

Ideas for gifts, right brain/left brain stuff (creating
with building)

- *Building toys (Lego, wooden train sets, Lincoln logs, Duplo, Mega Blocks, wooden blocks)
- *Playdough anything! Cookie cutters, rolling pins, basket to put it all in - Be sure to check out the awesome recipe!
- *Skipping ropes, sidewalk chalk, rubber balls (for outdoor play stuff)
- *Music (CDs (especially of nursery rhymes), music makers)
- *Books, books, books
- *Art supplies (paints, pencils, crayons, felts, pencil crayons, check out the cool Crayola stuff!)
- *more paper (construction, white paper), blank notebooks for colouring in
- *colouring books
- *educational computer CDs (cheap at Costco and Zellers!)
- *dressup clothes (for girls, anywhere, for boys, check out Value Village for spiderman, etc.)
- *card games like Go Fish, Old Maid, Crazy 8's, rummy
- *board games like Monopoly Jr., Snakes and Ladders, counting games like Trouble
- *puzzles
- *taking time to PLAY with them. Lots of memories are created, lots of **modelling** is done when you get down on the floor and build, colour, play with your children. Show them an idea, and they'll run with it (that's why my son is a professional train track builder).



Kool-Aid Play Dough

The children will love the smell of this playdough!

2 1/2 cups flour

1 cup salt

3 tablespoons vegetable oil

2 cups boiling water

2 packages unsweetened Kool-Aid

Mix dry ingredients. Add oil and water. Wearing gloves, knead for 10 minutes. Store in zip lock bag in refrigerator.

Note: Your hands may smell of the Kool-Aid flavor even with gloves.

Just like the REAL Playdough (so they say)

1 cup flour

1 cup water

1 T oil

1 T powdered alum

1/2 cup salt

2 T vanilla

food colouring

Mix all dry ingredients. Add oil and water. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until reaching the consistency of mashed potatoes. Remove from heat and add vanilla and food coloring. Divide into balls and work in color by kneading.

Home Made Playdough

2 cups flour

1 cup salt

2 tablespoons cream of tartar

2 cups of water

1 tablespoons mineral oil

food colouring

Mix all ingredients in a saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring until stiff. Allow to cool, then knead.