

# BABY BYTES

For families with infants and young children

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## Toys for Toddlers

Toddlers enjoy independence! Selecting toys that promote their sense of 'can do' power are best for this age.



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### DID YOU KNOW???

- Toys that allow children to actively explore are best suited for this age.
- Toys that allow children to open doors, push knobs and fill/dump provide encouragement in development of fine motor, language and imagination.
- Toddlers need a wide range of toys, such as toys for indoor and outdoor, toys for quiet time and social run-and-shout-out-loud times.
- A sense of humor and realistic expectations come in handy when you are playing and keeping up with an active toddler.
- To match your child's budding sense of independence and newly found mobility, toys that they can push, ride in or on and slide or rock on are all great choices.

**Toddlers are active, on-the-go learners. They are trying to figure out how everything works and they are learning from you.**

Source: [www.zerotothree.org](http://www.zerotothree.org)

## AGE APPROPRIATE TOYS FOR TODDLERS (ONE TO TWO YEARS)

- Ride-on toys
- Push toys
- Pull toys
- Small vehicles
- Musical toys and songs
- Toy phone
- Huggable toys
- Picture Books
- Climb/Slide toys
- Cardboard box



- Big light weight ball
- Shovel and pail
- Pretend play toys
- Art supplies
- Big blocks
- Table and chair
- Simple matching toys
- Puzzles/shape sorters

**Remember ... you are your toddler's favorite toy!**

## SAFETY TIPS

- Your little explorer will need you to keep their play areas safe. Get down on their level to see what they can reach.
- Try to avoid toys with springs and beads that many toddlers will try to eat.
- Old toys from the attic may contain dangerous levels of lead paint.
- Remember to remove large plush toys or dolls from the crib as they can be stepped on and may give tots that boost to climb over the side rail.
- Toddlers want to try new things, so make sure your child is supervised.

*Source: Invest in Kids, 2010*