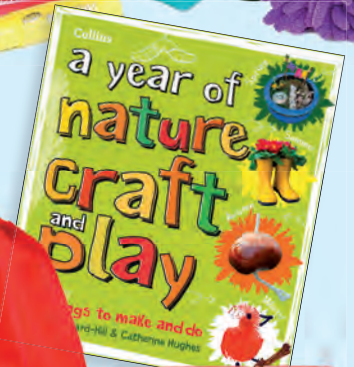
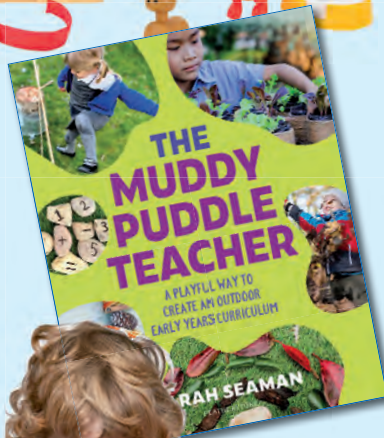


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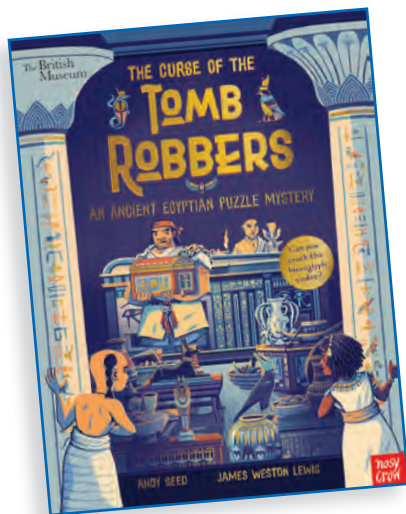
Now in their 15th year, the 2022 Creative Play Awards recognise some of the best creative play toys, games, books and resources available. Evaluated by independent testers in homes, schools, early years and childcare settings around the country, these Awards highlight the importance of learning through creative play and help parents, teachers and carers find the latest quality products.



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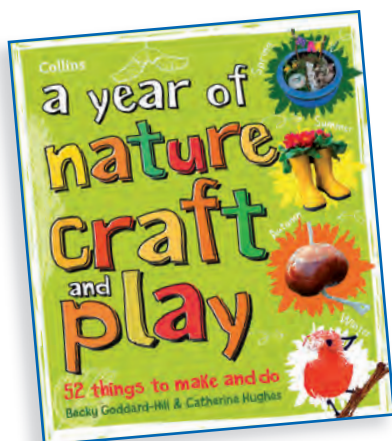
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## BRITISH MUSEUM: THE CURSE OF THE TOMB ROBBERS

This puzzle adventure story, written by award-winning author Andy Seed, in consultation with experts at the British Museum, is the perfect book for children who love history and hair-raising adventures. Children will love the fascinating facts, hieroglyphic messages, mazes, logic puzzles, and colour illustrations by James Weston Lewis.

*"A brilliant educational, fun, interactive book with clues, challenges and activities throughout. A great book with lots of information embedded within the story."*

Nosy Crow £8.99 [www.nosycrow.com](http://www.nosycrow.com)



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## A YEAR OF NATURE CRAFT & PLAY: 52 THINGS TO MAKE & DO

Discover the treasures and pleasures of our natural world with 52 fun activities following the seasons. Filled with crafts, gardening, games, art and science activities for children aged 7 years and up that are budget-friendly and will entertain all year round. It will inspire children to get creative with nature! *"A fantastic resource for any educational and childcare setting, with a huge range of activities throughout the seasons. Highly recommend this to practitioners looking to extend their outdoor learning activities and play."*

Harper Collins £12.99 [www.collins.co.uk](http://www.collins.co.uk)

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BOYS CRAFT KITS 4-7 YRS



## PIXOBITS STUDIO

**ENDLESS WAYS TO CREATE:** With 14 accessories, such as keychains and photo clips, and over 100 decos with facial expressions, outfits, letters and more, style your way. Follow the templates or make your own creations. *"A good kit which the kids loved, especially the novel blocks and fun, cool stickers. Visually appealing, with good instructions and packs away well. More bits could be supplied and younger kids needed some assistance removing the stickers."*

Spinmaster Toys UK £34.99 [www.smythstoys.com](http://www.smythstoys.com)



## NUMBERBLOCKS STAMPOLINE PARK STAMP SET

With reusable stamps and washable inks in the Numberblocks unique colours, children can create their own Numberblocks adventures based on the popular Stampoline Park episode. This 32-piece Numberblocks craft kit includes 20 stamps to create the Numberblocks One to Ten, and 12 ink pads with washable inks. It's ideal for Numberblocks-inspired creative activities in the classroom or at home. *"The children loved using this, especially due to the 'Numberblocks' association. The instructions were simple and easy to understand and they had fun building towers, matching/mixing colours and it was good for discussing various mathematical concepts."*

Learning Resources £25.00 [www.learningresources.co.uk](http://www.learningresources.co.uk)



BOYS CRAFT KITS 8-11 YRS

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**EUGY**

Build your own 3D models with this unique collectable. Beautifully detailed, yet simplified, miniature figures with cuteness added in! Kids will collect and treasure them. Made using high quality recycled card with eco-friendly ink and non-toxic glue. Simply glue the pieces together in numerical sequence. Assembly takes 10-20 minutes. *"This was an engaging toy, great quality, with easy to follow instructions and the end result was fantastic! The children found this fun and it took about 30 minutes to complete. We are now planning to buy more of the animals in the series."*  
Brainstorm UK £8.99 [www.hobbycraft.co.uk](http://www.hobbycraft.co.uk)



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**MACHINE WORKS HYBRID ENGINE**

Learn all about how a 4-cylinder internal combustion/electric hybrid engine works. Build the fully functional engine model with illuminated components and a multi-function sound chip. It demonstrates the internal combustion, eco mode and electric only operations of a typical hybrid system. An ideal project for car enthusiasts who love building and exploring all things mechanical. When finished, it provides a practical, educational aid to understand how a full-size hybrid system works. For children and adults, this kit will keep you entertained for hours! *"This was an interesting project, with no glue or special tools required and kept my son engaged for several hours. The instructions are easy to follow and it's good value for money. Would make a brilliant gift for learning or a car enthusiast."*  
Trends UK £59.99 <https://amzn.eu/d/OWfyqbA>

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*Large inflatable activity dice*



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### FUZZIKINS FAMILY CAR

Fuzzikins are on the move in their cute new vehicles! Colour in your Fuzzi Koala and decorate the Family Car with 3 washable pens, then rinse and recolour with new designs over and over again! 3 to collect! Fuzzikins are adorable, flocked creatures to colour and play. With washable pens you can rinse and recolour to decorate your animals again and again! Hours of creative fun! *“Easy to use and play with – good for imagination and drawing. Adult supervision required to clean the toy prior to subsequent use and pen lids are quite small. Initial enjoyment was high and they want to get another one!”* Playmonster UK £12.99 [www.playmonster.co.uk](http://www.playmonster.co.uk)

## ELECTRONIC & MULTIMEDIA 4-7 YRS



### GOT2GLOW FAIRY FINDER

Catch the magic glow, with the Got2Glow Fairy Finder by WowWee! With 30+ virtual fairies to collect in this Fairy Finder jar and 100+ fairies to collect in total, finding fairies never ends! Search for fairies in your bedroom, in the kitchen, outside in the garden, and even upside down – there’s always a fairy around! The more you play with your Fairy Finder jar, the more fairies you will catch! *“A nice idea to stimulate imaginations that fairies are all around us, although adult guidance required initially to explain the concept and how to use. Initial enjoyment was good, and they enjoyed catching and feeding the fairies. Children also wished it could have been used as a nightlight.”* Toy Topic £39.99 [www.smythstoys.com](http://www.smythstoys.com)

## ELECTRONIC & MULTIMEDIA 0-3 YRS



### NUMBERBLOCKS NUMBER FUN

Numberblocks helps children to see how numbers work and allows them to master a new key maths skill with every adventure. Join the Numberblocks with 8 fun activities and find out some fun number facts.

*“The children were keen to play with this and the game is good for one:one, with good instructions. Solving the simple tasks gave them a great sense of achievement, but more time needs to be allowed for completion of the tasks, especially for younger children, before moving onto the next game.”*

Trends UK £24.99 [www.smythstoys.com](http://www.smythstoys.com)

## ELECTRONIC & MULTIMEDIA 8-11 YRS



### PIXICADE

Create your own video games with Pixicade! Just draw your game with the specially created Pixicade pens, snap a picture of your drawing in the Pixicade app and in 30 seconds your game comes to life! You can edit and animate to enhance your games, then share and play games on the Pixicade Arcade. *“A unique idea and we had lots of fun being creative and seeing our creations come alive on the screen. Both fun and educational, with clear instructions and kept them occupied for hours making up and playing their own games. Essential that you/they have access to a suitable device able to download the Pixicade app to work properly.”*

Mookie £19.99 [www.tptoys.com](http://www.tptoys.com)



### MY FAIRY GARDEN BLOSSOM BALLOON

Join Skye the Air Fairy and her adorable Plantimal friend, Snap, and grow & play in your own magical Fairy Garden!

Sow the coriander seeds provided in the growing area, then tend to and nurture them with the garden accessories and watering can and watch them grow! Land the pretty flower-shaped balloon on the tree branch or take Skye and Snap on an exciting flying adventure. Blow the flowers on the branches to make them spin!

*"So much fun! Some adult supervision required, but was colourful and sturdy once built and then offered plenty of opportunities for problem solving, working together, fine motor skills, science and technology, and promoting discussions about plants and how they grow. Can be re-used for further planting and playing."*

Playmonster UK £19.99 [www.playmonster.co.uk](http://www.playmonster.co.uk)



### MINI DELICES CHOCOLATE BAR MAKER

It's fun and easy to create and decorate chocolate bars and shaped chocolate pieces with the help of the chocolate bar maker. Select one of five chocolate moulds to create your special chocolate treat. Melt it in the Bain Marie and decorate your creations with your favourite sprinkles and toppings. Why not wrap them up in the cellophane bags provided and gift to family and friends? *"Once we'd got the correct water temperature, the chocolate melted and then less adult supervision was required. The end products were really good and would make lovely presents. Would like the additional ingredients, such as sprinkles and marshmallows, to have been included in the set."*

Flair £15.99 [www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk)



### AQUABEADS DELUXE CARRY CASE

Take Aquabeads anywhere you go with this stylish, quilted portable case! The Deluxe Carry Case has over 1400 beads, and you can make a variety of creations and use the included Creation Display and Design Pegs to create your very own unique design pieces!

*"This was brilliant – love the packaging and kept children busy for hours. Better for children age 6+ due to small parts and minimal adult supervision required. End products were good and preferred the safety aspect of use of water rather than ironing. More designs to follow would be good."*

Epoch Making Toys Ltd £34.99 [www.johnlewis.com](http://www.johnlewis.com)



### COOL MAKER STITCH 'N' STYLE FASHION STUDIO

Learn to sew all on your own! No need to thread the needle it comes with 90 metres of thread preloaded into a sewing cartridge. Sensors ensure that the machine only sews if there is fabric under the needle! Simply cut out the desired project according to the template, click the thread cartridge into the machine and sew! *"Very impressed with this. The machine is well made and comes with a good selection of projects to try. Safe to use, at a reasonable price point and got a lot of satisfaction and pride from the end results. Provided hours of fun and would recommend to others."*

Spinmaster Toys UK £36.99 [www.smythstoys.com](http://www.smythstoys.com)

## IMAGINATIVE ROLE PLAY 0-3 YRS



### TOY SHOP AT THE NORTH POLE

An all-encompassing robust and adaptable multi-sensory adventure using music and movement for children. We have created a bridge between the imaginary and real world for you and your little ones. There are so many ways to extend the children's knowledge and understanding of the world around them.

*"The music files supplied were clear, fun and engaging and inspired our early years setting to move their bodies to the tempo and beat! We enjoyed the sensory fun ideas and extended learning opportunities for older children. Allows children to develop their gross motor skills through dance & movement. Requires planning and resource making prior to using."*

LittleMagicTrain £24.00 [www.LittleMagicTrain.com](http://www.LittleMagicTrain.com)



### MARVEL'S SPIDEY AND HIS AMAZING FRIENDS WEB SPINNING HAULER

Join Spidey, Ghost-Spider and Miles Morales: Spider-Man as they hunt down villains inside this 8" 3-in-1 transforming Hauler. Spidey takes the wheel as Ghost and Miles use the two Web Dart Launchers. Push the button on each launcher to fire a Web Dart at any villain. Spin the dial back to the Spidey symbol and the Hauler's roof will close as Spidey maintains pursuit. "A robust toy that had immediate appeal due to the characters and shooting element and was easy enough for our children to use on their own. A good addition to the playroom in our setting, although younger children found it harder to work the dial."

Jazwares £29.99 [www.smythstoys.com](http://www.smythstoys.com)



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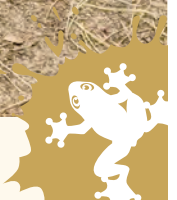
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## IMAGINATIVE ROLE PLAY 4-7 YRS



### ELC MY LITTLE MAKE UP SET

Host a pamper party with the high-quality Early Learning Centre My Little Makeup Set offering children all they need to enjoy imaginative, roleplaying fun. Housed in a fabric makeup bag, this set is perfect for on the go pretend play and comes with lots of accessories, all made from sustainably sourced wood.

*"Fabulous compact set, with well-made items, easily put away/ carried in its own sturdy bag. Encouraged lots of role play and speech/communication, with children giving instructions and developing their vocabulary. The addition of a hairbrush would be good."*

Addo Play £18.00 [www.elc.co.uk](http://www.elc.co.uk)

## IMAGINATIVE ROLE PLAY 8-11 YRS



### WIZARDS & WONDERS – TWIG'S SUBSCRIPTION BOX

A magically exciting, totally unique, personalised, story-based subscription box from a Fantastical Underground World. Promoting screen-free reading, independent learning and sustainable creativity to curious readers aged 6-12 who love wizards, wonders and curious chronicles. With cleverly hidden and eco-friendly STREAM-based activities made from easy-to-find, simple or recycled materials found at home.

*"A very high quality product: the paper, the personalised sheets, and activities were all excellent quality. With easy to follow instructions and stored in its own box, the activities and puzzles were fun and engaging and the useful parent's guide enabled extended learning opportunities."*

International Elf £15 - £120 [www.internationalelfservice.com](http://www.internationalelfservice.com)



### KOOKYLOOS MIA'S KOOKY CARAVAN

Go on a trip with Mia and her luxury caravan! Hook up her car and load up the suitcases; sit Mia at the wheel, with her pet dog in the back... And away we go! After a busy day full of adventure, Mia can relax in the hot tub or read a book on the sofa, with her pet beside her. When night falls, she can sit by the fire enjoying some marshmallows. If not, there's a bed waiting for Mia to have a good rest and wake up full of beans!

*"Children really enjoyed playing with this. The range of emotions the Mia can show was very clever. Good for fine motor skills, creative play and imagination, although some of the parts are very small, so not suitable for younger children."*

Magicbox Toys £39.99 [www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk)

## OUTDOOR TOYS & GAMES 0-3 YRS



### TADPOLE MINI

The Tadpole Mini is a great first bike and a playful way to introduce your child to the world of cycling whilst helping them to achieve the necessary balance to cycle. The Tadpole Mini Balance Bike is suitable for toddlers aged 1-2 with an average inside leg of 24cm. *"A lovely first balance bike that is really well made and robust. Clear instructions on how to complete the easy set up. The youngest kids soon got the hang of the bike and the use of the rear brake. Seat height adjusted quickly for slightly older children, who also enjoyed the riding experience."*

Frog Bikes £220.00 [www.frogbikes.co.uk](http://www.frogbikes.co.uk)



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### PLAYHOUSE: WATERWALL

Teaching kids about gravity, angles and water flow, this wall is packed with limitless combinations for them to enjoy a different creation every time they move the pieces. With a range of modular accessories included, kids can have fun creating their own water flows and seeing their problem-solving skills come to life as they pour water from the top. *"This is sturdy and good quality and has been an excellent resource in our preschool setting. Lots of fun and found it especially good with our SEND children, getting them focussed on the activity and improving their coordination skills."*

Wilton Bradley £129.00 [www.wiltonbradley.com](http://www.wiltonbradley.com)



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### XTEND SCOOTER

The first and only extendable scooter, for kids from 3 to 12 years old. It is the first and only scooter to feature an extendable footboard designed to grow with your kids. Designed by the best Swiss designers, it has some of the largest wheels and an easy folding mechanism. *"A lovely product that has helped improve coordination and balance skills with the kids. Clever idea being able to adjust size for older children and the addition of the rear brake made for safer riding and steering."*

**36** smarTrike £130 [www.smartrike.co.uk](http://www.smartrike.co.uk)



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### XOOTZ – SKETCH YA DECK SKATEBOARD

Let your kids create their own style with the Xootz colour in complete beginner's skateboard. The shorter 28in flat deck made of durable 9-ply maple provides a sturdy platform for beginners to learn on and master the basics of skating and is completed with stylish lightweight 5in black plastic trucks. The customisable skateboard features a fun colour design on the bottom and 4 permanent markers so that your little ones can get creative and make their board truly unique to them.

*"A great unique idea and excellent for kids' imaginations. The boys liked the artwork and the end result of the colouring is really effective, creating a stunning personalised design. Would recommend for age 6 years + and now having fun learning to skate!"*

Wilton Bradley £22.99 [www.wiltonbradley.com](http://www.wiltonbradley.com)



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### TIG-TAG

TIG-TAG is a soft-to-the-touch throwing/flying toy that makes playing "You're it!" safer, fairer and more fun... TIG-TAG is lightweight, easy to throw and very gentle on contact. TIG-TAG not only encourages children to 'unplug' and enjoy collaborative play, but also enhances hand-eye coordination. Just as importantly, TIG-TAG ensures a wide range of ages and abilities get to run, jump and exercise while playing and laughing together. *"A lovely concept and well made. Good for encouraging group play and exercise for a wide age range of kids."*

TIG-TAG £10.00 [www.tig-tag.co.uk](http://www.tig-tag.co.uk)



## INDOOR TOYS & GAMES 0-3 YRS



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### IF YOU'RE HAPPY & YOU KNOW IT (INFLATABLE ACTIVITY DICE)

An inflatable dice designed to encourage little ones to take baby steps into both language/image comprehension as well as physical exercise. The dice features a range of diverse trademarked Fabula characters that brings the popular rhyme alive with actions on its 6 faces, encouraging children to enjoy the actions of the rhyme while also supporting Early Years Learning Goals through Physical Exercise, Imagination, Diversity & Inclusion and Group Play. "We loved it! The dice is a fab size and our group of 1-5 year olds loved to throw the dice to see what image it landed on. The exercises were easy and encouraged increased imagination through the course of play. Great diverse figures depicted to support inclusivity. I would definitely recommend to others."

Fabula Toys UK £25.00 [www.fabulatoy.com](http://www.fabulatoy.com)



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### DINO RANCH CLUBHOUSE

Join Jon at the Clubhouse, the place where he and the rest of the Dino Ranchers come together for daily adventures. Activate sounds & phrases when you press the star button to light the oil lamp! Place Jon on the balcony and move him side to side to keep watch over all of Dino Ranch. When the day is done, there are dino beds where Blitz and Bopper can sleep. Create your own ultimate Dino Ranch playground from the hit children's TV show "All ages of children enjoyed playing with this, especially pressing the button to make the sounds! They made up stories as they played, encouraging language skills, positional language understanding and lots of imaginative play."

Jazwares £49.99 [www.thetoyshop.com](http://www.thetoyshop.com)

## INDOOR TOYS & GAMES 4-7 YRS



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### PLAYFOAM SAND SENSORY SET

Dig into fine motor skills development with Playfoam® Sand Sensory Set. Super soft pliable Playfoam Sand behaves like modelling clay when it's moulded, and sculpted, and like sand when it's sifted and squished. Dig into soft sensory and fine motor skills play with this play sand set that includes 4 kinds of fine motor tools children can use to scoop, shape, mould, cut and sculpt.

"A fabulous set that is played with every day! Perfect for young children who like sensory play, which comes with plenty of sand and the selection of sturdy tools made the experience of playing all the more creative. Not as messy as sand or playdough, the children loved the texture. Definitely recommend."

Learning Resources £22.00 [www.learningresources.co.uk](http://www.learningresources.co.uk)



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### HAPPYLAND VILLAGE COLLECTION

Designed for little hands, the Happyland Village Collection helps children discover the world around them, exploring their imagination as they play and develops social skills. This fun and extensive set contains plenty of accessories including buildings, vehicles, 8 friendly characters and even has fun sounds to make play time more immersive. "The children loved playing with this. Great attention to detail with a range of diverse and inclusive characters, perfectly sized for small hands. The sounds made play all the more engaging and sparked imaginations and encouraged cooperative play. Would definitely recommend this product."

Addo Play £89.99 [www.elc.co.uk](http://www.elc.co.uk)

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*Child development expert, Dr. Amanda Gummer*

"It's built to help all ages and all levels of imagination. It's brilliant, it's already on the wish list for Christmas."

*Parent, Hitchin, UK: [youtu.be/4VFTaERDsAQ](https://youtu.be/4VFTaERDsAQ)*

"Look at my animation. It's like it is drawing by magic!" *Girl aged 8*



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### SANDSATIONAL CUT 'N' CRUNCH

Create your own oddly satisfying creations and mesmerising sand effects as you create colourful shapes and playful patterns using the SANDsational Cut 'n' Crunch set. This ultimate sensory set comes with 1kg of sand in resealable bags, 18 moulds and tools, and a play tray for mess free fun! *"The sparkly sand was exciting and the boys really enjoyed playing with this. Great number of accessories and different colours of sands to encourage creativity."* Addo Play £29.99 [www.thetoishop.com](http://www.thetoishop.com)



### PAINT POP PAINT STICKS CREATION STATION

A table-top easel with everything needed for mini artists to create their own masterpieces. It's double-sided, so creative times can be enjoyed with friends. One side has handy clips to hold paper, while paint can be applied directly to the whiteboard on the other. Six paint sticks are included, and the smooth, glide-on paint works without needing water or brushes. Twist the stick and you're ready to paint away with no mess, creating a joyful experience for all! For travel, store away the accessories, fold up the Creation Station and you can paint wherever you go!

*"The children were really excited to use this and get creative and have returned to it regularly. The easel was easy to assemble and they took turns having a go. They tried various techniques with the excellent paint sticks and their imaginations were on fire! Great for a wide range of ages."* Trends Uk £24.99 [www.smythstoys.com](http://www.smythstoys.com)

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### SPIROGRAPH SCRATCH & SHIMMER

Add a touch of colour and sparkle to your designs with the Scratch and Shimmer Spirograph Set!

Etch out the most colourful Spirograph creations yet with new rainbow and sparkly waxed scratch sheets, sticker sheets and glitter precision wheels. Simply set the wheels up, insert the drawing tool and let the creativity flow!

*"The instructions were very clear, with illustrations showing the patterns each template would make. The set comes with a lot of different templates and a variety of scratch papers. It was easy to use with little adult supervision required (age 8 yrs) and produced some interesting results. A good 'rainy day' activity."* Playmonster UK £16.99 [www.playmonster.co.uk](http://www.playmonster.co.uk)

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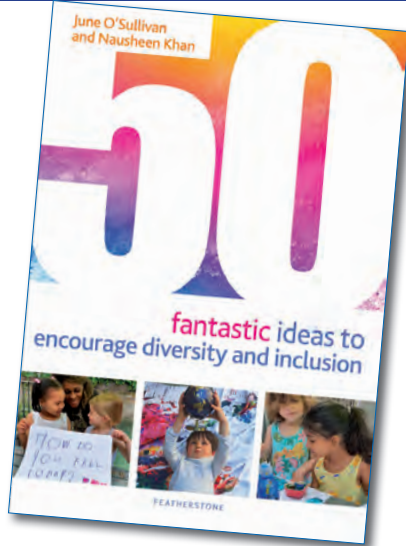


### LITTLE BRIAN PEOPLE PAINT STICKS

The Little Brian People Paint Sticks Set includes 12 colours representing skin tone colours of people around the world. The inclusive arts and crafts set comprises renowned Paint Sticks which twist up and down like a glue stick and dry in 60 seconds - who said painting had to be messy?

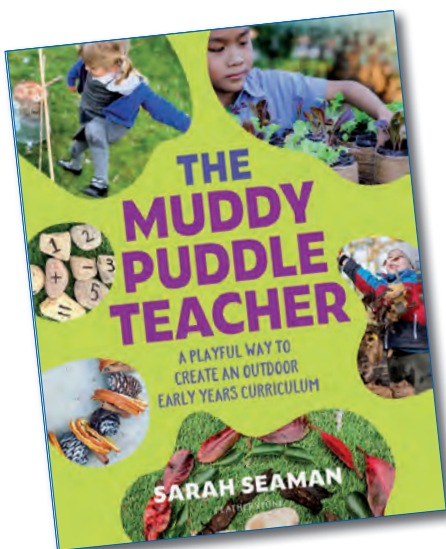
*"The paint dried quickly with no smudging and you can use other paint or pens over the top without transfer of the original paint, which was good for the end results. They are easy to hold and older children made use of the skin colours to create diverse artwork - useful to encourage discussion about different cultures."* Little Brian £7.99 [www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk)

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### 50 FANTASTIC IDEAS TO ENCOURAGE DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

50 Fantastic Ideas to Encourage Diversity and Inclusion is the perfect dip-in resource to encourage children to challenge prejudice and celebrate diversity through games, role play, physical activity, arts and crafts and more. The book covers important topics such as gender, race, ethnicity, age and mental health with positivity and openness. *“Clear, concise instructions and list of resources required for each activity. Good ideas for helping children explore their feelings and those of others, to build self-esteem and self-confidence and for exploring different cultures. Good explanations of expected outcomes and would recommend.”* Bloomsbury Publishing £12.99 [www.bloomsbury.com](http://www.bloomsbury.com)



### THE MUDDY PUDDLE TEACHER

The Muddy Puddle Teacher offers Early Years practitioners sustainable and affordable methods to take their teaching outside plus to help create an engaging outdoor curriculum. It is based on Sarah Seaman's well-established approach and covers a range of subjects and topics, from maths to literacy, art to wellbeing. *“This book gives great ideas for every day and for celebrations & festivals. Ideal for forest school leaders and early years settings, to extend learning opportunities outside and makes use of natural resources.”* Bloomsbury Publishing £12.99 [www.bloomsbury.com](http://www.bloomsbury.com)



### SLIMY RHYMES

Slimy Rhymes is a fun word and picture rhyming game that encourages imaginative and social play as well as promoting speech and language development. Match rhyming pairs to make silly sentences, then feed them to the 3D slime monster! A fun, yet educational game.



*“Well made and designed. The game was easy to set up and pack away. It was a fun way to practise rhyming and easy to adapt the game for different levels of ability. The children were engaged and enjoyed learning through play.”*

Orchard Toys £9.50 [www.orchardtoys.com](http://www.orchardtoys.com)



### AGATA'S OUTDOOR MATHS BOX

This crate will offer plenty of learning opportunities for children in settings and at home. Explore different mathematical concepts, such as counting to 5 and 10, adding and taking away. Our fabric tens frames allow children to take maths beyond classroom doors, using natural loose parts in an open space. *“The natural wooden items are lovely. The children were excited to make use of these and we have incorporated them into our outdoor loose parts play and learning area. Adult supervision required to ensure the resources are used correctly.”*

Cosy Direct £68.99 [www.cosydirect.com](http://www.cosydirect.com)



**NICKELODEON EXPERIMAKE SWIVELLING SOLAR SYSTEM**

Bringing the wonders of science into playtime in an easy and fun way, discover space with the Nickelodeon Experimake Swivelling Solar System. Follow the instructions to assemble the moving solar system and paint the planets - you'll love experimenting with this intergalactic STEM kit. Created by scientists, fun for kids.

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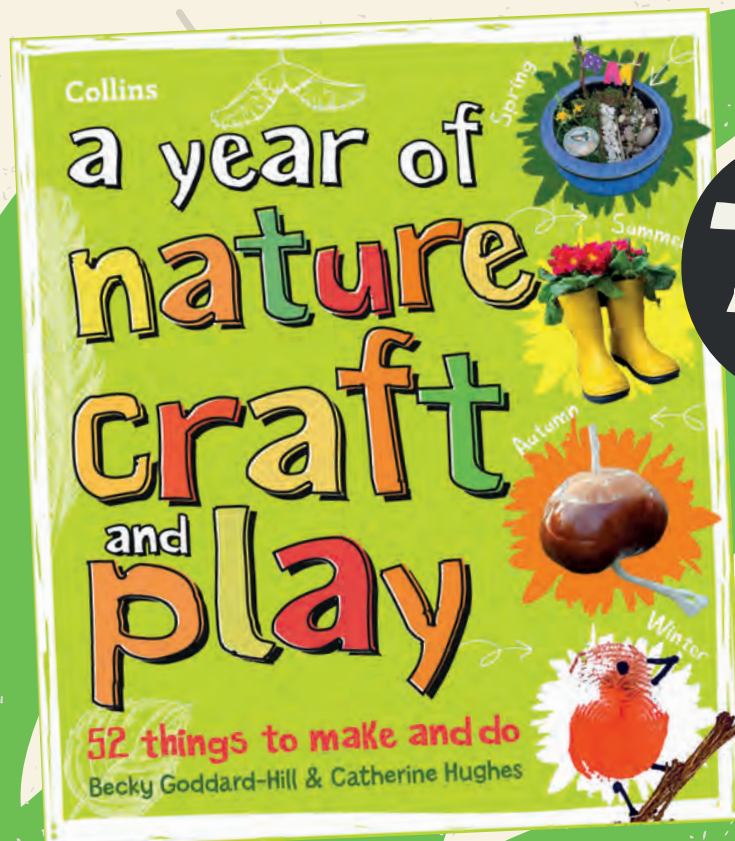
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