

# GIFT IDEAS FOR CHILDREN

Are you unsure about suitable gifts for your children? The School Shop stocks beautiful items and here is a list of great gift ideas for different ages:

**INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR:** (Secret! Children under 1 year old do not need ANY toys! None at all. They need humans and something to suck and chew on, like their fingers and toes. But if you must....)

Wooden chew toy/rattle (1)  
Soft ball (size of an adult fist)  
2-3 silks to play peek a boo  
1 soft cottony type stuffed thing to chew on, can be animal or shape  
A special snuggly blanket for bed time  
A nature table to observe

## **1 YEAR TO 3 YEARS OLD**

The above items plus.....  
A set of wooden blocks (can be made by hand, or tree limbs that are smooth and splinter free, cut into rounds and sanded)  
1 soft doll, no features, stuffed with wool, with doll cradle and blanket  
Several soft balls  
Baskets of smooth sticks, shells, nuts in the shell, stones  
Stacking toys (there are wooden ones that are nice)  
Small truck or car  
Basket of silks, six or eight, in large squares for playing and dress up  
3 block crayons in red, yellow, blue and some sturdy paper for coloring  
6 small board books, classics  
1 nice picture on the wall  
1 nice hanging hand made mobile

## **4 YEARS TO 7 YEARS**

Same as above  
Plus dress up capes and crowns  
Stick horse is nice, jump rope  
Play areas for pretend kitchen, pretend laundry area  
Digging tools for the garden, seeds  
Board games (2-3 at one time)  
Crayons in eight colors  
Water color paints in 3 colors (red, yellow, blue)  
Beeswax for modeling, sewing kit with big needle

Playstands for creating homes, forts, pirate ships  
Simply music instruments are nice: rattles, bells  
Outdoor riding toys are enjoyed  
Wagons, swings, ropes, small logs outside  
1 doll with legs and arms, clothes for the doll  
Small animals for playing, wooden shapes are nice  
Often a small playhouse with furniture, all wood  
Or a barn with horses, stalls, fences, etc. of wood  
No more than 2 dozen books on shelf for a few months  
Candle next to bed for lighting and night time song and story

## **8 YEARS TO AGE 12**

Cards, dice  
Board games for the age: checkers, chess, cribbage  
Collectables (big age for starting collections)  
Kits for building, tool sets that are real tools  
Wood carving with supervision  
Sewing kits  
Knitting kits, wool, crochet sets and patterns  
More paints, include pastels, chalk  
Blackboard is nice for wall with chalk  
Sport equipment as your family enjoys  
Bike  
Treasure box for rock collection  
Often a more complex doll  
Roller Skates, or blades  
Bird watching kits, books  
Excursions: Take them places!  
Books on a shelf, family books, carefully selected for content  
Binoculars, telescope, microscope  
Magnifying glasses  
Items that your child really desires and will take care of.....

This list is only a partial list and I am sure more can be added as you think of your family and their needs.

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