

21251 Steve's Desert Expedition

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This LEGO® Minecraft® toy for players aged 6+ is the first building toy for kids located in the Minecraft desert biome. Steve's Desert Expedition (21251) challenges kids to build a Minecraft house in a hostile environment, then defend it against attack from the flying Phantom.

This reconfigurable role-play gift for boys and girls 6 years old and up features 3 LEGO Minecraft figures, including Steve, plus a Minecraft hut in the desert biome. The set includes iconic Minecraft elements, such as a crafting table, campfire, and various pieces of desert scenery. A great gift for any fan of Minecraft, the set inspires creative adventures and battle action when a flying Phantom with movable wings swoops down to attack the base. The toy also features an updated facial expression for Steve and the first appearance of a Baby Camel in a LEGO Minecraft set. This gift idea for kids and gamers is compatible with other LEGO Minecraft playsets (sold separately).

LEGO® Minecraft® desert playset for kids – The first LEGO Minecraft toy set in the desert biome challenges boys and girls aged 6+ to build a Minecraft house, then defend it against the flying Phantom.

Building toy with Minecraft® figures – Includes a minifigure of the popular Minecraft character Steve, a Baby Camel figure (for the first time!), and a flying Phantom figure with movable wings.

Minecraft® desert construction toy for kids – Features familiar Minecraft elements, including a crafting table, shelter, campfire, enchanted axe, Baby Camel, and a small cactus toy.

Minecraft® gift for gamers – The 75-piece set measures over 2 in. (5 cm) high, 3 in. (8 cm) wide and 3 in. (8 cm) deep.

The front of the box shows the desert camp in the back equipped with a tent and fireplace. Steve is petting a baby camel but doesn't notice the Phantom swooping down right behind him! Luckily, he has an axe in his hand to fight it off!

The back of the box shows the phantom swooping down to attack Steve, but he has his axe up in the air ready to swing at it! There are 3 smaller pictures that show that there is a cactus in the desert camp, the phantom can be propped up on a clear bar so it looks like it's flying, and Steve can rest in the camp!

The top of the box shows Steve, the baby camel, and the phantom.

The build is 75 pieces in total and is for ages 6+.

Bag 1 includes the pieces for the minifigure, baby camel, phantom, and desert.

Welcome to Text-Based Building Instructions from Bricks for the Blind. Here is some helpful information on how to best use screen readers and browsers: bricksfortheblind.org/help-with-screen-readers. Before you start building, here are some terms we will 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/21251>) 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 1 bag labeled 1 and 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 - Steve, Baby Camel, Phantom, and the Desert

Group 1 - Page 5

Group 2 - Steps 1-9.

Group 3 - Steps 1 -7.

Group 4 - Steps 1 - 8.

Group 5 - Steps 9 - 10 and 2 green 2x4 plates from step 11.

Group 6 - Rest of step 11.

Let's get to building!

Building Instructions (Bag 1, Book 1):

Group 1 - Steve Minifigure

Sub-build 1. Let's build Steve! Locate 1 purple pair of legs, 1 torso printed with a blue v-neck long sleeve, 1 cube-shaped head printed with dark brown hair and light blue face paint across his eyes, and 1 purple axe. Assemble your minifigure and put the enchanted axe in his hand!

Group 2 - Baby Camel

Step 1

Locate 1 tan 2x3 plate and horizontally place it in front of you.

Step 2

Locate 2 tan 1x2 bricks with a groove. Vertically place them underneath the leftmost and rightmost columns of the plate so the grooves face outwards.

Step 3

Locate 1 dark tan 2x2 tile with a stud. Place it on top of the 2x3 plate on the right end so there is no overhang.

Step 4

Locate 1 tan 1x2 plate connected to a baby camel's long neck and head. Vertically place the plate to the left of the previously placed tile so the neck is to the left.

Step 5

Locate 1 tan 2x3 plate. Horizontally place it on the 1x2 plate and 2x2 tile so there is no overhang.

Step 6

Locate 2 tan 1x2 tiles with a stud and 1 tan 1x2 tile. Vertically place the 1x2 tile on the rightmost column. Then vertically place the tiles with a stud to the left.

Step 7

Locate 1 tan 1x2 plate and 1 tan 1x2 tile. Horizontally place the plate on the 2 studs of the previously placed tiles. Then horizontally place the tile on top of the plate.

Step 8

Locate 1 tan 1x1 plate and 1 tan 1x1 tile printed with eyes, nose, and mouth on it. Place the plate upright on the left-facing side stud of the baby camel head. Then place the tile upright on the plate so the face is oriented correctly! Ask a sighted person to check! Put your baby camel aside while we build the phantom!

Group 3 - Phantom

Step 1

Locate 1 black 1x2 plate with a bar and vertically place it in front of you so the bar is to the left.

Step 2

Locate 2 light grey 1x3 plates with a smooth underside and a hole. Horizontally place the leftmost stud of them underneath the previously placed plate.

Step 3

Locate 1 dark grey 1x2 plate with a ball and socket and 1 black 1x2 plate with a bar. Vertically place the plate with a bar on the rightmost column so the bar is to the right. Then vertically place the plate with a ball in between the 2 plates with bars so the ball is facing the back.

Step 4

Locate 2 dark blue 2x3 tiles with clips and 1 dark blue 2x3 tile. Horizontally attach the tiles with clips on the bars on the leftmost and rightmost sides. Then horizontally place the tile on the 2x3 set of studs.

Step 5

Let's make the phantom's face! Locate 1 dark grey 1x2 plate with a ball, 1 black 1x2 plate with 2 side studs, and 1 dark blue 1x2 tile with light green and white eyes. Place the plate with a ball horizontally in front of you so the ball faces the back. Then horizontally place the 1x2 plate on top so the side studs face the front. Next, horizontally place the tile upright on the 2 front-facing side studs. Ask a sighted person to make sure it is oriented correctly! Now horizontally attach the ball to the socket on the front of your build.

Step 6

Locate 1 light grey 1x2 plate with a socket and 1 dark blue 1x2 tile. Place the tile on top of the plate so there is no overhang. Then vertically attach the socket to the ball on the back of the build!

Step 7

Locate 1 transparent long bar that connects to a stud and 1 transparent 3x3 dish with a stud. On the phantom's smooth underside, there is a hole. Insert the bar into this hole so the phantom is flying! Then, connect the bar's anti-stud to the stud of the 3x3 dish, so the phantom is flying!"

Group 4 - Desert Camp

Step 1

Locate 1 tan 6x8 plate and 2 dark tan 2x2 tiles with a stud. Place the plate horizontally in front of you. Place 1 tile in the back right corner of the plate. Leave 2 columns free to the left, then place another one so it sits on the back 2 rows.

Step 2

Locate 1 dark tan 2x2 tile with a stud and 1 tan 2x4 tile with 2 studs. Vertically place the 2x4 tile in the front right corner so it overhangs 2 rows to the front. Leave 2 columns free to the left, then place a 2x2 tile so it sits on the front 2 rows.

Step 3

Locate 4 black 1x1 round plates and 2 brown 1x1 bricks. Place 1 plate underneath and 1 plate on top of a brick. Repeat to make 2 identical parts. Now place them on the 2 dark tan 2x2 tiles on the back row.

Step 4

Locate 2 black 1x1 round plates, 2 brown 1x1 bricks, and 2 tall brown 1x1 bricks. Place 1 plate underneath a brick, then 1 tall brick on top of the brick. Repeat to get 2 identical parts. Now place 1 on the dark tan 2x2 tile on the front row. Then place another on the back stud of the 2x4 tile.

Step 5

Let's build the tent! Locate 2 white 2x6 plates, 1 white 4x6 plate, and 2 white 1x6 bricks. Place a 2x6 plate vertically in front of you. Vertically place a 1x6 brick on the right column of the plate. Then vertically place a 2x6 plate on top of the brick so it overhangs 1 column to the right. Vertically place a 1x6 brick on the right column of the plate. Then vertically place the 4x6 plate on top of the brick so it overhangs 3 columns to the right. Now horizontally place the tent onto the brown bricks so the front bricks connect to the leftmost and second from rightmost anti-studs underneath the 4x6 plate's front row.

Step 6

Locate 1 tan 4x8 plate and 1 tan 2x4 brick. Horizontally place the plate underneath the overhang in the front of the build so the 2 rightmost columns of the 4x8 plate are free. Now vertically place the 2x4 brick on the 2 rightmost columns of the 4x8 plate.

Step 7

Locate 1 dark tan 2x2 tile with a stud and 1 transparent blue 2x2 slope brick. Place the 2x2 tile on the front 2 rows of the previous piece. Then place the slope brick to the left so it slopes to the left.

Step 8

Locate 1 light brown dead bush. This is a round plate with a bunch of sticks sticking out from it. Place it on the stud of the 2x2 tile from the previous step.

Group 5 - Desert Camp

Step 9.1

Let's build a fireplace! Locate 1 black 2x2 round plate and place it in front of you.

Step 9.2

Locate 2 nougat 1x2 tiles with a stud. Vertically place them on top of the round plate so there is no overhang.

Step 9.3

Locate 1 white 1x2 rounded plate. Horizontally place it on top of the previously placed tiles.

Step 9.4

Locate 1 yellow and orange candle fire and 1 yellow and orange flame. The flame is much bigger than the candle! Insert the candle fire into the left stud. Then insert the flame into the right stud.

Step 9.5

Now place the fireplace on top of the 4x8 plate in the front left corner so there is no overhang.

Step 10.1

Let's make a crafting table! Locate 1 black 2x2 round plate and place it in front of you.

Step 10.2

Locate 2 nougat 1x2 bricks with 2 horizontal light brown lines and 1 vertical brown line down the center. Vertically place them on top of the round plate so the print faces outwards. Ask a sighted person to make sure it is oriented correctly!

Step 10.3

Locate 1 nougat tile with a print of a crafting table! It is a 3x3 grid with tan squares in the corners! Place it on top of the bricks.

Step 10.4

Now place the crafting table behind the transparent blue 2x2 slope brick that is on the front row.

Step 11.1

Let's make a cactus! Locate 1 green 2x4 plate and horizontally place it in front of you.

You will have an extra green 2x4 plate, save it for later.

Group 6 - Desert

Step 11.2

Locate 1 dark green 2x4 plate and horizontally place it on top of the plate so it is not overhanging.

Step 11.3

Locate 1 green 2x3 plate and 1 green 1x2 plate with a 2x2 underside attached upright. Horizontally place the 2x3 plate on the left 3 columns. Then vertically place the plate to the right so the underside faces the right.

Step 11.4

Locate 1 dark green 2x4 plate and horizontally place it on top of the plates.

Step 11.5

Locate 1 green 2x4 plate from group 5 and horizontally place it on top.

Step 11.6

Now place the cactus using the 2x2 underside on the back right corner of the build so the 2x4 plate faces the front.

Congratulations you finished the Steve's Desert Expedition set!

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21257 The Devourer Showdown

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