

CHICK 'N MONKEY



PuzzlePlay Rainforest

[PuzzlePlay Rainforest](#) is a 2 in 1 puzzle playset that's made of wood. It's one of the many high quality educational toys created by ImagiPlay.



The PuzzlePlay Rainforest measures 7.75" x 7.75", and 0.75" thick. It has total 18 pieces, 14 of them are in shapes of animals. As soon as I took the puzzle out from the box, Ashlyn and Alex started to naming the animals, crocodiles, monkey, parrots, bears, leopard ... etc. They were very anxious to undo the puzzle, and before they tried to put the puzzle together, they began to play pretend. Holding the crocodile and pretending he was swimming in the water, and the leopard chasing after the monkey.

When they were ready to put the pieces together, they had a difficult time to begin. Without any references, it was a bit challenging for them. So I reference the picture of the finished puzzle on the paper, about 2"x 2", simply telling them what animal was next to which animal.

At times, Alex was frustrated when he couldn't fit the pieces together, but after a few tries and some encouragement, he began to appreciate it. For a few nights in a row, they repeatedly played with the puzzle playset over and over again.



Overall, as a mom, I like the puzzle set. It's colorful, splinter-free hardwood, light weight, and the size of the pieces are just perfect for toddlers to handle. It's easy to store, just put the pieces in zip lock bag and can bring it with us everywhere. The playset not only trains the toddlers' patience, it also allows the toddlers to explore their imaginations. One suggestion, I hope they could include an enlarged picture of the finished puzzle, so it would be easier for the first timer. You know, toddlers get discouraged easily.

I give the PuzzlePlay Rainforest a Two Thumbs Up! Go to <http://www.imagiplay.com> to find more "Toys with Integrity."