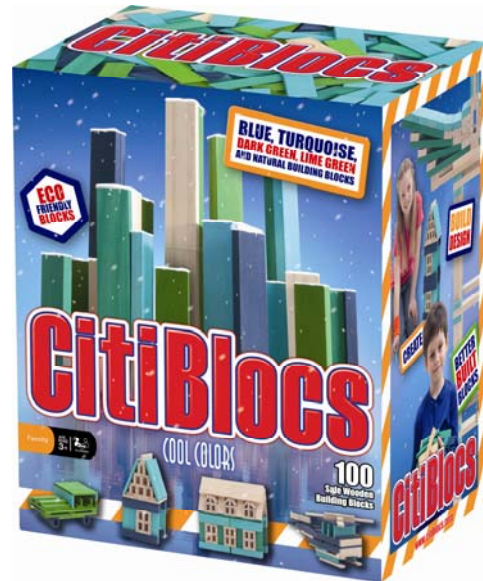


2010 Award
Citiblocs Cool Colors Building Blocks

([Citiblocs](#) \$24.99 Score: ●●●●●●)



We fell in love with these open-ended building blocks last year. They look a lot like the pricier original French, Kapla blocks. Compatible with the originals, they are all the same size pieces of natural wood. The open-endedness of these blocks truly challenges the builder's imagination and dexterity. The smooth and precision cut blocks are made of Radiata Pine from certified renewable forests in New Zealand and come packaged with suggested projects kids can build without glue or pegs. What's new this season- sets of Hot (pinks/reds) and Cool (blue/green) colors. These make interesting patterns and may hold added appeal to younger builders. (These sets got lukewarm reviews from threes--but older 4s and 5s totally got into them - so if you get a set and your child doesn't seem enthralled, pull them back out when they're a little older.) They come in different sets: 100 piece set costs \$24.99, 50 pieces for \$12.95. The packages say 3 & up, we think older builders of 5 & up will find them more interesting. The activities suggested will challenge even older kids. Our recommendation--put them on the coffee table and see what everyone, young and old, comes up with. We found them addictive.

The company has signed a verification form complying with our safety requirements.
We did not independently test this toy in a lab.
Age: Preschool, Early School Years. Award Year: 2010. Click [here](#) to purchase the product on Amazon.com.