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# The LEGO Architect



## Synopsis

Travel through the history of architecture in The LEGO Architect. You'll learn about styles like Art Deco, Modernism, and High-Tech, and find inspiration in galleries of LEGO models. Then take your turn building 12 models in a variety of styles. Snap together some bricks and learn architecture the fun way!

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## Customer Reviews

"Stunning...be the Corbusier of LEGO." •Wall Street Journal "As educational as it is fun, The LEGO Architect is full of bite-sized portions of architectural history, beginning with the first use of columns in ancient Egypt, back when they weren't tiny and plastic." •The Huffington Post

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The LEGO Architect is a richly illustrated volume of architectural wonders featuring real buildings and their LEGO recreations. The book offers a nice blend of history, education, building instructions and jaw-dropping LEGO creations. The text is informative but brief and the photography and

instructional renderings are excellent. I am a huge fan of the "You view it and you do it" genre of LEGO books and Tom Alphin's The LEGO Architect book is a winner. Alphin introduces you to a particular style and description of architecture, then offers instructions so you can build an example yourself. Unlike other building books that require a room-full of specialized bricks in a myriad of colors, Alphin sticks to small-scale models using only white bricks. These monochrome creations still look great while forcing you to focus on their defining attributes. The LEGO Architect begins with an overview of neoclassical architecture and invites you to build a tiny domed building. Next you move on to prairie and art deco styles, modern and brutalist works, then wrap up with post-modern and high tech architecture. There's a small model you can build that illustrates each style, yet it is pretty interesting to just look at the building instructions. Alphin wraps up the book by profiling a few LEGO building experts while remaining true to the architectural theme. You will learn about scale, form, detail, color and the various types of bricks you can use to create your own architectural masterpieces.

Great book for kids to build structures out of legos. Easy instructions to follow, with completed pictures. My grandson is 7 years old and he can follow the instructions to build different structures. At times he needs help from his dad, but he can follow and understand the instructions.

The book is highly recommended. Well written and excellent as an introduction to architecture for kids and grownups. However, building the projects require a large quantity of bricks which aren't common in required numbers in aggregate standard LEGO sets. This, in my opinion, isn't that bad since it forces to improvise with what you have and build structures that are different than shown. The writer also recommends this. At a certain point my 8 YO daughter and me were picking a certain number of handfuls of pieces and competing against each other as to who would build the most interesting structure in a certain style (I usually lost).

FANTASTIC FANTASTIC FANTASTIC book for LEGO lovers. Bought this for my 11 year old son's birthday, and it is a gem! It gives instructions on how to assemble many of the buildings it features. It was like getting multiple kits in a book. Now we can use some of the bins of Legos we have sitting around and assemble new buildings!! Great book! I recommend!

Absolutely love this item. It is fun and creative. A little disappointed that not all pieces were included for some of the buildings considering the cost of this 1210pc kit.

good book if you like design, most models can be done with the lego architecture studio set, which is a big plus.

This was purchased for my 12 year old boy for Christmas and he loves it. It's got complicated designs and it takes him longer than usual to duplicate designs but he finds it challenging. Frankly, I don't believe that I would have the patience to undertake the book's projects. I would imagine it's best used for kids or adults that like to put together model airplanes and the like. I would absolutely purchase this book again.

This is a cool book. It actually explains the different styles of architecture. Its not only full of great pictures of impressive Lego structures but it is interesting to read as well. I bought it for my son to hopefully inspire him to start designing with Lego's instead of just making Lego kits and them placing them on a shelf. The bios on different Lego designers towards the back of the book was intriguing. Lego's have become a legitimate art form.

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