

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.



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

 **Video: The value of block play**
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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



School Set with Storage A G440
Includes 3: Fixed Shelf 124 x 61 cm F643

Space-saver storage for G464



School Set with Storage B G442
Includes 2: Fixed Shelf 124 x 81 cm F645

Generous storage for G462



Half School Set with Storage A G444
Includes 2: Fixed Shelf 124 x 61 cm F643

Space-saver storage for G462



Half School Set with Storage B G446
Includes Fixed Shelf 124 x 81 cm F645

Generous storage for G461



Quarter School Set with Storage A G448
Includes Fixed Shelf 124 x 61 cm F643

Space-saver storage for G461



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 organise the blocks during cleanup. 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. 68 More information on shelves

Half School Set
(G462)



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



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

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 ITES 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 beech, 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

For ages 3 and older



Unit



Half Unit



Double Unit



Pillar



Double Pillar



Quadruple Unit



Unit Arch



Half Roman Arch



Quarter Circle



Ramp



Triangle



Small Triangle



Intersection



Side Road



Quarter Circle Arch



Elliptical Curve



Large Cylinder



Small Cylinder



Big Building Board



Roof Board



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

Mini Unit Blocks

ECERS 19: 5.1; 22: 7.1 ITES 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

Accessories

Deep Tote F890
15 cm high, base 22 x 28 cm
Choose Tote colour: ☐ ☐

Deep Basket G483
15 cm high, base 19 x 29 cm



Double Set G482
182 blocks in 17 shapes.



The Double Set fills two Deep Totes or Baskets, loosely jumbled for easy clean-up.



Single Set G481
91 blocks in 17 shapes.



The Single Set fills a Deep Tote or Basket, loosely jumbled for easy clean-up.



Mini Units share the same modular proportions as Unit Blocks.



Natural wooden blocks fit comfortably into little hands.

Single Set (G481) and Deep Basket (G483)



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 when used in conjunction with Unit Blocks.



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 (B551)

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 193



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



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.

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

Accessories



Hollow Block Trolley A45



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



2 Half Squares B620
14 x 14 x 28 cm



Double Square B623
14 x 28 x 56 cm



2 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



2 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 193.



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.

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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



Mini Quad B434



2 Mini Doubles B422



2 Mini Squares B430



2 Mini Ramps B423

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: 5.1ITERS 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 4 Big Trucks T114

Includes 8 Villagers



Set of 5 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



4 Village Vehicles D612

Includes 2 Cars, 2 Vans and 6 Villagers



2 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



6 Villagers D613

7 cm high



Small Tank Truck T71

24 cm long
Includes Villager



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