

GAMER GUIDE

LEGO FORTNITE
EDITION



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WHAT IS IT?



LEGO Fortnite is an open-world survival video game released in December 2023. This collaboration between Epic Games and The LEGO Group is available on Android, Nintendo Switch, PlayStation 4 & 5, Windows, and Xbox One & Series X/S. It can be accessed within the main Fortnite application.

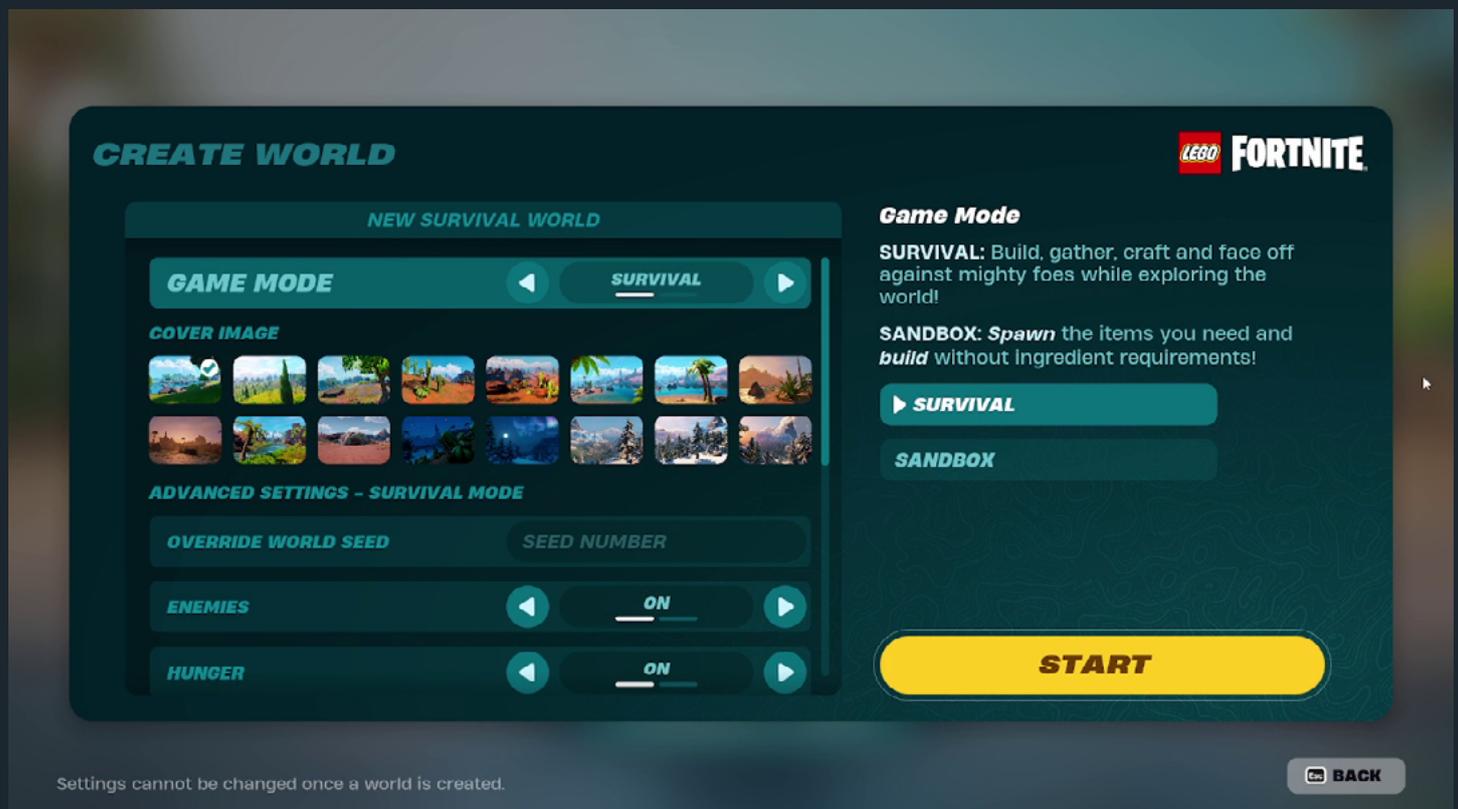


The partnership between Epic Games and The LEGO Group was announced in April 2022 with the goal of creating a child-friendly “metaverse”. This collaboration led to a substantial investment in Epic Games by LEGO’s parent company, Kirkbi A/S. LEGO Fortnite quickly gained popularity upon release, attracting over 2.4 million concurrent players and surpassing the popularity of other established Fortnite game modes.

BREAKDOWN THE BASICS

In LEGO Fortnite players explore a procedurally-generated world. They can gather resources, craft useful items, battle enemies, and recruit Villagers to build their own unique Village filled with Fortnite characters. They can play solo or team up with friends for a collaborative adventure.

Mechanics



Worlds

Players must either create a new world or join an existing one where they have been granted “key holder” access. Players can manage up to 8 worlds, each with customizable settings. Note that these settings cannot be changed after the world is created.

- Survival Mode: Offers the challenge of building, gathering resources, crafting items, and battling enemies within an expansive world.
- Sandbox Mode: Allows for unrestricted building without resource constraints. Players can focus on creativity without enemy threats (unless manually enabled).

Players can fine-tune their world experience with these optional advanced settings before starting.

- World Seed: A specific code can be used to generate a world identical to another.
- Enemies, Hunger, Temperature, Stamina, Elimination, Inventory Drop: These can be toggled on or off to adjust gameplay difficulty.
- Friendly Creatures, Villagers: Players can choose whether or not to populate their world.

LEGO Fortnite supports up to 8 players in a world. Up to 7 others can become “key holders,” allowing them to edit the world even when the creator is offline. Players can invite friends through the Players tab in the Map menu.



Building

Players access building options via the Build Menu. As more crafting recipes are unlocked, new tabs appear, such as Utility, Builds, and Recents. These tabs can have further sub-categories (for example, Utility includes Stations like the Crafting Bench). When the Build Menu is open, players select blueprints to place in the world. They can rotate, nudge, and freely position the chosen build before confirming its placement with the Build control. Players can also delete any build they've placed by attacking it. This action will return the resources used.

Build actions include:

- Build: Confirms placement.
- Snap Mode: (Hold) Helps align builds.
- Rotate: Rotates builds in 45-degree increments.
- Nudge: Moves build 1 square in the corresponding direction.

Complex structures like buildings require the construction of individual components. After choosing a component, the game guides its placement, removing the need for manual rotation or nudging. Starter Shacks and more complex builds (Log Cabin, Pleasant Park, etc.) become available as players progress.

Builds:

- Starter Shacks: Basic style, available immediately.
- Log Cabin: Construct starter buildings, then talk to Cuddle Team Leader to receive the recipes.
- Pleasant Park: Place and completely level up a Village in the Grasslands biome.
- Shogun Palace: Place and completely level up a Village in the Frostlands biome.
- Majestic Manors: Place and completely level up a Village in the Dry Valley biome.



Villages

Villages are a core part of LEGO Fortnite. To create one, players will need a Village Square. A Village has 2 factors to level up:

- Village Level: Increases by upgrading the Village Square (requires resources and meeting certain building goals). This unlocks new perks, Villager housing, and job assignments.
- Village Rating: Increases by building structures and items within the Village.

Each Village Level upgrade requires specific resources and a higher Village Rating. Early upgrades focus on basic materials, while later ones need crafted components. Players should focus on building various stations and structures to progress.

Upgrading a Village grants these benefits:

- Level 1: Explorers begin visiting your Village and 1 additional Villager can join your community.
- Level 2: Villagers can gather resources, refine wood, and refine stone.
- Level 3: Villagers occasionally offer gifts and 1 additional Villager can join your community.
- Level 4: Villagers can cook, extract seeds, and tend to crops. Woodcutters produce more types of wood.
- Level 5: Rarer explorers visit your Village, Villagers gain increased health and defence, and 1 additional Villager can join your community.
- Level 6: Villagers can smelt metal, refine textiles, and collect gems. Stonecutters produce more types of stone.
- Level 7: Villagers may gift unique recipes.
- Level 8: 1 additional Villager can join your community.
- Level 9: Villagers can collect resources from other biomes. Woodcutters and Stonecutters gain increased yields.
- Level 10: 1 additional Villager can join your community.

Visitors will appear at the Village Campfire. To recruit them:

- Have an available bed.
- Meet any special requirements they mention.

Some Villagers excel at specific tasks so it's helpful to pay attention to their interests!



Resources

As players start out, they'll need to gather resources. There are a variety of resources and ways to acquire them.

Raw Materials are natural resources essential for crafting weapons, building structures, and creating Processed Materials in LEGO Fortnite:

All Biomes

- Granite (Common): Pick up from the ground or mine with any Pickaxe.
- Slurp Mushroom (Common): Harvest with fists or any tool (found in Caves).
- Soil (Common): Dig with any Shovel (except in icy Frostlands areas).
- Vines (Common): Harvest from bushes or fruit-bearing plants with fists or tools.
- Wood (Common): Pick up from the ground or harvest with any Forest Axe.

Grasslands

- Knotroot (Uncommon): Found in Caves. Harvest with an uncommon or higher Forest Axe.
- Marble (Uncommon): Found in Caves. Harvest with an uncommon or higher Pickaxe.



Dry Valley

- Rough Amber (Uncommon): Found on mesas. Harvest with an uncommon or higher Pickaxe.
- Flexwood (Rare): Harvest from cacti with a rare or higher Forest Axe.
- Brightcore (Rare): Found in lava Caves. Harvest with a rare or higher Pickaxe.
- Copper (Rare): Found in lava Caves. Harvest with a rare or higher Pickaxe.
- Obsidian (Rare): Found in lava Caves. Harvest with a rare or higher Pickaxe.
- Rough Ruby (Rare): Found in lava Caves. Harvest with a rare or higher Pickaxe.

Frostlands

- Frostpine (Epic): Harvest with an epic Forest Axe.
- Iron (Epic): Found in Caves. Harvest with an epic Pickaxe.
- Malachite (Epic): Found on snowy mountaintops. Harvest with an epic Pickaxe.
- Rough Sapphire (Epic): Found in caves. Harvest with an epic Pickaxe.

Creature items are unique resources that can only be obtained by interacting with docile creatures or defeating the hostile ones roaming the various biomes:

Grasslands

- Feather (Common): Kill Chickens.
- Fertiliser (Common): Feed Chickens, Cows, or Sheep.
- Silk (Common): Kill Spiders.
- Wolf Claw (Common): Kill Wolves.
- Wool (Common): Pet Sheep.
- Blast Powder (Uncommon): Kill Skeletons or search chests.
- Bone (Uncommon): Kill Skeletons.
- Brute Scale (Uncommon): Kill standard Brutes.
- Shell (Uncommon): Kill Stone Rollers.



Dry Valley

- Fertiliser (Common): Feed Chickens, Cows, or Sheep.
- Blast Core (Rare): Kill Blasters in lava Caves.
- Sand Brute Scale (Rare): Kill Sand Brutes.
- Sand Shell (Rare): Kill Sand Rollers.

Frostlands

- Fertiliser (Common): Feed Chickens, Cows, or Sheep.
- Arctic Claw (Epic): Kill Arctic Wolves.
- Cursed Bone (Epic): Kill Bone Wolves in Caves.
- Frost Brute Scale (Epic): Kill Frost Brutes.
- Frost Shell (Epic): Kill Frost Rollers.
- Heavy Wool (Epic): Pet Sheep in the mountains, or search chests.

Raw Foods are edible items found throughout the world:

- Corn (Common): Harvest in the Grasslands
- Egg (Common): Pet Chickens
- Meat (Common): Kill Wolves, Cows, or Scorpions
- Milk (Common): Pet Cows
- Pumpkin (Common): Harvest in the Grasslands
- Raspberry (Common): Harvest in the Grasslands
- Slap Berry (Uncommon): Harvest in the Shores
- Spicy Pepper (Rare): Harvest in the Dry Valley
- Cheese (Epic): Search chests in Caves or structures
- Snowberry (Epic): Harvest in the Frostlands



Domesticating friendly creatures makes it easier to obtain some of these resources. Any creature that doesn't attack is potentially tameable. This is accomplished by luring them to an enclosure with food. If question marks appear above their heads after dropping food nearby, they're interested. Each animal has preferences:

- Chickens: Corn, Pumpkin, Raspberry
- Cows: Vines, Raspberry, Pumpkin
- Sheep: Raspberry, Pumpkin

Before luring the animal, players should build a simple enclosure to prevent escape. It's important to include at least 1 door for easy player access. Create a food trail, starting from the enclosure, leading to the creature. They should follow the food all the way to the structure and, once inside, the door can be closed to secure them.

To secure a reliable food source building a farm is the best way to go. You can grow a variety of crops on your farm which can then be used to create meals that give you helpful stat boosts. Seeds can be found in chests throughout the world or created by processing Raw Foods in the Grain Mill.

- Corn Kernel
- Pumpkin Seed
- Raspberry Seed
- Grain Seed
- Slap Berry Seed
- Red Pepper Seed
- Snow Berry Seed



Crafting

While Raw Materials are essential early on, players will need to refine them into Processed Materials using one of the 12 Crafting Stations for crafting. Crafting requires recipes, which tell you the ingredients needed for specific items. You start with a few basic recipes and unlock more through building and upgrading. Crafting Stations currently available are:

- **Crafting Bench:** One of the first stations you'll unlock, it's essential for creating weapons and other vital items. It can be upgraded for more powerful gear.
- **Lumber Mill:** Processes wood into planks and rods for building and crafting.
- **Grill:** Cooks food to restore health and provide buffs.
- **Spinning Wheel:** Creates materials for upgraded weapons.
- **Stone Breaker:** Processes stone into slabs for building and crafting.
- **Grain Mill:** Grinds food into seeds and flour for baking.
- **Juicer:** Creates drinks for on-the-go energy boosts.
- **Gem Cutter:** Processes rough gems for Village upgrades.
- **Loom:** Creates fabrics, including the material needed for the Glider (faster travel).
- **Essence Table:** Crafts weapon-enhancing essences for later-game battles.
- **Metal Smelter:** Processes various metals for use in crafting.
- **Oven:** Cooks high-quality food for greater energy replenishment.



Gear

Before players head out exploring, it's essential to equip themselves. Tools are needed for harvesting resources, and weapons are crucial for defending against the many enemies they'll encounter.

Unlike traditional survival games, LEGO Fortnite offers protective Charms and Totems instead of armour. Players can craft and equip these to gain valuable boosts. Charms offer 3 main benefits: increased health, damage reduction, and additional buffs like weather resistance or free revives. Players can equip 3 Charms at a time, and similar Charms stack their effects for even greater advantages.

Unfortunately, tools and weapons have limited durability. With each use, they gradually wear down and eventually break. This can be frustrating, especially with tools requiring rare resources. Currently, there's no way to repair items. Players can check a tool's durability by looking at the green bar under its icon in their inventory.



Combat

Mastering combat in LEGO Fortnite is essential for surviving its surprisingly tough encounters. From fast Rollers capable of dealing massive damage to towering Brutes, there are many threats to overcome. First, always consider the enemy when choosing a weapon. For example, stone-bodied Rollers are vulnerable to Pickaxes, which damage them quickly and can even stun them. For most other foes Swords, Crossbows, and explosives are all effective choices.

Beyond weapon choice, dodging is a lifesaver. The dodge action offers generous invincibility frames, so use it often when an enemy is preparing to attack. For added protection, equip a Shield, but remember, Shields aren't indestructible! Finally, keep food like Raspberries in your hotbar for quick healing during a fight. They offer a small health boost, but their fast consumption speed can make all the difference in the heat of battle.



Environment

Each world features a sprawling map nearly 20 times larger than the classic Battle Royale map. As players explore this expansive world, they'll discover distinct biomes or regions. Each biome offers a unique environment with its own resources, wildlife, enemies, and even weather patterns to contend with.



Biomes

- Grasslands: Your starting point, this grassy biome offers the early-game resources you'll need for crafting and Village upgrades.
- Dry Valley: This desert biome features cacti, mesas, and geysers. Prepare for extreme heat during the day, and dangerously cold nights.
- Frostlands: A harsh, snowy biome with mountains, ice, and forests. Expect extreme cold and some of the game's toughest enemies.

Regions

- Caves: Located across various biomes, Caves contain valuable resources crucial for progression. Be prepared, as they can be dangerous!
- Shores: This palm-tree-lined coastal biome may resemble the Dry Valley, but offers unique resources. Watch out for Brutes and loot-bearing scoundrels.



Rare Events

LEGO Fortnite offers a few rare events that can lead to valuable loot, including rare resources, tools, weapons, and consumables. Here's what you need to keep an eye out for:

- Rainbows: These colourful spectacles are rare but easily spotted. Race to the end of the rainbow (you may need to build stairs or use balloons to reach the cloud) and emote next to the dancing characters. They'll reward you with rare items!
- Supply Drops: These blue crates with yellow balloons drop from the sky. Head towards them quickly, as they contain a variety of valuable loot.
- Firefly Fairies: These elusive creatures can sometimes be found across the map. If you encounter one, follow it, as it might lead you to a Loot Llama. Pet the Llama to trigger a loot explosion!

TIPS & TRICKS



Share the load

Villagers are more than just background characters. They can be incredibly useful allies, saving you time and effort. Assign Villagers to gather materials like wool, silk, and fertiliser, freeing up your time for other tasks. You can even equip a Villager with an old weapon to have them assist in combat, or hire them directly as companions for support during expeditions.

You can't hide but you can run

While Brutes can be formidable opponents, there's a simple trick to defeating them if you encounter one near water. Lure an angry Brute into a water body, and it will automatically drown. This tactic works especially well on shorelines, where Brutes often patrol. Just remember to watch out for their projectile attacks while you're luring them!

Hoarders are prepared

When gathering resources, avoid processing everything immediately. While you'll need processed materials (like planks from the lumber mill) for crafting, many recipes also require the raw versions. Be selective to ensure you have enough of both on hand!



CONCLUSION

LEGO Fortnite offers a solid survival crafting experience. While the core gameplay loop is addictive, quality-of-life issues can be frustrating. Despite this, the game's free-to-play model and potential for updates make it worth considering. If you enjoy survival crafting with a LEGO twist, LEGO Fortnite may still be a fun option, even if it doesn't fully live up to the classic LEGO experience.