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ToysRUs®

toy guide for **kids** differently-abled



Holly Robinson Peete, actress,
author and philanthropist,
with Tommy Austing, age 6.



Dear Parents and Friends,

At Toys“R”Us, we love kids! Through the wonder of play, we see how children achieve their own personal victories and imagine worlds of possibilities. That’s why for nearly 20 years we have offered the *Toys“R”Us Toy Guide for Differently-Abled Kids* as a complimentary resource for our customers who love and care for children with special needs. Truly a labor of love for the “R”Us family, we are very proud to bring you the 2010 edition of the *Guide*.

Inside the *Guide*, you will find 60 pages filled with a broad assortment of engaging toys and games from trusted brands that have been specially selected by the National Lekotek Center, an organization dedicated to making play accessible to *all* children. While the *Guide* has always featured a wonderful selection of toys available both in-store and online, this year we’ve broadened our online offerings at Toysrus.com/DifferentlyAble to showcase even more everyday playthings that can help build skills in children with special needs.

Within the *Guide*, you also will find valuable information, including the “Top Ten Tips for Buying Toys,” and “Safe Play Tips for Children with Special Needs.”

Whether you are a parent, family member, friend or caregiver, we hope you will use this resource to help enrich the play experiences of the differently-abled child in your life.

Sincerely,

Jerry Storch
Chairman and CEO, Toys“R”Us, Inc.

Easy-To-Use Toy Selection Guide

Find the right fit between a child’s abilities and stimulating toys that will promote development. Use these symbols to guide your selection.



Auditory
(Hearing, Listening)



Fine Motor
(Grasping, Hand-Eye Coordination)



Language
(Speaking, Reading, Writing)



Social Skills
(Relationships, Interaction)



Visual
(Seeing, Perceiving)



Self Esteem
(Self-Respect, Personal Satisfaction)



Tactile
(Skin Awareness of Touch & Texture)



Creativity
(Imagination, Arts, Music)



Gross Motor
(Large Muscle Movement)



Thinking
(Color Matching, Counting, Cause & Effect)

Skill-Building Toy Finder Index

Located at the end of the guide on pages 56–59, our Skill-Building Toy Finder Index places every toy into separate skill-building categories, to help you choose toys appropriate for your child’s specific needs and interests.



Dear Parents and Friends,

As the mother of four beautiful kids, I know every child is different. They have unique personalities and distinct interests, and each develops at their own pace. I also know what it’s like to be blessed with a child who has special needs. So, I’m truly honored to appear on the cover of the 2010 edition of the *Toys“R”Us Toy Guide for Differently-Abled Kids*.

My son, RJ, was diagnosed with autism at the age of 3. As he grew up, my husband and I were at a loss as to what toys RJ could play with. Then we learned about the *Guide* and were amazed at the selection of everyday toys that could benefit him. What I love about the *Guide* is that the included items are accompanied by skill-building icons that show the benefits of playing with each toy. Parents can easily flip through this trusted resource to select toys that may help their child develop.

The *Guide* offers parents, family, friends and caregivers a collection of toys that can help children grow and reach new milestones. Seeing the magic created by a toy in a child’s hand is simply awesome. And, when that child has cognitive, emotional or social limitations, it fills your heart with even more love and hope for all the possibilities that lie ahead. With the help of this *Guide*, children of all abilities can experience victories through the power of play.

Holly Robinson Peete
Actress, Author and Philanthropist

Top Ten Tips for Buying Toys

Prepared by the National Lekotek Center

Selecting a toy for a child who has a disability? Here are the questions the play experts at the National Lekotek Center ask when choosing developmentally appropriate toys for kids with special needs. Use these questions to guide you in making the right match between the child for whom you're buying and the toys in the *Toys“R”Us Toy Guide for Differently-Abled Kids*.

1. Multi-Sensory Appeal

Does the toy respond with lights, sounds or movement to engage the child?
Are there contrasting colors? Does it have a scent? Is there texture?

2. Method of Activation

Will the toy provide a challenge without frustration? What is the force required to activate?
What are the number and complexity of steps required to activate?

3. Places the Toy Will Be Used

Will the toy be easy to store? Is there space in the home?
Can the toy be used in a variety of positions such as side-lying or on a wheelchair tray?

4. Opportunities for Success

Can play be open-ended with no definite right or wrong way?
Is it adaptable to the child's individual style, ability and pace?

5. Current Popularity

Is it a toy that will help the child with special needs feel like “any other kid?”
Does it tie in with other activities, like books and art sets, that promote other forms of play?

6. Self-Expression

Does the toy allow for creativity, uniqueness and making choices?
Will it give the child experience with a variety of media?

7. Adjustability

Does it have adjustable height, sound volume, speed and level of difficulty?

8. Child's Individual Abilities

Does the toy provide activities that reflect both developmental and chronological ages?
Does it reflect the child's interests and age?

9. Safety and Durability

Does the toy fit with the child's size and strength? Does it have moisture resistance?
Are the toy and its parts sized appropriately? Can it be washed and cleaned?

10. Potential for Interaction

Will the child be an active participant during use?
Will the toy encourage social engagement with others?

The toys featured in the *Toys“R”Us Toy Guide for Differently-Abled Kids* have been selected and evaluated by the National Lekotek Center, a nonprofit organization dedicated to making play accessible for children with disabilities. For assistance in selecting toys or play activities for a child who has disabilities, please visit the Lekotek website at:

www.lekotek.org





Safe Play Tips for Children with Special Needs

These tips were created by Toys“R”Us, Inc. with guidance from leading safety and special needs organizations

Through the magic of play, all children can experience victories, imagine new worlds and share the joy of learning. But accidents can happen and rates of accidental injury are higher among children with special needs. This includes children who have physical and psychological disabilities and is especially true for children who have cognitive, emotional and social limitations.

While basic safety rules apply to all children, regardless of ability, the delivery of the message should be tailored to ensure that a child who has a disability truly understands and internalizes how to play safely. To make sure playtime is a positive, memorable learning experience for your child, following is a list of tips to help minimize playtime risks among children with special needs:

- **Never Leave a Child Unsupervised:** It is especially critical that a child with special needs is supervised properly at all times by an adult or trusted caregiver.
- **Read Labels for Ability:** Check toy packages for age grading but choose toys that correspond with a child's learning level rather than merely matching a toy with his or her actual age. Toys that are misused or inappropriate for a child's particular abilities can pose a risk of injury.
- **Survey the Play Area:** Designate a specific area of the home for regular playtime, one void of hazards such as electrical wires across the floor that a child could trip over, hanging cords that could cause strangulation and pools or windows that a child could fall in/through. Safety gates or other barriers can also be helpful in keeping children away from areas unfit for their age or abilities.
- **Establish Concrete Rules:** Before playtime begins, discuss basic guidelines about what areas are off limits (i.e., the street, roof or pool). Make the message clear by saying, “Never go past this line without Mommy” and “Yell, HELP! if you are hurt, lost or scared.”
- **Use Visual Warnings:** Post notes with phrases, such as, “Don’t Touch!” and “Off Limits!” on toys for older children, as well as power tools, the stove, kitchen drawers or any other potential source of injury; doing so can help a child who has developmental challenges distinguish between an appropriate toy and an object that may be dangerous.
- **Review and Repeat:** After setting playtime rules, create visual reminders to post somewhere in the house or play area to serve as a constant reminder to the child. Also, ensure a child grasps the message by prompting him/her with hypothetical situations such as, “What do you do when a ball rolls into the street?” and “What could happen if you play near the pool?”
- **Prepare for Off-Site Play Dates:** When scheduling a play date out of the home, pack a First Aid kit for the guardian to carry and a Child ID package to put in the child's pocket or backpack, inclusive of the child and parent/guardian's name, and emergency contact information and instructions (i.e. allergies, illnesses/disabilities and medicinal protocol).
- **Safe Storage:** Teach children to put toys away so they do not pose a tripping hazard. Store an older child's toys in a separate storage bin and regularly check for toys that may become worn, damaged or have missing parts.
- **Avoid Trigger Toys:** For children who are prone to seizures, it's best to avoid spinning or flashing toys. Opt for toys that have volume control for children who are adversely affected by loud noises. And make sure children have the postural stability to utilize ride-on vehicles and wagons.

"Marcus'
wonderful
personality puts
a smile on the
faces of
everyone
he meets."

Wendy & Ruben
Marcus' parents



Laugh & Learn Rumble & Learn Driver Fisher-Price

Turn the key and shift into gear... and put a little vroom into early skill development! The steering wheel and gearshift rumble as your child turns the wheel and changes gears. Help build strength by encouraging your child to roll over to push the buttons. And as they coordinate movements to navigate, little drivers are introduced to colors, numbers, letters and concepts like up/down and on/off. With 4 play modes (learning, imagination, musical fun and Spanish-language content), this activity is sure to delight the senses!

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Move & Crawl Ball

VTech

Laugh, crawl and have a ball! Children are encouraged to move, walk or crawl towards this interactive ball as it rolls around randomly. They'll also work on visual tracking skills as they use their eyes to follow the ball's path as it wiggles and wobbles. Merry melodies and fun sounds signal success and motivate them to keep playing. And fun things to press, pull and spin help reinforce cause/effect thinking, while different play modes help introduce number, object, shape and animal recognition and identification. What's more, light-up number buttons and the textured surface provide additional visual and tactile stimulation.

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Busy Balls: Rhythm & Sounds

Playskool

A sense-sational way to experience playtime! Offering fun roll-and-chase play, this 5-ball set inspires children to explore different textures and sounds. Moving the balls around promotes motor skills, cause and effect thinking and self-discovery, while the bright colors capture visual attention. The textures on the balls can also be used to add interest and stimulation for children with visual impairments. Bang two balls together to increase midline play, or roll one back and forth to work on eye-hand coordination, anticipation and release. Introduce your child to the fun, sensory experience of playtime and let the good times roll!

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Laugh & Learn Learning Phone

Fisher-Price

"Hello, it's for baby!" This small, handheld phone lets children hear learning songs and silly sound effects, along with realistic phone sounds, greetings, letters, numbers, colors and lights. The layout of the buttons encourages finger isolation and cause and effect learning, as well as bilateral hand coordination (when children hold the phone with one hand and press the buttons with the other). Basic number and letter recognition is also reinforced as children listen and learn. A great way to introduce early role play, this toy phone also can be used to help foster language acquisition, imagination and pretend-play skills.

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Spin & Learn Top

VTech

Lights, animals, action! Press down on the colorful plunger to watch the cute characters spin around... press the easy-to-target number buttons to hear each of the 4 characters respond with numbers and silly sounds. Engaging activities are easily accessible to children who find it difficult to manipulate, grasp and hold, while the response to their actions helps strengthen cause and effect thinking. In addition, the dancing lights and interactive responses provide a fun way to encourage your child to learn animal names, numbers, music and sounds!

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"Amanda's
bright smile
lights up the faces
of everyone
she meets.
She is special,
indeed!"

*Sandy
Amanda's mom*



Explore N' Grow Busy Ball Popper

Playskool

Pump the plunger. Load the brightly colored balls. Watch them travel down the spiral track, then drop... and pop! Engaging air-powered activity is accessible to children at various levels of ability. Children need to use a whole-hand grasp to press the plunger down. Visual tracking and eye-hand coordination come into play as children try to catch each ball when it pops out and place it back on the track. In addition, the balls can be used to help children who have tight fists maintain an open grasp. Plus, fun sound effects and 8 lively songs help keep the fun rolling!

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Spin'N Sorter

Mega Bloks

Put a spin on skill building! Kids can use the gears on the lid as a foundation to construct structures as tall as their imaginations, while building grasping, reaching, color identification, counting and matching skills. And when they're ready, they can watch their creations come to life through simple gear mechanics! Join in the fun and help your child explore fundamental learning concepts and physical skills by verbally identifying their actions. You also can reinforce your child's understanding of number concepts by counting the blocks or the number of connectors on each block. When play is done, practice alike/different and size discrimination by using the shape-sorter lid for easy cleanup and storage! Includes 32 pieces.

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Busy Gears

Playskool

Gear up for some "hands-on" fun! Just arrange the interchangeable gears on the board and then press the button to activate. Children will be rewarded with flashing lights, cheerful music and upbeat sounds as they watch their creations spin around and around! Rearrange the gears in different patterns, stack 'em up or sort by color. You can even start off with a few and build up as your child gains confidence. What's more, the sustained movement allows children to focus and enjoy the action! Includes 11 gears. Great for working on manual skills and cognitive tasks, while providing visual, auditory and tactile stimulation.

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Fill'n Dump Truck

Mega Bloks

With its enormous tilting bin, oversized wheels and large scoop, this BIG dump truck delivers loads of fun! Its substantial size offers easier access, a larger area to aim for... and greater success. Kids help build fine and gross motor skills as they grasp and stack the blocks. The bin has a latch that holds it in place for filling and releases easily for dumping. This in/out play provides a fun way to work on motor planning, bilateral movement and eye-hand coordination. And when they're ready for the next delivery, little builders have to crawl alongside the truck—shifting their weight from one leg to the other—strengthening the muscles they need to walk! Includes 20 blocks.

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Wheel Pals Cushy Cruisin' Vehicles

Playskool

Patrol the playground. Pick up speed. Or, race off to school. These soft, squeezable vehicles are easy to grasp and don't have any sharp edges to ruin the fun! Free-wheeling motion keeps the good times rolling with minimal effort. Children help strengthen gross motor skills as they push the vehicle and crawl along. And just press the front bumper to activate realistic sounds to reinforce cause/effect. Best of all, they're durable, easy to clean and will hold up to lots of active play. Choose from Police Car, Pick-Up Truck or School Bus, each sold separately.

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Mini Work Bench

Bruin

Bang. Buzz. Build! Brightly colored, chunky tools are just the right size for little handypersons-in-training to build eye-hand coordination and practice grasping skills. Oversized levers and buttons provide plenty of fine motor practice. The nails light up when the hammer makes contact. And the saw and drill produce lights and realistic sounds when activated, reinforcing cause/effect thinking. Plus, the saw's spinning action provides pleasant vibratory sensation. This interactive work bench offers a great introduction to pretend play as children pound, twist and press just like dad... or mom! Features rotary arm saw, drill press, screwdriver and hammer.

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DUPLO

Large Brick Box

LEGO

Colorful, creative, constructive play starts with this 71-piece building set. The tub comes filled with assorted bricks in appealing colors, along with special elements for creating rolling cars, planes, houses and more. Connect and disconnect the bricks to help refine manual dexterity, increase finger strength, build upper-body strength and enhance eye-hand coordination. Incorporate sorting, grouping, patterning, counting, matching and color identification for additional skills practice. And, help build math skills as you and your child count each block as it is placed back inside the storage tub!

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"When I see Sam
light up the faces
of others, it
reaffirms to me
that we are all
more alike than
we are different."

*Jessica
Sam's mom*



Thomas Wooden Railway Early Engineers Busy Day on Sodor Set

Learning Curve

Busy engines are really useful engines! Thomas and Percy have a lot of work to do and your child can help. Little engineers practice problem solving, sequencing, motor planning, bilateral movement and eye-hand coordination skills as they assemble the interlocking track pieces and set up the workstation. Next stop, coordination, visual perception, gross and fine motor skills as children help the engines wind their way around the track. This playset is perfect for encouraging language skills, as well as social interaction. So, invite a fellow engineer to join the fun!

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Thomas Wooden Railway Talking Engines

Learning Curve

"Toot. Toot." Listen up. Because Thomas and James have something to say! Children practice fine motor skills as they use an isolated finger to target and press down on the button located at the top of the cab. When the button is activated successfully, the engine speaks one of three phrases or sounds his special whistle! The sounds and the working headlamp also provide auditory and visual stimulation for children who require extra sensory input during play, or can help keep a child who has a visual impairment engaged in the activity. Engines sold separately.

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Train Conductor Dress-Up Set

Imaginarium

All aboard for role-play fun! This authentic-looking outfit comes with just about everything little conductors need to keep trains on the right track. Hands-on role play offers a great way to encourage your child's creativity and imagination, while helping to develop social skills. This set includes a striped vest with touch-fasteners for easier on/off, cap, bandana, wooden whistle, working pocket watch, walkie talkie that makes train sounds, wrench and 4 train tickets.

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Sound Puzzles

Melissa & Doug

Roarin' success... moo-tiful job... purr-fectio! These sound puzzles provide a wealth of skill-building opportunities as problem solvers see, listen and learn! Children use their pincer grasp to lift each cheerful, colorful animal-shaped puzzle piece by its knob. When the piece is placed correctly on the board, players are rewarded with a realistic animal sound. This auditory response provides positive reinforcement for a job well done and motivates them to continue. The corresponding illustrations on the puzzle board provide visual cues and help place success within reach! Choose from Zoo Animals, Pets or Farm Animals.

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Wooden Pattern Blocks & Boards

Melissa & Doug

Create a pattern for success! This activity challenges children to use cognitive and problem-solving strategies to complete different patterns. Choose one of 10 simply designed, colorful pattern boards. Then, find the pieces that have the right shape and color to replicate the pattern. All-wood pattern blocks are great for developing refined fine motor control, eye-hand coordination, as well as spatial relationship, visual discrimination, color, shape and matching skills. This set contains 10 wooden patterns, 120 colorful assorted shapes and storage box.

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Wooden Shape Sorting Learning Clock

Melissa & Doug

Time really flies when you're having fun with 2 toys in 1! This combination teaching clock and shape sorter provides an engaging way to challenge children's problem-solving skills. It can be used as a sorting activity to help develop manual dexterity, as well as recall and retention skills, by having your child sort the 12 differently shaped and numbered pieces and place them correctly. Then, use the completed sorter as a teaching tool to introduce your child to the abstract concept of time. Movable hour and minute hands, along with the easy-to-read numerals, help kids learn 5 minutes at a time!

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Magnetic Number Maze

Melissa & Doug

These friendly-faced farm animals are counting on you! Fill each numbered basket with the correct number of apples by sliding the attached magnetic wand over the acrylic cover. The cover keeps the pieces in place and the wand can be retrieved easily if dropped, helping children who require a stationary position to play independently. And as they play, children begin to see and understand basic math by making the connection between number symbols and their physical representations. In addition, using the wand to maneuver the apples through the track and into the appropriate basket helps develop fine motor and eye-hand coordination skills.

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"Dov has taught
us that every day
is a new
adventure—
a day of growing
and learning."

*Cyndi
Dov's mom*



TAG Junior Reading System

LeapFrog

This system takes books beyond pictures and makes stories come to life for your pre-reader! Using touch technology, TAG Junior encourages children's natural desire to explore, while introducing preschool skills through playful book-based activities. Children touch the Book Pal to any part of any page to hear sound effects and audio responses, engage in fun learning activities or have the entire story read to them! When finished, connect the Book Pal to the online LeapFrog Learning Path to monitor progress or to access printable activities that expand the learning! Includes Book Pal and one book.

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AlphaPet Explorer

LeapFrog

Everyone's favorite puppy pal, Scout, leads children through alphabet learning adventures! This portable activity can help little learners identify each letter, gain an understanding of letter order and learn the sound that each letter makes. The raised profile of each button makes it easier to target using isolated finger movements, while the carry handle offers caregivers an option for discreetly stabilizing the toy for children who have physical limitations. This one-piece unit can also be used to provide a focused play space for those who become distracted easily, helping to keep them engaged and on task.

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Scribble & Write

LeapFrog

Light the way to early writing! The learning fun begins as children trace the bright LED light paths to draw simple shapes like a crescent moon, then move on to practice the lines and curves that are needed to write upper and lowercase letters such as the letter C. An adult voice provides stroke-by-stroke instructions for each line, letter or shape, while a peppy puppy offers positive reinforcement for a job well done. The easy-to-grasp, chunky stylus is corded to the retracable drawing pad, so it stays within reach for continual play. And as children use the stylus to follow the lights, they help develop visual processing skills and eye-hand coordination.

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Dora the Explorer Music to Go Play-a-Song Book

Publications International

"Come on vamonos, everybody let's go!" Children use the detachable digital MP3 player to listen along as they follow Dora and friends through this musical adventure. Every book spread features the lyrics to 4 songs and each song has its own picture icon. Children practice decision-making skills as they locate the corresponding icon on the player's LCD screen and press the play button to hear their song choice based on their own preferences, or press shuffle to hear the songs in random order. Player comes loaded with 20 songs, including "Dora the Explorer Theme Song" and "We Did It."

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Sesame Street Monsters in the Bathroom Publications International

Bathroom and bedtime become "best time!" Elmo, Cookie Monster and other Sesame Street favorites encourage healthful habits as they show children how to use the potty, take a bath and brush their teeth, while helping them to establish a nightly routine that can make transitioning from playtime to bedtime easier. Rubber ducky icons are provided throughout to further delight youngsters as they use an isolated finger to target and activate fun sounds and phrases. Elmo and friends also offer helpful reminders to flush, wash hands and wipe up bathtime puddles!

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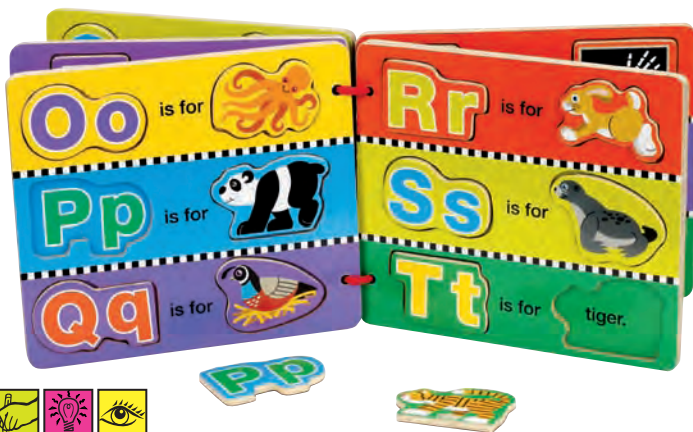
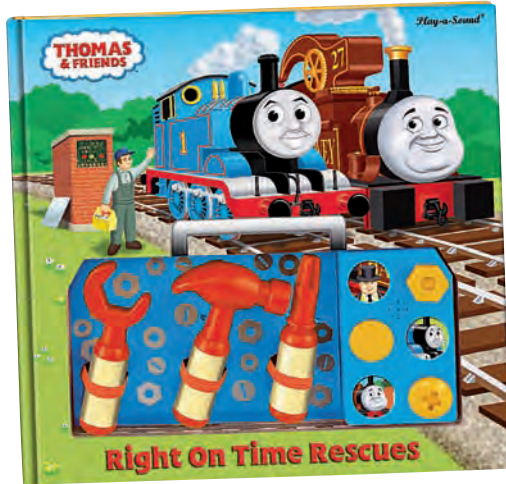


Thomas & Friends Right On Time Rescues

Publications International

Help Thomas and his friends get back on track and remain very useful engines! Little railway workers develop both reading and fine motor skills at the same time as they participate in the story by choosing the right tool to get the job done. With easy-to-turn pages, easy-to-press sound buttons and easy-to-hold tools, this interactive book is accessible to children with limited fine motor ability. These features also can help to engage children who have difficulty with reading and/or lack a general interest in books. Wrench, hammer and screwdriver included.

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Wooden Magnetic Alphabet Puzzle Book

Melissa & Doug

R is for reading fun! Removable magnetic pieces are a perfect fit for helping to develop your child's fine motor, problem solving, matching, letter and object identification skills. Each page features 3 upper/lower case letters with corresponding images. The images serve as picture cues, while the name of each object is printed on the board to aid literacy enhancement. In addition, the tactile input of the magnets helps promote visual attention and cognitive processing. You can also practice bilateral movements by having your child cross midline to place the pieces back on the puzzle board. Includes 28 quality-crafted wooden puzzle pieces.

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"Leo's sense
of humor and
kind heart
will overcome
any barrier he
encounters... he's
an amazing person."

*Cristina
Leo's mom*



TRIO Building Set with Storage

Fisher-Price

Imaginations and skills under construction! Easy-click bricks, sticks and panels help make building a "snap" and encourage fine motor movement and creativity—no matter how or what your child chooses to build! The innovative, snap-together design also offers children with involuntary movements the opportunity to be victorious in building... without knocking down their creations! In addition, the "click" sound provides auditory feedback and signals little builders that they've connected the pieces successfully. Includes 100 pieces, figure, storage tub and lid/building base.

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Builders of Tomorrow Bricks & More Deluxe Set

LEGO

Your child is the architect designing, planning and building structures as big as his imagination! This 650-piece basic construction set provides a fun way to unleash and encourage creativity, while helping to develop freedom of thought and problem solving skills. Bricks come in 9 different colors and assorted sizes. Begin by building a simple structure and have your child recreate it or vice versa. You can also heighten spatial awareness and incorporate concepts such as matching, sorting, grouping, patterning and counting as your child builds anything from a house to a sailboat and much, much more!

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400-Piece Value Tub

K'NEX

Think big... build big! Filled with 400 parts, this value set offers endless opportunities for open-ended building play! Children and caregivers can work together to build problem solving, motor planning, sequencing, fine motor and eye-hand coordination skills as they follow the pictorial directions and construct any of the 20 included models, ranging in difficulty from beginner to more challenging. Or, imaginations can be their guides as they think up and construct their very own creations! In addition, the easy-to-snap-together pieces help to reduce frustration and extend play, while the color-coding provides visual cues that are the cornerstone to building success!

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Screature Interactive Dinosaur

Mattel

Help your child gain a real sense of empowerment as he takes control of training this prehistoric play pal! This easy-to-activate toy uses the infrared sensor on its nose to “sense” and “attack” prey under your child’s guidance. Thinking skills are enhanced as children discover how to train Screature to attack, spit, laugh or purr. Encourage language development and creative thinking by having your child create and relate dino-sized tales. Best of all, this Jurassic juvenile provides opportunities for social interactions as your child invites friends and family to meet his new pet!

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Remote Control CAT 15" Construction Vehicles

Toy State

Help build skills with this remote-controlled replica of a real CAT construction vehicle! The tethered controller’s 4 buttons and 2 levers enable children to use isolated finger movements to activate the truck while keeping play within visual range. Memory and recall come into play as children decide which button to press for music or how to operate the vehicle in forward or reverse. The truck’s high-contrast yellow and black colors make for eye-catching play. Other features such as vibrations, the air horn, voice, music and movement provide additional sensory stimulation.

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The Home Depot Hauling Tool Truck

Toys "R" Us

Transport your tools to the next worksite in style with this freewheeling big rig! The truck features a removable toolbox that detaches when you push on the license plate. The toolbox contains 14 strong, sturdy plastic hand tools designed to get the job done. Kids can use the lug wrench, tire iron or screwdriver to remove the wheels and smokestacks. Eye-hand coordination, wrist rotation and hand strength come into play as children practice "righty tighty, lefty loosey," reinforcing their newfound knowledge. Best of all, the realistic tool styling gives children the real feel of tackling a project with Dad!

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Imaginext DC Super Friends The Batmobile

Fisher-Price

"To the Batmobile!" Children can join the Caped Crusader in his battle against crime with this fun playset. Turn the large Batwing key to give the Batmobile a boost. The vehicle pulses forward, lights flash, then vroom... it springs into action traveling up to 24 feet! Kids help develop their visual tracking skills as they follow the vehicle's movement. Big muscle movements join the action as crime-fighters crawl, cruise or walk to retrieve the car for continued play. Parents can also encourage language development and imagination by having your child create action-packed scenarios! Includes vehicle, Batman figure and 3 barrels.

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"Madison's will
and determination
have set a
standard that
we try to live up to
each day...
she is our hero."

*Tony & Julie
Madison's parents*



Barbie **Pet Vet Care Center**

Creative Designs

Little veterinarians practice problem-solving skills as they select the medical tools they need for a puppy checkup. The medical equipment helps develop manual dexterity, eye-hand coordination, finger isolation and grasping skills. Visually stimulating images promote language development as children identify familiar pictures. And as they listen and respond to Barbie's calls, they can enhance auditory processing skills, while practicing telephone function and etiquette. Includes vet center, plush pup, IV, stethoscope, phone and more.

649762





Laugh & Learn Say Please Tea Set

Fisher-Price

Tea for two and two for tea! Two pretty cups, a smiling teapot and 3 "tasty treats" provide a wealth of opportunities for imaginative play and social interaction. Begin by having your child arrange the treats on the shape-sorting plate and then serve to friends or family. The singing teapot helps teach good manners as it encourages children to say "please" and "thank you," while adding to the pretend-play experience with realistic pouring, opening and closing sounds. Fun songs, interactive sounds and open-ended play make tea time a real treat!

180635



Wooden Bake & Decorate Cupcake Set

Melissa & Doug

The perfect recipe for skills practice! Little bakers have all the right ingredients for fine motor and eye-hand coordination practice as they assemble the wooden cupcakes and place them on the baking sheet. Once "baked," children can reinforce color recognition skills as they use the icing tubes (dry-erase markers) to decorate the tops. Introduce simple memory games by removing one candle and asking them to identify the missing candle. Finally, children can share the cupcakes with family and friends while practicing social skills and birthday party etiquette!

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Bendaroos 500-Piece Mega Pack

Shape 'em. Wrap 'em. Stick 'em. Take 'em apart. And do it all again! Non-staining, no-mess wax over super-strong string makes these amazing, flexible building sticks do almost anything. "Benders" with low muscle tone can refine their motor skills by manipulating the sticks to "draw" on a flat surface, lift and then watch as their amazing creations stay together. More advanced learners can build 3-D creations, use the supplied templates or go online to print out additional activities. No rules apply... because Bendaroos can be manipulated according to each child's age or ability! The pack includes 250 rainbow-colored pieces and 250 neon-colored pieces.

305785



Poppin' Movie Snacks Play-Doh

Pop the popcorn. Fire up the fries. Scoop out the ice cream. Your child's in charge of the concession stand as he creates his own movie-theater fun! Children help develop bilateral coordination, hand strength and motor planning skills as they roll, squish, pat and press the compound into the molds to make realistic-looking movie treats. They can also serve the snacks to family and friends while engaging in simple verbal communications and formulating questions such as, "Would you like butter on your popcorn?" This set offers an engaging way to build confidence and social skills. Set includes 5 cans of Play-Doh compound and accessories.

385374





Color Wonder Lap Desk

Crayola

This portable lap desk is great for creativity on the go! The mess-free, non-staining Color Wonder marker ink appears within 20 seconds on the Color Wonder paper—and absolutely nowhere else. This brief time lapse may help children who have attention difficulties, or who are easily distracted, stay focused on their artwork. Plus, the repositionable Color Wonder Peel & Stick paper stays in place to help keep the creativity flowing and reduce frustration. The comfortable, soft bottom features a zippered pouch that can be used to store the markers, while the carry handle lets kids transport the desk to appointments, therapy sessions or anywhere else waiting may occur. Desk comes with 5 Color Wonder mini markers and 12 sheets of Color Wonder Peel & Stick paper.

348270



Color Wonder Story Stampers Activity Set

Crayola

No drawing required! Little artists simply stamp the characters into the background scene to create a customized coloring page! The tall, easier-to-grasp stamper handles help make the activity more accessible to children who lack refined motor skills. Children also learn to increase their own wait time as they watch patiently for the time-delayed colors to appear on the page! In addition, the hidden patterns on the paper increase excitement and anticipation. Activity includes 18-page coloring pad, 6 non-staining stampers, 5 no-mess Color Wonder markers and Color Wonder stamp pad.

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"Henry continues to be amazed as he learns the names of everything in his environment. I continue to be amazed by him!"

*Krysty Ann
Henry's mom*



Model Magic Presto Dots

Crayola

Press... Pop... Presto! Little sculptors can use the special tools provided to create original works of art with a fun, bumpy, 3-D texture. Soft, pliable modeling compound is smooth, odorless and won't leave a residue, helping children with tactile defensiveness and/or olfactory hypersensitivity to participate actively in a "hands-on" art activity. Begin by forming a simple base. Then, use the long-handled tools to create simple punch-outs and pearls. Model Magic sticks to itself, making it easy to transform the base into a 3-D sculpture! Includes instructions, idea starters and project ideas.

385146





Washable Dry-Erase Crayons

Crayola

Creating art is about the experience, not the end result. And these dry-erase crayons allow children to create continuously... just for the sake of creating! Eight chunky crayons provide endless opportunities for creative exploration in bright, bold, vibrant colors. When you're done, use the E-Z Erase Mitt to wipe clean—and start again! Best of all, these crayons won't dry out, are odor-free and, like traditional crayons, encourage children to hone writing and literacy, experience creative freedom and practice developmental skills. Includes 8 dry-erase crayons, E-Z erase mitt and built-in sharpener. Dry-erase board sold separately.

385094



Dry-Erase Activity Center

Crayola

Just wipe and write! More than 25 games and learning activities can be used to encourage fundamental writing skills. And when they're ready to repeat the lesson, all children need to do is use the eraser to wipe off the dry-erase markings from the reusable activity sheets. Because the more children practice, the better they can become! You can also use the blank sheet for free-time drawing to reward your child for completing one sheet of letters or numbers. The center comes with 4 dry-erase markers, eraser, template and activity sheets that store conveniently in the unit, making it a great take-along activity for learning on the go!

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Jump 'N' Jam Jungle Electronic Talking Play Mat Learning Resources

Jump start active learning! This interactive mat gets kids moving as they learn to follow directions, make patterns, recognize shapes and match jungle animals to their exotic sounds. Fun sound effects and music enhance each of the 5 distinct, kinesthetic games. And auditory processing comes into play as children listen to the game and respond by touching one of 6 sections on the mat! In addition, the 32" diameter mat can be used on a tabletop for children who need to be seated or use wheelchairs to increase reaching and arm extension, while its sensitivity to touch makes it accessible to children with limited muscle strength.

929635 ONLINE ONLY



Rainbow Sorting Crayons Learning Resources

There's a rainbow of play possibilities packed inside! Each "crayon" contains 6 small, multi-textured objects that correspond to the tube's color. Children can use these manipulatives to work on simple to mature hand and finger grasping, object recognition, color matching, tactile stimulation and recall skills. You can also enhance your child's language development by encouraging her to learn and say the name of each object. Or, remove one piece and have your child verbally identify the missing item. The creative potential of this set is endless! Set includes 8 crayon-shaped sorting tubes, 48 color-coded plastic figures and flip-top storage box. Tubes measure 9½" tall x 2½" diameter.

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Smart Snacks Lacing Sweets

Learning Resources

The sweet "treat" is the smarts behind the "snacks!" Kids reach into the candy jar and lace the letters together to help develop manual dexterity, eye-hand coordination and concentration. Play candies are preprinted with the uppercase letter on one side and its lowercase counterpart on the other. As they lace, kids practice letter order and learn to spell simple words and family names. Children who are not yet identifying letters can simply enjoy the bright, bold colors and explore matching, sorting and stringing! Includes 2 laces, 31 sweets, scoop and storage jar.

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Teachable Touchables Texture Squares

Educational Insights

Scratchy, slippery, silky or soft...

Ten pairs of 3" squares make it easy for kids to get "touchy feely!" Tactilely diverse squares help children identify what they see and feel, talk about similarities and differences and learn to use vocabulary to describe each different texture. Give the squares to your child one at a time to help build tactile discrimination skills and avoid sensory overload. You can also create matching games or play hide & seek. An activity sheet provides more sense-ational ideas. Includes 20 squares and drawstring storage bag.

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*"When Jimmy smiles,
I realize that,
although Jimmy has
autism, autism does
not have Jimmy!"*

*Lori
Jimmy's mom*



Make Your Own Monster Puppet

Melissa & Doug

Your child is the chief creature creator with this hands-on kit! The included carrying case is filled with eyes, ears, antennae and more for concocting crazy characters. Children can learn to recognize and match up facial features, while making decisions on what parts to use and where to place them. Parts attach easily with touch-fasteners, offering greater success and bolstering self-esteem. Young puppeteers can enhance language skills through artistic expression and performance by acting out stories using rich, elaborate language.

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Funny Phone Early Listening Game

Learning Resources

Laughter's always on the line as players dial, hear their challenge and prepare to be silly! Nine types of challenges, including tongue twisters, rhyming and singing, plus over 300 individual and group questions keep the phoning fun. Players must dial a number from the directory, listen to the entire message and then respond. This helps children practice patience and listening skills. And as children play with this phone, they're learning real phone skills such as picking up the receiver before dialing, matching numbers on the list with the numbers on the keypad and more.

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Time Tracker Visual Timer & Clock

Learning Resources

It's never been easier to keep kids on track! This colorful, customizable time-management tool provides auditory and visual cues at set intervals to help children prepare to transition from one activity to the next. Timer features 3 colored lights (green, yellow and red), 6 sound effects and an easy-to-read LCD display. Children who have hearing impairments can benefit from the visual cues, while those who have visual impairments can utilize the auditory cues to indicate time remaining. Most children function best with a set routine. Time Tracker can help make those routines easier... and less stressful!

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McDonald's Electronic Cash Register Set

Just Like Home

Super-size your child's math skills! From simple pretend-play exploration to real adding, money counting and making change, this 10-piece playset offers fun-filled opportunities to develop basic math, creative expression and social skills. Children engage in social play as they invite others to join in, take food orders, exchange money and serve their "customers." The working cash register/calculator also provides auditory cues as your child hears the menu selections as she inputs each order. *Note: Requires isolated finger control to operate the register.*

292144



Doctor Dress-Up Set

Imaginarium

"The doctor will see you now!" Realistic white doctor's coat and kid-sized play instruments provide the perfect prescription for fun. Hands-on role play offers a great way to encourage your child's creativity and imagination while helping to develop social skills. If fear of doctors is an issue, have your child act out any apprehension and, through observation and interaction, help your child work through the anxiety. Set includes coat, mask, 2 clipboards, stethoscope with realistic heartbeat sounds, thermometer, syringe, reflex hammer, blood pressure meter, bandage and prescription card.

212242





Shopping Cart

Little Tikes

Add fun to the list as little shoppers prepare to stock up at the grocery store! Featuring a fold-down "child" seat, the cart is perfect for a favorite doll or teddy bear to go along for a ride. And as children "shop," they can use the cart to stabilize themselves as they practice balance, weight shifting and reciprocal leg movements, all skills necessary for independent ambulation. You can also use the cart to enhance your child's understanding of the concepts of in/out, push/pull and go/stop as they imitate the shopping experience. Accessories sold separately. *Hint: Place a bag of rice on the bottom to provide additional weight and stability.*

285164 Red 103971 Pink



Deli Shop Play Set

Just Like Home

"Would you like mustard or ketchup on your hot dog?" Your child runs the deli counter, serving up fun with this 50-piece play food set! From simple stacking to imaginative play, this set helps children develop and refine listening, language, sequencing, color identification, problem solving and cognitive skills. Begin by placing an order. Your child must remember what was ordered, locate the ingredients and assemble the food. You can also extend the pretend-play experience by having her write or draw a menu for her "customers" to peruse before she assembles their delectable decisions!

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"People always comment on what a huge smile Kenzie has. It's this smile that tells us everything is going to be okay."

*Greg & Jennie
Mackenzie's parents*



Dora the Explorer Electronic Bongos

First Act

A rhythm-filled, cause/effect adventure! Dora and Boots' smiling faces invite your child to reach out and explore different musical sounds. Each bongo can be programmed for a specific percussion sound that plays independently or with rhythm accompaniment. The easy-to-target, bright orange bongo heads activate with the lightest of touches, reinforcing cause/effect and offering greater chances for success, while building self-confidence and heightening self-efficacy. Bongos feature 8 rhythms, 4 percussion sounds, drum pad sounds, volume controls and on/off switch.

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Dora the Explorer 6-Piece Percussion Pack

First Act

Whether it's a one-man band or small-group performance, this percussion pack lets children play independently or together with friends to encourage parallel play or more advanced social interaction. The individual instruments move hand and arm muscles differently, while the ocarina and kazoo work the same muscles and breathing control used for speech. And playing music encourages children to listen to the rhythm and beat of the music, to mimic it and expand on it. Pack includes egg shaker, kazoo, klick klock, tambourine, jingle tap, ocarina and backpack-style storage bag.

039774



Marching Band Kit

First Act Discovery

This kit contains an authentic, parade-style marching drum designed to look and sound like the tenor drums of the world's greatest marching corps, 2 quality-crafted hand cymbals and a pair of custom-scaled student drumsticks. The cymbals have large knobs that make them easier to hold and encourage children to bring their hands together at midline to play, while the drum's carry strap helps children maintain a consistent position while playing. Plus, playing together with a bandmate can inspire meaningful, appropriate social interaction that can help support essential developmental stages!

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Cyber Gear Bracelet Walkie Talkies

Sakar

Strap it on... and stay secretly in touch with your BFF! Fun and fashionable, these walkie talkies provide a perfect way to work on simple sequential steps and memory, as well as recall skills, while increasing verbal conversation. Talkers must press one button to speak, and then release that same button to listen. Want to keep communications ultra-private? Use the wired earpiece to keep messages from being overheard! Unit attaches easily to wrists or arms with a non-adjustable, bracelet-like cuff. *Hint: Wrap a cloth hair band around the cuff to modify the size to accommodate individual needs.*

247615



Harumika Style Starter Set

Bandai

Budding fashion designers can create perfectly tailored looks with rudimentary skill and little effort! Just use the signature fabric swatches to fashion skirts, dresses, pants, jackets, sweaters and more. The no-sew designs are held securely in place on the dress form with the tuck-in-place, Style Lock system. Add accessories, rhinestones and stickers to complete the ensemble! Your child's confidence will grow as she creates outfit after outfit and realizes the possibilities are endless. You also can extend the pretend-play and creative experience by letting

her use your camera to stage her very own fashion shoots! Each Starter Set includes one dress form. Other sets are available and sold separately.

404165





Backyard Safari Mega Magnifier

Summit

Backyard adventures become larger than life with this powerful field magnifying lens! Tough, super-sized lens features a rugged foam frame with sure-grip handholds that let you focus at any angle. The lightweight design encourages exploration as children travel outdoors to observe insects, rocks and plants in nature. Plus, it floats! Drop it onto any water surface and help strengthen visual perception and tracking skills as creatures float by in the current. You can also help enhance your child's language skills by asking him to describe to you his outdoor adventures and discoveries!

257945



Live Butterfly Garden

Insect Lore

Help them grow. Then, let them go! Children will watch in wonder as they observe their caterpillars form chrysalides and emerge as beautiful butterflies—all within the confines of this mesh tree house. Sending away and receiving the butterfly larvae in the mail can be a very positive experience for children. They'll also gain a sense of ownership and empowerment as they assume responsibility for the care of their butterflies. Take the learning a step further by talking about the process of metamorphosis and drawing pictures of each stage. A wonderful experience for the entire family!

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VISUAL

"Our son has taught us more about life and unconditional love in his four years than some have learned in a lifetime."

Annette
Christian's mom



Super Sounds Soccer

Fisher-Price

"Goal!" And the crowd goes wild! A large shooting area, an adjustable target, two levels of play and auditory feedback combine to help players experience greater success. Children not only increase their level of physical activity as they walk, run and kick, they also enhance eye-foot coordination and improve balance as they shift their weight from one hip and leg to the other. And when they hit the target, players are rewarded with "cheers" and the announcer shouts, "Goal!" In addition, children can improve visual tracking skills as they follow the ball along its path. Includes goal, net, adjustable target, 2-player score keeper and soccer ball.

914342





Better Batter Baseball

Fisher-Price

Everyone gets a turn at bat! With a tee-free design, players can keep their eyes focused where they should be when learning to bat the ball. Just tap the plate and the mechanical arm automatically loads a ball and holds it steady, helping batters who require more time to process before responding. Players who experience coordination difficulties will find this set to be a fun way to practice and improve balance and muscle control. Sound effects, baseball chatter and music add to the fun and encourage continued play. What's more, the pole adjusts in height to accommodate players in a sitting or standing position. Includes bat and 3 balls.

397622



Fold-2-Go Trike

Radio Flyer

Ready to ride! This trike comes fully assembled, folds up for portability and convenient storage, and features an easy-to-carry handle grip. Pedaling helps provide your toddler with a good bilateral workout for legs, ankles and upper body, while the reciprocal movement of your child's legs gives both sides of the body a chance to stretch, move and strengthen! The low center of gravity, higher seat back and controlled turning radius offer added stability. In addition, the kinesthetic movement enables riders to receive proprioceptive input from their bodies, which helps them to become more centered and able to focus. Features a 3-position adjustable seat, sturdy steel construction and bell.

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Play Up Double Slide Climber

Step2

2 times the fun with 2 slides in one! Active play gets big muscles moving, blood pumping and endorphins flowing. And there's no better way to get things going than climbing and sliding. Two different slide heights accommodate a wide range of activity and ability levels. Climbing the wide stairs helps build upper body strength as children pull up their bodies to the next rung. When they reach the top, they must negotiate their bodies to sit and prepare for descent. And to slide down, they need to sit in an upright position, working on torso strength, as gravity pulls them downward. Unit also features a climbing wall and ladder with integrated handholds.

413253



Wagon for Two

Step2

Whether you're touring the town or just your backyard, this wagon offers opportunities for new experiences, social interaction and skills practice! The easy-latch door opens to 2 contoured seats with safety belts and a deep leg well that, together, provide reasonable stability for riders. Children help develop their motor planning and gross motor skills as they step in and sit down, then stand up and step back out. The long pull handle lets caregivers do the walking and lets children who are not ambulatory feel the sensation of movement. Best of all, the facing seat configuration provides social opportunities for two children to sit and enjoy a ride together! Weight capacity: 75 lbs.

484018





2-in-1 Snug 'n Secure Swing

Little Tikes

Help your child get into the swing of things! This molded-plastic swing provides a fun-filled way for young children to help improve their vestibular function, while developing visual, spatial, perception and postural control abilities. The swing attaches easily to an existing swing frame with the appropriate hardware. A removable T-bar rotates downward for easy loading/unloading and the adjustable, stay-put shoulder straps hold your child securely in place. In addition, the high seat back, safety belt, deep seat well and high sides provide an extra boost of confidence to children beginning to explore motion!

021917 Blue 104715 Pink



Grow to Pro Basketball

Fisher-Price

This portable basketball system will be a slam-dunk favorite for kids of all ages and abilities! The adjustable pole can be positioned at 3', 4', 5' or 6'H. Parents can use the lower height settings for players who need to remain seated or use wheelchairs. As skill levels improve, raise the height to increase the challenge. This system is perfect for perfecting shooting skills and introducing the concepts of competitive play, turn taking and cooperative teamwork. Eye-hand coordination and gross motor skills also score big! Use indoors or out. Base can be filled with sand or water for greater stability. Ball included. Assembly required.

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"Michelle has taught me more about perseverance, patience, love and pride than I could have ever imagined."

Maria
Michelle's mom



Disney Princess Tot Rod

Power Wheels/Fisher-Price

Big-kid styling. Tot-sized performance! This battery-operated ride-on provides the perfect "vehicle" for skills practice. The wide, no-door entry encourages motor planning as your little princess enters and exits, while the safety belt helps to develop cooperative hand movements. A high-back bucket seat and footrest add stability and help in maneuvering the ride-on. Parents can use the assist handle to take control. And when your child is ready, remove the handle and let her take the wheel using eye-hand coordination and a single finger to push the button to start the fun! Battery and charger included.

107686





30th Anniversary Cozy Coupe

Little Tikes

This classic coupe comes to life in a friendly faced special edition! Motor planning skills are challenged as children negotiate their bodies in and out of the car independently and use foot-to-floor action to move forward, backward and turn. The high-back seat design and sides provide increased stability. And only one door opens, allowing children to stabilize themselves by leaning on the opposite side. Insert the removable floor panel for children who are not yet walking independently to reduce the possibility of foot injury, while the removable parent-assist handle lets you control the ride. Get ready to hit the road for gross motor fun!

197433



Barbie Jammin' Jeep

Power Wheels

This battery-powered ride-on allows children who have physical disabilities to keep up—and even “pass” their peers! Children feel empowered and gain a sense of control and independence as they take the wheel. Two speed settings (2.5 & 5mph max.) and a foot-activated accelerator give young drivers a chance to master the rules of the road. A fun way to heighten cognitive processing, problem solving and motor planning skills! Realistic detailing includes a seatbelt with touch-fastener closure, real FM radio, digital clock, working doors and rear storage area. 12-volt battery and charger included.

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Toy Story 3 Pop-O-Matic Trouble

Hasbro

Players will go “pop-o-matic” as they attempt to be the first one to move a Toy Story 3 character from start to home. But, keep an eye out for “trouble” along the way or you’ll have to start all over again! Children help develop their fine motor skills as they move the colored pegs around the game board. They also practice turn-taking, social skills and proper game etiquette as they engage in friendly competition with friends or family. The “pop-o-matic” bubble ensures that the die stays on the game board and that all players roll fairly, a real benefit for children with limited coordination.

414903



Electronic Guess Who? Extra

Hasbro

This electronic twist on the classic game will have players asking, “Guess Who I’m thinking of? ... A cat with a purple collar or a child with green hair?” The game board keeps track of scores and features lights and sounds—even a timer for added excitement. And with 4 ways to play and 144 mystery faces from which to choose, it’s more exciting than ever! Players ask questions and press the Yes or No buttons to answer opponents’ questions, encouraging speech and communication skills as children play detective and solve the mystery. With 6 themes, animals, monsters and more, this guessing game will have children asking to play over and over again!

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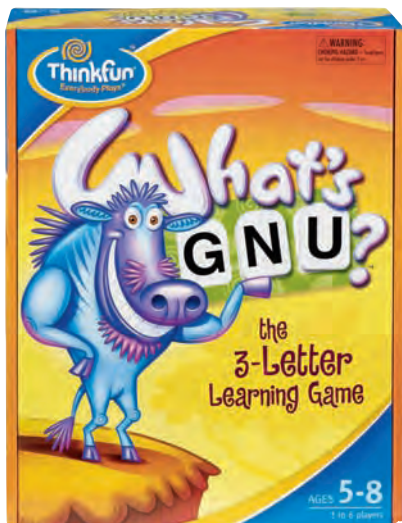


What's GNU?

ThinkFun

This 3-letter word game spells F-U-N! Spread out the word-starter cards for all players to see. Each card features one letter and two blanks. Players take turns using the easy-to-activate Letter Getter to reveal two letter tiles. Children then match up the letter tiles to the blanks on the word-starter cards. The player with the most words wins! In addition, the word cards have arrows that indicate left-to-right reading direction, while the Letter Getter's functionality limits choices so as not to overwhelm players with choices and decisions. A fun way to boost confidence and help children prepare for classroom work!

054520



S'Match!

ThinkFun

A memory matching game with a spin! Players are challenged to find matching pairs by color, number or category... but it's the spinner that decides which way to match. Players flip over 2 cards to find a match. If a match isn't made, the cards are flipped back down. Memory and recall skills are put to work during successive turns as players try to remember what the previous unmatched cards are. Picture cues help children associate written words with pictorial representations, enabling pre-readers and early readers to join in. In addition, children can practice alone or play with friends to encourage proper game conduct.

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"Beautiful,
intelligent,
athletic,
funny,
charming...
a boy."

*Celene
Brendan's mom*



Zingo

ThinkFun

Bingo with a Zing-o! The game cards are color-coded according to skill level. Players select a card, then watch as the dealer reveals 2 tiles. If the pictures on the tiles match the ones on your card, shout loudly or whisper quietly, but say it fast! The first player to fill his or her card wins! Best of all, play can be adjusted for each child's ability level. To keep children with attention difficulties engaged and on task, play until someone gets 3 in a row. And for children who are hearing impaired, play using sign language. This fast-paced game encourages information processing, object and word recognition and appropriate game etiquette—all with a zing!

535977





Topple Pavilion

Patience and slow, controlled movements are the keys to success as players perform the ultimate balancing act! Place your pieces on the unsteady board to complete horizontal, vertical and diagonal rows of 5. Just make sure you don't cause the board to topple, or points will be taken away. Players help develop pincer grasp skills, along with controlled hand strength, as they place the pieces on the teetering board. And for children who have trouble waiting, this game may help them practice slowing down their actions. Includes tower, base, stem, die and 48 colorful playing pieces.

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Perplexus

PlaSmart

Absolutely a-maze-ing! With 3 levels, this 3-D maze will have your child turning, rotating, angling and balancing... anything to get that metal ball down the correct track to solve the puzzle. Each path is numbered and leads to the next path, offering 100 chances to test visual processing and subtle control. With patience and slow, controlled movements, children can hone their skills and can help improve their progress each time they pick up Perplexus—that is if they can ever put it down!

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Rush Hour

ThinkFun

Pure bumper-to-bumper fun! Players set up the traffic on a game grid to match one of 40 playing cards, then try to maneuver the red car to escape the gridlock. Players hone critical thinking and problem solving skills as they use strategic planning, spatial reasoning—and lots of patience—to slide the easy-to-handle, 3-D vehicles out of the way one by one inch towards freedom. Challenges progress from beginner to expert, allowing children to start simply and gradually increase the level of difficulty as their skills and frustration levels permit. In addition, you can further modify the game by placing only one block to your child's vehicle. Plus, the non-skid pads help keep the gridlock frame in place to keep traffic moving!

094447



MindFlex

Mattel

Move objects with the power of your mind! This mental acuity game features a lightweight headset containing sensors that measure brainwave activity. When you focus your attention, a small foam ball will rise on a gentle stream of air. The harder you concentrate, the stronger the airflow, and the higher the ball will rise. Relax your thoughts and the ball will descend. By using a combination of physical and mental coordination, you must then guide the ball through a customizable obstacle course that you configure. This game offers children an opportunity to slow down their brains to concentrate on a single action, becoming more in tune with their bodies, which may help to decrease impulsivity. Additional game options are included for continued excitement and challenge! *Note: The metal sensors may cause discomfort.*

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Rubik's Cube You Can Do It

Winning Moves

Learn "hands-on" strategies for solving this colorful, classic brain-twister... and help transform frustration into success and heightened self-esteem! The Cube comes with an easy-to-follow DVD tutorial that provides step-by-step solving assistance. The information is presented very slowly and the DVD can be paused so that puzzle-solvers can get plenty of practice. Best of all, confidence gets a big boost as children learn to master the Cube's twists and turns—and share their new skills with friends and family!

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Bop It!

Milton Bradley

Bop, pull and twist your way to victory! Players listen to the auditory prompts and then respond quickly with manual movements that employ a whole hand grasp. These various actions offer fun-filled opportunities to reinforce listening skills and the importance of following directions. In addition, the unique shape of this reaction game will have kids using both hands equally, helping boppers to work and gain strength on their weaker side—without even realizing they're giving muscles a workout. And the better players get, the more skill levels they'll unlock. So, get ready to think fast!

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GROSS MOTOR



LANGUAGE



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SOCIAL SKILLS



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VISUAL

"Our children
open our eyes
to their world,
and it makes
ours a
better place."

*Kelly
Harlow's dad*



SpongeBob Squarepants Electronic Drum Pad

First Act

Drum roll, please! Kids keep the beat as they use their hands, fingers or drumsticks to lay down some crazy rhythms. Eight pads, 10 percussion sounds, 6 selectable rhythm tracks, 2 independent volume controls and tempo control help your child to focus on sound and develop individual musical preferences. SpongeBob will entertain, stimulate your child's mind and inspire creativity, while helping to develop self-esteem, auditory skills and eye-hand coordination. Play solo or mix in social interaction to the skills performance by having your little drummer share a stick with a friend or family member! Drumsticks included.

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Rock 'N Rollin' Piano

Sakar

Strike up the band! Because this 37-key rollable rubber keyboard also plays 7 other instruments, including violin, guitar and trumpet. The keys require only a very light touch to activate, offering children who have muscle weakness the opportunity to make music. Choose from 8 rhythm selectors to keep the background beat as your child plays the lead to help heighten self-esteem as he or she creates music that has a "real" sound. In addition, children can play individual notes using isolated fingers or move their hand along the entire length of the keyboard to hear a full run. And for those who prefer just to listen, the demo button plays an entire song without requiring continuous movement. This portable piano is perfect for pianists to explore their creativity while discovering musical preferences!

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Rock-It! Child-Sized Guitar

First Act Discovery

Rock out with the Rock-It! From "cool" appeal to simple cause/effect learning, this no-strings guitar has the tunes to get you grooving! Start the music by waving your fingers in a strumming motion across the depressed area on the guitar's body to interrupt the infrared light. Stop "strumming" and the music stops. The buttons on the fret board help rockers play prerecorded rhythms, while the whammy bar helps interject individual style. Plus, the built-in speaker lets you rock out loud! *Note: This guitar does not have a strap, but can be played lying flat or held upright.*

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U-Turn Digital Camera

Digital Blue

A fun way to take funny pictures! 12 morphing filters help capture your children's sense of imagination and whimsy... and the twisting feature lets the camera swivel 180° for self-portraits or photos with friends! The smooth-corner design fits naturally in children's hands, while the large LCD screen lets photographers view and center subjects with ease. Photos can be viewed on the camera, on your TV or downloaded to your computer. What's more, the camera can be used to provide a sense of empowerment and control to children who have difficulty verbalizing by having them take photos to create their own communication boards!

717188 Blue or Pink



CARS The Movie Flix Jr. Camcorder

Digital Blue

"Quiet on the set!" Your child directs the action with this chunky, handheld video camera. Press the button once to begin; press it again to stop. Kids can aim and shoot up to 30 minutes of video, 2 minutes at a time. And as they capture special moments with the aid of the LCD screen, children learn to focus attention, practice patience, develop muscle control and establish and maintain eye contact. They also can help improve their verbal skills as they direct their "actors" during pivotal scenes! Rubber-molded design makes it extra durable and easier to control for small hands. Requires no reading. Includes USB cable and Quick Start Guide.

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Disney Netpal Netbook

Asus

- Kid-safe and parent-controlled features
- 8.9" LCD display
- 16GB Flash SSD memory or 160GB HDD
- Spill-proof keyboard
- Built-in WiFi

This compact netbook is just right for home, school or learning on the go! For children whose fine motor skills do not keep up with their idea flow, it offers a powerful tool that can help reduce frustration, build self-esteem and make homework less of a chore. When used in a classroom situation, it can be especially helpful for children who have difficulty copying notes from a board, creating outlines for papers or taking spelling tests. Parental controls put you in charge of what internet sites are acceptable and restrict game usage during specific periods such as school hours. Comes preloaded with Microsoft Works, Outlook Express, games and more!

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SNAP! Digital Movie Creator Digital Blue

So easy! One-handed operation helps future cinematographers capture their creativity and imaginations. This digital video camera fits in the palm of children's hands, is curved for comfort and is simple to learn and use. Camera records up to 30 minutes of video that can be edited using the special software (included) to add fun special effects. Movie creations can be viewed on the 2" LCD screen or downloaded to your PC to watch over and over! This camera also can help children who are nonverbal to communicate with others by recording what is important to them. Includes battery and docking station.

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There are so many ways a toy can be beneficial and fun for a child. Our handy Toy Finder index, divided into separate skill-building categories, will help you choose appropriate toys for your child's specific needs and interests.



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