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THE DARK TOWER

In The Lord of the Rings[™] trilogy, we first get a glimpse of the power of Barad-dûr[™] when, by chance, Frodo Baggins[™] slips the One Ring on his finger. An embodiment of the Dark Lord Sauron[™], the Eye of the macabre fortress pierces the black skies of Mordor[™] and enters Frodo's mind in a terrifying vision. Over centuries, Sauron has gained the strength to take over all of Middle-earth[™]. Sustained by the power of the One Ring, Sauron and, by extension, his fortress, are all but indestructible while the ring still exists.

The heroic Hobbits[™] join the Fellowship of the Ring on a gruelling journey to destroy the ring in the heart of Mordor. As Samwise Gamgee[™] carries Frodo through the final stretch to a doorway on the side of Mount Doom, a frantic Gollum[™] tries to stop them and ultimately perishes in the fire with his Precious. Barad-dûr, Sauron and his army of orcs disintegrate in a cataclysmic collapse.

Inspired by the enigmatic monument, this model recreates remarkable details and offers a unique look at events that might have transpired behind the scenes in Mordor.

FROM THE LEGO® DESIGN FELLOWSHIP

"Our LEGO[®] journey into Middle-earth[™] began with a series of The Lord of the Rings[™] and The Hobbit[™] sets released in 2012-2014, and in 2023 we travelled to Rivendell[™] with the Fellowship of the Ring (set 10316). This is the first time we travel this deep into the heart of Mordor[™] to peek into the Dark Lord's lair, and it's the first time we are releasing the character of Sauron[™] as a LEGO minifigure.

"To fans of *The Lord of the Rings*[™] novels and films, Barad-dûr[™] is one of the most characteristic locations in Middle-earth. In the films, we barely see the entire tower or its interior up close, so we experimented with different scenes and ideas. The model is quite big, so we split it into sections that allow for a better building experience and better handling of the model.

"The model is very dark, so we added colour gradients to create the illusion of lava reflections, as well as the all-seeing, moving Eye of Sauron[™] on the top platform. The model is equipped with several different functions, from the opening front gates and turning ladder in the library, to hidden sections, surprise accessories and secrets of the Dark Tower. We hope fans of both LEGO sets and *The Lord of the Rings* will really enjoy exploring this formidable Mordor landmark."

Antica Bracanov, LEGO® Senior Model Designer



THE FORGE AND DUNGEONS

Your LEGO® Barad-dûr™ model is divided into several different modular levels. At ground level, you can turn the brick button on the left side of the tower to open and close the main gate and enter the forge and dungeons. The sad remains of an unfortunate guest hang glumly above the liquid lava and warn unwelcome visitors of the fate that awaits them if they cross the Dark Lord.

Next door, orcs prepare for the upcoming sieges of Middle-earth[™]. Shields, helmets, tools, pauldrons and spears are forged, sharpened and fitted in the river of fire that flows through the dungeons from Mount Doom.

At the other end of the dungeon, Gollum[™] hides in a small cave. A secret nook in the cave is occupied by a giant spider. Whether Gollum put it there to keep him company or to contain it is uncertain. As the Hobbits[™] reach the end of their journey, Gollum's first-hand knowledge of the darkest corners of Mordor[™] helps Frodo Baggins[™] and Samwise Gamgee[™] avoid detection as they sneak through enemy territory.





"What are you waiting for? Just let it go!" - Samwise Gamaee™









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Frodo Baggins[™] struggles through the rough terrain of Mordor[™] on his journey to destroy the One Ring in the fires of Mount Doom.



























The 1x4 flat LEGO® tile in transparent orange is a new colour made for this model. The set contains 63 of them.













































































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The Phial of Galadriel[™] held by Samwise Gamgee[™] was originally a gift from Galadriel to Frodo Baggins[™]. After Frodo lost the phial during his battle with Shelob[™], Sam defeated Shelob and retrieved the phial.



















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The rocky terrain around the Dark Tower comes in several different colours. The rocks closest to the lava are the warmest colours, while those further away are darker and colder.

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Posing as Orcs, it took Frodo Baggins™ and Samwise Gamgee™ around ten days to trek across the rough terrain of Mordor™ to reach Mount Doom.



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The Gollum™ minifigure was redesigned for this set and features new a face decoration.




























































































"There's some good in this world, Mr. Frodo, and it's worth fighting for." – Samwise Gamgee™



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"One does not simply walk into Mordor, especially not beyond the tall impenetrable walls of Sauron's fortress." – Boromir™

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"No, Frodo. The spirit of Sauron endured. His life force is bound to the Ring and the Ring survived. Sauron has returned. His Orcs have multiplied... his fortress of Barad-dûr is rebuilt in the land of Mordor." - Gandalf™

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As it was constructed using the power of the One Ring, the foundations of the fortress cannot be destroyed as long as the One Ring exists.
































The sturdy base of the model was split into four sections to allow better building flow and easier orientation and navigation through the build.

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The model uses hinge elements to create the unique shape of the fortress. Every floor was designed by using different angles.



























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To have the best possible overview of the building progress, this section is built separately and then slid into the centre of the model and locked into place.














































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A simple but effective mechanism was used to open the main gates of the fortress.































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To trek through Mordor™ undiscovered, Frodo Baggins™ and Samwise Gamgee™ disguised themselves in Orc helmets.

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