

## **11204 Mermaid Gabby's Aquarium Adventure**

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Mermaid Gabby's Aquarium Adventure (11204) is a make-believe toy for kids aged 4 and up who are fans of sea creatures, aquarium animals and DreamWorks Animation's Gabby's Dollhouse: The Movie.

This LEGO® Gabby's Dollhouse playset is packed with vibrant features and familiar characters, including a Gabby minidoll in her mermaid outfit, and MerCat and Jellyfish figures. Kids can join Gabby and her pals to explore a colorful underwater environment filled with shells, plants and sea life. There's lots to discover, including a slide, a giant bubble that MerCat can "float" in, and coral that moves to reveal a hidden treasure chest. The set comes with colorful pictorial instructions, a large Starter Brick and separate bags containing 1 buildable model per bag to make creative construction fast and fun for little builders.

Sea creature toy for kids aged 4 and up – Girls and boys who enjoy DreamWorks Animation's Gabby's Dollhouse can join their favorite kitty pals for undersea fun with Mermaid Gabby's Aquarium Adventure.

Gabby's Dollhouse: The Movie imaginative play toy – This underwater, make-believe toy has a Gabby minidoll in a mermaid outfit, MerCat and Jellyfish figures plus a Starter Brick for speedy assembly.

Kids' build-and-play toy – There's lots to discover, including shells, plants, sea life, a slide, a giant bubble that the characters can 'float' in, and coral that moves to reveal a treasure chest.

Set contains 103 pieces – This versatile LEGO® playset measures over 5.5 in. (15 cm) high, 9 in. (23 cm) wide and 2.5 in. (7 cm) deep.

The front of the box shows Gabby dressed up as a mermaid! She is with her cat friends and in an aquarium! There is a slide, chest, shells, plants, and sea life!

The back of the box shows all the accessories that the set comes with! It comes with 1 minifigure, 2 cat figures, 6 creatures, a chest, and an aquarium!

The top of the box shows a real size image of Gabby in her mermaid outfit!

The build is 103 pieces in total and is for ages 4+.

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).

A note on LEGO Technic™ part names. These parts are somewhat different from regular LEGO bricks. Here are some definitions in case the builder or helper is not familiar with LEGO Technic™.

**Axles** - An axle is a connector which has an X shaped cross-section. Because their cross section is not round, anything connected to an axle using an axle-hole will rotate with that axle. Axles are longer than they are wide, and the length of an axle corresponds with how many bricks long it is. Aka a 3L axle is three bricks long. Axles come in a variety of lengths, with a 2L axle being the shortest available. They may be combined with pins, or have circular stops on them. A stop prevents the axle from sliding through an axle-hole at a specific point on the axle.

**Pins** - A pin is a connector which has a circular cross section and a flanged notch out of one or both ends. This flanged notch allows them to click into bricks with a pin-hole. Pins come with and without friction ridges, which are small bumps on the pin which prevent them from rotating freely. For standard pins, black is a high friction pin, and gray is a low friction pin. A standard length pin is two brick lengths long, with a stop in the middle. This prevents a brick from being pushed from one side of the pin to the other. A 1L pin is one brick long and still retains the stop, however it also includes a hollow stud at the other end. A 3L pin is three bricks long, and only contains a stop at one side, allowing two bricks to be pushed onto the other side of the pin. Pins may also have one side which is an axle.

**Technic brick** - a brick which contains one or more holes which accept technic pins.

**Lift-arms** - A lift-arm is a basic structural element, similar to a brick or a plate, but usually without any studs. It is a beam with rounded ends and with holes in it, with the same spacing as the studs on a LEGO brick. lift-arms come in a variety of lengths, including a 1x1 lift-arm which looks like a cylinder. Thick lift-arms are as wide as a LEGO brick, and thin lift-arms are half as wide as a LEGO brick, but not the same thickness as a LEGO plate! The holes in a lift-arm arm may accept axles or pins. They also come in a variety of shapes, including tees, els and triangles.

**Gears** - A gear is a functional element. They are typically discs with teeth on the outside, there are also worm gears which look like a spiraling cylinder! Gears connected by axles transmit or even transform rotational motion!

**Axle and Pin Connectors** - These elements are typically smaller than lift-arms and are used to connect some combination of pins or axles. They might have pins or axles, as well as axle or pin-holes. They have a lot of different angle combinations! The simplest just connects two axles or pins together in a straight line.

**Bushes/Bushings** - LEGO Technic™ uses bushes largely as spacers, but they also can reduce friction between rotating parts, or can form useful elements such as handles. Bushes are typically light gray, generally cylindrical, and have an axle-hole running through the middle. They have a flange at the front and back to make them easier to pull on and off.

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/11204>) 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 3 bags labeled 1 to 3, 2 sets 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.

**Bags 1-2 - Gabby and Aquarium**

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**Bag 3 - Cat Figures and Aquarium**

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**Let's get to building!**

**Building Instructions (Bags 1-2, Book 1):**

## Group 1 - Gabby

6-7. Locate 1 pink mermaid tail with a light blue fin, 1 light tan torso printed with a pink top, 1 light tan head printed with eyes, lips, nose, and eyelashes, 1 light purple hair, 1 pair of pink cat ears, and a transparent pink heart. Assemble your minifigure, make sure the tail faces the right, put the cat ears on her hair, then attach the heart to her hand! Now put her away while we make the aquarium!

## Group 2 - Aquarium

8-9. Place a blue 8x8 plate with 1x4 gaps on the sides in front of you.

10-11. Vertically place a mint blue 2x4 plate on the leftmost column so it is centered vertically and overhangs 1 column to the left. Then repeat symmetrically to the right.

12-13. Vertically place a tan 1x2x2 brick on the back left corner of the 8x8 plate. Then repeat symmetrically to the right.

14-15. Place a tan 2x2x2 slope brick on the 2 rightmost columns, in front of the ppp so it slopes to the right. Then repeat symmetrically to the left.

16-17. Vertically place a tan 1x4 brick on the back left corner. Then repeat symmetrically to the right.

18-19. Place a teal 2x2 tile with a stud on the 3rd and 4th rows from the back so it is centered horizontally.

20-21. Horizontally place a blue 1x2 plate with a stud and an upright clip on the 2 rightmost columns, on the 5th row from the back so the clip is on the left.

22-23. Vertically place a tan 1x2 sloped curved tile on the rightmost column, on top of the ppp so it slopes to the front.

24-25. Horizontally place a tan 1x8x2 arch brick on the back row so it is centered horizontally.

26-27. Horizontally place a tan 1x3x3 half arch brick on the leftmost column, in front of the ppp so it arches to the left. Then repeat symmetrically to the right.

28-29. Horizontally place a tan 1x3x3 half arch brick on the rightmost column, in front of the ppp so it arches to the right. Then repeat symmetrically to the left.

30-31. Horizontally place a tan 1x8x2 arch brick in front of the 2 ppp so it is centered horizontally.

32-33. Horizontally place 2 tan 2x8 plates, 1 in front of the other, on the back 4 rows so together they are centered horizontally.

34-35. Horizontally place a transparent 1x6x5 panel printed with pink coral, seaweed, and a pink seahorse on the top level of the back row so it is centered horizontally and the wall faces the front.

36-39. Stack 2 teal 1x1 bricks to the left of the ppp. Then repeat symmetrically to the right.

### Group 3 - Aquarium

40-41. Horizontally place a teal 1x3 inverted half arch brick on the 3rd to 5th columns from the left of the 2nd row from the back so it slopes to the right. Then repeat symmetrically to the right.

42-43. Horizontally place a teal 1x3x3 half arch brick on the leftmost column of the back row so it arches to the left. Then repeat symmetrically to the right.

44-45. Horizontally place a teal 1x3x3 half arch brick on the 3rd column from the left of the 2nd row from the back so it arches to the right. Then repeat symmetrically to the right.

46-47. Let's make 2 identical parts! Vertically place a mint blue 1x2 plate in front of you. Then vertically place a light blue 1x2 sloped curved brick on top so it slopes to the left.

48-49. Now you should have 2 identical parts! Vertically place 1 on the 3rd column from the left of the back 2 rows so it slopes to the left. Then repeat symmetrically to the right.

50-51. Horizontally place 2 light blue 2x3 plates, 1 to the right of the other, on the back 2 rows so together they are centered horizontally.

52-53. Horizontally place a blue 1x2 tile on the 2nd row from the back so it is centered horizontally. Then horizontally place a blue 1x2 tri-slope tile to the left of the ppp so it slopes to the back. Then repeat symmetrically to the right.

54-55. Place a pink 2x2 round tile with a stud on the back right corner so there is no overhang., Now place another 1 on the 2 rightmost columns of the 2nd and 3rd rows from the back.

56-57. Place a transparent aqua 2x2 dome brick on the 3rd and 4th rows from the back so it is centered horizontally.

58-59. Let's make a part! Let's make coral! Place a pink coral in front of you so the studs face up and the side stud faces the left. This piece is a weird shape and has bars everywhere! Now attach a blue bar holder with a handle to the right-facing bar so the handle is vertical. Then place a yellow 1x1 clam shell on the back left corner so it curves to the left.

60-61. Attach the right-facing handle of your part upright to the top-facing clip that is on the 2nd column from the right of the 3rd row from the front so the studs face the front.

62-63. Let's make 2 identical parts! Place a transparent yellow flower on a pink curved elephant trunk.

64-65. You should have 2 identical parts! Place 1 on the back right corner, on top of the 2x2 round tile with a stud so it curves to the right. Then place the other 1 on the 2x2 round tile that is on the 2 rightmost columns of the 3rd and 4th rows from the back so it curves to the front right.

66-67. Let's make a part! Place a green 2x2 plant in front of you. Then place a yellow 1x1 seahorse on top so it faces the left.

68-69. Place your part on the 2nd column from the right of the back row.

#### Group 4 - Aquarium

70-71. Let's make a part! Place a green 2x2 plant in front of you. Then place a pink coral on top so the 3 side studs face the front, and 1 stud faces up.

72-73. Place your part on the 2nd column from the left of the back row so the 3 side studs face the front.

74-75. Place a lime green 1x1 round plate with 3 leaves on the leftmost column of the 2nd row from the back so the leaves face the left. Then place a yellow 1x1 clam shell to the front right of the ppp so it slopes to the front.

76-77. Place a yellow 1x1 starfish on the 2nd column from the left of the 2nd row from the front. Then repeat symmetrically to the right. Now put your build away while we make the next part!

Building Instructions (Bag 3, Book 2):

#### Group 5 - Cat Figure

4-5. Locate a mint blue mermaid body printed with purple and blue scales, and 1 mint blue cat head printed with eyes, lips, pink cheeks, and a star on her head. Assemble your minifigure then put her away while we make another!

#### Group 6 - Jellyfish Cat Figure

6-7. Place a dark orange 2x2 round flower plate in front of you. Then place a dark orange 2x2 dome with ears printed with 2 black eyes on top so the print faces the front. Now put it away while we make the rest of the aquarium!

#### Group 7 - Aquarium

8-9. Place a blue 8x8 plate with a round side in front of you so the round side faces the left.

10-11. Vertically place a light blue 1x2 grill tile on the leftmost column so it is centered vertically.

12-13. Horizontally place a tan 1x4x2 arch brick to the right of the back row of the ppp.

14-15. Horizontally place 2 light blue 1x4 tiles, 1 in front of the other, in front of the ppp.

16-17. Horizontally place a tan 1x4x2 arch brick in front of the ppp.

18-19. Horizontally place a tan 1x2 inverted half arch brick on the 3rd and 4th columns from the right of the front row so it slopes to the right.

20-21. Place a tan 4x4 plate on the 2 1x4 arch bricks that are on the 2nd to 5th columns from the left.

22-23. Vertically place a mint blue 1x4 plate on the leftmost column of the ppp. Now horizontally place a tan 2x3 brick to the right of the ppp so it is centered vertically to the ppp.

24-25. Place a lime green 1x1 round plate with 3 leaves on the 4th column from the right of the front row so the leaves face the front. Then place another 1 on the 5th column from the right of the 2nd row from the front so the leaves face the front.

26-27. Horizontally place a transparent lime green tunnel on the 3rd and 4th rows from the front of the 4th and 5th columns from the right so the opening faces left and right.

28-29. Vertically place the rightmost column of a light blue slide to the left of the ppp so it slopes and curves to the front.

30-31. Let's make a part! Place a transparent pink 2x2 dome brick in front of you. Then place a purple crown on top of the ppp. Now place a transparent light blue 1x1 cone brick on top.

32-33. Place your part on the front right corner. Now rotate your build 90 degrees clockwise so it is vertical and the slide faces the back.

34-35. Place a yellow octopus with 8 tentacles on the 5th row from the front of the 2nd column from the right.

36-37. Place a yellow 1x1 seahorse on the front left corner of the tunnel so it faces the front.

#### Group 8 - Aquarium

38-39. Put away your build while we make a sub-build! Place a blue 8x8 plate with a round side in front of you so the round side faces the left.

40-41. Vertically place a light blue 1x2 tile on the leftmost column so it is centered vertically.

42-43. Place a black 2x2 tile with an upright pin to the right of the ppp so it is centered vertically.

44-45. Horizontally place a light blue 1x2 tile in front of the ppp. Then repeat symmetrically to the back. Now vertically place 1 to the right of the 2x2 tile with an upright pin so it is centered vertically.

46-47. Place a tan 4x4 round brick on top of the upright pin so it is centered on it and rotates freely.

48-49. Vertically place 2 blue 1x2 plates with a stud and an upright clip, 1 to the right of the other, on the back 2 rows of the ppp so they are centered horizontally on the ppp and the clips are in the back.

50-51. Place the right column of a white 2x2 curved corner plate in front of the left ppp so the curve faces the front left. Then repeat symmetrically to the right.

52-53. Let's make a part! Horizontally place a light blue 2x6 plate in front of you. Then place a transparent light blue 2x2 dome brick on the 2 leftmost columns.

54-55. Horizontally place a mint blue 1x2 sloped curved brick on the back row to the right of the ppp so it slopes to the front. Then horizontally place a pink 1x2 jumper plate in front of the ppp.

56-57. Place a transparent light blue 2x2 dome brick on the 2 rightmost columns.

58-59. Horizontally place a yellow fish on the ppp so the tip faces the left. Then repeat symmetrically to the left.

60-61. Horizontally place your part on the 4 leftmost columns, in front of the 2 clips so 1 column overhangs to the left, and the jumper plate is in the front.

62-63. Rotate your build 180 degrees. Then attach the bar of a transparent blue 4x4 dome windshield to the 2 top-facing clips so it is upright and the round side faces the front.

64-65. Let's make a part! Place a transparent pink 2x2 dome brick in front of you. Then place a purple crown on top of the ppp. Now place a transparent light blue 1x1 cone brick on top.

66-67. Place your part on the front left corner.

68-69. Place a yellow 1x1 clam shell on the 4th column from the right of the 2nd row from the front so it slopes to the front.

70-71. Let's make a part! Horizontally place a magenta 2x4 chest bottom in front of you so the lower lip faces the back and the downward facing bar is in the front. Now place 2 yellow snail shells inside. Then horizontally attach a white 2x4 chest top to the back lip, then close it.

72-74. Now bring back your main build from books 1 and 2 and place it in front of you so the 1x8x2 arch is in the front. Now place your previous sub-build with the 4x4 dome windshield, underneath the leftmost column of the main build so the round side faces the left. Then repeat symmetrically to the right with the sub-build with the slide.

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