



We are very excited to announce our next collaborative display for 2025:

GERT LUG CITY

Taking inspiration from the official “Ninjago City” sets, and inspired by the LEGO Ninjago movie and wider Ninjago Theme.

INTRO

The city will be made up of 32x32 baseplate "blocks" built on three basic templates and when put together will create an expansive and long city scape.

Ninjago City is a vertically stacked metropolis on the coast of the fictional continent of Ninjago. If you are not familiar with Ninjago, there is now loads of inspiration available (see links)

The visual style of Ninjago City, as portrayed in the official sets is of a vertically stacked city which is an eclectic blend of traditional and modern architecture. The lower levels of the city are a bit run-down, or simply older, wood construction. Earth Tones and simple, de-saturated colours, worn sidewalks, and plenty of vegetation set the scene.

As we work our way up to the second level (there are generally two floors or stories for each level) the city is cleaner and newer, with brighter colours and plenty of shops and advertising. The third level, which not every block needs to have, can continue the aesthetic of the second level, or start to shift towards a more futuristic vibe.

One of the beauties is that that buildings can be anything, from shops to homes, blacksmiths to comic book stores.

Let your imagination run wild

(If you have yet to build and Ninjago City set I would very much recommend them a great building experience all round)



THE BASIC CITY BASEPLATE RULES

Baseplates are all 32 x 32 (in any colour as it should all be covered)

City designs should consists of at least 1 main levels.

- Level 1 (lower city) is 2 bricks + 1 plate from baseplate, with a 4 stud deep sidewalk.
- Level 2 is 12 bricks + 1 plate above level 1 standard, also with a 4 stud deep minimum sidewalk.

Beyond the two standard levels, any additional sidewalks, bridges or platforms are entirely up the individual builder.

Level 1 sidewalk can and should have some variation of height to a minimum of 1 brick + 1 plate, as long as they match up to standard 2 brick + 1 plate on any end that connects to an adjoining base and also align with connecting pins for position (see example for details)

Also, a mixture of plate, tile, vegetation, as well as use the silver ingot tile, are encouraged to create the weathered and worn look of the official set.

Level 2 sidewalk is 1 brick + 2 plates, and this sidewalk should be much more even, and in better condition.

Any construction like roof details, balconies, or other overhang are permitted, however, there can be no overhang beyond the left and right sides of the block, where joining to another baseplate.

Major departures from this standard should be discussed beforehand, so as not to clash too much with the rest of the city.



STANDARD BASE PLATE DESIGNS

To help we have provided 3 Basic City Baseplate designs.

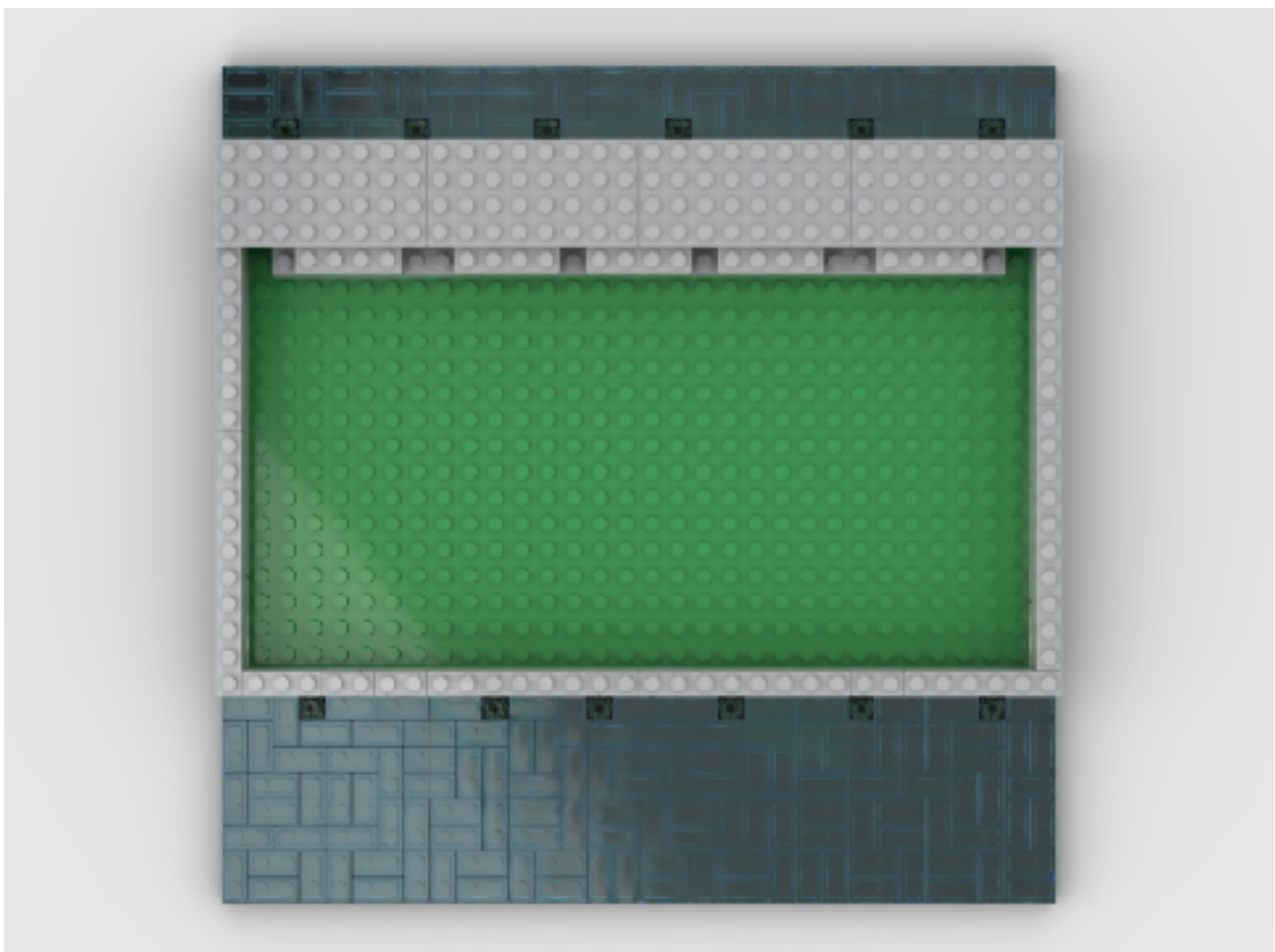
- Straight
- Outside Corner
- Inside Corner

If you buy a single “City Base Parts Pack” you can build any one of the following designs. Although it is recommended to add some variation to the water, plant life and pavement quality.

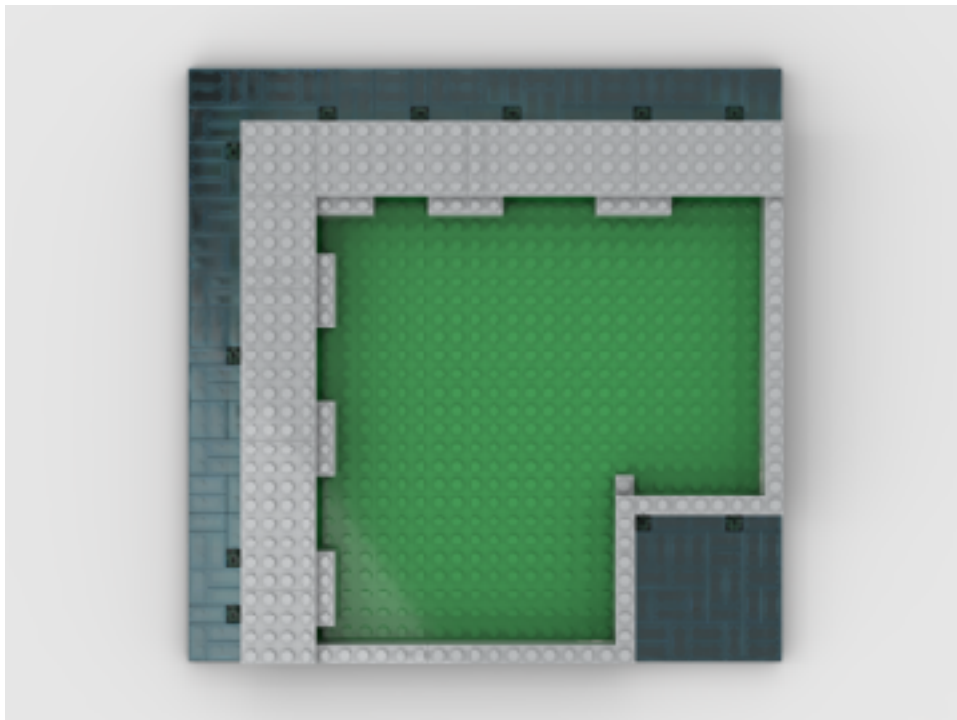
Basic Straight city block has 3 studs of water at the front, and 8 studs of water in the back.

Water is composed of 1 plate + 1 tile. Levels are the same as standard above.

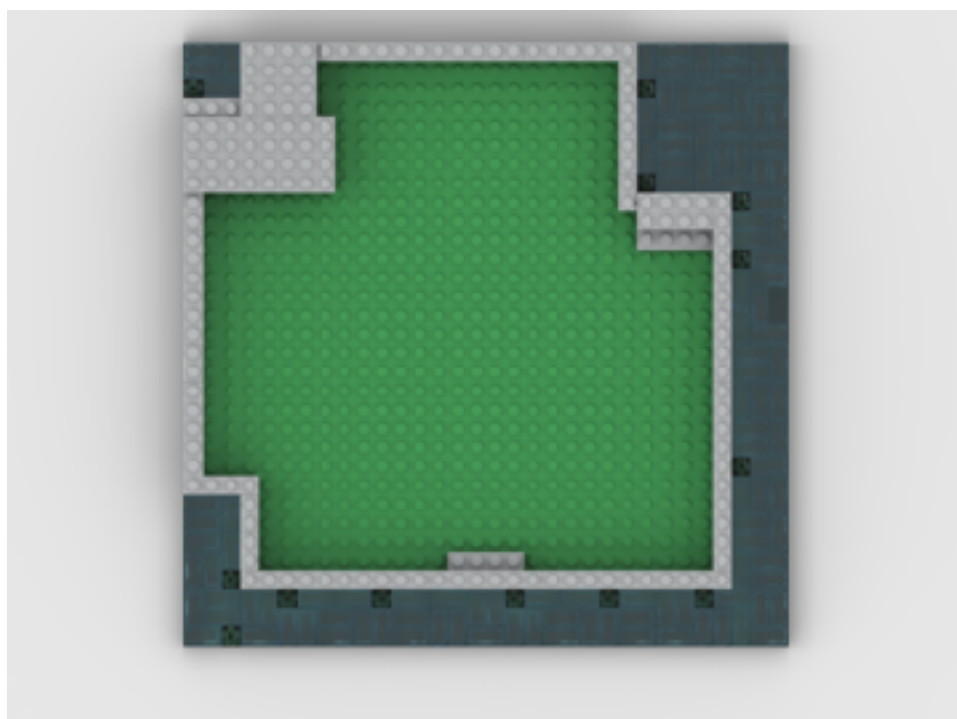
Front and back should be complete (no facades) as the block may be seen primarily from the back depending on final layout.



Outside corner blocks should have 3 studs of water along 2 adjacent sides. Levels are same as standard above. The corner opposite the outer 2 sides should also include 8 studs of water, however, the same exceptions outlined for the straight block above apply here as well.



Inside corners should have 3 studs of water on one corner. Levels are same as standard above. The opposite sides of the inside corner should start and end with 8 studs of water, same as the other two standards above, but the remaining space can be filled in, or left open, to the builder's discretion.



UPPER WALKWAY DESIGNS

To help we have provided an upper walkway design and associated parts pack.

If you buy a single “Bridge Parts Pack” you can build upto 32 long upper walkway.

As mentioned Level 2 is 12 bricks + 1 plate above level 1 standard, also with a 4 stud deep minimum sidewalk.

This upper walkway usually sits flush with the outer edge of the base plate, its often either mounted onto of the lower buildings or using some kind of support.

Its not critical that every block has an upper layer or walkway but the height and different layers are what make Ninjago City sets so interesting to look at (so they are recommend where possible)



USEFUL LINKS AND INSPIRATION

Brothers Brick Collab 2018

Another Lugs collar build from a few years ago

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nDMTvJQk-xA>

<https://www.flickr.com/groups/4523018@N23/pool/>

CJ Tonic (Rebrickable)

A Lego AFOL creating Ninjago City style MOCs from Modular Buildings etc

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SFE_98p6lvk

<https://rebrickable.com/users/cjtonic/mocs/?>

[theme=435,616](https://rebrickable.com/users/cjtonic/mocs/?theme=435,616)

Keith Fisher

Another AFOL who built a lovely Ninjago City

https://www.flickr.com/photos/keith_prefect/50187863248

<https://www.instagram.com/legobsmack/>

<https://www.instagram.com/whiskeyshred/>

https://www.instagram.com/keith_lowry/

<https://www.instagram.com/c.j.tonic/>

https://www.instagram.com/legomocs_brickgloria/

https://www.instagram.com/samurai_xy/

<https://www.instagram.com/kl3v3/>

<https://www.instagram.com/fullsteamchronicles/>

<https://www.instagram.com/legotablecity/>

<https://www.instagram.com/mrbookieboo/>

<https://www.instagram.com/xenlc/>

<https://www.instagram.com/brickstuffs/>

<https://www.instagram.com/bennsenbricks/>