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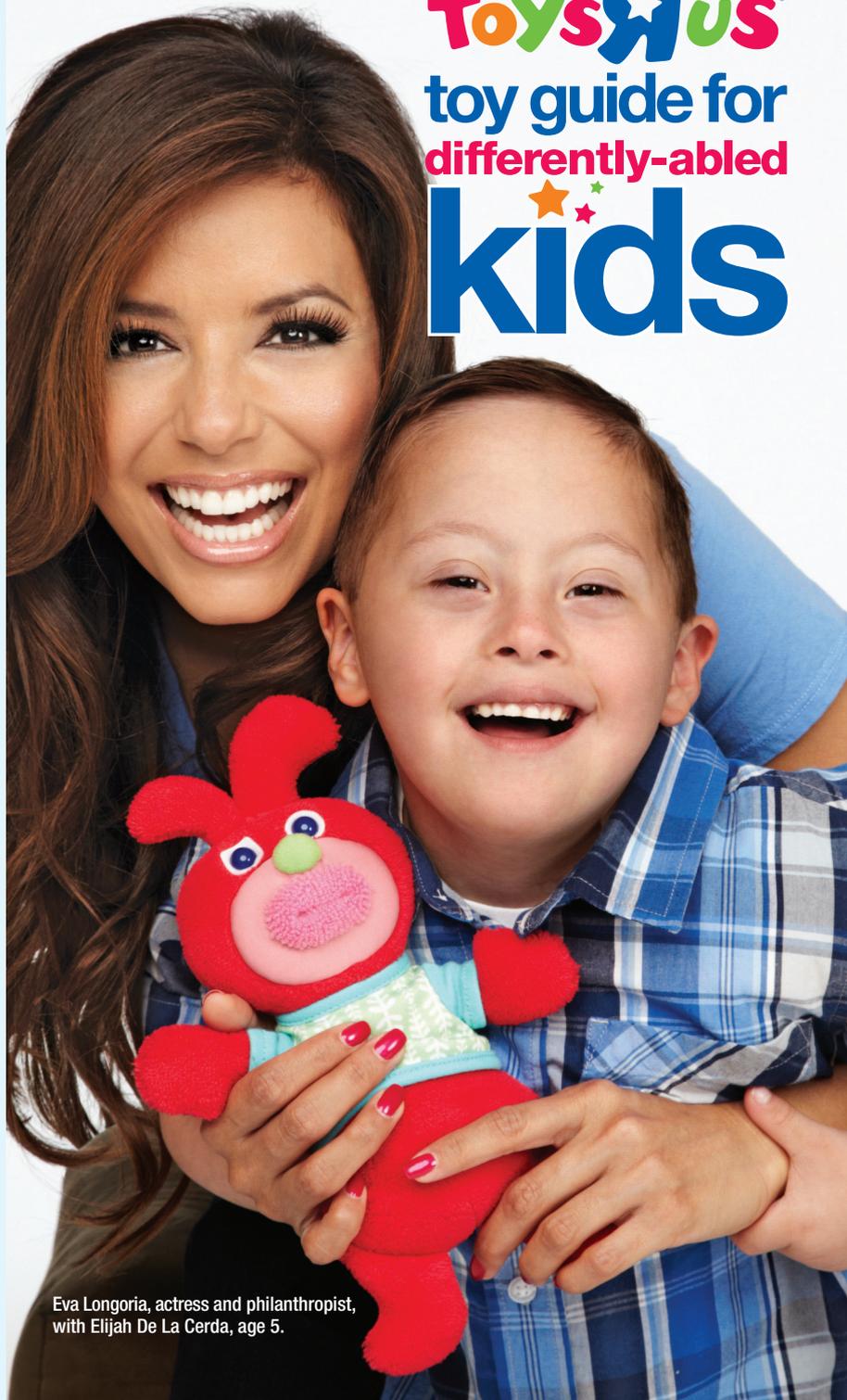


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ToysRUs[®] toy guide for differently-abled kids



Eva Longoria, actress and philanthropist,
with Elijah De La Cerda, age 5.



Dear Parents and Friends,

Since 1994, we have offered the *Toys“R”Us Toy Guide for Differently-Abled Kids* as a resource for families and friends of children with special needs. As a company that loves all kids, Toys“R”Us, Inc. is proud to present the biggest *Guide* ever, with 64 pages of quality items that help foster a variety of skills.

We have partnered again with National Lekotek Center, a leading nonprofit organization recognized for its mission to make play accessible to children of all abilities, to evaluate every toy that appears in the *Guide*. Each item features specific characteristics, with corresponding icons that allow you to choose a toy based on skills that can be developed during playtime.

Parents know the special magic a toy can create – and the heroic feeling you get – when you bring home that “perfect” toy. But playtime is also valuable in a child’s growth and development. It’s an opportunity to stimulate the minds of little ones, help them develop skills, and encourage them to explore the world – all the while helping them express their unique personalities.

Over the years, our team has received truly heartwarming notes from families and caregivers who have used the *Guide* to make informed decisions about the toys most appropriate for their kids based on their individual needs. We hope the 2011 *Guide* helps you choose toys that will put a smile on the face 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, Eye-Hand 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 60–63, 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,

For all of my life, I have held the special needs community near and dear to my heart. My beautiful sister, Liza, who was born with developmental disabilities, never fails to inspire and amaze me with her incredible outlook on life and her unwavering determination to always reach new milestones.

Liza is my hero. And in 2006, I founded Eva’s Heroes, an organization dedicated to providing individuals with special needs with opportunities to interact, grow, play, learn and enrich their lives.

It is with sincere admiration that I have witnessed these children, and my own sister, face everyday challenges with spirit, optimism and amazing strength; which is why I’m so honored to appear on the cover of the 2011 *Toys“R”Us Toy Guide for Differently-Abled Kids*.

For almost 20 years, the *Guide* has served as a trusted resource for parents, family, friends and caregivers, providing them with a carefully selected assortment of toys that can help children explore new worlds and achieve personal victories.

Growing up, I quickly recognized the importance of providing individuals with special needs an environment that fosters inclusion, teamwork and socialization. That’s why it is truly wonderful to see that the toys featured in the *Guide* are everyday playthings that kids can enjoy alongside their peers, siblings and friends, while also building developmental skills, such as creativity, critical thinking, fine and gross motor, and more.

From an early age, playtime is an important – and, of course, fun – way for children with special needs to reach new cognitive, emotional and social milestones. Seeing the sheer magic created by a toy in a child’s hand can’t help but fill you with joy for all of the possibilities that lie ahead for them; and with the help of this *Guide*, kids of all abilities can share in that experience.

Sincerely,

Eva Longoria
Actress 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?
Is 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 of all abilities.

For assistance in selecting toys or play activities for a child who has disabilities, please visit the Lekotek website at:

www.lekotek.org



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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.

“Logan has a village of people helping us hold his hand and, having that, anything is possible!”

Jennifer,
Logan's mom



Go Baby Go! 1-2-3 Crawl-Along Snail Fisher-Price

Wobble, wiggle, smile and giggle! This multi-sensory snail supports three phases of development. During tummy time, simple touches are rewarded with flashing lights, sounds and upbeat music. This cause-and-effect action helps young children learn how their movement can control objects in their environment. For sit-up play, the snail rocks back and forth and plays music with the slightest touch. And when baby is ready to crawl, unlock the wheels so the snail can lead the way with lively music and dancing lights!
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5-in-1 Adjustable Gym

Little Tikes

A delight for the digits, this engaging activity center captures attention with lights, sounds and colors to help develop coordination and movement skills! The versatile design transforms into 5 different play centers to accommodate each child's development and interests. As they face upward, the motion-activated kick pad stimulates foot movement, while a motion sensor activates music as children reach, bat and grab at the 3 attached toys. Convert into a sitting position and children can play familiar songs by using unrefined movements, their whole hand or by touching individual musical notes. And as children develop, the tabletop converts to a desktop easel for doodling and drawing!

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Sports-tastic Activity Center

Step2

Slide, dunk, kick and climb... and as they play, children gain confidence in movement and build skills needed for physical independence! This 3-in-1 activity center features a close-to-the-ground design, mini slide, low steps and easy-grasp handles to help children who have gravitational insecurities grow in ability, while the built-in basketball hoop and baseball help increase core strength as children sit and play. Includes chunky bat, mini basketball and tethered baseball.

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Freddie the Firefly Lamaze

Lamaze

This friendly firefly will delight the senses! Bright, high-contrast colors and bold patterns encourage reaching, grasping and moving, while heightening visual attention and focus. In addition, the multi-textured, cushioned fabrics are tactilely diverse and invite finger exploration. Rattle and crinkle sounds highlight every movement and help introduce the concept of cause and effect as children begin to learn how their hands can be used deliberately and intentionally. Plus, the attached peek-a-boo mirror, clinking rings and teether enhance the play and early learning potential.

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Musical Bubbles Octopus

VTech

Perfect for tub time or dry land, this bubble-blowing, music-making octopus helps children explore shapes, animals and music. Children help develop their eye-hand coordination, while reinforcing simple cause-and-effect action, as they press the easy-to-target buttons on the brightly colored, 5-legged keyboard. And as bubbles float from the diver's mask into the air, children can practice their visual tracking skills, or pop and squash the bubbles using isolated-finger or whole-hand movements. Bubble solution sold separately. *Hint: Place the toy flat on a wheelchair tray without the bubble solution for stable playtime fun.*

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“Celeste is not defined by her braces or walker, but rather her contagious smile, her determined spirit and her zest for life.”

Monica,
Celeste's mom



Little People Noah's Ark Playset

Fisher-Price

Noah, using all he knew, built himself a floating zoo, with lots of animals, all times two, ready to come and play with you! The duplicates of each animal can be used for simple matching and counting practice. Or, the differences in appearance between the males and females of some of the species can be used to introduce discussions on similarities and differences. The figures are just the right size for whole-hand grasping. Plus, they fit easily in the ark, encouraging the understanding of action concepts such as in/out and on/off. Set includes Noah, ark with detachable roof, 2 elephants, 2 lions, 2 giraffes and 2 zebras.

Note: Ark does not float.

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Glow 'n Speak Animal Flashlight

Little Tikes

This fun and functional flashlight lights the way for learning adventures! The whimsical design engages interest and helps enhance visual attention and tracking skills. Simply squeeze the handle to open the animal's mouth and turn on the light. As the mouth opens, children are rewarded with realistic animal sounds that provide auditory feedback, reinforce simple cause-and-effect actions—and herald success! Children can visually track the light as it dances across walls and ceiling, offering those with physical limitations the opportunity to “reach” the other side of the room! Choose from dog, pig, hippo or lion, each sold separately. 549818



See 'n Say The Farmer Says

Fisher-Price

The farmer says, “It’s time for play!” This classic learning toy is back and better than ever with over 15 animals to choose from. Just point the arrow and pull the large lever to activate. Only light to moderate pressure is needed, letting children with unrefined arm movements experience success and stay engaged. In addition, the simple cause-and-effect experience provides auditory feedback for children to hear and process. Sing along with “Farmer in the Dell,” or play simple find-the-animal games to help enhance language development. The fun keeps going until kids stop spinning!

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Pound and Roll Tower

Melissa & Doug

The classic pounding toy reaches new heights! Place the 4 bright, primary-colored balls into the holes on the top of the tower. Pound each ball through the hole. Then, watch as the ball travels down the ramps and rolls onto the tabletop or floor! Visual tracking, cause-and-effect learning, reaching, wrist rotation and hand grasp all come into play. In addition, children can practice gross-motor and balance skills as they move, walk or crawl to retrieve the balls and keep the fun going. Increase the challenge by introducing color recognition and counting. This activity is sure to be a "hit!" Sturdy wooden hammer included.

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Alphabet & Numerals Foam Puzzle Mat

Imaginarium

Safe, soft play is as easy as A-B-C and 1-2-3! This set of giant interlocking tiles, one for each letter of the alphabet and the numbers 0 through 9, is ideal for teaching and reinforcing number and letter recognition and order. Start out slowly and introduce the letters or numbers one at a time. Add more according to the child's ability. Or, pop out the letters and numbers for simple spelling and math games! Completing puzzles help children work on spatial orientation and eye-hand coordination. Once completed, the cushiony, dense-foam surface is soft enough to lie on, making it a good choice for quiet activities—or just relaxing! Assembled size: 36 square feet.

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Thomas & Friends Thomas Bath Tracks

Fisher-Price

Splash-splash, Thomas joins you for a bath! Everyone's favorite engine may be the motivation some children need to enjoy bath time and experience the joy of water play. Place Thomas on the track and watch as he rolls along. Lift the Crossing Gate as he approaches, then watch as Thomas reaches the end of the line, tumbles into the water and splashes down! Pour water over the water wheel and watch it spin, or wash Thomas down with the water tower strainer. This bath-time activity provides good, clean manual dexterity fun! Cup included.

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Washable Dry-Erase Crayons

Crating 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 they're done, kids 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.

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“The
uncomplicated
love and
tenderness
Angelo has for
others makes him
more beautiful.”

*Gina,
Angelo's mom*



Chunky Puzzles

Melissa & Doug

These quality-crafted, brightly colored wooden puzzles feature easy-to-lift-out pieces, offering an enjoyable way to help develop and refine fine-motor, object and shape recognition, visual tracking, problem solving, spatial reasoning and motor-planning skills. Identical pictures on the puzzle board provide visual cues that help children match up the pieces correctly, allowing them to experience more success. Play simple “find it” games. Or increase the challenge by placing the pieces in a bag, then have the child put his or her hand inside and try to identify the shapes by touch.

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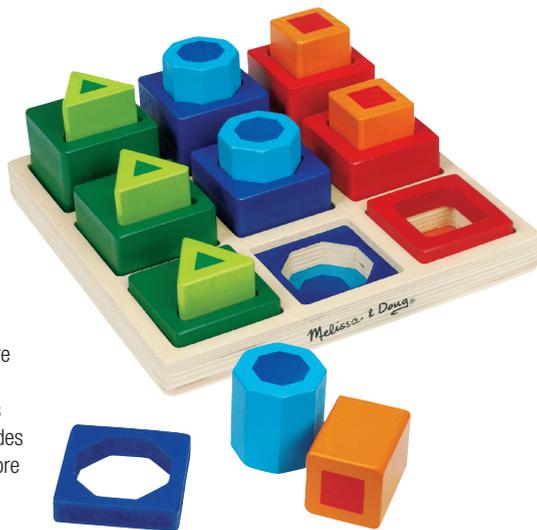


Shape Sequence Sorting Set

Melissa & Doug

A tongue twister to say, but a fun task to tackle! This activity helps provide the “building blocks” for beginning math skills. As they learn to sort, group, sequence the order, recognize and continue patterns, children gain exposure to early math as they analyze and predict their next move. Shapes are graded by height and color. A fun way to explore important concepts and practice essential skills! Includes extension activities to further explore form, function and fun.

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Deluxe Nesting & Stacking Blocks

Melissa & Doug

These brightly colored blocks are stacked with skill-building benefits! Each heavy-grade cardboard block is printed with two or three letters. Stack the blocks in proper letter order to reinforce cognitive tasks and motor skills. Increase the learning challenges by having children locate a particular letter. Or, practice size discrimination and sequencing skills by determining the order in which the blocks should be stacked. In addition, help build large muscles and coordination by encouraging kids to squat down to pick up the blocks and reach up to stack them.

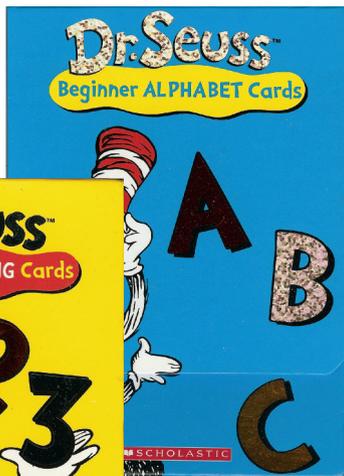
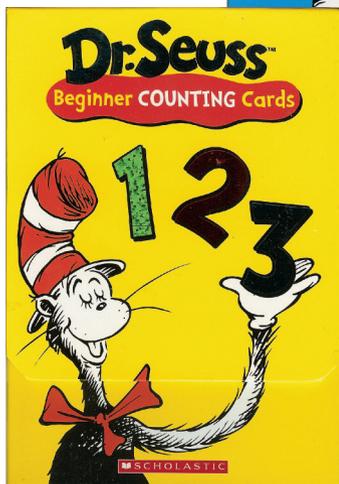
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**Dr. Seuss
Beginner Counting Cards**
Scholastic

The Cat in the Hat and other whimsical characters help teach young children how to count and play with numbers—just like they do in their favorite Dr. Seuss stories! The double-sided flash cards are extra thick for easier handling and laminated for easier cleanup. Through open-ended play, children will begin to recognize numerals, learn to count from 1 to 10, gain exposure to simple addition and understand shapes and patterns. In addition, players will practice memorization skills and cognitive organization to recall the learned numbers, critical to cognitive development and success in school! Also available: Dr. Seuss Beginner Alphabet Cards.

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Point to Happy

Workman Publishing

Point to “happy.” Point to “sad.” Point to “hug.” This simple book uses a finger-shaped pointing device and real photographs of children engaged in real activities to help users communicate as they point to objects, feelings and actions. Although written for kids on the autism spectrum, any child who has speech and language delays can benefit as they interact with the book and make cognizant choices. Word cues help correctly identify the action in each photo. Plus, pictorial reminders reinforce important safety lessons such as, “Point to standing close to Mom in the store,” to help children act accordingly in similar real-life situations. Hardcover; 20 pages.

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Simple First Words:

Let's Talk

Priddy Books

No fuss... No muss. Look at the picture. Locate the matching button on the sound bar. Then, press the button to hear the word. That's it! There are no other sound effects or music to distract youngsters from learning the simple, clearly spoken words. Reinforce finger-pointing skills by having the child use one isolated finger to activate. For those unable to isolate individual fingers, encourage them to use several fingers or a whole hand movement. Tough, sturdy construction stands up to repeated use. Board Book; 22 pages. Also available: Simple First Words: Let's Say Our Numbers.

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Dora the Explorer

Music to Go

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 personal preferences, or press shuffle to hear the songs in random order. MP3 player comes loaded with 20 songs, including "Dora the Explorer Theme Song" and "We Did It."

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“Ariana loves unconditionally. When she hugs you, you feel as though you’ve been wrapped in the arms of an angel.”

*Karen,
Ariana's mom*



Learning Tunes Karaoke

VTech

Sing along or sing alone! Futuristic karaoke character offers 5 voice-changing effects, a variety of non-threatening facial expressions and animations, plus 15 songs focusing on letters, numbers or familiar fun. Young singing sensations will delight in sounding like a robot or speaking in a voice that echoes. The attached microphone amplifies the voice significantly, so even the quietest of sounds can be heard. In addition, the microphone only works when a song is playing. Children must press a button to continue, helping to develop beginning problem-solving skills. This activity offers a fun, engaging way to encourage vocalizations and strengthen the muscles in the face and mouth needed for speech.

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Handle Pop Haulers Dump Truck

Little Tikes

Grasp the big, chunky handle. Push the hauler forward. Then, watch and listen as the rocks go pop, pop, pop! Children coordinate their balance and practice gross-motor maneuvers as they “drive” the truck across the floor or tabletop. Plus, children can see and hear the popping action of the plastic rocks as the truck rolls along, increasing visual interest and providing auditory feedback. Introduce social skills and help increase arm strength and reinforce visual-tracking skills by inviting a friend or family member to join in the fun by sitting in a stationary position and rolling the truck back and forth!

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Light Up Alphabet Apple

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This apple-shaped activity center can help children learn to identify each of the 26 letters, gain an understanding of letter order and learn the sounds each letter makes! Little learners use an isolated finger to press a letter button to hear the letter’s name in a crisp, clear voice. The buttons are raised slightly to help make targeting easier and users are rewarded with lights for successful engagement. The pictures and words on each button can be also used to enhance language skills and letter comprehension. And, it’s simple to switch activities by sliding the worm over the color-coded options.

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Leapster Explorer Learning Experience

LeapFrog

Discover something new every day! From games, e-books, videos and online play to customizable learning options and more, this handheld teaching tool offers endless ways to play and learn! Best of all, the system automatically adjusts the challenge to meet each player's skill level, increasing chances for success. Download apps or access additional online learning games, activities and e-books by connecting the system to a personal computer. Caregivers can even track progress on the Learning Path! Includes one game cartridge. Internet connection and USB port required for Leap World and Learning Path.

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iXL Learning System

Fisher-Price

A 6-in-1 digital learning, entertainment and media center just for kids! The interactive components provide opportunities to practice visual attention, reading comprehension, counting, memory and recall, while fine-motor skills come into play as children open the cover, push the buttons and use the stylus on the LCD touch screen. Use the preloaded photos and music or upload favorites from a home computer. Children can also express their creative sides as they draw, edit photos or create artwork. Additional software sold separately. PC or MAC with Internet connection, CD-ROM drive and USB port required.

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MobiGo Touch Learning System

VTech

A touch-activated screen and QWERTY slide-out keyboard look and work just like those on grown-up gadgets to help kids learn numbers, counting, letters, spelling, problem solving, music and more! The touch screen helps children make the direct connection between their actions and the actions on the screen, reinforcing cause-and-effect learning. Each game has 2 levels of play to help keep kids challenged without becoming frustrated. Plus, kids can connect to a personal computer and access free downloads using the VTech Download Manager and the included USB cable. Internet connection required.

Additional software sold separately.

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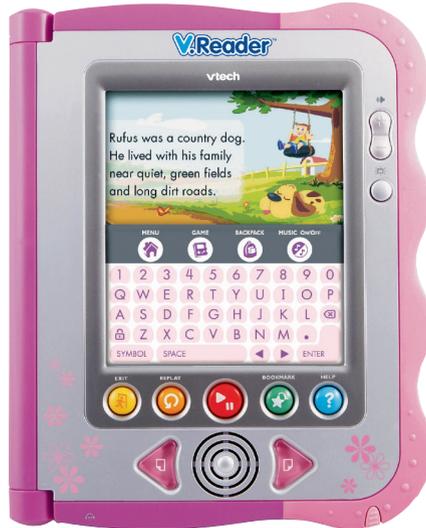
V.Reader Animated Reading System

VTech

Get ready to read! This learning aid was designed to help children grow from pre-readers to real readers. Stories come alive with vivid animations and sounds. And as the story is narrated, the words are highlighted so children can follow along! The interactive components capture visual attention and encourage auditory processing as children learn about syllables, definitions, spelling, pronunciation and different languages. Comprehension, memory and recall are also tested as children play games related to the story. Connect the V.Reader to a computer with the included USB cable to access additional stories and features. Internet connection required.

Additional software sold separately.

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"Jayden being deaf doesn't make him anything but special. He is the light of my life and makes everyday living worth it."

*Stefanie,
Jayden's mom*



60-Piece Jumbo Foam Textured Blocks

Imaginarium

Create tall towers or cool houses. Because anyway you stack 'em, these blocks build fun! Easy-to-grasp, chunky foam blocks come in a variety of colors, sizes, shapes and textures. Similarities and differences come into play as children match up different attributes. Or, little architects can practice color and shape recognition as they build fine- and gross-motor skills. And unlike traditional blocks, these won't make a loud crash if a tower tumbles, making them a good choice for children who startle easily!

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LEGO Bricks & More 221-Piece Tub

LEGO

Build a “brick” house complete with windows and doors... or anything else a child can imagine! Tub is filled with assorted LEGO bricks in eye-appealing colors and includes extras like fences, windows, doors and flowers. Connect and disconnect the bricks to refine manual dexterity and increase finger strength. Or, incorporate sorting, grouping, patterning and counting into the activity by using the individual LEGO pieces as visual cues to provide practice with math concepts. This set is a good choice for children who have graduated from Duplo and are ready for a more refined challenge.

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LEGO Sort & Store

LEGO

A fun way to sort things out! Children drop their own LEGO bricks into the top, then close and shake. The bricks fall through 2 grids and automatically sort by size, leaving 3 layers of LEGO ready for play! Children who have attention difficulties can benefit from this storage solution because it requires less concentration for prep, so they can focus their energies more fully on creating and constructing. A fun way to practice color and size recognition—and cleanup is a snap!

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Chuggington Interactive Railway All Around Chuggington Set

Learning Curve

Come along for the ride with Wilson and interact with his railway world! Featuring a spiral elevation, this 60-piece set includes a 4-foot track layout with 3 interactive train stops. Best of all, no child can just sit back and passively observe! The trains are large and the track action is slow enough for children to maintain steady control using visual tracking, eye-hand coordination, manual dexterity, reaching and core extension as they maneuver the train cars around the track. Derailments, cargo accidents and other make-believe situations add cognitive problem solving, imagination and expressive language to the play experience.

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Chuggington Interactive Railway Wash & Fuel Set

Learning Curve

Roll Brewster along the tracks through the Chug Wash and hear him react to the different wash cycles. Then, head over to the Fuel Depot and fill him up. And at each stop, a two-step cause-and-effect experience awaits! Simply press 1 of 3 buttons, then turn the crank or lower the nozzle to hear Brewster's reactions. As little engineers use their eyes to follow the train around the track, they help develop the visual-tracking skills they'll need for reading readiness. Includes Brewster, figure 8 track layout, Crossing Gate and overhead signal.

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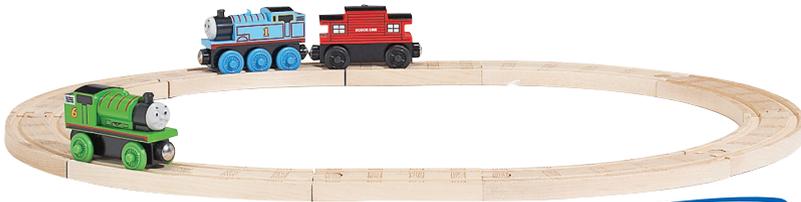
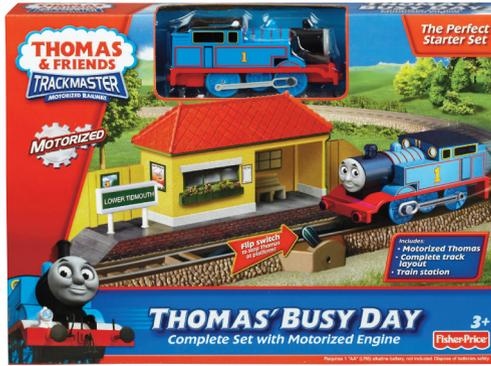


Thomas & Friends Trackmaster Thomas' Busy Day

Fisher-Price

There's lots to do on the Island of Sodor! Motorized Thomas engine chugs around the basic oval track layout. Flip the lever to stop him in his tracks at the station so he can make his deliveries. Children must stay attentive, watch as Thomas approaches and flip the switch at the appropriate time. This timed precision helps little engineers focus their attention and coordinate their movements accordingly. Or Thomas can just roll along, letting children focus their energies on creative storytelling or acting out favorite episodes! Includes motorized Thomas, track layout and train station.

355696



Thomas & Friends Wooden Railway Thomas & Percy Starter Set

Learning Curve

Thomas and Percy help put children on the right track to developing reading readiness. Little engineers stretch and extend their arms as they reach out to maneuver the train along the track, helping to increasing range of motion and muscle movement. In addition, the pincer grasp used to push the train can enhance the manual skills used to hold a writing implement. And as they follow the train around the track with their eyes, children practice the visual tracking skills needed to read words on a page! What's more, this starter set is small enough for a child to move the train around the entire track without moving from one position. This 13-piece set includes Thomas, Percy, the Sodor Line Caboose and track components.

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AUDITORY



CREATIVITY



FINE MOTOR



GROSS MOTOR



LANGUAGE



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SOCIAL SKILLS



TACTILE



THINKING



VISUAL

“We don’t see them as disabled... Ella and Sara each have unique strengths and talents that they contribute to make our family what it is.”

*Julie,
Ella and Sara’s mom*



Calico Critters Cozy Cottage

International Playthings

This cozy cottage comes fully assembled and ready for play with everything a child needs for hours of pretend-play fun! Over 10 furniture pieces and familiar accessories adorn the home of Bell Hopscotch Rabbit. Children can think up and act out countless storylines as they whip up a feast in the kitchen or put Bell to bed for the night. The open-back design makes it easier for children to use grasp-and-release movements to play with the accessories. And as they use the frying pan, cutting board and knife to serve the play sandwiches, little hosts are practicing pincer grasp and eye-hand coordination. Plus, the cottage is small enough to fit on a wheelchair tray or tabletop for upright play! Additional figures and accessories sold separately.

748205





Cake Decorator Playset

Just Like Home

A delicious addition to any child's play kitchen! The top of the cake is covered in touch-fastener "icing," ready for decorating. This helps children who have difficulty with precision and eye-hand coordination because the adornments stick wherever they are placed. In addition, the decorations can be used to practice pre-math skills such as counting and patterning, while the individual cake slices can help introduce the concept of fractions. Sing "Happy Birthday" and pass out the pieces to encourage social play and imagination! Includes cake stand, plates, forks, serving knife and toppings.

054664



Pop Star Dress-Up Set

Dream Dazzlers

A bit of bling for children who need a little extra stimulation! The metallic sequins that adorn this stretchy mesh costume catch the light and shimmer with every movement. The more a child dances, stretches and twirls, the more dazzling the costume appears. This divalicious ensemble provides a glamorous option for promoting physical activity and coordination. What's more, the stretchy fabric and large armholes make it easier for future stars to dress independently or with help. Choose from Pink, Green or Blue. *Note: Put the costume over a shirt for children who are tactile hypersensitive.*

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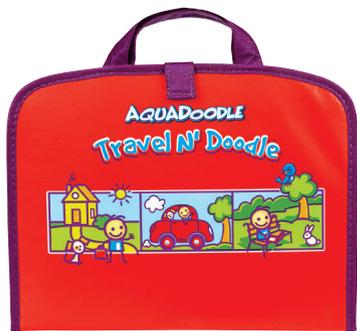
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Travel N' Doodle

AquaDoodle

The same AquaDoodle fun in an easy-to-carry, compact format! Fill the Doodle pen with water and start drawing on the specially treated cloth surfaces. Water will not drip or spill out for a mess-free creative activity option. The drawings disappear slowly, letting children finish their work of art, enjoy it and show it off before it fades. This three-to-four-minute delay can help budding artists who have attention difficulties work on focus and patience. In addition, the fading phase can be used to count the seconds it takes for the drawing to disappear completely, or recite the alphabet or sing a song during the wait time!

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Canvas Creations

Melissa & Doug

Masterpieces in the making! These fun art activities can help heighten self-awareness and confidence. Each set includes a line-drawn canvas, paint, tray, brush and a sample of the finished picture. Pint-sized Picassos can use matching skills to copy the sample, or draw on their own creative talents to make their picture unique! As they paint, children engage both mind and body, refine eye-hand coordination skills and heighten focus. And, the quick-drying paints offer natural stopping points to help with attention or ease transition to another activity. Each set sold separately.

538888



Picture Frame Pad

Melissa & Doug

Suitable for framing! Heavyweight paper custom frames each picture, helping to foster creative expression today and masterpieces to treasure tomorrow. The thick, bold borders on each of the 48 sheets provide a visual boundary to guide children's eyes and focus their attention to the blank space waiting to be filled with their original works of art. In addition, the high-contrast borders can also help children who have low vision define the drawing space, as well as "remind" young artists to color on the paper. Art supplies sold separately.

479550



AUDITORY



CREATIVITY



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THINKING



VISUAL



Jumbo Triangular Crayons

Melissa & Doug

These triangular-shaped crayons can provide the key to unlocking creative energy! The shape not only makes coloring more accessible to more children, it also helps them position their fingers correctly for the tripod grasp used for handwriting. And as an added bonus, the crayons won't roll out of reach of children who have physical limitations. What's more, these wrapper-free crayons are made of plastic for added durability so children can continue to create without having to stop for assistance in peeling back paper. When coloring time is over, the crayons store securely in a flip-top case!

263022

"Dov's youthful innocence makes him think that he is the same as his peers and has taught us to believe that he can achieve whatever goals he desires."

Avi,
Dov's dad



Magnetic Double Easel

Crayola

Two easy-to-clean work surfaces with 4-in-1 fun! Double-sided easel with built-in paper holder is ideal for encouraging little artists to express themselves creatively. Use the letters and numbers for literacy skill development. Get large muscles moving by having children make broad strokes on the board. Or, provide opportunity for fine-motor activities by encouraging a detailed work of art or handwriting practice. The stand-up design also helps children maintain an upright position for play. The easel comes complete with 4 detachable storage bins, eraser and 77 magnetic letters and numbers. Measures 22.5"W x 27"D x 43"H assembled. **215411 Blue 621001 Pink**





Electra Doodle Creative Light System

Cra-Z-Art

Design, create and animate! The one-piece electronic board has an attached stylus that is used to draw or write on the screen. Once the creation is complete, press the button and the pictures move and swirl with special optical effects that add credibility and excitement as children watch their pictures come to life. In addition, the memory games and mazes can be used to challenge eye-hand coordination and provide cognitive skill-building fun. Plus, the easier-to-target, widely spaced buttons help kids to change modes quickly and easily!

464908



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CREATIVITY



FINE MOTOR



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VISUAL



The Big Box of Fuzzoodles

Giddy Up

Create oodles of reusable Fuzzoodles! Children add plastic eyes, noses and other accessories to the vividly colored pipe cleaners to create whimsical critters, furry friends or goofy creatures. Lots of options give the critters both character and attitude, and invite creative thinking. The thick pipe cleaners and chunky accessories are easy to manipulate, requiring children to use their whole hands to grasp and twist. Add to the fun by twisting Fuzzoodles around wrists, fingers, pencils, backpack straps, wheelchairs and more! Includes 22 Fuzzoodles, 26 Fuzzoodle parts and an idea booklet.

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Find these fun activities at Toysrus.com

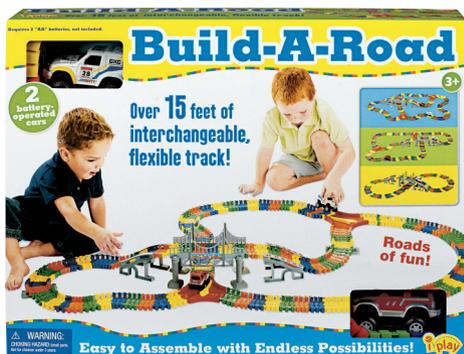


Build-A-Road

International Playthings

Build big. Build small. Build adventures! Children handle S-curves and turns with ease with the click-lock tracks and pre-constructed sections. This flexibility helps unleash creativity in an activity that is traditionally rigid and helps children to reconfigure mid-play, further developing imagination and decision-making skills. Be imaginative and build on, over and around furniture to explore uncharted territories. Invite a friend to join in the fun to encourage teamwork and compromise. In addition to the tracks, this set includes ramp supports, a bridge and 2 battery-operated cars. Batteries sold separately.

912797 **ONLINE ONLY**



Playhouse Gym

Lamaze

More ways to play! Whether on their backs, tummies or sitting up, this activity center transforms with each stage of baby's development. The attached toys on the arch invite reaching and grasping and reward movements with delightful crinkle, rattle, squeak and jingle sounds. Vivid colors, patterns and bright faces with bold eyes capture attention. Music can be turned on/off or can be motion-activated to provide early cause-and-effect learning. Best of all, the entire center folds for easy storage and portability!

511572 **ONLINE ONLY**



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.

936052 **ONLINE ONLY**



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Stamp & Sort Mailbox

Melissa & Doug

Special skill delivery! This miniature mailbox will have children using their imaginations and motor skills as they pretend to stamp, deposit and deliver mail. Young postmasters must attach the stamps to the mail pieces using touch-fasteners, then use their reasoning and manual dexterity skills to correctly position the mail into one of 3 differently sized slots. As they deposit the mail into the slots, children practice eye-hand coordination, grasp and release and precision skills. And when it's collection time, children must rotate their wrists as they turn the key to retrieve the mail. Enhance social skills and language development by having the child deliver the mail to a friend or family member and speculate about the contents of each item!

374658 **ONLINE ONLY**



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 the child one at a time to build tactile discrimination skills and avoid sensory overload. Or, create matching games or play Hide & Seek. An activity sheet provides more sense-sational ideas! Includes 20 squares and drawstring storage bag.

816267 **ONLINE ONLY**



AUDITORY



CREATIVITY



FINE MOTOR



GROSS MOTOR



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TACTILE



THINKING



VISUAL

“Leo is an amazing gift and a true inspiration. His spirit, sense of humor and huge heart will, without a doubt, make this world a better place.”

*Cristina,
Leo's mom*



John Deere Big Scoop Tractor

Learning Curve

Rough and rugged, this oversized 21" plastic tractor with loader is ready for heavy lifting! Physical coordination is used to “drive” the tractor to the site, lower, scoop and raise the bucket and deliver the load. Cognitive processing joins the skills crew as children determine how and where to use the tractor, as well as the order of the steps involved. This planning process helps little hardhats to learn to organize thoughts and execute tasks. And as they create imaginative storylines and play, children won't even realize that they are exercising body and mind in the process!

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Spiral Speedway

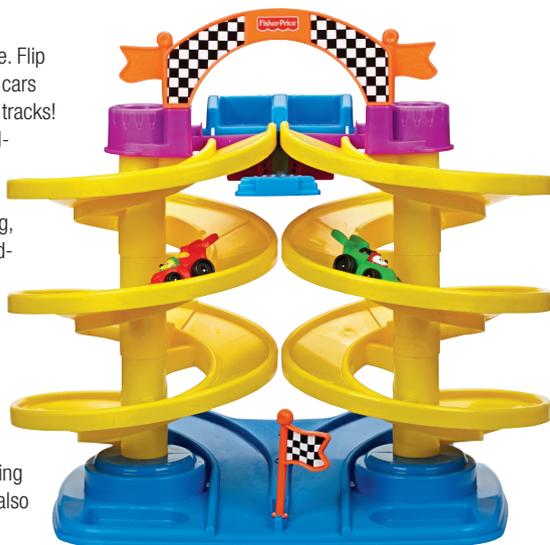
Fisher-Price

Place the cars in the starting gate. Flip up the ramp. Then, watch as the cars race down and around the spiral tracks!

Children help develop their visual-tracking skills as they watch the cars descend to the bottom.

Motor planning, event sequencing, gross-motor skills and cause-and-effect learning come into play as little racers reach up to replace the cars at the starting gate to begin again. Kids can even hear the engines start and rev by pressing the back of the starting gate. Or, they can press the front lever for supersonic racing sounds! A Toy Story 3 version is also available and sold separately.

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AUDITORY



CREATIVITY



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VISUAL



Hero World Super Friends Deluxe Vehicle with Figure

Fisher-Price

The Joker's on the loose and the Caped Crusader is out to stop him! Familiar action characters invite children to use their imaginations as they build fine- and gross-motor skills. Crime-stoppers must use both hands to position Batman on his cycle, then use arm strength and cognitive planning to help him track down evil-doers. Eye-hand coordination and visual tracking both get a workout as kids empower Batman to stop, go forward or backward—even use his cycle's batwings—as he battles to bring villains to justice! Choose from the Batcycle with Batman figure or the Funny Car with Joker figure, each sold separately.

606388



Backyard Safari Outfitters Essential Field Gear Camouflage Netting

Summit Toys

Create a fort, cover a secret place or hide in plain sight! Lightweight, open-mesh camouflage netting provides the backdrop for imaginative play—indoors or out. The large, 5' x 8' net encourages cooperative play, social interaction and communication as children work together to accomplish a common goal as they set up their space. Or, they can use it to create a quiet, secure environment where they can calm down, relax and prepare to transition to the next activity. In addition, the die-cut holes let caregivers supervise without intruding. Made of sturdy, stretchable rip-stop nylon that stands up to wet weather.

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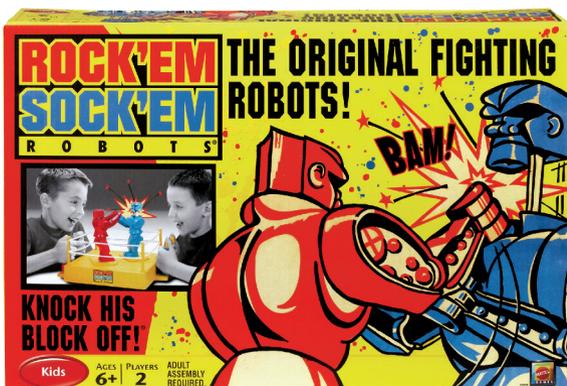
Dinosaur Train InterAction Figures

Learning Curve

All aboard for dino-sized fun! Featuring SmartTalk technology, each prehistoric pal has the ability to recognize and interact with other dinosaurs in the line. Press a button, or touch a nose or mouth, to hear over 40 sounds, phrases and fun dino data. This interaction provides children with positive feedback that helps them make the cognitive connection that they have the ability to control their environment, sparking confidence to continue to explore and manipulate the things around them. Introduce a second dino into play, and the two will interact with and respond to each other! Choose from Tiny Pteranodon, Ned Brachiosaurus or Tank Triceratops, each sold separately.

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Rock'em Sock'em Robots

Mattel

A skills challenge that really packs a punch! Players try to maneuver Red Rocker and Blue Bomber into position to rock 'em, sock 'em and deliver the game-winning KO. Corner men must grasp the controls tightly with both hands and use the strength of their hands and thumbs to throw the punches needed to knock their opponent's block off! Planning, strategizing and problem solving go the distance as players observe their opponent, move out of the way to avoid punches and hammer their opponent's robot until its head springs upward. In addition, the bold, contrasting colors of the robots make them stand out against the boxing ring.

Skills: shake hands and come out fighting!

259492



Car Carrier

Melissa & Doug

Fun for the long haul! The small wooden cars help children work on fine-motor skills, while they learn to identify colors and begin to count to four. The carrier's top level pivots down on wooden pin hinges to create a ramp for loading and unloading the vehicles. As little truckers "drive" the carrier, they need to push and crawl alongside, increasing physical movement and coordination. Road trips to different destinations lead to imaginative experiences and heighten creative thought!

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VISUAL

“With her
smile,
Grace
is truly a
miracle
worker!”

*Madelyn,
Grace's mom*



Dora the Explorer Mega Tunes Guitar

Fisher-Price

Perfectly sized for small hands. Ready for big music fun! Budding virtuosos start by pressing the raised buttons on the neck of the guitar and respond to simple prompts for sounds, phrases or parts of songs. Kids can also press the large star to play an entire song, or strum along using the real strings to add guitar riffs as they sing their favorite Dora tunes. Dora even provides verbal cues to help players strum to the beat! Fun phrases from favorite characters provide additional auditory interest. And as kids play, the lights behind Dora glow to the beat!

352339





Sing-A-Ma-Jigs

Mattel

These quirky creatures each have an infectious personality that is sure to grab attention as they entertain children of all ages. Press their tummies to see their amazingly expressive mouths open wide. Then, listen as they chatter, sing a song or sing in harmony with Sing-A-Ma-Jig friends! In song mode, children can control the pace of the song. This stop and start play helps them experience cause-and-effect and to learn how they can control objects in their worlds. In addition, each Sing-A-Ma-Jig has a different pitch. Collect them all to create a chorus! Sold separately. Styles/colors vary by store.

440462



Tap-A-Tune Drum

Little Tikes

Children can march to their own beat as they explore rhythm and sound with this colorful drum! As they sit and play, pint-sized percussionists are strengthening their core strength which affects the development of muscles and coordination. And as they bang with both drumsticks, kids are using bilateral coordination—either simultaneously or reciprocally—promoting shoulder and arm strength that leads to the development of more refined muscles in the hands and fingers. Caregivers can help practice listening and processing skills by tapping a simple rhythm and having the child repeat it. Then, take turns so the child has an opportunity to create the rhythm. Holders on each side keep the drumsticks close and ready for the next jam session!

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Cozy Coupe Shopping Cart

Little Tikes

Add fun to the list as little shoppers prepare to stock up at the grocery store! The cab of the classic coupe 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. Kids also work on fine-motor skills and practice grasping and releasing items into the large basket, while developing thinking skills as they identify familiar objects and practice concepts such as in/out, push/pull and go/stop as they load/unload the cart. This shopping cart provides hours of open-ended play!

453172



Pretend & Play Doctor Set

Learning Resources

This kit is “on call” anytime children want to play doctor! Caregivers can increase social interaction and expressive language by taking turns with the child being the doctor/patient and acting out a routine office visit. The electronic pager and cell phone, along with a stethoscope that makes realistic heartbeat and coughing sounds, spark imaginative play and encourage children to act out storylines. Children can also refine fine-motor skills as they care for a sick doll, listen to its heartbeat or bandage a wound. In addition, it provides an opportunity to teach children to feel empathy for others. The 19-pc. set includes stethoscope, pager, cell phone, forceps, bandages, thermometer and more. Plus, the doctor bag is perfect for house calls!

492307 **ONLINE ONLY**





FurReal Friends GoGo My Walkin' Pup

Hasbro

From side-by-side strolls to playing in the park, this loveable puppy will follow you just about anywhere! GoGo makes cute puppy sounds, barks and wags its tail, encouraging little pet lovers to respond with vocal sounds and expressive language. The simple remote controls are built into the leash to provide children with a comfortable handle to guide GoGo wherever they want to go. As children press its different "body" parts, the pup will react differently, encouraging kids to touch its soft, tactilely pleasing fur. And by touching the various parts in sequence, children can program GoGo to perform different commands! Owner's certificate included.

446308



Fun 2 Imagine Cash Register

Fisher-Price

Ring up some fun with this classic cash register! Self-correcting coin slots help children develop early problem-solving skills. Buttons that release the coins into the register provide opportunities to use isolated finger movements, enhancing eye-hand coordination and depth perception. In addition, children can help develop a mature pincer grasp as they pick up and place the coins in the appropriate slots. Encourage creativity and imagination by having children copy the actions of store clerks, relying on memory, cognitive organization and recall skills as they act out scenarios. Or, add matching skills into the fun as kids sort the coins by size or color.

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AUDITORY



CREATIVITY



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THINKING



VISUAL

"Audrey's
fancy set of
chromosomes
don't define her,
they are just
part of her."

*Nicki,
Audrey's mom*



Kid's Trampoline with Handle

Aqua Leisure

Kids will jump for joy with this trampoline! Best of all, there are no springs to pinch fingers or toes. Instead, safe elastic straps keep things bouncing. Jumping stimulates the limbic system that plays an important role in emotion, learning and memory. And the physical movement helps develop balance and builds strength and coordination. In addition, jumping can help soothe and calm children who are over-excited or anxious. Unit features a durable steel frame construction, soft foam grip handlebar, oversized jumping area and 6 screw-in legs for added stability.

491463





2-in-1 Snug 'n Secure Swing

Little Tikes

The perfect way to help children 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 the 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!

150374 Blue 104715 Pink



Bubble Mower

Fisher-Price

The classic bubble toy is back and better than ever! The mower features updated styling for improved ground clearance, all-terrain traction tires and a deeper well for the bubble solution so there's less spillage and more bubble action. So, put in the gas (bubble solution) and start it up! As children push, bubbles shoot out of the side, encourage walking and pretend play. The faster they push the more bubbles appear. And when the solution needs to be "recharged," kids just push down on the bottle again!

312166



AUDITORY



CREATIVITY



FINE MOTOR



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THINKING



VISUAL



3-in-1 Tricycle – Zoo

Smart Trike

Ride in style! Accommodating children at 3 phases of development, this trike features a detachable seat guard, cushioned seat back and 5-point safety harness to provide extra support and to assist with stability and balance so that children can focus their energy on having fun! An adjustable parent-assist handle controls the front axle. While caregivers push from behind, babies can use the fold-down footrests or young children can have their feet on the pedals to learn how to move their legs reciprocally to propel forward. And when they're ready to solo, remove the assist handle and seat guard and they're ready to roll! Also includes a detachable canopy, bottle holder and toy telephone.

502840 Lady Bug (Red)

500806 Galah (Pink)



Whisper Ride Buggy

Step2

The perfect "vehicle" for transporting your toddler! The door-free design allows children to practice gross-motor and planning skills as they climb in and out. The deep seat well provides additional stability and promotes an upright sitting position to strengthen upper-body muscles, while straddle seating offers extra support for leg separation. A pretend steering wheel with fun horn sounds and foot rests help children maintain their balance. In addition, the rear assist handle lets parents do the walking and lets children who are not ambulatory to feel the sensation of movement!

Also includes a seatbelt, mounted cup holder and storage compartment.

856309





My First Scooter Sport

Radio Flyer

The perfect scooter for beginners! The wide base offers children plenty of room for foot placement. Plus, 2 wheels in the front and 1 in the back help stabilize the scooter for a successful ride. The tapered base creates a clear kick path that lets kids push on the ground to propel forward without hitting the scooter. And as children experience success, they will be motivated to continue to move and ride, increasing activity levels, reducing stress and heightening confidence and mood! Comes fully assembled and folds for easy transport and storage.

757932 Red

757880 Pink



Battery-Operated Dodge Charger Police Car

Pacific Cycle

Little law enforcers patrol the neighborhood in this realistic-looking police cruiser! Two speed settings let kids drive slowly (2.5 mph) in order to talk to citizens or speed up (5 mph) to catch bad guys or keep up with friends. Children feel empowered and gain a sense of control and independence as they take the wheel. This freedom of movement enables children who may have physical limitations to control their mobility and make decisions. Flashing lights, siren, police scanner clips and a working handheld PA system add to the effect and provide visual and auditory stimulation. Battery and charger included. Weight capacity: 120 lbs.

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THINKING



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“Alex made me believe that, if we just focus on his abilities instead of his disability, the possibilities are truly endless!”

*Cecilia,
Alex's mom*



Grow to Pro Super Sounds Soccer

Fisher-Price

“Goal!” And the crowd goes wild! A large shooting area, an adjustable target, 2 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





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Foam Bowling Set

Pavilion

Bring the thrill of the lanes to your home! This bowling set offers a fun way to practice eye-hand coordination, whole body movement, visual tracking and appropriate grasp and release. Durable padded dense foam construction provides all the benefits of game play—without the noise and negative reaction—making it a great choice for children who have a hypersensitive startle reflex. What's more, the weighted dense foam ball's deep, angled holes mold to a child's grip and offer a comfortable grasp. Children can experience the thrill of knocking down pins while learning game basics and building skills!

551161



CARS 2 International Speedway Ball Pit

Moose Mountain

Lightning McQueen is so fast, he looks just like a speeding red ball. Wait, that IS a speeding red ball! This ball pit has all the energy of the Piston Cup Race, and it can be parked right in your living room. Children squat down and reach up to enter the balls in the race. The balls roll down the black-and-white track into the ball pit. Children can strengthen the muscles in the eyes used for reading as they track the descent. Plus, pit crews can sit in the ball pool and enjoy the sensory input they'll receive from the colorful balls and the sounds the balls make as they tumble downward. In addition, children can bury and uncover feet, legs or other soft objects to increase opportunities to explore and understand object permanence. Includes 50 soft-flex, Phthalate-safe balls.

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VISUAL



RipRider 360 Caster Trike Razor

Rip-roaring riding fun! The front molded-rubber tire provides a smooth and quiet ride and is guided by the handlebars and pedals much like a regular trike. But the highly responsive rear casters let the rider zip, swing, swirl—even spin a full 360°—for a ride as exciting as a roller coaster! Riding offers excellent opportunities for extending and flexing hip and leg muscles and helps refine the reciprocal leg movements needed for walking. The trike features a rugged steel frame, BMX-style handlebars and a low seat with back support. Weight capacity: 160 lbs. Helmet suggested, sold separately. Some adult assembly required.

One-day bike assembly available. Fee applies. See store for details.

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Pop Up Junior Goal Franklin Sports

And the skills team scores! Use your hands or use your feet. Use play balls, footballs, soccer balls or baseballs to help develop motor-planning, gross-motor and visual-tracking skills, as well as improve visual acuity and eye-hand/eye-foot coordination.

Lightweight, portable goal pops open, sets up and breaks down in seconds for play—indoors or out. Position the net according to each child's ability to increase chances for success.

Caregivers can also create accessible and/or inclusionary activities for children who need to remain seated or who use wheelchairs so that everyone gets in on the fun! 4'3"W x 3'2"H.

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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! Base can be filled with sand or water for greater stability. Ball included. Assembly required.

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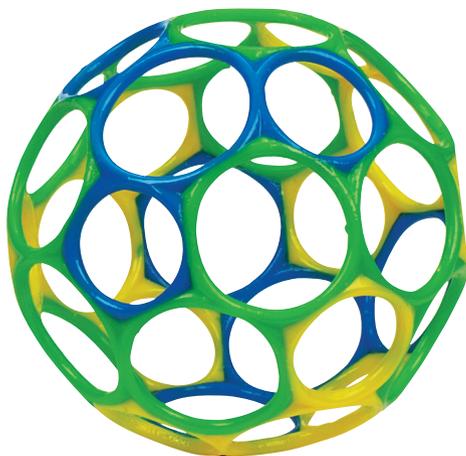


Oball

Rhino Toys

Perfect for a "hole" lot of activities! Big enough to hold with two hands to practice midline play... thin enough to grasp easily with one hand to work on hand-transferring and grasp. The interconnecting holes make it easier for players to toss and catch. Use this 4" ball to help children progress from primitive grasping to more precise hand functions and mature grasp. And as grasp develops, so will motor planning, eye-hand coordination and sensory processing skills. Lightweight, durable ball is great for catching, kicking, volleying and more and presents opportunities to engage in social fun. Phthalate-, latex- and PVC-free. Colors vary.

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AUDITORY



CREATIVITY



FINE MOTOR



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TACTILE



THINKING



VISUAL

"Avery is a beautiful gift. He has taught me more in his lifetime than I learned in mine! He is so full of love and happiness and always lights up a room!"

*Rashawn,
Avery's mom*



Boggle Jr.

Hasbro

The possibilities of this word game are mind-boggling! This simplified version of the classic game is highly accessible to players at varying levels of ability. Using fine-motor skills, players arrange high-contrast letter dice to spell the beginning words presented on the large picture cards. Colorful illustrations provide visual cues, while the easy-to-follow letters provide a point of reference, allowing children to practice object recognition, letter recognition and letter sequencing. Caregivers can increase the challenge by having players flip the lever that hides the letters and have them try to spell from memory or by letter sounds. Best of all, children can play independently to practice and gain proficiency or play with others for a cooperative play experience that includes waiting and turn-taking.

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Chuggington Matching Game

Wonder Forge

Chugga, chugga, Chuggington! This train-tastic matching game offers a fun-filled opportunity to introduce memory, turn-taking, word recognition and more. Children use pincer grasp to flip over 2 tiles and make matches with pictures of Wilson, Brewster, Koko and other Chuggington favorites. The player who collects the most matching pairs wins! Successful matches heighten confidence and motivate continued play. Caregivers can also “match” the game to the players’ abilities by using fewer tiles for beginners and gradually adding more as frustration levels allow. *Hint: Sort the tiles into separate piles of Chugger, Traineer and word tiles for ready-to-go play.*

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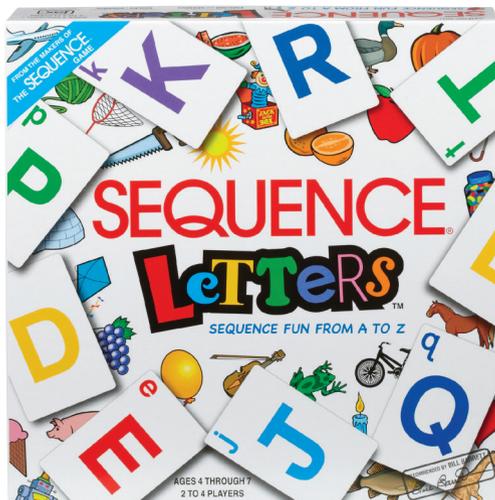


Sequence Letters

Jax

“A” is for apple, “B” is for balloon... Players sound out the letter on their card, match it to the beginning sound depicted on the game board and place a chip on the corresponding picture. When players get 5 in a row, they have a sequence! This beginner game helps increase vocabulary and teaches simple phonics principles that help with reading and writing. Each space on the board has a colored square that matches the color on the corresponding card to provide children with a visual clue to put success within reach. The simple illustrations are easy to identify and the large chips are easy to handle and place. In addition, playing games with others helps introduce important game-play etiquette, including taking turns, waiting and winning/losing graciously.

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Foam Chess & Checkers Set

Pavilion

Two jumbo foam games... Wait, make that 3 jumbo foam games in one! Besides the traditional games of chess and checkers, the board itself can be used as an oversized puzzle with its bold, solid-colored pieces that are easy to see and connect. The dual-purpose game pieces are round like checkers, but are imprinted with chess symbols. Chess and checkers provide opportunities for strategic thinking, as well as refining fine- and gross-motor skills. More importantly, games are ideal for developing social etiquette and confidence while engaging in fun, friendly competition.

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Ker Plunk

Mattel

A cool head and a steady hand is what it takes to win this classic skill and action game! To begin, place the thin colored sticks through the clear cylinder, exercising caution so as not to poke any players. Place the marbles on top of the stick bed. Then, one by one, take turns slowly pulling out a stick. But be careful not to let the marbles fall! The player who lets the fewest marbles fall wins. Ker Plunk is a game of turn-taking, patience, fine-motor control, eye-hand coordination and fun! *Note: This game is recommended for children who no longer mouth objects.*

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Hedbanz for Kids!

Spin Master

"I am a puppy." "I am an apple."
Hedbanz is the fun game of "What am I?," where everyone knows, but you! The first player to figure out what the picture is on his or her headband wins. This reading-optional game can help children learn how to formulate questions and to learn more about common items through the questions they ask. A list of sample questions is provided for those who require help to formulate questions, while each card features a simple illustration of the object in question, providing visual clues for game opponents. The adjustable headbands can be sized to fit young children to adult sizes and act as cardholders for a hands-free gaming experience. Includes 74 cards, 6 headbands, 24 chips and timer.

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Electronic Hot Potato Game

Fundex

Squeeze the Hot Potato and the frantic fun begins! Toss him, slide him or hand him to your neighbor as quickly as you can. Pay close attention, because he'll be back before you know it. The player who is holding the spud when the music stops has to collect a potato chip. Collect 3 chips and you're out of the game. The rules are simple and easy to learn, while the tempo-changing music and constant movement hold players' attention throughout the game. In addition, the cloth potato slides easily on a tabletop, helping children who may not have the physical ability to grasp the opportunity to participate. Hot Potato is a fun-filled way to encourage eye-hand coordination and social skills, while letting children of varying ages and abilities play together.

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“Mia greets everyday challenges with confidence and leadership. She towers over her physical limitations. You are never too small to dream big!”

*John,
Mia's dad*

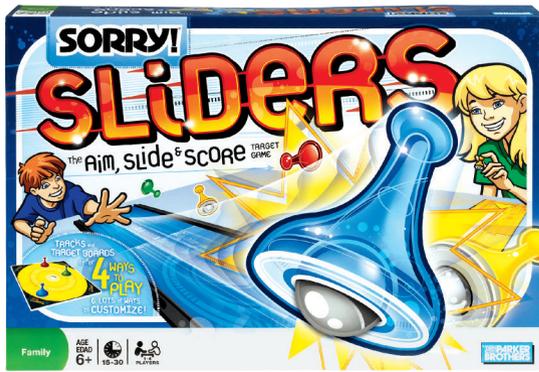


Loopz Radica

A skill-and-action, musical memory game that really gets kids moving! This interactive device consists of 4 semi-circular rings. The loops flash with ever-quickening patterns of light and music, which players must replicate by waving their hands through the corresponding loops. Motion sensors in each loop “read” the action to ensure each sequence was executed correctly. No refined movements are needed because there is nothing to press during play! Just reach out and wave your whole hand—open- or closed-fisted—through the openings. The longer you play the faster Loopz gets, further testing manual agility, memory and recall skills. Includes 7 different games that can be played independently or head-to-head with up to 3 additional players.

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Sorry! Sliders

Hasbro

Slide, collide and score! But, watch out. An opponent's pawn may slam yours onto a Sorry! space and out of the game! This early strategy game enables children to learn about their own manual strength and how to regulate it. Beginners can play by simply sliding their pieces onto the target and scoring. As their skills advance, players incorporate strategic thinking skills to determine how much strength they need to push their pieces, which numbers on the target they should aim for, and how to push out their opponents to change the scores. Four game options help keep kids interested and engaged. *Hint: Place a book or small item under the end of the track for children who may not have the movement or skill needed to push the pawns down the track.*

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Tech Deck Paul Rodriguez Skatelab #03 & #05

Spin Master

Children can create their own mini skate park with these interchangeable ramp sets! Fingerboarding provides a fun alternative for those who may not have the physical skills needed to ride a full-sized skateboard. Boarders use their fingers to mimic legs as they ride the mini P-Rod board replica to shred each ramp and recreate famous lines and tricks he's performed. But just like real skateboarding, learning tricks takes time, dedication, effort and patience. The fingerboards roll well on their wheels, helping children to move their arms easily. And as they configure the ramps and board up and down, kids help develop their range of motion and crossing midline abilities.

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Monster High Friends Plush Deuce Gorgon and Perseus Dolls

Mattel

This scarily delightful plush version of one of the most popular kids at Monster High, along with his pet, Perseus, have creep-icious appeal for kids of all ages! The soft-cloth freaky friends have embroidered features that reduce the risk of pieces being pulled off. Deuce and Perseus offer an ideal option for older children who still desire the comfort of a "stuffed," without the stigma that may follow with items that may be perceived as being babyish. *Hint: Use the "hair" on the back of Deuce's head to secure him onto a child's play space for uninterrupted companionship and fun.*

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Wheelchair & Crutch Set shown with 18" Dana Doll

Journey Girls

"She looks like me!" This play set brings the topic of disabilities into play by presenting opportunities for children to ask questions and learn about people who have disabilities. The realistic-looking wheelchair features front casters for accurate movement, while the crutches will help any 18" Journey Girls doll to stand. The doll is easy to manipulate and offers a combination of different fabrics, hard plastics and soft-cloth body parts, realistic hair and facial features, enabling children to explore textures while learning body-part awareness. Best of all, the play experience can be used to nurture imagination, advance symbolic play and enhance expressive language skills as children interact with the doll and speak for "her" during dramatic play! The set includes wheelchair, crutches, arm cast, foot cast, ice pack, elastic bandage and oxygen-level monitoring clip.

Journey Girl dolls are available in different ethnicities, each sold separately. 572992, 702270





ICEE Deluxe Slushy Machine

Think Wow Toys

A delicious treat that's fun to make and fun to eat! Just place ice cubes in the main chamber and turn the handle to shave the ice. Fill the cups with the shaved ice, add your favorite ICEE flavoring and enjoy. The crank is easy to turn, allowing children of varying abilities to join in the activity. Best of all, the entire process takes only minutes to complete! The different flavorings can be used to work on choice making, while the cold sensation in the mouth and tongue can stimulate the muscles used for speech. In addition, the shaved ice melts quickly and shouldn't hinder swallowing. Be creative! Use the shaved ice in a plastic tub to create a winter wonderland for dolls and action figures. Includes 3 flavor packets (4 servings per packet).

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Cra-Z-Cookn' Cotton Candy Maker

CRA-Z-ART

Create a carnival in your kitchen! This cotton-candy maker makes real cotton candy real fast. Eye-hand coordination, hand control and manual dexterity are the ingredients for success as children scoop a tablespoon of granulated sugar and pour it into the reservoir on the unit. Little concessionaires will delight as they watch the swirling sugar spin into the familiar tasty treat. Once the candy is spun, arm extension, reaching and physical range of motion are practiced as children whirl and twirl the candy onto a cardboard cone. And making cotton candy for friends and family can help children practice the sequence of steps and encourage sharing! Includes power pack, paper cones tool and easy-to-follow instructions. Sugar not included. Refill sets available, sold separately. Adult supervision is highly recommended.

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TACTILE



THINKING



VISUAL

“Ines’ siblings do not see the walker, the wheelchair or the braces. They just see their smiling sister who plays with them with her infectious love of life.”

*Melinda,
Ines’ mom*



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 children to focus on sound and develop individual preferences. SpongeBob will entertain, stimulate minds 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 little drummers share a stick with a friend or family member! Drumsticks included.

101351





Learn & Play Harmonica

First Act

Learn to play the First Act way! Using the professional-style chrome harmonica, the First Act Learn & Play step-by-step method can have budding musicians playing chords and melodies to more than 15 songs in no time. The 44-page instruction booklet teaches notes, chords and rhythm, while the play-along audio CD contains 34 exercises and songs. Best of all, learning to play music offers opportunities to express creativity and build self esteem!

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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 them 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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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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Portable Speaker with Alarm for iPod

iHome

Wake up or rock out to your favorite music from your iPod—anywhere you go! This battery-operated, portable docking station amplifies music and offers a good volume range to accommodate children of varying abilities. The 4 small buttons on the front are well spaced, making them easier to target and increasing chances for successful engagement. The large, easy-to-read LCD screen displays time and settings. Caregivers can supervise the playlist by controlling downloaded content (iTunes account required). iPod charges while on the dock so it's ready when you are! AC adapter included. iPod sold separately. *Hint: Use elastic bands placed on each end to secure the unit onto a wheelchair tray.*

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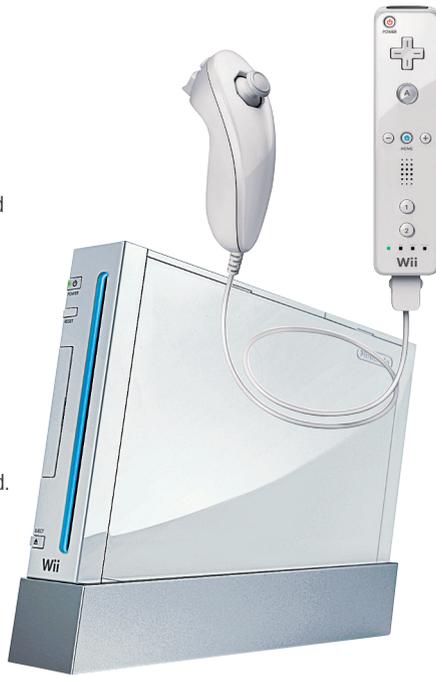


Wii Gaming System with Wii Sports

Nintendo

Wow, Wii! Featuring an exciting wireless controller experience, Wii invites players into game worlds and activities. Children can build finger placement and finger isolation abilities as they use the buttons on the remote to control the action. Children can also practice swinging their arms to improve range of motion and eye-hand coordination. The active play can also help improve trunk stability, balance and shoulder strength, and can provide children with sensory processing difficulties with the proprioceptive and vestibular input they need to stay focused. More importantly, Wii allows children of varying abilities to play together! Includes gaming console, Wii Sports, sensor bar, Wii remote and Nunchuk controller. Additional games sold separately.

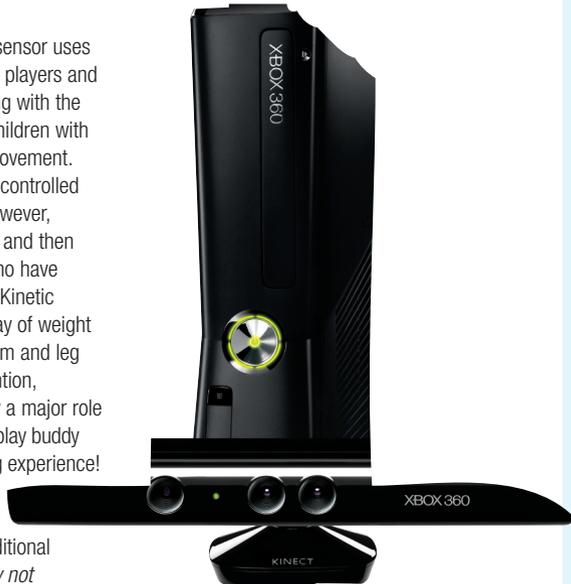
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Xbox 360 4GB Gaming System with Kinect

Microsoft

You're the controller! The Kinect sensor uses full-body tracking that recognizes players and mirrors their every move. Exploring with the on-screen avatar helps provide children with a sense of self-awareness and movement. The sensor does require precise, controlled movements to choose games. However, caregivers can activate the game and then trade places, allowing children who have limited physical control to join in. Kinetic stimulation comes into play by way of weight shifting, jumping, balance, and arm and leg movements. Visual tracking, attention, processing and reacting also play a major role in each game. Partner up with a play buddy and add social skills to the gaming experience! Includes gaming console, Kinect sensor, Kinect Adventures game and wireless controller. Additional games sold separately. *Note: May not be appropriate for individuals who use wheelchairs, those with visual impairments or persons with involuntary movements.*



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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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