

Family Fun Games Top Gift Lists

Games which the whole family can play are leading the big game parade this Christmas.

The new games allow both adults and children to play together by not being too complicated for the young and not too simple for the older.

The reason behind the new family-designed games are based on studies which show that many families have three, four or more children of various ages.

All of the children want to play the game with Mom and Dad at the same time, so the games are geared to meet the needs of each individual while still being neither too complex nor too simple.

THE HIGH cost and scarcity of competent baby sitters also figures in the development of the family games. Many parents now prefer to spend their evenings at home rather than leave their children in the hands of babysitters.

The games are designed to let the family spend this recreation time together.

One of the new games even allows the youngest children who can't read to compete with their parents on relatively equal terms.

IN THIS GAME the play centers on matching colors and ringing tiny bells. Another, which requires the children to be able to identify numbers, has as its object the arranging of numbered cards in numerical order.

Racks are supplied for youngsters who find it difficult to hold a hand of cards.

Purchasing a gift that is too large or small for the receiver is a hazard all shoppers face. It is an extremely serious problem when buying a youngster's bike.

The only means of transportation to and from school for thousands of children is their bicycle. Consequently, the right size is important especially for the 5 or 6-year-old in his first year of school.

FOR YOUNGSTERS from 4 to 5 years of age, choose a bike with 16-inch wheels and an outrigger which may be removed when they learn proper balance.

A 20-inch wheel is the correct size for a 6 or 7-year-old, while children from 8 to 10 can handle a 24-inch wheel properly. The adult size 26-inch wheel can be capably ridden by a youngster 11 years or older.

Watches Still Tops for Gifts

Watches have been soaring to new popularity for gifting during recent years largely because they are, in addition to being a necessity, an important fashion item in the wardrobe of both men and women.

They are expected to be in highest demand for giving this Christmas with men becoming increasingly conscious of the fashion tastes of their wives.

There are new watch bracelets for women designed to be an adornment rather than just a utilitarian means of holding the watch to the wrist, from which to choose.

There are the new tiny fashion watches, designed to decorate the costume as well as tell the time.

These are contributions to good grooming.

There's a tradition among married folk of all ages suggesting the exchange of watches as gifts on important occasions. This has been stimulated by creation of designs that match, while they also reflect femininity on the one hand, and masculinity on the other.

Men are always candidates for watch gifts. If well equipped with a fine timepiece, he may welcome a rugged one for sports. On the other hand, if he hasn't a fine watch, perhaps this Christmas is the time to choose one for him.

Guides to Giving

Children of the same age of the one who is to receive a gift, can be a guide to gift choice, according to toy experts. They suggest watching children in the toy departments or at home for ideas of play interests and toys that will be welcomed.



Stuffed Animals Tops

That stuffed animal represents one of the most popular gifts for girls of all ages—from six months to sixty. Miss Irene Middleton, of Kresge's, 223 W. Maple, Birmingham, shows Santa Claus one of the more popular models that are featured Christmas gifts at the store.



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