

The Cool Mom Picks Safer Toy Guide 2007



The editors and writers of Cool Mom Picks have been pointing our readers towards better (if we do say so ourselves) plaything options since day one. Which isn't to say that we weren't affected when 2007 became "The Year of the Recall." Our kids have their share of mass-produced plastic crap too.

So since the news hit, we've dedicated many hours to tracking down some of the best handcrafted, locally made, organic, fair trade, or simply safer alternatives for younger children--for you, for us, for all the grandchildren and nieces and nephews of the world. We want you to know that safer doesn't mean boring, and handmade doesn't mean rustic.

The picks here are entirely, as always, totally 100% without a doubt advertorial free. Just the stuff we love from sites we trust. Speaking of which, we've done our best to ascertain that the manufacturing process of anything you see here is something we feel confident recommending.

There's not a shop or an artisan represented here that won't stand behind their products.

Now here's to hoping that soon we can all go back to our regularly scheduled worrying about kids watching too much TV or eating the cat litter.

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Pretending

Playthings that inspire imagination may be our most favorite of all. There are so many safer and more aesthetically pleasing options than what you find in your average toy aisle, it was hard to narrow them down!

*ImagiPLAY's "toys with integrity" feature amazing [rubberwood playsets](#) of safari animals, astronauts and a day at the rodeo.



*Say no to plastic with the way cute [Day at the Farm](#) playset made from an eco-friendly hardwood. A nice improvement from the mass market versions.

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