

lego builds on 50 years

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Monday is the 50th birthday of the Lego brick. But before you break into song, a job you can only dream of...

Michael Keaton is an official LEGO master builder reckons he's got one of the best jobs in the world - he says the only job which might be better would to be a Lego builder.

Lego employs about two dozen full time master builders around the world. There are even **competitions** to try to become a professional builder.

One of the builders in our studio this morning was Bo. Bo is a massive lego enthusiast. He has just been in Melbourne over the weekend for a LEGO convention called "Brickvention" and when he moved to Australia from Denmark, he brought his entire LEGO collection (several thousand pieces) with him.

He even says he worked as a waiter in Denmark to fund his Lego "addiction."

Between 6am and 9am today, during the show, Bo and another enthusiast, Ritchie, built an electronic ghost train and a house.

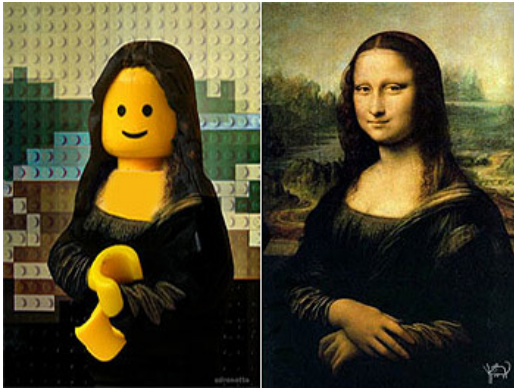
On set we had the Sydney Opera House, The Australian flag, R2D2 from Star Wars, Eeyore from Winnie the Pooh and Harry Potter.

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Our Top Ten Best Ever LEGO Creations

It's every child's goal to build LEGO models bigger and better. And there has never been a shortage of adults eager to keep the dream alive by building bigger and more complex designs.



#10 Mona Lisa Making classic art accessible to every two year old.



#9 Football Stadium A miniature stadium a metre high - complete with VIP areas and hooligans setting off flares.



#8 Aircraft Carrier Combining the fascination of the largest floating ships with the smallest toys. Genius.



#7 Optical Illusions Escher in LEGO. It's enough to blow your small mind!



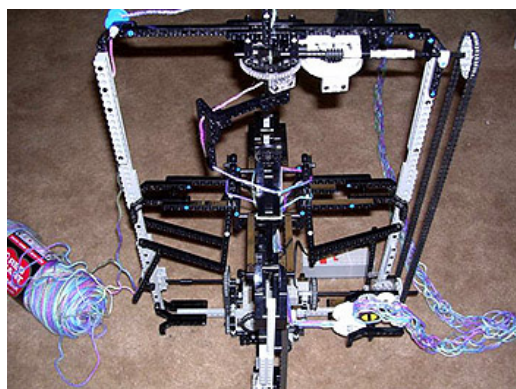
#6 Death Star Bringing the world's twin obsessions together in a highly detailed gray ball the size of your living room.



#5 DeLorean Going back to Back to the Future in a whole new way would be enough to make The Doc faint. Sadly, this one doesn't actually drive.



#4 Pinball Machine A fully operational pinball machine would have us putting down our twenty cents.



#3 Sewing Machine Another operational unit, this time a sewing machine, offering users the chance to make little dresses for the guards of your lego city.



#2 Lie Detector A working Lie Detector gets our vote as second best LEGO creation ever. Honest!



#1 Wind Power Generator Just the suggestion of sustainable energy that any child could make on a Sunday arvo is enough to get our **#1 Best Lego Creation ever!**

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