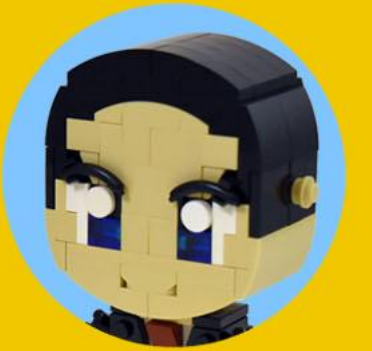




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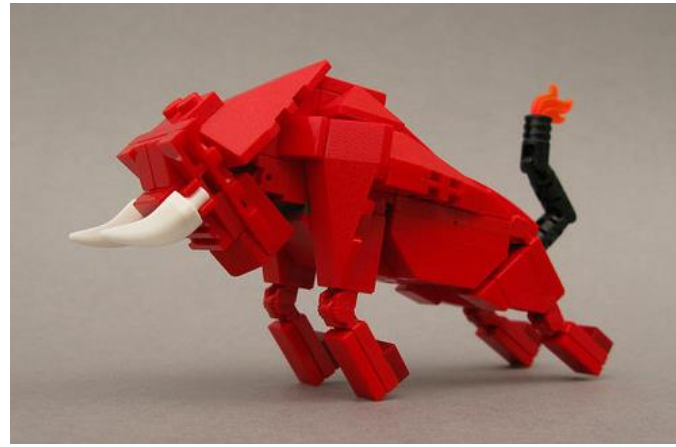


Vasily Lukyanov, aka [Silvavasil LEGO](#)

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Rooster Race

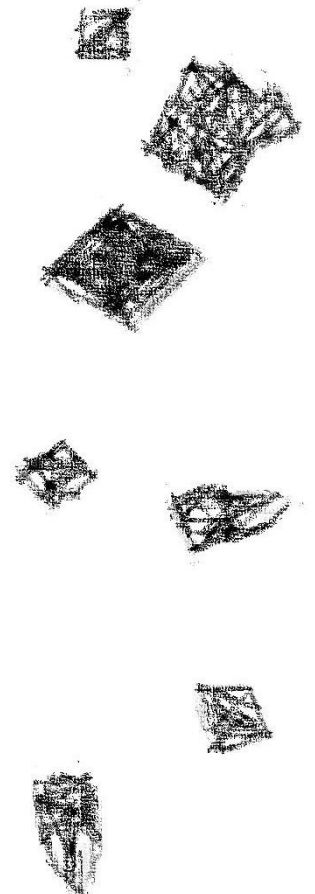
A professional photographer and illustrator from Moscow, Russia, Vasily has a broad skill set. When not building with LEGO, he enjoys traveling, hiking, and photography as well as running, biking, and kayaking. A graduate of the Moscow Academic Art College, Vasily works as an illustrator for several publications.



Joe Perez, aka [MortalSwordsman](#)

Top: *Red Bull Charging*, **Bottom:** *Sprint*, **Next Page:** *Saber Toothed Squirrel*

A former Chartered Surveyor, Joe Perez is now a professional LEGO Artist for Bright Bricks – the UK’s only LEGO Certified Professional. Joe has been studying Traditional Chinese Kung Fu for 20 years and has recently started ball room dancing with his wife.





Djordje Dobrosavljevic, aka [Djokson](#)

Below: “Yoda”

Everybody enjoys a creative character animation like Yoda from *Star Wars*. But to Djordje, animation is the source of great inspiration. Along with the crossed hands resting on his staff, the green flipper posing as Yoda’s upper lip shows off the genius of this build.





Above: *Khugrock Ironhand,*
Left: *The Miner*

Djordje enjoys using a variety of pieces. These two faces are made of only a few pieces each, but have a lot of character.

Drew Hamilton, aka [Wami Delthorn](#)

Lower Left: *Dexter the Dog*, **Lower Right:** *Egberto the Turtle*

Drew's brother was astonished when he opened a LEGO model of his dog for his birthday. This yellow lab took a week to design and build, a real challenge at such a small scale. While Dexter's face required some advanced building techniques, Egberto the turtle is an example of how simple it can be to design a LEGO face full of personality.



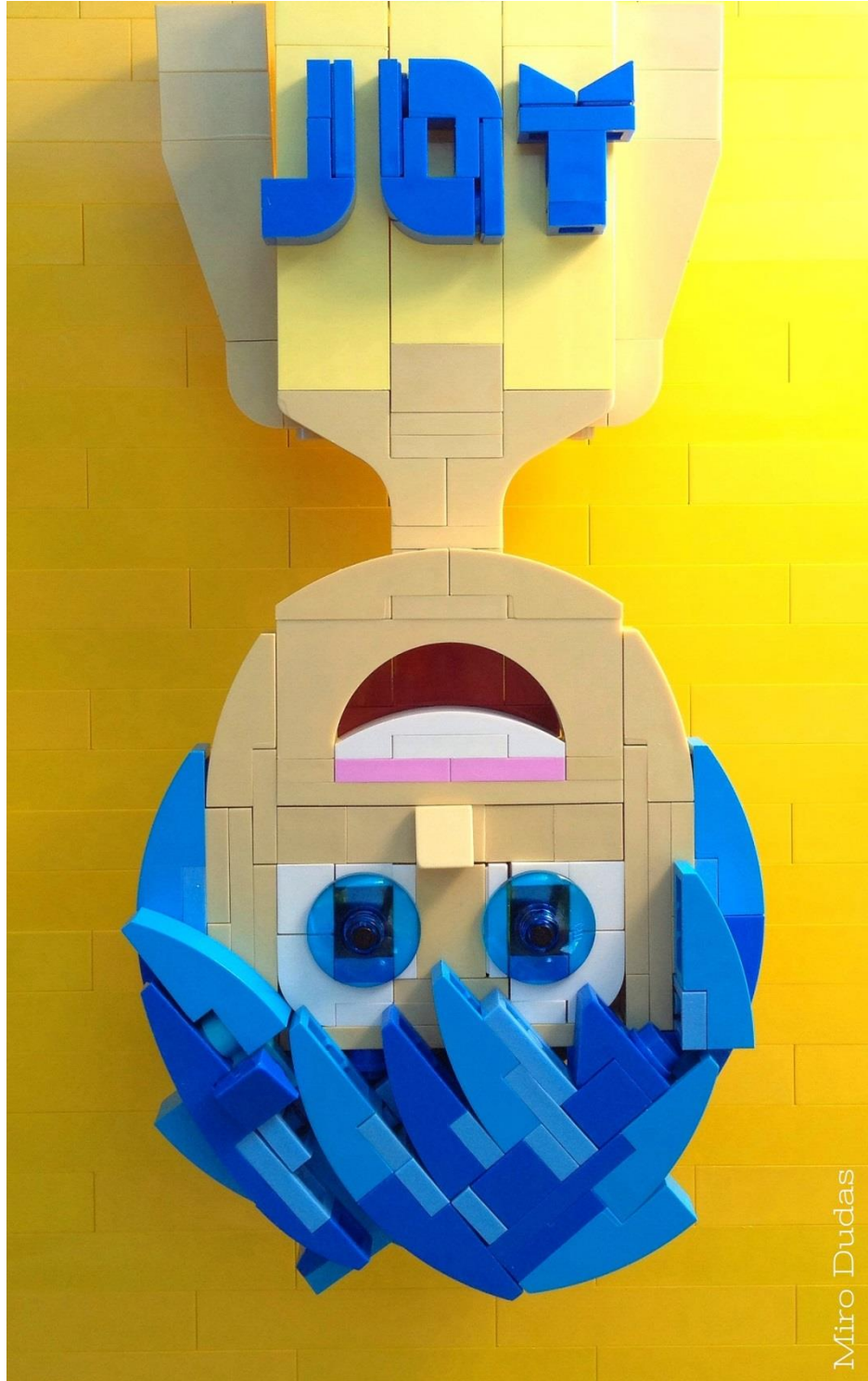




Miro Dudas, aka [Miro78](#)

Previous Page: *Call of the Wild*, **Above:** *Patience*

When not creating things out of LEGO, Miro enjoys drawing, painting, woodworking, and playing music. A scientist by trade, he enjoys lifelike modeling of the proportions and poses of wildlife. Although the fox faces in *Patience* are made of hard plastic bricks, they resemble the softness of fur.



Not all of Miro’s builds are so serene. Even when her smile is turned upside-down, this Pixar character has “joy” written all over her face. Miro did this quick build of a promotional poster after taking his son to watch the movie, *Inside Out*.

Iain Heath, aka [Ochre Jelly](#)

Brick Emojis

Iain Heath writes for the most popular LEGO-themed blog on the internet, [The Brothers Brick](#). Iain noticed that LEGO fans had no way to express their emotions online, so he quickly set out to resolve the problem. The result: Brick-mojis!



Chi Hsin-wei, aka [LEGO 7](#)

Below: *Gargamel and Azrael*, **Next Page:** *Shark's Treasure*

An art editor and illustrator for a magazine in Taipei, Taiwan, Chi took a unique approach to raising awareness about shark over-fishing. Because Chi believes shark's fin should be looked at rather than eaten, he built the majestic model on the next page.







David Hughes

aka [daveh design](#)

Jimmy No. 1

This LEGO brick sculpture speaks of expectations, hopes, shattered dreams, and realizations. The man in the model is trying to make sense of the world after having lost his girlfriend, job, and life as he knows it. The creator, David Hughes, is an architect who loves to spend time with his wife and two boys as well as their dog and three cats.



Caleb Inman, aka [Vakkron](#)

Isaac Newton Bust

Leveraging the power of collaboration, Caleb has created three versions of Isaac Newton. Each iteration has been far better than the previous one. Through this build, Caleb learned the power of teamwork and the significance of friendly outside voices, and also learned how to use advice and criticism to improve. If you are interested in being a part of some group projects and contests online that can improve your skills, check out the Master-Builders [contests page](#)!

If you enjoy seeing great thinkers illustrated in LEGO,

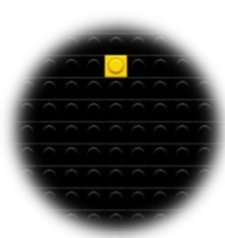
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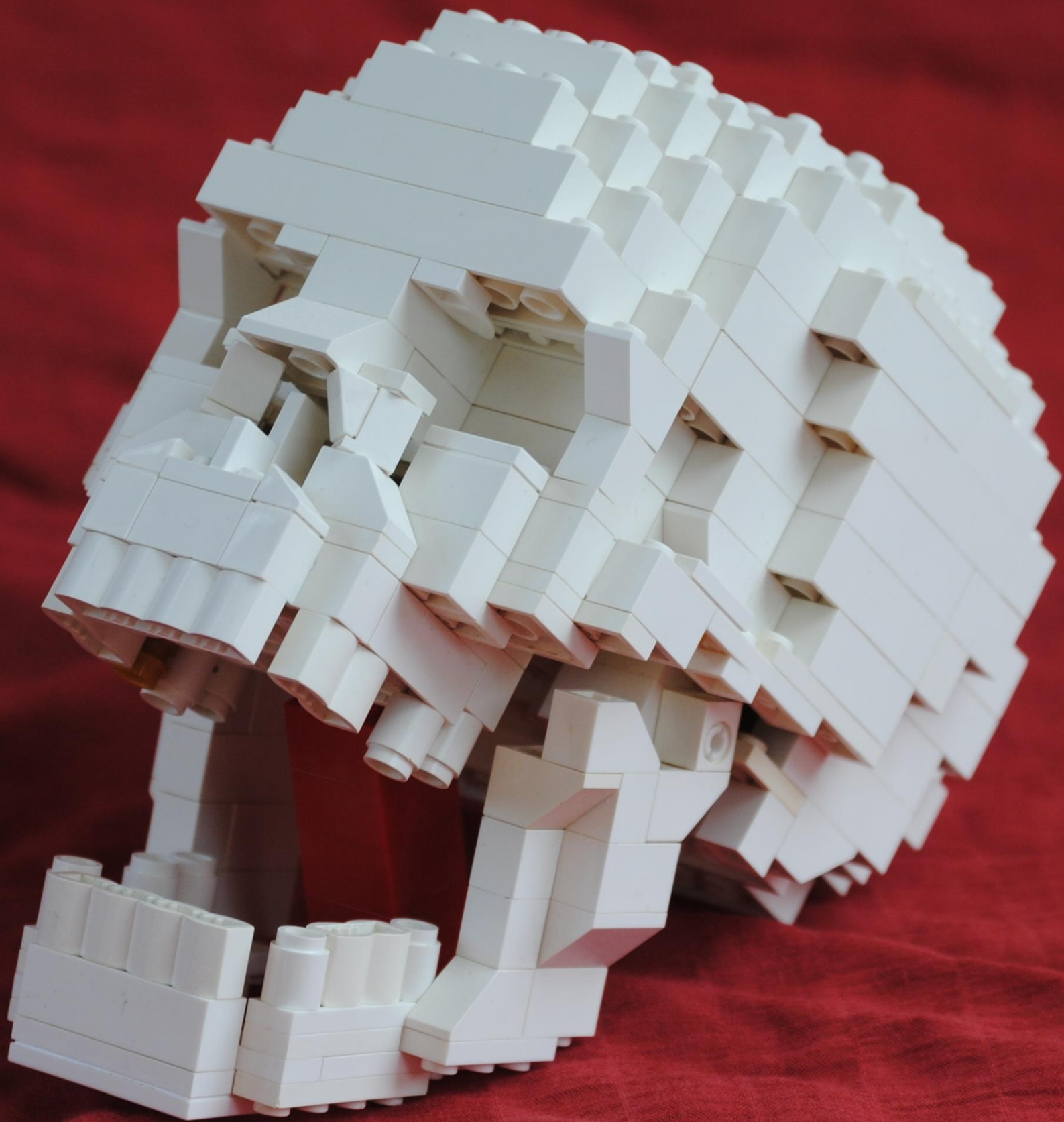


Felix Jaensch, aka [AnActionfigure](#)

Above: *Bengal Tiger*, **Below:** *Blue and Gold Macaw*, **Next Page:** *Human Skull*

Inspired by the nature around him, Felix is attuned to wildlife even in the city. From the window of his home in Cologne, Germany, he has fed parrots and watched ringnecked and alexandrine parakeets. Sometimes, if he watches closely, he can see foxes and stone martens crossing the street in the late evening.







Johan Alexanderson, aka [LegoJalex](#)

E.T. - Phone Home, Fred and Barney, Garfield and Odie

A part time web developer and freelance illustrator, Johan will be launching a comic book for children next year. His aptitude for comic drawing shows through in these iconic caricatures.





Lars Barstad, aka [Legofjotten](#)

Eurasian Eagle Owl

Formerly an active cave diver, Lars has long been fascinated with one of nature's cave explorers: owls. When his local LEGO users group sponsored an animal kingdom themed contest, Lars knew he should build an owl. This one is simple but full of personality.

Joris Blok, aka [Joris Blok](#)

LEGO Star Wars Life Sized C3PO Bust

Joris landed a job as a toy designer for a plastic building block company when he was 16 years old. However, knowing the value of education, he is also finishing up his Industrial Design Engineering degree. This gold-painted model of C3PO took two months to assemble, but has since been featured on numerous websites and a museum in the Netherlands.

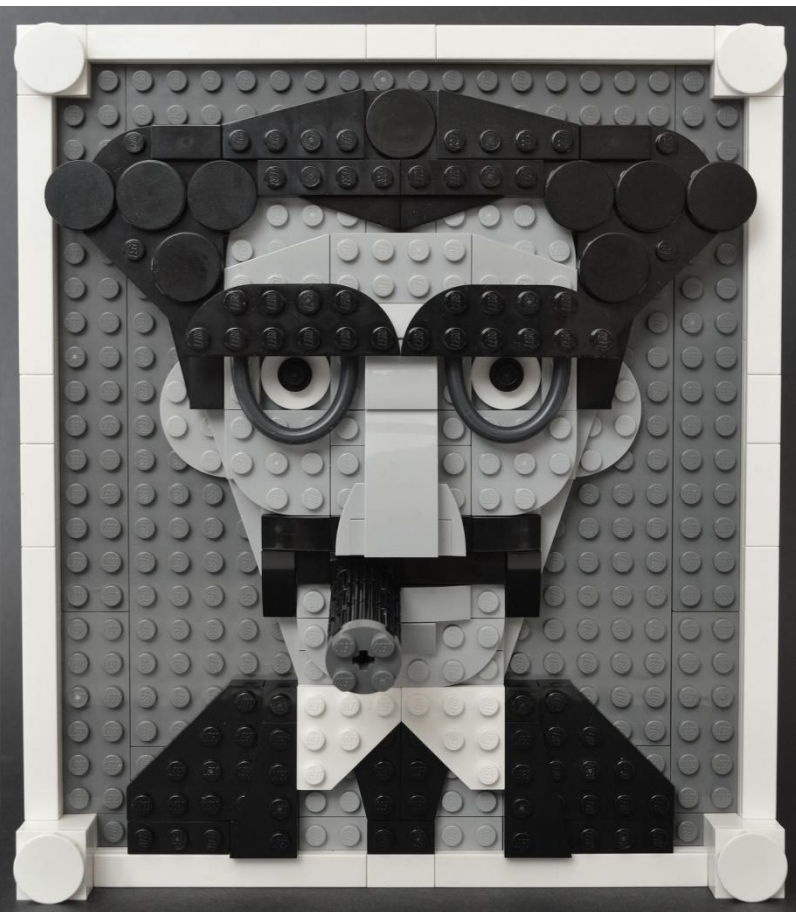
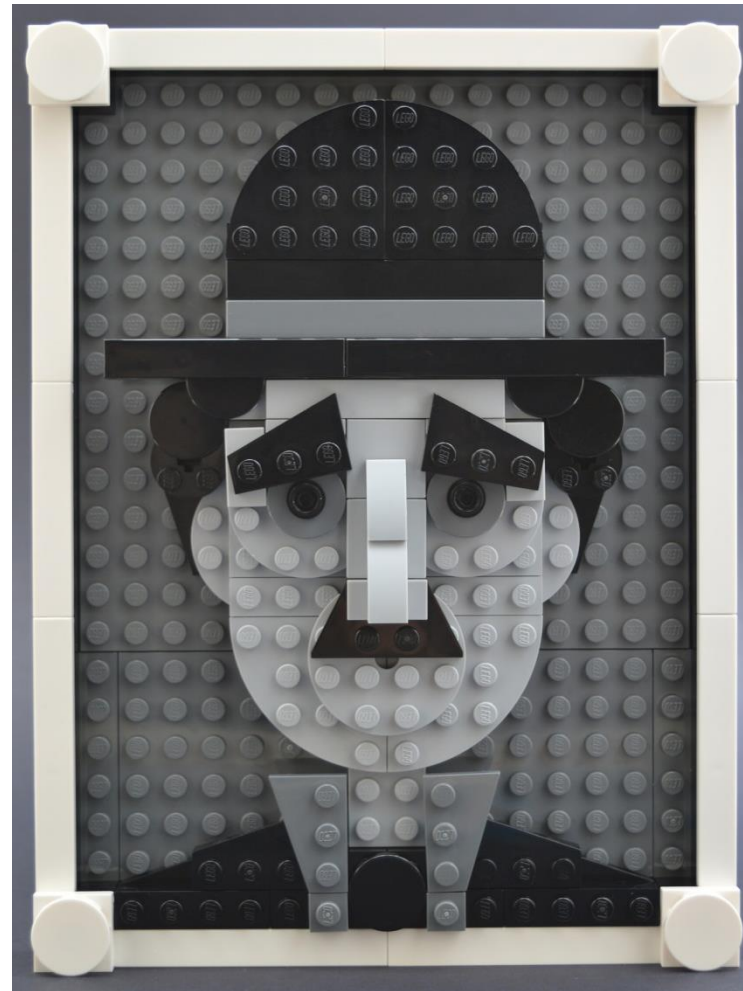


“Paddy Bricksplitter”

aka [paddybricksplitter](#)

Right: Charlie, Below: Groucho

When Paddy became seriously ill a few years ago, he came to terms with reality and decided he wanted a LEGO X-wing for Christmas. Paddy recovered, and so did his love of LEGO with him.

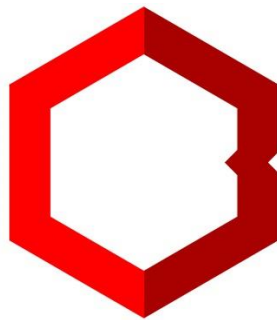


He's not waiting until he gets sick again to build something he likes. Check out these awesome faces!

Anyone can build an amazing brick face!

Taking two or three of the faces from this ebook as inspiration, build a brick face of your own and **enter** it into the [contest](#) on Master-Builders.com!

The contest is open **February 7-28, 2017**.



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Or see what other are building.

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Tyler Clites, aka [Legohaulic](#)

Above: *Inspector Gadget* , Next Page (Top): *Stitch*

Next Page (Bottom): *The 4th Awakens*

Not everyone will remember the tricked-out detective known as “Inspector Gadget,” but those who do will recognize this as a perfect likeness. Tyler says he always has been a creator and always will be.

Learn more about Tyler’s LEGO Ideas project [here](#).



Currently self-employed taking commissions for LEGO projects, Tyler hopes to eventually devote himself full time to online business. He has recently launched a site to teach kids how to build creatively at TheCreationNation.com. Be sure to check it out!

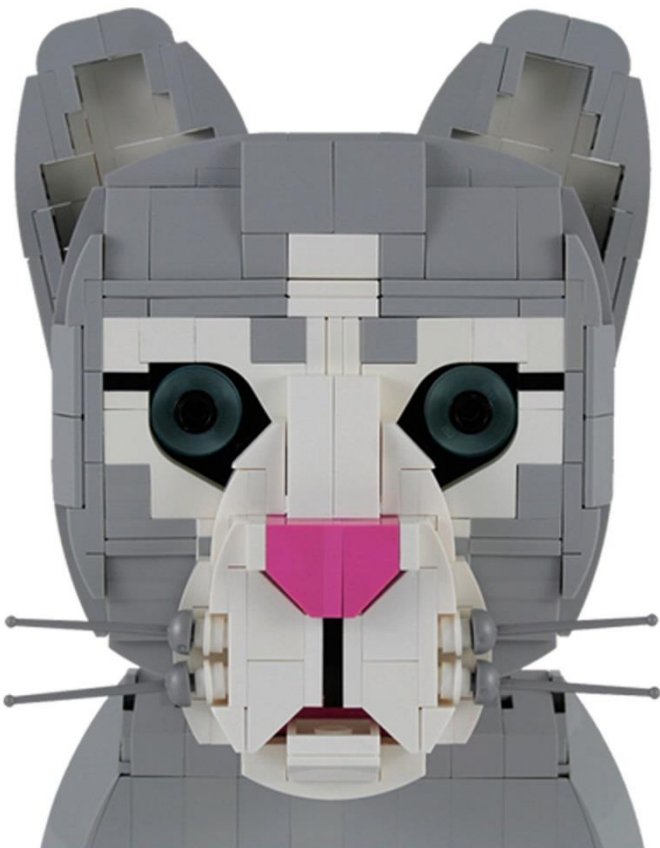


Jimmy Fortel, aka [7kyubi7](#)

Below: *Meooowhat in the.....?*

Right (Top): *Geisha*, **Right (Lower):** *Peace*

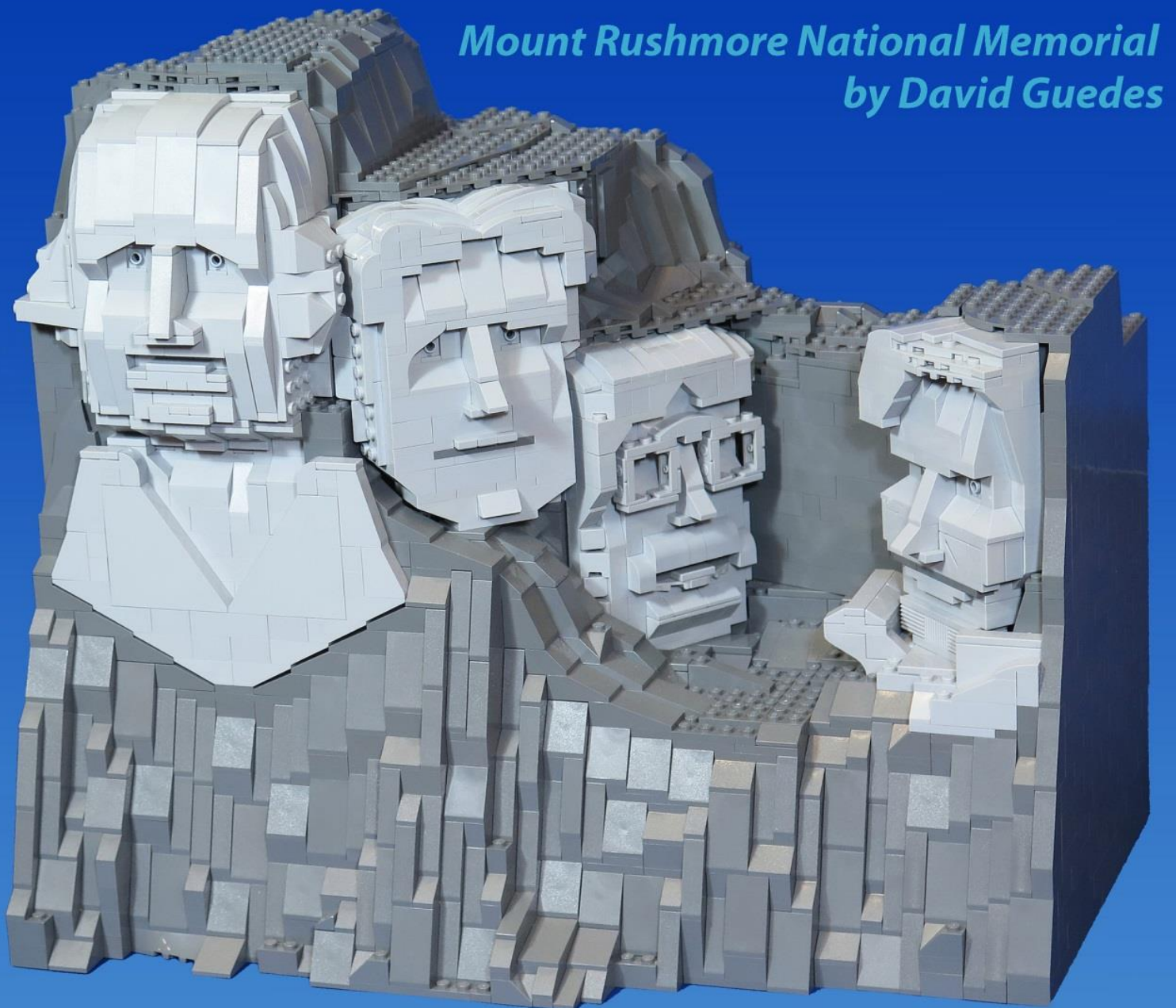
An art and music lover, Jimmy has successfully explored several different sorts of brick face builds. These models show a special mastery of eyes. The rubber bands on the first model replicate well Chinese portraiture. The hippie's baggy eyes are quite the contrast with the cat's alert stare.



David Guedes, aka [Brick Lettuce](#)

Mount Rushmore National Monument

One look at David's *Mount Rushmore* and you will not be surprised that he loves hiking, geocaching and the outdoors. Without the benefit of multiple colors or a large scale, David built a national monument you will instantly recognize.



*Mount Rushmore National Memorial
by David Guedes*

Jeffrey Kong, aka [artisanbricks](#)

LEGO R2-D2

Jeffrey has your dream job: he is a full-time brick artist. He works on commissioned projects for all kinds of clients, produces building kits, conducts workshops and activities, and spreads the joy of the brick to the world.



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Kong's work is mostly upbeat and happy. He wants his work to be beautiful, because life can be really ugly. Kong says, "If I can put a smile on your face, or bring back the sense of wonder in you, I've done my job." Learn more about Jeffrey at his website, [ArtisanBricks.com](#).

Jonas Kramm, aka [Legopard](#)

PotC – Governor Swann

A student of graphic design, Jonas Kramm's builds are a work of art. His strategic use of pieces remind us to think outside of the box when designing our creations.



When he was told to use the metallic silver technic connector for a competitive build, Jonas went all out linking the pieces in a wig. Check out the build competition going on right now at [Master-Builders.com](#).



Li Li, aka [lisqr](#)

Above: White Sabor Toothed Cat

Below (Left): *Bride and Groom*, **Below (Right):** *Phd Comics*,

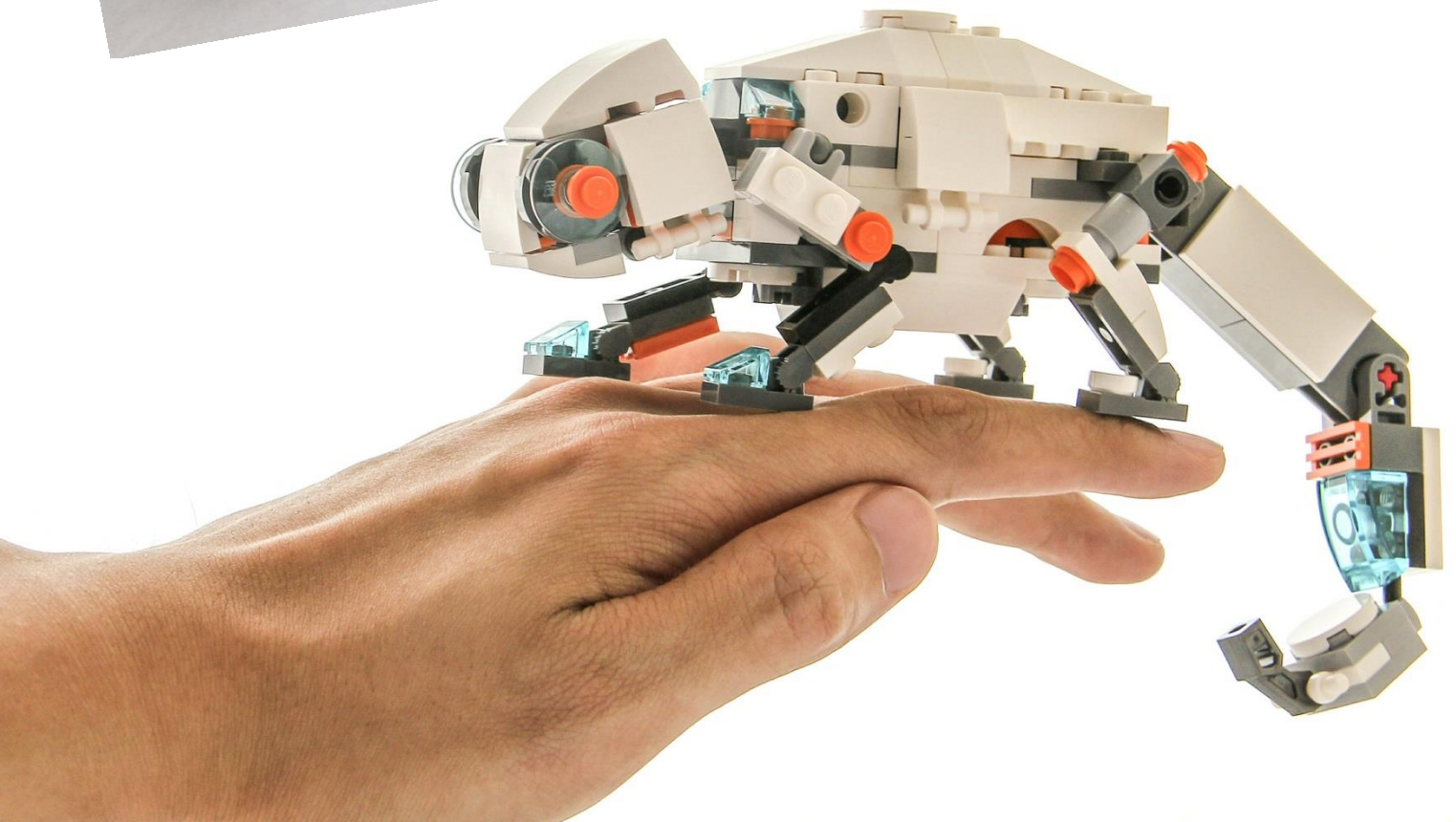
If you asked Li whether he likes designing LEGO or circuit boards better, I'm not sure what he would tell you. Although he is an electrical engineer by trade, he definitely has skill with the bricks. Recently he designed a bride and groom cake topper for his own wedding. All went well until the server rolled the cake into the kitchen. Behind the doors was the dreaded sound of LEGO shattering! When Li's wife found the bride broken into dozens of pieces but the groom still in tact, she was a little angry herself. Thankfully, Li was able to find all the pieces and put her back together. They are now happily married. Follow him at [MOCRecipes.com](#)!



David Liu, aka [dvdliu](#)

Below: *Piggy's Judgment Day*, **Bottom of Page:** *Chamelion*

David built the red “Angry Bird” while playing LEGO with his son. After that, he was hooked and had to build the rest! The chameleon was built entirely from LEGO® Creator Future Flyers (set #31034). While many people believe having only a few LEGO pieces is a disadvantage, David sees it as an exciting challenge.



Vasily Petrov, aka [Sheo](#)

Rosaline

Vasily chose building with LEGO after experimenting with several different hobbies because it is such a versatile artistic medium. *Rosaline* is an expression of feeling and thought rather than just a demonstration of building skills. Can you tell what she is thinking?





Cody Purviance

aka [Cody.Purviance](#)

Geeky Caterpillar

Given ten of the lime green telephone parts in a building competition, Cody set out to build a caterpillar after ditching his original idea to build a wasp. Currently studying for his IT degree, Cody wasn't satisfied until the caterpillar got a little geeky.

Sergio Rojas, aka [Brickolaje](#)

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With simple square shapes, Sergio demonstrates dramatic expression in his building. Although some might say he is stretching, this man appears to be throwing his arms out in passionate excitement.

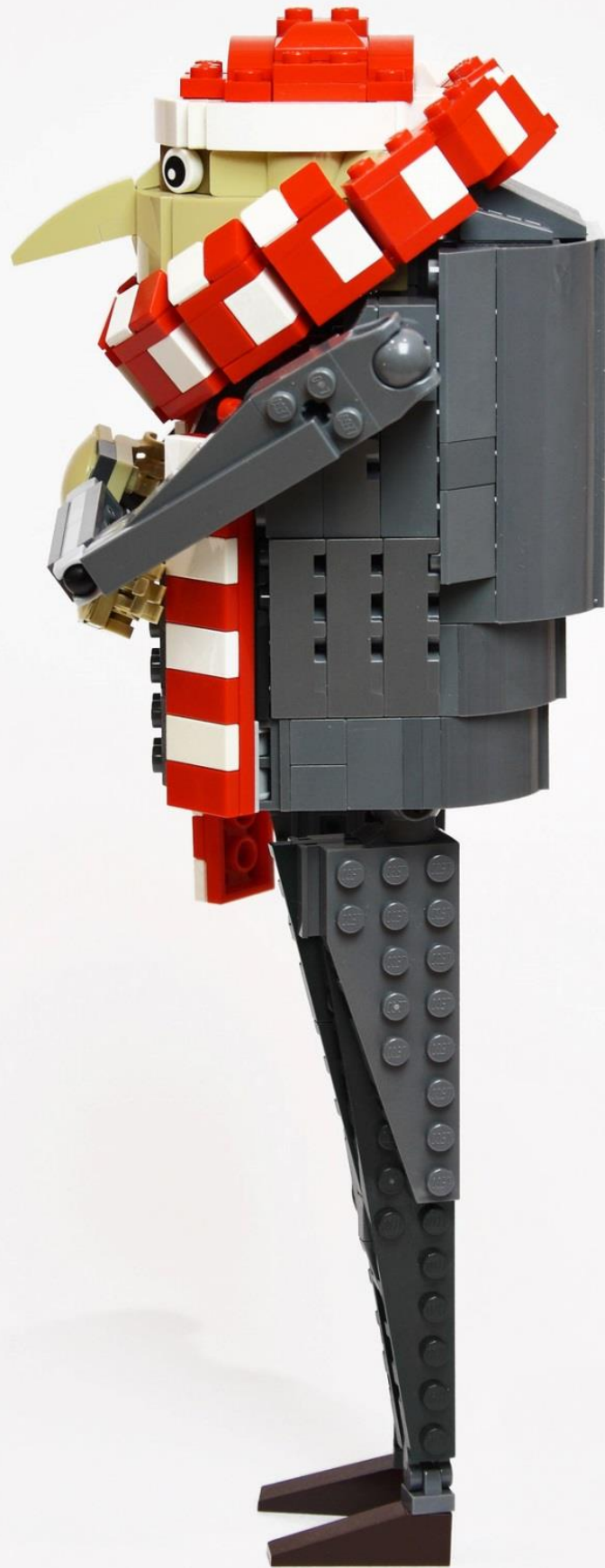


Dimitriy Selivanov, aka [vir-a-cocha](#)

Right: *Tsar Gorokh*, **Below:** *Veteran*, **Next Page:** *Despicable Santa*

The “secret” to great building, according to Dimitriy, is to choose a theme that is personally important to you, and then become absorbed by it. Before creating his characters, he studies anatomy, dynamics, mimics, and poses. Before designing a new LEGO building, he researches its history, architect, and old photos. For Dimitriy, building is a family activity. He enjoys involving his two children, but he extends a special “thank-you” to his wife who is his muse and talented photographer.

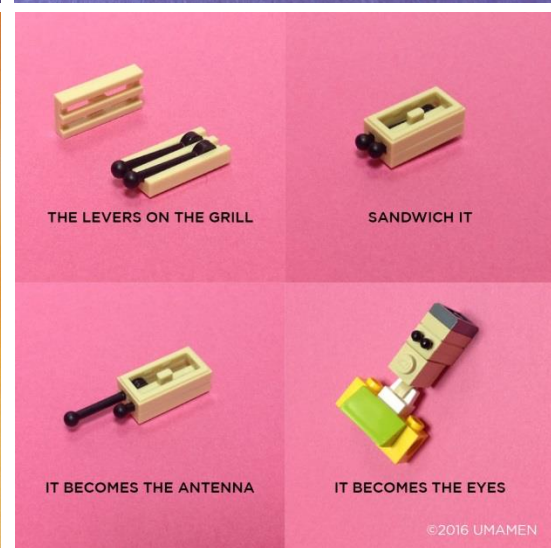
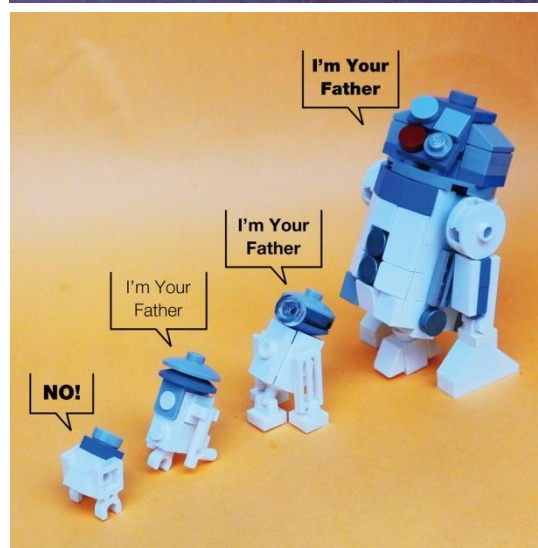
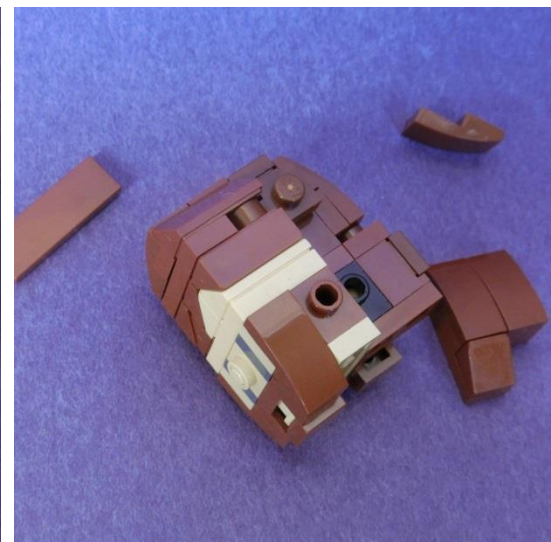
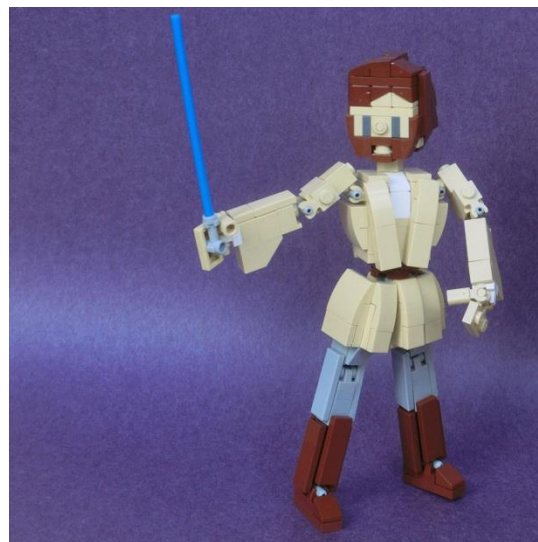
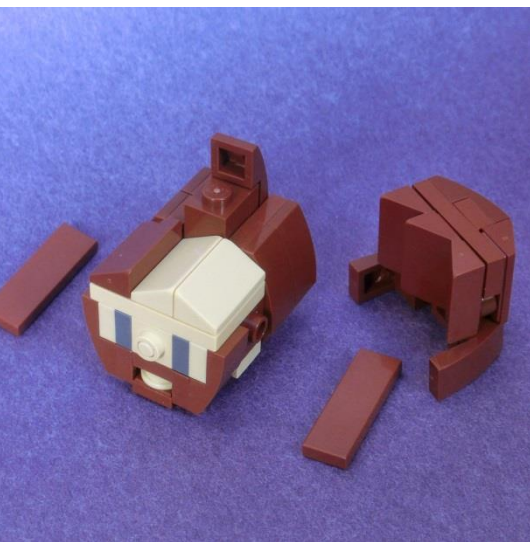




Akihiro Soma, aka [umamen](https://www.flickr.com/photos/umamen/)

In Order: *LEGO: Obi-Wan Kenobi, LEGO: Stormtrooper of Han Solo, R2-D2 Tribe, Levers and Grills*

Akihiro became interested in LEGO when his son was born, but now he admits that he's more fascinated with the tiny plastic bricks than his son! Akihiro shares some of his building techniques below. Now that you see how it's done, get busy!



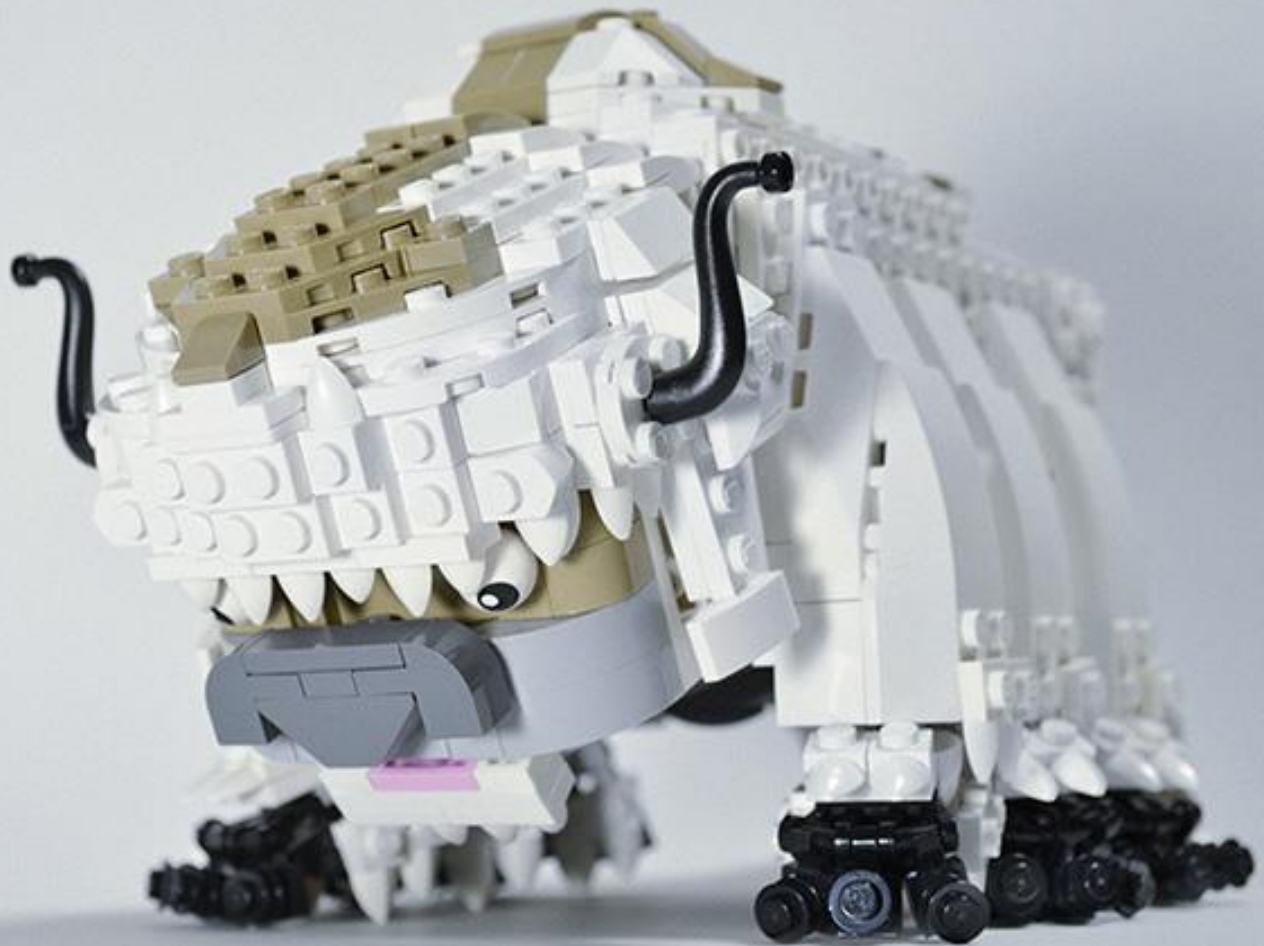


Julius von Brunk

aka [baronvonbrunk](#)

Brunk's Head

A man of many talents, Julius enjoys painting, designing graphics, and building electronics. Julius designs packaging and labels, but would love to work as an art director for a major brand such as the LEGO Company itself. From an early age he has been ditching the instructions and building his own ideas. This model of his own face is extremely impressive – built entirely from LEGO.



Jme Wheeler, aka [Klikstyle](#)

Appa

If you subscribe to *BLOCKS Magazine*, you've seen Wheeler's "Custom Corner" where he builds dioramas to showcase custom LEGO figures from various companies. He is, however, also a builder himself and wanted to take on the challenge of building a living creature. This was a great opportunity to try out different building techniques and to look at parts in a different light. There's no better way to learn, and I would say this hairy-headed beast has a pretty awesome face!

Hou Yen-Yang, aka [DOGOD Brick Design](#)

Dory, Hank, Nemo

Pixar films are a great source of unique faces for builders to tackle. Take a good look at these underwater faces. Now pick an iconic character and build your own version.



James Zhan, aka bricks.life.idea

Below: Kappa Life, Next Page: The Flash

A scuba diving guide on the side, James Zhan may like water, but he doesn't look anything like these mythical creatures. These Kappa have faces only a mother could love, but James has mastered them perfectly. On the next page, James demonstrates that sometimes an awesome face only requires a few pieces, masterfully depicting "The Flash" and "Captain Cold."







Koen Zwanenburg

aka Swan Dutchman

Koopa Troopa

Koen finds building from his childhood memories brings him special satisfaction. So when he came across a handful of red LEGO dishes, he knew he had to build a “Koopa Troopa” from Super Mario’s World. Koen encourages creatives to try building with LEGO, because with the little plastic bricks you can build “anything you want.”

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