

## Wooden Building Blocks



An old fashioned teaching tool for the Digital Age

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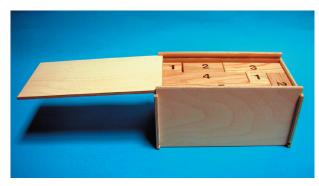
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Playing with wooden building blocks is an old and time honored tradition. Children can learn valuable lessons from doing so -- concepts such as size difference, proportions, number progression, not to mention building structures, knocking them down and fitting the blocks back into their box.

The building blocks presented here are made from American Red Oak and comes as a set in a box made from Finnish Birch Plywood. Both are salvage from a BAWA members furniture production.





A wooden box is supplied with each set of blocks. The regular size box holds five layers, 3 units wide by 6 units long for a total of 90 unit sizes. We have also made some double width boxes holding 180 units each.

The blocks come in 6 sizes numbered from 1 to 6. A basic size 1 block is 1.5" wide, .75" thick and 1.5" long. A size 2 block is twice as long (3"), a size 3 is 3 times as long (4.5") and so on.

A set consists of 34 blocks of various sizes as shown in the table below.



size #	length inch	quantity	units
	inen	in set	qty x size
1	1.5	6	6
2	3.0	14	28
3	4.5	6	18
4	6.0	4	16
5	7.5	2	10
6	9.0	2	12
total		34	90

