








# Toys by category from age 2

TOY REPORT 2012

## Developmental Toys

<p>★★★★</p> <p>24 - 30 mos</p> 	<p><b>10 STACKING &amp; NESTING BLOCKS</b>          INNOVATIVE KIDS          978-160169-139-2</p>	<p>Building blocks for babies have gone “green”! Made from 98 percent Earth-friendly, recycled materials, this set of 10 sturdy, chunky blocks can be nested or stacked nearly 1 metre high. Each block features beautiful illustrations of numbers, letters, animals, shapes and colours. The entire set, which is part of the Green Start books series, provides plenty of opportunity for baby to learn. The blocks nest nicely inside each other for compact storage in a colourful box with dual twine handles.</p>
<p>★★★★</p> <p>24 - yrs</p> 	<p><b>COUNT &amp; SCAN SHOPPER</b>          LEAPFROG          19172</p> 	<p>***Best Bet Award 2012*** Young children learn their colours and learn how to count with this interactive grocery scanner and play food set. The toy includes nine brightly coloured food items, such as bananas, eggs and milk, a grocery list, a bright green grocery bag, and a cute personalized scanner (with eyes), which talks and sings and can scan anything! The pieces in the set can also be easily incorporated with other toys. It is a great role-playing game and learning tool. The bag facilitates storage and cleanup. NOTE: English only. Requires three “AAA” batteries.</p>
<p>★★★★</p> <p>24 mos - 5 yrs</p> 	<p><b>REMOTE RACER SMART CAR</b>          VTECH          ELECTRONICS          CANADA LTD.          80-126400</p> 	<p>***Best Bet Award 2012*** A remote-control car for preschoolers, this toy from VTech includes an educational function for learning shapes, colours, logic and memory. The headlights and tail lights double as turning signals to teach left and right. It’s strong, sturdy and durable and easy for little ones to use. It has volume and speed controls and responds well to the remote. It teaches basics and grows well with the child. The songs and voice are pleasant. NOTE: English only. Requires four “AA” batteries for the car and three “AAA” batteries for the remote.</p>

## Imaginative Play

<p>★★★★</p> <p>24 - yrs</p>	<p><b>BIG ADVENTURES CONSTRUCTION PEAK RAIL 'N ROAD</b>          LITTLE TIKES          COMPANY          620904M</p>	<p>This construction set includes a dump truck, a train engine, two train cars, and 30 rail and road track pieces. There is also a working lift bridge and railroad crossing gates, and the “mountain” has a crane, which swivels 360 degrees. You can pick up six “boulders” to load into the truck or train, or you can use them to create an avalanche! Toddlers can race the vehicles through “Avalanche Valley,” down the hills, and through the tunnels. The toy is big enough for more than one child to play. The tracks assemble easily, and the construction theme is appealing.</p>
<p>★★★</p> <p>24 - yrs</p>	<p><b>LET'S ROCK ELMO</b>          PLAYSKOOL          32452</p>	<p>Cool in his black “rock” T-shirt and clasping a removable silver microphone, this little red furry Elmo sings six rock songs and makes music concert-style, inviting preschoolers to choose the tambourine or the drum set for Elmo to play. Children can also play along, as the instruments are just the right size for little hands. Elmo also interacts with other “Let’s Rock” instruments, which are sold separately (guitar, or keyboard, for example). This toy encourages children to sing, and the songs are clear and catchy. Requires six “AA” batteries (included).</p>



A good choice for a birthday gift, rated at \*\*\* and priced under \$25



A good choice for a travel toy, rated at \*\*\* and compact



A battery operated toy, rated \*\*\*