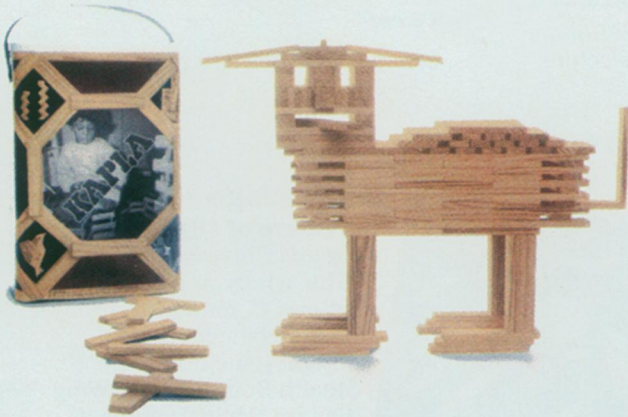


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### Kapla Blocks

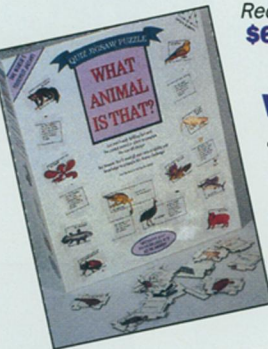
These unique wooden blocks lend themselves to building more intricate designs and buildings because they are carefully crafted to be perfectly smooth and balanced. Each identical piece of marine pine measures 4 3/4" x 1" x 1/4". An instruction book outlines basic building techniques and features 40 photographs.

Recommended for age 3 and up. Includes 200 planks, an instruction booklet, and a storage box.

**\$59.95 KaplaBlocks**

### Toys In Space Kits

NASA's space shuttle Endeavour was launched January 13, 1993, to enable astronauts to conduct medical experiments, walk in space, and demonstrate the laws of motion with toys. Now every kid can be like the astronauts, using the same kinds of toys and finding out how they react in zero gravity. The instruction booklet in each set shows how to use the toys and which physics principles govern their motion. Choose from four sets, or buy all four and get the *Toys In Space Book* with additional experiments by Carolyn Summers — a \$10.95 value — **free!**



### What Animal Is That?

#### Jigsaw Puzzle

Test your knowledge by matching hundreds of curious and interesting nature facts with the appropriate animals or plants to build a truly fascinating pictorial design. Includes a poster-size answer key and 504 large, diabolical pieces.

**\$15.95 WhatAnimPuz**

### Kasparov Junior Chess

Youngsters and novice chess players of all ages can become masters with this foolproof computer chess game. Featuring a large sensory chessboard and just five buttons that control all major functions, this game allows only legal moves and lets players take back moves. The computer offers hints and suggestions to help improve a player's game, in addition to a booklet that details simple rules. There are 32 levels of play, including 8 "fun" levels where the computer deliberately makes some very human errors—giving beginners a good chance of winning.

Requires four AA batteries, not included.

**\$69.95 KaspJrChess**



Recommended for age 8 and up.

**Microgravity** includes a pull-back car, marbles, ring magnets, Jacob's ladder, and a coiled spring.

**\$15.95 MicrogravKit**

**Action/Reaction** includes an Orinthopter-flying bird, klackers, spring jumper, boomerang, and balloon helicopter.

**\$15.95 ActReactKit**

**Spinning Toys** includes gravitron, magnetic wheel, rattleback, maple seed, and yo-yo.

**\$15.95 SpinKit**

**Trajectory Toys** includes basketball and hoop, ball and cup, target game, jacks, and paddleball.

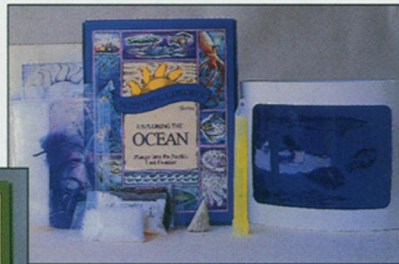
**\$15.95 TrajectKit**

**Buy all four, and get your free Toys In Space Book, only \$49.95! SetToyBkKits**

## Scientific Explorer™ Kits

If you want to see like a cat, learn how scent affects our emotions, or know what life is like under the sea, the intriguing experiments outlined in these kits are for you. Each kit contains most of the ingredients you'll need for these unique experiences. Guidebooks outline at least a dozen investigations and encourage children to compile their data the way scientists do. Science guides provide general background information about each topic.

*Recommended for age 9 and up.*



**Exploring the Ocean™** contains a shark tooth, chemical light stick, and materials for deep ocean seascape experiments.

**\$19.95 ExplOceanKit**

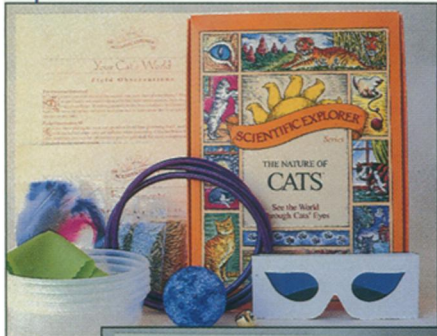
**Science of Scent™** includes five fragrance oils, vials, and droppers.

**\$19.95 ExplScentKit**

**The Nature of Cats™** provides colored lenses, catnip, a bell, bowls, a jumping hoop, and other stimuli for cats.

**\$19.95 ExplCatsKit**

**Buy set of all three, only \$39.95 SetExplKits**



## Whitewings

### The Future of Flight

*Designed by Yasuaki Ninomiya*

This wildly popular kit features 15 models of today's most advanced aircraft designs—including the Stealth Bomber, Ring Wing Canard, Multi-Tandem Plane, and Tailless Plane. All parts are printed on quality drawing paper, requiring only scissors, razor blade, and glue to construct these exciting models.

*Recommended for age 10 and up. Includes a 68-page instruction booklet, rubber band, and catapult.*

**\$14.95 WhitewingsFu**



## Discovery Pak

It really is a world of discovery, with three great products in one package. Magna-Trix, Light Crystal, and Chandler Gyroscope provide hours of wonderful intrigue and fun. It's a unique collection in which the mysteries of gravity, light, and magnetism are revealed right before your eyes.

*Recommended for age 6 and up.*

**\$11.95 DiscPak**



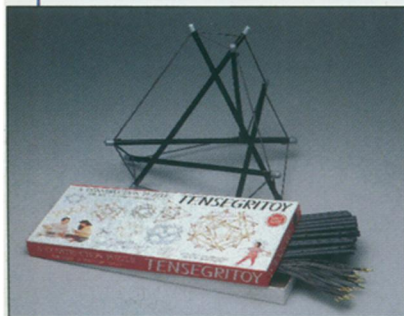
## Tensegritoy

Appropriate for the serious construction toy aficionado and the intellectually curious, this kit demonstrates advanced principles of structure in engineering, physics, and geometry. Tensegritoy models the distribution of forces in matter by using tensional and compression-

al materials together to create structures that are flexible, lightweight, and surprisingly strong. You can construct more than 100 different designs that, once complete, can be squeezed, bounced, thrown, and transformed.

*Recommended for age 10 and up. Includes 30 1/2", red hardwood dowels with brass-tipped elastic and vinyl caps (extras included), and an illustrated 32-page manual with information for advanced exploration.*

**\$29.95 Tensegritoy**



## LEGO® Gears, Pulleys, and Levers Set

Each unit of this trio offers children an opportunity to master a particular mechanism. The contents include the necessary pieces and instructions to craft a couple of items such as windmills and scales. Suggestions for activities are also noted in an accompanying handbook, which also outlines how each concept works and its practical uses.

*Recommended for age 7 and up. Includes 204 pieces total.*

**\$42.95 LegoGears**



**Art and Stamp Planetary Activity Set**

Aspiring astronauts and artists will be enthralled with this activity kit that aids in making many galactic creations. A glow-in-the-dark carrying case provides a complete complement of tools for creating out-of-this-world drawings and designs.

Tools include 12 water-soluble crayons, 12 color pencils, a charcoal drawing pencil, 12 watercolor paints, 10 rubber stamps featuring astronauts, spacecraft, and planets, 8 color markers, a paintbrush, sharpener, stamp pad, sketch pad, and eraser.

Recommended for age 4 and up.

**\$24.95 PlanetActSet**

**Butterfly Alphabet Poster**

A butterfly lover's dream! Every letter of the English alphabet and the Arabic numerals on this beautiful poster is a close-up of a butterfly wing. Photographer Kjell Sandved of the Smithsonian spent 20 years searching the world over for his butterfly alphabet, and now we bring it to you.

24" x 18" Shipped in a protective tube.

**\$7.95 PostButAlphH**

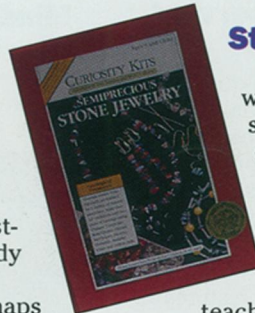


**MAPelopes and Stationery Box Set**

Truly 100% recycled post-consumer waste, this sturdy stationery box is covered with and full of obsolete maps reincarnated into envelopes, notepads, and stationery. Great for kids away at camp or on vaca-

tion — your stationery box comes with a 4" x 6" spiral-bound map notebook, a 40-sheet map notepad with 20 MAPelopes and labels, a 4" x 6" U.S.A.-shaped memo pad, and 2 twig pencils.

**\$17.95 MAPStatBox**



**Stone Jewel Kit**

Discover the beauty of some geological wonders as you assemble these semiprecious stones into adornments such as necklaces, earrings, and bracelets. Make a number of things to keep and wear or remake. A handy compartmentalized box includes hooks, strings, and clasps. Stones included are rose quartz, red jasper, and Chinese turquoise.

The accompanying instruction booklet also teaches the geological composition and cultural heritage of the stones.

Recommended for age 9 and up.

**\$19.95 StonJewelKit**



**Math in a Bag™**

Designed by early learning experts, Math in a Bag™ provides a playful setting that encourages young children to develop calculation skills. Colorful rods inspire children to explore sequences, ratios, addition, and multiplication through games and puzzles that use building activities as their base. The imaginatively illustrated, full-color booklet

offers fun-filled activities with read-along instructions and notes for parents. The set also includes a video featuring fantastic puppets that demonstrate basic play strategies.

Recommended for ages 4 to 8. Includes booklet, 36 Cuisenaire rods, video, and nylon storage bag.

**\$27.50 MathBag**

**24 Game**

Put your math skills to work with this game used in schools across the country, yet fun for family and friends at home too. Each card has four numbers; you need to find a way to make them add, subtract, multiply, or divide to 24 before your opponents do. Cards come in varying difficulty. *Puzzle Sleeves™* allow you to add variety to the basic game by eliminating a number, so the game never gets old.

Recommended for age 8 and up.

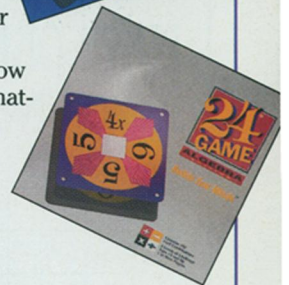
**Algebra 24 Game**

This game requires you to solve for x and/or y using the numbers on each card.

Recommended for age 12 and up.

Both sets include 192 card combinations (48 easy, 96 medium, 48 difficult) and four *Puzzle Sleeves™*.

**\$16.95 24Game, \$19.95 24Algebra**  
**Buy both, only \$27.95 Set24Game**



**Collector's Box of Rocks**

With this collection, young geologists can identify and gather rocks tracing the history of Earth. Each start-up kit provides nine different rocks, specimen tray, and labels. The guidebook aids in collecting and identifying many types of rocks and learning about their history.

**\$19.95 BoxRocks**

**Also available!**  
**Collector's Box of Fossils**

Includes nine specimens and a guide facilitating easy identification and understanding of the enclosed fossils. (Not pictured).

**\$19.95 BoxFossils**

**Buy both, only \$31.95 SetRockFossil**



**Crystal Magic Kits**

Watch geodes form before your very eyes! Crystals in these sets grow in a silica gel and simulate the growth of natural mineral crystals as they form under Earth's surface. They are simple to complete, making them good projects for beginners. Reactions begin within 24 hours and continue indefinitely. Four varieties, pictured from left:

*Saucer Invasion, Aurora Borealis, Stardust, Ocean Bloom.*

Recommended for age 10 and up with supervision. Bottles are 3 3/4" tall.

**\$8.50 each SaucInvKit, AuroraBKit, StardustKit, OceanBIKit. Or, buy all four and save. \$29.50 SetCryMagKit**



**Terrace™**

Featured as a permanent prop on Star Trek®: The Next Generation®, this strategy game challenges earthling and alien minds alike. Four simple rules make it an easy game to learn, yet its infinite complexities will thrill you. Pieces come in four sizes—two alignments allow for two ways of play for two to four players. Capture your opponent's "T" piece or move yours to the lowest square across the board and you are the winner.

*Recommended for age 8 and up.*

**\$25.95 Terrace**



**Cosmic Observing Station**

This precision-quality telescope for celestial and terrestrial viewing offers a cosmic eye-ful! The refracting-type telescope uses computer-designed 60 mm glass lenses, which provide bright, color-corrected, 50X magnification (enough to view the rings of Saturn) across 1° of sky. The removable azimuth base features 12 red, backlit star charts, a moon map, a dimmer switch, and a liquid-damped compass for easy nighttime orientation and constellation/star identification. The telescope has a steel adaptor, so it can be mounted on any standard tripod.

*Recommended for age 8 and up. Telescope measures 18". Includes a battery-powered base (two AA batteries required, not included), a 32-page instruction guide, and planet charts.*

**\$69.95 CosmObsStat**

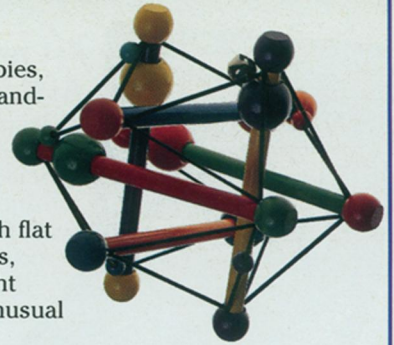
**Skwish Classic**

A dazzling attraction for babies, this multidimensional toy is hand-crafted with wood beams and balls, smooth elastic bands, and a metal bell. Virtually indestructible, the tensegrity design allows the toy to squish flat and bounce back. The textures, sounds, movements, and bright colors fascinate babies; the unusual design attracts adults.

**Winner of a 1991 Parents Choice Honor.**

*Recommended for age 6 months and up.*

**\$14.95 Skwish**



**Mindtrap**

Cards listing more than 500 classic puzzles, murder mysteries, conundrums, and trick questions will challenge the way you think. One team reads the questions while the other team solves the puzzle. But, the clues are often traps



and the answers are occasionally so obvious they are impossible! The first one to advance to the end of the optical illusion maze wins.

*Recommended for age 12 and up.*

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