

40812 Snowman Ornaments

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Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow! Make wishes of a white Christmas come true with this LEGO® building set, which includes 2 adorable snowman figures. Girls and boys will have lots of fun building the snowman toys and admiring all the cute details, including their charming carrot noses. There's an adult snowman who wears a top hat and holds a gift and a child snowman who wears glasses and a bobble hat and holds a lantern. The snowmen figures also include hanging rings so, once they're complete, they become LEGO Christmas ornaments that kids can hang on the tree or use as part of a festive display.

The packaging gives a very festive vibe. The front of the box depicts the two ornaments, with the adult snowman with a top hat holding a candy cane and a present to the left and the child snowman with glasses holding a lantern to the right. The background has a light tint of blue with white shades of snowflakes. The top left corner is decorated with the iconic red LEGO logo on top of a bright green background which spans through the left side of the box. Speaking of which: the left of the box depicts the adult snowman on top of the bright green background. The back of the box shows again both snowmen, except that on this side, the child snowman is to the left and the adult snowman is to the right. The right side of the box has a warning in several languages that states that the set contains small parts and it is therefore not recommended for children younger than 3 years old. It also has the recycling instructions for the paper/cardboard elements of the set. The top of the box has the title of the set in several languages, as well as an image of the candy cane on a 1:1 scale. The bottom edge is a tidy strip that contains the barcode as well as a few technical bits: the set number, the place of manufacture, copyright and trademark notices.

The build consists of 168 pieces in total and is recommended for ages 6+. Once finished, you will have two fun snowman-shaped ornaments to decorate your Christmas tree. The set consists of 4 bags, 2 for each ornament.

Welcome to text-based instructions from Bricks for the Blind! Before you start building, here are some terms we may 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.
- Left/right wedge parts: these are parts that when placed in front of you and are pointing to the back, their wedge is on the left/right side of the part.

- 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).

Additionally, it is worth mentioning that besides the printed visual instructions that come with each kit, a PDF version for the set's instructions is always available online at [<https://www.lego.com/en-sa/service/building-instructions/40812>]. This might help a sighted building partner that may want to follow along or low vision users that 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 through 4 and 1 instruction booklet. 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.

Book 1, Bag 1 – Adult snowman

Group 1: steps 1 – 7

Group 2: steps 8 – 11

Group 3: steps 12 – 16

Book 1, Bag 2 – Adult snowman

Group 4: steps 17 – 23

Group 5: steps 24 – 28

Group 6: steps 29 – 31

Book 1, Bag 3 – Child snowman

Group 7: steps 1 – 8

Group 8: steps 9 – 15

Book 1, Bag 4 – Child snowman

Group 9: steps 16 – 21

Group 10: steps 22 – 25

Group 11: steps 26 – 28

Group 12: steps 29 – 31

Alright, we are done with sorting. Let's get building!

Building Instructions

Book 1, bag 1:

Group 1 – Adult snowman's hat

1. Locate 1 white 4x12 plate. Place it vertically in front of you. Locate 1 black 2x3 plate. Place it vertically on top of the 2 leftmost columns on the 3 back rows of the ppp.

2. Locate 1 black 2x3 plate. Place it vertically to the right of the ppp.

3. Locate 2 black 1x1 round plates. Take the first one and place it on the leftmost column on the 3rd row from the back. Take the second one and place it symmetrically to the right. Locate 1 black 2x2 plate. Place it on top of the 2 columns in the middle on the 2nd and 3rd row from the back, between the 1x1 round plates.

4. Locate 2 black 1x2 plates with upright pin holes. Take the first one and place it vertically to the back of the leftmost column of the ppp, so that the pin hole overhangs to the back. Take the second one and place it symmetrically to the right.

5. Locate 1 black 1x4 plate. Place it centered horizontally on the 4th row from the back. Its leftmost and rightmost studs should be on top of the 1x1 round plates and there should be no overhang. Locate 1 black 2x2 tile. Place it behind the ppp so it is centered horizontally.

6. Locate 2 black 1x2 slope tiles. Take the first one and place it vertically to the left of the ppp so that it slopes to the left. Take the second one and place it symmetrically to the right.

7. Locate 1 black 1x2 plate. Place it centered horizontally on the 4th row from the back. Locate 2 black 1x2 curved slopes. Take the first one and place it to the left of the ppp, so that it slopes to the left and it overhangs by 1 column to the left. Take the second one and place it symmetrically to the right. The pieces on this step create the brim of the snowman's top hat.

Group 2 – Adult snowman's body

8. Locate 1 white 1x4 brick. Place it centered horizontally on the 5th row from the back.

9. Locate 8 yellow 2x2 plates with 1x2 upright side studs. Take the first 4 and place them one in front of the other to the front of the 2 leftmost columns of the ppp, so that their side studs are facing to the left. Take the remaining 4 and place them symmetrically to the right.

10. Locate 2 dark turquoise 2x4 plates. Place them vertically one in front of the other to the front of the 2 center columns of the 1x4 brick, filling the space between the 2x2 plates with 1x2 upright side studs.

11. Locate 2 white 2x4 plates. Take the first one and place it vertically in front of the 2 leftmost columns of the 1x4 brick. Take the second one and place it symmetrically to the right.

Group 3 – Adult snowman's face and hat decorations

12.1 Let's make a small build that represents the adult snowman's forehead. Locate 1 white 1x4 plate. Place it horizontally in front of you. Locate 1 white 2x2 curved slope tile. Place it on the 2 leftmost columns of the ppp, so that it slopes to the back and its back row overhangs.

12.2 Locate 1 white 2x2 curved slope tile. Place it symmetrically to the right of the ppp.

12.3 The build is complete. Place the adult snowman's forehead centered horizontally on top of the 5th and 6th rows from the back (in front of the top hat's brim), so it slopes to the back.

13.1 Let's make 2 identical small builds. Locate 1 white 1x4 plate. Place it vertically in front of you. Locate 1 white 1x2 tile. Place it centered vertically on top of the ppp.

13.2 Locate 1 white 1x2 curved slope plate. Place it vertically to the back of the ppp, so that it slopes and overhangs by 1 row to the back. Now you have 2 identical builds.

13.3 Take one of the builds and place it horizontally upright on the back 4 left-facing side studs, so it slopes to the back. Take the second one and place it symmetrically on the right side.

14.1 Let's make the build of the adult snowman's face. Locate 1 white 2x4 plate. Place it horizontally in front of you. Locate 1 bright pink 1x1 round tile. Place it on the front left corner of the ppp.

14.2 Locate 1 bright pink 1x1 round tile. Place it on the front right corner of the ppp. Locate 3 white 1x2 jumper plates. Take the first one and place it horizontally to the left of the ppp. This is where the adult snowman's carrot nose will be placed in the future. Take the remaining 2 and place them horizontally, one to the right of the other, on the back row of the face build.

14.3 Locate 2 white 1x1 round tiles with eye with pupil printed pattern. Place them on top of the jumper plates on the back row. Ask a sighted friend to make sure that the eyes are oriented correctly so that the snowman is not cross-eyed.

14.4 The face build is done. Place it centered horizontally on top of the 7th and 8th rows from the back, so the eyes are in the back. It should sit in front of the adult snowman's forehead.

15. Locate 1 reddish brown 1x1 round plate. Place it on the left stud of the hat's brim (on the 4th row from the back). Locate 1 green 1x1 round plate with 3 leaves. Place it to the right of the ppp, so that the leaves are pointing to the right and to the back.

16. Locate 1 red flower with bar. Attach it to the top of the ppp.

Book 1, bag 2:

Group 4 – Adult snowman's scarf and arms

17. Locate 1 white 2x4 plate. Place it horizontally on top of the 2 front rows, so that it is centered. Locate 1 blue 2x4 plate. Place it horizontally to the back of the ppp, so that it is centered.

18. Locate 1 bright light blue 1x4 plate. Place it horizontally to the back of the ppp, so that it is centered. Locate 1 red 1x1 sloped tile. Place it in front of the rightmost column of the ppp, so that it slopes to the back. Locate 1 blue 1x1 sloped tile. Place it to the left of the ppp, so that it slopes to the back. Locate 1 blue 1x2 sloped tile. Place it horizontally to the left of the ppp, so that it slopes to the back.

19. Locate 2 blue 2x2 corner plates. Take the first one and place it in front of the ppp so that it looks like a D in Braille. Take the second one and place it symmetrically to the right.

20. Locate 1 red 1x4 plate. Place it horizontally on top of the 5th row from the front, so that it is centered horizontally. This is the front of the adult snowman's scarf.

21. Locate 2 red 1x2 curved slope bricks with studs. Take the first one and rotate it vertically upright so that its antistuds are facing to the left and it slopes upwards. Place the bottom row of the piece on top of the back right-facing side stud so that it slopes upwards. Take the second one and place it symmetrically on the left side. Locate 2 red 1x1 tiles. Place them on the studs of the ppps. These complete the sides of the adult snowman's scarf.

22.1 Let's make a small build. This will represent the adult snowman's left arm. Locate 1 blue 1x2 plate. Place it vertically in front of you. Locate 1 blue 1x2 curved slope brick with stud. Place it horizontally on the front row of the ppp, so that it slopes and overhangs by 1 column to the left.

22.2 Locate 1 blue 1x2 curved slope tile. Place it vertically on the rightmost column of the arm build, so that it slopes to the back and it has no overhang. This will be the adult snowman's left shoulder.

22.3 Rotate the arm build upright so that its antistuds face to the left and the shoulder faces to the back. Attach its bottom studs on the 2 back right-facing side studs, so the short curved slope brick is the front and slopes upwards.

23.1 Let's create another small build. This will represent the adult snowman's right arm. Locate 1 blue 1x2 plate. Place it vertically in front of you. Locate 1 blue 1x2 curved slope brick with stud. Place it horizontally on the front row of the ppp, so that it slopes and overhangs to the right by 1 column.

23.2 Locate 1 blue 1x2 curved slope tile. Place it vertically on the leftmost column of the arm build, so that it slopes to the back and it has no overhang. This will be the adult snowman's right shoulder.

23.3 Rotate the arm build upright so that its antistuds face to the right and the shoulder faces to the back. Attach its bottom studs to the 2 back left-facing side studs, so the short curved slope brick is in the front and it slopes upwards.

Group 5 – Adult snowman's present and body

24. Locate 1 white 1x1 plate. Place it to the right of the overhang of the ppp. Locate 1 green 2x2 plate. Place it so that its back row is to the right of the ppp. Locate 1 white 1x1 tile with rounded side. Place it to the right of the back row of the ppp, so that its flat edge faces to the right.

25. Locate 1 lime 1x2 jumper plate. Place it horizontally to the left of the ppp. Locate 1 white 1x1 tile with upright clip. Place it to the left of the ppp, so that the clip hands face to the left and to the right. This will be the adult snowman's right hand. Locate 1 lime green 1x2 tile. Place it centered horizontally in front of the 1x2 jumper plate. The lime green pieces represent the present that the adult snowman is holding.

26. Locate 2 white 1x1 curved slope bricks. Place them to the left and right of the ppp, so that their curved edges face to the back.

27. Locate 2 white 1x2 curved slope bricks. Place them horizontally on the front row, so that their curved edges face to the front.

28.1 Let's make 2 identical builds. Locate 1 white 1x2 plate. Place it vertically in front of you. Locate 1 white 1x1 curved brick. Place it on top of the back stud of the ppp, so that its curved edge faces to the back.

28.2 Locate 1 white 1x1 curved brick. Place it in front of the ppp, so that its curved edge faces to the front. Now you have 2 identical builds.

28.3 Take the first build and rotate it horizontally upright so that its antistuds are facing to the left. Place it on the right-facing side studs. Take the second one and place it symmetrically on the left side.

Group 6 – Adult snowman's details

29. Locate 1 pearl gold 1x1 round tile with upright bar and hole. Place it on top of the 3rd row from the front, on top of the jumper plate of the adult snowman's present. Locate 1 lavender ribbon with micro pin. Place it on top of the ppp.

30. Locate 1 candy cane. Attach it to the clip to the left of the present's ribbon, on the 3rd row from the front. Locate 1 orange 1x1 cone brick. This will be the adult snowman's carrot nose. Place it on top of the free jumper plate on the adult snowman's face, behind its scarf, on the 6th row from the front.

31. Finally, locate 1 black tag ring. Thread it through the pin holes on the adult snowman's top hat. Afterwards, you can close the ring by attaching its open ends together. We are finished with the adult snowman!

Book 1, bag 3:

Group 7 – Child snowman's body

1. Locate 1 white 4x8 plate. Place it vertically in front of you. Locate 1 white 1x4 brick. Place it horizontally on the front row of the ppp, so that it is centered.

2. Locate 2 green 2x2 plates with 1x2 upright side studs. Take the first one and place it behind the 2 leftmost columns of the ppp, so that its side studs face to the left. Take the second one and place it symmetrically to the right.

3. Locate 6 green 2x2 plates with 1x2 upright side studs. Take the first 3 and place one behind the other behind the ppp, so that their side studs face to the right. The last plate should overhang by 1 row to the back. Take the last 3 and place them symmetrically to the left.

4. Locate 2 medium azure 2x4 plates. Place them vertically one after the other behind the 2 center columns of the 1x4 brick, filling the space between the 2x2 plates with 1x2 upright side studs.

5. Locate 1 dark blue 2x4 plate. Place it horizontally under the back overhang, so that it is centered horizontally and its back row is exposed.

6. Locate 2 black 1x1 round plates. Take the first one and place it on the leftmost stud of the back row. Take the second one and place it symmetrically to the right.

7. Locate 2 black 1x2 plates with upright pin hole. Take the first one and place it vertically to the left of the ppp, so that the pin hole overhangs to the back. Take the second one and place it symmetrically to the left.

8. Locate 1 dark blue 1x4 plate. Place it horizontally on top of the 2nd row from the back, so that it is centered horizontally. There should be no overhang.

Group 8 – Child snowman's body and bobble hat

9. Locate 1 dark blue 2x4 plate. Place it horizontally on the 2nd and 3rd rows from the back, so that it is centered horizontally. Locate 1 dark blue 2x2 wedge plate with cut corner. Place it on top of the 2 rightmost columns of the ppp, so that the cut corner faces to the right and to the back (and thus the angled part faces to the left and to the front).

10. Locate 1 dark blue 1x4 plate. Place it horizontally on top of the 4th row from the back, so that it is centered.

11. Locate 2 white 2x6 plates. Place them vertically, one to the right of the other, in front of the ppp so together they are centered horizontally.

12. Let's make 2 identical small builds. Locate 1 dark blue 1x2 plate. Place it vertically in front of you. Locate 1 dark blue 1x2 curved slope tile. Place it vertically to the back of the ppp, so that it slopes and overhangs by 1 row to the back. Repeat this to have 2 identical builds. Place the first one horizontally upright on the 2 back columns of the left-facing side studs, so it slopes to the back. Take the second one and place it symmetrically on the right side.

13. Locate 2 white 1x2 tiles. Rotate them horizontally upright and place them on top of the side studs on the left and right sides, in front of the builds of the previous step. Locate 2 white 1x1 half-cylinder bricks. Rotate them upright so that their flat faces are facing upwards and downwards. Place them on top of the sides studs on the left and right sides, in front of the ppps, so that they slope to the front and back.

14.1 Let's make a build for the child snowman's bobble hat's brim. Locate 1 dark blue 1x4 plate. Place it horizontally in front of you. Locate 1 green 1x1 tile. Place it on the leftmost column of the ppp.

14.2 Locate 1 green 1x1 tile. Place it on the 2nd column from the right of the 1x4 plate. Locate 2 red 1x1 tiles. Place them on top of the remaining free studs of the 1x4 plate.

14.3 Place the brim build centered horizontally on top of the 4th row from the back.

15. Locate 1 green 1x2 curved slope brick with stud. Rotate it vertically upright so that its antistuds are facing to the left and it slopes upwards. Place it so that the bottom row connects to the back side stud on the right side. Locate 1 red 1x1 tile. Place it on top of the stud of the ppp.

Group 9 – Child snowman's bobble hat and face

16. Locate 1 red 1x2 curved slope brick with stud. Rotate it vertically upright so that its antistuds are facing to the right and it slopes upwards. Place it so that the bottom row connects to the back side stud on the left side. Locate 1 green 1x1 tile. Place it on top of the stud of the ppp.

17. Locate 1 dark blue 2x4 right wedge. Rotate it horizontally so that it points to the left. Place it horizontally on the 2 leftmost columns on the 2nd and 3rd rows from the back, to the left of the 2x2 wedge plate with cut corner. It should overhang by 2 columns to the left. Locate 1 tan 1x1 round tile. Place it on the leftmost stud of the ppp.

18. Locate 2 white 1x2 slope tiles. Take the first one and place it horizontally on the 2 rightmost columns on the 5th row from the back, to the front of the bobble hat's brim, so that it slopes to the back. Take the second one and place it symmetrically to the left.

19. Locate 2 white 2x2 corner plates. Take the first and place it in front of the ppp, so that it looks like a D in Braille. Take the second one and place it symmetrically to the right.

20. Locate 2 bright pink 1x1 round tiles. Take the first one and place it on the rightmost column on the 5th row from the front, so that it is surrounded by the ppp. Take the second one and place it symmetrically on the left side. These are the child snowman's cheeks. Locate 2 white 1x1 round tiles with a partially closed eye print. Place them on the leftmost and rightmost columns of the 5th row from the back. Ask a sighted friend to make sure that the eyes are oriented correctly so that the snowman is not cross-eyed.

21. Locate 2 black 1x1 tiles with upright clips. Place them between the eyes of the snowman, so that their clips' hands are facing to the left and right. These are the bridge of the child snowman's glasses. Locate 1 white 1x2 jumper plate. Place it centered horizontally in front of the ppps. This is where the child snowman's carrot nose will be placed in the future.

Book 1, bag 4:

Group 10 – Child snowman's body

22. Locate 1 green 1x4 plate. Place it centered horizontally in front of the ppp. Locate 1 white 2x4 plate. Place it centered horizontally in front of the ppp.

23. Locate 1 white 1x4 plate. Place it centered horizontally on the front row of the ppp. Locate 1 green 1x4 plate. Place it centered horizontally on the 4th row from the front, on top of the other 1x4 green plate.

24. Locate 1 green 1x2 curved slope tile. Place it vertically on the rightmost column to the front of the ppp, so that it slopes to the back. Locate 1 white 1x2 curved slope tile. Place it vertically to the left of the ppp, so that it slopes to the back. Locate 1 white 2x2 curved slope tile. Place it to the left of the ppp, so that it slopes to the back.

25. Locate 2 white 1x2 curved slope bricks. Take the first one and place it in front of the ppp, so that its curve faces to the front. Take the second one and place it symmetrically to the right.

Group 11 – Child snowman's arms and glasses

26.1 Let's create a small build. This will represent the child snowman's left arm. Locate 1 white 1x4 plate. Place it vertically in front of you. Locate 1 green 1x2 curved slope brick with stud. Place it horizontally on the back row of the ppp, so that it slopes and overhangs to the left by 1 column.

26.2 Locate 1 white 1x2 plate with vertical clip on short edge. Place it horizontally to the front of the ppp, so that it overhangs by 1 column to the left. The clip hands should face to the front and back.

26.3 Locate 1 white 1x2 tile. Place it vertically on the rightmost column, on the 2 back rows. There should be no overhang.

26.4 Locate 2 white 1x1 curved slope bricks. Take the first one and place it in front of the ppp, so that it slopes to the back. Take the second one and place it symmetrically to the front.

26.5 Rotate the build horizontally upright, so that its antistuds are facing to the left and the clip is facing upwards. Place it on the 3 right-facing side studs, so the 1x2 curved slope brick with stud is in the back and the clip faces upwards. The front should be even with the front of the build.

27. Locate 2 black hoops. Attach each of them to the clips of the glasses' bridge, on the 6th row from the back. Make sure that they are attached to the clips by their thick part. The glasses are now complete!

28.1 Let's create a small build. This will represent the child snowman's right arm. Locate 1 white 1x4 plate. Place it vertically in front of you. Locate 1 green 1x2 curved slope brick with stud. Place it horizontally on the back row of the ppp, so that it slopes and overhangs to the right by 1 column.

28.2 Locate 1 white 1x2 plate with vertical clip on short edge. Place it horizontally to the front of the ppp, so that it overhangs by 1 column to the right. The clip hands should face to the front and back.

28.3 Locate 1 white 1x2 tile. Place it vertically on the leftmost column, on the 2 back rows. There should be no overhang.

28.4 Locate 2 white 1x1 curved slope bricks. Take the first one and place it in front of the ppp, so that it slopes to the back. Take the second one and place it symmetrically to the front.

28.5 Rotate the build horizontally upright, so that its antistuds are facing to the right and the clip is facing upwards. Attach it to the 3 left-facing side studs, so the 1x2 curved slope brick with stud is in the back and the clip faces upwards. The front should be even with the front of the build.

Group 12 – Child snowman's details

29. Locate 1 pearl dark gray lantern. Then, locate 1 transparent yellow 1x1 round brick and insert it into the lantern. Attach the handle of the lantern to the clip of the child snowman's right hand.

30. Locate 1 orange 1x1 cone brick. This will be the child snowman's carrot nose. Place it on top of the free jumper plate on its face, behind its scarf, on the 5th row from the front.

31. Finally, locate 1 black tag ring. Thread it through the pin holes on the child snowman's bobble hat. Afterwards, you can close the ring by attaching its open ends together.

We are done with the construction! Use your ornaments to decorate your Christmas tree, wreath or any place at your home that needs some holiday spirit.

At the end of the instruction booklet, you will find the set inventory. On the last page you will find an invitation to share feedback. There are no ads for other sets.

Congratulations on finishing building "Snowman Ornaments"! Thank you so much for building this set.

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