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ABSTRACT

This guide identifies 45 toys appropriate for young children with visual and/or motor impairments. Criteria for the toys selected include the following: provides sound feedback, has brightly colored surfaces with high contrast colors, provides surfaces that are interesting to touch, stimulates thinking by requiring specific actions or problem solving, relates to a child's physical or social environment, stimulates and encourages reaching and movement, and provides fun and enjoyment. Toys are grouped into the following categories: (1) toys that light up or sing; (2) toys that catch your eye; (3) toys that shake, rattle, and roll; (4) switch toys; and (5) toys for the creative artist. Also listed are addresses and telephone numbers of eight catalog resources. Each toy listing includes a picture, the name of the manufacturer, cost, and special features. (DB)

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TOYS FOR ALL CHILDREN

Selecting Toys for Children with a Vision or Motor Challenge

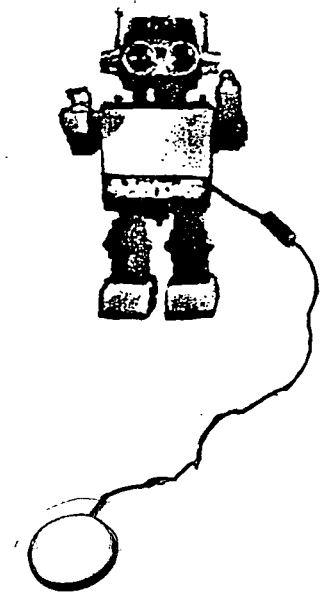
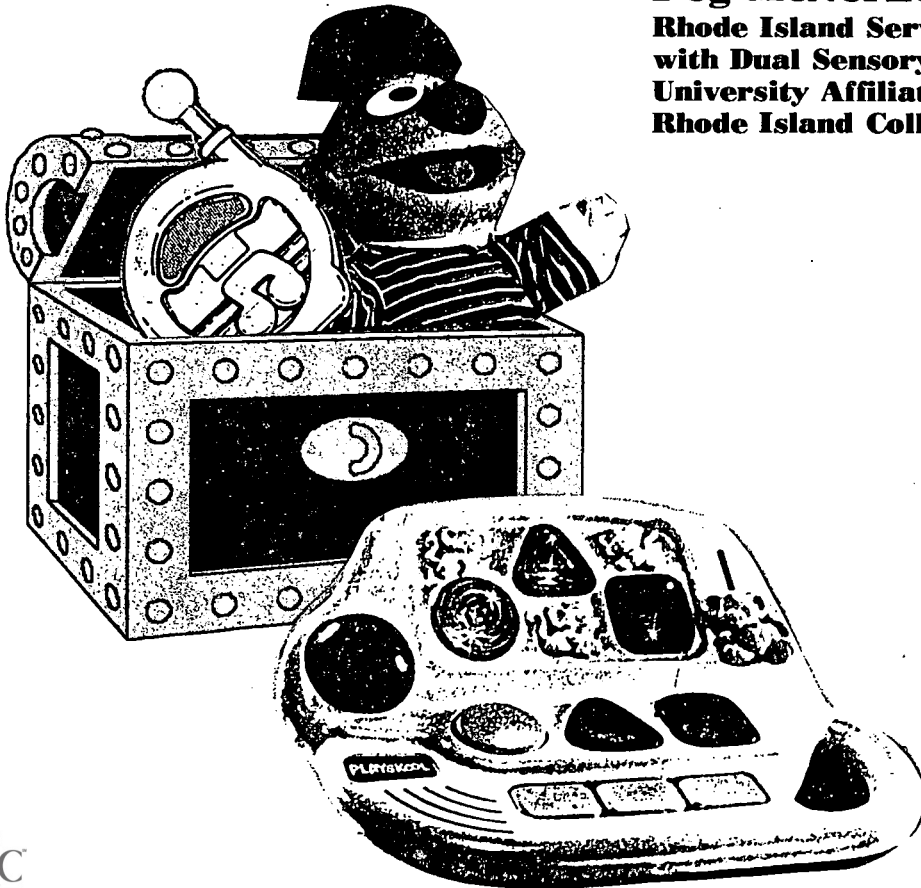
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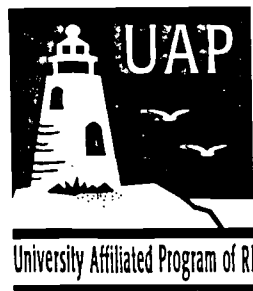
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"What toys will my children enjoy?" is a question frequently asked by both parents and teachers of children with and without a visual or motor challenge. This booklet will hopefully provide some suggestions to answer that question. The toys listed in the following pages were selected for both learning and FUN.

Toy Selection Criteria

The toys selected for this guide were examined with the following criteria in mind:

Provide sound feedback:

Sounds, music, and speech can serve as a learning tool by helping a child recognize and use common and unique sounds.

Have brightly colored surfaces with high contrast colors:

Look for toys with simple brilliant colors. Black, white, red, yellow, and blue are generally easiest to see. Avoid toys with light pastel colors.

Provide surfaces that are interesting to touch:

Children with visual impairments often rely on the feel of a toy to guide them in its use. Toys with varied textures and distinguishing shapes help a child identify different features and makes playing easier. Many toys can be modified with Velcro or other markers to assist a child in using a toy without varied textures. (For example, placing a Velcro dot on the “on” button of a toy).

Stimulate thinking by requiring specific actions or problem solving:

Many toys encourage reading, writing, drawing, and thinking. For example, building sets, puzzles, and shape sorters often require planning and the ability to understand that parts make up a whole.

Relate to a child's physical or social environment:

Besides being fun and encouraging imaginative play, many toys help kids to understand their environment. For instance, a play town can help a child to get a sense of scale and orientation, a toy with moving parts teaches how things work and fit together.

Stimulate and encourage reaching and movement:

Toys encourage movement in many ways, allowing a child to explore his or her environment with both small movements (placing, connecting, or moving objects) and large movements (pushing or pulling toys). Some toys encourage both movement and audible tracking by prompting a child to follow a toy's sound as it moves near or away. For children with limited motor skills, toys which entice a child to explore by reaching toward the sight and sound teach visual skills such as localizing, fixating, tracking, and scanning.

Provide FUN and enjoyment!:

A toy which a child enjoys is far more likely to be used. It is always important to choose toys which give a child pleasure and then consider the educational value.

Some Further Thoughts

Keep toys in a consistent place:

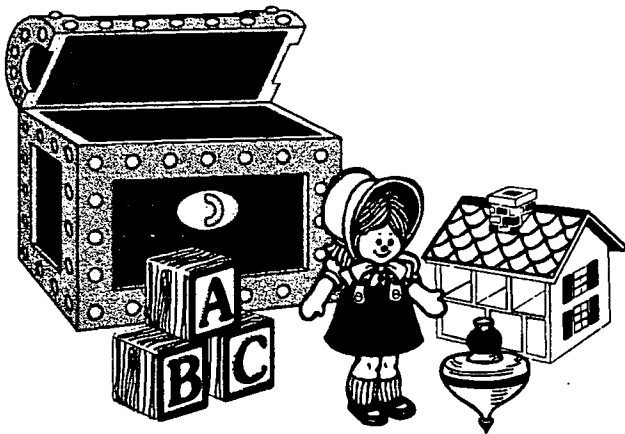
As a child learns to reach, crawl, and walk, he or she will learn to find toys independently if they are in predictable locations. Child-safe toy boxes, clear plastic containers with word and picture labels, shelves, and drawers are ideas for toy storage.

Have the child involved in finding the toys

Many children with visual impairments need to learn that toys do not appear by “magic”. Involving a child in getting a toy, and putting it away expands a child’s world beyond arm’s reach.

Establish a SAFE AREA

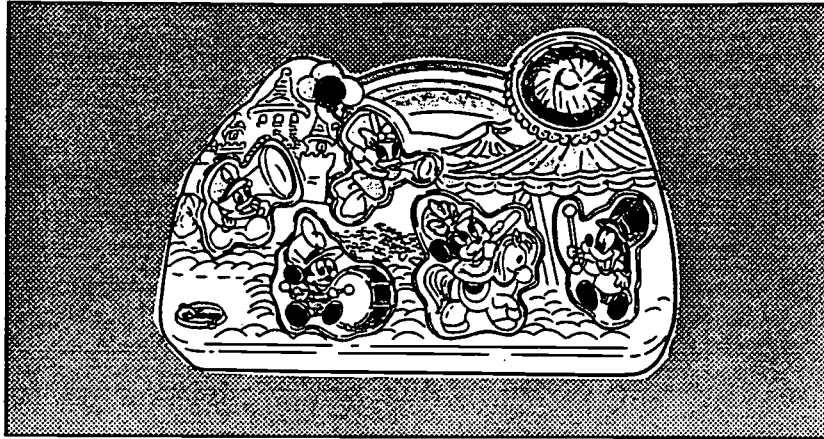
Children with visual impairments benefit from a defined area which is safe to explore without hazards. A playpen, carpet with defined edges, or a play room should be free from extra furniture, and set up to encourage movement and exploration.



TOYS THAT LIGHT UP & SING



MUSIC 'N LIGHTS PARADE

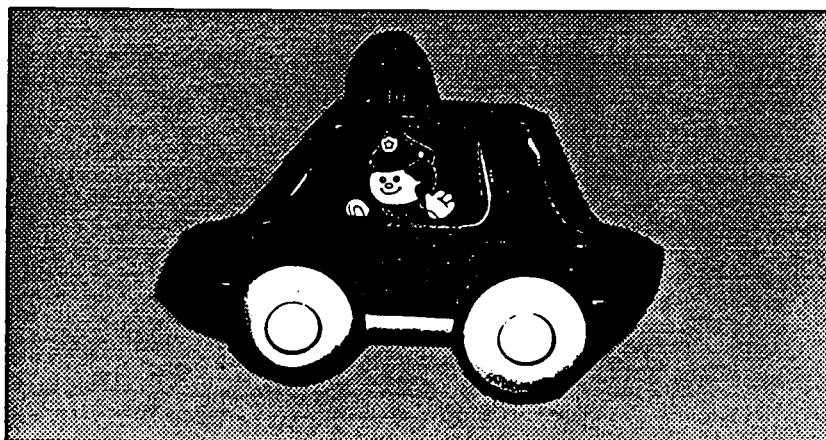


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| MANUFACTURER: | Disney/Mattel |
| COST: | \$ 24.99 |
| POWER SOURCE: | 3 AA Batteries |
| SWITCH ACCESS: | NO |
| FEATURES: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simple light-touch push activates 4 instrument sounds • raised & textured buttons in bright colors • flashing lights are activated by a button |

EDUCATIONAL USES:

- develop and refine fine motor skills to turn sounds on
- improve visual discrimination of green (on) and red (off) buttons
- give young children control over their environment

SOUND 'N LIGHT CARS

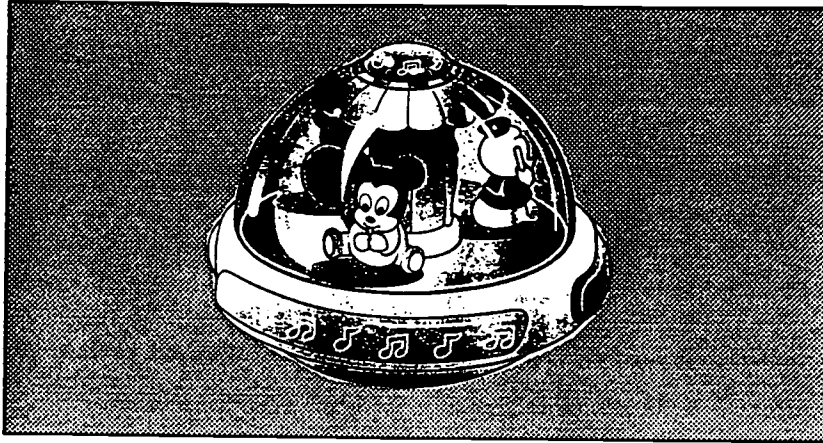


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| MANUFACTURER: | Playskool |
| COST: | \$ 9.99 |
| POWER SOURCE: | 2 Button Batteries |
| SWITCH ACCESS: | NO |
| FEATURES: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• light-touch activation by pressing roof light |

EDUCATIONAL USES:

- locating and pressing flashing roof light develops a child's motor skills.
- encourages a child to localize sound
- flashing of lights & siren entices baby to look at the lights while using hands

MELODY LIGHTS GO-ROUND



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| MANUFACTURER: | Disney/ Mattel |
| COST: | \$ 19.99 |
| POWER SOURCE: | 3 C Batteries |
| SWITCH ACCESS: | NO |
| FEATURES: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • light-touch activation by rocking toy • volume control • colored, flashing lights |

EDUCATIONAL USES:

- reinforces early motor skills when child rocks the toy
- flashing lights & music entices baby to look at the toy while using hands
- allows child to control the environment

TOUCH & PLAY TURTLE

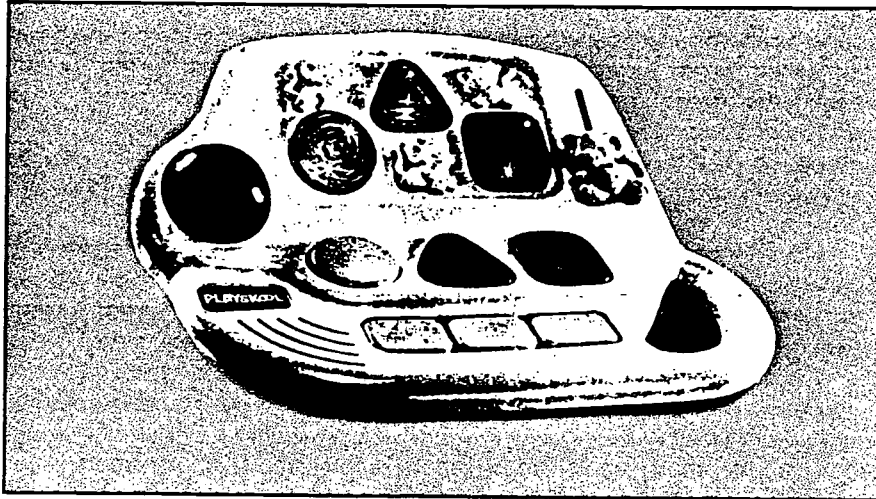


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| MANUFACTURER: | Child Guidance |
| COST: | \$12.99 |
| POWER SOURCE: | 3AA Batteries |
| SWITCH ACCESS: | No |
| FEATURES: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • light touch access • light reinforces what hand does • plays 3 different songs • different areas light up while songs play • turtle can attach to a crib rail |

EDUCATIONAL USES

- lights reinforce hand movements
- the turtle gives young children a fun way to actively control their environment

LIGHTS 'N SURPRISE LAPTOP

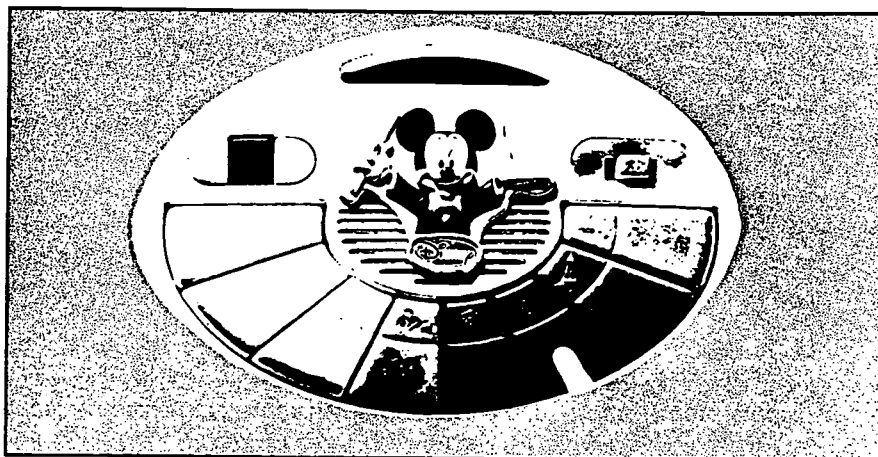


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| MANUFACTURER: | Playskool |
| COST: | \$16.99 |
| POWER SOURCE: | 3AA Batteries |
| SWITCH ACCESS: | No |
| FEATURES: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • light touch access • light reinforces what hand does • unusual fun noises |

EDUCATIONAL USES

- lights encourage child to look at the laptop button area
- the sounds are unusual enough to entice child to play
- the laptop gives young children a fun way to actively control their environment

FOLLOW-THE-LIGHTS KEYBOARD

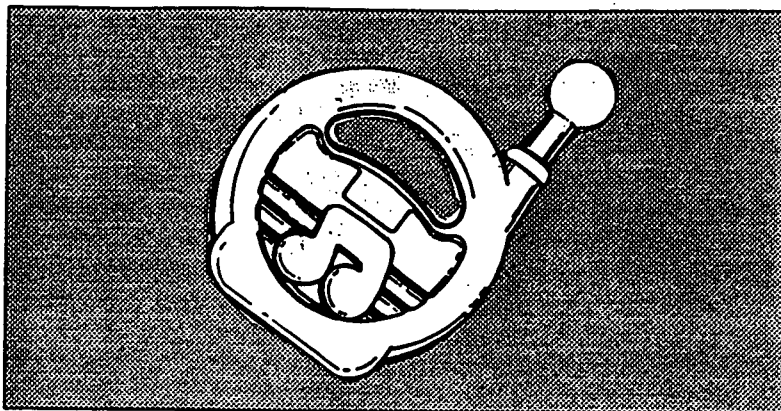


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| MANUFACTURER: | MATTEL |
| COST: | \$26.99 |
| POWER SOURCE: | 3AA Batteries |
| SWITCH ACCESS: | No |
| FEATURES: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • light touch access • light reinforces what hand does • three settings allow exploration or follow-the-lights mode • On/Off switch |

EDUCATIONAL USES

- the lights encourage children to look at the keyboard
- keyboard gives young children a fun way to actively control their environment

ROCKIN' RADIO

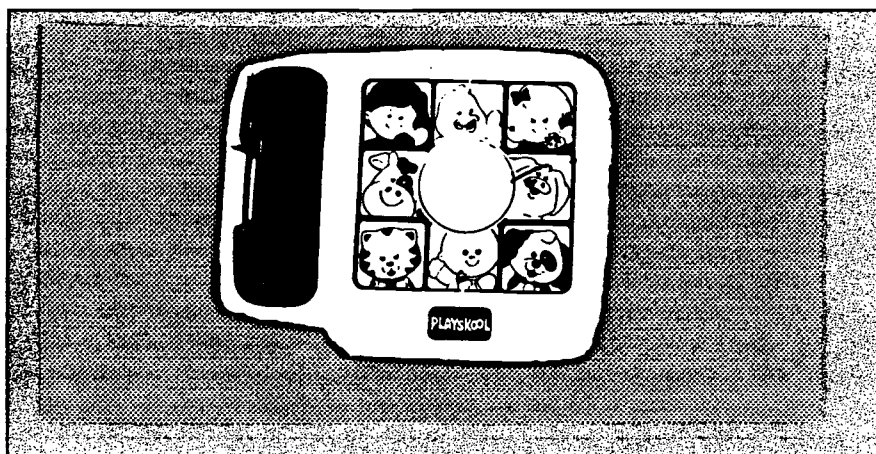


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| MANUFACTURER: | Playskool |
| COST: | \$ 10.00 |
| POWER SOURCE: | 2 AA Batteries |
| SWITCH ACCESS: | YES |
| FEATURERS: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the musical note button takes very little pressure to activate the music • the radio randomly selects one of 7 tunes each time the note is depressed |

EDUCATIONAL USES:

- child can learn to use this toy independently
- child can learn to find the radio with the help of sound and the bright colors of the radio
- locating and pressing the "note" develops a child's motor skills

TALKING PHONE

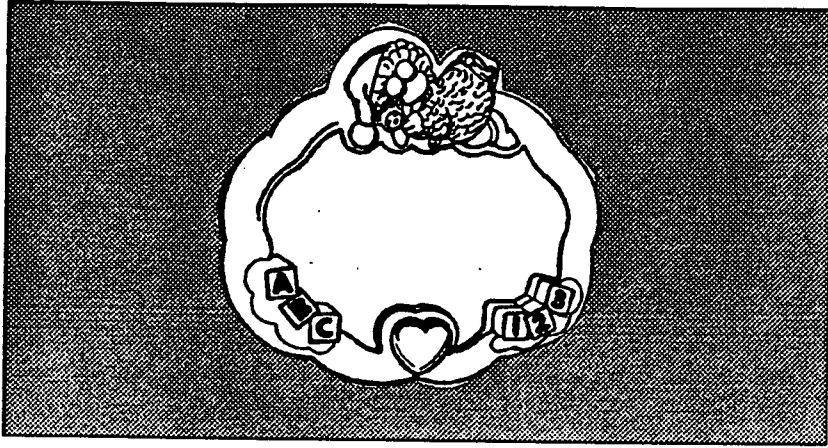


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| MANUFACTURER: | PLAYSKOOL |
| COST: | \$17.99 |
| POWER SOURCE: | 2AA Batteries |
| SWITCH ACCESS: | No |
| FEATURES: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • center button takes very little pressure to activate • the spin dial allows child to select one of 8 items |

EDUCATIONAL USES:

- the lights encourage children to look at the keyboard
- child can learn to use this toy independently
- child can learn to find the phone with the help of the phone's bright colors
- locating and pressing the center button develops a child's motor skills

MUSICAL CRIB MIRROR

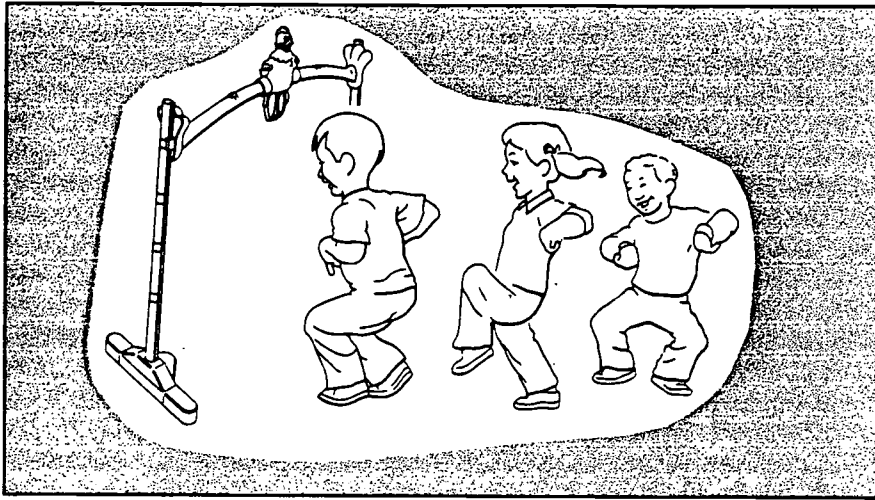


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| MANUFACTURER: | Sesame Street/ Tyco |
| COST: | \$ 9.99 |
| POWER SOURCE: | 2 A76 Button Batteries |
| SWITCH ACCESS: | NO |
| FEATURES: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • light-touch button activated • plays back 10 seconds of music |

EDUCATIONAL USES:

- develops and refines fine motor skills to activate music by locating and pressing heart button.
- mirror entices baby to look at the reflection while using hands

CHICKEN LIMBO

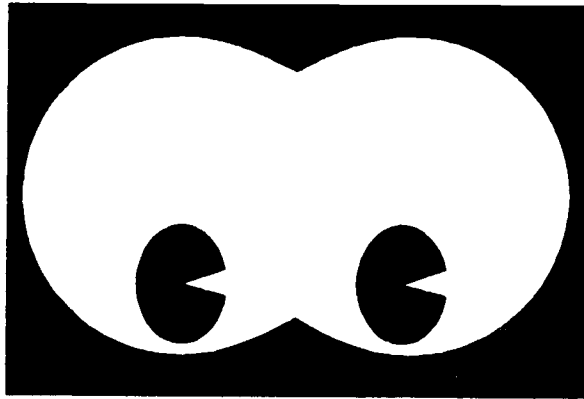


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| MANUFACTURER: | Milton Bradley |
| COST: | \$16.99 |
| POWER SOURCE: | 2 AA Batteries |
| SWITCH ACCESS: | No |
| FEATURES: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • when chicken is touched, it lets out an unusual squawking sound |

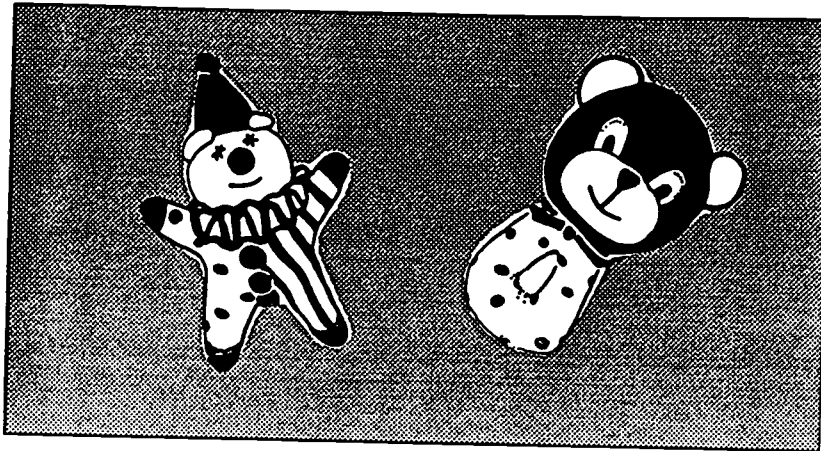
EDUCATIONAL USES

- a fun way to include children with vision impairments in physical education activities
- an unusual way to practice mobility/cane skills
- great for birthday parties

TOYS THAT CATCH YOUR EYE



BRIGHT START PLAY TOYS



- MANUFACTURER:** Bright Starts
can be purchased at stores
such as Toys R Us
- COST:** under \$15.00
- POWER SOURCE:** NONE
- SWITCH ACCESS:** NO
- FEATURES:**
- toys are visually appealing and are high contrast black & white patterns
 - many toys make sounds when shaken
 - toys are washable

EDUCATIONAL USES:

- helps develop visual attention and early tracking skills.
- rattle sounds draw child's attention to the toy

HIGH CONTRAST BOOKS

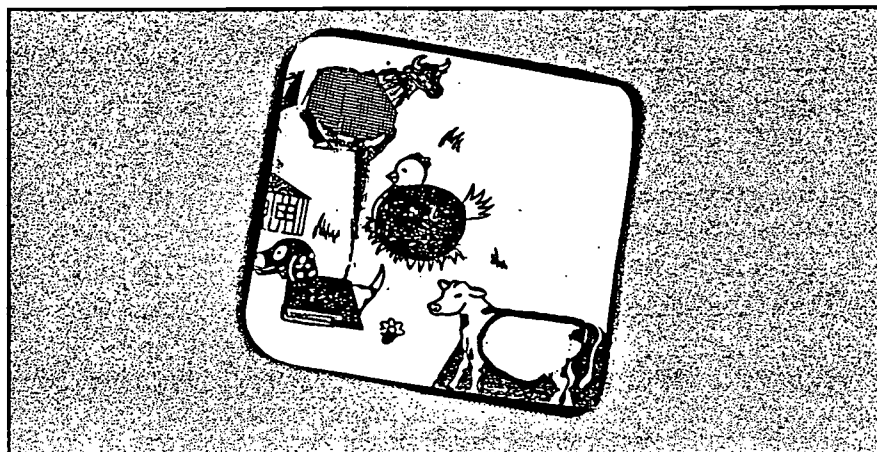


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| AUTHOR: | Tana Hoban |
| COST: | \$7.99 |
| POWER SOURCE: | None |
| SWITCH ACCESS: | No |
| FEATURES: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pages are made out of hard cardboard which is easy to manipulate & turn • one item per page reduces visual distractions • high contrast designs |

EDUCATIONAL USES

- can be used to develop an awareness of common shapes
- can develop basic book skills (turning pages, visual attention)

PRESS & LISTEN ANIMAL MAT



MANUFACTURER: Battat

COST: \$19.99

POWER SOURCE: 2 AA Batteries

SWITCH ACCESS: No

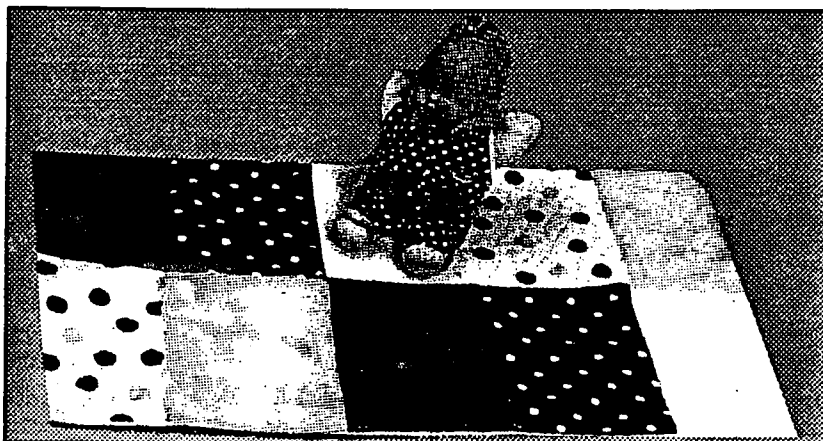
FEATURES:

- the animal sounds are realistic
- although the mat design is busy, high contrast pictures are used.

EDUCATIONAL USES:

- if child is placed on the mat, rolling and crawling are reinforced by animal sounds.
- child can visually locate and reach for the different animals

ACTIVITY COVERS

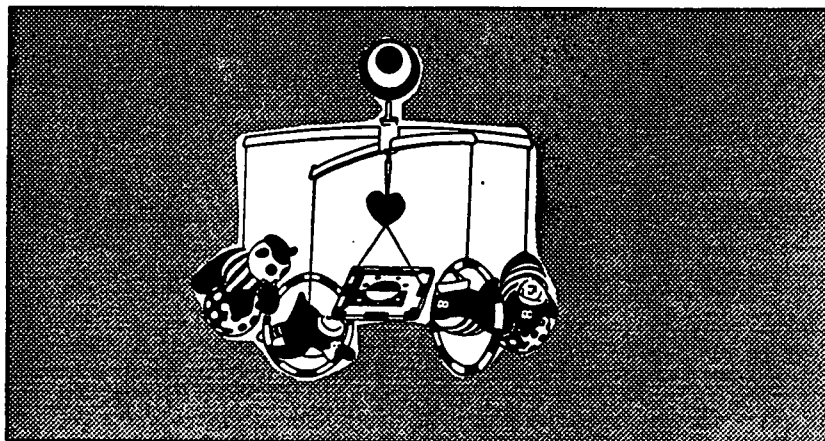


- MANUFACTURER:** Kapable Kids
(catalogue.... see back for info)
- COST:** \$ 21.95
- POWER SOURCE:** NONE
- SWITCH ACCESS:** NO
- FEATURES:**
- these brightly colored, high contrast covers fit over the "Press & Listen Animal Mat" to add a higher contrast, textured surface for a child to explore.
 - can also be used alone for exploring without the sound component
 - cover is washable

EDUCATIONAL USES:

- reinforces a child's movements by providing different textures as the child rolls or crawls.
- helps develop visual attention and early visual awareness skills.
- sounds draw child's attention to the toy

MUSICAL MOBILE

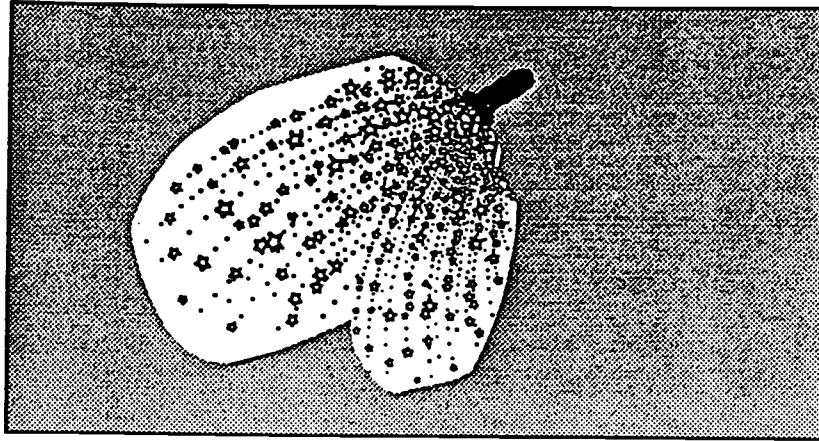


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| MANUFACTURER: | Bright Starts can be purchased at stores such as Toys R Us |
| COST: | \$ 19.99 |
| POWER SOURCE: | NONE |
| SWITCH ACCESS: | NO |
| FEATURES: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hanging toys are visually appealing and are high contrast black & white patterns |

EDUCATIONAL USES:

- helps develop visual attention and early tracking skills.
- music draws child's attention to the mobile

MYLAR POM POM



MANUFACTURER: Slinky

COST: \$ 4.99

POWER SOURCE: None

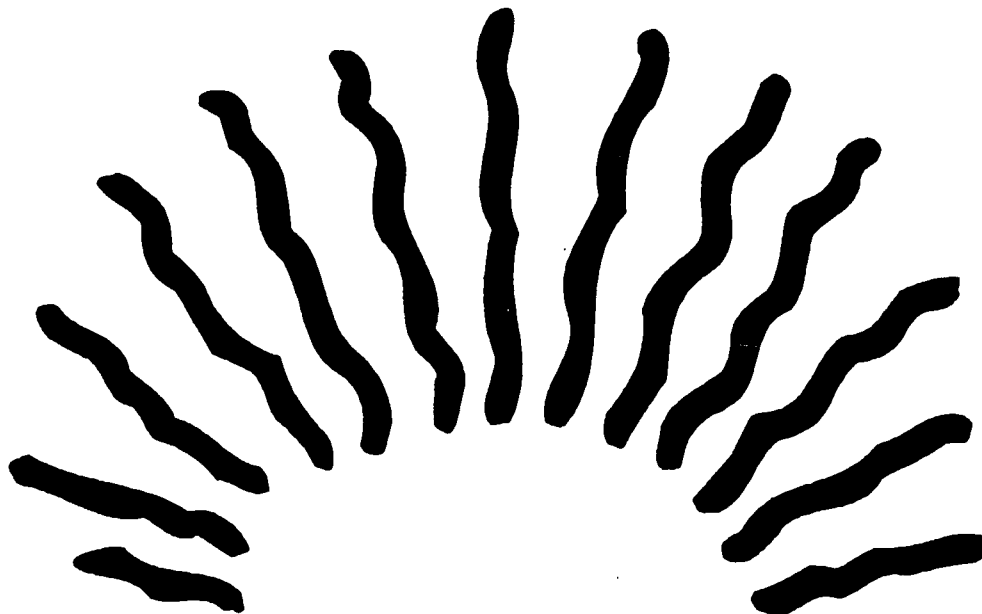
SWITCH ACCESS: NO

FEATURES:

- unique sensory experience
- can be washed easily
- reflects light
- easy to grip

EDUCATIONAL USES:

- the light reflects off the pom pom and entices baby to look at the toy. The pom pom can be used to encourage visual tracking skills.
- many children who are sensory defensive like the way this feels.
- the pom pom can be gently shaken to produce an interesting sound. A child can use this sound to locate the toy.



TOYS THAT SHAKE, RATTLE & ROLL

TICKLE-ME-ERNIE

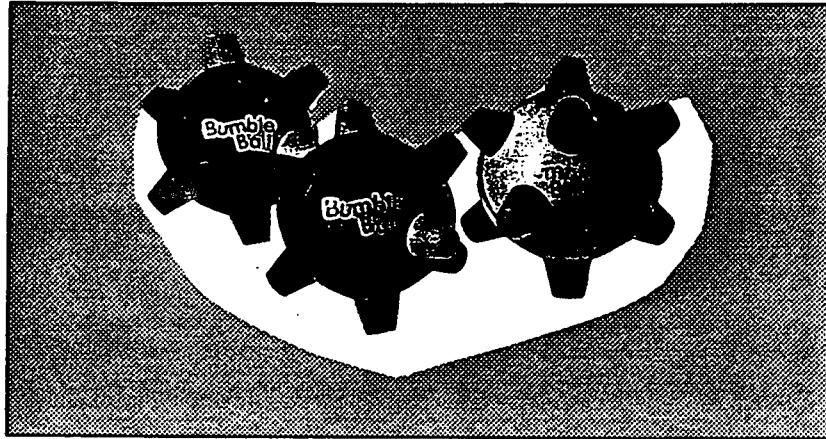


- MANUFACTURER:** Sesame Street
- COST:** \$17.99
- POWER SOURCE:** 2AA Batteries
- SWITCH ACCESS:** No
- FEATURES:**
- medium strength squeeze access
 - high contrast shirt directs child to tummy “squeeze” area
 - tummy squeeze is reinforced with a “jiggle” vibration
 - high-contrast facial features

EDUCATIONAL USES

- develops an awareness of body parts
- squeeze activation builds hand muscles (pre-Braille skills)

BUMBLE BALL



MANUFACTURER: ERTL
(can be found at Toys R Us, Toy Works, Job Lot, etc.)

COST: \$ 12.99

POWER SOURCE: 2 C Batteries

SWITCH ACCESS: NO

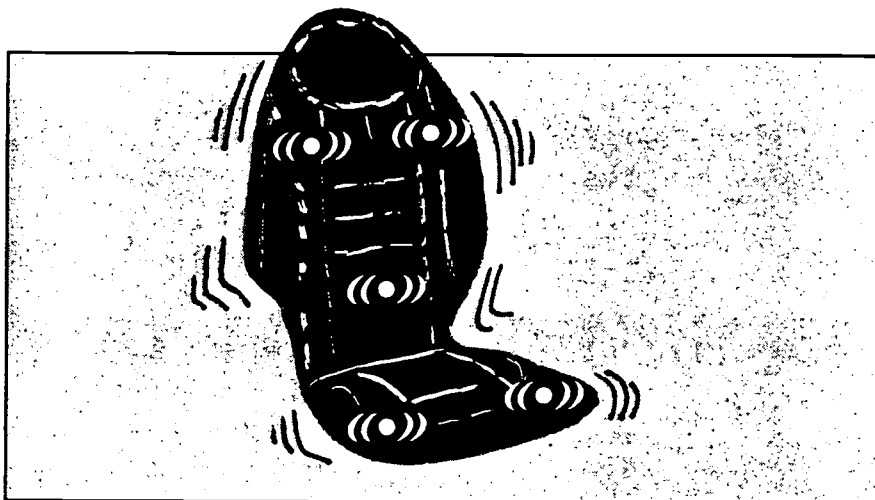
FEATURES:

- toy makes a loud sound when placed on a hard surface
- when placed in contact with child, toy presents unusual vibrating

EDUCATIONAL USES:

- reinforces early motor skills as child reaches to locate ball
- child uses visual tracking skills to follow the ball's movements
- when placed on hard surfaces, child can use hearing skills to locate the ball's movements

SEAT MASSAGER

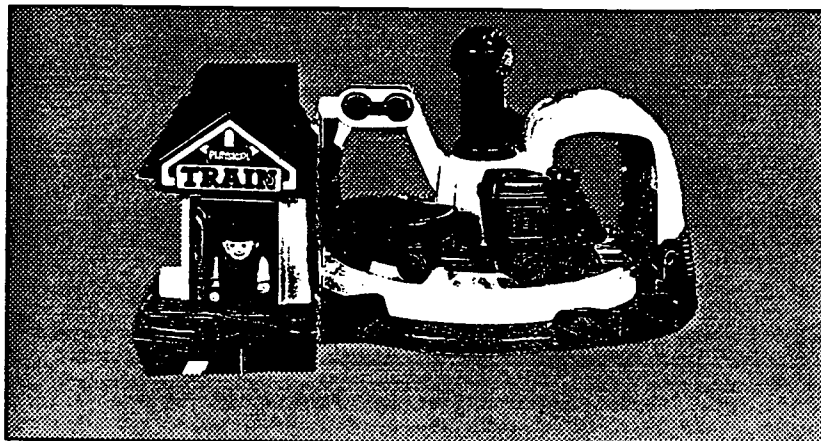


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| MANUFACTURER: | Homedics (other companies produce a similar product) |
| COST: | \$40 |
| POWER SOURCE: | AC/DC this works from an outlet and can be plugged into a cigarette lighter in a car |
| SWITCH ACCESS: | An environmental control unit can be used to make this seat controlled with a switch. It can also be turned on through the hand control unit. |
| FEATURES: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the seat makes a buzzing sound • the seat presents a controllable vibrating sensation over many areas of the seat surface • added heat can be controlled |

EDUCATIONAL USES

- the seat can be used to develop an awareness of body parts
- the seat can be used as part of a desensitization program
- child can use a switch to develop cause and effect skills
- child can use vocalization or movement to call for "more"

SPIN-AROUND-TRAIN

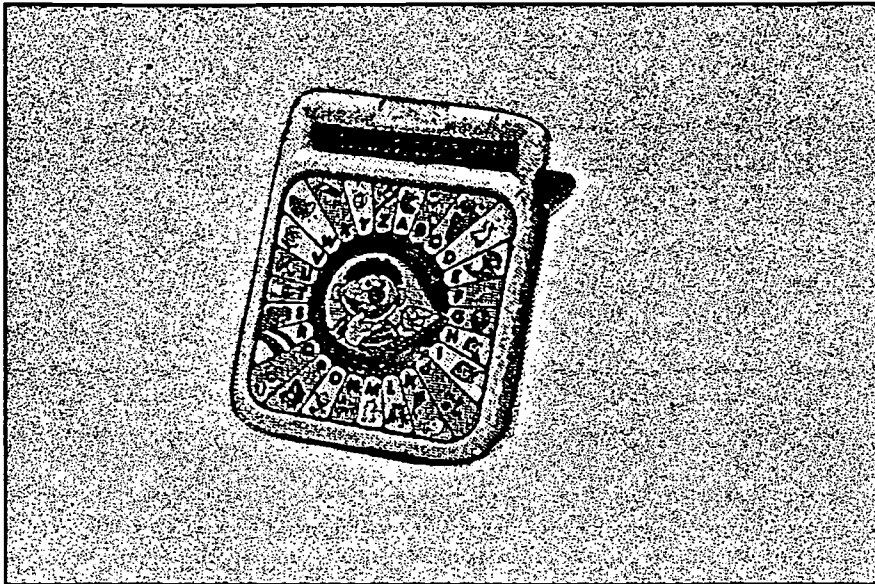


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| MANUFACTURER: | PLAYSKOOL |
| COST: | \$ 15.99 |
| POWER SOURCE: | None |
| SWITCH ACCESS: | NO |
| FEATURES: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • center button is large and easy to push • as train moves, bells ring |

EDUCATIONAL USES:

- fine motor skills are used as child locates and presses center start button
- visual tracking skills are used as child follows the sounds and the movement of the train.
- child uses perceptual skills to match the pieces of the train to the correct location

SEE 'N SAY



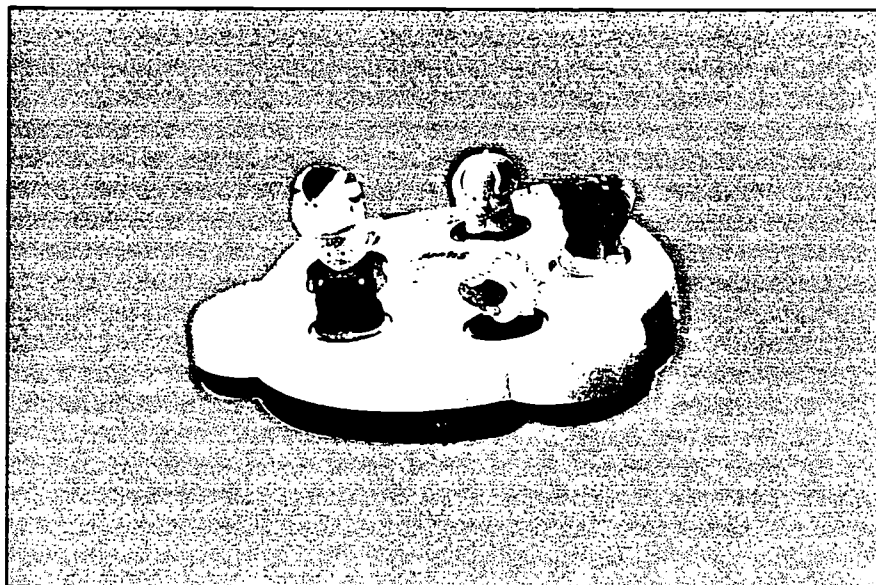
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| MANUFACTURER: | Mattel |
| COST: | \$9.99 |
| POWER SOURCE: | None |
| SWITCH ACCESS: | No |
| FEATURES: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • push handle winds toy • many versions offer different sounds and themes such as farms, Disney Movies, Alphabet, Cars, etc. |

EDUCATIONAL USES

- sound encourages child to look at the toy
- gives young children control over their environment
- can be used to teach and reinforce the choices on the See 'N Say with pictures and sounds

TOUCH & SOUND FARM

SEE & SAY

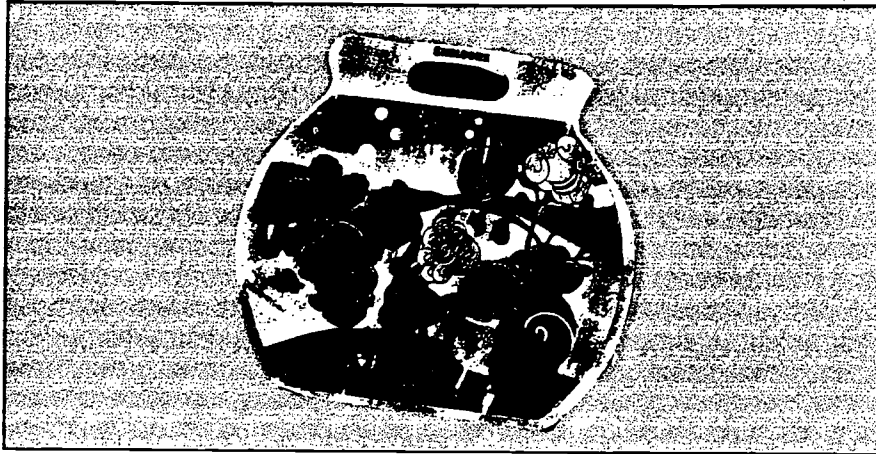


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| COST: | \$21.99 |
| POWER SOURCE: | 3AA Batteries |
| SWITCH ACCESS: | No |
| FEATURES: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • light touch access • sound reinforces what hand does • 5 typical farm noises |

EDUCATIONAL USES

- sound encourages child to look at farm area
- child can learn the shape of the animal to activate the animal sound

WATER PLAY MAT

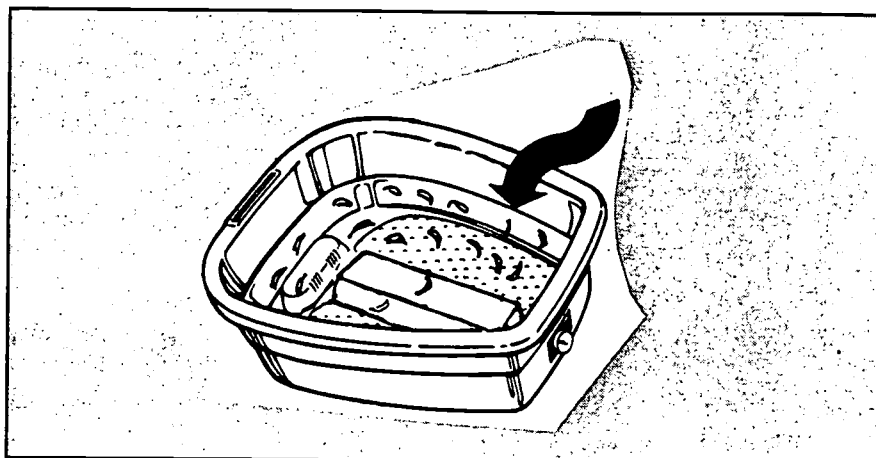


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| COST: | \$7.99 |
| POWER SOURCE: | None |
| SWITCH ACCESS: | No |
| FEATURES: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the water wave sensation is pleasurable to many children • the water can be warm or cold to add variety to the fun |

EDUCATIONAL USES:

- child can learn to use this toy independently
- child can visually locate and feel the floating objects
- if your child is experiencing difficulty finding the floating objects, place the play mat on a black or white towel to add contrast

FOOT BATH

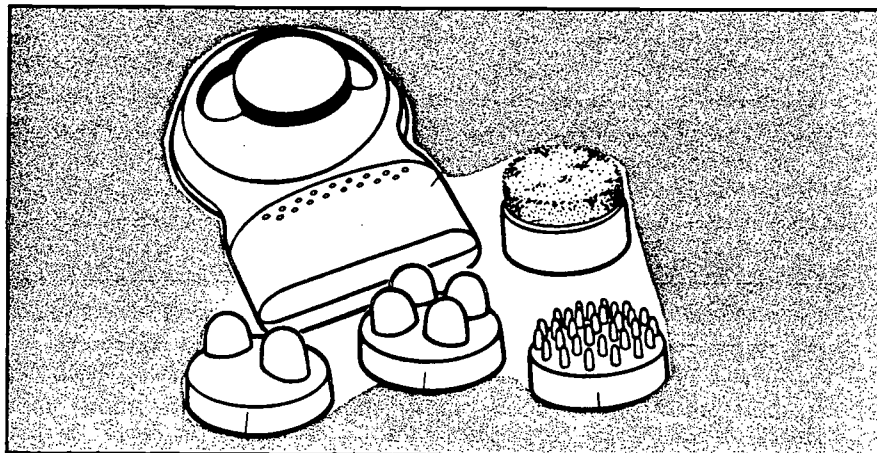


- MANUFACTURER:** Dr. Scholl's
- COST:** \$40
- POWER SOURCE:** power outlet
- SWITCH ACCESS:** An environmental control unit can be used to make this foot bath controlled with a switch.
- FEATURES:**
- the foot bath makes a buzzing sound
 - the foot bath can be used wet or dry
 - **safety** must be considered and this product should always be used under constant adult supervision.

EDUCATIONAL USES

- the foot bath can be used to develop an awareness of body parts
- child can use a switch to develop cause and effect skills
- child can use vocalization or movement to call for "more"

VIBRA-TOUCH PERSONAL MASSAGER

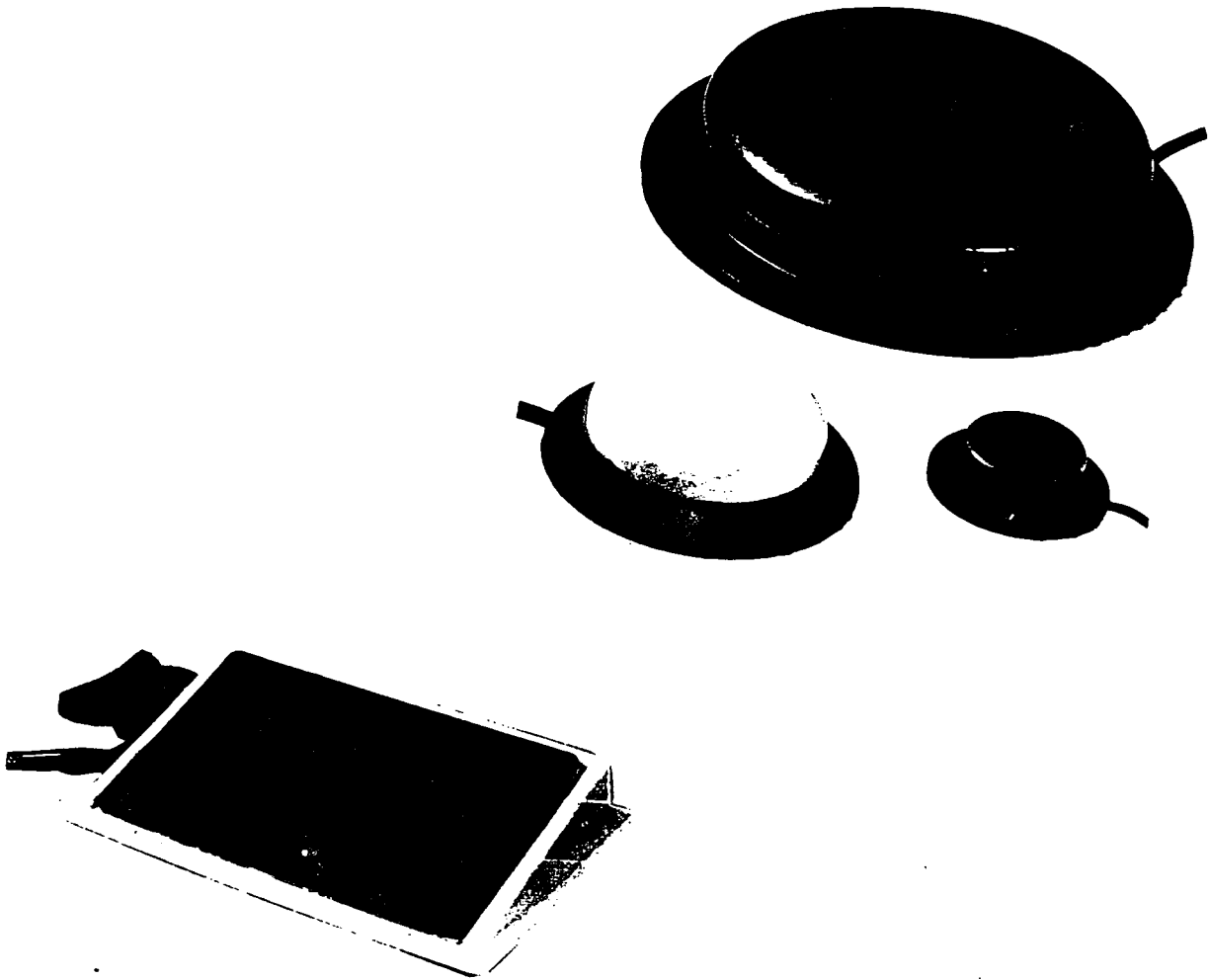


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| MANUFACTURER: | Vibra-Touch |
| COST: | \$6.99 |
| POWER SOURCE: | 2AA Batteries |
| SWITCH ACCESS: | No |
| FEATURES: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • medium strength squeeze access • four attachments included to provide different vibrating sensations • on/off switch |

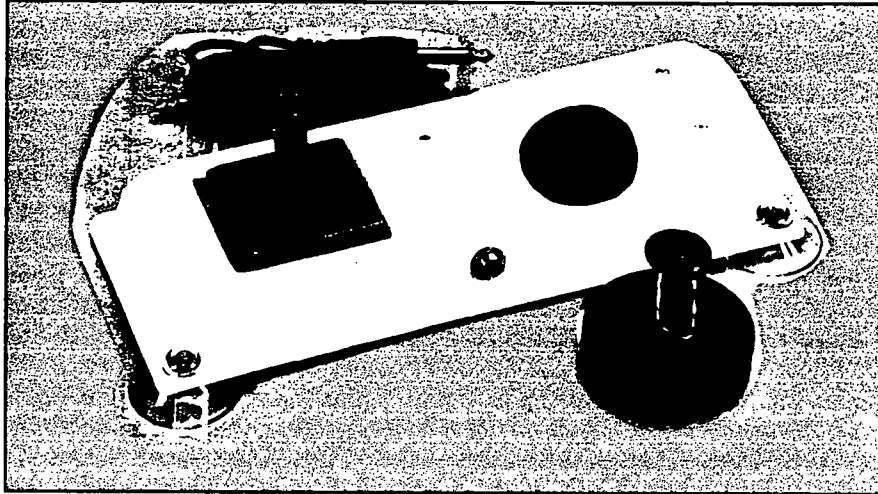
EDUCATIONAL USES

- can be used to develop an awareness of body parts
- can be used as part of a desensitization program

SWITCH TOYS



MUSIC PUZZLE SWITCH

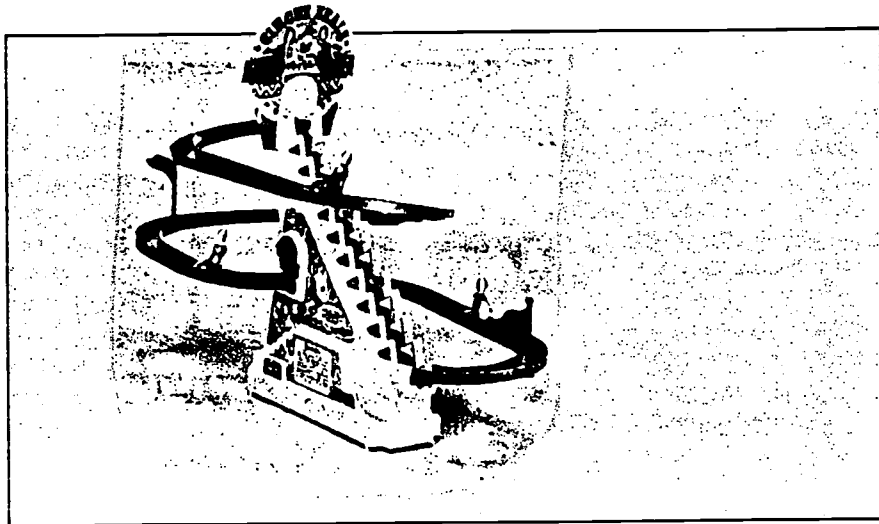


- MANUFACTURER:** TEC Toys
1-800-832-8697
- COST:** \$40.00 (2 shapes)
- POWER SOURCE:** 2AA Batteries
- SWITCH ACCESS:** No, but can be also used as a switch
- FEATURES:**
- large handles allow easy manipulation of the puzzle pieces
 - music reinforces puzzle completion
 - white puzzle surface can be modified with high contrast colors
 - suction cups provide some puzzle stability

EDUCATIONAL USES

- children can learn to match simple shapes
- fine motor skills and problem solving are developed through puzzle play

CIRCUS SEALS



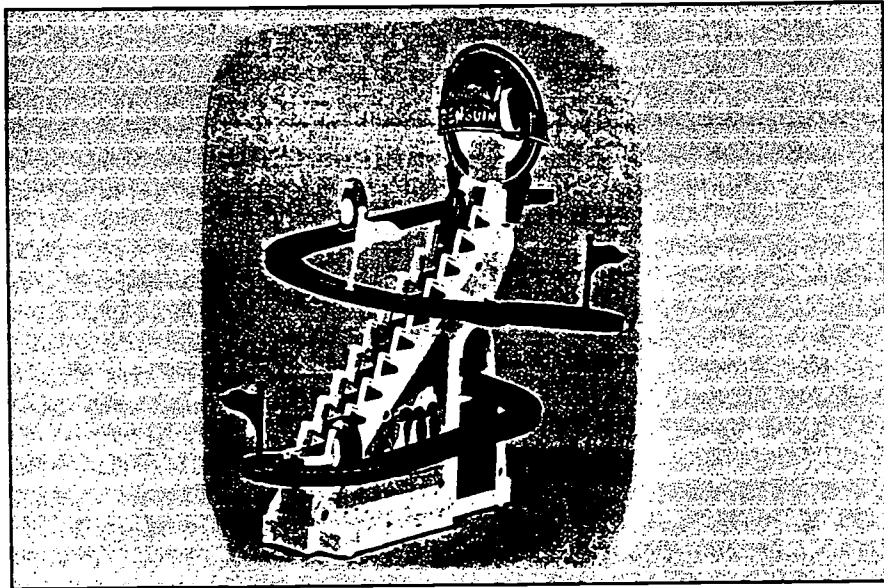
MANUFACTURER: Enabling Devices
1-914-478-0960

COST: \$25

FEATURES: when switch is depressed,
the seals move up and then
slide down the track.

SWITCH ADAPTED TOYS

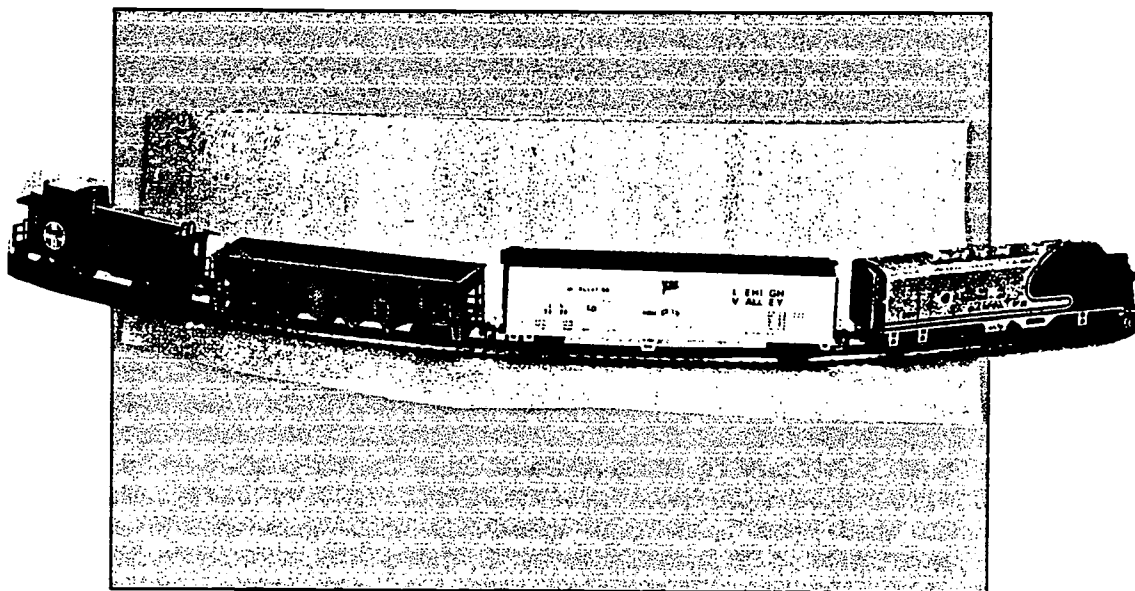
PENGUIN ROLLER COASTER



- MANUFACTURER:** Toys for Special Children
1-800-832-8697
- COST:** \$25
- FEATURES:** when switch is depressed, the penguins move up and down the coaster tracks

SWITCH ADAPTED TOYS

TRAIN SET



MANUFACTURER: Toys for Special Children
1-800-832-8697

COST: \$61

FEATURES: when switch is depressed, the train (locomotive, 2 cars and caboose) moves on a track.

SWITCH ADAPTED TOYS

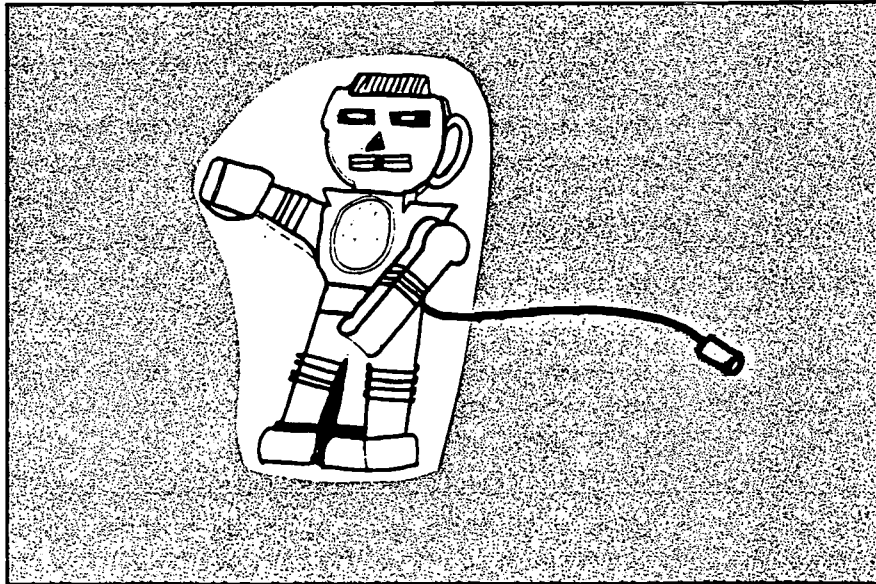
BABY PTERODACTYL



- MANUFACTURER:** Toys for Special Children
1-800-832-8697
- COST:** \$25
- FEATURES:** when switch is depressed, this creature flaps its wings and gives a little chatter

SWITCH ADAPTED TOYS

WALKING ROBOT

**MANUFACTURER:**

Toys for Special Children
1-800-832-8697

COST:

\$25

FEATURES:

when switch is depressed, the robot walks, his eyes flash, and he moves his arms and head

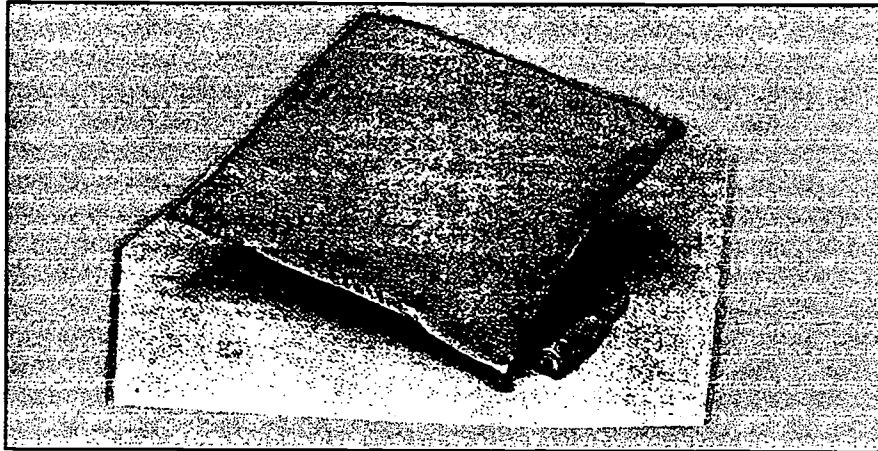
SWITCH ADAPTED TOYS

DINOSAUR



- MANUFACTURER:** Toys for Special Children
1-800-832-8697
- COST:** \$30
- FEATURES:** when switch is depressed, this
dinosaur walks and roars

VIBRATING PILLOW

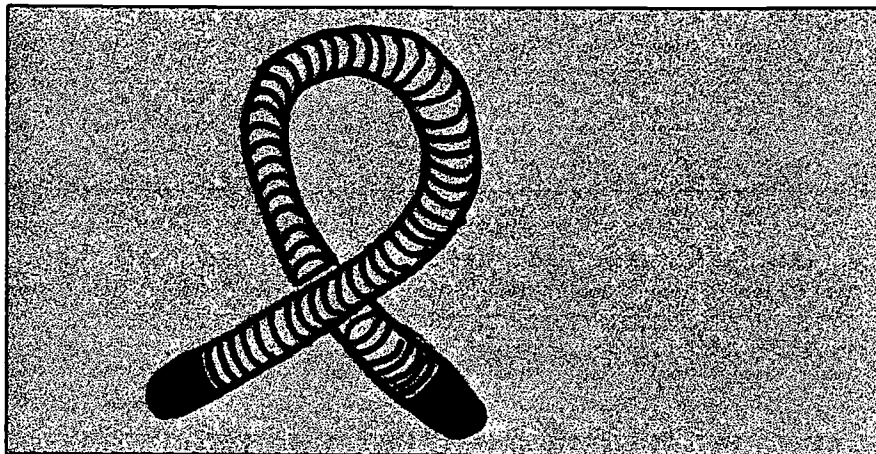


- MANUFACTURER:** Enabling Devices
1-914-478-0960
- COST:** \$26
- POWER SOURCE:** 1 6-Volt Battery
- SWITCH ACCESS:** Yes
- FEATURES:**
- toy makes a buzzing sound
 - toy presents an unusual vibrating sensations
 - on/off switch

EDUCATIONAL USES

- can be used to develop an awareness of body parts
- can be used as part of a desensitization program
- child can use hearing and touch to locate the toy
- can develop an awareness of cause and effect

TUBULAR VIBRATOR

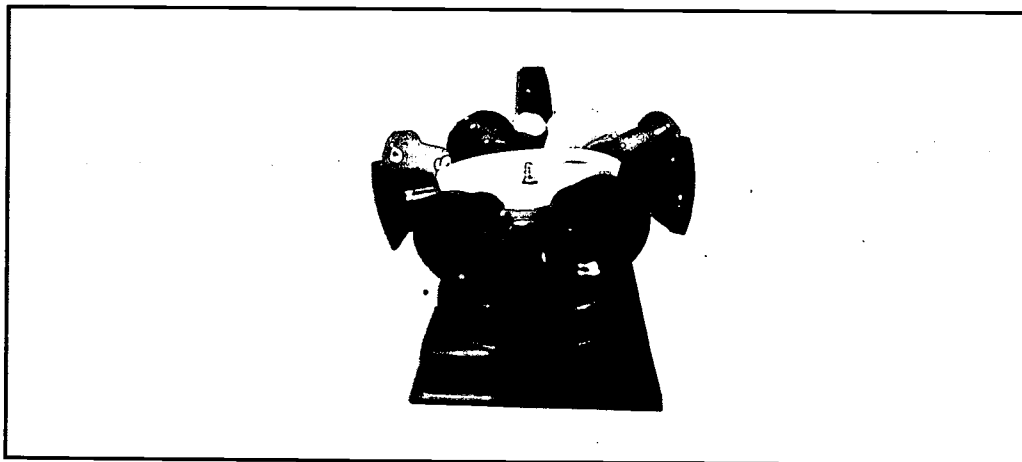


- MANUFACTURER:** Enabling Devices
1-914-478-0960
- COST:** \$25
- POWER SOURCE:** 2 C Batteries
- SWITCH ACCESS:** Yes
- FEATURES:**
- toy makes a buzzing sound
 - toy presents an unusual vibrating sensation over the 46 inches
 - on/off switch

EDUCATIONAL USES

- can be used to develop an awareness of body parts
- can be used as part of a desensitization program
- child can use hearing and touch to locate the toy
- can develop an awareness of cause and effect

RING AROUND BELLS



MANUFACTURER: Enabling Devices
(914) 478-0960

COST: \$65

POWER SOURCE: 2AA Batteries

SWITCH ACCESS: Yes

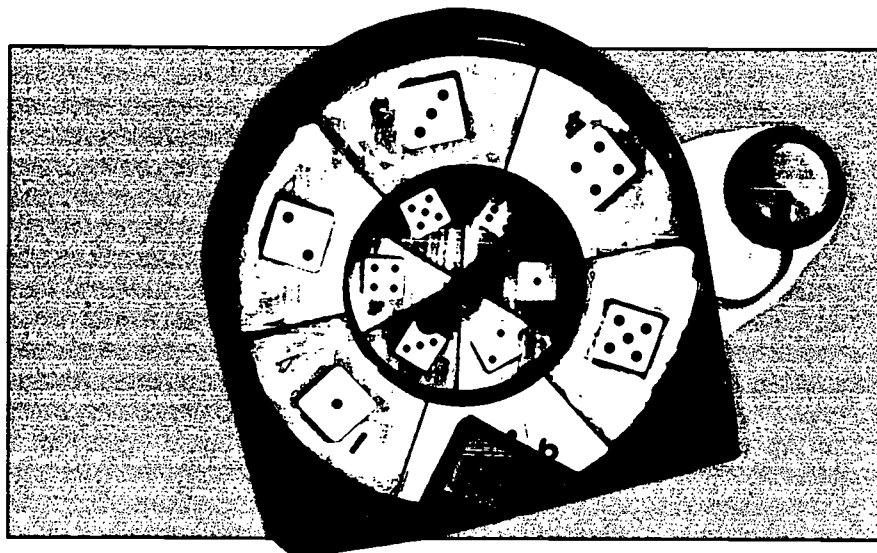
FEATURES:

- switch access
- sound reinforces the switch activation
- unusual, loud bell noises
- colorful bells rotate as they ring

EDUCATIONAL USES:

- Ring Around Bells can be used in a music class or with a buddy during free play.
- A child can ring the bells manually or by activating a switch

ALL-TURN-IT SPINNER



- MANUFACTURER:** AbleNet
1-800-322-0956
- COST:** \$89
- POWER SOURCE:** 2 AA Batteries
- SWITCH ACCESS:** Yes
- FEATURES:**
- can be operated from a small button or an external switch... all can play
 - overlays can be made to include Braille, high contrast pictures, and overlays for specific games
 - built in stand for easy viewing

EDUCATIONAL USES

- a fun way to include children with vision impairments, and physical impairments in any game
- children can practice matching spinner to picture

TALKING DOOR MAT

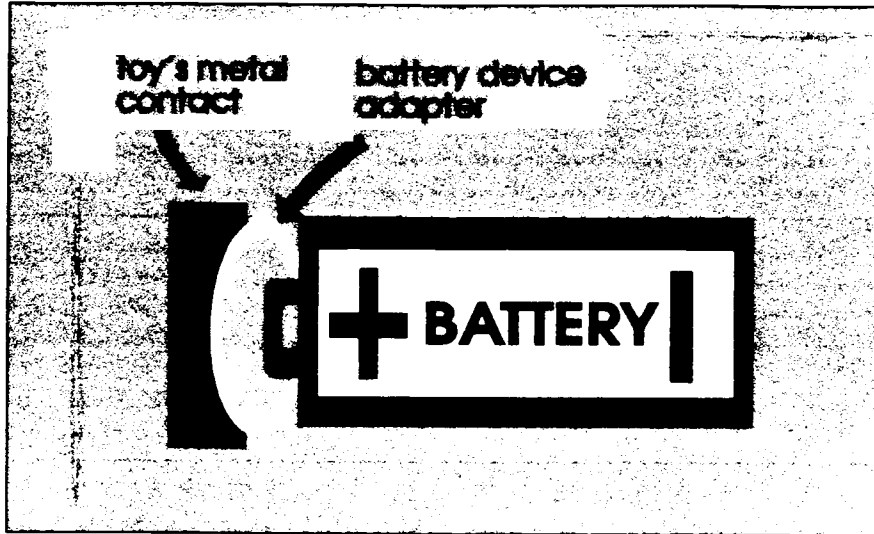


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| MANUFACTURER: | various manufacturers check stores near holiday times |
| COST: | \$10.99 |
| POWER SOURCE: | 3AA Batteries |
| SWITCH ACCESS: | YES Place a battery interrupter between battery and metal contact. Place something on the mat to ensure activation |
| FEATURES: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • can be used during trick-or-treating • use a switch or press to activate • loud "Happy Halloween" message • brightly colored picture on the mat |

EDUCATIONAL USES:

- allows child to actively participate during Halloween Trick-or-Treating

BATTERY DEVICE ADAPTER



Place the battery device adapter in-between the toy's metal contact (inside the battery compartment) and the tip of the battery. Attach the switch. If the toy has an "ON" button, turn it to the ON position.

MANUFACTURER:

Ablenet
(800) 322-0956

COST:

\$7.50

FEATURES:

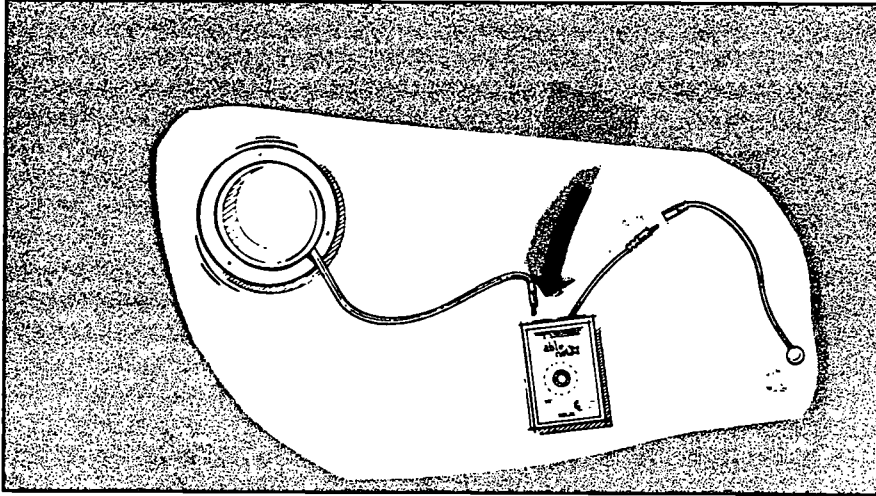
- allows switch access to many toys
- a toy will remain activated for as long as the child maintains pressure on the switch
- a low cost alternative to higher priced catalog toys

EDUCATIONAL USES

- this is a great asset for children who have difficulty playing with toys in a traditional way.
- using switches to activate toys establishes opportunities for cause and effect learning.
- allows child to control his/her environment

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SWITCH LATCH & TIMER

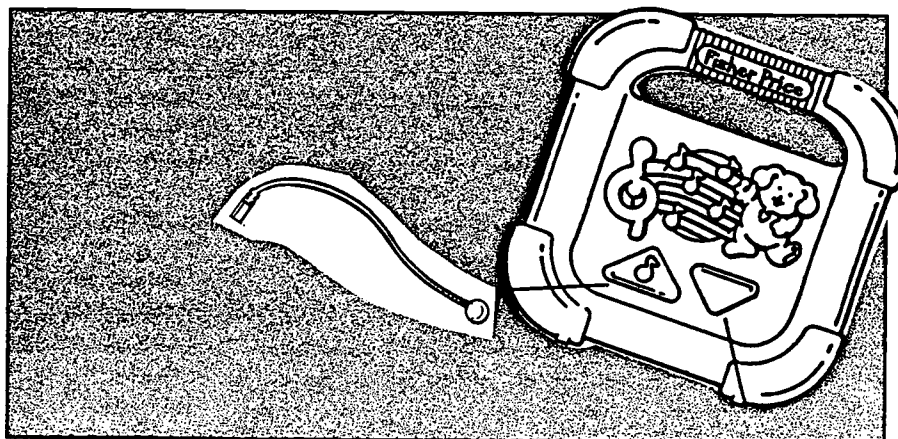


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| MANUFACTURER: | Ablenet (800) 322-0956 |
| COST: | \$58 |
| POWER SOURCE: | 2 AA Batteries |
| SWITCH ACCESS: | Yes |
| FEATURES: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • switch access using any switch • <u>on timed mode</u>, one hit from a switch allows up to 60 seconds of toy fun • <u>latch mode</u> allows alternative access one hit on, one hit off |

EDUCATIONAL USES

- this is a great asset for children who have difficulty maintaining pressure on a switch.
- this device can be used with commercially adapted toys, or toys with a battery device adapter.

TAPE RECORDER WITH A SWITCH



Place the battery device adapter in-between the toy's metal contact (inside the battery compartment) and the tip of the battery. Attach the switch. Press the PLAY button ON.

MANUFACTURER:

any tape recorder with batteries and a **Battery Device Adapter**

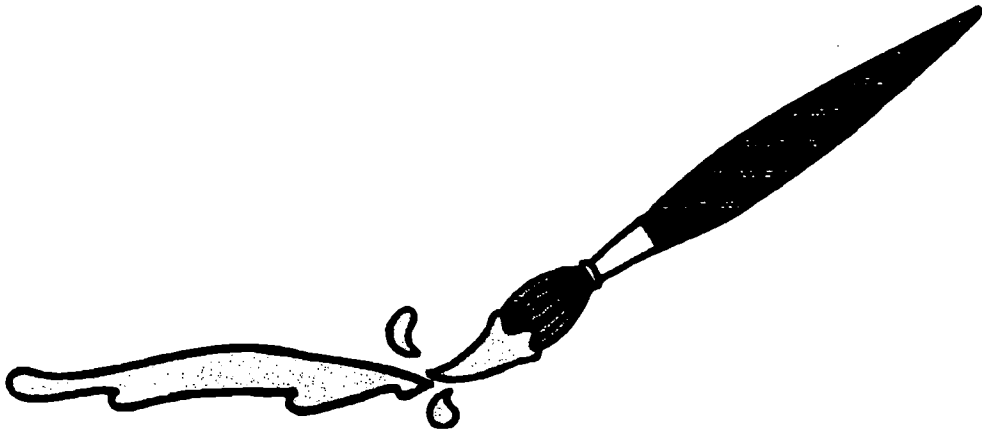
FEATURES:

- allows switch access to a cassette player
- a toy will remain activated for as long as the child maintains pressure on the switch

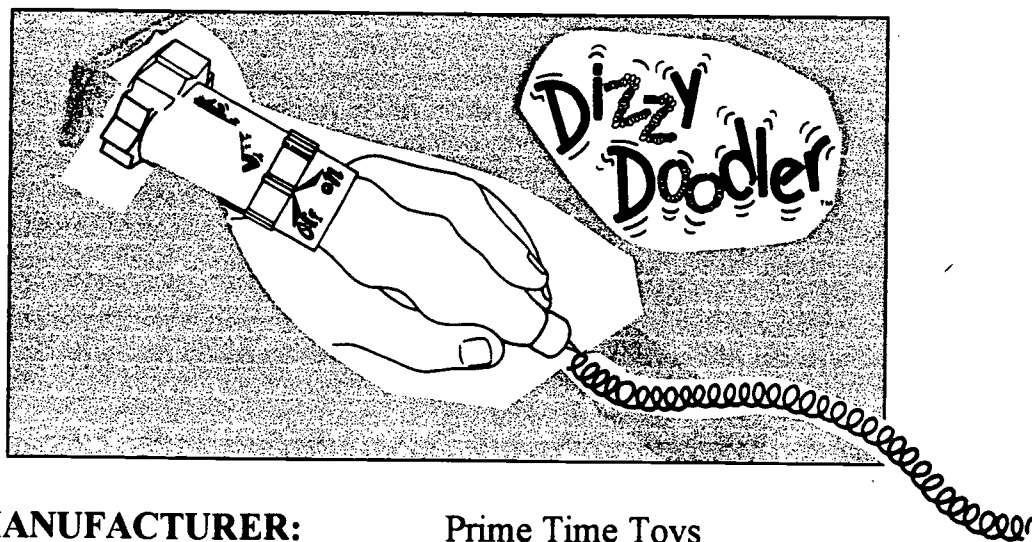
EDUCATIONAL USES

- many children enjoy listening to music and stories on tape. A switch allows a child to actively participate in this activity.
- using a switch establishes an opportunity for cause and effect learning and **FUN!**
- allows a child to control his/her environment

TOYS FOR THE CREATIVE ARTIST



DIZZY DOODLER



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| MANUFACTURER: | Prime Time Toys |
| COST: | \$5.99 |
| POWER SOURCE: | 1 AA Battery |
| SWITCH ACCESS: | No |
| FEATURES: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provides tactile feedback of drawing activity • contoured grip makes holding the pen easier • pen makes a noise as it touches a drawing surface • on/off switch • can be used with children of all ages |

EDUCATIONAL USES

- can develop grasp skills (pre-Braille skills)
- can be used as an alternative to standard pencil activities

MONSTER WRITER



- MANUFACTURER:** Wintech
- COST:** \$5.99
- POWER SOURCE:** 1 AA Battery
- SWITCH ACCESS:** No
- FEATURES:**
- provides tactile feedback of drawing activity
 - contoured grip makes holding the pen easier
 - when “monster” figure is added, spirals are smaller
 - pen makes a noise as it touches a drawing surface
 - on/off switch
 - can be used with children of all ages

EDUCATIONAL USES

- can develop grasp skills (pre-Braille skills)
- can be used as an alternative to standard pencil activities

SCENTED MARKERS & CRAYONS



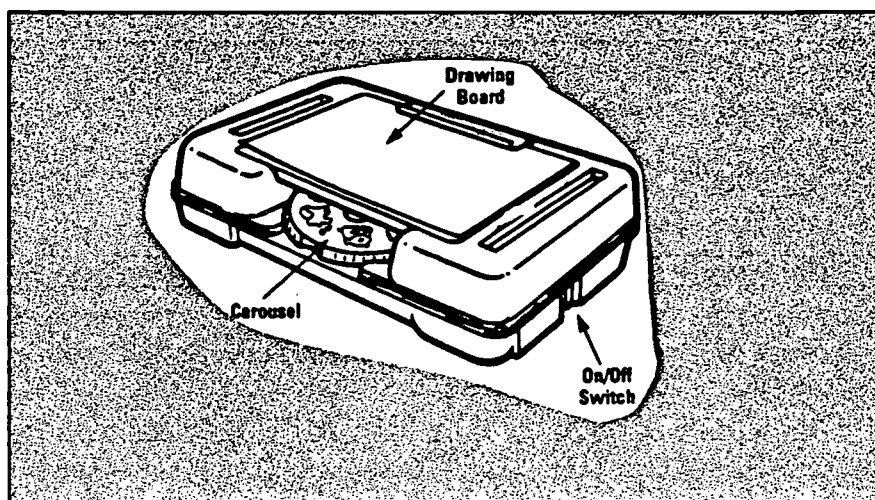
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| MANUFACTURER: | Crayola/Rose Art |
| COST: | approximately \$5.99/pack |
| POWER SOURCE: | None |
| SWITCH ACCESS: | No |
| FEATURES: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provides scented feedback to a drawing activity |

EDUCATIONAL USES

- can develop grasp skills (pre-Braille skills)
- can be used as an alternative to standard ART activities

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LIGHT UP PICTURE MAKER

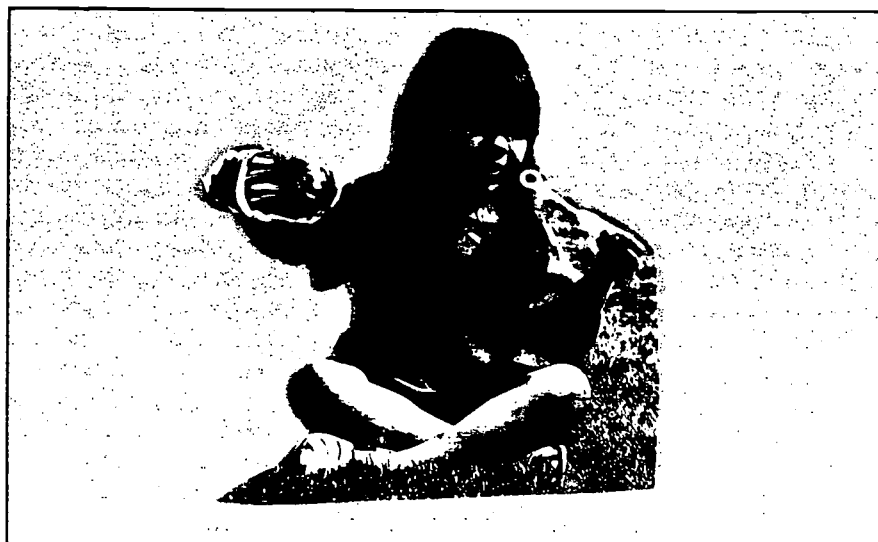


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| MANUFACTURER: | PLAYSKOOL |
| COST: | \$14.99 |
| POWER SOURCE: | 4 C Batteries |
| SWITCH ACCESS: | Yes |
| FEATURES: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adequate size light-up surface • comes with 6 design disks (30 images), paper, and pencil. • safety features in battery compartment make battery removal difficult |

EDUCATIONAL USES

- children can learn to identify simple high contrast shapes with the light/dark contrast
- fine motor skills and visual attention/location/tracking can be practiced in a fun way.
- design disks can be used for tracing and coloring

NO-SPILL BUBBLE TUMBLER



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| MANUFACTURER: | Little Kids 1-800-545-5437 |
| COST: | \$5.00 |
| POWER SOURCE: | None |
| SWITCH ACCESS: | No |
| FEATURES: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• provides spill-free bubble fun |

EDUCATIONAL USES

- holding the bubble wand can develop grasp skills (pre-Braille skills)
- can be used as a spill-free solution for children with and without reduced vision

Catalog Resources

AbleNet, Inc.

1081 Tenth Ave., S.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55414-1312
1-800-322-0956

TFH

4449 Gibsonia Road
Gibsonia, PA 15044
1-412-444-6400

Enabling Devices

Toys for Special Children
385 Warburton Ave.
Hasting-on-the-Hudson, NY 10706
1-800-832-8697

TASH

Technical Aids Cat.
91 Station Street
Ajax, Ontario, Canada
L1S3H2
1-416-686-4129

Flaghouse

150 No. MacQuesten Pkwy.
Mt. Vernon, NY 10550
1-800-221-5185

KapableKids

Toys for All Children
P.O. Box 250
Bohemia, NY 11716
1-800-356-1564

Sensational Beginnings

300 Detroit Ave. #E
P.O. Box 2009
Monroe, MI 48161
1-800-444-6058

Southpaw Enterprises

P.O. Box 1047
Dayton, OH 45401
1-800-228-1698



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