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## MEET THE FAN DESIGNER

Like the Pumpkin King himself, fan designer Simon Scott (LEGO<sup>®</sup> Ideas name Tvrulesmylife) loves the spirit of Halloween Town. In our world, the marketing manager from Derbyshire frequents LEGO fan shows in the UK and is very active in the LEGO fan community.

"Like many LEGO fans, I remember building as a child, and then I rediscovered my love of LEGO bricks with the birth of my children. Over the past ten years, I have made many close friends within the AFOL community. Being a fan of *Disney Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas*, I didn't start the build for LEGO Ideas – I just wanted to make it for myself and my family as fans of the film. My actual LEGO submission was a revision of a previous submission that reached 10,000 supporters. It wasn't selected at the time, but after a year of displaying the original project at LEGO fan shows around the country, several friends within the LEGO community persuaded me to give it another go. So, I made several design changes to improve the model. I had collected a wealth of comments and suggestions from fans of the film and started incorporating them into the build. I like how the slanted pillars of the town hall turned out, by using hinge bricks to achieve the angles and then covering them with decorative arches. I was keen to incorporate some play features, and making tiny interiors for Jack's house was especially challenging, so I ended up building a bigger house to accommodate them. Sometimes less is more, and I did end up removing some elements before submitting the final model. I was amazed to see it reach 10,000 votes and how fast it happened – I think it's a testament to the popularity of the film. Thank you to everyone who voted!"



## The magic of Halloween

'Twas a long time ago, in the holiday worlds of old... In 1993, when *Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas* was released as the world's first stop-motion feature-length film, its lasting success seemed unlikely at first glance. Three decades on, the odd story of a spindly, sentimental Pumpkin King of Halloween Town who kidnaps 'Sandy Claws' in a sincere, albeit misguided, attempt to escape his dreary routine and spread joy instead of fear has become a beloved classic for fans of all ages.

Celebrating Halloween Town with a LEGO<sup>®</sup> Ideas set fits right into this creative world. A surreal and ghoulishly poetic universe, the film is saturated with a sensitive, childlike curiosity about the unknown, which is both scary and full of adventure. While it's not easy for the melancholy Jack Skellington to change his pinstripes, he embraces his chance for change as he discovers the whimsical warmth and joy of Christmas Town. Jack's newfound purpose and optimistic passion are enchanting. Even when, despite the enthusiastic help of the well-meaning but endearingly clueless inhabitants of Halloween Town, his endeavours do not result in the magical Christmas he had hoped for. The drama is innocent and profound in its logic, hilarious and tender in its tone of voice. The story moves us with quirky creations, Halloween-hued scenography, melodic dialogue, a hauntingly beautiful score, and the characters' delicate movements and facial expressions. With the unwavering support and love of his friends, his faithful ghost dog Zero, and Sally, the anxious but resourceful assistant of the slightly mad Dr. Finkelstein, Jack learns there are new ways to find your place in the world with magic and love in your heart.



## FROM THE LEGO® IDEAS DESIGNER TEAM

"Simon simply did an amazing job recreating all the mystifying, asymmetrical and crooked angles of Halloween Town. We implemented several interesting building techniques to ensure an engaging display and fun play options, and to give fans a great building experience. Every space has been faithfully replicated in minute detail, with lots of references to the film – and to Simon. You may recognise some of the tombstone inscriptions and find some of Jack's most precious possessions in his house. With the LEGO\* minifigure characters and the three main sections of the model, you can recreate some of the most iconic and fan-favourite scenes. You can also separate the main sections for a different display arrangement. We hope you will have fun discovering every little detail as you build."

- From the LEGO® Ideas Designer Team





Beware, remnants of Sally's Fog Juice fumes may still be exuding from the fountain...



"This year, Christmas will be ours!" Jack may have found the perfect formula for that special Christmas feeling!



















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