



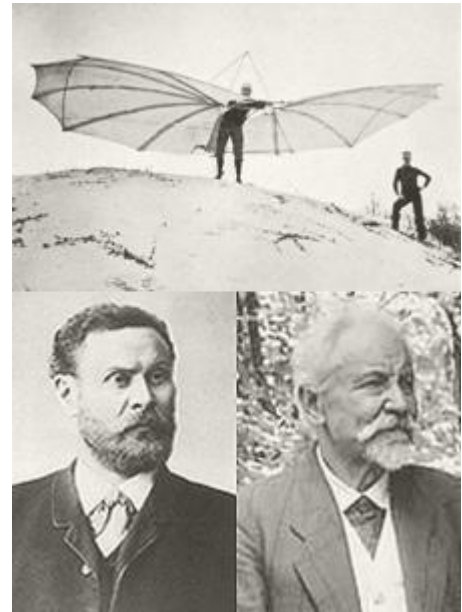
## History of Anker Stone Building Sets

*based on information provided by the manufacturer*

### From wood to stone

Inspired by the wooden bricks of kindergarten founder Friedrich Froebel, the brothers Lilienthal develop a unique formula to manufacture mineral building bricks consisting of a mixture based on quartz sand, chalk and linseed oil. In search of an authentic construction feeling, the aviation pioneers find an alternative for the unstable wooden bricks. The first Anker Stone Building Set wins people over with its natural feel.

Due to great precision in manufacturing, the weight of the stones and their composition, large buildings can be constructed without using any adhesive agents.



Otto Lilienthal / Gustav Lilienthal

### The birth of the Anker brick



Unfortunately, the creative ingenuity of the Lilienthal Brothers was not equal to their sales talent. Deeply in debt, they are forced to sell their unique brick formula to the versatile entrepreneur Richter. In 1880 the factory owner sets up a new building for the production of “Richter’s Anker Stone Building Set” in Rudolstadt, Germany. At the same time he establishes an art institute where artists, illustrators and architects develop the building plans for the Anker Stone Building sets. The first worldwide building set system is born. In the beginning sets are distributed as “patented building sets” with the icon of a red squirrel. The triumphal march of Anker stones begins.

The Anker factory in Rudolstadt

.Icon (red squirrel)