

Best Toys for Autistic Children



Based on my personal experience, these toys are the ultimate fan favorite for all my clients and somehow they just never get bored of them!

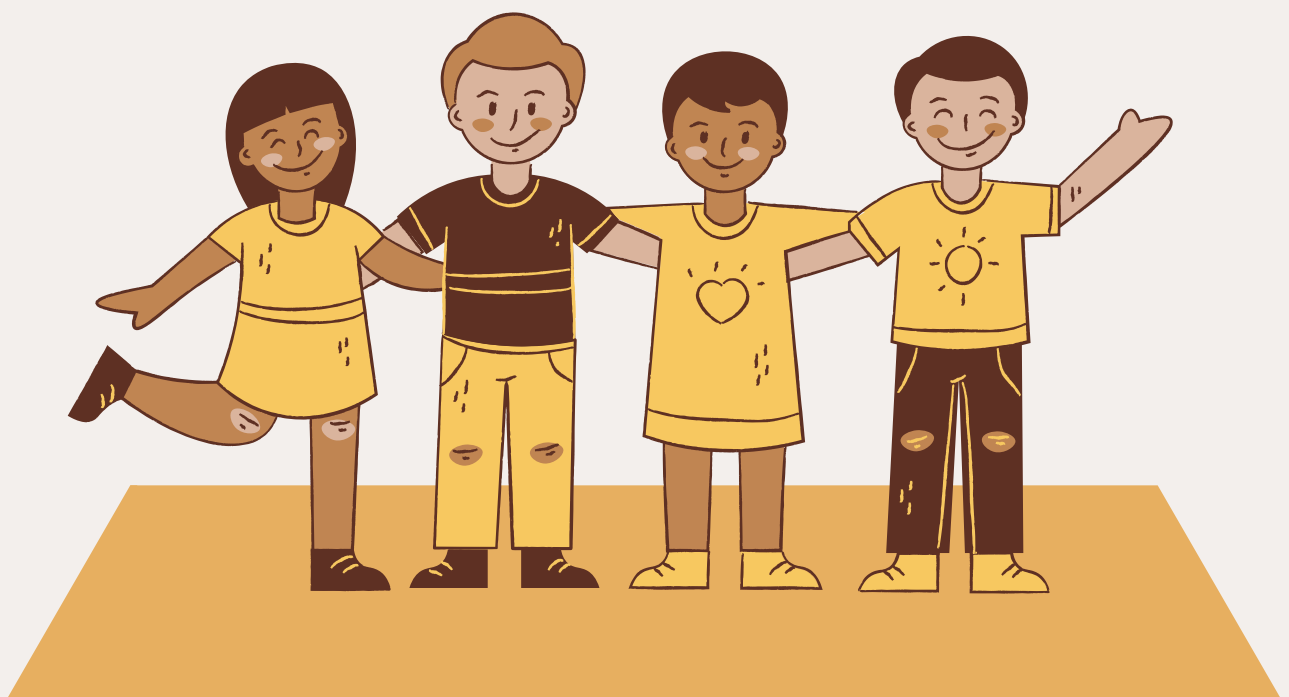
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Introduction

Autism is a spectrum, meaning each child can have vastly different needs, strengths, and interests. As we venture into the world of autism-friendly toys, it is crucial to remember this diversity. We strive to cover a wide range of options that cater to varying skill levels, sensory preferences, and interests.

Step into the delightful and colorful world of toys designed specifically to engage, empower, and entertain children on the autism spectrum.





Domino Train Set

This toy is not only fun but also educational. If your child is a train lover, then that's a bonus! This train set is a two in one goodie as it makes dominos more fun by incorporating a train set that is interactive (it makes train sounds and flashes lights as it drives). Additionally, It provides development in areas of colour recognition, cognitive abilities, spatial relationships, and teamwork.

I like to take turns with my clients loading up the dominos, starting the train up, pushing the dominos down, and gathering the pieces to do it all over again!

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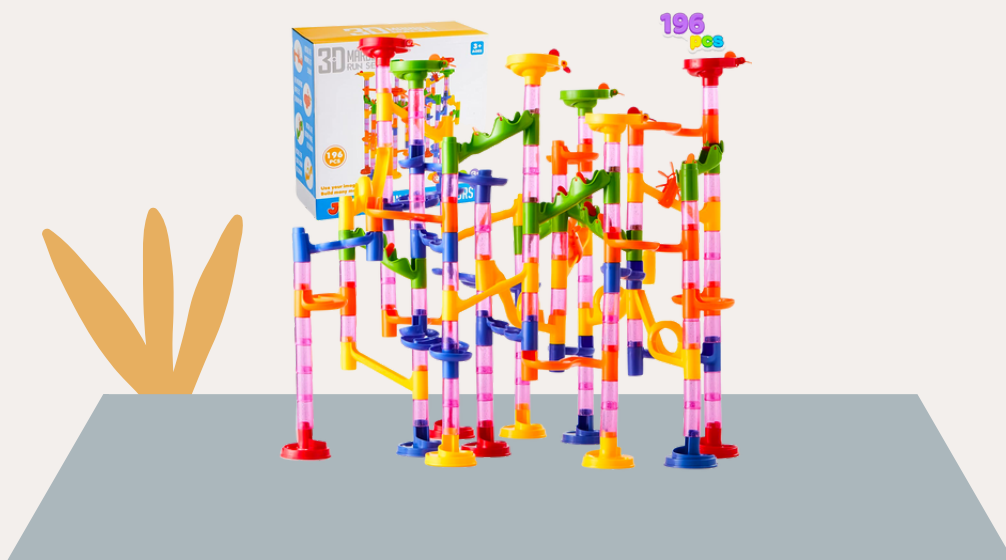


Marble Run

Marble Run is a great choice for parents looking for a STEM educational toy that will engage children's creativity, logical thinking, fine motor skills (focusing on finger dexterity) and problem-solving skills. With many pieces including some colorful, translucent plastic pieces and glass marbles, the set provides endless fun as kids watch the marbles navigate the tracks they've constructed.

However, when playing with young children, make sure parents let them know beforehand that marbles must be held delicately as we won't want to lose them or ingest them!

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Various Playdoh Set and Tools



Playdoh works wonders in keeping kids busy while at the same time working on fine motor skills, imaginative skills, and imitation skills. There are various playdoh sets with tools of specific themes such as a pizza set, ice cream set, pasta making set, dentist set, dinosaur set. Try to purchase sets with tools such as rolling pins, molds, cutters, stamps, extruders, scissors, and more.

Some kids may need time to adjust to the texture of playdoh but I'm sure as they spend more time watching you play, they will overtime this! The majority of my clients have loved the these sets. Kids can also play independently with its great variety of tools.

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Doctor's set

This doctor set is perfect for children who especially love to play pretend, with a variety of pretend medical tools and role-play items for an immersive and educational play experience. The stethoscope mimics a heartbeat, some tools glow, and the dentist tools teach kids about oral health. This toy provides additional opportunities to work on communication skills, imaginative play, and role play. A doctor's set can make kids who are afraid of going to the doctor's not so bad or scary.

In addition, a doctor's set can allow kids who are afraid of going to the doctor's feel not so bad or scared about it. This is done by role playing situations at the dentist's or doctor's so it becomes more familiar to kids who are particularly nervous about seeing health care professionals.

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Chutes and Ladders Board Game



The Chutes and Ladders board game is a classic choice for children, promoting counting and number recognition through a simple, fun game. It can also work on social skills such as following instructions, taking turns, making comments, and losing gracefully. We don't like a poor sport so this easy and fun game helps our competitive learners work on these social skills!

Chutes and Ladders is known for its straightforward gameplay, this game requires no reading skills, making it perfect for preschoolers or kids who haven't yet learned to read. This is also a game that is played at school so getting a head start on learning the rules and instructions will help kiddos who are still working on their social skills.

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Microwave Playset



Who would have thought a household appliance would make it onto the top 10 list!. I was known as “the lady with the microwave toy” amongst my clients at one point. A Microwave Playset is a type of cause and effect toy. You put food inside the microwave, press some buttons, and wait for the ding! It includes a play microwave that features realistic light and sound effects, emulating a real-life cooking experience for your child.

Younger kids can work on their waiting skills as they wait for the “ding” sound or follow simple few step instructions. Other kids can use the microwave as a role play opportunity to work on conversational, imaginative, and life skills goals. The set also comes with an assortment of plastic toy foods such as a hot dog, roast chicken, croissant, and a cheeseburger with pickles and tomato

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Wind up cars

Pull back/wind up cars and trucks are friction-powered model cars for children. This is another kind of cause and effect toys that kids enjoy as something they did resulted in a fun effect (in this case, their cars zooming past the room!). Cause and effect toys can be simple or complex but any kind can grasp the interest in many kids.

The particular set includes various vehicles like a fire engine, police car, and transport truck, designed with bright colors and real functions. They're safe, durable, and can withstand rough play. Kids can play race with their chosen car or build tracks with everyday materials to elevate the experience. Imagination can take wind up cars to the next level!

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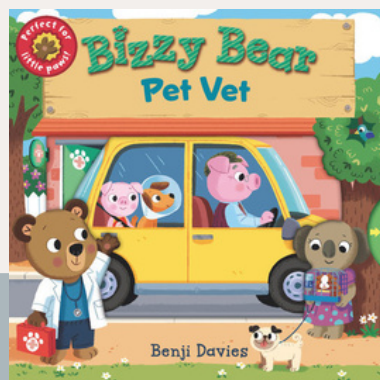


Bizzy Bear books



The "Bizzy Bear" series (with over 25 books) by Benji Davies offers an engaging reading experience for active toddlers. I love using this book series to introduce reading to our younger learners. Constructed as robust board books, they come with chunky sliders designed for small hands to push and pull, inviting interaction and improving fine motor skills. The books are rich in visual detail, providing plenty of objects and scenes for children to identify and talk about. Early learners can learn to identify various elements on the pages while our more advanced young learners can read and interact with the book accordingly. They also incorporate elements of humor, making the reading experience enjoyable for both children and adults. Given their engaging content and durable design, I have kids ask to read these over and over again!

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Puzzles



Puzzles play a significant role in children's development and learning. Puzzles are one of the most versatile toys as they come in different difficulty levels and themes. They are more than just fun activities; they provide an opportunity for children to develop a variety of skills. Puzzles can help enhance fine motor skills as children grasp and fit pieces together. The physical manipulation of these pieces also promotes hand-eye coordination.

Additionally, puzzles help improve visual-spatial reasoning, which is essential in reading and understanding maps. Lastly, completing a puzzle can give a child a sense of achievement, boosting their confidence and self-esteem. In summary, puzzles offer a fun, educational, and engaging way for children to learn and grow.

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Pop Up Pirate



The Pop Up Pirate Game is a thrilling and engaging game that promises to bring an exciting and good time for kids. Suitable for ages 4 years and up, this game invites 2-4 players to test their luck by sliding colorful plastic swords into slots in a barrel housing a pirate. The suspense builds with each turn, as players never know which slot will trigger the pirate to pop out, signaling the end of the round for the player who triggered it.

Classic games like this promotes social skills such as a turn taking, making comments, following instructions, and learning game rules. The suspense in Pop Up Pirate makes learning these skills easier as it is so much fun!

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