

Toy Fair '07: Our picks for Grandparents

Every year, manufacturers from all over the world converge at the ginormous Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in New York City to showcase their brand-new toys, vying for prime placement on local retailers' shelves in the coming year. Toy Fair, one of the world's biggest trade shows, features every buzzing, blinking, talking, and rumbling plastic gadget created by the greatest minds in the toy industry. We at Grandparents.com imagined marveling at cutting-edge toy design, forward-thinking technological feats, or at least a cool new action figure.

After wading through a sea of anima-tronic parrots, MP3 playing Barbies, video game accessories like lounge chairs that blast noise into your grandchildren's ears and vibrate bass through their back-ends, we met a few creative toy designers from the U.S. and Europe, who showed us, among other things, high end and inventive science kits, original building sets, modern spins on classic toys and games, and functional gear that's sure to enhance the experiences you're lucky enough to share with your grandchildren. Here are the best Grandparent Finds of Toy Fair '07.

Go Fish For Art

While traveling through Europe in a VW bus with her husband and two young daughters, Wenda O'Reilly quickly learned that kids don't share the same affinity for long museum tours as adults. With a whole summer of gallery-trolling planned ahead of them, Wenda was struck with inspiration, and quickly turned the highbrow cultural learning into an exciting, kid-friendly game. Go Fish for Art was born: a card game that borrows the rules and premise of traditional Go Fish and memory games and combines the fascinating and enriching lessons of art history. The decks, carried in major museum shops around the world, quickly became huge sellers for O'Reilly. She has since expanded her company to include other games and books based on art, wildlife, nature, and the environment. A deck of her original Go Fish For Art cards is available in categories like Renaissance, Impressionist, and Van Gogh and Friends.

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