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One of Scotland's most iconic homes gets a LEGO® make-over for Christmas

Scottish LEGO® fans are in for a treat this Christmas as one of the country's most iconic buildings has been created into a LEGO set by Scottish artist, Warren Elsmore.

The National Trust for Scotland's The Hill House has made headlines around the world this year, with its pioneering protective mesh box. And recognising its significance to the people of Scotland, the Trust has commissioned the creation of a limited-edition LEGO set of Charles Rennie Mackintosh's famous house in time for Christmas.

The 320-piece kit has been designed by renowned Edinburgh LEGO artist, Warren Elsmore who has carefully replicated Mackintosh's recognisable curved stairwell and intricate windows out of 100% genuine LEGO parts. Using a carefully selected range of bricks and special stickers to accurately portray the building, Warren's creation allows budding architects to follow in the footsteps of Charles Rennie Mackintosh.

Warren Elsmore said: "This has been a simply fabulous project to work on. The Hill House is one of Scotland's most stunning pieces of architecture and it's certainly been an enjoyable challenge bringing it to life through LEGO. I've learned so much about the building throughout the process and it's been a real honour to step into Mackintosh's shoes for a short while."

Emma Sweeney, Visitor Services Supervisor at The Hill House said "It's been an incredibly fun experience to see the innovative architectural masterpiece be re-imagined in such a fun way that also helps demonstrate Mackintosh's creativity. The kits are definitely a unique gift for both LEGO builders and architecture fans. Plus, every purchase helps our charity protect The Hill House and Scotland's other national and natural treasures."

The Hill House LEGO Model Kit costs £125 and is available to purchase exclusively from the National Trust for Scotland shop at The Hill House and other properties. It's also available to buy online at <https://www.nts.org.uk/shop/>.

