



Fine Motor Toy Ideas

There are hundreds of excellent toys available from toy stores and catalogs that help children develop their fine motor skills. We have listed a few of our favorites on the following pages, as well as listed places to order or purchase them. Some of the toys may be available through many different catalogs and stores and prices may vary. Page numbers refer to catalogs.

PEGS & PUZZLES

ENVIRONMENTS - 800-342-4453

www.eichild.com

This catalog has a nice selection of pegs and peg boards, puzzles and other fine motor toys.

Peek-A-Boo Bear Puzzle

Four-piece bear puzzle with large wooden knobs. There is a space for a surprise object under each piece.

This toy encourages size and object recognition, and matching and memory skills. \$29.30

KAPLAN - 800-334-2014

www.kaplanco.com

Special Kids Puzzles

Portrays kids with challenges and has small knobs. Prices vary.

ABC SCHOOL SUPPLY - 800-669-4222

www.abcchoolsupply.com

Count and Match Pegboard

Twenty-five chunky pegs in different shapes that insert into plastic pegboard. The pegs can stack on top of one another and be strung on a rope. Use them for counting and matching. \$9.95

Easy Grip Pegs and Tactilemat Pegboard

These large-knobbed, contoured pegs are easy to grasp and insert into the pegboard. Variety of colors. Pegs \$6.95; pegboard \$5.95

Farm and Pegs and Pegboard

Farm animal pegs fit into a 10" square pegboard. They can also be used for pattern-making, sorting and counting. \$10.95

CONSTRUCTIVE PLAYTHINGS - 800-448-4115

www.constplay.com

Square Pegs 'N Square Holes

As children use these brightly-colored, graduated square pegs for sorting, stacking or inserting into the square-holed pegboard, they are practicing fine motor and eye-hand coordination skills. Square pegs are more challenging than round pegs. \$19.95

Sight and Sound Animal Puzzle

As children press the big "shape-buttons" to hear animal sounds or match the large pieces of this puzzle by shape, color and picture-to-sound, they are using fine motor and eye-hand coordination skills. \$22.95

Peg Grading Board

Fine motor and eye-hand coordination skill development is encouraged as children play with the large, brilliantly-colored pegs of graduated sizes. \$21.95

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First Puzzles

Fine motor and eye-hand coordination skills are developed as children play with these colorful, knobbed puzzles of familiar objects such as foods, vehicles and toys. Excellent as "first" puzzles. \$12.00 - \$20.95

Raised Wooden Puzzles and Knobbed Wooden Puzzles

These puzzles show diversity of ethnic backgrounds and special needs. Children work on fine motor skill-building as they use the easy-grasp knobbed or 1/4" raised puzzle pieces. Raised \$19.95; knobbed \$21.00

LOCAL DISCOUNT OR TOY STORES

Sesame Shape Sorters

Individual plastic blocks have inserts shaped like Sesame Street characters. Use to encourage two-handed play, stacking, and shape and color matching. Recognition and identification of familiar characters is enhanced. \$13.99

PUPPETS

BEYOND PLAY - 877-428-1244

www.beyondplay.com

Monkey Mitt Puppets

A great way to get young children's attention focused on language activities. Monkey Mitt is a cuddly, synthetic fur mitt that fits either hand of any adult. Ten Velcro tabs on both sides of fingers hold characters firmly in place, so you can bring stories and songs to life. Each set of characters comes with rhymes. \$8.95 - \$23.95

LAKESHORE LEARNING MATERIALS - 800-421-5354

www.lakeshorelearning.com

Career Dress-up Puppet Set

This set includes two puppets, eight outfits and five hats. Eight different career outfits are easily attached with Velcro fasteners to the two cloth puppets. Encourages pretend play and verbalization in addition to social interaction. Gives children who have inhibitions about socializing an opportunity to talk through the help of a puppet. \$29.65

ENVIRONMENTS CATALOG - 800-342-4453

www.eichild.com

Finger Puppets

High quality finger puppets made with multiple fabrics and textures. Numerous animals to choose from. A child can use one or two fingers to manipulate puppets. Can also encourage the use of language and imaginative play. \$9.75 each

CONSTRUCTIVE PLAYTHINGS - 800-448-4115

www.constplay.com

Farm Animal Arm Puppets

These realistic, latex puppets stay on the child's hand because they are extra-long. The soft, flexible material allows children to easily move the puppet's mouth. While engaged in pretend play children are practicing eye-hand coordination and fine motor skills. \$39.99

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Glove Puppets

The plush puppets fit the child's hand like a glove. Fine motor skills are practiced as the child moves individual fingers to make the puppets come to life. \$14.95 - 21.95

Multi-Ethnic Family and Worker Puppets

While having fun telling stories and role-playing, children are using eye-hand coordination and fine motor skills. Prices vary.

LOCAL DISCOUNT AND TOY STORES

Muppets, Puppets, and Parts

This brightly-colored hand puppet doll comes with Velcro facial features and accessories. The pieces are easy to stick and remove. A nice toy for sorting and identifying facial features.

U-fits

This fuzzy puppet comes with accessories that easily attach with Velcro fasteners. The puppet comes with facial features and other fun accessories like earrings and zany feathers.

STACKING AND BUILDING

BEYOND PLAY - 877-428-1244

www.beyondplay.com

ABC Picture Blocks

This fun set includes 26 solid wood blocks with beautifully illustrated images for building early vocabulary and phonemic awareness. Each block shows a letter in upper case and lower case, and illustrations of 4 words that begin with that letter. For example: the "L" block has images of a lion, a lamb, a ladybug and a ladder. Blocks have a smooth finish with rounded corners. They fit in a handy wooden storage tray. Blocks are 2"x2", tray is 8"x13". From 2 years. \$19.95

Vehicle Magnetic Blocks

Magnetic blocks are easy to put together and don't fall off easily, so they reduce frustration for beginner stackers or kids with limited fine motor control. The 21 colorful blocks in this set include figures and all other parts needed for creating fun vehicles. Figures are 2.5"H. From 18 months. \$19.95

LAKESHORE LEARNING MATERIALS - 800-421-5354

www.lakeshorelearning.com

Alphabet Washable Cloth Blocks

Soft, lightweight blocks encourage more refined eye-hand coordination for building and larger arm movements for knocking down (without a startling crashing sound). Increase hand strength by squeezing. Encourage social play by tossing to a friend or take turns building. Enhance pretend play by building a fort or a castle and acting out a story. \$29.95

ENVIRONMENTS - 800-342-4453

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Cardboard Block Set

Large, lightweight blocks made of corrugated fiberboard. Great for building a large structure to play in. Encourages eye-coordination and two-handed play. \$32.60

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Toddler Towers

A set of 27 hardwood blocks. Provides practice in fitting, stacking and building. Five different shapes with built-in 1" diameter pegs on one side and holes on the other side for steady stacking. \$49.80

Bristle Blocks

These colorful, plastic blocks interlock via tactile bristles. Stay together until child pulls them apart. Wonderful toy to encourage finger, hand, and arm strength. \$15.80

ABC SCHOOL SUPPLY - 800-669-4222

www.abcchoolsupply.com

Wonder Blocks

A set of 16 lightweight foam blocks (4" x 6" x 12") in red, blue, green, and yellow. Great for building walls and knocking them down. \$26.95

CONSTRUCTIVE PLAYTHINGS - 800-448-4115

www.constplay.com

Snap 'N Play Blocks

These easy-to-hold wooden blocks can be connected to each other with large snaps. Fine motor skills are practiced as the child has fun creating vehicles and characters that can pivot at the snap connections. \$14.95

KAPLAN - 800-334-2014

www.kaplanco.com

Duplo House

A 70-piece set of brightly-colored furniture, people and accessories. Pieces help create a living room, bedroom, kitchen, and bathroom. Duplo furniture can be anchored into Duplo base to keep furniture in place. \$89.95

LOCAL TOY OR DISCOUNT STORES

Pooh Musical Honey Pots by Mattel

Three stacking rings light up and play music when placed on the Winnie the Pooh base. When the third ring is placed on top, Piglet pops up with a medley of music and lights. \$19.99

Lego Systems

These interlocking blocks require more advanced fine motor skill. Lego Systems come in a variety of themed sets and scenes and include color-coded instructions that do not require reading. Prices vary.

Duplo Systems

These are similar to Legos, but include larger blocks for smaller hands. They also come in themed play sets. Prices vary.

Tinker Toys

These creative, colorful building sets encourage practice in "getting the peg in the hole." The sets now include bendable rods. Prices vary.

Lincoln Logs

Wooden play set encourages problem-solving skills and fine motor practice. The set includes unique, interlocking logs. Prices vary.

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