

INSERT COMPATIBLE WITH

Ark Nova

Assembly guide

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1

Meet your insert

9 parts



2

Pack your box

9 steps



3

Play

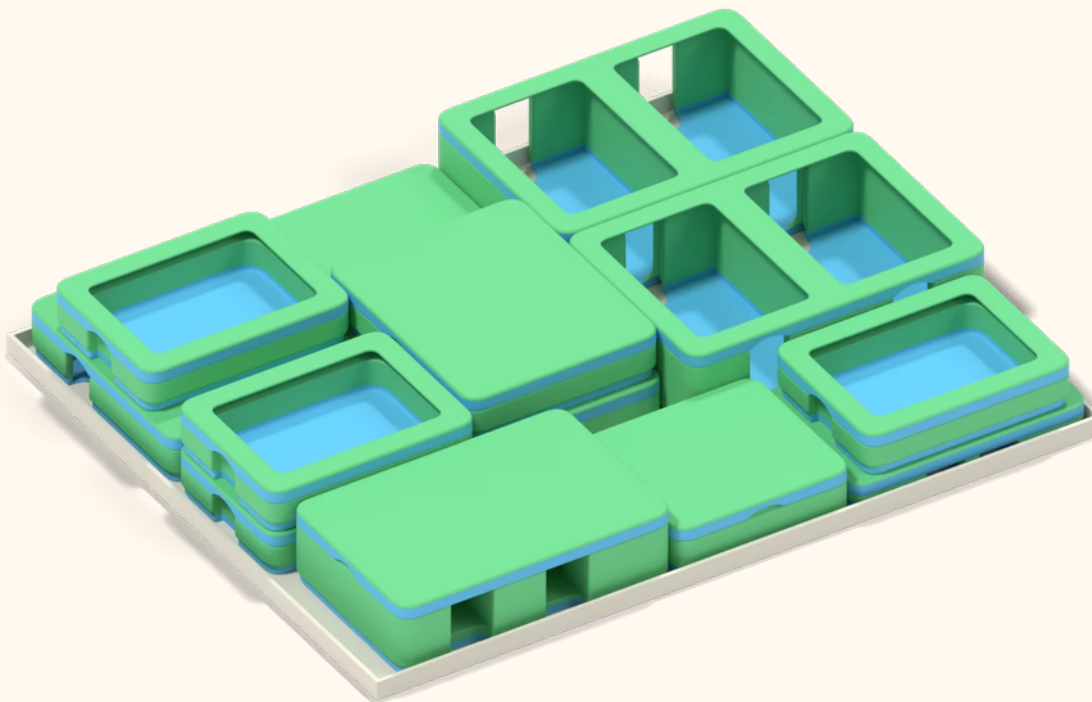
9 trays



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Quick reference

One page

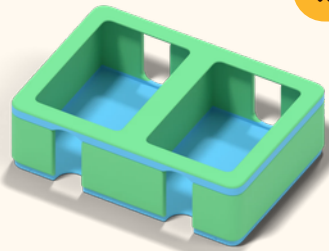


Physical validation

Physical fit and handling remain tied to the exact tested parts.

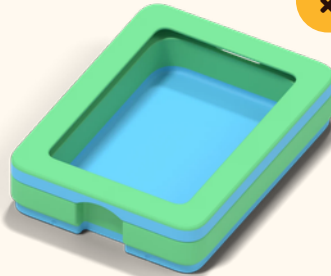
PACK

Meet your insert



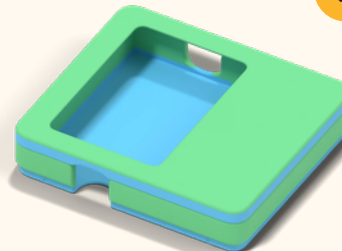
x2

Zoo deck trays



x4

Player trays



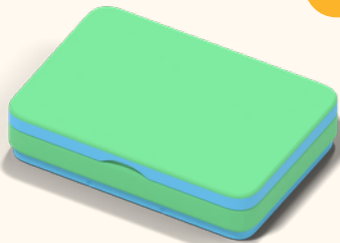
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Setup cards



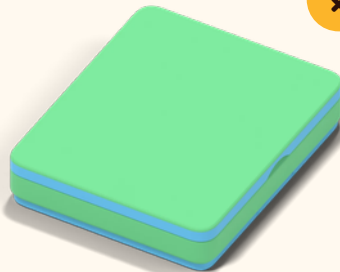
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Money bank



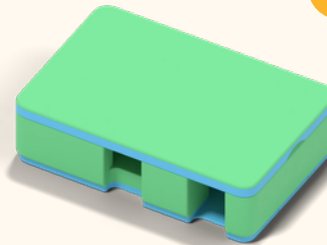
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Action bank



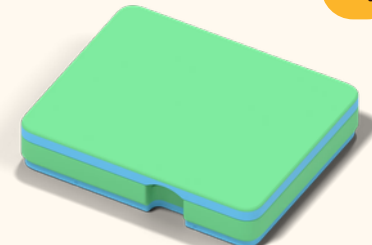
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Unique buildings



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Enclosures



x1

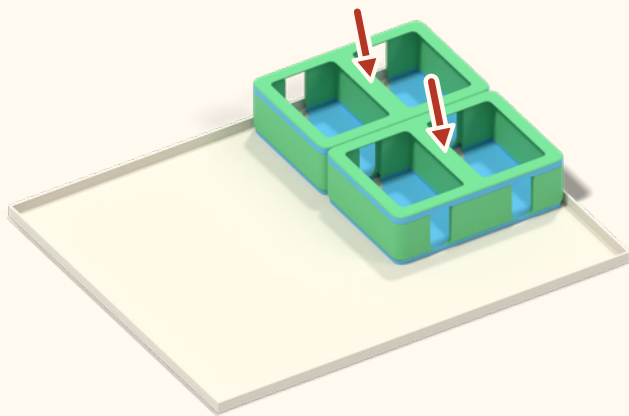
Special enclosures

Meet your insert

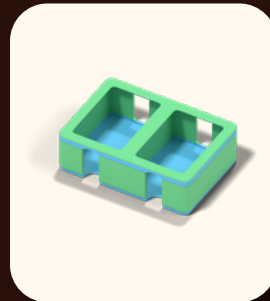


Association tray

1 Zoo deck lane



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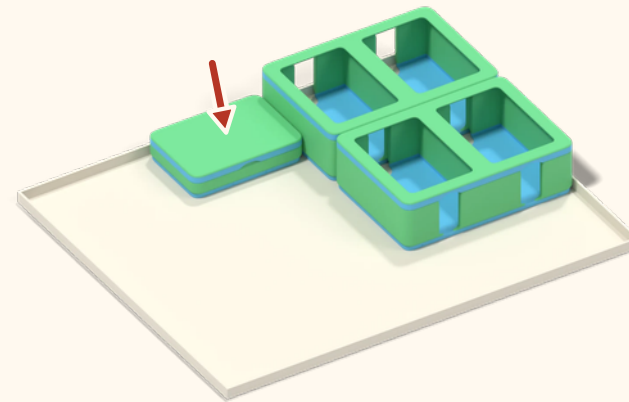


Zoo deck trays

WHERE IT GOES

- Both zoo deck trays along the left wall, one behind the other.

2 Action bank



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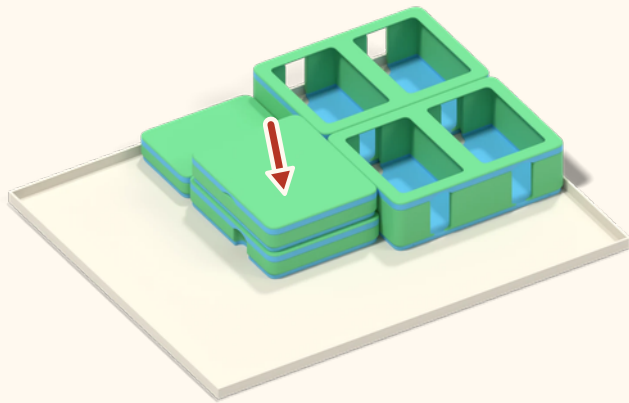


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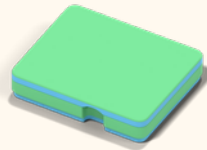
WHERE IT GOES

- Action bank against the front wall, next to the zoo decks.

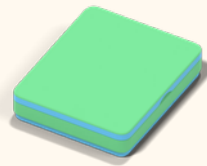
3 Buildings



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Special enclosures

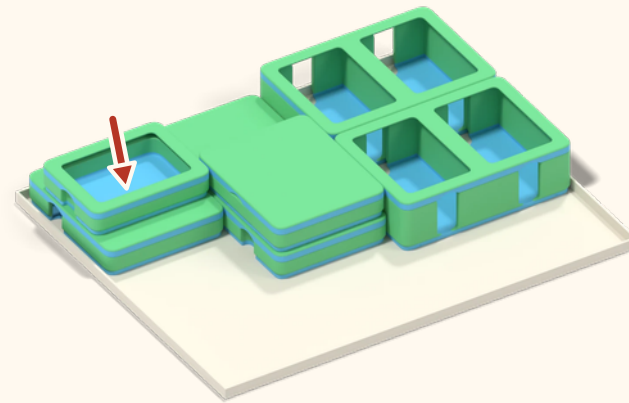


Unique buildings

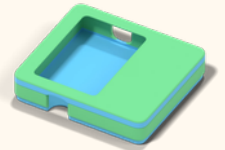
WHERE IT GOES

- Special enclosures tray behind the action bank.
- Unique buildings on top.

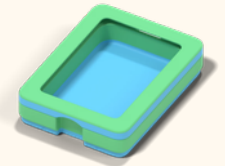
4 Setup cards and red player



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Setup cards

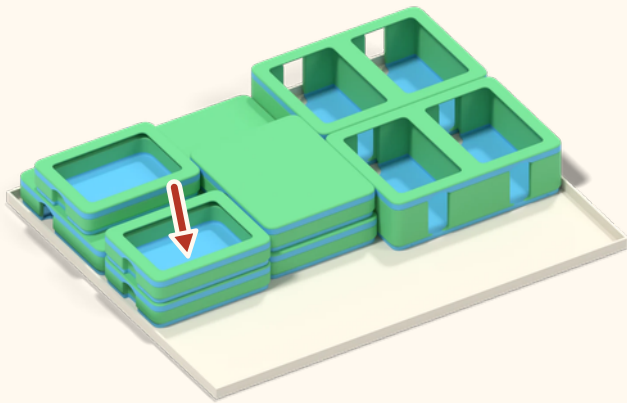


Player trays

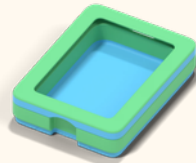
WHERE IT GOES

- Setup cards front right.
- Red player tray on top.

5 Black and blue tower



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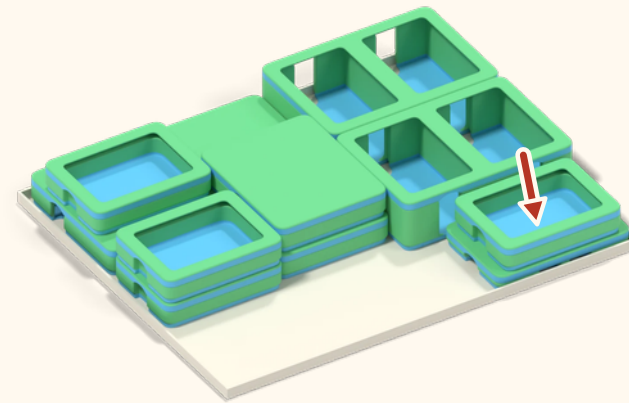


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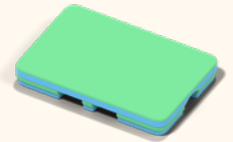
WHERE IT GOES

- Black player tray behind it, blue on top.
- All four player trays are the same.

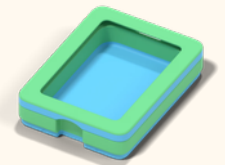
6 Association and yellow player



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Association tray

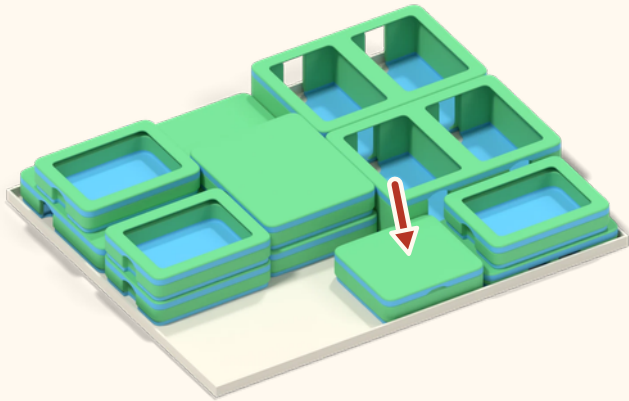


Player trays

WHERE IT GOES

- Association tray back left.
- Yellow player tray on top.

7 Money bank



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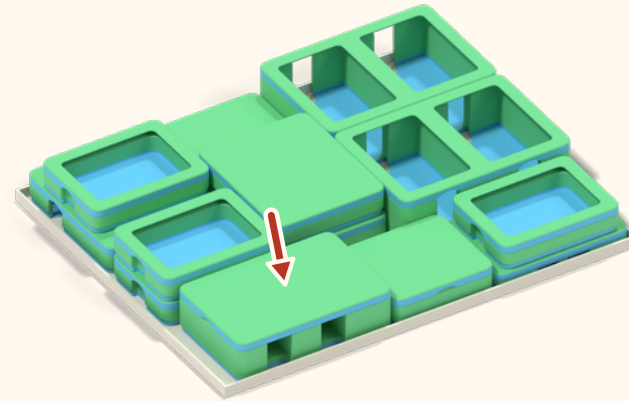


Money bank

WHERE IT GOES

- Money bank against the back wall, beside the association tray.

8 Enclosures



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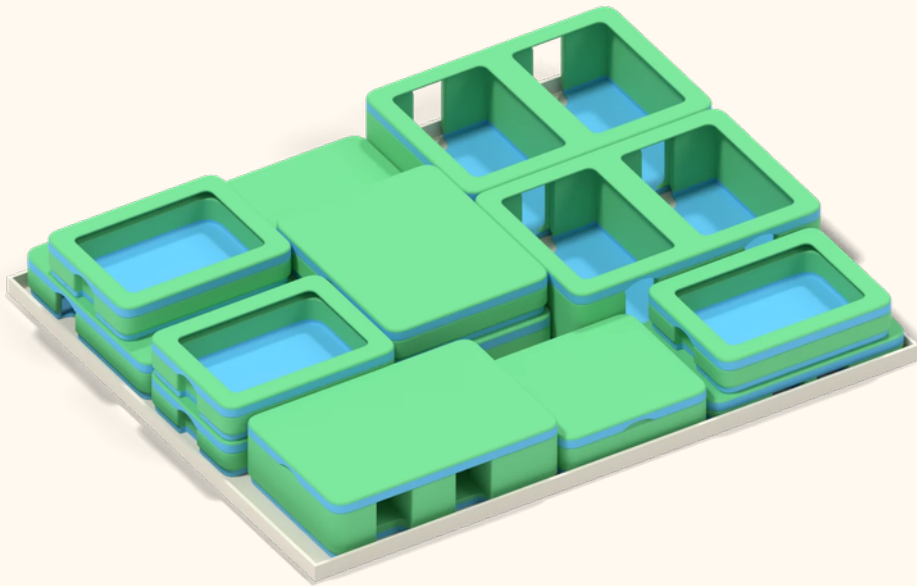


Enclosures

WHERE IT GOES

- Enclosures tray in the back right corner.

9 Boards and books



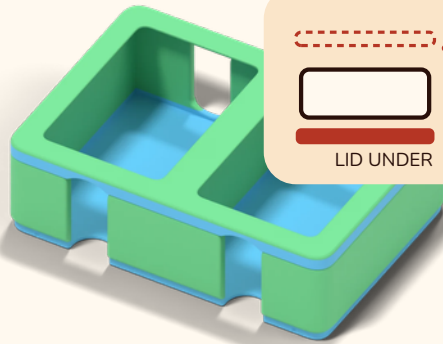
WHERE IT GOES

- Boards, zoo maps and rulebooks flat on top.
- Close the box.

PLAY

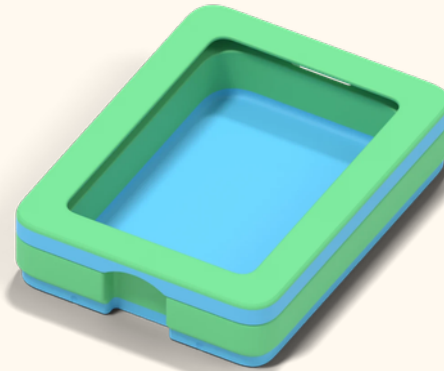
Straight to the table

Your trays aren't just storage. Take them out and play from them.



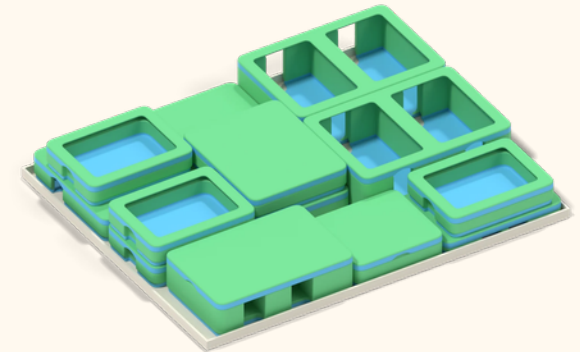
1 Open

Lid off. Slide it under the tray.



2 Play

Set the tray on the table and play straight from it.



3 Pack

Lids on, trays back in the box. Same order every time.

JUMP TO A TRAY



Zoo deck trays



Player trays



Setup cards



Association tray



Money bank



Action bank



Unique buildings



Enclosures



Special enclosures

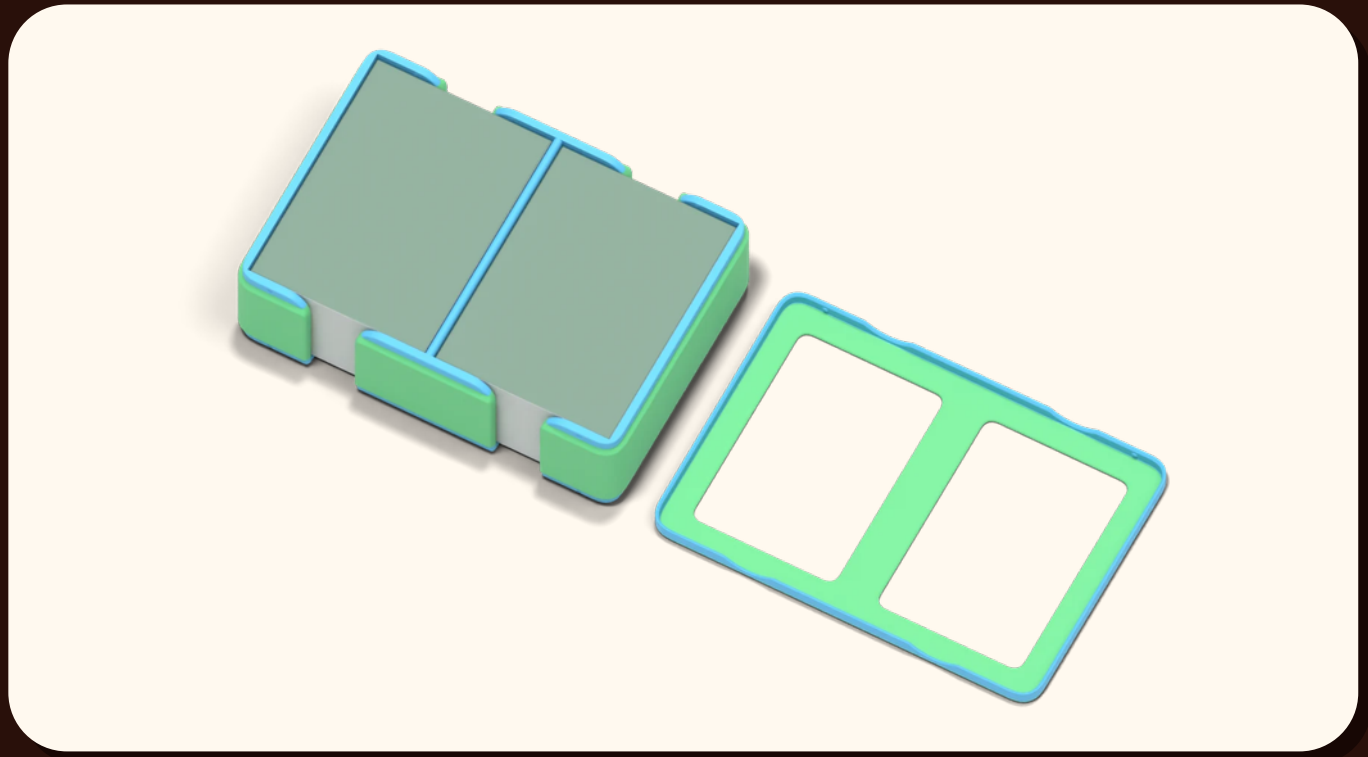


Zoo deck trays

WHAT GOES IN

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Zoo deck
In two stacks of 53



1 Open it up

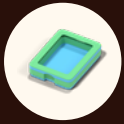
Lid off. Slide it under the tray.

2 Cards in

One half of the zoo deck per tray, in two stacks.

3 Lid on

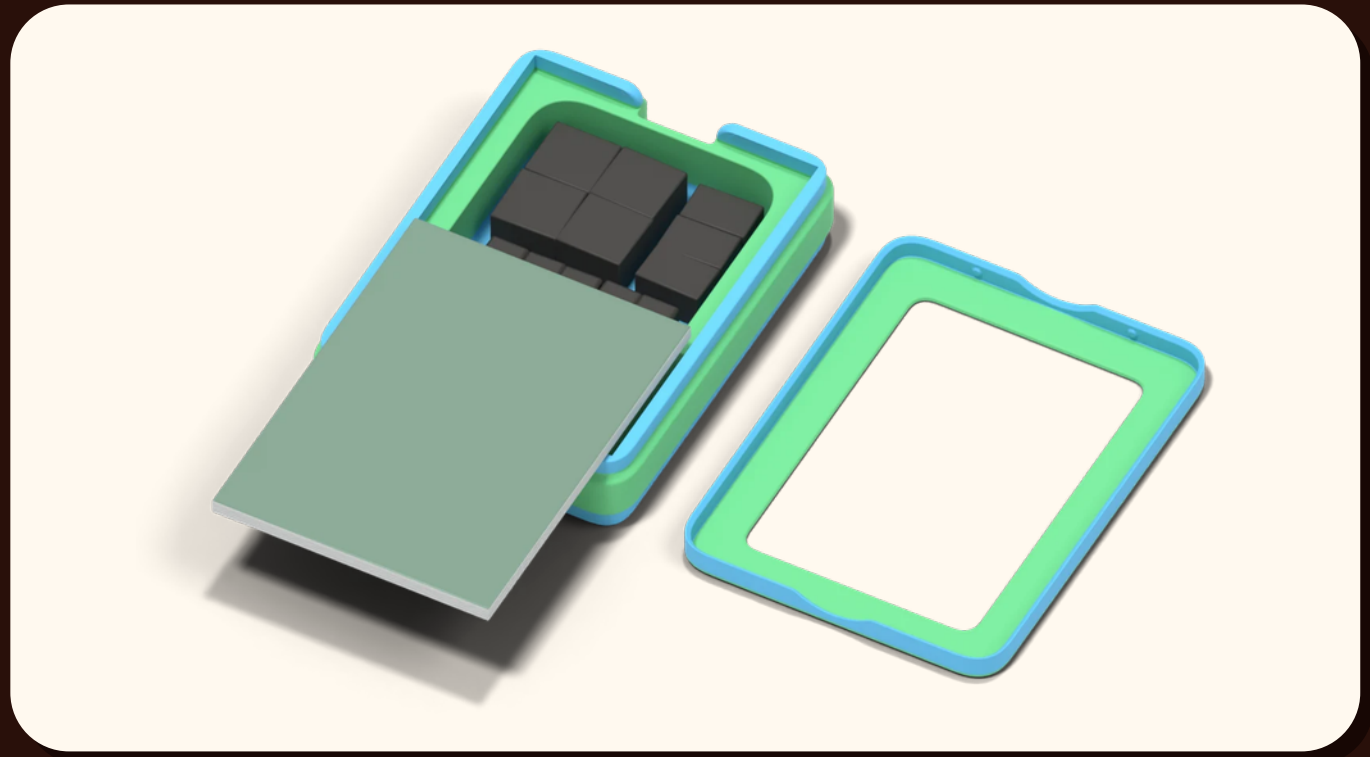
Lid back on. Press it into place.



Player trays

WHAT GOES IN

- 25 Player tokens
- 4 Association workers
- 3 Counters
- 5 Action cards
On the ledge



1 Open it up

Lid off. Slide it under the tray.

2 Pieces in

Pieces loose, action cards on the ledge. Same for every colour.

3 Lid on

Lid back on. Press it into place.



Setup cards

WHAT GOES IN

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Setup cards

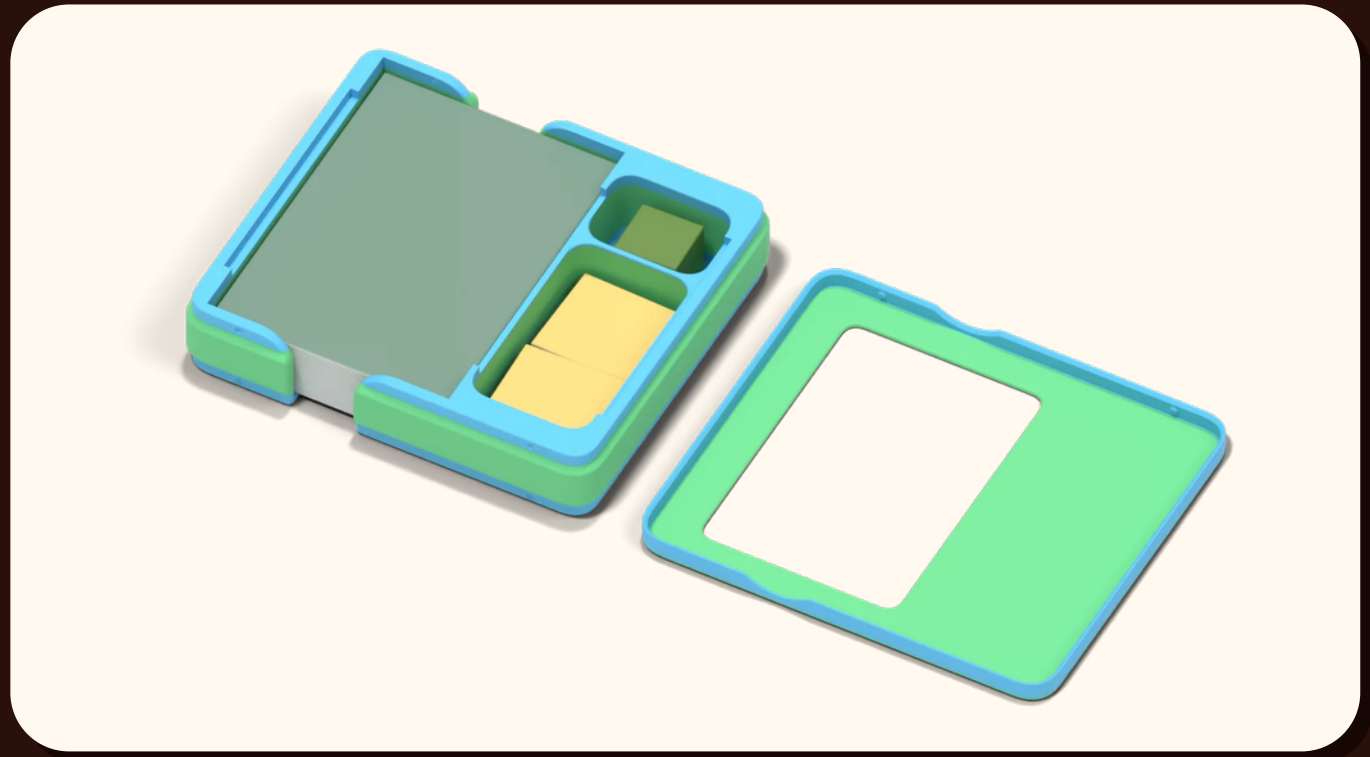
- Solo player tile across the top

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Bonus tiles

1

Break marker (coffee)



1

Open it up

Lid off. Slide it under the tray.

2

Cards in

Cards in their bay, bonus tiles and coffee in their wells. Solo tile across the top.

3

Lid on

Lid back on. Press it into place.



Association tray

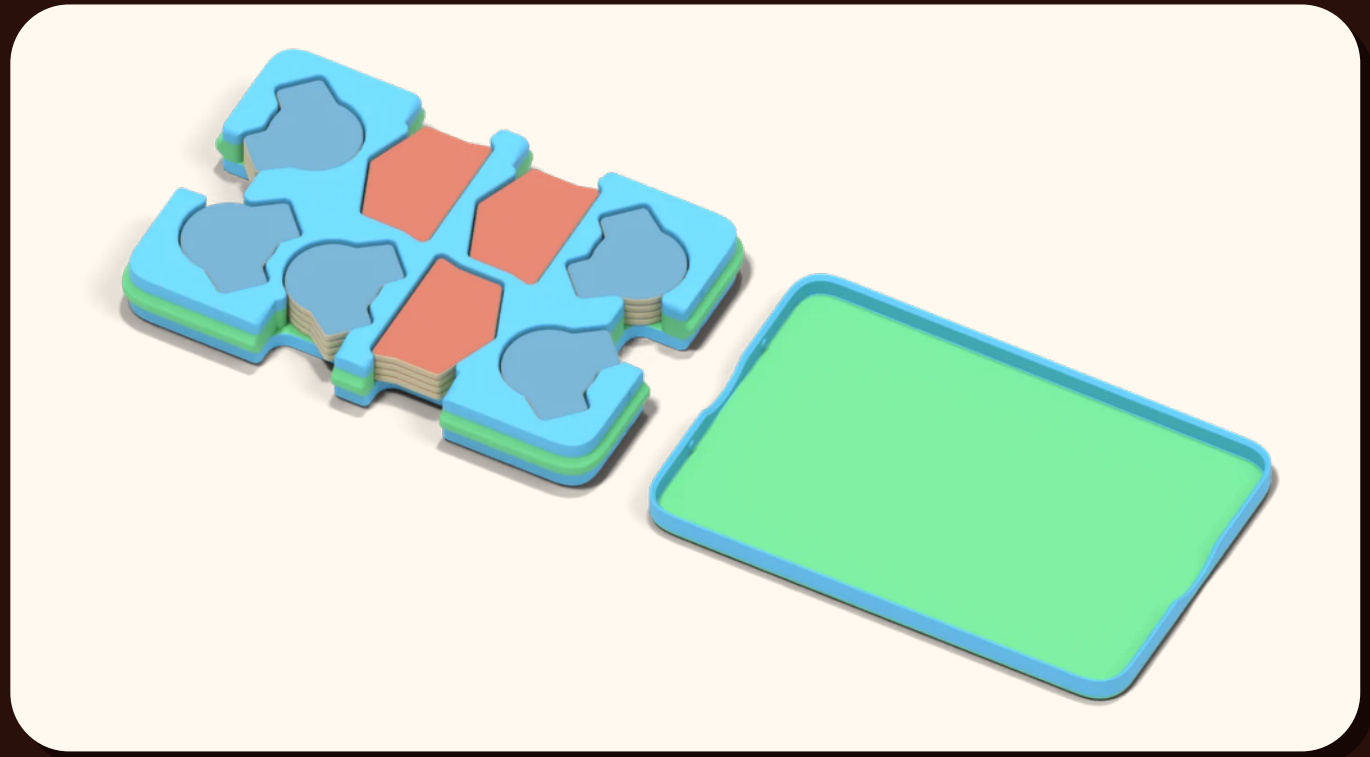
WHAT GOES IN

20

Partner zoos
In five stacks of 4

12

Universities
In three stacks of 4



1

Open it up

Lid off. Slide it under the tray.

2

Tiles in

One continent or university
kind per pocket.

3

Lid on

Lid back on. Press it into place.



Money bank

WHAT GOES IN

40 Money 1
In four piles

10 Money 5
(11 in German V2)

10 Money 10

10 Money 20
(9 in German V2)



1 Open it up

Lid off. Slide it under the tray.

2 Money in

One well per money value.

3 Lid on

Lid back on. Press it into place.



Action bank

WHAT GOES IN

20

X-tokens
In three piles

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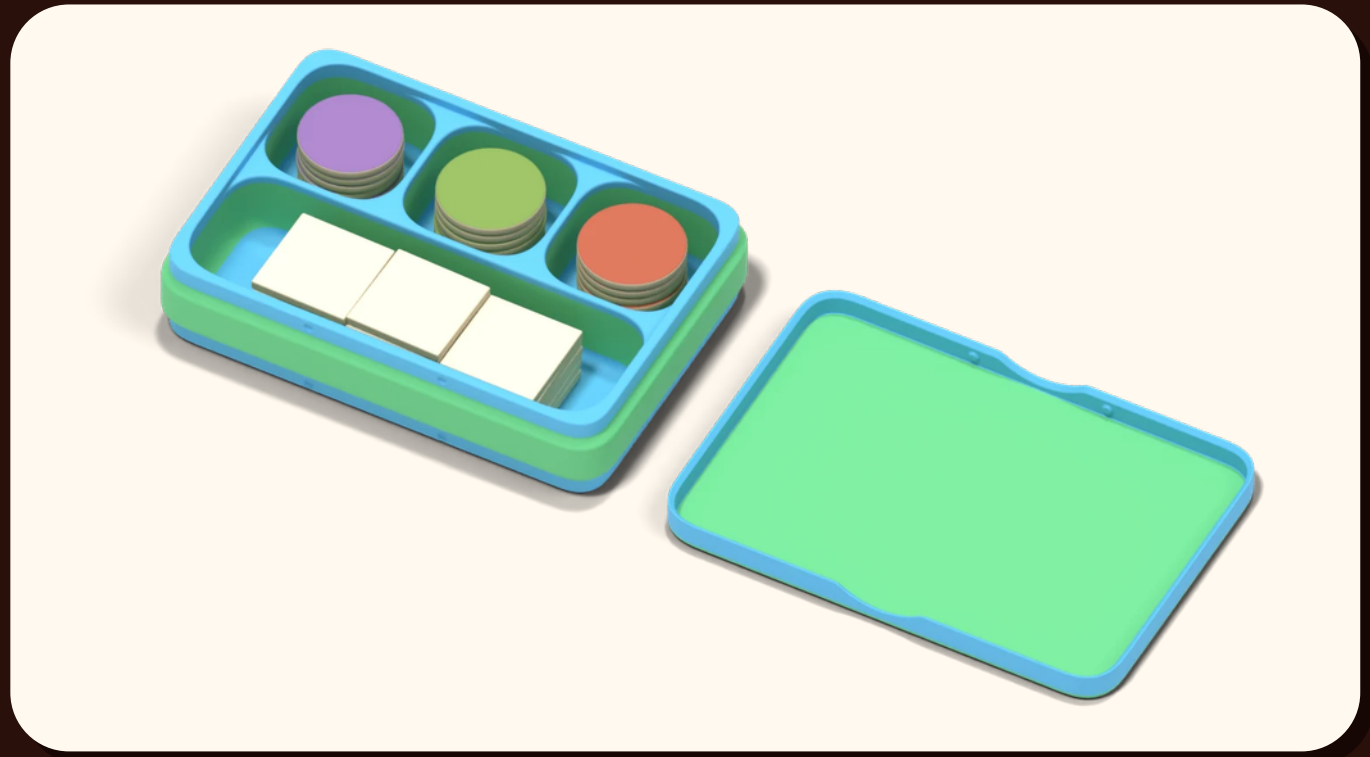
Multipliers

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Venom tokens

8

Constriction tokens



1

Open it up

Lid off. Slide it under the tray.

2

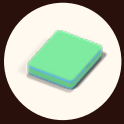
Tokens in

One well per token kind.

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Lid on

Lid back on. Press it into place.

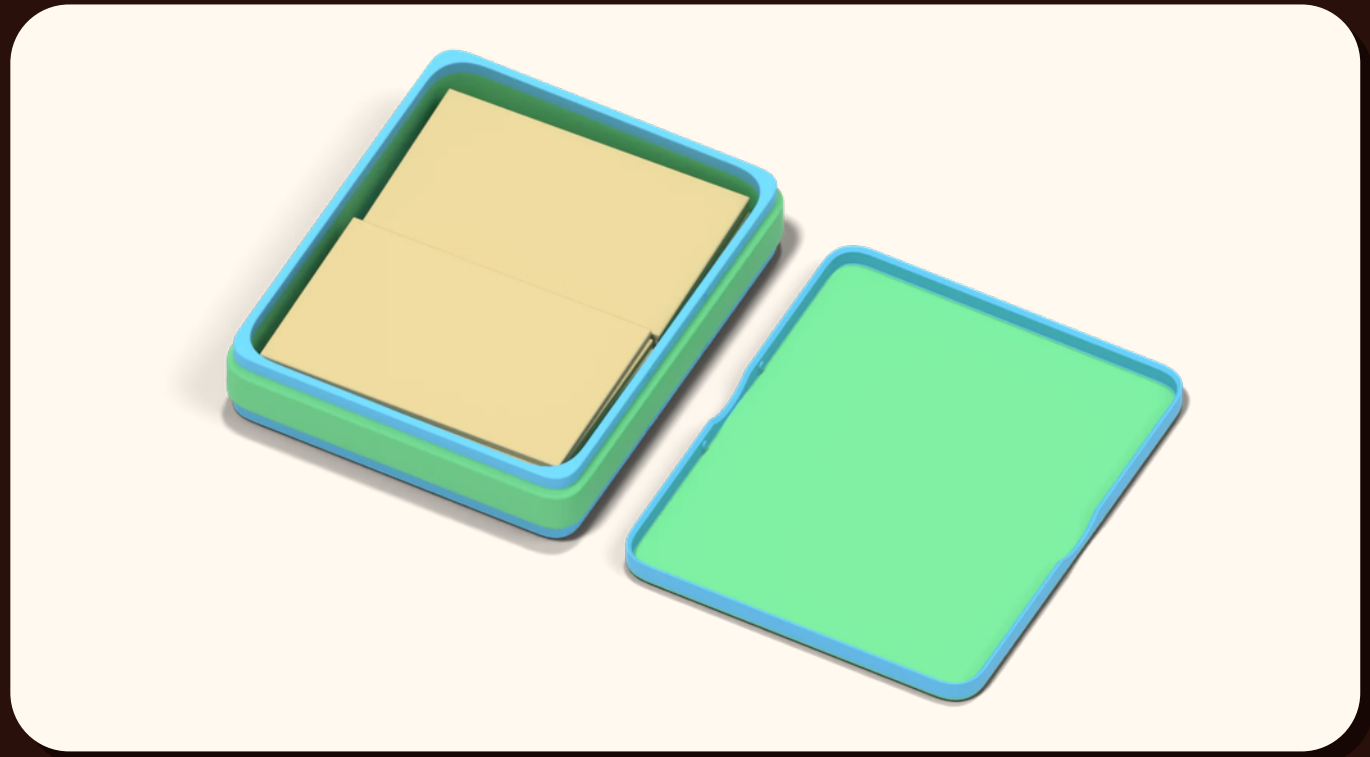


Unique buildings

WHAT GOES IN

15

Unique buildings



1

Open it up

Lid off. Slide it under the tray.

2

Buildings in

All 15 loose in the well.

3

Lid on

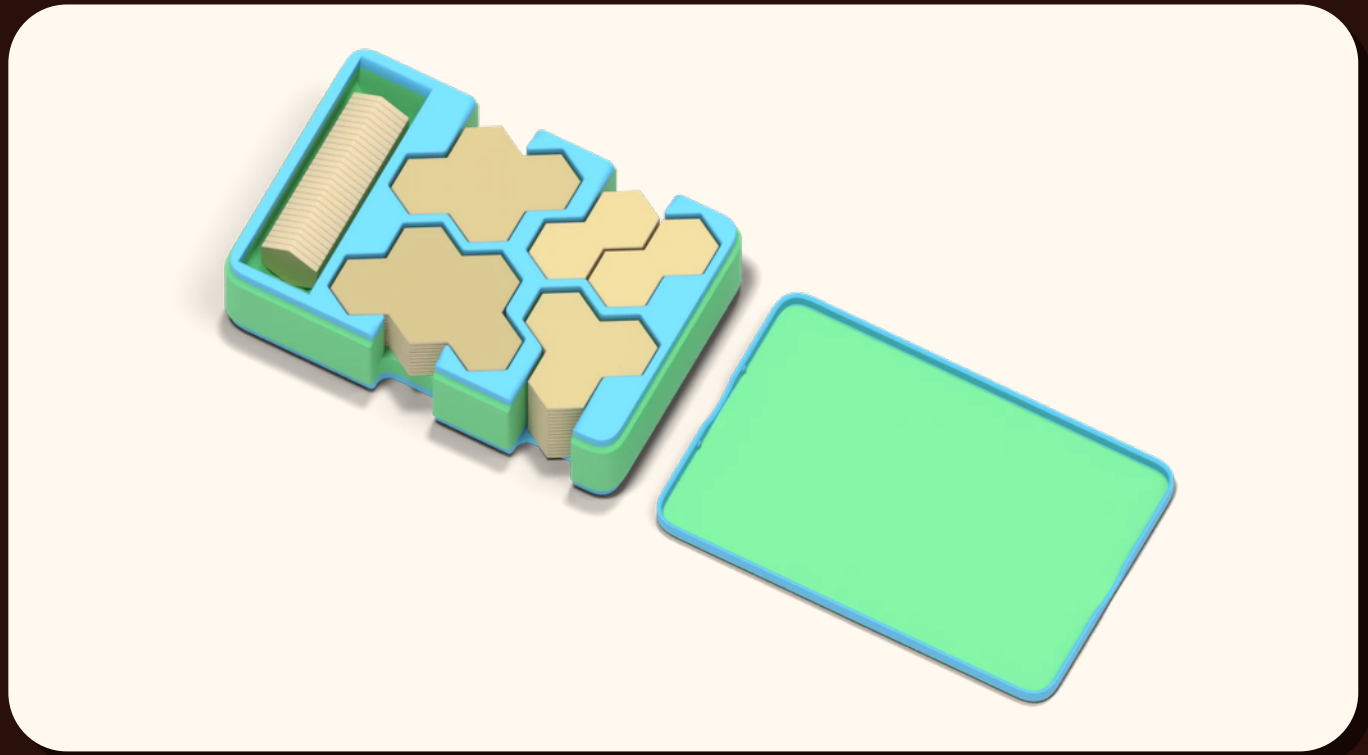
Lid back on. Press it into place.



Enclosures

WHAT GOES IN

- 10 Size-5 enclosures
- 13 Size-4 enclosures
- 15 Size-3 enclosures
- 24 Size-2 enclosures
In two stacks
- 28 Size-1 enclosures
On edge



1 Open it up

Lid off. Slide it under the tray.

2 Tiles in

Each size in the pocket of its own shape. Size-1s stand on edge in the long slot.

3 Lid on

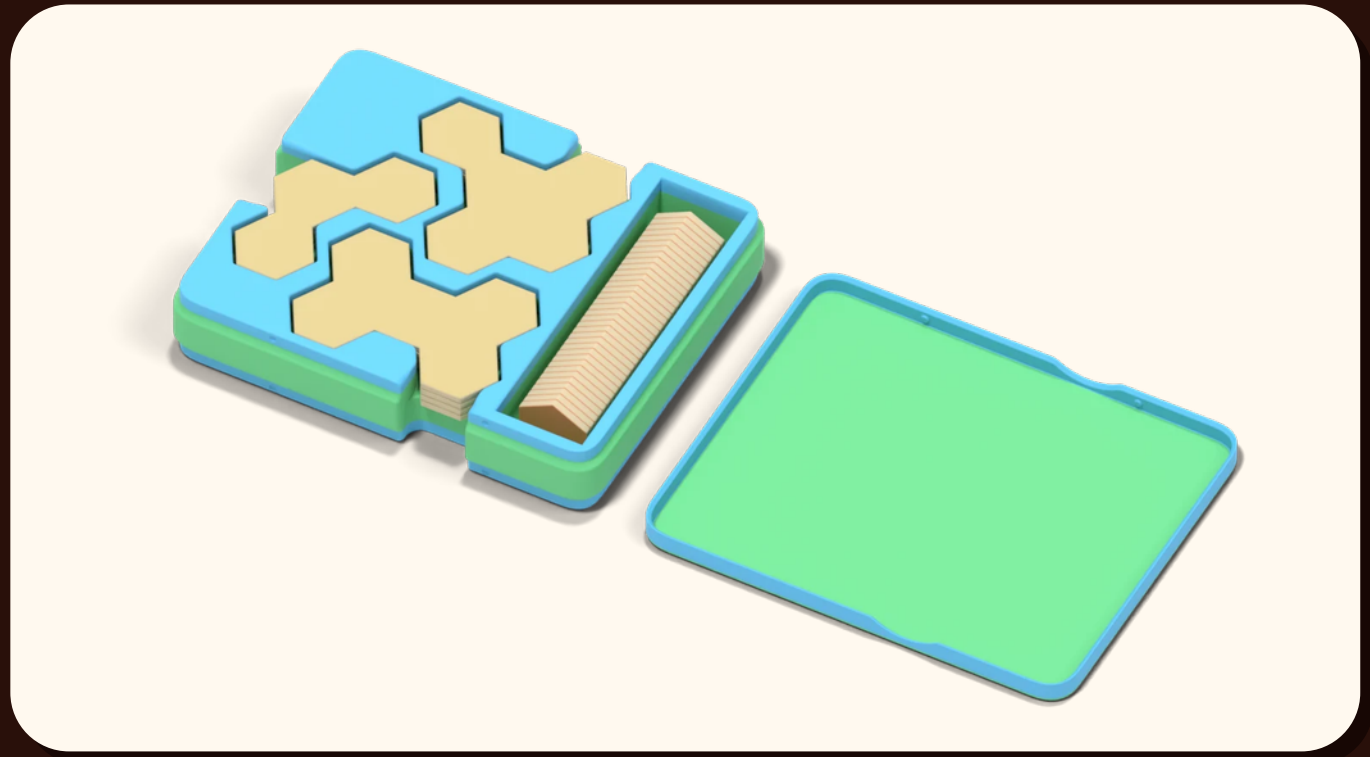
Lid back on. Press it into place.



Special enclosures

WHAT GOES IN

- 4 Large bird aviaries
- 4 Reptile houses
- 4 Petting zoos
- 34 Kiosks and pavilions
On edge



1 Open it up

Lid off. Slide it under the tray.

2 Tiles in

Each kind in the pocket of its own shape. Kiosks and pavilions stand on edge in the long slot.

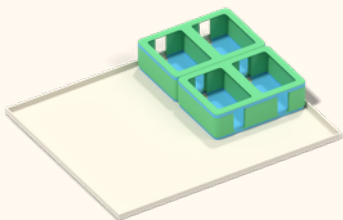
3 Lid on

Lid back on. Press it into place.

QUICK REFERENCE

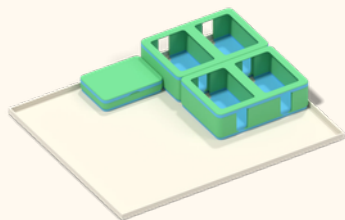
Packing order

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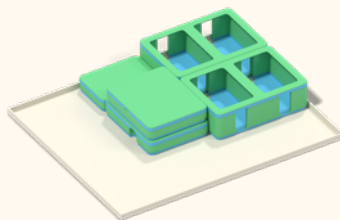
Zoo deck lane

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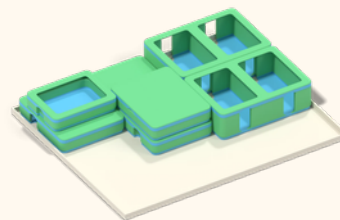
Action bank

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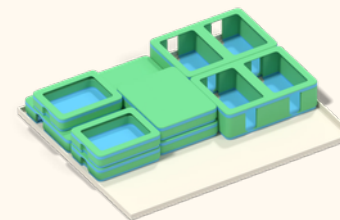
Buildings

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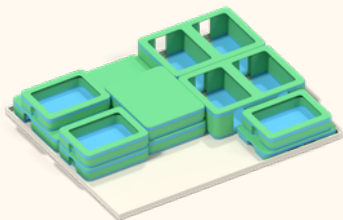
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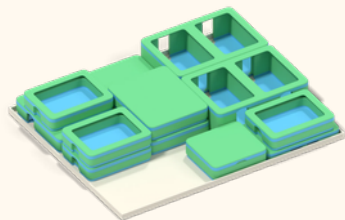
Black and blue tower

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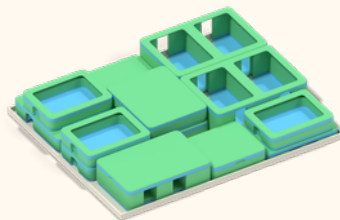
Association and yellow player

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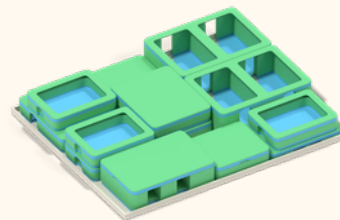
Money bank

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Enclosures

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Boards and books

UNPACKING

Lift out the boards, maps and books, then remove the trays from the top of each stack. Hand out the player kits and put the supplies on the table with their lids underneath.