

The Toys of Summer

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



4Fun Deluxe Cosmic Glow in the Dark Mini Golf
\$199.99; 3+
BoulderPlay.com

Create your own unique miniature golf course indoors or outside with movable ramps, a windmill, tunnel and more. Elements glow under included black lights. Includes a felt mat, two putters, two glow-in-the-dark balls and five holes.



Fubbles No-Spill Big Bubble Bucket
\$17.99; 18 mos.+
Amazon.com

No need to cry over spilled bubbles; this giant bucket can be shaken and knocked over without ruining the fun. Includes an easy-carry handle and three wands. Available in two bright colors.



Super Chalk
\$1.25/puck; 4+
Crayola.com

With three ways to color, these durable chalk pucks bring creativity to life. Make thick, medium and fine lines with unique, bold colors like laser lemon, granny smith apple and pink flamingo.



Snugglelvs Flamingo
\$43.99; All ages
WildRepublic.com

Award-winning Snugglelvs are designed to provide comfort and ease anxiety, with added weight and extra soft, fluffy "hair." At 15 inches, they're a perfect cuddling size! Eight adorable animals to choose from, including a sloth and alpaca.



Adventure Fun 2-Person Pickleball Set
\$29.99; 8+
MakeltRealPlay.com

Join pickleball fever with this lightweight set that's perfect for on-the-go adventures at the park, beach or even in the backyard! Includes paddle wrist straps for safety.



Piñata Blast
\$12.99; 7+
Amazon.com

This easy-to-learn card game from Ravensburger is the perfect addition to family game night. Kids and adults alike have a blast matching cards and snagging dice in this fast-paced, colorful game.



Bluey's Tree Playset
\$29.99; 3+
Walmart.com

Kids can recreate scenes from the popular Bluey TV show with this fun 11-inch playset. Flower Crown Bluey and Fairy (included) can discover a secret hideaway door, relax in a hammock or ride on the swings and slide.

Deluxe Picnic Set
\$29.99; 3+
BrightStripes.co

Enjoy a playful, pretend picnic with colorful plates, utensils and felt cookies. All 25 pieces fit into a basket-weave printed picnic "basket."



Adventure Rocket
\$179.99; 3+
LittleTikes.com

Kids love blasting into space in this nearly 4-foot rocket ship. Complete with a control center, swivel pilot seat, telescope, star viewer, escape hatch and more. Rocket sounds and lights bring imagination and space exploration to life.

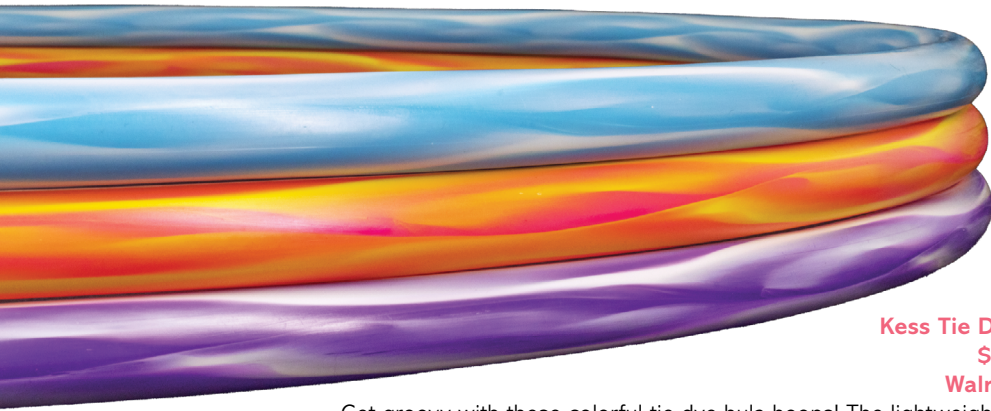
Sensory Sand Molds
Sea Kit
\$14.99; 3+
USAtoyz.com

Gear up for summertime fun with these adorable sea life molds and nifty sculpting tools, perfect for kinetic sand, a sandbox or the beach. Build mini castles and mold octopi, lobsters, seahorses and more.



National Geographic Epic Fort Building Kit
\$99.99; 4+
ThinkBlueMarble.com

Build epic tents, pyramids, planes and of course, forts! This 225-piece set of Flex-Tech connectors and durable poles fit together to make endless, innovative creations. Start with the illustrated building guide for inspiration.



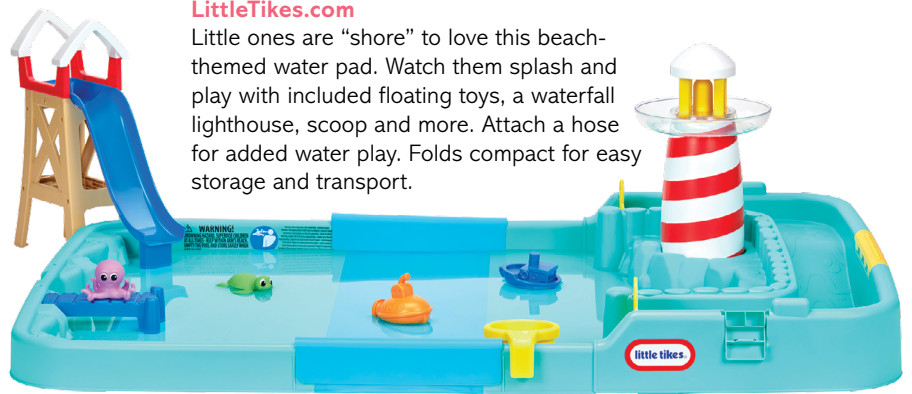
Kess Tie Dye Hoop
\$9.99; 6+
Walmart.com

Get groovy with these colorful tie dye hula hoops! The lightweight, durable design is perfect for any skill level. Hula hoops make exercise fun and keep kids active all summer long (indoors or outdoors).



**Hungry Hungry Hippos
 Splash**
\$19.99; 4+
Amazon.com

Stay cool this summer with a twist on the classic Hungry Hungry Hippos game. Players race to throw "snacks" into their hippo's mouth as the sprinklers spin and spray water. The set has two difficulty settings and six balls, improving coordination as kids play.



Splash Beach
\$74.99; 2-4
LittleTikes.com

Little ones are "shore" to love this beach-themed water pad. Watch them splash and play with included floating toys, a waterfall lighthouse, scoop and more. Attach a hose for added water play. Folds compact for easy storage and transport.



PaddleSmash
\$199.99; 12+
Paddlesmash.com

The family will love this competitive outdoor game! A mix of pickleball and spikeball, teamwork and hand-eye coordination are key. The set folds into a convenient carrying case for on-the-go fun at the park, beach or right in your backyard.



Wahu Mystery Key Treasure Challenge
\$17.99; 5+
GoliathGames.us

Dive into the pool to discover which key unlocks the treasure chest. A randomized lock makes it a mystery every time! Release the trap door to dive for 15 treasures. Kids can even write a message in a bottle on included waterproof paper.

Nerf Super Soaker Blast Slider
\$29.99; 5+
Wowwee.com
 Sprinklers line the sides of this 16' water slide for a smooth, slippery ride; attached water blaster adds to the thrills as you drench friends up to 16 feet away. Connect a hose to kickstart hours of super soaking entertainment.



Blipper
\$479; 13+
Go-Droyd.com

Teens love this electric mini bike, equipped with 14" tires, two speeds, foot rests, rear disc brakes and more. Embark on a 45-minute ride when fully charged. The safety-certified bike comes mostly preassembled for quick set-up. Max. weight capacity: 132 lbs.



Licensed Character Inflatable Boats
\$19.99; 3+
Swimways.com

Kids ages 3 and up can join pool-time fun in these comfortable, character-themed, inflatable boats. With a durable and fully enclosed bottom, kids can safely float and paddle through the water. Choose from Disney's Ariel, Paw Patrol's Marshall or Marvel's Spidey.

SwimWays Shark Rocket
\$10.99; 5+
Swimways.com

Launch this shark rocket up to 6 feet above water without the use of batteries. Play "freestyle" by submerging and pointing or stick the suction cup to the bottom of the pool for an exciting "timed release." Soft foam and lightweight design ensure safe fun at the pool.





Surprise Powerz STEM Dolls

\$49.99; 2+

Target.com

Four different dolls each have their own specific area of expertise and speak over 75 phrases, singalongs and sound effects. Each doll also reflects the diversity of girls today with real girl's voices, so children can play, and learn, from dolls that look and sound like them.



High Score

\$14.95; 8+

ThamesAndKosmos.com

A competitive dice game that marries the luck of the dice with strategic gameplay and ever-changing rules. Players take turns rolling dice, deciding if they want to re-roll dice, and trying to get the most points possible as determined by the current challenge card.



Water Chompers

\$12.99; 8+

GoliathGames.us

Designed with an EZ-Grip handle, kids can easily fill and spray. Then watch as the animal's jaws "chomp" the water stream. Its unique action squirter can spray targets over 25 feet away. Available in Shark and Alligator designs.

Float Connex

\$35.99; 8+

GoliathGames.us

The ultimate social float allows you to connect your floats anywhere and any way. It's versatile, comfortable and durable design also includes a built-in cupholder. Perfect for the pool, lake, beach and the river.



Föm Mania Fömalanche

Foam Machine

\$49.99; 5+

Target.com

With just the press of a button, the Fömalanche makes piles and piles of light, airy foam.

Just add foam concentrate and water to the reservoir and turn the machine on for fast, easy, foamy fun.



Cocomelon Jumbo Megamats
\$39.99; 3+
Amazon.com

Soft, non-slip, hypoallergenic EVA foam creates the ultimate space for your little one to get up and play. It's lightweight, easily wipes clean with no color fading and is water resistant, so it's always ready for the next adventure.



Disney Villains: The Card Game (by Ravensburger)
\$10.99; 8+
BarnesAndNoble.com

Build the strongest team of Villains and Henchmen, matching the color or number on the cards in your stack. Cast curses, meddle in your opponents' plans, and unleash your sinister might with your Villain's special cards. Watch out for Heroes who will try to sabotage your team.



1.2.3 AQUA Water Seesaw with Boat
\$24.99; 18 months+
Playmobil.us

After an exciting ride on the boat, float over to the island and attach the boat using the mooring ring. Use the boat as a cup and pour water onto the seesaw's red dot, weighing down that side and sending the figure sliding down. The island has a hangout spot where friends can stand while waiting for their turn on the slide.



Farmhouse with Outdoor Area
\$69.99; 4+
Playmobil.us

Help the family with their chores around the house and on the farm. Start the day by getting ready in the bedroom and then join the family for breakfast downstairs. Go outside to the shed to milk the cows.



Atomic Power Popper with Rocking Sticky Target
\$29.99; 4+
HogWildToys.com

Features the classic design with a brand-new sticky target that rocks back and forth for more fun. Use the pump-to-launch handle to propel soft foam balls into the air – or towards the target -- up to 20 feet.

Quick-Switch Power Bow
\$29.99; 14+
Target.com

"Fire" up to a mind-blowing 250 feet. Thanks to two different gauges of bungee strength, players can switch-up their "fire" power for ultimate performance.



Solar Race Car
\$15.95; 8+
ThamesAndKosmos.com

This sleek, compact race car harnesses the energy from the sun to power an electric motor that really gets it moving. With only 22 parts and an easy, snap-together design, you don't need anything else except a pair of diagonal cutters to assemble the car.



Paw Patrol Aqua Pups Marshall Transforming Dolphin Vehicle
\$17.99; 3+
Amazon.com

Suited in his red aqua pups wetsuit and helmet, Marshall is ready for supercharged rescues in the pretend sea. Slide the canopy shut, to engage the wings and dorsal fin, transforming his vehicle into rescue mode. When there's trouble, load the projectile into the launcher and press the button to launch.



Alphabet Cones
\$39.99; 3+
LakeshoreLearning.com

Select a scoop featuring a lowercase letter, then easily snap it onto the cone with the corresponding uppercase letter. It's a super-sweet way for kids to master letter recognition, matching and sequencing, build fine motor skills and more.



Mysteries of Atlantis - Mermaids
\$24.99; 0+
Shop.wildrepublic.com

The Mermaids represent various races and are detailed with sublimation printing, foil tails and other fine details. Each mermaid has a unique personality/story related to an animal friend featured in the detail of their eye. Made 100% from recycled materials.



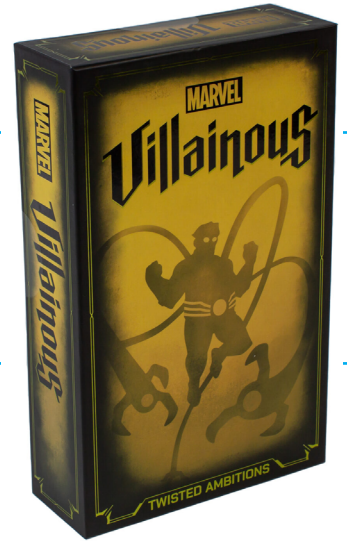


Tree House Play World
\$54.99; 2+
BababooAndFriends.com

Encourages sensory development, touch, problem solving, fine motor skills and more. The innovative PlayTales concept ignites storytelling with fun activities and imaginative play, verbal communication and socialization.

Marvel Villainous: Twisted Ambitions (by Ravensburger)
\$29.99; 12+
Target.com

Each player takes on the role of one of three Marvel Villains (Doctor Octopus, Titania or Kang the Conqueror) and strives to complete a unique, story-based objective. Players will face off against iconic Marvel Heroes found in a shared Fate deck, including Spider-Man, Doctor Strange, She-Hulk and more.

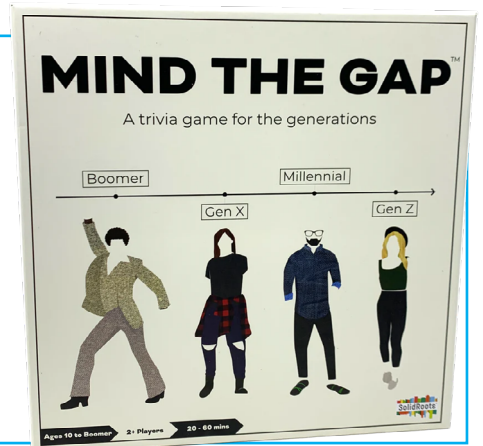


Pigs on Trampolines
\$19.97; 6+
Walmart.com

Use the trampolines to bounce your pigs into the pig pen and try to land in the mud puddle. Every pig you land in the puddle earns you a mud pie. The muddiest piggy wins.

Mind the Gap
\$29.99; 10+
Amazon.com

Team up with other generations to make it all the way around the board first with knowledge on popular TV shows, movies, music, slang, newsworthy events, and other insights from all the eras.



Sesame Street Elmo's Learning Letters
\$24.99; 2+
Target.com

Plays Sesame Street phrases that teach kids the alphabet and plays the "Alphabet Song." Discover 26 removable letters that reveal Sesame Street friends, and then use the letters to practice spelling words while developing fine motor skills. Store the letters back in the bus.



Disney Junior Minnie Mouse Pet Vet Backpack
\$29.99; 3+
Amazon.com

Take care of Cream Puff with this interactive stuffed animal and a glittery fashion backpack full of pretend play veterinarian tools. Press Cream Puff's paw to activate lights, puppy sounds and Minnie Mouse phrases.

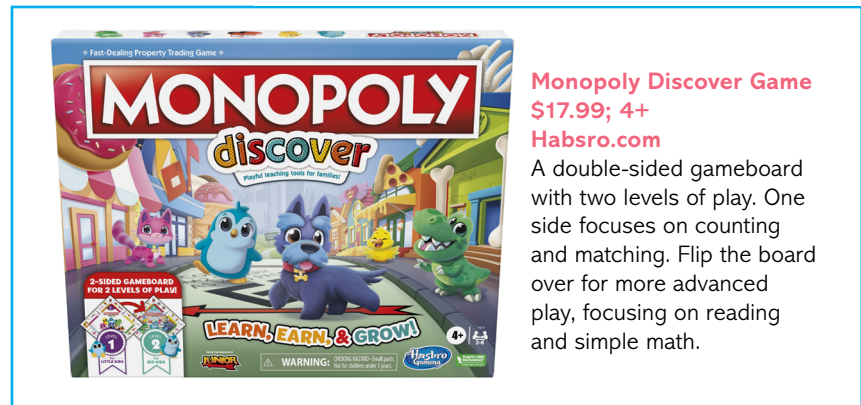
Collapsible Ocean Sensory Bin
\$29.99; 3+
BigHeartToys.com

Just add water & play. Your little one will enjoy and have fun challenging themselves to find sea creatures in the collapsible bin. Watch and learn about absorbency as you watch the dehydrated reusable beads plump up.



Junk Ball
Classic Bat & Ball Set
\$9.99; 5+
DicksSportingGoods.com

Designed to guide your game, the bat features a sweet spot that shows you where to hit for maximum distance and power at the plate. Features a dial-your-pitch ring so you can control the aerodynamics of the ball to throw knuckleballs, sinkers, risers and more.



Monopoly Discover Game
\$17.99; 4+
Habsro.com

A double-sided gameboard with two levels of play. One side focuses on counting and matching. Flip the board over for more advanced play, focusing on reading and simple math.



Code+Control Robot Dinosaur: REX
\$69.95; 8+
ThamesAndKosmos.com

Assemble your own robotic model of the Tyrannosaurus Rex. Use the handheld controller to command your robot to move around in all directions, light up its eyes, and play sounds, including chowing down on food and even farting.



Zoom-O Turbo Disc Launcher

\$9.99; 5+
Target.com

Blast these mini flying plastic discs up to 100 feet in the air with this simple to use, hand-held disc launcher. Simply load a disc onto the launcher, aim away from yourself, pull the rip cord and spin that disc into the sky.



Pass the Ball with Olie
\$19.99; 4+
BlueOrangeGames.com

Go as fast as you can but don't drop the ball or get caught with the ball in your hands when the music stops, or you will be eliminated. It's the perfect active game for young players to socialize and improve motor skills.



Cocomelon Learning JJ Doll

\$25.99; 18 months+
Amazon.com

Featuring four interactive buttons and over 50 different learning phrases and songs, children will love playing with JJ as he teaches them their ABC's, 123's, and colors. Great for developing fine motor skills, encouraging reading and talking, cognitive learning, social emotional skills and creativity through imaginative play.



Slidin' Toucan
\$19.99; 4+
BlueOrangeGames.com

In this unique cooperative game, players take turns launching the Toucan carrying its eggs down the sliding ramp, trying to escape from the unwelcomed explorer. The side the eggs land on after the chute will determine how far the explorer will advance.



Hop, Waddle, Stomp! (by Ravensburger)

\$19.99; 2+
Amazon.com

In this active game, toddlers will toss the soft, colorful ball, choose a matching puzzle piece and waddle across the room to unite the baby animals with their families. The game teaches fine and gross motor skills, animal recognition, color matching, direction following and turn taking.



Dungeons & Dragons: The Yawning Portal
\$55.99; 8+
Hasbro.com

This iconic inn attracts fascinating adventurers with one thing in common: they're famished and have unique tastes in food. As part of the tavern's staff, feed them by matching up food tokens with the orders pictured on their Hero card. Earn colored gems (and points) for every matching food token, or a bonus for completing an order.

Gel Blasters
Starting at \$49.99; 5+
GelBlaster.com

Blasts an eco-friendly water-based gel pellet called Gelllets that are safe for people, pets, and the environment. Gelllets disintegrate on contact, leaving no stain, no mess and no cleanup. Packs a real punch too with Gelllet speeds from 100 feet per second all the way up to 170 fps.



Pop! Puzzle Jurassic Park
\$14.99; 5+
Funko.com

These 500-piece puzzles bring fans an immersive pastime experience as they piece together original illustrations inspired by films and TV shows, including Ted Lasso, SpongeBob, Groot and Gamora from Guardians of the Galaxy and Alan Grant from Jurassic Park.

PoolCandy Mermaid Pool Noodle
\$19.99; 5+
PoolCandy.net

Cool hues of purple, blue, pink, and lavender adorn the scale detailing, but it's the wide fin tail that will get the pool party started. This multicolor vinyl pool float will be a blast on a warm summer day, and it's ideal for gatherings with family and friends.



Whale Wilma Babablock
\$38.49; 1+
BababooAndFriends.com

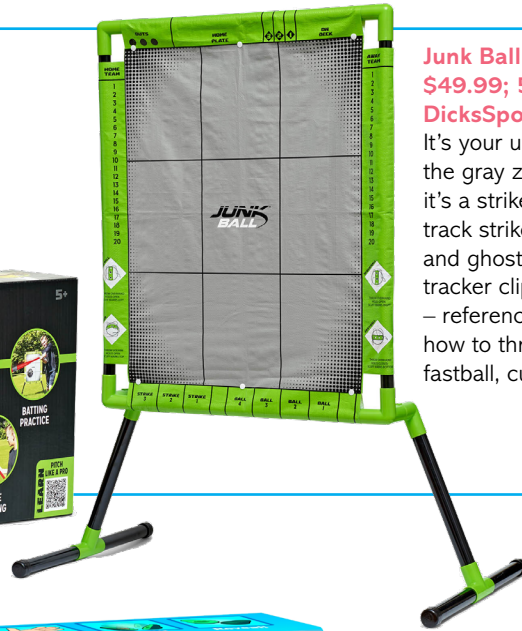
Contains numerous geometric shapes so children can build a wide variety of creative structures. The various shapes, colors and design possibilities stimulate creativity, spark the imagination, and develop motor skills and coordination.





FreeFall (by ThinkFun)
\$39.99; 8+
Amazon.com

A logic and skill game that puts your spatial reasoning and dexterity to the test. Build the puzzle and then flip, turn, and guide the ball from cup to cup to finish the maze. 60 challenges to master.



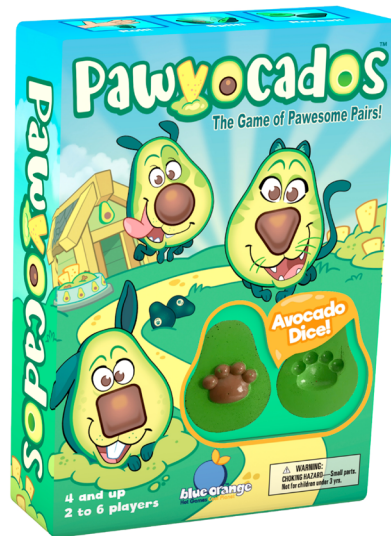
Junk Ball Umpire Strike Zone
\$49.99; 5+
DicksSportinggoods.com

It's your ump – pitch anywhere in the gray zone without a hit, and it's a strike. It's your scoreboard – track strikes, balls, outs, the score, and ghost runners with sliding tracker clips. It's even your coach – reference the pitch guides to see how to throw the perfect screwball, fastball, curveball or riser.



Rainy Ranch (by Ravensburger)
\$19.99; 2+
Amazon.com

Players roll the die to lead animals into the barn, watch out for raindrops and get everyone safely inside before it rains. Helps toddlers build fine motor skills, color matching, shape recognition, direction following and turn taking.



Pawvocados
\$12.99; 4+
BlueOrangeGames.com

The Pawvocado pets have lost their noses... these cute pups, cats, and bunnies will need your help to find their Pawvocado pair and get their nose back. On each turn, roll the original avocado dice: the adorable fruit will break open and may reveal the little paw seed.