42640 Guinea Pig Playground

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Here's a pretend-play building kit for girls, boys and animal-lovers aged 5 and up who would love to create their own guinea pig adventures. The LEGO® Friends Guinea Pig Playground (42640) comes with 2 LEGO Friends mini dolls and 2 guinea pig figures for hours of role-play fun.

This animal playset comes with everything a responsible pet owner needs, with areas for play, feeding, grooming and nap time. Take the guinea pigs for a ride down the slide or spin them on the merry-go-round. Then, when it's time for a rest, help the pets settle into the sleeping area. The set comes with accessories, including a brush, sunflower seeds, leaves and a yarn ball, and makes a fun gift for the little animal-lover in your life.

Pretend-play for animal-lovers – This Guinea Pig Playground toy for girls, boys and animal fans aged 5 years old and up comes with 2 minidolls, 2 guinea pig figures and accessories for role play.

Playground with slide and merry-go-round – Playtimes are packed with fun as the guinea pigs ride down the slide and spin on the merry-go-round before visiting the feeding and grooming areas.

2 minidolls and 2 guinea pig figures – There is lots of opportunity for creativity with this social-emotional toy as kids tell the story of Aliya and Matilde, who bond over their love of guinea pigs.

Animal toy accessories – This LEGO® set comes with a brush, sunflower seeds, leaves and a yarn ball accessory, making it a fun set for kids who enjoy caring for pets.

A guinea pig gift for kids – This guinea pig playset makes a fun gift for kids who love animals and creative storytelling.

Measurements – 86-piece set with a main model measuring over 3.5 in. (8 cm) high, 4.5 in. (12 cm) wide and 3.5 in. (9 cm) deep.

The front of the box shows a guinea pig playground equipped with tunnels, a slide, tree, grass, merry go around, and ramp!

The back of the box shows 2 minifigures playing with the guinea pigs! There are smaller pictures that show the guinea pigs going down the slide, on the merry go around, and sleeping!

The top of the box shows a real size image of Aliya!

The build is 86 pieces in total and is for ages 5+.

2 bags labeled 1 include the pieces for Aliya, Matilde, 2 guinea pigs, merry-go-around, and the playground!

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/42640) 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 2 bags labeled 1, 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 - Aliya, Matilde, Guinea Pigs, Merry-go-around, and Playground
Group 1 - Pages 6-7.
Group 2 - Page 8.
Group 3 - Steps 1-2.
Group 4 - Steps 1-9 and 1 green 1x1 round flower plate from Step 10.
Group 5 - Rest of Step 10, Steps 11-21, and 1 light purple 1x1 round flower plate from Step 22.
Group 6 - Rest of Step 22, Steps 23-34, and 1 green 1x1 round flower plate from Step 35.
Group 7 - Rest of Step 35.

Let’s get to building!

Building Instructions (Bag 1, Book 1):

Group 1 - Aliya

Sub-build 1. Locate 1 light blue pair of legs printed with tan and pink shoes, 1 brown torso printed with a pink top with white dots and a light blue belt, 1 brown head printed with dark red lips and brown eyes, and 1 dark brown hair. Assemble your minifigure then put her away while we make another!

Group 2 - Matilde and Guinea Pigs

Sub-build 2. Locate 1 tan pair of legs printed with a red skirt and brown slippers, 1 tan torso printed with a white top with cherries, 1 tan head printed with red lips and light blue eyes, 1 blonde hair, and 1 light blue hairbrush. Assemble your minifigure then attach the hairbrush to her hand!

Sub-build 3. Locate a white and brown guinea pig named Ruby and a black and white guinea pig named Lucky and put them in front of you. Then place 2 tan 1x1 round tiles printed with sunflower seeds in front of them! Now put everything away so we can make the merry-go-around!

Group 3 - Merry-go-around

Step 1

Place a lime green 6x6 round plate in front of you. Then place a white 2x2 tile with a round center ridge on top so it is centered.

Step 2.1

Let’s make a part! Place a light blue 4x4 round plate in front of you. Then place a yellow 2x2 dome brick on top so it is centered. Now place a light purple 1x1 round flower plate on top.

Step 2.2

Vertically place a white 1x2 jumper plate with a rounded side on the leftmost column so it is centered vertically and the rounded side faces the left. Then repeat symmetrically to the right.

Step 2.3

This is the part of the merry-go-around that spins! Place your part on top of the 2x2 tile with a round center ridge so it is centered! Now put it away so we can make the playground!

Group 4 - Playground

Step 1

Vertically place a lime green 6x8 plate in front of you.

Step 2

Horizontally place a light brown 1x2 grill tile in the back right corner. Then place a yellow 1x1 brick to the left.

Step 3

Horizontally place a yellow 2x4 tile with 2 studs on the back 2 rows to the left of the ppp so it overhangs 1 column to the left.

Step 4

Place a lime green 8x8 plate with a rounded side underneath the overhang so the rounded side faces the left and the front row is aligned with the front row of the 6x8 plate.

Step 5

Place a yellow 1x1 brick on the back row to the left of the 2x4 tile with 2 studs.

Step 6

Vertically place a yellow 1x2 brick in front of the ppp. Then horizontally place a white 1x4 half cylinder brick to the right of the front row of it.

Step 7

Vertically place a tan 1x2 plate with 2 side studs hanging down on top of the previous 1x2 brick so the side studs face the left.

Step 8

Horizontally place a yellow 1x2 brick in front of the previous 1x2 brick and 1x4 half cylinder brick.

Step 9

Place a light brown 2x2 tile with a rounded side to the right of the ppp so the rounded side faces the front. Then horizontally place a yellow 1x2 brick to the right of the back row of the ppp.

Step 10.1

Place a green 1x1 round flower plate on the back row of the 1x2 plate with 2 side studs hanging down.

Group 5 - Playground

Step 10.2

Place a light purple 1x1 round flower plate in front of the ppp.

Step 11

Horizontally place a light brown 1x2 grill tile upright on the left-facing side studs.

Step 12

Vertically place a pink 1x4x2 arch brick on the back 4 rows on the 3rd column from the right. Horizontally place another 1 to the left of the front row of the ppp. Now vertically place 1 more on the back 4 rows to the left.

Step 13

Horizontally place a yellow 1x2 plate on the 4th row from the front on the 3rd and 4th columns from the right.

Step 14

Vertically place a light brown 1x2 grill tile on the rightmost column on the 2nd and 3rd rows from the front. Then horizontally place a light purple 2x3 tile to the left.

Step 15

Horizontally place a yellow 1x2 plate on the front row on the 3rd and 4th columns from the right.

Step 16

Horizontally place a light purple 2x3 tile to the left of the previous 2x3 tile. Then place a light purple 1x2 curved tile on the front 2 rows to the left so the curve faces the back left. Then place a light purple 1x3 curved tile on the front 3 rows behind it so the curve faces the back left.

Step 17

Vertically place 2 pink 1x4x2 arch bricks, 1 to the right of the other, on the front 4 rows on the 3rd and 4th columns from the right.

Step 18

Horizontally place a light blue 1x2 plate with a bar on the long side on the front row of the 2 ppp so the bar faces the front. Then vertically place a light blue 2x3 plate behind it.

Step 19.1

Let’s make a part! Let’s make a ladder so the guinea pigs can climb up! Horizontally place a light purple 2x4 plate in front of you. Then vertically place a light brown 1x2 grill tile on the rightmost column. Then horizontally place a yellow 2x3 tile with 2 clips on the short side to the left so the clips face the left.

Step 19.2

Vertically attach the clips of your part to the front-facing bar and bend it down so the tile side faces the front!

Step 20

Horizontally place a light blue 4x6 plate on the back 4 rows on top of the 3 arch bricks so all the studs of the arch bricks are covered!

Step 21

Vertically place a yellow 1x2 brick on the back right corner of the ppp.

Step 22.1

Place a light purple 1x1 round flower plate in front of the ppp.

Group 6 - Playground

Step 22.2

Place a green 1x1 round flower plate on top of the ppp.

Step 23

Vertically place the plate part of a yellow 1x1 sloped curved brick with a 1x1 plate part on top of the ppp so it slopes to the front. Then horizontally place a yellow 1x2 plate on the back row of the 4x6 plate to the left of the 1x2 brick.

Step 24

Place a green 1x1 plate with 3 leaves on the right stud of the ppp so the leaves face the front left.

Step 25

Place a light brown 2x2 box on the back left corner of the 4x6 plate. Then vertically place a yellow 1x2 brick to the right.

Step 26

Horizontally place a yellow 2x3 tile with 2 clips on the short side in front of the 2 ppp so the clips face the left.

Step 27.1

Let’s make a part! Let’s make a slide! Horizontally place a light purple 2x6 slide in front of you. Then horizontally place 2 yellow 1x2 plates with a bar on the short side, 1 in front of the other, underneath the 2 rightmost columns so the bars face the right.

Step 27.2

Attach the bars of your slide to the left-facing clips, then bend the left side down so the guinea pigs can slide down!

Step 28

Place a white 1x1 cone brick on the front row to the left of the 1x3 curved tile. Then place a light yellow yarn ball on the front left corner. It should sit on the outer stud to the left of the ppp.

Step 29

Place a red 1x1 brick with a side stud and a lip on top of the previous 1x1 cone brick so the side stud faces the back. Then place a red 1x1 half cylinder brick on top so it slopes to the left and right.

Step 30

Horizontally place a pink 1x4x2 arch brick on the back row to the right of the 2x2 box. Then horizontally place another 1 in front.

Step 31

Place a light blue 2x2 corner slope brick on the 2 leftmost columns of the 2 ppp so it slopes to the front left. Then repeat symmetrically to the right.

Step 32.1

Let’s make a part! Let’s make a water dispenser! Place a light grey 1x1 round plate with a bar in front of you so the bar faces the left. Then place a transparent light blue 1x1 round brick on top. Now place a white 1x1 round tile on top.

Step 32.2

Place your part on top of the 1x1 sloped curved brick with a 1x1 plate part that is in front of the arch bricks that are on the back row so the bar faces the left.

Step 33

Let’s make a tree! Place a brown 2x2x8 curved tree stump with a pin hole on the 2 rightmost columns behind the 1x2 grill tile and 2x3 tile so the hole faces the front.

Step 34

Insert a blue 2L pin axle into the hole of the ppp so the axle faces the front.

You will have an extra green 1x1 round flower plate! Save it for later!

Group 7 - Playground

Step 35.1

Let’s make a part! Let’s make the leaves for the tree! Place a brown 2x2 round brick in front of you. Then place a green 2x2 round plate on top.

Step 35.2

Place a light purple 1x1 round flower plate on the back left corner. Then place a green 1x1 round flower plate from group 6 on the front right corner.

Step 35.3

Vertically place a green 1x2 rounded plate with leaves on the front left corner so the leaves and 1 stud overhang to the front. Then repeat symmetrically on the back right corner.

Step 35.4

Place a green 2x2 round plate on top so it is centered vertically. Then insert the bar of a red apple into the front stud of the leaf plate that is in front of the ppp so the apple faces the front.

Step 35.5

Vertically attach your part to the axle that is on the tree stump so the leaves face up and down.

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