

Gift Ideas

- You may consider this list helpful when you or a family member is selecting a gift for your child.
- The items have been categorized into developmental skill areas that the game, toy, or craft may develop in your child.

Promotes the following Skill Areas:

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| ✓ Fine Motor Coordination | ✓ Motor Planning |
| ✓ Imagination | ✓ Visual Perception |
| ✓ Sensory | ✓ Handwriting |
| ✓ Eye-Hand Coordination | ✓ Strategy |
| | ✓ Drawing |

Games

Drawing

- Pictionary
- Cranium
- Sketch It
- Scribblish!
By Cranium

Motor Planning

- I Can do That!
(Cat in the Hat)
- Twister
- Red Rover

Eye/Hand Coordination

- Jenga
- Elefun
- Boom Boom
Balloon
- Pop the Pig
- Mousetrap

Strategy

- Candy Land
- Chutes and Ladders
- Guess Who
- Kerplunk
- Memory
- Checkers
- Connect 4
- Battleship

Fine Motor Coordination

- Operation
- Lite Brite
- Ants in the Pants
- Don't Spill the Beans
- Hi Go Cherry O
- Mr. Potato Head
- Bed Bugs
- Perfection
- Kerplunk
- Hungry Hungry Hippo
- Sneaky, Snacky Squirrel

Handwriting/Literacy

- Boggle/Boggle Jr.
- Scrabble
- Rory's Story Cubes
- Hangman
- See & Spell by Melissa & Doug
- And Then ...I Wrote a Story
(a story starter notebook)
- I Like to Draw/I Like to Write

Visual Perceptual

- I Spy
- Scrabble
- Oreo Shape Matching
- Battleship
- Blokus
- Highlights Hidden Pictures
- Find It
- Press Here: The Game
- Spot It
- Kanoodle
- Make n' Break
- Rush Hour
- Curious George Discovery
Beach

sensory

Olfactory (Smell)

- Scented Markers
- Scented Dough
- Scented Stickers
- Scented chapstick

Auditory (Sound)

- Musical Instruments
- Pop Tubes
- Noise Minimizing Ear Muffs
- Jack in the Box
- Tin Animal Noises
- Rainbow Shaker
- Whistles
- Sound Puzzles
- Sing Along CD Player
- Crayola Color me a Song

Proprioceptive (Input to Muscles & Joints)

- Bean Bag Chair
- Hippity Hop Ball
- Moon Shoes
- Ball Pit

Oral Motor (For the Mouth/ Breathing)

- Whistles
- Bubbles
- Chewelry (chewable jewelry)

Tactile (How Things Feel)

- Sensory Bin/Table (water/dry beans/dry rice)
- Koosh Balls
- What's in Ned's Head?
- Moon Sand
- Kinetic Sand
- Finger Paint
- Foam Bath Soap
- Sand Box
- Water Table
- Clay
- "Feel" Books (books with various textures)

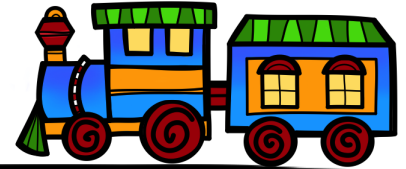
Vestibular (Movement)

- Sit n' Spin
- Dizzy Disc Jr.
- Mini Trampoline
- Slides
- Sky Saucer Swing
- Teeter Popper (balance while rocking, tilting wobbling & spinning)
- Stepper (balance & coordination while walking)
- Swing set
- Slide

Motor Planning/ Gross Motor /Balance

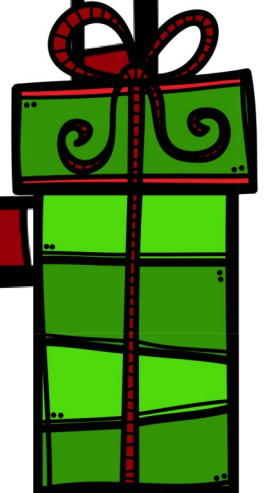
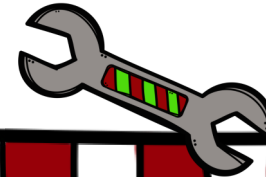
- Play Tunnel
- Scooter
- Twister
- Pogo Stick
- Trike/Bicycle
- Jump Rope
- Teeter Popper (balance while rocking, tilting wobbling & spinning)
- Stepper (balance & coordination while walking)

Imagination



- Dress up Clothes
- Doll House
- Dolls
- Action Figures
- Train set
- Puppets
- Cash Register/Store/Bank
- Play Food Sets/kitchen Set
- Picnic basket & food

- Farmyard & Animals
- Castle
- Art set
- Magician Role Play set
- Doctors Set
- Workbench & Tools



Fine Motor Coordination



Kindergarten & Older

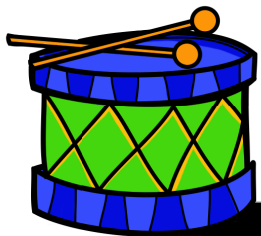
- Clay
- Melissa & Doug Suspend Family Game
- Smaller Tongs (tweezers)
- Coloring Books
- Wind up Toy
- Marbles
- Squigz
- Joinks
- Brio Builder set
- Klutz String Art
- Legos
- K'Nex

Early Childhood

- Playdough
- Large Tongs (to grasp small objects)
- Dot-a-Dot Markers
- Stickers
- Washable Paints
- Design & Drill Activity Center by Educational Insights
- Learning Resources Super Sorting Pie
- Button Art by Alex Toys



Hand-EYE COORDINATION



Early Childhood

- Playdough
- Pound a Ball
- Stacking Rings
- Blocks
- Shape sorters
- Large beads for stringing
- Duplo
- Bristle Blocks
- Puzzles (12 or less pieces)
- Large Pop Beads
- Safety Scissors for snipping
- Lacing Cards
- Sidewalk Chalk
- Pop Up Toys
- Bean Bags to Toss



Kindergarten & Older

- Legos and other small building sets
- Velcro Mitt Ball Catching game
- Small jewelry beads for stringing
- Puzzles (12 and greater pieces)
- Wiki Sticks
- Small Pop Beads
- Sequential Drawing Books (ex: Ed Emberly)
- Maze Books
- Origami
- Spirograph
- School age scissors for cutting construction paper
- Tinker Toys
- Tops
- Print or Color by Number
- Highlights Amazing Mazes-2 Book Set
- Lincoln Logs
- Marble Runs/Races