

LEGO Pokemon Training House Building & Play Guide for Parents

A companion guide for LEGO Pokemon SMART Play: Training House with Pikachu (set 72164). Original guide by ZoxDeal. Not affiliated with LEGO or The Pokemon Company.

1. What is in the box?

The set holds 400 pieces, one brick-built Pikachu figure, one SMART Brick, one SMART Charger, and four SMART Tags. It is an All-in-One set, so it holds all the smart parts you need. Sort the pieces by type before you start. Keep the SMART Brick and the tags apart from the plain bricks until the build calls for them.

2. Building tips

Build in short sessions of 30 to 45 minutes. Younger builders may need an adult for the small parts. Follow the steps in order, and check each step before you move on. If a tag does not sit flat, refit it gently. A loose tag can give a weak response.

3. SMART Brick setup

Charge the SMART Brick fully with the SMART Charger before first play. Place the brick in the model as the instructions show. Core play needs no phone or tablet. The LEGO SMART Assist app is only for settings, troubleshooting, and firmware updates. If you own an older SMART Brick from LEGO Star Wars sets, update it through the app before you use the Pokemon functions.

4. Play ideas

Try these five play starters: (1) Feed Pikachu the buildable sandwich and watch for a happy response. (2) Run a training drill with the training dummy. (3) Swap the top floor from kitchen to bed with the dial. (4) Stage a gentle battle with a second compatible Pokemon figure, if you own one. (5) Build a new scene from spare bricks and add a tag to see how the brick reacts.

5. Age guidance

LEGO rates the set for ages 6 and up. Children under 6 should play with adult help, since the set holds small pieces. Older children may finish the build fast. Plan extra play time after the build, so the set stays fun beyond build day.

6. Sound expectations

The SMART Brick makes sounds live with a built-in synthesiser. It does not play the video-game cry, and it does not speak Pikachu's name like in the anime. Tell children this before first play, so they judge the sounds on their own terms.

7. Care and storage

Recharge the brick after play, and store it dry. Keep the charger in the box so it is easy to find. Wipe dusty bricks with a dry cloth. Store the finished model out of direct sun, and keep spare

tags in a small bag with the set.

8. Expanding the range

The SMART Brick works with future SMART Play sets built for the system. Compatible sets add new scenes and tags but no brick. Add a Compatible set only after your child still plays with this set often. That way each new set adds real play, not just shelf stock.

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