



Toys by category from age 9

TOY REPORT 2012

Games

★★★★
9 - yrs

SKETCH IT!
BLUE ORANGE
GAMES
00440

Best Bet Award 2012 Up to six people can play this drawing game, which requires players to sketch a designated item on a card as quickly as possible, but with enough precision that others can guess what they have drawn. A deck of standard-sized cards, a pad of paper, six pencils, six counters and a large die come neatly packaged in a sturdy tin box. Sketch It! is a fun family game that provides lots of laughter for all ages, including adults. The game encourages cooperation, and players could barely put it down.

★★★★
9 - yrs



SUMOKU
BLUE ORANGE
GAMES
00360

This colourful, quick and simple educational game helps school-aged children build mathematical skills. It's a crossword-style game that comes with 96 plastic tiles, a die, a handy travel pouch, and detailed, clear instructions for different game variations. Up to eight players or teams can play, or it can be enjoyed solo. Tiles are placed in crossword fashion according to the roll of the die, reinforcing colour recognition, as well as addition and multiplication skills. This is good family fun and encourages inventiveness.

Science & Discovery

★★★
9 - yrs

DIG! MANCALA GAME
KRISTAL
CORPORATION
3221

This arts and craft toy is also a game. The Dig! & Discover kits have reddish clay blocks that hide treasures waiting to be excavated, restored and displayed. This kit has an excavation block with a mancala game board (in this case, resembling ancient checkers) and 48 beautiful scarab glass beads hidden beneath the soft rock. The kit includes an instruction booklet for digging and for game play, as well as a booklet on archaeology. Children find the concept appealing and like the opportunity to learn about archaeology, but parents say it is a time-consuming and messy activity.



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 ***