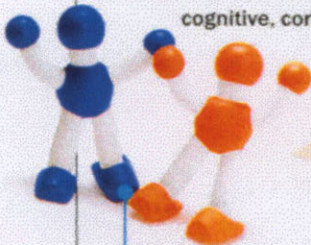


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TOYS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

If you have a special-needs child, check out the new Website Ableplay.org to find great toys. Experts from the National Lekotek Center—a nonprofit organization that provides learning programs for children with disabilities—rate toys that build skills for kids with physical, cognitive, communicative, and sensory challenges. A few of their top picks:



1 ROUNDHEADS, bendable foam figures, help kids with cerebral palsy strengthen their hand and finger control.



2 WOODY CLICK CONSTRUCTION CAR TRUCK is a good choice for children with Down syndrome because it encourages pretend play.



3 EDUCO SCHOOL DAYS, a wooden maze that uses a stylus pen to move magnetic marbles, is ideal for a child in a wheelchair.