

## Babies (under age 1) Best Bets:

### 0-6 months:

- Crib gyms
- Floor gyms
- Activity quilts
- Mobiles
- Baby Safe mirrors
- Teething toys
- Large, interlocking rings or keys
- Cloth toys/books
- Soft dolls
- Stuffed animals (with short pile fabric)
- Musical and chime toys
- Rattles. Toys that shake or make squeaking sounds are appropriate
- Car Seat toys

### 6-12 months:

- Balls (1-3/4 inches and larger)
- Push-pull toys. These come in handy at about 9 months
- Busy boxes
- Nesting and stacking toys
- Simple shape sorters
- Pop-up toys
- Soft blocks
- Bath toys
- Teething toys
- Large, interlocking rings or keys
- Soft dolls
- Stuffed animals (with short pile fabric)
- Simple musical instruments
- Rattles
- Squeeze/squeak toys
- Cloth and cardboard picture books with simple, colorful figures to aid visual development. Make sure the books have rounded edges.
- Activity Gym
- Walking Toys
- Manipulative Fine Motor Toys
- Interactive Plush

### • What to Avoid:

- Toys with strings or cords more than 12 inches long
- Products made of PVC
- Small objects like marbles that fit through a toy-testing tube
- Toys with small parts (such as batteries or loose magnets) that can be swallowed
- Stuffed animals with loosely sewn-on parts that can be easily removed
- Sharp-edged toys
- Toys made with lead-based paint

## Toddlers (1-3 years)

### Best Bets:

- Musical toys
- Soft Balls (1-3/4 inches and larger)
- Push-pull toys
- Ride-on toys (feet-propelled)
- Wagons
- Nesting and stacking toys
- Simple shape sorters
- Pop-up toys
- Blocks
- Bath toys
- Puzzles with knobs (whole-object pieces)
- Stuffed animals (with short pile fabric)
- Dolls and baby gear
- Play vehicles
- Kitchen equipment and gadgets
- Play household items (telephone, lawn mower, workbench, shopping cart)
- Child-sized table and chairs
- Musical instruments
- Cardboard picture books, pop-up books

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- Toys with small parts (such as batteries or loose magnets) that can be swallowed
- Stuffed animals with loosely sewn-on parts that can be easily removed
- Sharp-edged toys
- Toys made with lead-based paint

## Preschoolers (4-5 years)

### Best Bets:

- Basic musical instruments
- Wooden train sets
- Tricycle or Bicycle and helmet
- Backyard gym equipment
- Construction toys
- Lacing and threading sets
- Puzzles (10-20 pieces)
- Stuffed animals
- Dolls and doll clothes
- Dress-up clothes, accessories and props to assist with pretend play
- Props for make-believe play
- Play vehicles
- Hand and finger puppets
- Play scenes with figures and accessories
- Tape player and tapes
- Non-toxic art supplies (safety scissors, construction paper, crayons)
- Simple board games; word and matching games. Preschoolers are still mastering how to play by the rules and take turns, so pick games with simple scoring methods.
- Storybooks

### What to Avoid:

- Electrical toys
- Remote control toys operated without parental supervision
- Sharp-edged objects such as standard scissors
- Toys made with lead-based paint
- Costumes or clothing items that are tripping hazards
- Mini-bikes

**6-9 year olds:**

- Bicycle and helmet
- Ice or roller skates/roller blades and protective gear
- Sporting equipment (baseball glove, hockey stick, tennis racket) and protective gear
- Simple swimming equipment
- Jump ropes
- Construction toys
- Jigsaw puzzles, including three-dimensional puzzles
- Fashion/career dolls
- Puppets, marionettes and theaters
- Doll houses and furnishings
- Action figures
- Paper dolls
- Science sets
- Model kits
- Craft kits
- Magic sets
- Art supplies
- Tabletop sports
- Video games
- Electronic games
- Board games
- Tape player and tapes
- Books (children's classics, fairytales)

**9-12 year olds:**

- Sports equipment and protective gear
- Bicycle and helmet
- Ice or roller skates/in-line skates and protective gear
- Advanced construction sets
- Jigsaw puzzles, including three-dimensional puzzles
- Puppets, marionettes and theaters
- Remote control vehicles
- Model kits
- Science kits
- Magic sets
- Craft and handiwork kits
- Art supplies
- Playing cards
- Board games
- Chess, checkers, dominoes and other strategy games
- Tabletop sports
- Video games
- Electronic games
- Electric trains
- Musical instruments
- Books (biography, mystery, adventure, science fiction)

## **Wish List Suggestions:**

**Babies (0-6):** Light up toys, musical toys,

**6 mos – 1 year:** Paw Patrol, Disney Junior, Bubble Guppies, Frozen, blocks

### **2 year olds:**

Learning toys  
Mr. Potato Head  
Playdoh  
Dinosaurs  
Paw Patrol  
Disney Jr. (Jake and the Neverland Pirates)  
Bubble Guppies  
Batman  
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles  
WWE (wrestling)  
Frozen  
Minnie Mouse  
Cars  
Elmo  
Spongebob SquarePants  
Minions  
Henry Dangerous (hard to find Nickelodeon character)

### **3 and 4 year olds:**

Walkie talkies  
Tonka toys (dump truck)  
Duplo blocks  
Frozen  
Crafts  
Blocks

### **5 and 6 year olds:**

Barbie  
Disney  
Girly stuff  
Paw Patrol  
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles  
Legos (Marvel, Ninjago, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles)  
Hotwheels  
Thomas the Tank Engine trains

### **7 and 8 year olds:**

Tea set (for actual use)  
Easy Bake Oven  
Sketchbook  
Art set  
Playdoh  
Mine Craft  
Stationary  
Shopkins

### **9 thru 12 year olds:**

Legos (Marvel, Ninjago, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles)  
How to Draw instructional books  
WWE (wrestling)  
Nerf bullets for nerf guns  
Art Sets  
Minecraft  
Squinkies  
Sketch Book  
Dr. Who stuff

Smart Lab Science Kit, Mineral Kit  
Grown and Learn Terrarium  
Creativity for Kids set  
Tiger stuff  
Books  
Sports related items

**14 and up:**

Leather bound notebook  
Dr. Who shirt (long sleeved)  
Male bracelets  
Male watch  
Xbox One games (WWE, Harry Potter)

**Helpful suggestions by age available online at:**

[http://www.fisher-price.com/en\\_US/playtime-guide/index.html](http://www.fisher-price.com/en_US/playtime-guide/index.html)

<http://www.growingtreetoys.com/category/shop-by-age-group>