

toytalk

role play

Role Play can be one of the most important activities for young children, it not only stimulates their imagination but can help with their social development. Literacy, numeracy and other curriculum activities can all be planned as part of a role play situation.

Dress ups, shops, schools and doctors are all popular with both boys and girls. Parents can flex their imagination too and tailor make scenarios based on your own child's interest ie: All Blacks, fashion shows, restaurants. Here are some great toys and props to get you started.



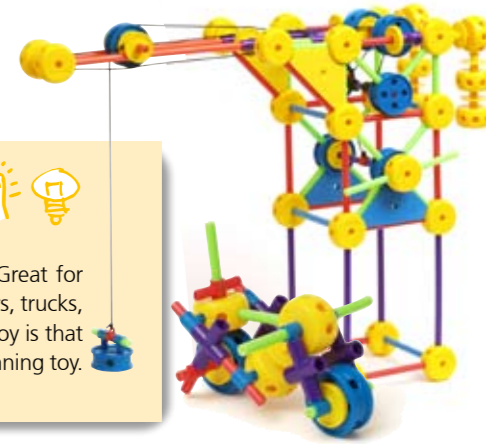
Ever spent good money on a toy for your child that never really hit the spot? Buying the right toy for your child's age and stage can be a bewildering task. Each issue will focus on a new toy type and highlight some of the smartest examples we could find

Superstructs

Age: 3+ yrs



Superstructs inspire imagination and encourage children to be creative with their playtime. Great for getting children to think outside the box and a very fine multi use toy. We've seen airplanes, cars, trucks, buildings, dolls, robots, aliens, strollers, pretend hats...you name it. The mark of a truly great toy is that it can be played with in many ways. Superstructs is such a toy. Superstructs the multi award winning toy. Sets range from \$29.95 to \$139.95. Phone 0508 564 4225 for your nearest stockist.



1 Parenting pick!

Ben has just turned 6 so to be honest I thought that he would be a little past the play mat. I was really surprised to see him rediscover an all but forgotten collection of sundry bits and bobs including: Mc Donald toys, Thomas figurines, cars, buildings parts, trees, marbles. You name it they found their place and role on the mat and proceeded to go into a fantasy battle in the quiet township with invaders from another planet or mat? The play mat really unlocked in creativity and imagination that we rarely see these days – I wish we 'd got one years ago!

Kim, Mt Albert



Little Tikes

Age: 3+ yrs



Little Tikes Play Equipment is perfect for role play! Everyone knows that little kids like pretending to be 'big kids'. Whether it be cooking dinner, patrolling the streets or just going shopping Little Tikes Toys are perfect for every adventure. Shop online at iQ Toys (www.iqtoys.co.nz) for New Zealand's largest selection of Little Tikes at great prices!

Haba Wooden Toys

Age: 3-8yrs



Kids love to imitate grownup activities. Haba's beautifully made wooden food items support this important imaginative play and if you think kitchen play is just for girls, think again. All Haba wooden toys are made of hard wood with a non-toxic finish to withstand years of adoration and play. Please email to info@ourbaby.net.nz or call 09 5780199 to find the nearest stockist.



Playzone Mats

Age: 2+yrs



Children will love to create a whole range of imaginary environments for constructive play with these colourful Playzone mats. They come in a range of designs and are ideal for individual or group play. They are safe, allergy free and easy to clean. Price ranges from \$54.00, depending on size. Available from all Educational Experience stores or online. www.EducationalExperience.co.nz or call 0800 400 013.

KEY	co-ordination	★	creativity	🌀
	thinking	💡	fun factor	😊
	self manage	📍	fine motor	✋
	social skills	hey	language	👄
	role play	👑	problem solving	🧩

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