**CASTLE DESK TIDY**

This cool desk tidy has boxes for your pens and pencils, a drawer for smaller stationery — and it looks like a miniature castle! Start with the drawer and make sure it is big enough to fit whatever you want to store inside.

**BUILDING BRIEF**

**Objective:** Make desk tidies

**Use:** Workspace organisation, decoration

**Features:** Drawers, shelves, dividers

**Extras:** Secret compartments

**BRING ME A NET TO CATCH THAT SEA MONSTER!**

**SEA MONSTER**

Scare away stationery stealers with a sea monster desk tidy! Begin with a basic box shape, build in dividers, then add the features that make a monster of the deep. Can you think of other creatures that could keep your stationery safe? Have a go at making those too!

- **Exquisite eyes:** Made from 1x1 round plates inserted into headlight bricks
- **Scaly effect:** Exposed studs on bricks create a scaly effect
- **Brutal mouth:** A red mouth adds detail and looks pretty scary!
- **Extraordinary neck:** Curved bricks make a long, sloping neck
- **Strong tail:** A high, pointed tail can support bigger pens
- **Glorious horns:** Sea monsters are mythical creatures, so no one really knows what they look like. What colour and shape will yours be?
- **Secret creature:** To make your sea monster even more frightening, add horns or fangs!

**STEP-BY-STEP**

After you’ve built the drawer, make a box that fits neatly around it. Once the box is high enough to cover the drawer, top it off with some plates, adding decoration and open boxes.

- **Layer plates, bricks and tiles**
- **to build the drawer and the box it fits into**
- **Decorate your desk tidy with plates**
- **in contrasting colours**

**Think about what else you have in your room.**

**How would you style your LEGO® desk tidy to match?**

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TRUCK TIDY

Your desk tidy can look like anything you like. Why not take inspiration from everyday objects as with this colourful truck? It can deliver a truckload of stationery straight to your desk! What are your favourite things? What kind of shapes would make a good desk tidy? Try building one based on a car, an animal or a spaceship. Go ahead – it’s your workspace!

STATIONERY TRUCK

Decide how many compartments you need for your cargo of pens and pencils and how big you want your truck’s cab to be, then build from there! Make your base wide enough to house the bricks that hold the wheels. The wheels are raised so the tidy won’t roll, but you could build them lower and add another set on the other side to make it mobile!

You can customise your truck however you want! Maybe add wing mirrors or headlights. Build a cockpit big enough to fit a minifigure – or two!

2x2 round bricks add detail to the truck, but you could use this section to hold even more stationery. 2x2 wheels fit into 2x2 bricks with wheel arches. This side sticks out from the cab so it can accommodate the wheels. Curved pieces give the front of the truck a smooth shape. Or you could use slopes or angled plates.

Add lots of contrasting colours to brighten up your workspace!

A brick separator could come in handy when you’re building your desk tidy!

Compartments can be varying sizes, depending on what you want to store in them.

Try using curved bricks instead of angular bricks to give your compartments a different look. Large buckets look like a real truck’s cargo!

2x2 bricks with wheel arches

Hang on… if I’m in here, who’s driving this thing?!