SDOT Holiday Gift Guide

One of the most common questions our therapists get from parents during the holiday season is what gifts we recommend to support skill development at home. Check out our holiday gift guide below for a breakdown of some of our favorite gifts for all ages:

Age 0-2 years

| Item | Picture | Age | Target Skills |
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| Tummy time floor mirror | | 0-6 months | Tummy time Neck strength Arm strength |
| Baby Einstein glow and discover light bar | | 0-12 months | Tummy time Weight bearing through arms Reaching |
| Sit to stand walking toy | | 6 mo - 2 years | Sitting Tall kneel play Standing Walking Intro to pretend play (telephone) Music/singing for imitation colors/shapes |

| Shapes Puzzles | COULT TRUMBLE TO SECURITY AND A SECU | 12-18 months | Visual motor integration Fine motor precision Language (e.g. colors, basic shapes, descriptive words) |
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| Farm set | | 1-3 years | Imitating noises Following directions Basic concepts (prepositions, colors, etc) Early language |
| Fill it up! fine motor jars | | 18-24 months | Grasping development Problem solving Visual motor integration Fine motor precision |
| Pull toy | | 12-24 months | Walking backwards Balance Coordination |
| Fat Brain Toys SpinAgain Kids Stacking Toy | | 12-60 months | Visual motor integration Gross grasp Balance Build sitting tolerance Bilateral coordination |

Ages 2-4 years

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| Lacing Toys | | 3-4 years | Fine motor control Visual motor integration Sequencing Bilateral coordination |
| Shopping cart/food/kitchen items | | 2-4 years | Language development Following directions Pretend play/ dramatic play Learning action words Turn taking Social skills |
| Picnic baskets | Rearning Resources Sorting Surprise Picnic Baskets 11 2 3 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 | 3+ | Language development Following directions Pretend play Learning action words Turn taking Social skills Requesting help Basic concepts (prepositions, colors, shapes, etc.) Spatial/quantitative concepts Articulation Fine motor control |
| Lacing & Stringing Bead Set | | 3+ | Fine motor control and precision Hand-eye coordination Motor planning Sequencing Developing grasps Pattern recognition Bilateral coordination |

| Magnetic Creation Station | | 3+ | Fine motor skills Visual perceptual skills Problem solving Visual motor integration |
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| Go-go gears | | 3+ | Fine motor skills Cause and effect learning Visual motor integration Bilateral coordination Matching skills |
| Bugzzle | | 3+ | Fine motor precision Visual perceptual skills Spatial reasoning Problem-solving |
| PlayFoam | playfoan The Evertasting Squish | 3+ | Fine motor skills Hand strengthening Increasing tolerance for messy play |

| River stones | 2.5+ | Strengthening Balance Postural control Motor planning |
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| Bowling pins | 2-4+ | Rolling Kicking Strengthening Coordination Balance Motor planning |
| Bean bags | 2-4+ | Throwing Hand-eye coordination Motor planning |
| Balance beam | 2.5+ | Balance Coordination Strengthening Postural control Motor planning |

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| Take apart, put back together construction toys | | 4-6 years | Sequencing Fine motor control + precision Motor planning Problem solving skills Hand eye coordination Bilateral coordination Language (e.g. verbs, prepositions, colors) Following directions |
| Marble Run/Marble Maker | | 4+ years | Sequencing Following directions Receptive language (e.g. identifying by description) Expressive language (e.g. requesting specific pieces, marbles, etc) Self-advocacy |
| Toy Kitchen | | 4+ | Language development Requesting/protesting Descriptive words Following directions Pretend play Learning action words Turn taking Social skills Requesting help Basic concepts (prepositions, colors, shapes, etc.) Spatial/quantitative concepts Articulation |
| Crazy Forts | CRAZY FORTS BENEVIS TRAINERS PROFESSION FOR PRICE OF THE | 4+ | Fine motor skills Bimanual + bilateral coordination Spatial awareness Motor planning Eye-hand coordination Problem-solving |

| Magnetic Maze | | 4-6 years | Fine motor skills Eye-hand coordination Visual motor skills Frustration tolerance |
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| B Toys Pop Snap Bead Jewelry Set | B | 4+ years | Fine motor precision Bimanual coordination In hand manipulation Sequencing |
| Ball and goal | | 3-6 | Kicking Coordination Balance Strengthening Motor planning |
| Tricycle | | 3 | Leg strengthening Postural control Coordination Motor planning |

Age 6-8 years

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| Q-bitz | VISUAL DEXTERITY, CUBED. | 6-8 | Visual motor skills Visual perception skills Problem solving Frustration tolerance Fine motor control In hand manipulation |
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| Uno | MON WITH CHILD CARDS | 7+ | Problem solving Pattern recognition Sustained attention Following directions/rules Identifying similarities/differences |
| Blokus | Blokus The base of the second | 5+ | Fine motor skills Visual perceptual skills Sustained attention Following directions Problem solving |

| I Spy - Dig in | DIG IN The Great Game of Frantic Finding! | 5+ | Articulation/phonological skills Language development Word finding skills Naming categories/items within categories Using descriptive words Basic concepts (opposites, sizes, colors, etc.) Following directions Turn taking Visual perception Tactile discrimination |
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| Geoboards | | 6+ | Fine motor coordination, precision, and accuracy Hand strength Pattern recognition Visual motor integration Sequencing Sustained attention Frustration tolerance Spatial awareness |
| Spot It! | | 6+ | Visual perceptual skills Frustration tolerance Fine motor skills Scanning |

| Hoppers Game | Thinkfur peg-solitaire Jumping Game WARING W | 5+ | Visual perceptual skills Problem solving Frustration tolerance |
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| Basketball | | 6+ | Dribbling Catching Throwing Bilateral coordination Motor planning |
| Scooter | | 5+ | Leg strengthening Balance Postural control Coordination Motor planning |

Age 8+ years

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| Scattergories | (30) SCATTERGORIES SCATTERGORIES | 8+ | Ideation skills Handwriting Time management Frustration tolerance Language development Word finding skills Naming categories/items within categories Short term memory and working memory |
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| Headbanz | AMILAN ACAT? | 8+ | Word finding skills Using descriptive words Inferencing Deductive reasoning Asking/responding to questions Following directions Turn taking Social skills |
| Origami books (can be graded up or down by age and skill level) | | 8+ | Fine motor skills Bilateral coordination Folding Visual motor integration Sequencing Following directions |

| Rush Hour Game | THINKED THE TAPE COLIC PARTY. | 8+ | Visual perceptual skills Problem solving Frustration tolerance Hand-eye coordination Sustained attention |
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| Gravity Maze | CRAVID/MAZE FALLING MARBLE LOGIC GAME BENT STATEMENT OF THE STATEMENT OF | 8+ | Visual perceptual skills Problem solving Frustration tolerance Hand-eye coordination Sustained attention Sequencing Bimanual coordination |
| Taco Cat Goat Cheese Pizza | TACO CAT GOAT CHEESE PIZZA | 8+ | Sequencing Fine motor precision Bimanual coordination + dexterity Working memory Impulse control Social skills Dual tasking |

| Pictureka | Picture/64! Find it fast, find it first/ 64 | 8+ | Vocabulary Categories/Naming Word Finding Descriptive Language Articulation/Speech Sounds Turn Taking Visual Perceptual Skills Sustained Attention Frustration tolerance |
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| Baseball bat & ball | A LE LOVE LA | 8+ | Postural control Coordination Sequencing Motor planning Balance |