

## Twirl Present Perfect

Stuck on what to buy? Why not start here with this list of age-appropriate toys, compiled by the American Association of Pediatrics? For each category, we've suggested a toy from our own range that would make the perfect present for the child you are buying for.

### Newborn to 1-year-old baby

Choose brightly colored, appealing toys that are made with safe materials, and that will be used by a child through several stages of development.

1. Cloth, plastic or board books with large pictures

*We suggest: Photo Book, Manhattan Toys*

2. Large blocks of wood or plastic

*We suggest: Soft Cubo, HaPe*

3. Pots and pans

*We suggest: Wooden Cookware, Melissa & Doug*

4. Rattles

*We suggest: Handmade Wooden Rattle, Camden Rose*

5. Soft, washable animals, dolls or balls

*We suggest: Towel Dolls, Kaethe Kruse*

6. Bright, movable objects that are out of baby's reach

*We suggest: Painted Dragonfly Mobile, Nova Natural*

7. Busy boards

*We suggest: Ahoy There! Activity board, Haba*

8. Floating bath toys

*We suggest: Bath Goods, Boon*

9. Squeeze toys

*We suggest: Oball, Rhino*

## **1- to 2-year-old toddler**

Toys for this age group should be safe and be able to withstand a toddler's curious nature.

1. Cloth, plastic or board books with large pictures

*We suggest: Grow Up!, Chronicle Books*

2. Sturdy dolls

*We suggest: Nicki Dolls, Kaethe Kruse*

3. Kiddy cars

*We suggest: Big Horn, Battat*

4. Musical tops

*We suggest: Train Top, Schylling*

5. Push and pull toys (remember - no long strings)

*We suggest: Pull Horse, Wild Apples*

*We suggest: Walk n' Roll, Plan Toys*

6. Stacking & Nesting Blocks

*We suggest: Dado Cubes, Fat Brain Toys*

7. Toy telephones (without cords)

*We suggest: Fancy Cell Phones, Battat*

## 2- to 5-year-old preschooler

Toys for this age group can be creative or imitate the activity of parents and older children.

1. Books

*We suggest: Ship Shapes, Barefoot Books*

2. Blackboard and chalk

*We suggest: Placemat and Chalk, Aunt Art*

3. Building blocks

*We suggest: Rainbow Blocks, Grimms*

4. Crayons, nontoxic finger paints, clay

*We suggest: Beeswax Crayons, Mercurius*

5. Hammer and bench

*We suggest: Wooden Tool Set, Wood Toy Shop*

6. Housekeeping toys

*We suggest: Kid's Kitchen, Little Colorado*

7. Outdoor toys: sandbox (with a lid), slide, swing, playhouse

*We suggest: Horse Tire Swing, Wildlife Creations*

8. Transportation toys (tricycles, cars, wagons)

*We suggest: Rio Grande Engine, Whittle Shortline*

9. Simple puzzles with large pieces

*We suggest: Wooden Tray Puzzles, Melissa & Doug*

10. Dress-up clothes

*We suggest: Handmade Super Cape, SuperFlyKidz*

11. Tea party utensils

*We suggest: Tea Set Backpack, PEL*

## **5- to 9-year-old child**

Toys for this age group should help your child develop new skills and creativity.

1. Blunt scissors, sewing sets

*We suggest: Crafty Kit, Alex*

2. Card games

*We suggest: Rat-a-Tat Cat, Gamewright*

3. Doctor and nurse kits

*We suggest: Doctor Kit, Haba*

4. Hand puppets

*We suggest: Black Bear Cub Puppet, Folkmanis*

5. Crafts

*We suggest: Potholder Loom, Harrisville*

6. Paper dolls

*We suggest: Magnetic Paper Dolls, Mudpuppy*

7. Jump ropes

*We suggest: Super Skip Rope, Channelcraft*

8. Sports equipment

*We suggest: Balance Board, Erzi*

9. Table games

*We suggest: Carrom Gameboard, Carrom*

## **10- to 14-year-old child**

Hobbies and scientific activities are ideal for this age group.

1. Sewing, knitting, needlework

*We suggest: Winter Knits, Chronicle Books*

2. Microscopes/telescopes

*We suggest: We don't currently stock these products.*

3. Table and board games

*We suggest: Ringz, Blue Orange Games*

4. Sports equipment

*We suggest: For the best selection, we recommend you visit a specialist sports retailer.*

5. Hobby collections

*We suggest: Rock Polisher, Thumblers' Tumblers*