

Clutter Free Gift Ideas



Movie
passes



Pool
passes



Dance
classes



Family
heirloom



Music



museum
membership



Camera



Art
lessons



Hot air
balloon
ride



Golf Day



Gift
certificate
for ice
cream



Board
game



Ear
Piercing



Needed
clothes



Wall art



Headphones



Bowling
passes



Sailing Day



Trampoline
park pass



Bike



Snack
basket



Legos!



BOOKS!



Bean
bag



Subscription
Kit



Artwork
Frame



Seed
starter
kit



Fish
tank
with fish



Tickets
to sport
game



Gift certificate
for manicure or
pedicure



150 EDUCATIONAL GIFTS FOR KIDS

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YES! Please

<https://abetterwaytohomeschool.com/educational-toys.html>

Cardboard Box Challenge!

Because you KNOW they're gonna LOVE the box.

Combat the “*she loved the box more than the gift*” blues.

- Do not use banned gift words: educational, learning, smart, prepare you for life, helpful
- Use kid approved words: FUN, exciting, dangerous, popular, phantasmagoric!
- Be prepared with a list of challenges so you can get educational value out of that box if the gift itself backfires:)

Skills learned/practiced: fine motor skills, gross motor skills, hand-eye coordination, problem solving, team-work, fun, delight, joy

26 Things Kids can do with the Cardboard Box

- Build a tower and knock it down
- Create a puppet theater
- Make a mini house
- Tie a rope on it and haul things
- Make street signs
- Make a store stand
- Create mail and a mailbox
- Make a bean bag toss target
- Jump over, in or out of the box
- Read a book inside it
- Make a playhouse for dolls/minifigures
- Hide inside
- Balance your box on your head
- Draw all over the box
- Make a costume out of the box
- Stand inside and pretend you're in jail
- Stand inside and pretend to be a king in a castle
- Stand inside and pretend to be a princess
- Stomp on the box
- Poke holes in the box (parent job) and then lace through the holes with yarn
- Plant a plant in the box
- Create a time machine
- Make an invention
- Create an activity that you need the box
- Cut the box into giant playing cards
- Create a musical instrument

Cardboard Box CHALLENGE

You must complete **5 of these activities** to earn this prize: _____

Mega Challenge: Complete 11 activities for the bonus prize: _____

Create a puppet theater	Read a book inside it	Poke 113 holes in the box (parent job) and then lace through the holes with yarn
Make an invention	Create a house/fort/castle. Must be decorated with at least 4 colors	Make a robot or dinosaur costume
Make a slide for you or a toy car	Create your own movie watching station Must use at least 4 colors	Make your family mailbox (for notes of encouragement and inspiration)
Make a store or fruit stand	Make a reading cave for you or a stuffed friend	Make a giant deck of playing cards

Each activity must be inspected and signed off by _____. Have fun!

Cardboard box Challenge

Supplies to make the challenge more educational

- [Scissors \(with supervision\)](#)
- [Something to poke holes \(with supervision\)](#)
- Stickers
- Glue
- Yarn
- Twinkly lights
- Mini toys
- Crepe streamers
- Toilet paper rolls
- Broken keyboards
- Pillows
- Curtains
- Stuffed animals
- Books!!!
- Paint
- Plants
- Snacks
- Glow in the dark stars
- Flashlight
- Old light switches, buttons, buckles, latches, snaps

My Top 9 Picks for FUN and DANGEROUS Gifts for kids to keep them excited, learning, and growing.

Just don't make the #1 rookie mistake and tell them they're educational!!

This is NOT your typical list. I tried to make it FUN for you too!!

1. The [Gift that will make your budding farmer squeal](#). Yes. We did get this for a stocking stuffer for my son. I have to create a scavenger hunt so it will fit in his stocking.
2. To quote SID from Toy Story, "[Very Dangerous](#). Keep Out of Reach of Children. COOL!"
3. [Amazing MAGIC bag](#) to give all those art supplies a home, but make them easy to bring along. Magic because it's cool AND inspires cleanliness. (DO NOT USE THAT Sentence with your kids!!) Oh, be cool and pack it with goodies.
4. If you have to ask [what this is](#), skip it. HUGE "fad" for Mandalorian fans.
5. If one of my kids would become a parent, I'd have an excuse... [This one's](#) going onto my future AWESOME Grandma list. I don't care. If this book is nearby, I will read it to you!!
6. The book that [proves words are hysterical!](#)
7. If this [Scottish Grannie](#) makes you laugh hysterically.... .. [Find it here](#).
8. Give a gift that [keeps on giving](#). My only advice is to NOT wait until your 20th year of homeschooling, like I did.
9. The game that lets you have a food fight [without the mess](#).
10. My #1 Favorite toy of all times. I've thrown away and regifted so many... but NEVER these. I even [got this](#) for my hubby's 50th birthday. You can't go wrong with any of these.
11. Last one... Don't use the words science, experiment, school, [or learning](#).

Join the [Mother's Against Cardboard club](#).

LOL.

HERE ARE MY 14 TOP PICKS FROM THIS YEAR'S TOY GUIDE!

With shipping a little wonky this year, I thought it would be fun to start early wishlists!



Click on the Image or copy and paste the URL:

<https://abetterwaytohomeschool.com/14-gifts-for-homeschoolers-2021.html>

Stocking Stuffer Ideas

(in no particular age or order)

Not just any ole keychain Customize their art into a special keepsake	An Excuse to play in the dirt Seeds!! Add some gardening tools for terrific fun in the sun
A full deck! Playing cards , Uno , Sleeping Queens .	Defeat the dark side as they annihilate plaque
Warm piggies Cause nothing is sweeter than slipping on fuzzy new socks:)	Family connection Conversation starters keep the words flowing
Let Legos go up the walls! Lego tape to the rescue!	Protein! Give the gift of energy with beef jerky:)
Gratitude Teach kids to write thank you cards with their own thank you cards and stamps	Popcorn and a movie
A night under the stars Kids love to play in the dark! A great flashlight will light the way	Monthly Surprise!! Give the gift that keeps on blessing all year round
Trim the tree with a keepsake ornament made from their artwork	You can never go wrong with chocolate
Cover up. My boys call it “man smell” . I say soap and a splash of cologne should fix it.	A necklace mom will treasure forever
Practice decision making	Be prepared! Give them their own bandaids:)
Classic Parachute guy Check out my son when he was about 9-yrs old	Let them glow!!! Magic finger gloves

Gift Organizer: Making Learning FUN

child	Disguised as play:)	Skills
		Fine motor
		Gross motor
		Hand-eye coordination
		Sensory development
		balance
		building
		digital
		Dress up/role playing
		math
		language
		reading
		science

Fine Motor [The Importance of Fine Motor Skill Development](#)

[TINKER TOYS BUILDING SETS: The "SNAP & LOCK"](#)

[Learning Resources Mini Muffin Match Up](#)

[Learning Resources Avalanche Fruit Stand Game](#)

[Melissa & Doug Pattern Blocks and Boards](#)

[Preschool Large Lacing Beads](#)

Gross Motor [The Importance of Gross Motor Development](#)

[Kinderfeets Wooden Balance Board:](#)

[GoSports Giant Wooden Toppling Tower](#)

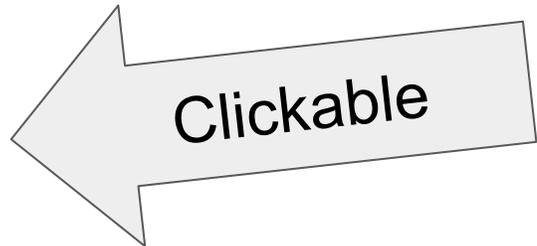
[EasyGo Giant Checkers Game](#)

[Geospace The Original AIR POGO JUMPER](#)

[Gogo Roller](#)

[Balance Board Maze](#)

[Sturdy Birdy Game](#)



STEM [Why is STEM so Important?](#)

[Electric Motors Catalyst STEM Kit](#)

[Snap Circuits Snaptricity Electronics Exploration Kit](#)

[Mini Explorer Light-up Terrarium Kit for Kids with LED](#)

[Scientific Explorer My First Mind Blowing Science Kit](#)

Games [8 Surprising Benefits of Board Games](#)

[ThinkFun Gravity Maze Marble Run Logic Game and STEM Toy](#)

[Sleeping Queens](#)

[Mattel Games UNO Card Game](#)

[Settlers of Catan](#)

[Cranium Cadoo](#)

[Lattice](#)

[Portals and Prophets](#)

[Don't Make Me Laugh](#)

Books!

[Naomi Home Kids Toy Sling Book Rack](#)

[Never Bored Kid Book](#)

[36 All-Time Best Picture Books Most Loved by Kids And Parents ~ Kelly Holmes](#)

[This is the BEST list of Delightful Books for Preschoolers \(and their parents\) ~ Bekki Sayler](#)

[120 Classic Books for you and your children~ Bekki Sayler](#)

[A Year of Picture books ~ Sarah MacKenzie](#)

Outdoor Fun

[Life Best Kids Frisbee Rings](#)

[Triumph 2-in-1 Three-Hole Bags and Washer Toss Combo](#)

[Capture the Flag REDUX a Nighttime Outdoor Game](#)

Surprising Fun and Random

[Little Helper FunPod Kitchen Step Stool Tower with Adjustable Height](#)

[You've Been Warned! This Unsocialized Homeschooler will talk your ear](#)

Make Reading Irresistible

[Indoor reading pod \(Multiple colors available\)](#)



[TeePee](#)



Got Empty Toilet paper
Rolls?

There are Crafts for
those too!!

