

This toy-testing targets ***children between 0 and 6 years old***. Toys/games had been loaned for a week or few days to families attending different programs of the Kitimat Child Development Centre. Their opinion has been collected via a survey and a coffee-chat.

In order to support our Community, all the toys/games used for this event have been ***bought in Kitimat and Terrace area***.

Selection has been made following the below criteria: capacity to enhance children’s development and abilities in accordance with their age, attractiveness for children, affordability (price range between 5 and 50 dollars), safety for children and respect of the environment.

Toy	Age Range & Price Range	Overall Critique of Toy	Overall Recommendation
<p>Fisher Price – Pop Up Activity Blocks</p> 	<p>3 months and Up \$5-20</p>	<p>Reviewed with a family of a 6 month old and two older siblings. Toy was enjoyed by whole family and engaged all children in play. Older siblings had as much fun hiding favourite objects in the cube as younger child did finding them. Encouraged child to practice sitting skills and parent did not have to worry about any hard pieces hurting child or weight of toy if he rolled over with it. Toy easily contained to the cube for cleanup, moving from room to room and bringing to others homes.</p>	<p>Toy was given an overall high recommendation for other children and families. Family would purchase for themselves and others.</p>

<p>Playskool- Stack n Stow Cups</p>  <p>The image shows the packaging for the Playskool Stack 'n Stow Cups. The box is red and yellow, featuring a large yellow bear-shaped cup. Text on the box includes 'PLAYSKOOL', 'Stores easily to save space!', '7 Cups', 'PLAY • STOW • GO', and 'Stack 'n Stow Cups™'. It also indicates 'AGES 9 MONTHS+'.</p>	<p>9 months and Up \$5-20</p>	<p>Reviewed by a family with an 11 month old. Toy was played with sometimes in the home with someone else. Child enjoyed toy but family would recommend that it is more enjoyable for an older child with stronger fine motor abilities to stack on their own. Toy collapses into a small compactable item that is easily thrown into diaper bag or toy chest.</p>	<p>Toy given an overall good recommendation and family would purchase for themselves and others.</p>
<p>Fisher Price- Musical Band Drum Set</p>  <p>The image shows the Fisher Price Musical Band Drum Set. It includes a red drum with blue and yellow accents, a blue and red maraca, a yellow and blue xylophone, and a yellow and red tambourine. The Fisher Price logo is visible on the drum.</p>	<p>2 years and Up \$35-50</p>	<p>Reviewed by family with a 3 year old. Toy was enjoyed by child and could have been played with more but needed assistance in accessing the instruments. Family found toy introduced new musical instruments and the concept that music is created in many ways. Toy easily contained to one space for cleanup.</p>	<p>Toy recommended for other children as noted the toy is appealing to children. To note toy is enjoyed when played with others for accessibility purposes.</p>
<p>Melissa & Doug- Hammer and Saw Tool Bench</p>	<p>3 years and Up \$35-50</p>	<p>Reviewed by a family with a 3 ½ year old and 1 year old. Child played with toy often with adult supervision. Toy was enjoyed for the many possibilities you can do – sorting, building, fine motor skills, and</p>	<p>Would recommend for others, toy was very versatile and enjoyed by many ages. To note that some pieces chipped as toy was played with.</p>

		<p>imagination, 2D & 3D concepts. Parent Booklet helpful for activities possible with toy. Toy is easily contained in one box, helpful for clean up.</p>	
<p>Lego-Duplo Airport</p> 	<p>2-5 Years Old \$20-35</p>	<p>Reviewed by a family with a 2 year old. Child enjoyed playing with the toy often. Some help was needed in putting the toy together but loved playing with the plane and truck once assembled.</p>	<p>Would recommend for other children. Some consideration in younger children needing more help with assembly.</p>

<p>Discovery Kids- Build & Play Construction Fort</p> 	<p>5 years and Up \$35-50</p>	<p>Reviewed by a family with a 4 & 7 year old. Children played with the toy with peers sometimes. Toy was enjoyed for pretend and imaginative play. Toy takes parents/caregivers help in setting up and helpful to read the instructions.</p>	<p>Would recommend for others but to consider space in playing with the toy and parent/caregiver help in setting up.</p>
<p>Castle Logic- Multi-Level Logic Game</p> 	<p>3-8 Years Old \$20-35</p>	<p>Reviewed by a family with a 4 years old. Child enjoyed playing the game often, alone and with others.</p>	<p>Would recommend for others. Toy teaches how to follow pictures and solve problem.</p>

Hape- Lacing Peacock



3 years and Up
\$5-20 Range

Reviewed by a family with a 4years old, nearly 5. Toy was not enjoyed despite the excitement of a new toy and the coloured packaging. Child was frustrated by all the small parts and found it difficult to put together. Interest lost within 5minutes even if somebody else played with him.

Would not recommend for others. Laces hard to thread through the peacock piece, confusing as well. But it would be great for hand/eye coordination and pattern making.