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DIY LEGO Dreidel Kit: the “Square”

The more LEGO dreidels in the world, the better...

The intersection of LEGO and Jewish holidays is always fun. Especially if the constructions actually *do* stuff, like *spin*.

This kit is meant to get you started, to kick off a frenzy of dreidel-building exploration with whatever LEGO parts you might have on hand.

The act of building a LEGO dreidel is chock full o' educational benefits. Some elements to consider: you've got to have four balanced sides; a low center of gravity; a minimum of friction; a smooth, wide contact point and a design that doesn't fling itself to bits when it bashes into another dreidel. Figuring all this out with your kid is more than half the fun.

Building a dreidel builds other stuff, too, like enthusiasm for the holiday and a deeper appreciation of those four important letters and what they stand for. The letters on a homemade dreidel need to be arranged in the correct order going right to left. *Nun, gimmel, hey, shin* are the abbreviation (an initialism, actually, if you want to get all nerdy) of *nes gadol haya sham*: “a great miracle happened there.” So, a shin will never be adjacent to a gimmel, for example.

Ideas for adding letters:

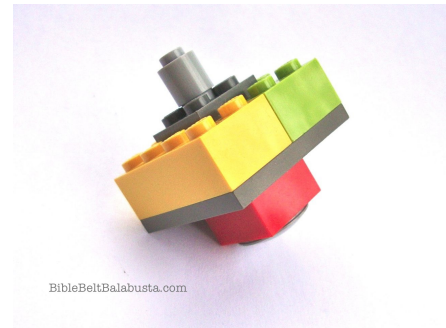
- Wrap dreidel in tape and write letters on tape.
- Write letters on Avery 1/2” dot stickers and place on sides of dreidel.
- Use aleph-bet rubber stamps on Avery stickers.
- Write letters directly on LEGO bricks with a Sharpie (rubbing alcohol removes mistakes).

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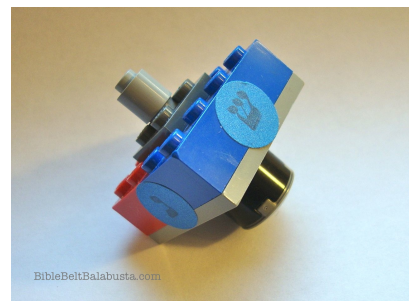
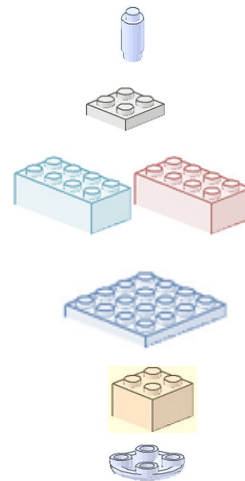
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Parts list:

- 1 1x1 round brick (stud) #3062a or b
- 1 2x2 plate #3022
- 2 2x4 bricks #3001
- 1 4x4 plate #3031
- 1 2x2 brick #3003
- 1 2x2 rounded plate “boat stud” #2654
(may substitute 1x1 plate/pip #4073)

Assemble as per illustration below:



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