

# PRAIRIE HOUSE BLOCK SET

FroebelUSA is proud to offer this architectural block set based on the Froebel Gifts, the world's first educational toys designed by Friedrich Froebel, inventor of the Kindergarten. The inspiration for the Prairie House Block Set comes from architect Frank Lloyd Wright. Educated with the Froebel Kindergarten method, Wright acknowledged the influence this had in his design, and even established a Froebel Kindergarten for his own children and those of his neighbors.

Frank Lloyd Wright is considered one of the greatest architects of the modern era. Wright acknowledged that Froebel blocks played a role in the development of his architectural thinking. His mother provided him these blocks at an early age with the hope that he might one day become an architect. Even as an adult, Wright often used the Froebel blocks as a "scratch pad" during the design process. In fact, archival photographs of an April 1914 exhibition of his work show a model of a generic Prairie School building constructed of wooden blocks, and a model of Wright's Larkin Company building of Buffalo, NY can be made using a Froebel Gift 6 block set.



The Prairie House block set contains 68 blocks (in addition to the box and lid) and is intended for ages 5 and up. The set contains small parts that are NOT suitable for children under 3 years of age. Adult participation is encouraged.

Wright's work with the "Prairie Style" is best represented by his Robie House, Coonley House, Dana House, and Meyer May House commissions, which emphasize free-flowing interiors, low hipped roofs, and distinctly horizontal profiles. Other architects have worked in the Prairie Style, but Wright is by far the most famous architect associated with it.

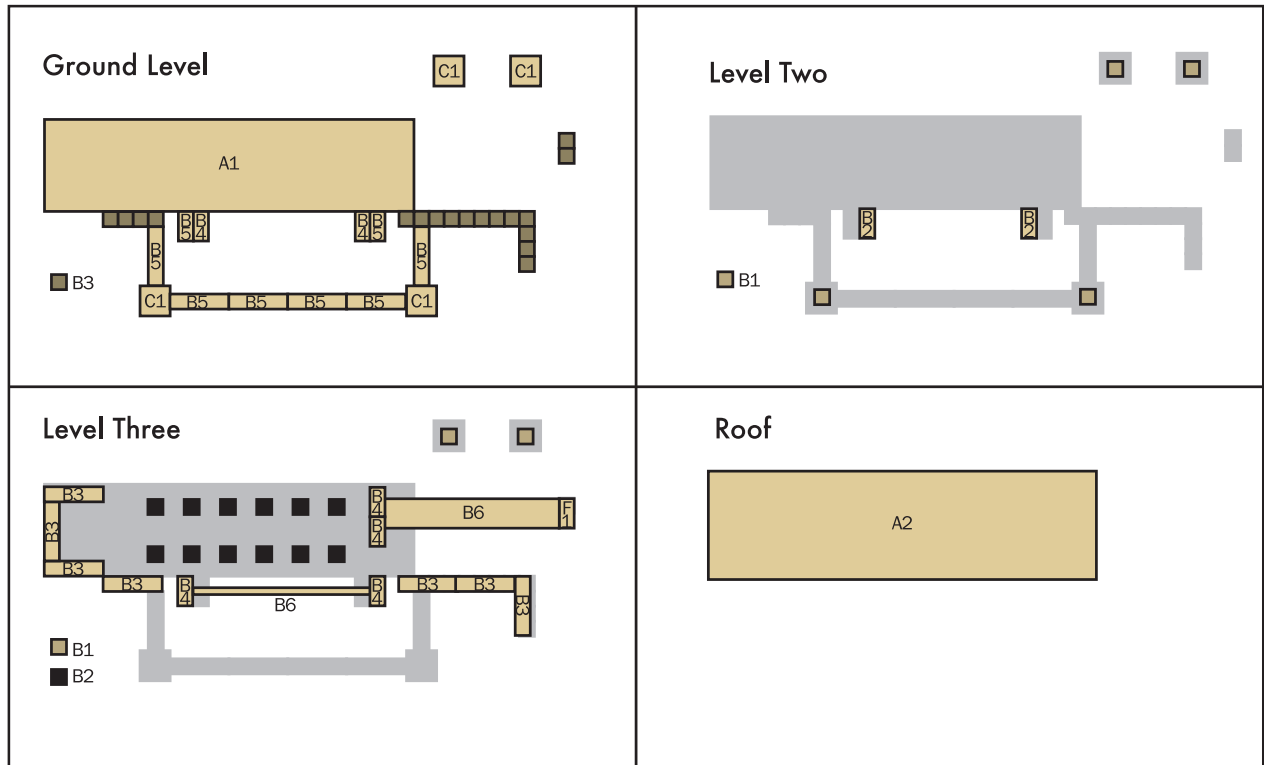


The Froebel Gifts were developed to promote a more holistic, organic approach to creative play. Our Prairie House set contains many of the same blocks as the Froebel block set and is similar to the Froebel Gift sets in that the tray and lid are part of the playing pieces and is intended for architectural exploration and to encourage creativity through open-ended play. Because of this, we do not provide explicit instructions as there is no "right/wrong" way to use the blocks. Multiple sets can be used to expand construction and play to higher levels.



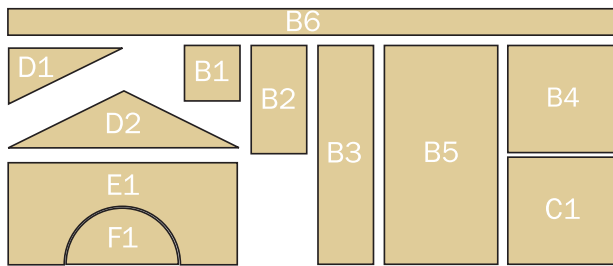
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How to Build Your Prairie House



Your Set Contains 68 Blocks  
plus Box and Lid

How to Repack Your Prairie House



B1	4	quarter columns	.5 x .5 x .5
B2	14	half columns	.5 x .5 x 1
B3	25	columns	.5 x .5 x 2
B4	6	half cubes	1 x 1 x .5
B5	8	oblongs	1 x 2 x .5
B6	2	slats	5.5 x 1.5 x .25
C1	4	cubes	1 x 1 x 1
D1	2	half prisms	1 x .5 x .5
D2	1	scalene prism	2 x .5 x .5
E1	1	arch	.5 x 1 x 2
F1	1	semi-circle	1 x .5 x .5

