

## Suggestions for Children's Gifts

We are often asked to offer suggestions of which gifts children will enjoy.  
Here are some ideas for you to consider.

### Young Children's Community (18 months-3 years)

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| Ride-on toys   | Wooden toys  | Blocks        |
| Push wagon   | Train set  | Shape sorters |
| Stamp w/ink  | Wooden puzzles w/small knobs and realistic images                    |               |
| Glue Stick   | Simple jigsaw puzzles  |               |
| Bead stringing   | Colored pencils ( <i>high quality such as Prismacolor</i> )          |               |
| Cleaning tools ( <i>broom, mop, apron, Swiffer, etc.</i> ) | Ironing board ( <i>child sized</i> ) w/iron (" <i>sewing iron</i> ") |               |

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### Primary (3-6 years)

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| Magna-tiles                                       | Woodworking tools                      | Lincoln Logs     |
| Tea set   | Puzzles                                | Tinker Toys      |
| Marble mazes                                      | Origami                                | Schleich animals |
| Shut-the-Box ( <i>game</i> )                      | Terrarium                              | Paper dolls      |
| Tool Belt w/child sized tools                     | Simple memory games                    | Doll house       |
| Hygiene sets ( <i>nail clippers, file, etc.</i> ) | Cooking utensils ( <i>child size</i> ) |                  |
| Dover Design Series coloring books                | Cleaning Tools                         |                  |

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### Elementary (6-12 years)

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| Board games ( <i>checkers, chess, etc.</i> )  | Telescope                  | Office supplies   |
| Star finder   | Plants/animals to care for | Woodworking set   |
| Model kits  | Trees/plants to raise      | Microscope        |
| Journal/diary   | Globe/atlas                | Calligraphy set   |
| Scrapbook   | Reading lamp               | Acrylic paint     |
| Pottery wheel   | Carpentry equipment        | Chemistry set     |
| Circuit board   | Cookbook                   | Sewing machine    |
| Compass   | Binoculars                 | Knitting patterns |
| How-to-books ( <i>knots, Morse code</i> )   | Mastermind (game)          | Wall calendar     |
| Cashier supplies ( <i>to play store</i> )   |                            |                   |
| Sports equipment ( <i>ice skates, roller skates, fishing poles, archery, darts, baseballs, footballs, sleds, cross country skis, etc.</i> ) |                            |                   |
| Materials for building ( <i>cardboard, duct tape, etc.</i> )  |                            |                   |
| Riding/Skating/Ballet lessons   |                            |                   |

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### Secondary (12-14 years)

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| Head Lamp  | Orienteering books/compass                                       | Chicago guide                  |
| Local topographic map                                | Saw/miter box  | Camping equipment              |
| Pocket knife   | Winter goggles   | Wood carving (whittling knife) |
| Snow shoes   | Backpack   | Camera                         |
| Building Models ( <i>more intricate</i> )            | Membership ( <i>Botanic Garden, Milwaukee Art Museum, etc.</i> ) |                                |
| Historical map ( <i>of your own town or region</i> ) | Sewing machine   |                                |

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### ALL

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| Books   | Bird feeder                                       | Craft ( <i>embroidery, sewing, etc.</i> ) |
| Art materials (quality)   | Musical instruments ( <i>with quality sound</i> ) |   |
| Magazines ( <i>National Geographic; Cooks Illustrated; Smithsonian; Scientific American; Chicago Wilderness</i> )               |   |   |
| Trip to Farm/Historical Site/Museum   |   |   |
| Tickets to Play/Musical/Theater/ Concert/Sporting event ( <i>Don't forget about local high school or college performances</i> ) |   |   |

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