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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- 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.growingtreetoys.com/category/shop-by-age-group