When we discover great art, it awakens our curiosity and playfulness and gently invites us back to a mindful state of being. Build a space where you can ride the waves of your own creativity with original designs and iconic works by beloved artists. Push 'play' on our uniquely curated soundtrack and immerse yourself in the LEGO® Art experience.
Cartouche: "36 Views of Mount Fuji / Offshore from Kanagawa / Beneath the Wave"
Signature: "From the brush of Hokusai, changing his name to Litai"
KATSUSHIKA HOKUSAI
(1760 – 1849)

Born in Edo (Tokyo), Katsushika Hokusai grew up under Samurai rule. With Japan’s borders closed, foreign travel and influences were forbidden but a prosperous merchant class had both desire and means to travel within Japan and enjoy creative pleasures, theatre and art. Hokusai started painting and drawing as a young child and later learned woodblock printing, a popular technique for mass-producing affordable art posters known as *ukiyo-e* – ‘pictures of the floating world’.

Hokusai’s woodblock art would reach far beyond his time and borders. He changed his name at least 30 times and is still affectionately known as the godfather of manga. Personal losses, illness, even being struck by lightning only refuelled his creative determination. From portraits of Kabuki actors and celebrities to working people and landscapes, his artistic expressions and techniques kept evolving with humour and imagination. Over seven decades, he produced more than 30,000 works of art – among them *The Thirty-Six Views of Mount Fuji* – and inspired generations of artists to come.
FROM WOODBLOCKS TO LEGO® TILES

The Thirty-Six Views of Mount Fuji is a series of 36 prints all showing Mount Fuji in different perspectives, from beaches, lakes, villages, fields and, in The Great Wave, from the sea. Hokusai’s publisher commissioned the series as souvenir prints for pilgrims and tourists visiting Mount Fuji. The Great Wave eventually made its way across oceans and became one of the world’s most recognised and influential works of art. Over 8,000 copies were printed from the original woodblocks, and it has been reprinted, reimagined and interpreted countless times ever since.

Hokusai loved to experiment with his art all his life. What if we could reimagine his work and the woodblock printing process with layers of colourful LEGO® plates and tiles? When we set out to design a delicate and respectful tribute to Hokusai’s masterpiece, we wanted it to embrace his love of nature and colour. We hope you will find joy in the details, lightness and textures and discover new dimensions in Hokusai’s compelling composition.
BUILD AND DISPLAY

Tip: Sort your bricks into small bowls, follow the easy step-by-step guide and watch your Great Wave rise above Mount Fuji as your artwork progresses. Feel the sea spray, hear the call of the seagulls and find a moment of calm with this creative, dimensional art piece in your hands and on display.
LISTEN

- Scan the QR code to join our guided tour behind the scenes of your LEGO® Art The Great Wave set.

BUILD

Experience your artwork from new perspectives as you see a piece of Hokusai’s world come to life.

RELAX

Reconnect with your own inner artist and immerse yourself in an ocean of creativity.
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