76460 Hogwarts Castle Sorting Hat Ceremony

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Relive the Sorting Hat™ ceremony at Hogwarts™ Castle from Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone™ with this LEGO® Harry Potter™ building set (76460) for kids. A fun Harry Potter gift toy for boys, girls and any fans ages 7 and up, it features 4 LEGO Harry Potter minifigures: Professor McGonagall™, Harry Potter, Hermione Granger™ and Draco Malfoy™. Place the Sorting Hat on each student and spin the 'sorting wheel' to discover which Hogwarts house they will join. A dinner table and house points counter add to the play possibilities. This kids' adventure kit pays tribute to the first-ever LEGO Harry Potter set (4701), released in 2001, and features one in a series of 25th anniversary collectible Patronuses: Professor McGonagall's Cat Patronus™. This set fits inside Hogwarts Castle: The Great Hall (76435), another in the collection of modular building toys (all sold separately), which together create the most detailed LEGO brick-built Hogwarts Castle scene to date.

The packaging gives a magic feeling, as if a scene was taken directly from Hogwarts. The front of the box shows all the builds of the set arranged in a scene. To the left, Prof. McGonagall is standing next to a small table and to the left of the sorting wheel. In the middle, Harry Potter is trying on the Sorting Hat, with Hermione to his right. On the right side, there is a small dinner table with tasty food on top of it, with Draco Malfoy standing behind it. On the back, we can see the house point counter. The background resembles Hogwarts Great Hall, with a big wooden door to the left and 3 tall windows on the right, letting some light come in. On the top left corner, we have the classic red LEGO logo, as well as the Harry Potter logo to its right. On the bottom, there is a golden stripe featuring all the characters contained in the set. These are, from left to right: Cat Patronus, Harry Potter, Hermione Granger, Draco Malfoy, and Prof. McGonagall. On the bottom right corner, the "25 YEARS OF MAGIC" logo is featured, commemorating the anniversary of LEGO Harry Potter. In the middle and to the left, the box displays the set's suggested age group (7+), set number (76460), name, and number of pieces (124), all in white letters. The left side of the box has a warning that states that the set contains small parts, and it is therefore not recommended for children younger than 3 years old in other languages. The back of the box shows the builds of the set arranged differently. On the left, we have the sorting wheel, with Hermione and Harry to its sides. In the middle, we can see the dinner table, with Prof. McGonagall and Draco in front of it. On the right, we have the house point counter, with a small table in front of it, with the Sorting Hat on top of it. All of this is on top of a dark purple background decorated with golden contours of some of Hogwarts houses. On the top left corner, we have the logos of LEGO and Harry Potter. On the right corner, we have 2 insets. In the first one, Harry is holding his wand and a turkey leg while talking to Hermione, who is holding her wand and a goblet. On the right one, Prof. McGonagall is conjuring her patronus with her wand. The right side of the box has the set's name in different languages. The top of the box has the LEGO and Harry Potter logos, as well as the phrase "25 YEARS OF MAGIC" in different languages. It also shows an image of Prof. McGonagall and her cat patronus. To the right, there is an inset with a picture of the Sorting Hat on a 1:1 scale. The bottom side of the box is a tidy strip that contains the barcode as well as a few technical bits, such as the place of manufacture, copyright and trademark notices.

The build consists of 124 pieces in total and is recommended for ages 7+. Once finished, you will have 1 sorting wheel, 1 great hall dinner table, 1 house point counter, and 4 minifigures. The set consists of 3 numbered bags.

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.
- Open/hollow stud: a bump on a LEGO brick with a hole, which allows attaching bars. In the case of open studs, the hole goes all the way through. In the case of hollow studs, it does not.
- “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-us/service/building-instructions/76460]. 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 3 numbered bags, 1 instruction booklet, and 4 minifigures. 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 – Sorting wheel, dinner table, house point counter
Group 1: pages 5-6
Group 2: steps 1-9
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Building Instructions

Book 1, bag 1:

Group 1 – Harry Potter

Pages 5-6: Locate 1 black pair of short legs, 1 black torso robe with dark bluish gray sweater, white shirt, Hogwarts crest tie, black arms, and light nougat hands, 1 light nougat head with black eyebrows, round glasses, and nougat lightning scar. Assemble the minifigure. Ask a sighted friend to make sure that the face print is facing the right way. Take 1 dark brown wand from the sprue and put it in Harry’s right hand. Then, you can choose if you want to put on Harry’s black messy hair piece or the dark brown sorting hat.

Group 2 – Sorting wheel

Step 1
Place 1 reddish brown 3x6 half circle plate with cutout in front of you, so that its curved side faces to the front. Then, place 1 tan 2x2 plate with cut corner on the 2 rightmost columns of the ppp, so that its cut corner faces to the front right.

Step 2
Place 1 tan 2x2 plate with cut corner symmetrically on the left.

Step 3.1

Let’s make a small sub-build. Place 1 tan 1x2 brick with side stud horizontally in front of you, so that it side stud faces to the front. Attach 1 tan 1x1 round plate upright to the front-facing side stud of the ppp.

Step 3.2

Attach 1 black 1x1 quarter round tile upright to the ppp, so that its curve faces down.

Step 3.3

Place 1 tan 1x2 plate horizontally on top of the sub-build, so that it is centered horizontally.

Step 3.4

Place 1 tan 1x2 brick with log profile horizontally on top of the ppp, so that it is centered horizontally.

Step 3.5

The sub-build is complete. Place it horizontally on the 2nd row from the front, so that it is centered horizontally.

Step 4.1

Let’s make another sub-build. Place 1 tan 2x2 brick in front of you. Then, place 1 black 1x2 brick with hole horizontally on the back row of the ppp, so that its hole faces to the front and back.

Step 4.2

Place another black 1x2 brick with hole horizontally in front of the ppp.

Step 4.3

Place 1 tan 2x2 brick on top of the sub-build.

Step 4.4

The sub-build is complete. Place its front row on top of the 1x2 brick with log profile. Be careful to not apply too much force, or the build might break.

Step 5

Locate 2 tan 2x2x5 quarter cylinders. Rotate the first one so that its longer curved edge faces to the front left. Place its back row on top of the leftmost column of the back row of the main build. Take the second one and repeat symmetrically on the right.

Step 6

Place 1 tan 2x6 double rounded corner plate horizontally on top of the 2 back rows of the build, so that its curved edge faces to the front.

Step 7

Place 1 medium nougat 1x4 plate horizontally on the front row of the ppp. Then, place 1 tan 1x2 plate horizontally behind the ppp, so that it is centered horizontally.

Step 8
Find 2 tan 1x3 curved slope tiles. Rotate the first one horizontally, so that it slopes to the left. Place its rightmost column on top of the leftmost column of the ppp. Take the second one and repeat symmetrically on the right.

Step 9
Place 1 tan 1x2 plate horizontally on the second row from the back, so that it is centered horizontally. Then, place 1 tan 1x4 doubled curved slope tile horizontally on top of the ppp.

Group 3 – Sorting wheel (continued)

Step 10
Insert 1 dark bluish gray 4L axle with stop from the back into the hole of the main build, so that its stop is to the back. It should protrude to the front by about 2L.

Step 11
Put the main build to the side for now. Make sure that it keeps the same orientation. Let's build the sorting wheel. Place 1 black 6x6 round plate in front of you. Place 1 bright green 2x2 tile with the Slytherin crest (consisting of a light bluish gray snake) printed on the 2 front rows of the ppp, so that it is centered horizontally. Then, place 1 red 2x2 tile with the Gryffindor crest (consisting of a gold lion) printed symmetrically on the back. Place 1 yellow 2x2 tile with the Hufflepuff crest (consisting of a dark bluish gray badger) on the 2 leftmost columns of the 6x6 round plate, so that it is centered vertically. Lastly, place 1 dark azure 2x2 tile with the Ravenclaw crest (consisting of a copper eagle) printed symmetrically on the right.

Step 12
Place 1 dark azure 1x1 quarter round tile behind the left column of the ppp, so that its curve faces to the back right. Then, place 1 bright green 1x1 quarter round tile symmetrically on the front. Then, place 1 yellow 1x1 quarter round tile symmetrically on the left. Lastly, place 1 red 1x1 quarter round tile symmetrically on the back.

Step 13
Place 1 black 2x2 round brick with fluted profile on the center of the 6x6 plate. Then, place 1 black 2x2 round tile on top of the ppp.

Step 14
Bring back the main build. Rotate the sorting wheel upright and insert it into the protruding front-facing axle. Make sure that the sorting wheel can spin freely.

Book 1, bag 2:

Group 4 – Draco Malfoy, Professor Minerva McGonagall

Page 20: Let’s assemble Draco Malfoy. Locate 1 black pair of short legs, 1 black torso robe with dark bluish gray sweater, white shirt, Hogwarts crest tie, black arms, and light nougat hands, and 1 light nougat head with reddish brown eyebrows. Assemble the minifigure. Ask a sighted friend to make sure that the face print is facing the right way. Then, place 1 bright light yellow hair piece on the minifigure’s head. Take 1 black wand from the sprue and put it in Draco’s right hand.

Let’s continue with Prof. McGonagall. Find 1 dark green lower body skirt, 1 dark green female torso with robe, silver brooch pattern, dark green arms, light nougat hands, and 1 light nougat head with dark silver glasses and wrinkles. Assemble the minifigure. Ask a sighted friend to make sure that the face print is facing the right way. Then, place 1 black witch hat with molded dark tan hair on the minifigure’s head. Take the remaining black wand from the sprue and put it in Prof. McGonagall’s left hand. Be sure to give Prof. McGonagall her patronus in the shape of a satin trans-light blue cat.

Group 5 – Small table

Step 1
Place 1 reddish brown 3x3 round tile upside down in front of you. Attach 1 reddish brown 1x1 round plate with open stud upside down on the back right antistud.

Step 2
Place 3 more reddish brown 1x1 round plates with open studs upside down on the remaining antistuds.

Step 3
Insert 4 reddish brown 2L bars with stop rings vertically into all 4 reddish brown 1x1 round plates with open stud.

Step 4
Flip the table right side up.

Group 6 – Dinner table

Step 1
Place 1 reddish brown 1x4 plate vertically in front of you. Then, place 1 dark orange 1x2 brick with log profile vertically on top of the ppp, so that it is centered vertically.

Step 2
Place 1 reddish brown 1x6 tile horizontally on the back row of the dinner table, so that it overhangs to the left by 5 columns.

Step 3
Place 1 reddish brown 1x4 plate vertically under the leftmost column of the ppp, so that it has 3 rows exposed to the front.

Step 4
Place 1 reddish brown 1x6 tile horizontally on the front row of the dinner table, so that it has no overhang. Then, place 1 dark orange 1x2 brick with log profile vertically on the leftmost column of the dinner table, so that it is centered vertically.

Step 5
Place 1 reddish brown 2x6 plate horizontally on the 2nd and 3rd rows from the front, so that it has no overhang. This will be the table's surface.

Step 6
Place 1 light bluish gray 2x2 round plate on the 2nd and 3rd columns from the right of the ppp. Place 1 red 1x1 round plate with open stud on the front right stud of the ppp. Attach the stem of 1 red cherry pair to the ppp. Place 1 lime 1x1 round plate with open stud on the back left stud of the 2x2 round plate. Attach the stem of 1 lime cherry pair to the ppp.

Step 7
Place 1 light bluish gray 2x2 tile with stud on the 2nd and 3rd columns from the left of the table's surface. Attach 1 dark orange drumstick to the ppp.

Step 8
Find 2 pearl gold goblets. Place the first one on the back left corner of the table's surface. Then, place the second one on the front right corner of the table's surface.

Book 1, bag 3:

Group 7 – Hermione Granger

Page 28: Locate 1 black pair of short legs with dark bluish gray stripes, 1 black short skirt, 1 black torso robe with dark bluish gray sweater, white shirt, Hogwarts crest tie, black arms, and light nougat hands, and 1 light nougat head with dark brown eyebrows. Assemble the minifigure. Ask a sighted friend to make sure that the face print is facing the right way. Then, place 1 reddish brown hair piece with bangs on the minifigure's head. Take 1 dark tan wand from the sprue and put it in Hermione's right hand.

Group 8 – House point counter

Step 1
Place 1 reddish brown 2x6 plate horizontally in front of you. Then, place 1 pearl gold 1x2 jumper plate vertically on the rightmost column of the ppp.

Step 2
Place 5 pearl gold 1x2 jumper plates vertically, side by side, to the left of the ppp. Together, they should cover the whole 2x6 plate.

Step 3
Place 1 pearl gold 1x1 round tile with bar on the rightmost column. Then, place 3 pearl gold candles, one on top of the other, on top of the ppp.

Step 4
Place 1 trans-yellow 1x1 round brick on the 2nd column from the right. Then, place 1 trans-clear bottle on top of the ppp. Next, place 1 trans-yellow 1x1 round brick on top of the ppp. Lastly, place 1 pearl gold 1x1 round tile with bar on top of the ppp.

Step 5
Place 1 trans-red 1x1 round brick on the 3rd column from the right. Then, place 1 trans-clear bottle on top of the ppp. Next, place 1 trans-red 1x1 round brick on top of the ppp. Lastly, place 1 pearl gold 1x1 round tile with bar on top of the ppp.

Step 6
Rotate 1 dark tan 1x3 rounded plate with open studs horizontally. Then, flip it upside down and place it on top of the 3 rightmost columns.

Group 9 – House point counter (continued)

Step 7
Place 1 trans-dark blue 1x1 round brick on the 3rd column from the left. Then, place 1 trans-clear bottle on top of the ppp. Next, place 1 trans-dark blue 1x1 round brick on top of the ppp. Lastly, place 1 pearl gold 1x1 round tile with bar on top of the ppp.

Step 8
Place 1 trans-green 1x1 round brick on the 3rd column from the left. Then, place 1 trans-clear bottle on top of the ppp. Next, place 1 trans-green 1x1 round brick on top of the ppp. Lastly, place 1 pearl gold 1x1 round tile with bar on top of the ppp.

Step 9.1
Let’s make a small sub-build. Place 1 pearl gold 1x1 round plate with open stud in front of you. Insert the thin end of 1 pearl gold candle into the ppp.

Step 9.2
Rotate 1 pearl gold T-piece so that its bars face up, down, and left. Insert its bottom-facing bar into the ppp.

Step 9.3
Place 1 pearl gold candle on top of the ppp.

Step 9.4

Rotate 1 dark brown 1x3 inverted tile with hole vertically upright so that its studs face to the left. Attach its middle hole to the left-facing bar. Then, attach 2 black steering wheels vertically upright to the top and bottom stud of the ppp.

Step 9.5
The sub-build is complete. Place it on top of the leftmost column of the house point counter.

Step 10
Place 1 dark tan 1x3 rounded plate with open studs horizontally in front of you. Place 1 pearl gold 1x1 round plate with open stud on the leftmost column of the ppp. Flip the 1x3 rounded plate upside down, so that its antistuds face up and the 1x1 round plate is to the left. Place it on top of the 3 leftmost columns. Put the house point counter build to the side for now. Make sure that it keeps the same orientation.

Step 11.1
Let’s make a small sub-build. Place 1 reddish brown 2x2 inverted tile in front of you. Then, place 1 pearl gold 1x2 jumper plate vertically on top of the rightmost column of the ppp.

Step 11.2
Place 1 pearl gold 2x2 jumper plate to the left of the ppp, so that it overhangs to the left by 1 column.

Step 11.3
Place 1 reddish brown 2x2 inverted tile under the overhang of the ppp, so that it has 1 exposed column to the left.

Step 11.4
Place 1 pearl gold 2x2 jumper plate on top of the ppp, so that it overhangs to the left by 1 column.

Step 11.5
Place 1 reddish brown 2x2 inverted tile under the overhang of the ppp, so that it has 1 exposed column to the left.

Step 11.6
Place 1 pearl gold 1x2 jumper plate vertically on top of the leftmost column of the ppp.

Step 11.7
The sub-build is complete. Flip it upside down, so that the jumper plates face down. Bring back the house point counter. Place the sub-build on top of it.

We are done with the construction! Have fun sorting the students into their houses at Hogwarts!

At the end of the instruction booklet, you will find one page advertising other sets from the theme. On the left, you will find sets 76435 (Hogwarts Castle: The Great Hall), 76445 (Hogwarts Castle: Herbology Class), and 76454 (Hogwarts Castle: The Main Tower). On the right, you will find sets 76447 (Hogwarts Castle: Flying Lessons) and 76463 (Hogwarts Castle: Hospital Wing). In the middle of these, we have all sets combined, forming a huge Hogwarts Castle. On the top right corner, you can find the text that says “Build the most detailed HOGWARTS CASTLE” in gold letters. On the bottom right corner, there is a small text in white font that states that each set is sold separately and is available for different periods of time. All of this is on top of a dark purple background, with golden stripes on the top and bottom. The next page has the same page setup, but it shows the combined Hogwarts Castle from the back. To the right, sets 76460 (Hogwarts Castle: Sorting Hat Ceremony, this set) and 76442 (Hogwarts Castle: Charms Class) are advertised. Lastly, you will find more advertisements for sets 76467 (Luna Lovegood’s House), 76464 (Cauldron Secret Potions Classroom), 76463 (Hogwarts Castle: Hospital Wing), and 76460 (Hogwarts Castle: Sorting Hat Ceremony, this set). At the center, 4 collectible patronuses are shown in their satin trans-light blue form: a cat, a hare, an otter, and a wolf.

Afterwards, you will find the set inventory. On the last page you will find an invitation to share feedback.

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