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A long, long time ago

Once there was a big castle. With valiant knights, horses, kings, queens and tournaments. And lots of adventures every day.

So started the LEGO[®] product catalogue description of the now iconic 375 Castle set when

it launched in 1978. Often referred to today as the "Yellow" or "Original Castle", it was the beginning of a much-loved medieval adventure that would continue uninterrupted all the way to 1999. As part of the LEGO 90th anniversary celebrations, we've chosen to pay homage to this popular theme with a new Lion Knights' Castle inspired by the classic 6080 King's Castle set from 1984.



375 Castle

The original castle that started it all! The striking yellow walls of this castle were hinged to create multiple configurations and access the interior for easy play. While the yellow walls were quickly phased out for a more realistic grey, the hinged wall design is still seen in LEGO castles today. Some of the oddities in this model are the brick-built horses and the classic space helmet with a new visor used as a helmet for the knights.





6074 Black Falcon's Fortress



6066 Camouflaged Outpost

The original secret hideout of the forestmen! An ancient oak tree nestles its roots around a giant boulder, but there is more here than meets the eye! A secret rotating rock door gives access to the forestmen's cave and a hinged back opens to reveal the play space inside. This set included a total of 6 different forestmen, including their enigmatic leader.



6086 Black Knight's Castle

The pinnacle of a classic castle! This impressive fortress is built on a raised baseplate, giving space for a dungeon below the courtyard. The castle continued the tradition of a working drawbridge and portcullis, while also including a secret back gate for quick escapes or midnight adventures. The Black Knight's Castle was home to 4 armoured knights on horseback, 6 soldiers, a wolfpack bandit and even a ghost!



A New Castle Classic

It's always a challenge to reinvent a much-revered LEGO[®] theme, but our new Lion Knights' Castle blends more complex LEGO building with the spirit of original sets such as 6080 King's Castle to create a model packed with fun features and functions.

We started by placing the main tower on top of a large LEGO rock formation, so the model appears taller. This also made it possible to include hidden rooms and dark dungeons underneath the castle itself. The walls are movable, and the model can be separated to give better access to the castle, revealing the many trap doors, secret passages and hidden hideouts.

This new version of a classic castle takes advantage of modern building techniques and includes plenty of features that pay homage to the original Castle sets of old.

> To celebrate 90 years of LEGO play in 2022, we asked fans to vote for the classic LEGO themes they most wanted to see revived with a special anniversary set. Tens of thousands of fans took part in the poll and Classic Castle was one of the clear winners!

From the Design Team

As the original Castle had always been a favourite theme for them as kids, LEGO[®] Designers, Mike Psiaki and Milan Madge had always dreamed of working together on a large LEGO castle set. Mike describes how the model evolves:

This model came from a vote held as part of the celebrations for LEGO's 90th birthday in 2022. We set out to try and merge as many of the popular earlier Castle sets into a new ultimate castle model. We went through many rounds of exploration of the castle's overall shape and size. We started building small sections of walls, half-timber gates, and drawbridges; playing around with different functions and aesthetics to try to figure out what would work well. Early on, Milan discovered a type of drawbridge that used a counterweight at the back of the bridge instead of traditional chains connected to the bridge's front. We knew immediately that we wanted to fit it somewhere in the castle, but it wasn't until quite late in the development that it became the main gate.

LEGO Graphic Designer Ashwin Visser then played a central role in many of those small but important touches that make the set feel complete. This included reworking the graphic design of the Lion Knights, creating new flags and shields for the castle walls and battlements, and introducing the caparison element (the horse clothing) in both blue and red for the two horses. The finishing touch was the completely new cape and shield for the Lady of the Castle.



Spot the difference

It was decided the classic LEGO Lion Knights needed a little design update to match the newer editions of the Black Falcon Knights who appeared in the Medieval Blacksmith 21325 set. Designing the new Lion Knight shield logo was especially challenging, attempting to recreate such an iconic logo that fans know and love into something new but still recognisable.

Ashwin Visser, LEGO Graphic Designer

Left to right Michael Psiaki, LEGO® Design Master Milan Madge, LEGO® Designer Ashwin Visser, LEGO® Graphic Designer



























Yon firkin contains a drink so potent it could turn a beard white!













































































































































What doth such oddly placed candle illuminate?


















































Are those turnips, or carrots? If only they didn't share such a similar colour.

2x 1























































































































Such a peculiar map. What could all this blue represent? Surely no sea is so large...




































































Why ever is this entrance being covered? Is yon chamber down below meant to be hidden from her Ladyship?









Hark, are those the melodious sounds of a harpsichord? What a modern musical marvel!







































































'Tis a majestic crenelation atop yon curtain wall!























































































This looks a fine spot to place a millstone of some kind, it could even be powered by yon stream...






























































The power of this waterwheel is immense! It will be perfect to turn the millstone!













































































What a lovely shade of pink. Yon heraldry from days of yore reminds of a simpler time...








































































































































































































What's this odd letter here on the table, and with Lord Basil's seal on it!!
















































There's a magic in this wall! Some extra study will be required to get to the bottom of this mystery.



























































































This roof should keep the chambers warm and dry. What an ingenious material this straw!






































































































































































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