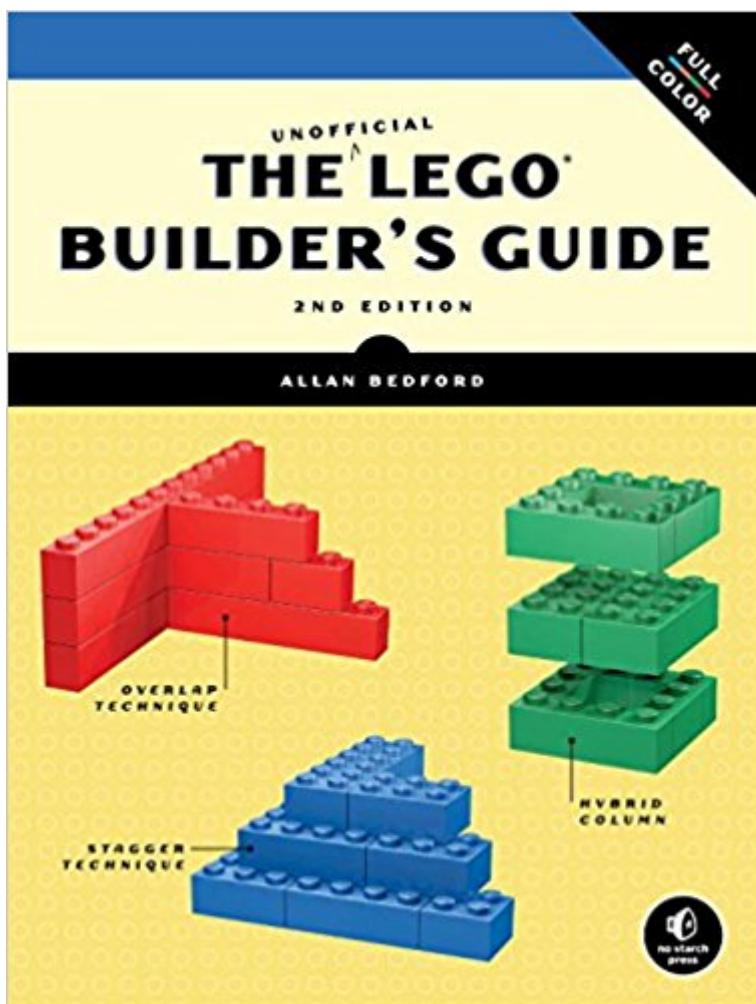


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# The Unofficial LEGO Builder's Guide, 2nd Edition



## Synopsis

What's the difference between a tile and a plate? Why isn't it a good idea to stack bricks in columns to make a wall? How do you build a LEGO mosaic or build at different scales? You'll find the answers to these and other questions in *The Unofficial LEGO Builder's Guide*. Now in full color, this brand-new edition of a well-loved favorite will show you how to:  
• Construct models that won't fall apart  
• Choose the right pieces and substitute when needed  
• Build to micro, jumbo, and miniland scale  
• Make playable board games out of LEGO pieces  
• Create photo mosaics and curved sculptures  
• Build a miniature space shuttle, a minifig-sized train station, and more  
Of course, the real fun of LEGO building lies in creating your own models—from choosing the subject to clicking that final brick into place. Learn how in *The Unofficial LEGO Builder's Guide*. Includes the *Brickopedia*, a visual dictionary of nearly 300 of the most commonly used LEGO elements!

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A Note from the Author

Gr 4 Up-This handbook is a must-have. Starting with the basic structure, anatomy, and flexibility of the Lego system, readers are taught different building techniques to add stability and ideas to their

creations. Much of the book is devoted to the kinds of scale used in the Lego world and provides mathematical explanations for one's work. Chapters on sculpting and mosaic-making are also thorough and give readers tips that Lego Master Builders use. A great feature of the guide is the Brickopedia, which categorizes more than 275 basic Lego pieces, providing specifications and notes on each one; though not all-inclusive, it does contain the most common items found in most individuals' collections. Templates and Web links for blank design grids include detailed instructions on how to properly use them when making one's own projects. The graphics are of the highest quality and accurately capture what the author is trying to convey without interrupting the flow of text. Bedford's style is engaging while taking some complicated topics and explaining them in clear, relatable language. Of special note is the repeated mention of the Lego system's flexibility-further stressed by the author's suggestion of changing elements to suit one's personal collection. Like a good Lego project, each chapter expands layer by layer on the one before, resulting in a thorough, well-rounded and indispensable source of guidance and creativity.-Rebecca Gueorguiev, New York Public Library  
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Being new to Lego building, this books feels like a well of wisdom. Well organized, written like an engineering manual, setting up the Lego RULES - where three plates are the same high as a block, amongst many valuable details. Like all the manuals, you will benefit from reading it cover to cover; then when building from scratch or from a Lego Kit, keep handy to understand how the model you work on is being assembled and designed. Highly recommend.

Not for an AFOL (Adult Fan of LEGO) who has kept up on current building techniques but a good read and reference for kids who are into LEGOs. Much of the information in the book can be found online at various sources but this pulls the information together well and is straightforward in its layout and instructions

Terrific book for the LEGO enthusiast and it's very thorough. We purchased this for our son about 6 months before we started buying the Lego Builder's Academy series, and the result was quite a few of the tips in that series were a bit redundant for him.

My husband loves it and he and my son are having a blast building!

Great book! I've always liked Lego's. This is a great reference book an gives you lots of ideas!

challenging but fun

My grandsons love Legos and this book is a real hit. They are ages 5, 7, 8, 10 and spend a lot of time reading this and playing with the huge assortment of Legos we have collected over the years.

Gave this to my two grand sons, 6 and 10. The book offered many structural directions that provides the foundation for creating a more stable structure. Even more important it gives the young builder the tools to create their own designs. My youngest grandson made a three dimensional sign, with writing. Of course, I think he is a genius....thank you Lego.

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