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Lego Crazy Action Contraptions (Klutz)



Synopsis

LEGO® Crazy Action Contraptions is a book of never-before-seen, high-performance projects. From the supercharged Speedster to the Squeezeclaw Grabber to the Wall Rocket Racer — all these contraptions spin, stretch, speed, or otherwise spring into action. And all of them are totally buildable thanks to super-clear instructions and step-by-step diagrams. Every single one of the 16 projects can be constructed using just the custom selection of LEGO® bricks that come with the book (including every brick, gear, and axle). Comes With: 105 LEGO bricks• Create wonderful things • Be good • Have fun

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Customer Reviews

I enjoy building Lego with my kids and, frankly, we probably have all of the included parts already (if we were willing to take a few things apart). I was wary of the product because we aren't klutzies when it comes to things mechanical. But this has proved a great rainy-day toy that we can do together. We build a contraption, play with it for a week or two, and then take it apart and build the next one. Not all of the plans are terribly inspired, but it works for us. I should say that we are dealing with little kids (down to 4 years old) and that I'm not sure how well this set would work for older kids. A ten or twelve year old would probably tear through the designs in an hour and then want more parts to build something else. What I like best about the set is that it naturally

encourages building and rebuilding different designs rather than one particular thing. So, it's a great toy if this sounds like something you'd enjoy sharing with your kids. Also, you should be able to find this toy on [at below MSRP](#).

This product (as appears to be the case for other Klutz products) represents a very nice hack on random lego technic pieces. You may know that you can't buy 'loose' technic pieces, but Klutz solves the problem by giving you the pieces you need to build a variety of thoughtfully-designed mini projects, including several that are powered by rubber bands! My 5-year old loves it! This was our first lego technic kit after several traditional brick kits.

I purchased this [Crazy Contraptions](#) set for my son on his 10th birthday. It was an absolute hit! The instructions to make the car are his favorite. I will say that at least with the car he needed some help getting it together properly. So depending on the child this may not be a totally independent toy. He didn't have any problems making the grabber though, so all of the items aren't the same as far as difficulty putting them together. Overall this product has been a hit and has been enjoyed for about a couple months now! I would recommend this for any child who enjoys building things out of legos and wants to take it farther and have them move.

I have purchased 3 of these as gifts (two later to be distributed). My grandson (11) has made all the things in the book and loves it. I am confident my son and other grandson will be happy with it too. Klutz is always a great product.

My seven-year-old son loves Legos, and he found this book at a book store and begged for it for months. I finally got it for him as a reward for doing well in first grade, and he says, "I particularly liked the super-charged speedster because it went really fast and really well compared to the rocket racer. The speedster would go almost all the way across our living room!" I do wish it came with more rubber bands, as he's worn out the ones that came with it.

This was a fun set to play with my four year old son. It's a great introduction to simple mechanics, and there's a good variety of builds to keep things interesting. My favorite was the "Tennessee time-killer", and the rubber band cars were fun too. We built the models from the instructions. In many cases the strength of items seemed a bit weak. For example the telescoping grabber has two sections joined by little 1/3 height bricks that see a fair bit of force and it would often pull apart when

being used. Or the Tennessee time-killer had the tendency to wobble when operating. My guess this was to keep the parts count (cost) down, but if you have even a modest bin of legos, you likely have everything you need to bolster their deigns. Personally I saw it as a good chance to teach how to iterate on a design to improve its flaws, others may not enjoy that aspect though. Either way I thought this set was really neat and a nice departure from what you usually find in a lego set.

Great book!! I bought this for my 7 year old's birthday. We have thoroughly enjoyed working through the projects. He can't do it independently (he also can't yet do k'nex. I think the difficulty level is similar in the sense of physically being able to get pieces to click together) but only needs a little help and we've really enjoyed both the making and playing with the things we've made. I certainly recommend it and will buy it as birthday gifts for 8-10 year olds in the future.

I haven't done the whole book yet, my son is only 4 so its a bit advanced for him. I will say this is an amazing product. You can literally teach them so much with this little kit. I spent years as a kid trying to piece together similar capabilities from pre-existing kits. Stretch those little minds, we'll need engineers in the future!

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