



5 Green Products: From Fatherhood to Wooden Blocks

We've been getting a lot of wonderful feedback from the comments on our [Green Toy Giveaway: Classic Wooden Rocking Boat and Stairs by Natural Pod](#). Many readers have shared they like to learn about eco-friendly products, such as natural cleaning products and toys. Honest, authentic product reviews have always been part of [Eco Child's Play](#); however, my own personal interests lie with reporting newsworthy information about how changes in our environment affect our kids and what we can do to mitigate it.

I don't want product reviews to dominate Eco Child's Play, nor do I want them to appear as advertisements. Thus, I've decided to do a weekly series featuring five product reviews. Each review will be based on the manufacturer's green claims, my own family's experiences, and ultimately whether or not I would purchase this product with my own money. I am quite frugal, so this will be a hard recommendation to earn, as you will see from the reviews below.

Given the [FTC's new guidelines on product reviews](#), I will be sure to disclose any product sample that was given to my family. Sometimes I will review products purchased personally or as gifts. Please be assured that I will never promise to write a positive review in exchange for a product. Although I don't like to be negative, if a product is [greenwashing](#) or simply worthless in my opinion, I will let you know as I always have from the inception of Eco Child's Play.

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2. [CitiBlocs](#)

These plank style blocks have [won many awards](#). They are made from New Zealand pine in Vietnam, although I am not sure how sustainably it is harvested. My children have always loved blocks, as they promote open-ended play.



CitiBlocs remind me of [Kapla blocks](#) and [Hape's Contina bamboo](#) colored blocks.

Building with CitiBlocs is all about making connections. Connections to ourselves and to the world around us. It is about learning naturally. With CitiBlocs children can create the fantastic worlds from their imaginations or from the environment that surrounds them.