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# Harry Nijenkamp and His Brick City!

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*Some views of Nijkamp's LEGO city.*

Harry Nijkamp's first LEGO experience came as a 5-year-old growing up in the Netherlands. Years later, as a free spirited 20-year-old, he traveled the world and settled down in Atlanta, Georgia. Now married and settled, he and his wife Kristy have 2 children: Nikole (21) and Austin (20).

Harry's interest for LEGO kicked back in when his son Austin got his first bricks as a child, and quickly ran out of control. Eventually, they started showing their creations to the public and raised money for charities. Several years ago they decided to build an entire city using over one million bricks. Austin planned the layout and built several buildings, parks and their DRAGON CON parade while Harry dreamed up the bigger structures.

The city measures 225 baseplates built on 25 separate panels. Each panel fits in one of 40 custom-built crates. The taller buildings separate in 4 or 5 sections. All this makes it possible to transport the entire set-up in a very large truck and assemble it in about 5 hours.

The city was enhanced by adding over 1000 Brickstuff LEDs. This was a 4-week project that created a complete new set of challenges; according to Brickstuff's owner Rob Klingberg, a lighting project of this size had never been done.

The city as well as a lot more LEGO creations will be shown off at Celebricktion, October 10 and 11, 2015 in Atlanta. You can find more information at [www.celebricktion.com/](http://www.celebricktion.com/)!

