

A young girl with long blonde hair is shown in profile, wearing a dark blue long-sleeved shirt and a dark skirt with a star pattern. She is leaning over a play mat, holding a small white spotted horse figurine. The play mat is covered with various horse figurines in different colors (brown, white, grey, black) and sizes. There are also wooden toys, including a wooden archway, a wooden house-like structure, and a wooden bridge. The background is a blurred indoor setting with wooden furniture.

# Holiday Gift Guide

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# Welcome!

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

I debated publishing a guide this year. With the economic situation being stressful, I wondered whether I would adding more pressure to your plate. Ultimately I decided that sharing toys with real 'play potential' would help you to make more informed choices.

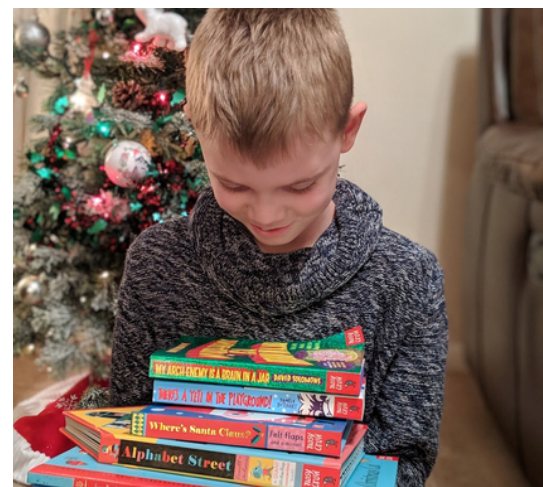
This Holiday Gift Guide is a little different to others available because **I do not have affiliate links with any companies and I don't have any brand partnerships either.**

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 Thomas*



# 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

Always supervise baby play closely

# 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

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

# 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

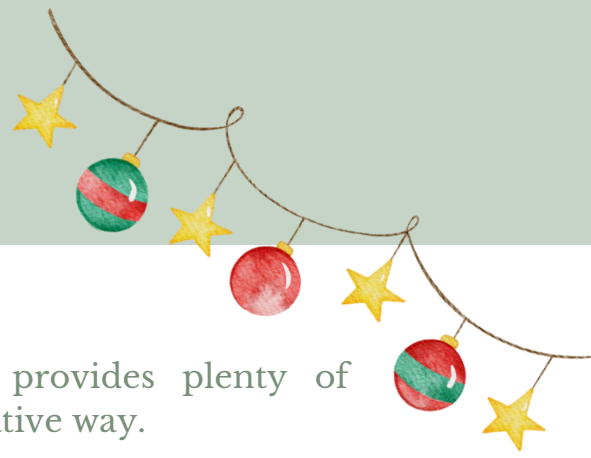


IKEA Duktig  
Cash Register

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# 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



Ollie Ella Doll  
House



Grimm's  
Rainbow Friends



Way to Play  
Road



Plan Toys  
Castle Blocks



Grimm's  
Rainbow Forest

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# 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

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# 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



Honesticks  
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!



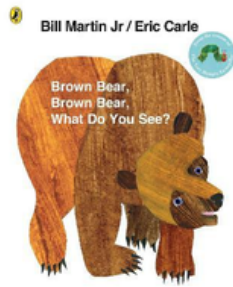
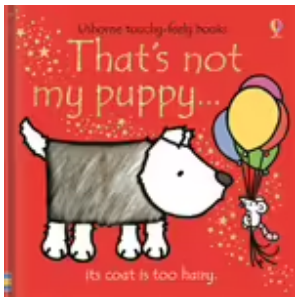
Tiger Tribe Paper Dolls

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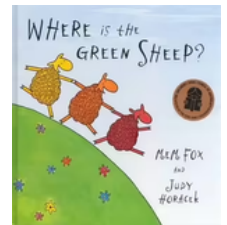
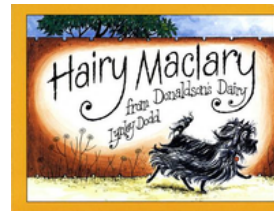
# Books We Love



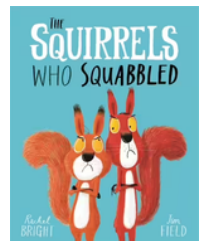
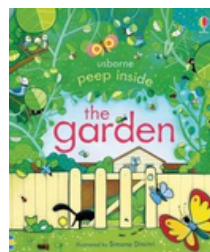
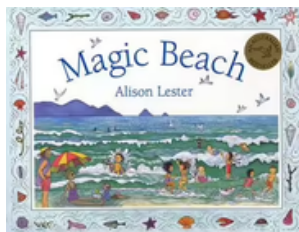
## Baby



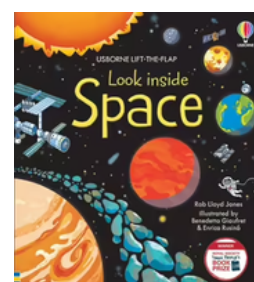
## Toddler



## Preschooler



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