

## Toys for 2-year-olds

- Under \$20:

1. **New Sprouts Fix It!** is a marvelous toy set for your beloved child. A plastic toolbox with 5 tools inside: hammer, wrench, saw, screwdriver and drill. The buzzing drill will definitely come in handy for your little helper. Learning is a game! These toys will help your kid to develop motor skills and ability of finding correct solutions, as well as consecutive thought and bright imagination. 100% safe for a toddler: gentle, durable material, the edges are softened. Not big, comfortable to carry. Let your precious child help you around the household!
2. **Melissa & Doug Deluxe Pounding Bench** would become a great musical toy for a 2-year-old kid. Strong and durable wood. A mallet comes with it. The pegs move up and down alternately with making a peekaboo sound. Kids use a mallet to strike them, then another peg appears. This repeats on a loop, keeping a kid guessing which peg will go up after that. The pegs are not detachable (which is obviously a plus, as you would not have to pick them up all over the flat after the game ends). Besides, a toddler would definitely like these adorable colorful smiley faces. At the same time, it is a perfect reason to learn names of colors and develop eye and hand coordination through a game. Let your kid free his imagination and enjoy an exciting game!
3. **Melissa & Doug Cutting Fruit** can provide your little kid with an interesting first cooking experience. It consists of a wooden crate and a set of 7 fruits, that can be cut in 17 chunks. A wooden knife comes with it. The toy is very lifelike: while you cut the fruit, which has sticky tabs, it's crunching. It can be used to learn the idea of separating a whole, as well as some numbers and colors. So, next time instead of distracting your child with a TV while you're busy cooking dinner, ask them to join you! Melissa & Doug Cutting Fruit is worth its quality, but extra family time, especially such an engaging one, is invaluable!
4. **Learning Resources Spike The Fine Motor Hedgehog** is a wonderful plastic hedgehog toy with vivid colorful sticks that need to be put in holes on his back. You can store the sticks inside the hedgehog, so that they won't get lost after the game. Easy to store, easy to take with you wherever you need to entertain your child. Helps to improve coordination. During playing with it, a kid learns to recognise, sort and count the pieces, as well as distinguish the colors. Uncomplicated but extremely attractive - as kids do love. Simple is best!

- Under \$50:

5. **Learning Resources Farmer's Market Color Sorting Set** is a great tool to teach your kid to distinguish colors, learn names of fruits and vegetables and sort

the items. The set provides a wide variety of products: five plastic baskets with 25 plastic food items in five colors (violet, yellow, orange, green and red). Baskets have labels with color names and the pieces are well-detailed. Some unusual veggies and fruits (as for a toy set) included, such as yellow apple, eggplant, peach, pepper in three various colors etc. Use this set to instill in your kid the love of healthy eating through a game.

6. **Learning Resources Pretend & Play Calculator Cash Register** would help a toddler get to know the idea of money existence and develop the simplest counting skills. When a child gets older, he can even practice adding and subtracting with it. The plastic cash register has 40 pretend coins, along with a credit card and 30 life-size US bills. High-quality material. No batteries required, as the calculator is solar-powered. The register makes that satisfying characteristic 'ding' sound while opening. You can play house or imagine you are in a grocery store/ bank/ railway station or just whatever you could possibly think of!
7. **VTech Touch and Learn Activity Desk Deluxe** is the best 3-in-1 interactive learning desk you could choose for a toddler! 5 activity pages offer 200+ touch&learn spots. With their help, you can teach your kid to recognise letters, count, learn some colors etc. There is also a talking mobile phone and a pretend music player that allows you to listen to amusing melodies. The display demonstrates how to write numbers and letters. It can also be easily transformed into a chalkboard. Then, you can attach a sheet of paper using a clip - and a chalkboard becomes an easel! The desk provides extra space to store pencils, brushes, rulers, paint sets etc. The stool comes with it.

Additionally, you can purchase some or all of the 8 extra packs which give you even broader opportunities.

8. **LEGO DUPLO Learning and Counting Train Set** is a plastic building kit that would help your son or daughter to learn numbers faster! 13 pieces + 10 bricks with big colorful numbers. At the end of the building process, you'll get a marvelous train and three figures of a boy, a girl and a cat. You can use them for a role play as well. Your kid will improve his coordination skills while building a train and possibly develop a substantial creativity while finding ways how to rebuild it into something else. This set is perfect for encouraging toddlers to learn numbers!
9. **Playskool Sit 'n Spin** is a good old but still super fun toy for your kid. We bet, you'll even get jealous! Just sit, spin and enjoy getting a little dizzy. No, not you, but your child! :) Putting it together is a piece of cake, it takes only three screws (which are also included) and 2 or 3 minutes of your time. It is well-sized, not too big, so that it would fit in any tiny apartment. Apart from having exciting and entertaining time with a favorite toy, a toddler would also learn to balance and improve hand coordination as well.

10. **Radio Flyer Scoot 2 Scooter** would become a fantastic tool for encouraging your child to play active games. The scooter offers you two options: a kid can ride it standing up or in a seated position. In the second case, there would also be an extra space to carry some toys and stuff with you. The scooter is made of durable plastic. Can be used both inside and outside, so it comes in handy the whole year. Instills in your kid the love of sports, as well as gives opportunity to play whatever you want! For example, a kid can play shops and pretend to be a delivery person or imagine being a racing driver and what not!

- Over \$100:

11. **Rockin' Rider Lucky Talking Plush Spring Horse** is a toy that kids can't help hugging non-stop! Made of soft plush, it has a steel frame. In the ears there are buttons to press, and then a song, some phrases or sounds start to play. The horse is moving his mouth in time to the music or phrase. The volume is alterable. There are dozens of ways to play with this horse. Kids also love to take care of it as if it is a real pet. They stroke it, brush its tail and mane, talk with them and pretend to be on horse racing. Let your kid's imagination run wild during a game!

12. **Step2 Thomas the Tank Engine Up and Down Roller Coaster** is almost a portable amusement park (home version)! Made of high-quality plastic. All the details are well-designed for a 100% safe ride. Using it always involves a lot of physical activity, as well as develops coordination and balance skills. The roller coaster should be preferably used outside, so your kid will spend much more time in the open air. It can also contribute to kids' social skills, as it is practically impossible to play without a will to invite friends or neighbors to come join you! As the car implies only one rider, kids will have to learn to negotiate, take turns, wait patiently and respect each other.