

Lego Lets People Bring Home a Replica of Eiffel Tower

VOCABULARY WORDS

1. Set (Noun) /set/ - a group of things that belong together or are similar
Example: She gave him a chess set made of marble as a birthday present.
2. Replica (Noun) /'replɪkə/ an exact copy or model of something
Example: They made a chocolate replica of The Big Ben.
3. View (Verb) /vju:/ to look at or inspect something
Example: The entire city can be viewed from the observatory.
4. Platform (Noun) /'plætfɔ:rm/ a raised structure on which someone or something can stand
Example: They were standing on the platform when the train arrived.
5. Design (Verb) /di'zain/ to do, plan, or make something for a particular purpose, goal, etc.
Example: She designed the first ever bar in the city and patterned it after the Moulin Rouge.
6. Piece (Noun) /pi:s/ an item used in making something
Example: She still can't find the missing piece of the puzzle.



Lego is bringing a piece of Paris to people's homes with a new Eiffel Tower set — and it's the company's tallest yet. The set, which is a replica of the famous French tower, is **1.49 meters high**. That isn't quite as tall as the real one, which is 330 meters high.

But according to Lego designer Rok Zgalin Kobe, much of the set is built in the same way as the real tower. It includes elevators, three viewing platforms, a French flag at the top and even trees underneath it. It also breaks into four large parts, making it easier to move around. But building it could take some time — the set, which was designed for adults, is made of 10,001 pieces. It also costs \$630.

This isn't Lego's first Eiffel Tower. A set released in 2007 was made of 3,428 pieces and was just over a meter tall. Lego also made a smaller, child-friendly Eiffel Tower with 321 pieces in 2014. But neither of these sets is still available on Lego's website.

Released on November 25, 2022, the new Eiffel Tower set is also Lego's second-largest by number of pieces. The company released its largest set in June 2021: an 11,695-piece world map. And later that year, a 1.35-meter-long replica of the Titanic ship was released, made of 9,090 pieces. It is now Lego's third-largest set.

DISCUSSION

1. What are your thoughts on Lego's new Eiffel Tower set?
2. Do you know anyone who'd spend \$630 on a Lego set?
3. Do you think you'd enjoy putting together a 10,000-piece Lego set?
4. Did you have Lego as a kid? Are there any sets you always wanted but never got?
5. What was the last thing you bought just for fun?