

An astronaut models the straight arms by Crazy Arms. Photo by Shelly Corbett Photography (https://shellycorbett.com).

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Crazy Arms are great for villians like the Riddler. Photo by njgiants73 on Flickr.

Have you ever wished your LEGO minifigures could properly shoot a bow and arrow? Or reach out and expertly aim a space blaster? Or even... dance the cha-cha?

Well, now you can turn your dreams into reality with Crazy Arms! These special accessories are a dynamic and innovative solution that provide greater posing options and expressions for your favorite mini characters. Crazy Arms click in effortlessly with the existing LEGO hands and can be readily swapped and changed in and out of torsos, creating a fun and functional enhancement for LEGO minifigs.

## What are Crazy Arms?

Produced by CrazyBricks (www.crazybricks.com), Crazy Arms bring a new level of character to minifigures by giving them an exciting range of realistic posing options. Initially created as a successful Kickstarter campaign, Crazy Arms have grown into a worldwide phenomenon.

There are 3 types of Crazy Arms:

Straight Arms (arms held straight out to the sides), Inward-Bent Arms (elbows bent-inward at a 90 degree angle), and Javelin Arms (arms bent-forward and spread out wider/includes both right and left sides)

AFOLs, TFOLs and stop-motion animators everywhere have found many clever uses for these fantastic Arms. **Straight Arms** can be used to pose firearms and weapons, such as pistols, rifles, swords, and space blasters, for soldiers, *Star Wars* Stormtroopers, knights, spacemen, and superheroes. **Inward-Bent Arms** have uses ranging from ninjas fighting with katanas to soldiers holding flags and battle standards. When combined, Straight Arms and Bent Elbow Arms are perfect for creating a realistic bow-and-arrow pose for archers and rangers. Distinctive examples of **Javelin Arms** include spear-throwing warriors and dual-wielding gunslingers.

The patented engineering of Crazy Arms is designed to preserve the structural integrity of your precious minifigure's torso, which might otherwise be damaged by the frequent switching in-and-out of normal minifig arms (nobody likes to see those cracks in the sides of a minifig...). With Crazy Arms, you can freely rotate arms on both sides of the torso for a greater variety of poses while easily being able to swap, mix, and match between the three different styles of Crazy Arms AND normal minifig arms.

Crazy Arms are made from injection-molded ABS plastic, the same type of plastic as your favorite bricks. The arms are available in 9 different colors (tan, green, dark tan, dark gray, black, white, reddish brown, flesh, and yellow – with more on the way), allowing them to seamlessly blend into all sorts of minifigure creations.

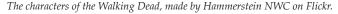
## **How do Crazy Arms work?**

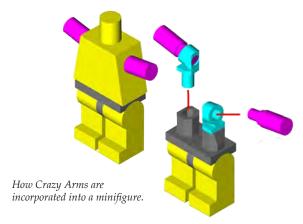
Crazy Bricks can be added to any minifig with ease by following these simple steps:

- First, separate the legs from the torso of the minifig.
- Then, remove one or more of the arms.
- Insert one or more of the Crazy Arms brackets into the semi-cylindrical tubes on the top of the minifig's hips, then reassemble the torso back onto the legs.
- Now push the Crazy Arms into the new Crazy Arm sockets at the minifigure's shoulders and swap the hands as needed.

Now your favorite figure is ready for action!

But Crazy Arms go beyond dramatic action poses: they can be used to recreate more subtle scenes from daily life, ranging from the serious to the whimsical. The different angles of the arms may represent various possible movements, like bowing, dancing, running, cooking, stirring, instrument-playing, and weight-lifting. A white bent elbow Crazy Arm has even been creatively used as an arm cast for injured and recovering minifigures. By enabling a greater range of authentic movements, Crazy Arms can bring additional functionality to figures in Citythemed creations as well as vignettes portraying the heroic simplicity of the everyday.







Observe how the Javelin arms on he right solve the clearance problem of the standard minifigure's arms on the left.



Different Crazy Arms create different arm positions. Photo by Kevin Wise on Flicks.





A member of the Mouse Guard uses the arms. Photo by Shelly Corbett Photography (https://shellycorbett.com).



A ninja practices her throwing. Photo by Leila Chieko.



Crazy Arms can also be used in other displays, such as this one: "Mind if we Dance?" by Charis Stella on Flickr

Adding character and nuance to minifigs with Crazy Arms opens up a whole new world for LEGO builders to explore. Whether used for enhancing playability or showcasing the personality of your favorite minifigs, Crazy Arms can breathe new life into creations while expanding the realm of what's possible with LEGO minifigures.



Crazy Arms are available online at *CrazyBricks.com*, or you can scan this QR code!



A hula dancer shows a castle citizen some moves. Phto by Leila Chieko.



Varys the Spider, a minfigure made bt Billy Riner.