

How Are Legos Made?

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The real Ole Kirk, the maker
of Legos

Glossary

Factory: where things are made

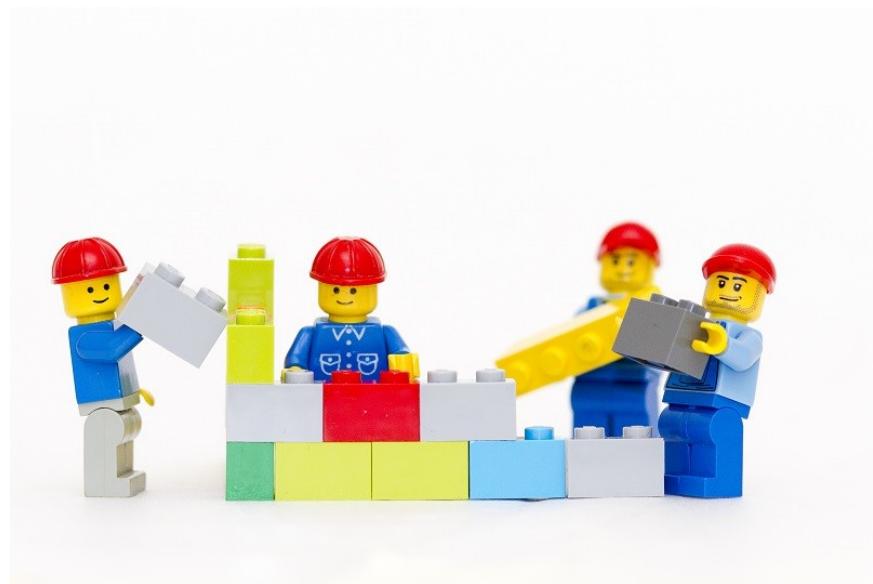
Billion: a very big number

Machine: a thing that makes something

Mold: something that creates a shape



From the first Lego long ago, now there are many, many Legos to play with and make new things!



You can make just about anything with Legos! But, do you know how Legos are made?



About 70 years ago, there was a man, Ole Kirk, who liked to be called “Lego!” Ole had a toy factory that made toys out of wood.



Now, kids can get Legos at the store and play with Legos.



When the Legos are cool, they are put in a box and sent to the stores.



All the wood toys were lost in a fire. So, Ole made something brand new.



He made the first small plastic bricks that stuck together and called them "Legos."



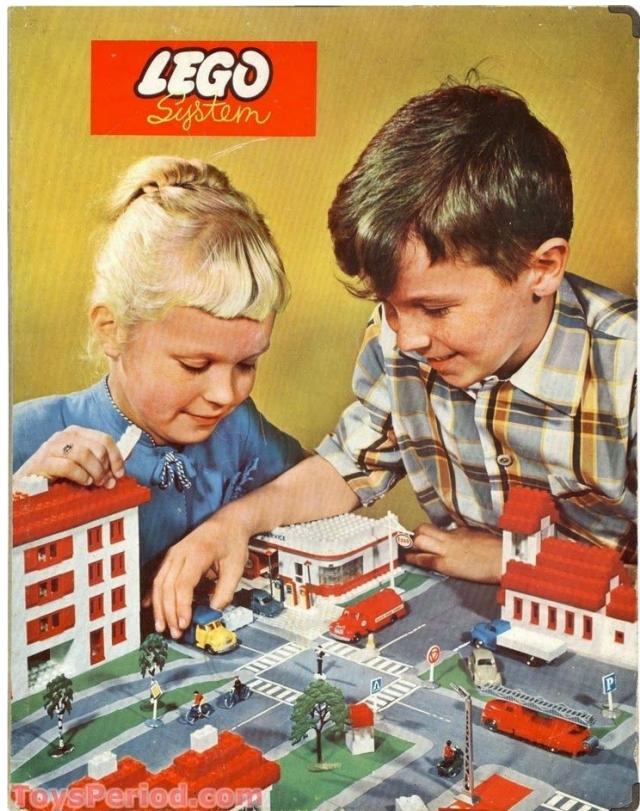
Then, machines put the hot plastic into a shape mold. It can be a head mold, a brick mold, or any other Lego shape.



To make a Lego, machines mix up hot plastic in huge tubs.



At first, he made just a few Legos. People did not love them.



Kids (like you!) had more and more fun with Legos. Ole made more Legos!



Now, the LEGO factory makes 20 billion LEGO bricks each year. They do not just make bricks—they make over 2,000 other types of Legos, too.