

40709 Spring Animal Playground

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Celebrate Easter with this fantastic LEGO® animal toy packed with cool features. The Spring Animal Playground (40709) set lets boys and girls aged 8+ stage fun-filled stories with a squirrel toy, bird toy, tree house, campfire, seesaw and 2 Easter Eggs.

Playful kids can walk the squirrel and bird up the ramp and perch them on top of the tree house, seat them around the campfire and take them for a ride on the moving seesaw. There are also 2 colorful Easter egg elements and space under the ramp and behind the tree house for fun hide-and-go-seek playtime.

Animal toys for springtime fun – Boys and girls aged 8+ can celebrate Easter with this LEGO® Spring Animal Playground toy set packed with cute animals and fun features.

Bird and squirrel toys – This Easter building set comes with 2 animals so kids can enjoy countless hours of fun playtimes.

Animal set with endless play options – Kids can walk the animals up the tree house ramp and perch them on top, seat them around the campfire and place them on the moving seesaw.

2 Easter egg elements – Hide the colorful Easter eggs under the ramp and behind the tree house for fun-filled hide-and-go-seek adventures.

Measurements – This 172-piece colorful LEGO® playset measures over 3.5 in. (10 cm) high, 5 in. (13 cm) wide and 3.5 in. (10 cm) deep.

The front of the box shows a tree in the back! There is a seesaw to the right, and there are Easter eggs scattered everywhere! In the front there is a bird and a squirrel!

The back of the box shows the squirrel and bird playing on the seesaw!

The top of the box shows a real size image of a light orange egg!

The build is 172 pieces in total and is for ages 8+.

Bag 1 includes the pieces for the bird.

Bag 2 includes the pieces for the squirrel and the seesaw.

Bags 3 and 4 include the pieces for the tree.

Welcome to text-based instructions from Bricks for the Blind. Before you start building, here are some terms we'll be using:

- In Front of/Front: towards you.
- Behind/Back: away from you.
- Up: towards the ceiling.
- Down: towards the floor.
- Stud: the bump on a LEGO brick. Example: A 2x1 brick has two studs on it.
- Vertically: with the longest side going from front to back

- Horizontally: with the longest side going from left to right.
- Upright: pointing up towards the ceiling.
- Standing upright: The piece is perpendicular to the ground, like a wall.
- Lying flat: The piece is parallel to the ground, like a piece of toast which fell off the table.
- That one/ppp: previously placed piece.
- Plate: piece with studs.
- Tile: smooth piece without studs (unless otherwise specified)
- A jumper plate is a 1x2 plate with a single stud on top, or a 1x3 plate with only two studs on top.
- "Anti-stud" is a term for the portion of a LEGO piece which accepts studs, like the bottom of a plate or brick.
- Symmetrically: a mirror image. Example: If you place a 2x1 brick with technic connector on the front wall at the right, connector to the front, and then place another such piece symmetrically on the back wall, at the right, the technic connector of the second piece should point to the back, since it will be placed symmetrically.
- Centered-vertically: even amount of space in front of and behind piece
- Centered-horizontally: even amount of space left and right of piece.
- Row: studs lined up horizontally (left to right/side to side).
- Column: studs lined up upright or vertically (top to bottom/back to front).

For builders with low vision, or a sighted building partner may want to follow along with the printed visual instructions that come with each kit, or PDF versions are always online at LEGO.com for each set: (<https://www.lego.com/en-us/service/buildinginstructions/40709>) As low vision users may benefit from viewing the instructions on a personal device where they can zoom in on content and use assistive technologies to enhance the visuals.

Sorting the pieces:

To begin a successful build, it helps to sort the pieces into groups, bags, or small containers. Have a friend or family member do this in advance following the instructions below. You will see that the pieces should be sorted according to the building steps in the kit. Doing this in advance makes locating the pieces for each step easier. See below on how to sort the pieces to correspond to the steps in this set. Number the containers using letters A-Z, numbers, or meaningful names. The parts will be sorted into one or a small number of steps in the instructions. Example: Steps 1-3 means collect all the parts used in steps 1,2 and 3, and put them in one container.

This LEGO set comes with 4 bags labeled 1 to 4, 1 set of instructions, and some loose pieces. Sort the pieces into groups or piles as described below. Note that where there are multiple colors of the same brick in a step, the colors will be split into 2 groups to make telling the difference easier for the builder! LEGO includes a few spare parts in case you lose something. Set these into their own group away from the rest, in case you need them later.

Bag 1 - Bird

Group 1 - Steps 1-14.

Group 2 - Step 15.

Bag 2 - Squirrel and Seesaw

Group 3 - Steps 1-4 and 1 white 1x2 slope tile from Step 5.

Group 4 - Rest of Step 5 and Steps 6-18.

Group 5 - Steps 1-8.

Bag 3 - Tree

Group 6 - Steps 1-9.

Group 7 - Steps 10-11.

Bag 4 - Tree

Group 8 - Steps 12-20.

Group 9 - Steps 21-24 and 1 light pink 1x1 slope tile from Step 25.

Group 10 - 1 white 1x1 slope tile from Step 25.

Group 11 - Rest of Step 25 and Steps 26-33.

Let's get to building!

Building Instructions (Bag 1, Book 1):

Group 1 - Bird

1. Horizontally place a white 1x3 tile with 2 studs in front of you.
2. Vertically place a white 1x2 rounded plate underneath the leftmost column so 1 stud is exposed to the front. Then repeat symmetrically to the right.
3. Horizontally place a white 1x3 tile with 2 studs on the front row so it is centered horizontally.
4. Vertically place a dark grey 1x2x2 brick with 8 side studs on the left column so the side studs face the front, left, and back. Then repeat symmetrically to the right.
5. Horizontally place a yellow 1x2 slope tile upright on the lower left-facing row so it slopes down. Then repeat symmetrically to the right.
6. Horizontally place a dark grey 1x2x2 brick with 8 side studs on the front row so the side studs face the left, front, and right. Then repeat symmetrically to the back.
7. Place a yellow 2x2 plate upright on the left-facing side studs above the 1x2 slope tile. Then repeat symmetrically to the right.
8. Vertically place a yellow 2x3 plate upright on the lower 3 front-facing rows. Then place a yellow 2x2 tile with a stud upright on the lower 2 front-facing rows.
9. Place a yellow 1x1 slope tile upright on the front-facing stud of the 2x2 tile so it slopes down. Then place a yellow 2x2 sloped curved tile upright on the upper 2 front-facing rows so it slopes up.

Group 2- Bird

10. Rotate your build 180 degrees so the 1x1 slope tile side faces the back. Now vertically place a yellow 2x3 plate upright on the upper 3 front-facing rows.

11.1. Let's make 2 identical parts! Place a white 1x1 plate with a clip in front of you so the clip faces the left. Then horizontally place a yellow 1x2 sloped curved tile on top so it slopes and overhangs to the right.

11.2. Now you should have 2 identical parts! Horizontally place 1 part upright on the lower right-facing row so the clip faces the front. Then repeat symmetrically to the left.

12. Place a yellow 2x2 sloped curved tile upright on the right-facing side so it slopes up. Then repeat symmetrically to the left.

13. Place a yellow 2x2 sloped curved tile upright on the lower 2 front-facing rows so it slopes down.

14. Place 2 white 1x1 round tiles with a black and white eye, 1 to the right of the other, upright on the upper front-facing row. Then horizontally place a yellow 1x2 jumper plate upright below it. Now place an orange 1x1 slope tile upright on the front-facing 1x2 jumper plate so it slopes down.

Group 3 - Bird

15. Place a yellow 2x2 tile with a stud on top. Then place a yellow 1x1 slope tile on top so it slopes to the front. Now put your bird away while we make the squirrel!

Building Instructions (Bag 2, Book 1):

Group 4 - Squirrel

1. Horizontally place a white 1x3 tile with 2 studs in front of you.

2. Vertically place a white 1x2 rounded plate underneath the leftmost column so 1 stud is exposed to the front. Then repeat symmetrically to the right.

3. Horizontally place a white 1x3 tile with 2 studs on the front row so it is centered horizontally.

4. Vertically place a dark grey 1x2x2 brick with 8 side studs on the left column so the side studs face the front, left, and back. Then repeat symmetrically to the right.

5.1. Horizontally place a white 1x2 slope tile upright on the lower front-facing row so it slopes down.

Group 5 - Squirrel

5.2. Horizontally place a brown 1x2 slope tile upright on the lower left-facing row so it slopes down. Then repeat symmetrically to the right.

6. Horizontally place a dark grey 1x2x2 brick with 8 side studs on the front row so the side studs face the left, front, and right. Then repeat symmetrically to the back.

7. Vertically place a light brown 2x3 plate upright on the 3 front-facing rows.

8. Place a brown 1x1 plate with a side stud on the back left corner so the side stud faces the left. Then repeat symmetrically to the right.

9. Place a light brown 2x2 sloped curved tile on top so it slopes to the front.

10.1. Let's make 2 identical parts! Horizontally place a light brown 1x2 plate in front of you. Then place a white 1x1 plate with a clip on the left stud so the clip faces the left. Now horizontally place a light brown 1x2 sloped curved tile on top so it slopes to the right.

10.2. Now you should have 2 identical parts! Horizontally place 1 upright on the lower left-facing row so the clip faces the front. Then repeat symmetrically to the right.

11. Place 2 white 1x1 half-cylinder bricks, 1 to the right of the other, on the left-facing side studs above the 1x2 sloped curved tile so they slope up and down. Then horizontally place a light brown 1x2 tile upright above them.

12. Horizontally place a white 1x2 tile with a rounded side on the lower front-facing row so the rounded side faces up. Then horizontally place a brown 1x2 jumper plate upright above it.

13. Place 2 white 1x1 round tiles printed with eyelashes, 1 to the right of the other, upright on the top front-facing row. Now place a black 1x1 quarter tile upright on the front-facing jumper plate so the curve faces up. This is the squirrel's nose!

14. Repeat step 11 symmetrically to the right.

15. Rotate your build 180 degrees so the 2x4 side studs face the front. Now vertically place a light brown 2x3 plate upright on the upper 3 front-facing rows.

16. Horizontally place a brown 1x2 jumper plate upright on the bottom front-facing row. Then place a dark grey 1x1 clip upright on it so the clip hands face up and down.

17.1. Let's make a part! Place a brown 1x1 plate with 2 bars in front of you so the bars face left and right. Now horizontally attach the clip of a brown 1x2 plate with a clip on the short side to the right-facing bar.

17.2. Place a light brown 1x1 slope tile on the leftmost stud so it slopes to the left. Then place another 1 on the left stud of the 1x2 plate so it slopes to the left. Then horizontally place a light brown 1x2 sloped curved tile on top so it slopes and overhangs to the right.

17.3. Attach the left-facing bar of your part to the front-facing clip of your build! This is the squirrel's tail! Make sure the slopes are on top and it slopes to the front!

18. Now vertically place a light brown 1x2 sloped curved tile upright on the left-facing side stud so it slopes and overhangs up. Then repeat symmetrically to the right. Now put your squirrel away so we can make the seesaw!

Group 5 - Seesaw

1. Horizontally place a white 2x10 plate in front of you.

2. Horizontally place a light blue 2x6 plate on top so it is centered horizontally.
3. Vertically place a tan 2x4 tile with 2 studs on the 2 leftmost columns so it is centered vertically. Then repeat symmetrically to the right.
4. Flip your build over so it is horizontal. Now horizontally place a black 2x4 plate with a hole underneath on top so it is centered horizontally.
5. Place a white 2x2 sloped curved plate with a smooth underside on the front left corner so it slopes to the front. Then repeat symmetrically to the back. There should be no overhang! Then repeat both parts symmetrically to the right.
6. Flip your build over so it is horizontal. Now insert the pin of a tan 1x2 brick with a pin into the front-facing hole. Then repeat symmetrically to the back.
7. Vertically place a light brown 2x4 plate underneath the 1x2 bricks with a pin.
8. Horizontally place a light pink 1x2 tile on the front row on top of the 1x2 brick with a pin. Then repeat symmetrically to the back. Now put your build away so we can make the tree!

Building Instructions (Bag 3, Book 1):

Group 6 - Tree

1. Place a lime green 8x8 plate with a rounded side in front of you so the rounded side faces the right. Now horizontally place a tan 2x4 tile with 2 studs on top of the 4 rightmost columns so it is centered vertically.
2. Place a light pink 1x1 round flower plate on the front left corner. Vertically place a green 2x4 plate behind it so it overhangs 1 column to the left.
3. Place a lime green 8x8 plate with a rounded side underneath the overhang so the rounded side faces the left. It should be aligned with the previous 8x8 plate with a rounded side!
4. Place a dark grey 2x2 slope brick behind the 2x4 plate so it slopes to the right. Now horizontally place a brown 1x2x2 slope brick behind it so it slopes to the right.
5. Place a green 2x2 tile with a stud to the left of the 2x4 plate on the 3rd and 4th rows from the front. Then vertically place a dark grey 2x4 brick behind it.
6. Place a light grey 2x2 brick on the back 2 rows of the previous 2x4 brick. Then horizontally place a brown 1x2x2 slope brick on the back row to the left of the 2x2 brick so it slopes to the left. Now place a dark grey 2x2 slope brick in front so it slopes to the left.
7. Horizontally place a brown 1x4 brick on the back row on top of the slope bricks and 2x2 brick. Then horizontally place a black 1x2 brick in front on top of the 2x2 brick.

8. Vertically place a brown 1x2x2 slope brick in front of the leftmost and rightmost columns of the 1x4 brick from the previous step so they slope to the front. Then vertically place 2 more, 1 to the right of the other, in front of the 1x2 brick from the previous step so they slope to the front.

9. Horizontally place a light brown 2x4 plate on the back 2 rows on top of the previous bricks so there is no overhang. Then horizontally place a light brown 1x2 plate with 2 clips on the long side in front on top of the slope bricks so the clips face the front.

Group 7 - Tree

10. Place a light green egg on top of the 2x2 tile with a stud that is in front of the clips from the previous step. Then place a dark tan 2x2 round tile with a stud on the 2nd and 3rd columns from the left, on the 3rd and 4th rows from the front. Then place a green stem with a swirl on the back stud of the 3rd column from the left so the small stem faces the right. Now place another 1 on the 2nd row from the back to the right of the 2x2 slope brick so the small stem faces the left.

11.1. Let's make a camp fire! Place a brown 1x1 brick with a side stud on each side in front of you.

11.2. Place a brown 1x1 round plate upright on the front-facing side stud. Then place a brown 1x1 round tile upright on it. Now repeat symmetrically to the other 3 sides.

11.3. Place a transparent orange candle flame on top.

11.4. Diagonally place your campfire on top of the 2x2 round tile with a stud that is in the front left.

Building Instructions (Bag 4, Book 1):

Group 8 - Tree

12. Horizontally place a brown 1x4 brick on the back row on top of the 2x4 plate.

13. Vertically place a brown 1x2 brick in front of the 2nd stud from the left of the 1x4 brick. Now place a brown 1x2 curved brick in front of the rightmost stud of the 1x4 brick so the curve faces the front right.

14. Place a brown 2x2 corner plate on top of the previous 1x2 brick and 2 leftmost columns of the 1x4 brick so it looks like the braille letter d. Now place another 1 to the right so it looks like the braille letter f.

15. Place a dark tan 2x2 round tile with a stud on top of the 2x2 corner plates from the previous step so it is centered horizontally. Now place a light orange egg on top.

16. Horizontally place a brown 1x3x2 half arch brick in front of the leftmost column of the previous 2x2 corner plates so it overhangs to the left.

17. Horizontally place the leftmost column of a brown 2x4x2 curved panel on top of the rightmost column of the 1x3x2 half arch brick from the previous step so the curved side faces the front. It should only overhang in the front left corner. Now horizontally place another 1 on top so there is no overhang.

18. Place the end stud of a light green leaf plate with 6 studs on top of the leftmost column of the 1x3x2 half arch brick so the extended stud faces the front left. Now place a light pink 1x1 round flower plate on top of the extended stud of it.

19. Horizontally place a brown 1x2 sloped curved tile on top of the leaf plate and 1x3x2 half arch brick so it slopes to the right.

20. Rotate your build 180 degrees. Now horizontally place a brown 1x3x2 half-arch brick on the front row in front of the 2x4x2 curved panels so it overhangs to the left. Then repeat symmetrically to the right.

Group 9 - Tree

21.1. Let's make a part! Horizontally place a light brown 1x4x2 arch brick in front of you. Then horizontally place a light brown 1x4 plate on top.

21.2. Place a brown 1x1 round plate underneath the leftmost and rightmost columns.

21.3. Horizontally place your part on the front row on top of the previous 2 half arch bricks so it is centered horizontally on them.

22. Place a green 4x4 round plate with a 2x2 round gap on top of the 2x4x2 curved panel so it overhangs to the front. The curve in the back should align with the curved panel.

23. Place the end stud of a light green leaf plate with 6 studs on top of the leftmost column of the 1x3x2 half arch brick that overhangs to the left so the extended stud faces the back left. Now place a light pink 1x1 round flower plate on top of the extended stud of it. Then repeat both parts symmetrically to the right.

24. Horizontally place a brown 1x2 sloped curved tile on the front row on top of the left leaf plate and 1x3x2 half arch brick so it slopes to the right. Then repeat symmetrically to the right.

You will have an extra light pink 1x1 slope tile. Save it for later!

Group 10 - Tree

There are no instructions in this group!

You will have an extra white 1x1 slope tile. Save it for later!

Group 11 - Tree

25.1. Place a dark grey 2x2 inverted sloped curved plate with a smooth underside in front of you so the higher side is on the right. Now vertically place a brown 1x2 plate with a bar on the left column so the bar faces the left.

25.2. Horizontally place a light blue 2x6 plate on top so it overhangs 4 columns to the right.

25.3. Place a light pink 1x1 slope tile from group 9 on the back right corner so it slopes to the left. Now place a light yellow 1x1 slope tile on the back row on the 2nd column from the left so it slopes to the left.

Then place a white 1x1 slope tile from group 10 on the front row on the 3rd column from the right so it slopes to the left.

25.4. Rotate your main build 180 degrees so the campfire is in the front left. Now vertically attach the bar of your part to the front-facing clips so your part is slanted to the floor. This is a ramp to climb the tree!

26. Let's make a part! Place a light brown 6x6 round plate in front of you. Then horizontally place a green 2x4 plate on top so it is centered.

27. Horizontally place a tan 2x4 tile with 2 studs on top of the 2x4 plate so it is centered.

28. Place a tan 2x2 inverted slope brick to the left of the 2x4 tile with 2 studs so it slopes and overhangs to the left. Now place a tan 2x2 tile on top. Then repeat both parts symmetrically to the right.

29.1. Let's make 2 identical parts! Horizontally place a lime green leaf plate with 6 studs in front of you so the extended stud faces the right. Now place a green 1x1 plate with 3 leaves on top of the rightmost stud so the leaves face the right. Then place a light pink 1x1 round flower plate on top.

29.2. Now you should have 2 identical parts! Now place the leftmost stud of 1 part on the leftmost stud of the 2nd row from the front so the leaves face the front left. Then repeat symmetrically to the right.

30. Horizontally place a tan 1x2 sloped curved tile on the 2 leftmost studs of the 2nd row from the front so it slopes to the right. Then repeat symmetrically to the right.

31. Place a tan 2x2 inverted slope brick on the back row so it is centered horizontally and slopes and overhangs to the back. Then place a tan 2x2 tile on top. Now repeat both parts symmetrically to the front.

32. Place a black 2x2 round plate underneath the build so it is centered.

33. Place your part on top of the 4x4 round plate with a 2x2 gap so it is centered and the leaves face the front left and front right.

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