

Mesmerizing timelapse video shows the 33-month construction of New York's quirky 'Jenga skyscraper'

The building, located in the Tribeca district, has a distinctive 'jumbled' design Video captures the tower's construction over the course of 33 months Split screen shows both the overall tower's progress and the detail on each floor Dailymail.com Reporter | June 8, 2017

The construction of one of New York's most unusual skyscrapers has been captured in this captivating timelapse video.

The stunning building, located at 56 Leonard Street in the fashionable Tribeca district, is topped with an impossible-looking jumble of misaligned floors that make it look like a teetering Jenga tower.

But even more impressive than the building itself is its construction, which can be seen in a mesmerizing video by EarthCam.

Developed by Alexico Group, 56 Leonard is the first skyscraper designed by international architects Herzog & de Meuron.

It took a whopping 33 months to build - and each step was recorded by webcam company EarthCam then compiled into this incredible video.



At first it's hard to see the base of the tower, which is just an ugly mass of construction netting and concrete blocks.

But slowly and surely it rises from the mass of other buildings and begins to take shape.

The split screen shows the building's overall construction on one side and the floor-by-floor development on the other.

Eventually the top of the building is wrapped in a black mass of netting that vanishes to reveal the cluttered-looking - yet complex - mass of 'Jenga-style' floors at the top.

The building then builds up a 'skin' of beautifully reflective glass and glittering lights, and it's finally done.

The last shot pans down the building at dusk, showing it glowing gold against the hard blue sky.