

The 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. Be sure to pick up our July issue for more!



Huffy GRM
16" Kids Bike
\$179.99; 4-6
Huffy.com

Features Huffy's signature Perfect Fit steel frame, wider tires for added balance, a triple braking system, enclosed chainguard and quick-connect training wheels for riders who are still building skills.



My First Paint by Sticker: Unicorn Friends
\$8.99; 3+
WorkmanKids.com

Paint-by-sticker books are a super fun way for kids to see colorful images "magically" come to life while practicing number recognition and hand-eye coordination. Parents love that they're mess-free and screen-free!



National Geographic
Build a Bee Habitat
\$19.99; 6+
Amazon.com

Construct and decorate a habitat for bees to call home—assembly is fun and easy! Includes paint, stickers, a learning guide and observation journal.

Chalk n' Rock Bucket
\$24.99; 6+
FaberCastell.com

Two favorite outdoor activities (rock painting and sidewalk chalk) in one awesome set! Includes 20 rocks, easy-on transfers, weather-resistant paint, colorful chalk and more—all in a reusable bucket.



Seesaw Snail
\$69.99; 1.5+
Step2.com

Who wouldn't love a teeter totter that promotes wiggles, giggles and active play? Little ones can rock facing forward or backward, ride alone (in the center) or with a friend. They'll have tons of fun while developing balance, coordination and strength.





Fisher-Price Grow-to-Pro T-Ball Set

\$29.99; 18 months+
Amazon.com

This adjustable set helps toddlers build hand-eye coordination and confidence while having fun! Includes a lightweight bat, three softer balls, a sturdy base with built-in storage and flip-up knocking plate. Weather resistant and easy to move around.

The Mandalorian and Grogu Imperial Remnant AT-RT R/C Walker
\$49.99; 8+
Walmart.com

From a galaxy far, far away comes this 13" tall, battle-ready walker featuring lights, cinematic sounds, three walking speeds, and built-in Mandalorian and Grogu figure.



On-the-Go Wooden Workbench
\$89.99; 1+
Amazon.com

This adorable walker/activity set by Jasey's Toy Chest promotes hands-on learning, shape recognition and fine motor skills with wooden tools, screws, nuts, bolts and more. Made with responsibly sourced materials and a heartwarming story behind the brand.



On-the-Go Cloud Rocker
\$109.99; All ages
Ted-Kangaroo.com

Kids of all abilities can bounce and rock their way to tranquility with this patented, inflatable sensory rocker made with premium materials. Supports focus, self-regulation and balance. Electric pump included.



My First Picnic Basket
\$79.99; 1.5+
Step2.com

Perfect for toddlers and preschoolers, this playset turns playdates into "picnics" that encourage imagination, sharing and independence. Sturdy enough for everyday outdoor or indoor adventures. Includes 29 charcuterie-inspired accessories and picnic blanket.





Rail Cube Magnetic Monorail Starter Set

\$99; 3+
www.railcubetoys.com

Design and build dynamic three-dimensional courses using five types of interchangeable, color-coded cubes. Each cube snaps together effortlessly, enabling the creation of monorail tracks that twist, turn and even loop upside-down.



Rockin' Pockets Toss Game
\$59.99; 5+
www.lifeisbetteroutside.com

Players face off from opposite sides and simultaneously toss their six bags towards the pockets. Each successful throw tips the scale, causing the target to rock towards the player's direction.



SolarFlower - Ruby Ripple
\$24.95; 8+
www.thamesandkosmos.com

Build this beautiful kinetic sculpture, a motorized flower model with moving petals, powered by a solar panel. Learn about mechanical systems like motors and planetary gears and about how solar cells generate electricity to power the flower.

AT-AT Walker R/C
\$60; 8+
www.walmart.com

Standing 13" tall and featuring fully articulated four-leg movement, a poseable head and LED laser cannons with synchronized battle sounds, this remote control toy is designed to faithfully replicate the iconic movie look. It moves left, right and forward with smooth swivel steering and includes a side panel for convenient remote storage.



Build-A-Garden Blooming Greenhouse
\$69.99; 3+
www.planttoys.com

Children design and cultivate their own greenhouse—adjusting the shade panel, arranging planting beds inside or out and watching their garden come to life as they plant wooden seeds and sprouting veggies.



Hape Double Sand and Water Wheel
\$12.99; 18m+
<https://toys.hape.com>

Fill the funnel and watch the wheels turn. See what happens when water, sand and small stones are poured in. Perfect for use at the beach, park, zoo, or even your own back yard.

NERF Air Goal Soccer Set
\$69.99; 3+
www.franklinsports.com

This innovative, inflatable soccer goal has a built-in blower to continuously blow air and stay inflated for a fun way to play soccer indoors and outdoors. The weighted base and included ground stakes keep the goal upright when playing, while the soft inflatable construction is kid friendly and easy to use in the house.



Blockables City Deluxe Play Set
\$87.99; 2+
www.melissaanddoug.com

Connectable, stackable and playable solid wood building blocks. These smooth, colorful blocks snap together with large connectors that are easy for little hands to push in and pull out.

Includes an illustrated guide to build multi textured buildings and vehicles or kids can mix and match to create their own designs.



Grill Party
\$30; 8+
www.simplyfun.com

Fire up the BBQ as you practice using algebraic relational symbols. Swap and place food pieces on the grill to match "more than" and "less than" situations from your food cards. Be the first to match them all and win—just don't get too hungry along the way.

Gardening Set
\$35.99; 3+
PlanToys.com

Kids can't wait to dig in the dirt and plant seeds with this sustainably made set from Thailand. Children begin to learn about eco-friendly living and explore their connection to the planet. Includes a flower pot, watering can, trowel and hand fork.





**Danny Go!
Color Beat Drumsticks**
\$22.99; 3+
www.amazon.com

This interactive toy features 11.5-inch drumsticks with plastic handles and soft, foam-like tops. To start the party, press buttons on the handles to choose from six different colors of light and 16 sound effects. Cycle through colors to create a mesmerizing light show, add sound effects and get moving.



The Super Mario Galaxy Movie 5" Figure Multi-Pack
\$59.99; 5+
www.target.com

Collect your favorite characters. Includes Mario, Yoshi, and exclusive Wonder Bowser Jr. and Luigi figures in a premium Wonder Bowser Jr. themed window box.



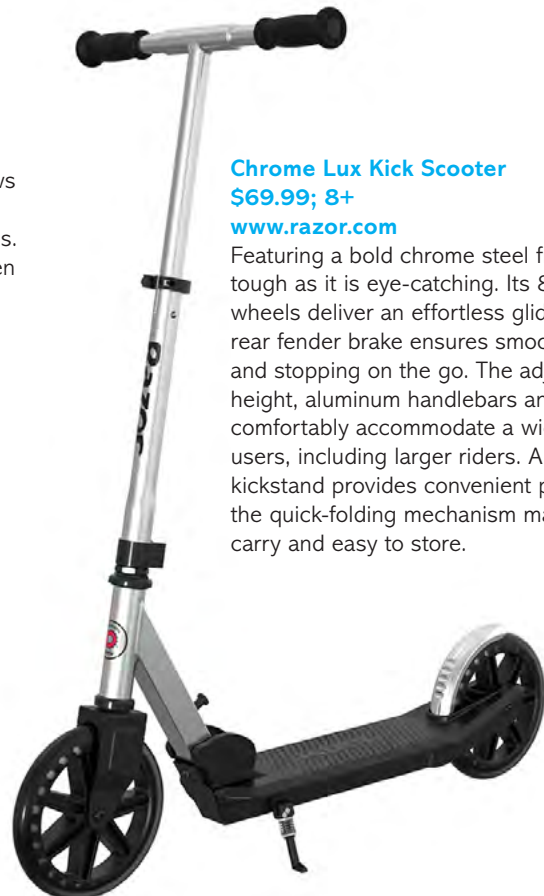
EWA Eco-Wood Art Turtle Construction Kit
\$43.89; 14+
www.walmart.com

The wind-up the rubberband mechanism makes the turtle crawl almost like a real one. Fun to paint and customize. No messy glue required. Clear colorful step-by-step assembly instructions.



NERF QB Pro Foam Football Launcher
\$89.99; 14+
www.amazon.com

This battery powered kids football launcher throws a NERF mini foam football over 30 yards so kids can practice their route running and catching skills. Select your play, lock the ball, pump it up and then press launch.



Chrome Lux Kick Scooter
\$69.99; 8+
www.razor.com

Featuring a bold chrome steel frame that's as tough as it is eye-catching. Its 8" urethane wheels deliver an effortless glide, while the rear fender brake ensures smooth slowing and stopping on the go. The adjustable-height, aluminum handlebars and large deck comfortably accommodate a wide range of users, including larger riders. A retractable kickstand provides convenient parking, and the quick-folding mechanism makes it light to carry and easy to store.

National Geographic Kids Junior Jumbo Marble Run
\$29.99; 2+
www.amazon.com

The ultimate beginner-friendly marble run set, specially designed for curious kids and playful families. The kit includes 33 jumbo building pieces and two child-safe balls, which little engineers can use to build, stack and create colorful marble mazes, again and again.



Wooden Busy Wheels Garage Playset
\$84.99; 3+
www.amazon.com

Ride all over town in this multi-levelled playset. Fully decorated with roadways, signage, parking spots and an easy-crank elevator to take vehicles from one floor to another, the fun goes on and on. Included with the set are two colorful wooden cars and a helicopter to land on the helipad on the tip-top of the playset.



Swoobee
\$39.99; 6+
www.blueorangegames.com

Toss swoobees — soft rope rings with a fabric center, easy to grip and throw — at cork targets placed at different distances to score 1, 2, or 3 points. Lightweight and easy to carry for fun wherever you play.



Playskool Click 'N Flash Camera
\$9.97; 6m+
www.walmart.com

Press the button, watch the flash and pop out a pretend photo for instant-camera fun. Little ones can spin the bead-filled lens, click the focus ring, or press, slide and roll the fidget parts to discover new sounds and textures. Shake for a rattling noise, carry by the handle and keep the fun going at home or on the go.



Lite-Brite X Toy Story 5 Colorpop! Edition
\$19.99; 6+
www.amazon.com

Experience the magic with a first-ever translucent HD screen, making every peg glow brighter than ever. Choose from four dynamic light modes—steady, bounce, flash, or clockwise—to bring your artwork to life. When your masterpiece is complete, show it off in style with the built-in pull-out easel—perfect for displaying your glowing creations at home, in your room, or wherever your imagination takes you.

Hamster Hammock

\$24.99; 5+

www.blueorangeames.com

Carefully place your hamsters on the hammock and try to hang on without falling out. If the hammock tilts on your turn, all other players can send one of their hamsters for a rest on a fluffy beach towel. The first player with all hamsters on the hammock and resting on beach towels, wins the game.



Nockles Cube

\$10; 5+

www.funinmotiontoys.com

A fantastically fun collection of soft, bendable and connectable fidget toys that snap together and morph into amazing shapes. You can expand 'em, collapse 'em, snap 'em, pull 'em, flip 'em, bend 'em, and pop 'em.

Snack Knit Kit-WaterMelonie

\$11.99; 8+

www.brightstripes.co

Beginner-friendly knitting kits that make learning the craft fun and easy. No complicated counting of stitches and mastering multiple knots; these characters are created by knitting simple rectangles and adding fun felt shapes. Once complete, these neat, knitted friends are perfect for cuddling, or crafting into a fashionable bag charm.



CONNETIX Magnetic Tiles Bright Portal Pack

\$59.99; 3+

www.target.com

Featuring eight bright colors, this pack includes three different sized squares designed to neatly nest together to level up open-ended play and STEM learning.

Knot Noodles Bracelet Kit

\$4.99; 8+

www.target.com

This adorable kit has it all, from the instant noodle-inspired package to the chopsticks-like tweezers, and all the beads in between.





**OOLY x Girl Scouts
Temporary Tattoo
Jewelry Set**
\$9.95; 3+
www.ooly.com

Shine bright with tattoo jewelry that celebrates friendship, individuality and fun. Lets kids create glittery, wearable art. Just cut, place and add water to apply bracelets, rings and charms that sparkle with creativity and confidence.



Oh So Fun! Mini Golf Set
\$105; 3+
www.mindware.com

Simply unroll the high-quality rug, arrange the delightful obstacles and grab a golf club from the kid golf set to embark on a customizable and ever-changing mini golf adventure. Promotes imaginative play and skill development, combining learning and excitement for a memorable, interactive experience.



Super Mario Bros Yoshi Egg Playset
\$36.99; 3+
www.jakks.com

Disguised as a fully-enclosed green Yoshi egg, the two panels open to reveal movie moments as we meet Yoshi and how he transports to meet Mario.



Trigger the T-Rex
\$16.99; 5+
www.sankyotoys.com

Pull the trigger and watch him bend and chomp.



Dog FLUXX
\$20; 8+
www.looneylabs.com

A tail-waggin' card game of ever-changing rules. We've got eleven of the very best doggos so who's ready for walkies? Your human better bring a plastic bag, because poop happens.

Phantom Seas

\$36; 8+

www.simplyfun.com

Aargh! Hidden treasures are guarded by Phantom Ships. Use navigation cards with compass instructions to guide your ship and outsmart rivals. Navigate wisely, collect the most treasure, and claim victory as the top mariner.



Hansel & Gretel's Candy Adventure Deluxe

\$29.99; 4+

www.smarttoysandgames.com

Slide the pieces to help Hansel and Gretel safely escape the enchanted garden by solving engaging spatial puzzles. Featuring 48 progressive challenges, children develop essential STEM skills including logical thinking, spatial reasoning, concentration and planning.

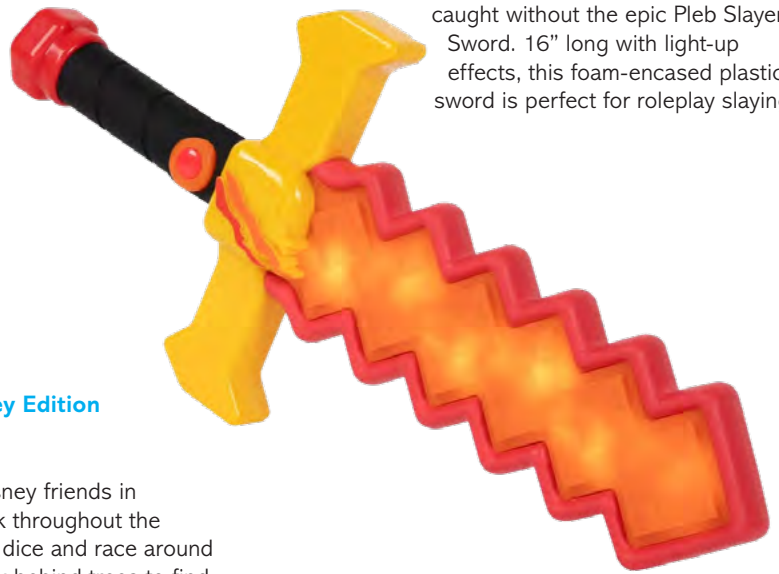


PrestonPlayz Pleb Slayer Sword

\$21.99; 3+

www.target.com

Mobs chasing you down? Never get caught without the epic Pleb Slayer Sword. 16" long with light-up effects, this foam-encased plastic sword is perfect for roleplaying.



Enchanted Forest Disney Edition

\$24.99; 6+

www.ravensburger.com

Join all of your favorite Disney friends in fun game of hide and seek throughout the enchanted forest. Roll the dice and race around the enchanted forest. Peek behind trees to find Disney friends and then race to the finish space when you've found them and win their cards.



The GigglePickles

\$14.99 each; 3+

www.pickleeverything.games

Choose from Gherkle, Tickleton, Relisha, Dillsworth, Dillie Bean and BrineStein. All that giggling will be hysterical.



MazePop
\$14.99; 8+
www.thinkfun.com

Use the magnetic wand to POP metal beads to the surface and build a path to the goal. With each satisfying “pop”, the puzzle comes to life – no batteries, no screens, just smart, sensory fun. It’s the perfect on-the-go challenge – compact, contained and totally addictive.



Pixicade!
\$24.99; 6+
www.abacusbrands.com

If you can draw it, you can play it. Unleash the full power of your creativity as you turn everyday doodles and drawings into playable video games in just seconds. From platformer style games like Super Mario Bros, to slingshot games like Angry Birds, anything is possible, with absolutely zero drawing experience necessary.

Sneaky Scallywags
\$24.99; 8+
www.playhootenanny.com

This daring game of bluffin’ and bold moves will have pirates young and old guessin’ who’s hidin’ the gold. Watch closely as yer rivals perform sneaky hand gestures like Swab the Deck and Sails Up in this boisterous dexterity game.



Mini Golf Marble Run
\$44.95; 4+
www.mindware.com

Place a marble in the three-hole putting launcher, aim and release. The marble will travel through the course, navigating curves, loops and the mini golf funnel, before reaching the finish line.



Yo-Spin
\$11.99; 14+
www.blueorangegames.com

A revolutionary fidget toy that combines the spinning power of a gyroscope with the freestyle play of a yo-yo. Slip on the ring, launch the disc, and perform smooth, gravity-defying tricks with the help of an ultra-stretchy elastic cord.