

Creative Construction with LEGO Bricks 乐高世界。乐趣无穷

If you stroll down the **aisles** of any toy store, you're bound to find several entertaining toys and games. But when it comes to **unlocking** a person's **creativity** and imagination, nothing beats [LEGO](#) bricks. For over 75 years, children and adults have been **interlinking** these colorful blocks and various parts together to build some truly amazing things.

你只要走在任何一家玩具店的走道上，你必定会发现很多有趣的玩具与游戏。但如果说到可以释放一个人创造力跟想象力的玩具，那就非乐高莫属了。在过去的 75 年，大人和小孩都在组合这些色彩鲜艳的方块跟各式各样的零件，建造一些真的很令人惊奇的东西。

LEGO bricks were the **brainchild** of the Danish **inventor** [Ole Kirk Christiansen](#). In 1932, he opened the LEGO Group and began **manufacturing** toys. The company derives its name from the Danish phrase "leg godt," which means "play well." At first, LEGO pieces were crafted exclusively from wood. But, after the company's **warehouse** burned down in 1950, he decided to move in a different direction and began using plastic instead. Over the years, LEGO sets were continually improved, as the company made the parts brighter and more colorful and increased their **durability**. To this day, the LEGO Group's **obsession** with perfection continues, as it aims to craft each part with the **utmost precision**.

乐高积木是丹麦发明家奥尔·科克·克里斯蒂安森独创的发明。1932 年时他创办了乐高集团并开始生产玩具。这家公司的名字来自于丹麦的词组 **leg godt**，意指「好好地玩」。起初，乐高的零件都是木制的。但是在公司的仓库于 1950 年烧毁后，他决定转而采用不同的材料，而开始用塑料取代木头。近几年来，乐高的积木组合不断进步，因为公司使积木的色彩更加鲜艳多样并增强其耐用度。直到现今，乐高集团仍执着于追求完美，目标是最精密的方法制作每块积木。

To date, billions of blocks have been produced and thousands of theme sets are available – each designed around fun, interesting topics, such as space **exploration**, robots, and **pirates**. One of the largest sets the company manufactures is a limited edition set of the [Star Wars Millennium Falcon](#), which came out in 2007 and contains 5,195 pieces. For even more LEGO fun, fans can head to one of the four [Legoland](#) amusement parks and go on rides constructed with – you guessed it – LEGO bricks. With so many choices available, you'll surely never run out of ways to play well with LEGO sets..

直到现今，乐高公司已出产近数亿块的积木并发行了数千套的主题，每一套组合都围绕着有趣的主题设计，像是星际探险、机器人以及海盗。其中最大的一组就是该公司于 2007 年发行的限量版星际大战千年鹰号组合，此组合共含有 5,195 块积木。除此之外，还有更有趣的乐高玩法！乐高爱好者们可以前往四座乐高乐园的任何一座，并搭乘许多游乐设施。猜猜看这些游乐设施是用什么做的，没错，就是乐高！有这么多的选择，你绝不会找不到可以好好地玩乐高的方式。

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Vocabulary

aisle [aɪl] n. 通道，走道

brainchild [ˈbrɛn,tʃaɪld] n. 独创的观念
inventor [ɪnˈvɛntə] n. 发明家, 发明者
manufacture [ˌmænjəˈfæktʃə] v. (大量) 制造, 加工
warehouse [ˈwɛr,haʊs] n. 仓库
utmost [ˈʌt,mɒst] adj. 最大的, 最高的, 极度的
precision [prɪˈɪʒən] n. 精确(性), 准确(性)
exploration [ˌɛkspləˈreɪʃən] n. 勘查; 探测; 探索
pirate [ˈpaɪrət] n. 海盗
amusement [əˈmjuzmənt] n. 娱乐, 消遣; 娱乐活动
creativity [ˌkriːˈɪvətɪ] n. 创造力
durability [ˌdjʊərəˈbɪlətɪ] n. 耐久性

More Information

interlink [ˌɪntəˈlɪŋk] v. (使) 连结
obsession [əbˈseɪʃən] n. 着迷; 摆脱不了的思想(或情感) a persistent preoccupation, idea, or feeling
millennium [mɪˈlɛniəm] n. 1000 年, 千年期
falcon [ˈfɒlkən] n. 猎鹰
unlock [ʌnˈlɒk] v. 打开(锁等), 解开