

TOYS of Summer

As we head into summer, check out our annual round-up of kid-approved toys, featuring activities that encourage kids to unplug and engage in much-needed playtime.



My First Garden Windowsill Grow Kit
\$14.99; 8+
BuzzySeeds.com

Young gardeners will love growing tomatoes and marigolds with this all-in-one, quick-growing kit. Includes natural, non-GMO beefsteak tomato and marigold seeds, non-toxic coconut husk growing medium pellets, galvanized metal planter and easy-to-follow instructions.



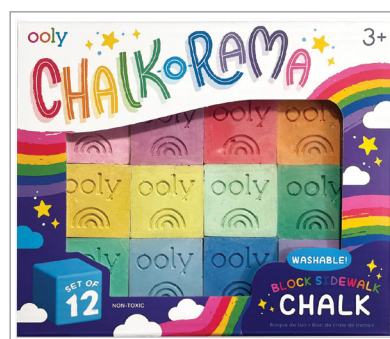
Gecko Run: Marble Run Starter Set
\$34.95; 8+

ThamesandKosmos.com
Design awesome marble runs with this award-winning system of flexible tracks, adapters and repositionable pads that work like gecko feet to stick on doors, windows, cupboards and appliances (without damaging surfaces).



Stunt Squadron Neon Glow Paper Airplanes
\$14.99; 6+
FaberCastell.com

Make up to 70 paper airplanes with this set that includes decorative papers, glow-in-the-dark stickers and two airplane launchers. Kids learn five folding techniques with step-by-step instructions and online video tutorial. Great for groups.



Chalk-O-Rama Block Sidewalk Chalk
\$7.95; 3+
ooly.com

Nothing says summertime like sidewalk chalk—and locally owned Ooly has just the set kids need. Twelve non-toxic, washable chalk blocks entice kids outside to play hopscotch, create sidewalk art or write driveway messages. Makes a great gift!

Sky Rider Up & Down Roller Coaster
\$159.99; 2+
Step2.com

Toddlers love this coaster, perfect for outdoor (or indoor) play. The plane offers loads of cruising fun on or off the nine-foot track. Weight limit: 50 lbs. Another high-quality product from Step 2.



Deluxe Arts & Crafts Chest
\$30.99; 4+
BlueSquid.co

Encourage hours of creativity with this ginormous box of craft supplies! The set includes plenty to share, including pipe cleaners, googly eyes, colored popsicle sticks, pom-poms, beads and much more—all organized in two compartmentalized trays in an easy-to-store case.



National Geographic Bug Habitat
\$19.99; 4+
Amazon.com

This set is perfect for kids interested in the natural world. It includes everything needed to capture and observe bugs up close: clear habitat, latching lid with two magnifiers, bug catcher, net, tweezers, instructions and learning guide.



Monster Jam Megalodon Loop of Doom Stunt Playset
\$19.99; 3+
SpinMaster.com

Dive into Monster Jam excitement by launching the exclusive 1:64 die-cast Megalodon truck through the loop of doom. Will it defy gravity and complete the loop? Adjustable loop increases difficulty.



Kinetic Sand Soft Serve Station
\$14.99; 3+
SpinMaster.com

Kids serve up tasty treats with this "sweet" set that promotes sensory and tactile play. Push sand through dispenser to create colorful swirly cones! Kinetic sand never dries out and sticks to itself for easy clean up.



Naturalistas Dolls
\$9.99 each; 3+
Walmart.com

Naturalistas honor coily, curly, loc'd and naturally textured hair. The dolls encourage self-care through play as hair can be washed and styled time and again, while teaching kids to lovingly detangle and appreciate their uniquely textured hair.



Discovery #Mindblown Giant Dinosaur Egg Excavation Kit
\$39.99; 5+
Macys.com

Dig into this giant egg to unearth 10 glow-in-the-dark dinosaurs. Aspiring paleontologists love identifying new species and classic favorites. Includes two wooden tools for digging.



Sizzling BBQ Set
\$44.99; 2+
Hape.com

Encourage imaginative play with this beautifully crafted, wood-based playset that includes cooking utensils, condiments, steak, veggies and more. Interactive features include sizzling grill sounds, "light-up" coals, removable griddle and convenient storage compartment.



Tri-Flyer Scooter
\$49.99; 2+
BolderPlay.com

With a comfortable, ergonomic design, and non-slip seat, kids can safely ride indoors or outdoors. Kids can scoot while sitting down, kneeling, or lying on their stomach and use arms, legs, or both to propel themselves. All 3 wheels have 360 degree spin so kids can move in any direction.



Shorties Golf Set
\$169-\$199; Ages 2-8
GolfShorties.com

High quality golf clubs made with the same materials as adult clubs, but designed just for kids. Choose from four sizes (Tiny, Tot, Mini or Junior) depending on your child's height. Three colors available in each size.



Faction Skyfire Target Drone
\$34.99; 8+
Target.com

Use Skyfire as a flying target with any gel bead or foam dart blaster as it avoids attack on autopilot—a fun single-player experience. Maximize hits before time runs out on built-in hit detection. Optional: track hits and accuracy with the free Faction Battle App.



NERF Super Soaker
HydroBurst Hose Blaster
\$19.99; 6+
Amazon.com

Unleash nonstop soaking action with this Blaster and a garden hose. Take backyard battles to another level with two jet modes designed to soak the competition up to 25 feet away.



Miniland ECO Baby Sand Set
\$12.98; 18 mos.-6 yrs.
Maisonette.com

An adorable set featuring a bucket, shovel, sieve shovel and rake in pastel colors. This durable and eco-friendly product is made of biopolyethylene and recycled polypropylene.



PoppinColorz Hydra
\$34.99; 6+
SouthBeachBubbles.com

Just in time for summer shenanigans! This 2-in-1 bubble blaster and water gun includes a rechargeable lithium battery and six bubble packs (four clear and two non-staining colored solutions). No dipping or spills; just magical color bubbles that vanish.



Easy Store Slide & Explore
\$99.99; 1-3 years
LittleTikes.com

Toddlers stay active with this super fun playset, featuring a slide, steps, collapsible tunnel, rotating telescope, steering wheel and more. Bonus: The whole set can be stored inside the blue climbing base!

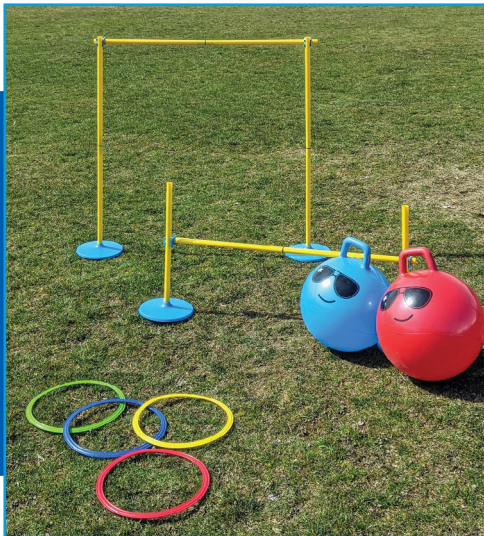


Little Tikes Build & Splash Deluxe Water Table
\$59.99; Ages 1+
Target.com

Little builders love this all-in-one block building and water play table. The deluxe set (exclusive to Target) includes over 50 accessories: blocks, funnels, boats and more. Perfect for wet outdoor play or dry indoor fun. Remove legs to play on the floor.

Obstacle Course Race Set
\$69.99; 3+
BolderPlay.com

A fun, customizable set encouraging activity, balance, strength and agility outside or indoors. Includes an adjustable hurdle bar to crawl under or jump over, two hop balls with hand pump, agility rings, adjustable limbo bar and start/finish lines.



4Fun Jumbo Soccer Bounce Ball
\$29.99; 3+
BolderPlay.com

Get the whole family involved in epic outdoor play with this ginormous soccer ball that inflates to 30 inches! Durable, UV-resistant material makes it fun to roll, kick, push or bounce. Includes manual air pump.



Indoor/Outdoor 7-Foot Kids Pickleball Set
\$70; 5+
Watchtude.com

The Move Pickleball Set is designed just for kids! The versatile indoor/outdoor set features two kid-sized paddles, two rubber silicone balls, a seven-foot net and carrying bag for on-the-go fun.



4-in-1 Learning Hamburger

\$14.99; 1+

LeapFrog.com

Build a burger and coordination skills with this colorful stacker. Colorful condiments show color words and feature enticing textures for little chefs to explore.



Pop the puzzle pieces out of the center of the burger, onion, tomato, pickle and cheese to discover different shapes and play a game of ring toss.



Wandini Glow.O

\$24.99; 8+

FunInMotionToys.com

A magical LED levitation wand that lets you easily perform dazzling and mesmerizing light shows. Learn a wide variety of tricks through our app and unlock your wizardly powers.



Out of This World Fidget Board

\$39.99; 3-6 years

LakeshoreLearning.com

This rocket-shaped board is packed with tons of features for kids to explore. From an astronaut slider to a rotating satellite that delights with every spin—each accessory gives kids an engaging way to calm themselves, improve their focus and more.

Stapelstein Rainbow Set

\$239; 1-8 years

https://stapelstein.com

Comprised of six original stones set in the colors of the rainbow and one bright confetti board. Provides a perfect environment for endless fun and learning opportunities. Stack, balance, hop, toss and organize.



Stomp Rocket Space Collection

\$24.99; 5+

Target.com

Consisting of three spacecraft and a launcher, kids explore the universe through play and learn about gravity, trajectory, force and the power of air. The three spacecraft in the set include the Saturn V Rocket, Space Shuttle Atlantis and Space Launch System (SLS).





Alphabet Learning Mailbox
\$19.99; 4+
LearningResources.com

This friendly mailbox is packed with letter learning fun—match the 26 uppercase and lowercase letter puzzles, then flip them over and solve beginning sounds puzzles. Plus, practice writing skills with the write and wipe postcards.



Nest & Count Turtle Tower
\$11.99; 1+
LeapFrog.com

Nest the turtles together creating a colorful game of hide-and-seek. Pile on the fun by putting the turtles on top of Mama to build motor skills and see her head poke out for a peek-a-boo surprise. Pull on the cord and watch them wobble as they follow behind. Kids can really count on these turtles with numbers 1-5 on their shells.



Explore & Match Sensory Hedgehog
\$24.99; 18 mo–4 years
LakeshoreLearning.com

Make tons of sensory discoveries while exploring this adorable hardwood puzzle. The hedgehog's "quills" feature embedded textures and visual elements for kids to explore with their hands and eyes. Kids simply choose a "quill" then match it to its corresponding color on the puzzle board.



Aero-Storm Aeroplane
\$29.99; 6+
TopSecretToys.us

Super easy to launch. Just pump it up, toss, and watch as Aero-Storm performs corkscrews, loopy loops, bank turns, and more.



Strawberry Shortcake Rag Doll
\$20; 4+
Amazon.com

Delightful sweetly scented 14-inch rag doll style soft plush. The best part - the scented hair. Mmmm, that delectable strawberry smell.



PAW Patrol Marshall's Load n Launch Vehicle

\$29.99; 3+

SpinMaster.com

Team up with Marshall in his elephant-themed Jungle Pups vehicle for some supercharged rescue adventures. Featuring an epic water projectile launcher, with a unique catapult system to play out exciting PAW Patrol inspired missions. Including a Marshall action figure and storage for all three projectiles, this vehicle is ready for any jungle exploration.



V-Tech Zoo Jamz Doggy Xylophone

\$17.99; 1+|

Amazon.com

Start the journey with free play, where budding musicians express artistic creativity as they tap the bars. Then follow along as each bar lights up in sequence, guiding them through the do-re-mi scale. The final step introduces eight songs little ones can learn to play; just tap each bar as it flashes to advance the tune, note by note.



Horse Stable Play World

\$72.99; 2+

us.bababooandfriends.com

Care for the animals and practice riding horses at the horse stable. Includes horse stables and horse showers, play figures, horse obstacles, universal rail tracks and three vehicles.



furReal Walk-A-Lots Bernedoodle Interactive Toy

\$19.99; 4+

Target.com

Click the included leash onto the puppy's collar. Then, with a gentle push motion, take her for a walk around the house. Her bouncy walk and wobbly head move just like a real pet. Listen for barks, howls, a "rwar-ing" happy tune, and cute noises. After the walk, kids can cuddle, pet and nurture their puppy.



Alexander Girlz

\$49.95; 3+

MadameAlexander.com

These beautiful 14" poseable dolls with rooted hair and fixed eyes are dressed in stylish outfits and wear warm smiles. They spread joy wherever they go, and help kids be kind, dream big, and play imaginatively.



Horses of Waterfall-Washing Station with Isabella and Lioness
\$39.99; 5+
Playmobil.com

Push down the button to release water in the working shower to get show ready. Brush the mane with the bedazzled hairbrush and saddle up and ride off into the wilderness.



Curious Kingdom: Castle Playset
\$34.959; 3+
Playper.com

This multi-level castle features plenty of windows, hiding spots, a working drawbridge with a lock, and a secret trap door for added adventure. With seven colorful characters and interchangeable accessories, kids can let their creativity soar as they embark on endless story-based play.



Inside Rainbow
\$99.95; 1-8 years
<https://stapelstein.com>

A modular play system designed to expand the possibilities of play for children of all ages and the perfect tool for water play as it ignites the senses, encourages social interaction and fosters a child's development.



Latinistas Dolls
\$12.95; 3+
Walmart.com

Latinistas are a gorgeous contemporary line of cultural fashion dolls created to celebrate, uplift, and inspire education, love of family and community of Latina Culture. Latinistas dolls include Dani, Julianna, Liv and Lola.

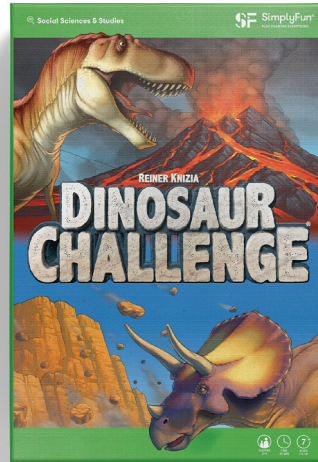


Crayola Glitter Chalk Set
\$4.99; Crayola.com

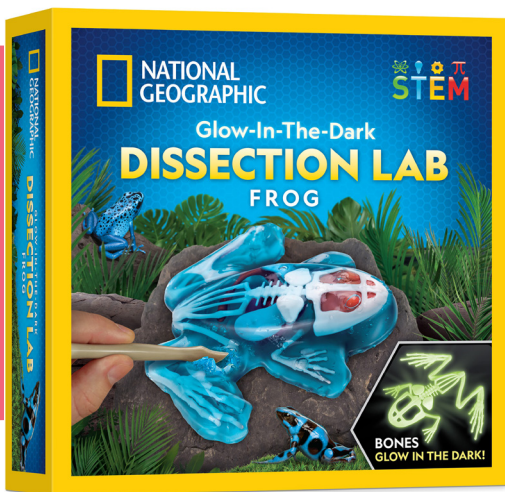
24 dazzling chalk sticks in bright and bold colors, each with its own special glitter effect. Transform your sidewalk or driveway into a sparkling work of art. And don't worry about the mess, as this washable sidewalk chalk easily washes off driveways, sidewalks, and pavement.



Disney Classics 4 Story Collection with Projector
\$48; 2+
MyMoonlite.com
 Dim the lights, cuddle in bed and tell a tale with vivid projections, sound effects and background music.



Dinosaur Challenge
\$26; 7+
SimplyFun.com
 Which dinosaur do you think can best overcome dangerous events and natural disasters? Choose the dinosaur with the correct traits to beat out the other dinosaurs and win the most challenges.



National Geographic Glow-in-the-Dark Frog Dissection Lab
\$14.99; 6+
Amazon.com
 Kids can study the bones, organs, and biology of a synthetic frog, just as they would with a real one. Everything kids need to conduct their dissection is included, along with a gel refill powder for an additional dissection.



Spy Labs: Listening Device
\$17.95; 8+
ThamesandKosmos.com
 Perfect for eavesdropping on conversations and surveilling your suspects. Its directional microphone amplifies sound so that you can keep a stealthy distance and stay undetected while performing your investigations.



MAGNA-TILES Glow 16-Piece Set
\$29.99; 3+
MagnaTiles.com
 Create towering castles and roaring rockets that light up. Glow feature is activated by direct sunlight or supercharged with the included LED keychain light.



HyperTiles
\$24.99; 5+
FunInMotionToys.com

Simple, super-versatile shapes that can be linked together in an infinite number of combinations – providing endless options, surprising outcomes, and hours of 3-dimensional adventure.



Watchitude Glow Watch
\$22; 4+
Watchitude.com

Glow Watches are a wristwatch that projects a dazzling multicolor LED light show. The water-resistant watch can withstand showering, bathing, and shallow water swimming. A flick of the wrist will look more like a flash when the embedded LED lights display bright colors.



Flat 2 Fast Card Racers
\$12.99; 5+
LukiLab.com

Transform from cards to superfast racing cars with the press of a button. No pull back needed. And, Flat2Fast are portable and fit perfectly in a pocket or backpack for on-the-go play.

Tidal Storm Aqua Thunder Water Blaster
\$22.49; 6+
Target.com

Comes with everything you need for an epic water battle: a water clip for easy reloading on the fly, a tactical sight to enhance your aiming precision, and a tactical stock for added stability and style.



Shrink Magic Candy Shop Bracelet Kit
\$24.99; 8+
MakeltRealPlay.com

Select, slide, and shrink the wrappers to create these sweet and colorful accessories. Select a bead strand then choose candy design wrappers and align on the beads. Easily apply heat with a hair dryer (not included) and watch the magic happen. Make 20 bracelets and easily refresh with different wrappers for a new style.