



# CHRISTMAS GIFT GUIDE

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Real Deal Christmas

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the  
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home**

# **this playful home**

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# *Welcome!*

Thank you so much for downloading this guide - I hope that you find it helpful.

This Holiday Gift Guide is a little different to others available because I do not have affiliate links with any companies and I don't have any brand partnerships either.

All of the present ideas that are listed are items that we own. And it's not just items we own in order to fill out this list, they are all items that my children love. I don't earn any money from this guide, it simply exists to help you find good quality present ideas for your children.

Each item is hyperlinked directly to the brand website so that you can research stockists in your local area.

Have fun shopping!

*Sian*

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# Baby (0-1)



Arguably, babies are happy playing with their own feet and hands, so buy toys with plenty of play potential. The oball can be stuffed with a Sarah's Silk to make a fun pull toy. The Grimm's Rainbow Grasper can be kept for dramatic play in the future - or eventually used as loose parts. Combine these items with classic open-ended items, such as a wooden block set.



oball from  
Bright Starts



Mini Play Silk  
from Sarah's Silks



Grimm's Rainbow  
Grasper



Jellycat  
Bunny



Clever Babies  
Love Art book



Jellystone  
Designs Stacker

# Toddler (1-3)



When your child reaches the toddler years, you'll start to notice more schema based play as they start to figure out the world around them. Combine these featured products with open-ended and sensory play items to help your child explore.



Djeco Wooden Puzzle



Miniland Baby Dolls



Melissa & Doug Bench



TickIt Rainbow Blocks

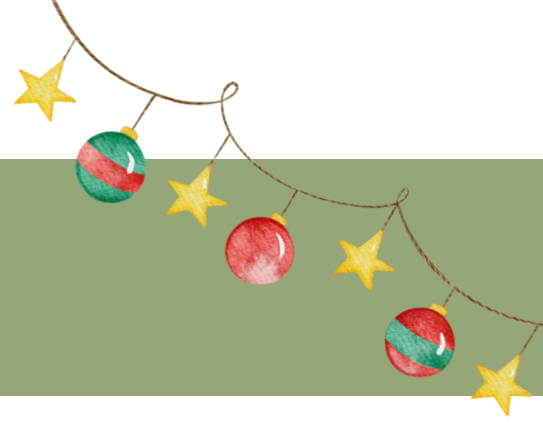


Grimm's Stacking Bowls



Micro Mini Scooter

# Preschooler (3-5)



By the time your child reaches the age of 3, you will start to observe more focused play sessions. Combine the toys featured below with items from the dramatic play, small world play and open-ended pages of this guide to provide plenty of opportunities for rich learning experiences.



Math Link Cubes  
Numberblocks



Ollie Ella  
Dinkum Dolls



Gears! Gears!  
Gears!



Tonies Box



TickIt Lacing Toy



woom bike

# Open-Ended Play



Open-ended toys can provide your child with endless opportunities to play independently. And the beauty of these resources? Us adults can have just as much fun tinkering with them, making them the perfect toys for connecting via play.



EDX rainbow pebbles



TickIt Wooden Treasures



Grimm's Large Rainbow



classic wooden blocks



Wobbel Board



Sumblox



Grapat Carla Set



Connetix Magnetic Tiles



Connetix Ball run pack

# *Dramatic Play*



Welcome to the magical realm of childhood where you can be anyone you wish to be. Dramatic play items really start to shine when children reach 3. Combine these toys with other items in this guide. The Le Toy Van Doctors Bag and Ollie Ella Dinkum Doll, for example or the IKEA Duktig Kitchen with TickIt loose parts (in place of toy food).



Great Pretenders  
Cloak



IKEA Duktig  
Play Kitchen



Plan Toys  
Pet Care Set



Le Toy Van  
Doctors Bag



Ollie Ella  
Rattan Luggy



IKEA Duktig  
Cash Register



# Small World Play

Small world play helps boost language skills and provides plenty of opportunities for children to play in an imaginative, creative way.



Schleich  
animals



Wonder  
Cloth



Maileg  
Mice



Ollie Ella  
Holdie Folk



Brio Train Set



Maileg Castle



Grimm's  
Rainbow Friends



Way to Play  
Road

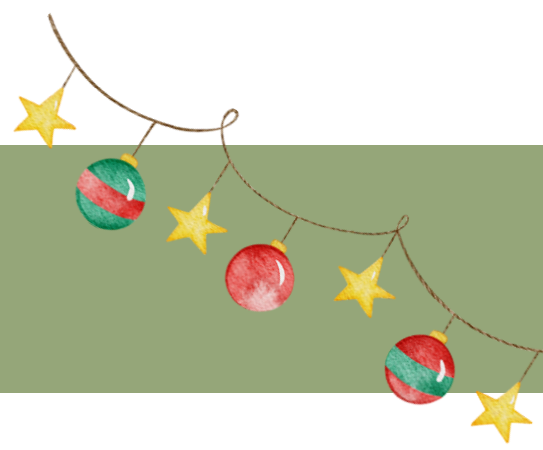


Plan Toys  
Castle Blocks



Grimm's  
Rainbow Forest

# Sensory Play



Sensory play might be the last thing on your mind during the winter months but when children get amped up as a result of the excitement of the festive season, a little hands-on sensory play might be just what they need.



[Tots Ahoy!  
Splash Mat](#)



[IKEA Flisat  
Table](#)



[Toobs Figurines  
from Safari Ltd](#)



[Helping Hands by  
Learning Resources](#)



[Kinetic Sand](#)



[Green Toys  
Construction Vehicles](#)

Please note that these items are not age specific, so check the manufacturers age recommendations before purchasing for your child.

# Art Supplies



The period just after Christmas Day is the perfect time to get creative. Buying art supplies as part of a present (or stocking filler) will give your child something fun and focused to do during that strangely quiet week between Christmas and New Years.



Stockmar Modelling  
beeswax



Little Brian  
Paint Sticks



Do-a-Dot Markers



Honeysticks  
Beeswax crayons



Crayola Sidewalk  
Chalk



Pelikan opaque  
paint box

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# Stocking Fillers



Stocking fillers can be tricky, because the amount you spend on small items can quickly add up. I like to include artistic or skills-based items within the stocking as well as traditional items like chocolate coins and satsumas.



Tonies Figures



Orchard Toys  
Shopping List Game



Djeco Stickers



Squigz bath toy



Melissa & Doug  
Water Wow!

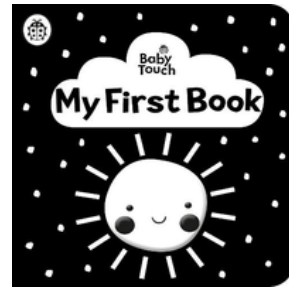
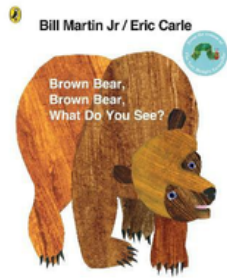
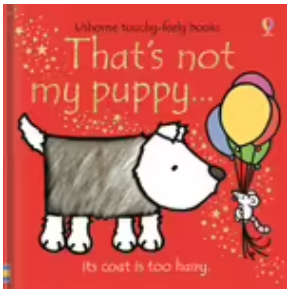


Tiger Tribe Paper  
Dolls

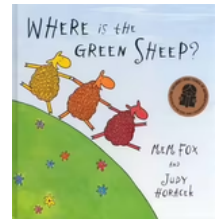
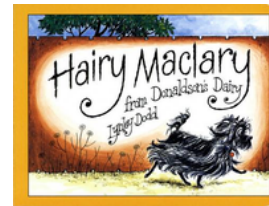
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# Books We Love

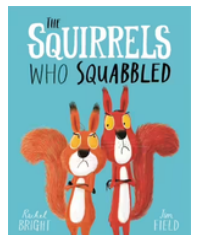
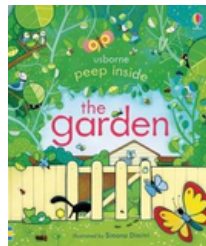
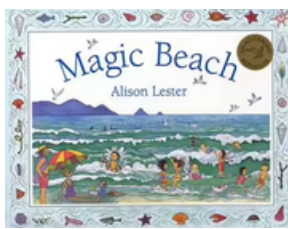
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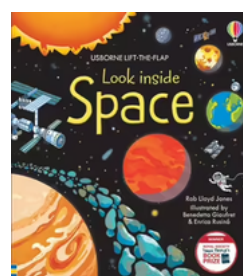
## Toddler



## Preschooler



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