

Award-Winning Toys For a Hassle-Free Holiday

Find the Best Toys and Games for Christmas ... Right Here!

If you're finding holiday shopping to be a stressful task this year, don't worry ... you're not alone! At **TDmonthly Magazine**, we realize that with the limitations of the recession, what you buy for your children this year is more important than ever. To help you find toys that are designed to last and support children's educational and developmental needs, we've assembled a collection of more than 140 award-winning toys.

Does the guide below feature **Cepia's** sell-out **Zhu Zhu Pets** or **Nintendo's** latest **Wii** game? No. But it does have durable wooden toys, eco-friendly options, playthings made in the USA, and exciting new games. The items were evaluated by families and/or **TDmonthly** staff with regard to play value, safety, innovation, social or charitable awareness, and success or potential within the specialty market — a sector that inherently values education and focuses intensely on positive toys for children.

You'll see everything from an **Arterro Creativity Kit** that encourages free-form design with authentic materials, to a sturdy **MOOV** set from a German company that allows children to build their own bike, to a captivating R/C **Inchworm** from **Innovation First**. **TDmonthly's** award winners from the past three years invite exploration, imagination and both individual and group play — making them perfect for families! Plus, the guide gives recommendations for infants to teens, so nobody's left out.

If you're concerned a child might not like the gift you select, just reference our [Classics and Best Sellers](#) to see toys that have already won the hearts of kids and parents! Browse the award winners by category:



Wooden & Construction Toys

[CitiBlocs](#) by [CITIBLOCS LLC](#)

Because CitiBlocs are manufactured in Vietnam, the pieces are not only high quality but are also affordable and so easy to use. Best of all, the precision cut blocks of wood are green, crafted from New Zealand pine. The beautifully simplistic blocks, designed for ages 3 and up, are ideal for solo play or a family fun session with grandparents and siblings. Through play with the blocks, grownups can introduce kids to architecture and design, history, mathematics and science with success guaranteed and memorable results. There are seven available building sets — from the starter box to the ultimate experience. CitiBlocs has received the following honors: 2009 Tillywig Top Fun Award, Creative Child Preferred Choice Award, Mr. Dad Seal of Approval, Dr. Toy Best Vacation Product for Summer Award; Dr. Toy Best Green Product Award and Best Products Award 2009, iParenting Media 2009 Outstanding Products; National Parenting Center Fall 2009 Seal of Approval; 2009 Parents' Choice Approved Award; Oppenheim Toy Portfolio Gold Seal Award; What the Stuff Toy Review - Four Star Certified Seal; NAPPA; and Toy Man Seal of Approval 2009, Eco-Recognition Award and eChoice Award.



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