

CHECK IT OUT

Toys for good girls and boys

Boy toys. Girl toys. Toys for every kid. We've checked them out and made our picks.

Here are 12 toys that will thrill the kids ages 6, 7 and older on your lists:

Boys

1. Legends: King Arthur Battle Action Castle. This construction set allows kids to bring figures to life without their fingers getting in the way through new MicroMotion controllers. Battle Action Castle opens out into "battle mode" with cannon shooters and rock sliders. The set comes with fully articulated figure of

King Arthur and his men, plus a Griffin with flapping wings and galloping horse figure. Age: 6+. Mega Bloks, \$69.99

2. LEGO Star Wars: The Clone Wars. The new line includes the V-19 Torrent (\$44.99), MangaGuard Starfighter (\$54.99), AT-TE Walker (\$89.99) and the Republic Gunship (\$119.99). Sets include all-new Star Wars characters and mini-figures. Ages: 8+. LEGO, \$49.99-\$119.99

3. Eye-Clops Night Vision Goggles. Using infrared technology and pack, these battery-operated goggles let you see clearly up to 50 feet. Ages 8+. Jakks Pacific, \$79.99

4. Magnext 360 Case. New and safe magnetic construction system has 100 pieces with multiple locking points, giving more variety in building. Set has no small magnetic parts that can be swallowed. Comes with its own building platform. Age 6+. Mega Bloks, \$59.99.

5. Lazer Tag 2-in-1 System. Rumble pack vibrates when players have been hit, shield button protects players from incoming fire, recoil engages with every shot fired, manual reload to restock ammo. Has multi-player modes as well as a video game attachment to help players strengthen their aiming skills. Just connect the module into your TV to enter the first person blaster game of Lazer Tag. Requires 12 AA batteries. Ages 8+. Hasbro, \$79.99

6. Spheron Triple Car Launcher. The cars use spheres that act as wheels and magnetically connect to the chassis. Kids load the spheres and chassis separately and then push on the launcher to shoot out the constructed cars. Ages 6+. Magnext, \$19.99.

Girls

1. Baby Alive Learns to Potty. She "eats," "drinks" and lets mommy know when she has to go "potty" like a real baby. Doll comes with its own potty chair. Requires four AA batteries. Ages 3+. Hasbro, \$59.99

2. Friends Forever Girls. This line of dolls promotes the values of "friendship," including self-respect, hon-

esty and responsibility, appreciation and acceptance.

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Each doll has her own unique interests, character traits and background and comes with her own book. Additional books in the series can be purchased separately. Available at specialty stores and online at www.friendsforever-girls.com. Ages 5+. Inspire U, \$89

3. Littlest Pet Shop VIP (Virtual Interactive Pets) Friends. Each plush pair of "best friends" comes with a secret code that kids can use to visit the Littlest Pet Shop online world at www.littlestpet-shop.com. The code unlocks both pets in the virtual world where together they can play fun games and activities, as well as "shop" and "accessorize." Ages 6+. Hasbro, \$22.98.

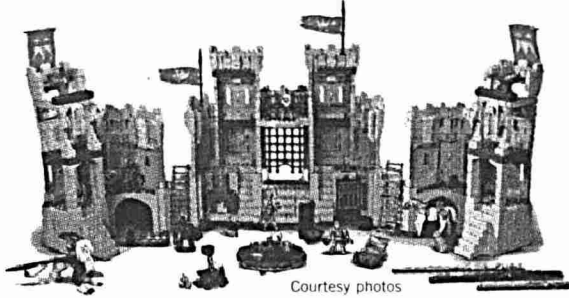
4. Clickables Fairy Collections. These toy jewelry collections let children connect online with the Disney Fairies virtual world PixieHollow.com. By

touching together the toys' Y-shaped Clickables sensors, a girl can connect her offline play with real-world friends and the Pixie Hollow virtual world. Ages 7+. Disney and Techno Source, \$29.99 for the starter set which includes a jewelry box, a charm necklace and three charms powered by Clickables technology.

5. My Meebas. The plush toy is encased in a portable tube that can be opened only through electronic game play on the sliding LCD screen. Once My Meebas is fully grown on the screen, the tube will unlock and the toy slides out. There are more than 20 electronic games and activities, spanning seven levels of play. Ages: 6+. Mattel, \$22.99.

6. Pop 'N Swap. These Polly Pocket paper dolls allow girls to customize fashion and style. Pop 'N Swap has five heads, nine torsos, and nine bottoms that simply click together, making it easy for little hands to change outfits easily. Ages 4+. Mattel, \$29.99.





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