



# Block family

Blocks are teachers, not just toys. Block play offers a vast range of experiences, enriching every area of the curriculum and supporting child development.

For over 100 years educators have been promoting the use of blocks in early childhood classrooms as a powerful learning tool. Because modular blocks are so versatile, they offer endless opportunities for a child's imagination to soar while discovering basic math and science principles, practicing problem-solving techniques and social skills, and building a solid foundation for future education.



Mini unit blocks p.147    Unit blocks p.142    Mini hollow blocks p.151    Hollow blocks p.149

**Mathematically modular.** All four sizes of blocks share the same modular proportions.

**Video: The value of block play**  
[communityplaythings.co.uk/foundations](https://communityplaythings.co.uk/foundations)



Mini unit blocks introduce toddlers to open-ended, constructive play on a scale that fits small hands.



Hollow blocks encourage cooperative play. Block play serves every area of learning and development.

# Unit block sets

ECERS 22: 7.1, 7.2, 5.2; 4: 7.2 ITERS 19: 7.1; 15: 5.2



**School set G464**  
720 blocks in 20 shapes  
Our largest set for 18–20 children



**Half school set G462**  
360 blocks in 20 shapes



**Quarter school set G461**  
180 blocks in 20 shapes



**Preschool set G431**  
149 blocks in 20 shapes.

## Generous storage for G464 Space-saver storage for G464



**School set with storage A G440**  
Includes 3: Fixed shelf 124 x 61 cm F643



**School set with storage B G442**  
Includes 2: Fixed shelf 124 x 81 cm F645

## Generous storage for G462 Space-saver storage for G462



**Half school set with storage A G444**  
Includes 2: Fixed shelf 124 x 61 cm F643



**Half school set with storage B G446**  
Includes Fixed shelf 124 x 81 cm F645

## Generous storage for G461 Space-saver storage for G461



**Quarter school set with storage A G448**  
Includes Fixed shelf 124 x 61 cm F643



**Quarter school set with storage B G458**  
Includes Fixed shelf 94 x 61 cm F661

## Generous storage for G431



**Preschool set with shelf G468**  
Includes Fixed shelf 94 x 61 cm F661



**Preschool set with trolleys G478**

# Unit block sets

ECERS 22: 7.2, 7.1, 5.2; 4: 7.2 ITERS 19: 7.1; 15: 5.2

Providing enough blocks, space and time is critical to the quality of children's block play. These Unit block sets contain large numbers of the most useful and popular shapes.

For storage, low open shelves allow the blocks to be sorted by size and shape. Generous space helps children to classify and organize the blocks during clean up. More compact, space-saver storage options are available as well.

Each block set is shown with recommended storage options.

For ages 3 and older



**Introductory set F151**  
92 blocks in 16 shapes. Just right for a family.



**Introductory set with shelf G456**  
Includes Fixed shelf 94 x 61 cm F661



**Introductory set with Block trolley F153**



**Supplementary set G475**  
57 blocks in 14 shapes.  
Add this to the Introductory set to complete a Preschool set

| Blocks included:      | G464 | G462 | G461 | G431 | F151 | G475 |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Units                 | 204  | 102  | 51   | 43   | 25   | 18   |
| Double units          | 152  | 76   | 38   | 20   | 15   | 5    |
| Quadruple units       | 44   | 22   | 11   | 8    | 4    | 4    |
| Half units            | 64   | 32   | 16   | 16   | 8    | 8    |
| Pillars               | 32   | 16   | 8    | 8    | 8    | 0    |
| Double pillars        | 16   | 8    | 4    | 4    | 2    | 2    |
| Triangles             | 16   | 8    | 4    | 4    | 2    | 2    |
| Small triangles       | 32   | 16   | 8    | 8    | 4    | 4    |
| Ramps                 | 32   | 16   | 8    | 6    | 4    | 2    |
| Large cylinders       | 16   | 8    | 4    | 4    | 4    | 0    |
| Small cylinders       | 16   | 8    | 4    | 4    | 4    | 0    |
| Big building boards   | 16   | 8    | 4    | 4    | 0    | 4    |
| Roof boards           | 16   | 8    | 4    | 4    | 4    | 0    |
| Unit arches           | 8    | 4    | 2    | 2    | 2    | 0    |
| Elliptical curves     | 8    | 4    | 2    | 2    | 0    | 2    |
| Quarter circle arches | 16   | 8    | 4    | 4    | 2    | 2    |
| Quarter circles       | 16   | 8    | 4    | 4    | 2    | 2    |
| Half roman arches     | 8    | 4    | 2    | 2    | 2    | 0    |
| Intersections         | 4    | 2    | 1    | 1    | 0    | 1    |
| Side roads            | 4    | 2    | 1    | 1    | 0    | 1    |
| Total pieces          | 720  | 360  | 180  | 149  | 92   | 57   |

## Accessories



**Block trolley A60**



**Fixed shelf 124 x 81 cm F645**



**Fixed shelf 124 x 61 cm F643**



**Fixed shelf 94 x 61 cm F661**

See p.56 **More information on shelves**

Half school set (G462)



**Mathematically modular**  
The length of each block is twice the width, which is twice the thickness.



Gently rounded corners give the blocks an appealing, velvet-smooth feel.

Village vehicles are the perfect size for a Unit block highway.



**Hands-on learning:** Block play solidly supports emerging STEM skills.



**Teamwork:** Block play encourages the development of important language and social skills.

## Unit blocks

ECERS 22: 7.2, 7.1, 5.2; 4: 7.2 ITERS 19: 7.1; 15: 5.2

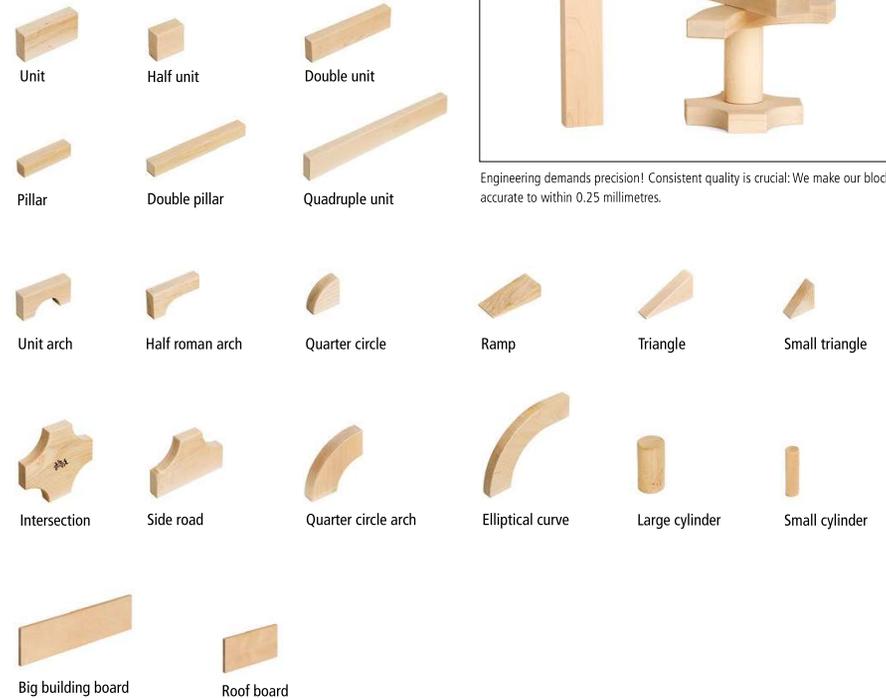
Because of their great potential and versatility as a learning tool, Unit blocks should be standard equipment in all early years classrooms. These blocks are precisely crafted out of solid birch, ensuring decades of building, learning and fun. Dimensions of the Unit block are 140 mm x 70 mm x 35 mm.

To purchase individual shapes, see [communityplaythings.co.uk/shapes](http://communityplaythings.co.uk/shapes)

For ages 3 and older



Engineering demands precision! Consistent quality is crucial: We make our blocks accurate to within 0.25 millimetres.





Mini units share the same modular proportions as Unit blocks.

Natural wooden blocks fit comfortably into little hands.

Single set (G481) and Deep tote (F890)



Mini unit blocks are great for tabletop play. Older children in your after-school provision will enjoy them too.



**Add the finishing touch!** Mini unit blocks are excellent used in conjunction with Unit blocks.

## Mini unit blocks

ECERS 19: 5.1; 22: 7.1 ITERS 15: 5.1; 19: 7.1

Mini unit blocks are both delightful for a toddler's small hands and ideal for school-age tabletop play. Children love the natural wood texture and enjoy building intricate structures with these precisely machined blocks.

Mini unit blocks are exactly half the size of our well-known Unit blocks. They are small but safe, meeting the European toy standards' small-parts tests.

For ages 1 and older



Double set **G482**  
182 blocks in 17 shapes.



Single set **G481**  
91 blocks in 17 shapes.

### Accessories



Deep tote **F890**  
15 cm high, base 22 x 28 cm  
Choose tote colour:



The Double set fills 2 Deep totes, loosely jumbled for easy clean-up.



The Single set fills a Deep tote, loosely jumbled for easy clean-up.



These large, easy-to-grasp blocks let children create their own child-sized play structures.

A child can easily get hold of the open sides of Hollow blocks.

**Half preschool set (B51)**

**Built to last**  
Solid birch construction will provide years of building and play.



**Ready to roll:** Add a fleet of Large trucks and create a Hollow block highway system. See page 153



**Open-ended drama:** Create your own life-sized role play setting with Hollow blocks.

## Indoor hollow blocks

ECERS 8: 7.2, 5.1; 22: 7.3, 7.1 ITERS 16: 7.3; 5.3

Construction with Hollow blocks offers opportunity for cooperative, large-muscle building experiences that support all areas of learning. As children interact, they learn to communicate and solve problems.

Choose from the five sets below, and add any number of individual blocks to satisfy your young builders' requirements. The Hollow block trolley, sold separately, offers convenient, mobile storage.

For ages 3–8

| Blocks included:   | B652    | B651 | B552 | B551 | B501 |
|--------------------|---------|------|------|------|------|
| Squares            | 28      | 14   | 16   | 8    | 5    |
| Double squares     | 16      | 8    | 8    | 4    | 2    |
| Half squares       | 16      | 8    | 8    | 4    | 2    |
| Ramps              | 4       | 2    | 4    | 2    | 2    |
| Short boards       | 8       | 4    | 8    | 4    | 4    |
| Long boards        | 16      | 8    | 8    | 4    | 2    |
| Total pieces       | 88      | 44   | 52   | 26   | 17   |
| Storage (optional) | A45 (2) | A45  | A45  | A45  | A45  |



**School set B652**  
88 pieces in 6 shapes. Fits in two A45 Hollow block trolleys.



**Preschool set B552**  
52 pieces in 6 shapes. Fits in one A45 Hollow block trolley.



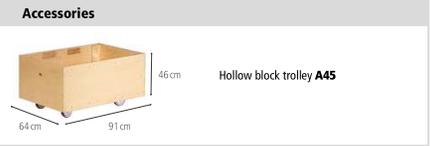
**Half school set B651**  
44 pieces in 6 shapes. Fits in one A45 Hollow block trolley.



**Half preschool set B551**  
26 pieces in 6 shapes. Fits in one A45 Hollow block trolley.



**Introductory set B501**  
17 pieces in 6 shapes.



**Top-up set B020**  
Includes 2 Double squares, 3 Squares, 2 Half squares, 2 Long boards

**Top-up set B060**  
Includes 2 Ramps, 2 Squares and 4 Short boards

**Two half squares B620**  
14 x 14 x 28 cm

**Double square B623**  
14 x 28 x 56 cm

**Two short boards B624**  
10 x 56 cm x 14 mm thick

**Square B621**  
14 x 28 x 28 cm

**Ramp B622**  
14 x 28 x 56 cm

**Two long boards B625**  
14 x 112 cm x 19 mm thick



Cleats hold the long boards firmly in place, allowing the trolley to carry larger sets of blocks.

Half nursery set (B405)  
Block trolley (A60)



**Open sides** allow little hands to pick the blocks up easily. Weight and size are appropriate for toddlers.



**Built to last**  
Solid birch construction and clear, durable finish ensure decades of heavy-duty play.



A vehicle for every road: Small trucks are the perfect size for this highway. See page 153.



Mini hollow blocks are modular with Unit blocks and Hollow blocks, so all sizes can be used together.

## Mini hollow blocks

**ECERS** 8: 7.2, 5.1, 5.2; 22: 7.1, 7.3  
**ITERS** 16: 7.3, 5.3

Just the right size and shape for little builders, Mini hollow blocks give toddlers their first taste of large muscle block play. Older children find them an exciting extension to Unit block play and perfect for adding detail to Hollow block constructions.

For ages 2 and older



**Nursery set B410**  
38 pieces in 4 shapes. Fits in two A60 Block trolleys.



**Half nursery set B405**  
19 pieces in 4 shapes. Fits in one A60 Block trolley.

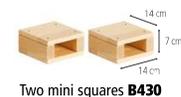


**Introductory set B402**  
7 pieces in 4 shapes.

**Video: The value of block play**  
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| Blocks included:   | B410    | B405 | B402 |
|--------------------|---------|------|------|
| Mini squares       | 20      | 10   | 2    |
| Mini doubles       | 8       | 4    | 2    |
| Mini quads         | 6       | 3    | 1    |
| Mini ramps         | 4       | 2    | 2    |
| Total pieces       | 38      | 19   | 7    |
| Storage (optional) | A60 (2) | A60  |      |

### Accessories



This open trolley holds the Half nursery set of Mini hollow blocks. The tilted bed keeps everything in.



Pair Small trucks and Village vehicles with Unit or Hollow blocks and watch an entire metropolis emerge.



**Safe**  
The Villagers easily pass the small parts test to prevent swallowing. The hole provides an airway for added safety.



**Complete fleet**  
Vehicles and trucks combine nicely, adding new possibilities to children's play.

**Set of four big trucks (T114)**



The Coach has a cargo bay big enough for Village vehicles.

## Vehicles and aircraft

ECERS 19: 5, 11TERS 19: 7.2, 15: 7.2, 5.1

Make way for miles of active fun with our collection of on-the-go vehicles. All are made of durable hardwood with gently rounded edges for many hours of safe driving. The simple, uncluttered design encourages creativity and imagination.

Large trucks for ages 3–6  
Village vehicles, small trucks and aircraft for ages 1–6



**Set of four big trucks T114**  
Includes 8 Villagers



**Set of five small trucks T70**  
Includes 5 Villagers



**Fire engine T30**  
58 cm long  
Includes ladder and 2 Villagers



**Artic T15**  
69 cm long  
Includes 2 Villagers



**Flatbed T20**  
69 cm long  
Includes 2 Villagers



**Coach T28**  
58 cm long  
Includes 2 Villagers



**Small fire truck T77**  
39 cm long  
Includes Villager and 2 ladders



**Small artic T73**  
34 cm long  
Includes Villager



**Small flatbed T74**  
28 cm long  
Includes Villager



**Small dump truck T72**  
28 cm long with dumping bed  
Includes Villager



The Artic has lots of room for real cargo. Drivers – put the lid on, close the tailgate, and start the engine!



**Four village vehicles D612**  
Includes 2 cars, 2 vans and 6 Villagers



**Two village vehicles D611**  
Car 11 cm long, van 14 cm long  
Includes 3 Villagers



**Village vehicle D610**  
Includes Villager



**Helicopter T51**  
27 cm long  
Includes Villager



**Airplane T76**  
38 cm long  
Includes 3 Villagers



**Six villagers D613**  
7 cm high



**Small tank truck T71**  
24 cm long  
Includes Villager