

THE YOUNG MAD SCIENTIST'S ALPHABET GUIDE

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B - Bioengineering	O - Organs
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G - Goggles	T - Tentacles
H - Henchmen	U - Underground Lair
I - Invention	V - Virus
J - Jargon	W - Wrench
K - Potassium	X - X-Ray
L - Laser	Y - You, the Mad Scientist of Tomorrow
M - Maniacal	Z - Zombies

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CARE AND FEEDING OF YOUR BLOCKS

- Do not feed.
- Yes, we mean it. Bad things will happen.
- Do not immerse in water or other liquids. Sadly, blocks will not multiply when wet. However, excess exposure to moisture may cause the wood to crack, discolor, or stain.
- If the blocks become dirty over time, we recommend cleaning their surface with a slightly damp cloth. Solvents are not recommended as they may damage the wood. If water is inadequate, it is safe to polish the blocks with an extremely fine (600 grit) sandpaper.

THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK

Congratulations! You are now in possession of a genuine set of The Young Mad Scientist's First Alphabet Blocks! We hope that you (or the intended user) will receive many years of enjoyment from them.

PRESERVING A WORLD WORTH CONQUERING

Your blocks are created from natural, sustainably harvested American Maple of the finest and most durable quality available. After being cut, we engrave the illustrations on the blocks with a laser, a totally unnatural but also *totally awesome* process. We use no stains, dyes, or finishes, so the blocks are safe for you and the environment. Both your blocks and future maple trees will be around *long after* you have quelled the uprisings, achieved dominion over all that you survey, and created the perfect sandwich.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

As with all toys, young children should be supervised when playing.

Our blocks are about as safe as any solid object can be. However, certain scenarios may cause them to be unsafe, such as if they are:

- Set on fire (especially in a fireworks or dynamite factory) or converted in any way to a higher state of matter
- Accelerated to high speed, e.g. by trebuchet or gravitic propulsion, through telekinesis, or by old-fashioned throwing
- Altered in size by a shrink or growth ray (may pose a choking or crushing hazard if not normal size)
- Used as a component in an impromptu fusion or fission reactor, unless proper containment procedures are followed

Additionally, we do not recommend using these blocks as a barricade against zombie, peasant, or other hordes, unless said hordes are *extremely* small and weak.

BONUS FEATURE

These blocks also function as a top-secret military-grade* ROT13 encryption device. Simply flipping over a block to its opposing side will encrypt/decrypt the side's letter in ROT13.

* That is to say, both the military use and the grade it received for using said encryption are top-secret to avoid potential embarrassment.

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ABOUT THE CREATORS

These blocks were designed, illustrated, and manufactured by Andrew & Michele of Xylocopa Design. We're a small company currently based in Tucson, Arizona, and we produce all kinds of wonderful things for mad scientists and like-minded folk.

The twenty-six illustrations on these blocks are based on original pen-and-ink drawings by Michele of Xylocopa. For more information about the artist and the blocks, or if you need a printable replacement to this guide, please visit us online at xylocopa.com.