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CUSTOM INSTRUCTIONS GUIDE TO USING BRICKLINK.COM



What is Bricklink?

Bricklink (recently acquired by the Lego Group) is a marketplace for buying individual Lego pieces, minifigures, and sets. Bricklink has nearly 10,000 stores in over 70 countries, and their catalogue contains over 9 million items for sale.

Given the size and age of Bricklink (it's been around since 2000) the interface is not the most intuitive. For a new buyer, Bricklink can be daunting therefore I hope this beginners guide can help.

Bricklink is a fantastic site to use when you are in to making custom creations such as the brickheadz mocs that I sale, and where as the site has many features, in the article I will be giving a beginner's guide on how to order the parts for my creations.

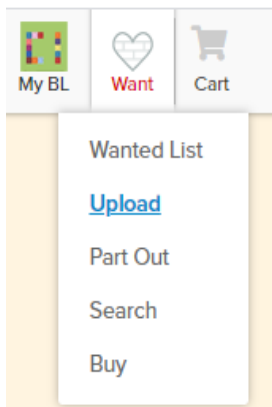
Creating an account

First things first, go to www.bricklink.com, click the 'Log in/Register' button and fill in accordingly.

Create a Want List

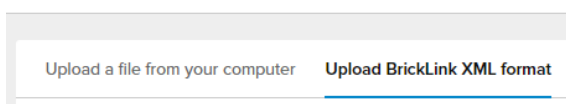
With every set I sale, I supply an XML file in the form of a .txt file. When opened it looks like a lot of random code but when using in conjunction with buying the pieces from Bricklink it can save you a lot time.

1. Once logged into Bricklink **Hover** over **Upload** (top right) and click '**Upload**'.



2. Select '**Upload Bricklink XML format**'

Upload to Wanted List





- To Keep things tidy, I would suggest creation a new 'Wanted List' for every model you upload. To do this, click the drop down list and choose '**Create New Wanted List**'

Upload to Wanted List

Upload a file from your computer **Upload BrickLink XML format**

Add to: Default Wanted List (63) ▼

- Default Wanted List (63)
- Common Room (296)
- Dustin S1 (72)
- Mandalorian (69)
- Yoda (32)
- Krennic Grey (68)
- Thrawn (62)
- Create New Wanted List**
- Follow XML Spec

Copy and

- Type a sensible name of the Want list, generally the model name for ease.

Add to: Create New Wanted List ▼ Mandalorian

- Open the XML file provided with the instructions you downloaded, it will be named modelNameBricklink.txt. Open this file with Notepad (if using Windows) or TextEdit (if using a Mac).

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<INVENTORY>
  <ITEM>
    <ITEMTYPE>P</ITEMTYPE>
    <ITEMID>99206</ITEMID>
    <ITEMKEY>110715</ITEMKEY>
    <COLOR>88</COLOR>
    <MINQTY>3</MINQTY>
  </ITEM>
  <ITEM>
    <ITEMTYPE>P</ITEMTYPE>
    <ITEMID>3176</ITEMID>
    <ITEMKEY>502</ITEMKEY>
    <COLOR>85</COLOR>
    <MINQTY>1</MINQTY>
  </ITEM>
  <ITEM>
    <ITEMTYPE>P</ITEMTYPE>
    <ITEMID>3020</ITEMID>
    <ITEMKEY>369</ITEMKEY>
    <COLOR>88</COLOR>
    <MINQTY>1</MINQTY>
  </ITEM>
</INVENTORY>
```

- Select all the contents from the file and paste the contents into the bricklink window.

Upload a file from your computer **Upload BrickLink XML format**

Add to: Create New Wanted List ▼ Mandalorian

<INVENTORY>

<ITEM>

<ITEMTYPE>P</ITEMTYPE>

<ITEMID>3020</ITEMID>

<ITEMKEY>369</ITEMKEY>

<COLOR>4</COLOR>

<MINQTY>5</MINQTY>

</ITEM>

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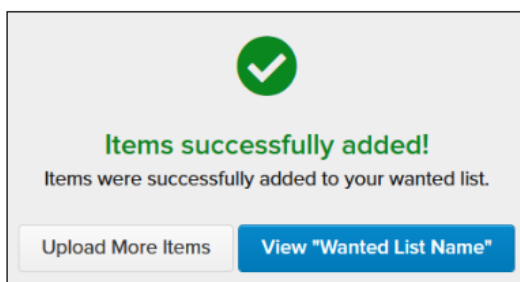
7. Click '**proceed to verify items**'.

Proceed to verify items →

8. The next window will show you every brick required to make the model you have just purchased. Here you can make any optional amendments such '**Condition**' (Any, New, used) '**Quantity**' (modify the quantity if you already own some of the parts). If you are happy with the default choices scroll to the bottom and select '**Add to want list**'.

Add to Wanted List

9. Click 'view [want list name]'



10. Make any optional modifications to your list, click '**Buy all**' to begin the process.

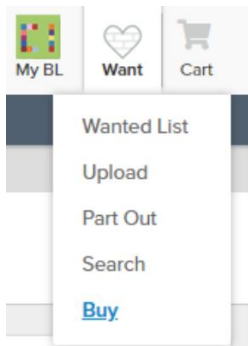
Buy All

Please proceed to page 5 for purchasing a wanted list.

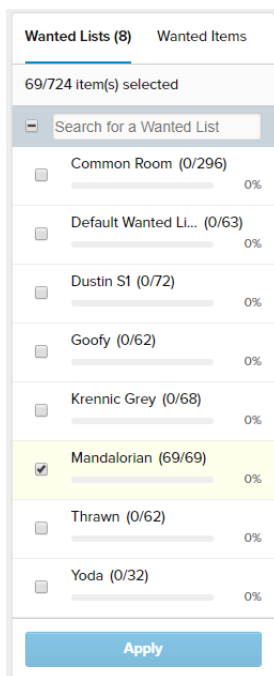


Purchasing a Wanted List

1. **Hover** over **'Want'** (top right) and click **'Buy'**.



2. Select the **'Wanted List(s)'** you would like to purchase.



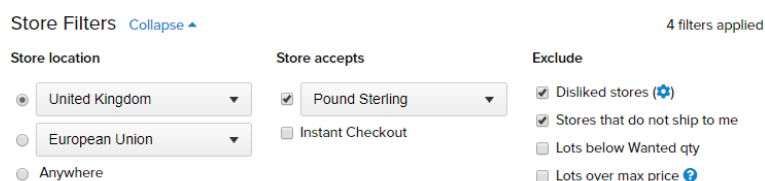
3. Click **'Apply'**



4. Adjust the **'store filters'** as per your preferences.

At first I would recommend searching only bricklink stores in your own country to keep postage costs to a minimum. (**Store Locations**) But in some instances it may be unavoidable so broaden your search to other countries.

Also, check the box regards your local currency (**store accepts**)





5. Click **'Auto Select'**.

Auto-select

6. Select **'Start'**.

Auto-Select Stores



BrickLink will select a recommended combination of stores that can complete your Wanted List at an optimal total price including shipping cost.

Shipping cost will be estimated based on each store's recent similar orders or average data of nearby stores.

☐ Select stores when item price is lower than store Minimum Buy

Cancel










Start

7. Review the selected Stores.

- Ensure that 100% of the parts have been assigned (top right)
- Select 'Edit' to view each proposed cart.
- Check each stores 'Terms and condition, feedback' etc.

Selected Stores (3)

153/153 assigned (100%)

Store name	Country	Unique lots	Item count	Item price	Min. buy	Remove all	
 Briccious, Bristol (833) 	 United Kingdom	40	80	GBP 3.41	GBP 0.50	Edit	Remove
 Briccious, West Sussex (1071) 	 United Kingdom	18	36	GBP 5.31	GBP 4.00	Edit	Remove
 Briccious, Bristol (143) 	 United Kingdom	13	37	GBP 4.56		Edit	Remove
Subtotal	3 domestic	69	153	GBP 13.28		Create carts	

8. Select **'Create Carts'**

Create carts

9. Select **'Checkout'**

Checkout

10. Review **'cart'**

11. Proceed to **'Checkout'**

Proceed to Checkout

12. Complete the checkout process.



Paying for items

Once the order has been placed it will change to **processing**.

The seller(s) will send you an invoice and the order will change to **ready**.

You (the buyer) will then be notified when your order is ready to be paid for. Once the order has been paid, the order status will change to **paid**.

The seller will then post the item, the order status will be changed to **shipped**.

Once you have received the order and checked you are 100% satisfied you can change the order to **completed** and leave feedback accordingly.

Tips and Tricks













There are a few things to bear in mind when purchasing via Bricklink. The price you will see when selecting the Stores is not the final price, as each store will be subject to **Shipping and Handling (S&H)** fees. Whereas these are generally quite small, it's worth taking into consideration.

Therefore, this is why is worth trying to buy from as fewer stores as possible. It's not very cost effective to purchase from 4 Stores if 1 of the stores only has 1 or 2 of your required bricks.

An example can be seen below:

Selected Stores (4)

153/153 assigned (100%)

Store name	Country	Unique lots	Item count	Item price	Min. buy	Remove all	
 Bricklink Store (833) 	 United Kingdom	39	79	GBP 3.34	GBP 0.50	Edit	Remove
 Bricklink Store (1071) 	 United Kingdom	18	36	GBP 5.31	GBP 4.00	Edit	Remove
 Bricklink Store (143) 	 United Kingdom	13	37	GBP 4.56		Edit	Remove
 Bricklink Store (163) 	 United Kingdom	1	1	GBP 0.23		Edit	Remove
Subtotal	4 domestic	69	153	GBP 13.44	Create carts		

In some instances, this may be unavoidable, but it is certainly worth checking what brick that store is supplying. You may find that it is an internal brick that can't be seen in 'orange' for example which can be changed to 'blue'. Therefore, it would be advisable to remove it and see if one of the stores you are already purchasing from has the required brick in a different colour. This could also be the case if you require a 1x4 brick and another store has a 1x3 brick and a 1x1 brick which would therefore fulfil the needs of the model and required design.

If you Click edit you can therefore see what brick the store is selling you, you can then click edit on one of the other stores to see if a similar brick can be added.

You can also click on any of the stores in question and then click search in this store to see if they have the particular brick you require. If you find the one you need click the 'heart' symbol next to the brick.

7 lots found

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This will bring up a new window they will allow you to choose the quantity you require and then add to your desired 'Wanted List'.

Add to Wanted List

Search Wanted List

Default Wanted List

Common Room

Dustin S1

Yoda

Krennic Grey

Thrawn

Goofy

Mandalorian

Hagrid

Marty

Doc Brown

InspectorGadget

+ Create New Wanted List

Wedge, Plate 2 x 2 Cut Corner

White

Condition:

Any

New

Used

Quantity:

1

Additional options:

Set Max Price

GBP

Add Remark

Notify me by E-mail

Add to Wanted List

In this example, the below pictures demonstrates that the technic pin from this seller is 0.02p in light grey and 0.90p in white. Unless the model needs a white one for visual purposes, you can remove the white pin from the order and change the quantity of the light grey pin to 2.

	Technic, Pin 1/2 Light Gray	Used	GBP 0.02	49	1	(Remove)
	Technic, Pin 1/2 White	Used	GBP 0.90	3	1	(Remove)
TOTAL: GBP 1.13			<div>Cancel</div> <div>Confirm Selection</div>			

With all of the above in mind, it's worth considering that its more financially viable to place multiple orders at one time as opposed to placing multiple orders for models you are intended to build. If you have purchased multiple instructions, it will be more cost effective to purchase all orders together which again will save on multiple S&H fees.

As mentioned at the beginning of the guide, Bricklink can seem quite daunting at first, but once you have placed a few orders all will become much clearer, and you will soon get the hang of tweaking orders regards removing and adding parts.

Whereas Bricklink has got a lot more to offer than what it outlined in this brief guide, hopefully you will all find this of some use when using in conjunction with my custom builds.

Finally, feel free to be creative yourself! My designs aren't perfect, so feel free to make some changes yourself! If you think a different brick would work better, or you find a particular part quite hard to come by or expensive, and the design could be changed slightly to accommodate cheaper bricks or even bricks that you already own, then go ahead, it's all part of the fun!

Any other problems, please feel free to email me at sales@custominstructions.com, I will do my best to offer an assistance.