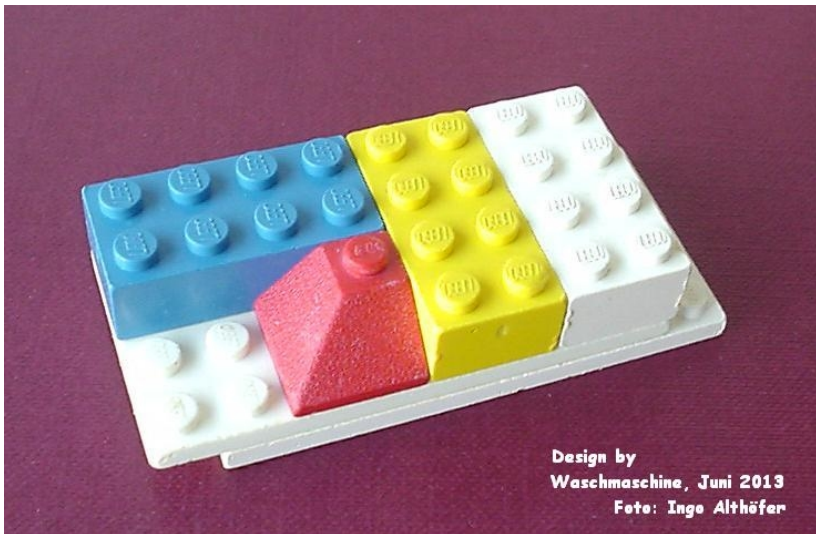


Lego Bricks in the Washing Machine

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Within a larger experimental series, I put a whole bucket of old Lego bricks - from the late 1960's and the early 1970's - into my Miele washing machine. The bricks were washed for 70 minutes, at 40 degree Celsius, without speed-spinning at the end. Before the run I had disintegrated all complexes - so only isolated bricks were at the start. During the procedure many stable complexes arose: most of them consisting of two pieces, but also others with up to six pieces in it. In many complexes, plates of size 4x8 or 6x8 were involved.



Art Emilie No. 1 - The nicest complex from my very first experiment with Lego bricks in the washing machine.

One observation: A similar run with very new Lego bricks did not result in any complexes. It seems that the bricks have to soften somehow before the washing machine can combine them.

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