HOGWARTS SCHOOL OF WITCHCRAFT AND WIZARDRY

By Alice Finch

FACTFILE

Build location: Seattle, Washington
Year completed: 2012
Time taken: Twelve months of building over an eighteen-month period
LEGO elements used: 400,000, give or take a few!

WHAT IS IT?

In Alice Finch's own words, "Hogwarts is unique, not just because of its enormous scale or the sheer number of bricks. What makes it extreme is perhaps the amount of detail that has been included: a complete castle with all the proper towers, turrets, fenestration in correct locations, classrooms full of students telling the story of a particular moment, down to the tiniest of moments, such as the handlebar of the tricycle that Grawp offered to Hermione. I've included as many scenes and locations from the books as I could and I think that is what people have enjoyed the most." Approximately 250 minifigures populate the architecturally accurate model of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry from J. K. Rowling's bestselling series and Warner Bros. film adaptations.

Finch was inspired by her visits to Oxford, England, where her brother attended college, after feeling unsatisfied with the size of the original Great Hall in TLG's first edition set of Hogwarts. "After I built the set, I knew that I needed to build my own Great Hall full of the wood paneling, a high table, a dramatic timber-framed ceiling, and four long tables with benches. Once I started laying out the bricks I quickly realized that this was going to be quite a bit bigger than the set. It was important that it have a

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