



# **Gyrobot**

Kids love gyroscopes because of the mysterious way they seem to defy gravity. But they are not just for childhood amusement; gyroscopes are extremely important in everything from your smart phone to the advanced navigation system on the space shuttle, and a typical airplane uses about a dozen gyroscopes every day. **Gyrobot** will teach your child all about gyroscopes and their scientific principles through building models that make the physical laws more tangible and easier to comprehend.



#### **Smart Car**

What will the car of tomorrow look like? <u>Smart Car Robotics</u> are remote-controlled vehicles that your child constructs and then controls by steering the vehicle from your smart phone or tablet. With <u>Smart Car Robotics</u>, your child will learn about how laser detectors, GPS navigation, radar systems, and on-board computers can be used to steer and guide a car; from helping drivers park and avoiding collisions, to eventually driving completely independently, without a person behind the wheel.

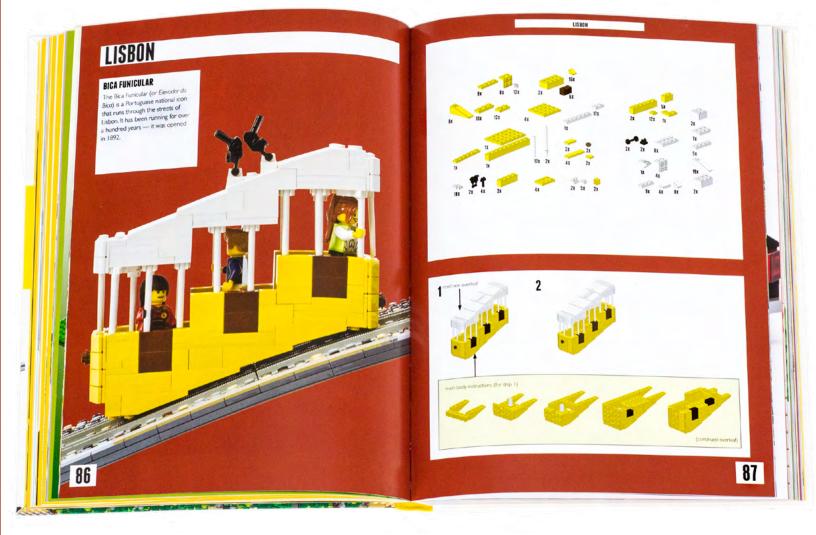


# **BRICK CITY**

GLOBAL ICONS TO MAKE FROM LEGO®

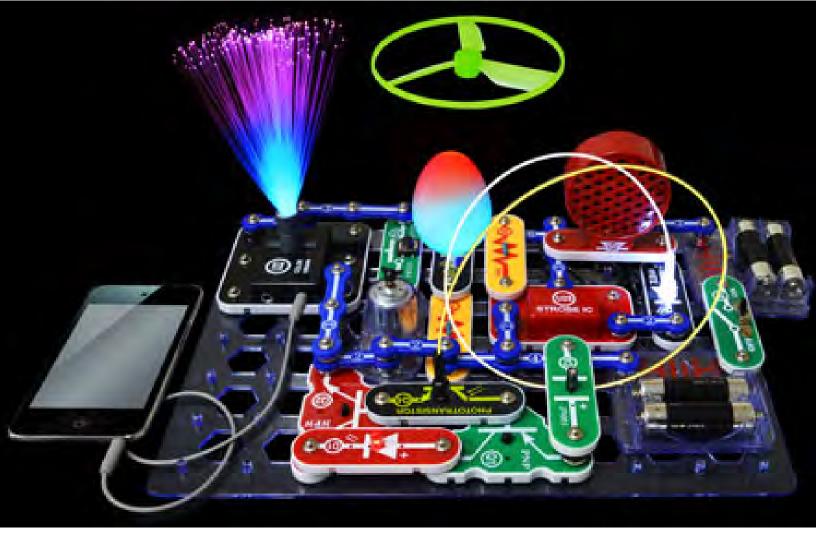
WARREN ELSMORE





#### Brick City: Global Icons to Make from LEGO

Focusing on real-world iconic architecture from major cities across the world, **Brick City** also includes an occasional model of familiar things that you might find in a particular major city, like a San Francisco cable car or a Parisian espresso machine. **Brick City** is not only filled with interesting bits of historical information covering over 100 landmarks, the author also includes advice on construction techniques, color blending, and how and where to purchase Lego at reasonable prices. If you have an avid brick builder or a geography buff in your household, **Brick City** is a marvelous gift.



#### Winner of the 2012 Best Toys for Kids Award from ASTRA

With <u>Snap Circuits Light</u> you build the circuit, connect your own iPod® or MP3 player, and experience light in a whole new way. Adjust circuit design by simply snapping the pieces into other arrangements, then change your music and enjoy real-time experimentation with technology. Launch a glow-in-the-dark fan, build a resistor that controls lights based on air pressure, or put together a super-infrared detector. <u>Snap Circuits Light</u> uses snap-in, color-coded parts so it is super easy to assemble and includes information about light--what it is and how it is made.



# Listen Up!

New from the Snap Circuits educational line comes **Snap Circuits Sound**. Packed with information about sound--what it is and how it is made, **Snap Circuits Sound** features a variety of experiments that let your children create and explore circuitry as it relates to sound waves and frequencies.







#### **How Constructive!**

Model building is not just for retired sea-faring captains. When your child builds a model he is developing problem solving, logic, fine motor skills, and PATIENCE! And because model building is supposed to be relaxing and fun, Haba has pulled together three beginner models for ages eight and older.

- Assembly Kit Helicopter's pre-punched wooden parts snap out of the wooden sheet. Glue them together using the clear, pictorial directions, crank the motor, and use your imagination to rescue the perishing.
- is a speedy car with wind-up rubber band propulsion! Contains 33 wooden parts to glue together and everything you need to "fuel" your car.
- pre-punched wooden parts snap out of the wooden sheet. Glue them together using the clear, pictorial directions, crank the motor, and use your imagination to soar to parts unknown.

**Fabulous robotics** toy! My 7 yearold grandson will make 3-4 of the items in the instruction book per day and never tires of it! He has made many of them several times and even invented his own." - Jonni S



#### **Easy Robotics**

Nervous about robotics? Don't be! The <u>OLLO Action Kit</u> is a gentle introduction, perfect for young mechanics. OLLO's reconfigurable plates-and-rivets system means that your child will be able to assemble all sorts of motorized creatures and contraptions. An illustrated, no-text instruction manual comes with five plans and links to six others. For ages eight plus.

Great for learning robotics from the beginning. Some of the questions in the workbook required parent help. My son wants the next set!" - Sharon W.



#### Robotics - This Is Where You Start

Further your child's interest in science or construction with <u>OLLO</u> <u>Starter</u>'s multiple configurations and solid documentation. This twelve-week curriculum comes with an easy-to-understand workbook with clear pictures and text, plus thought-provoking questions that will guide your child through a simple introduction to robotics. She will also have the opportunity to design and build her own robots using a geared motor for independent movement – no programming required.



#### **Twelve-week Robotics Course!**

Developed with robotic education in mind, <u>OLLO Explorer Educational Robot Curriculum</u> is complete with a reconfigurable robot (and eleven other models) to build and program. The modular building system with innovative two-part rivets allows you to build and take apart custom robots very quickly, and the rugged pieces will not break with repeated use. And unlike "brick" robotic sets, <u>OLLO Explorer Educational Robot Kit's</u> robust models stay together. Learning robotics has never been easier, more affordable, or more fun.

Wow! As soon as I saw this kit I just knew my 4th grade son had to have it. He was just THRILLED to have his own ROBOTICS class! The kit is well put together has easy to follow directions but is still challenging & requires the child to think! I love that we have found something to stimulate his love for this kind of learning & that every class is different!" Alicia T.

This is awesome!! My 14 y/o son said this is the best part of school, by far, ever. Everything works as described, and the projects are interesting with just the right level of challenge." -Brenda E.





### **OLLO Inventor Expansion Set**

If your child has completed the twelve-week OLLO Explorer course, he is ready for the more advanced topics in the <u>OLLO Inventor Expansion</u>
<u>Set</u>. <u>OLLO Inventor</u> provides your child with a curriculum which includes programming, use of sensors, wireless control, and lots of fun. Detailed workbook and a software CD are included. For ages ten and older.





This is not a traditional magnetic set. It is soooo sturdy. The magnets are so strong. There is a

book that comes with it so that you can try new challenges. My 11, 8, and 6 year olds all

enjoy it a lot. It is challenging

but fun! The structures you

can build are amazing."

- Noreen





## **Extraordinary Quality, Powerful Magnets**

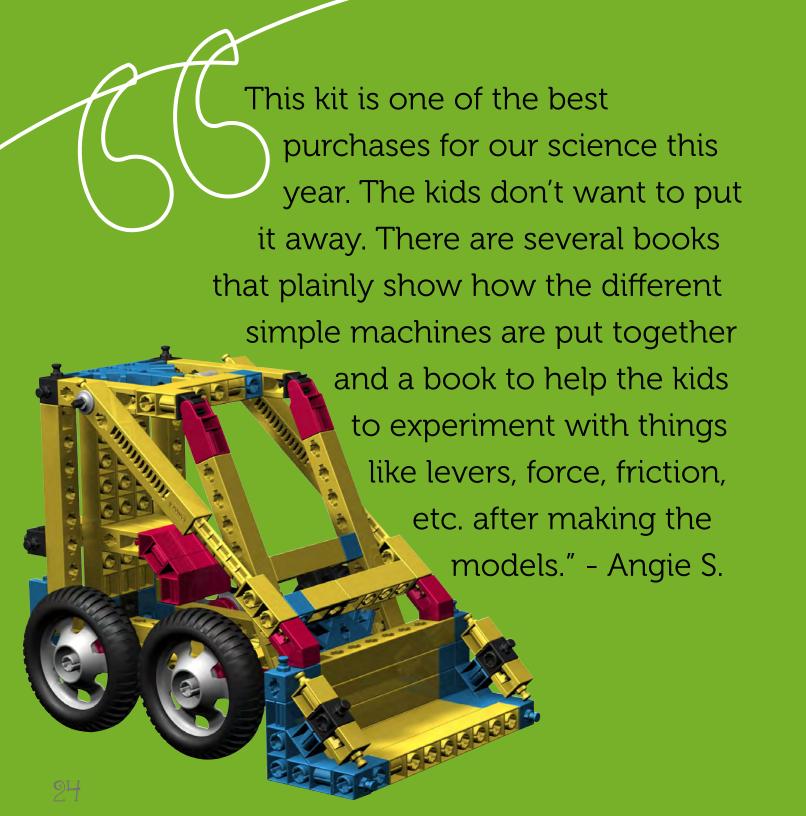
Unlike cheaper look-alikes you'll find in warehouse stores, each **Goobi Magnetic Construction Set** is made with strong neodymium magnets that offer unrivaled quality, durability, and magnetic strength. Build bridges, spinning tops, even mathematical shapes and chemistry models, while seeing firsthand some basics of geometry, physics, architecture, and engineering. **Goobi**'s magnetic rods are too long to choke on and their balls are non-magnetic, making this set far superior to its imitators.





# Accept the ZOOB Challenge!

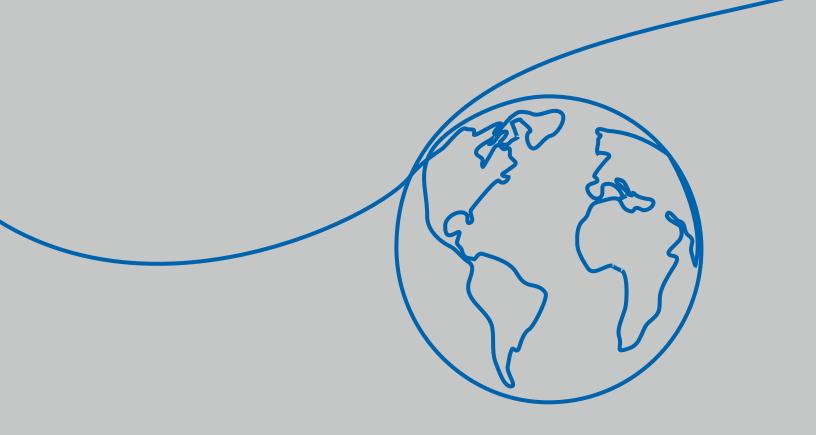
With a "ball & socket" connection system that snaps, clicks, and pops together, **ZOOB** has always been one of the most versatile building sets on the market. Now **ZOOB Challenge Extreme** asks your children to solve more than twenty-five problems that employ the skills educators have targeted as essential. And for a limited time, we've added a fast-moving vehicle component to your **ZOOB Challenge** solutions. **ZOOB Challenge** is an amazing set by itself, but **ZOOB Challenge** with the **ZOOBMobile Fastback** is something very special!





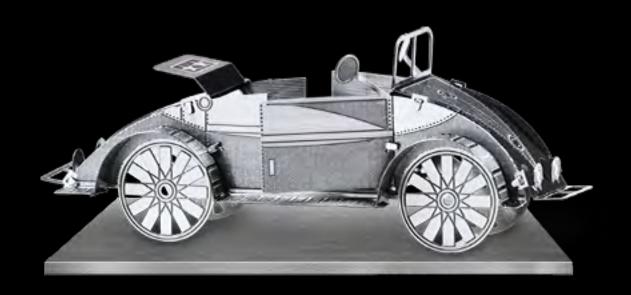
# **Explore Engineering with Working Models**

Finally your children can get a rich overview of the eight most common areas of mechanical science without blowing the family budget. **Engino**'s celebrated components, colorful student book, instruction manual, and activity booklets combine to create the most remarkable handson approach ever available. Experiment with **Engino Simple Machine**'s models to understand how machines actually work, how you can change speed, convert motion, increase or transfer force, and easily move heavy objects.



#### Metal Earth - Intricately Designed Model Building Kits

Each kit consists of remarkably detailed laser etching cut onto one or more four-inch square sheets of thin metal. Striking to look at, especially when placed to catch the light, most <u>Metal Earth</u> models take less than an hour to assemble, and on average measure about three inches long when completed. Because of the tiny size of the components and the complexity of the models, <u>Metal Earth</u> models make ideal gifts for children ten years and older, teens, and even dads and moms!









#### Skyline

Now zip-lines are not just for children who love the adrenaline rush of hurtling through the air. The all-new Skyline, from the makers of our Slackline, is solid enough for the entire family. If you have the trees, you can transform your dull, lifeless backyard into the hot spot for the entire neighborhood. Skyline's easy-glide steel trolley has rubber-gripped handles for a secure ride along the high-quality steel cable. The Skyline will provide hours of backyard entertainment and unforgettable experiences while improving strength, athletic skills, and balance. Soon your whole neighborhood will be gliding effortlessly through the wide blue yonder. Weight capacity is 250 pounds.

#### RingStix Pro

**RingStix Pro** is a high-speed, easy-to-learn outdoor game that combines the accuracy of catch with the pluckiness of a sword fight. Using two 25-inch sword-shaped sticks, one player applies a flaring motion to propel the five-inch ring forward. The other player uses his sticks to catch the flying ring, then slings the ring back.

#### RingStix Lite

<u>RingStix Lite</u> uses colorful 22-inch sword-shaped sticks. Made a bit smaller than the RingStix Pro, the RingStix Lite is ideal for smaller hands and for those amazing tricks we all hope to master.











# Homeschool Thrill-seeking

One of the hottest sports among high-school and college students in Europe is now available for thrill-seeking homeschoolers. A <u>Slackline</u> provides a more "animated" feel than a tightrope; its bouncing makes for an extra-lively, unpredictable ride. The <u>Gibbon Funline Slackline</u> is specially designed for novices of all ages, even younger children. The two-inch-wide webbing is ultra-grippy to help little feet stay in place. This is a very portable group activity, perfect for anywhere a crowd gathers.





I love this book for my non-readers and readers both. ... The best part is that my son who can't read yet can follow the pictures." - Seeking Truth D





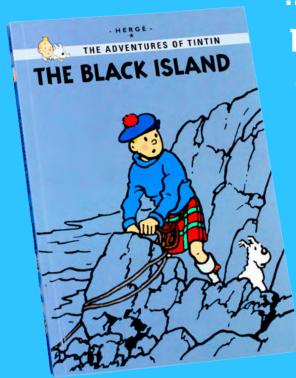
#### Read this Book and Save a Life!

We want kids to read, so we move mountains (of books) looking for any title that will cause a reluctant reader to crack open a book. **Show Me How to Survive** is one such title. Not necessarily because your child will need to know how to disarm a shooter, survive a shipwreck, or rescue-breathe for a dog, but because its hundreds of illustrations and sparse text is an irresistible mix for readers and non-readers alike. Colorful, insightful, and maybe just a bit quirky, this visual guide demystifies 175 events, everything from the essential to the unusual, each explained in nearly wordless, step-by-step illustrations.

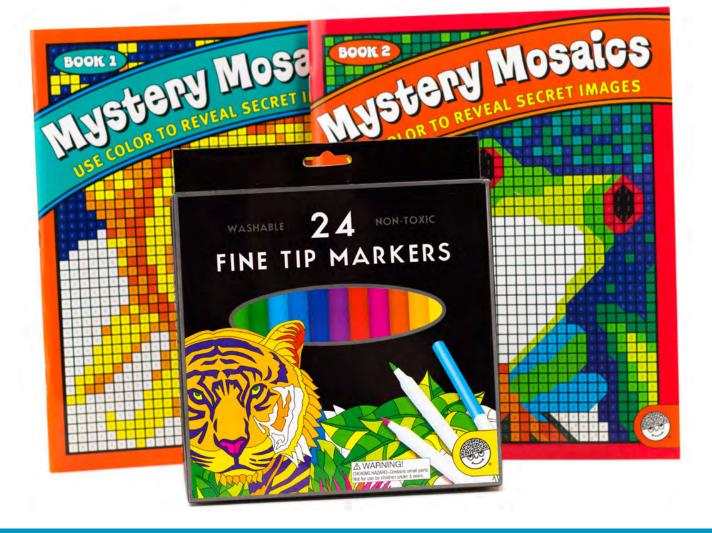
I have 5 readers ages 15yrs to 8yrs and even a few reluctant readers but all of them enjoy and find the Tintin books interesting.

... They are excellent and have helped encourage reading time in our home."

- Monica B

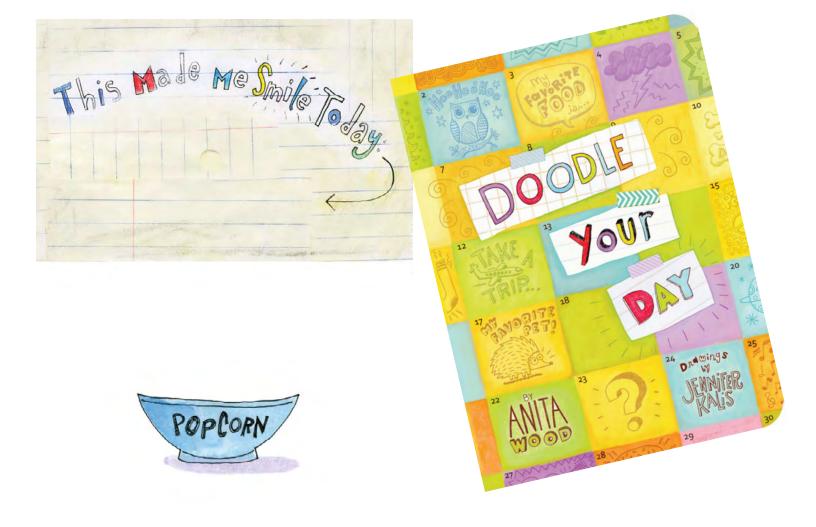






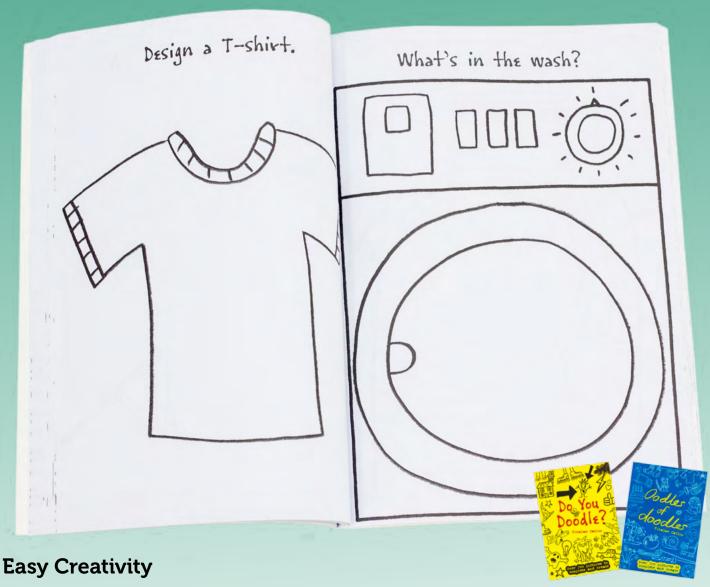
#### **Mystery Mosaics combo**

Combine the relaxation of coloring and our universal delight in solving mysteries, and you have the reason for **Mystery Mosaics Coloring Books**. Each page is a sheet of tiny, lightly lettered squares just waiting to be filled with color. Equally challenging for children and adults, **Mystery Mosaics Coloring Books** will sharpen the visual perception skills of both. Includes 24 fine-tip markers designed to dovetail with the colors required in the **Mystery Mosaics** series.

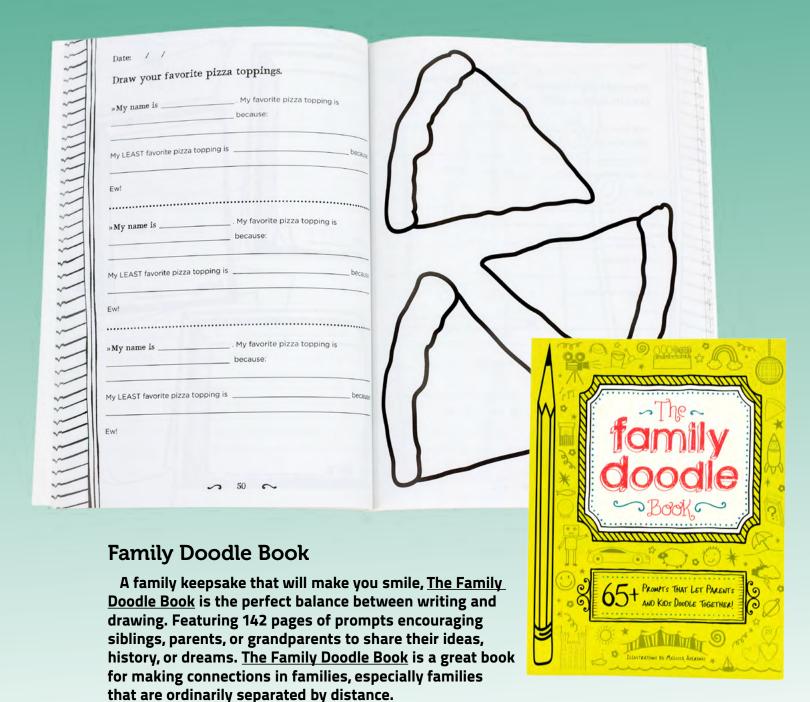


### **Doodle-Document Your Days!**

<u>Doodle Your Day</u> introduces your child to microjournaling: journaling in small bits. With 365 doodle and journaling prompts for your young artists, <u>Doodle Your Day</u> makes microjournaling easy. From drawing today's weather to sketching what made them laugh on International Moment of Laughter Day, kids will love exploring their imagination with such an immense variety of topics.



A stack of paper and a fistful of colored pencils can get monotonous for even the most creative of children. <u>Oodles of Doodles</u> and <u>Do You Doodle?</u> are the ideal solution, a perfect balance between structure and imagination. Every page contains a simple line drawing and a suggestion on how to complete the picture. Now your child can express his imagination and hone his drawing skills, even while building creative thinking and story-inventing abilities.



I have one for each of my 3 children. We use them whenever we need to take a break from our schoolwork. They love them and it gets in extra fine motor skill activity." - Mandy S.



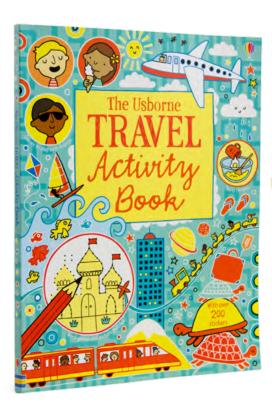
#### **LCD Tablet Provides Convenience Without Mess**

If you want the convenience of a personal dry-erase board without the mess and fuss of markers that easily dry out, then you want a **Boogie Board** tablet. The **Boogie Board** replaces paper clutter and whiteboard messiness with a pressure-sensitive LCD writing surface. Simply press on the surface with the included stylus (or even your finger) to create an image, and when you're done the entire LCD screen is wiped clean with one click of the button, leaving no traces of previous work.

#### **Usborne Travel Activity Books**

Whether it is a long anticipated "dream trip" or a simple jaunt to fetch some groceries, it is evident that children's bodies were not designed for long stretches of strapped down inactivity. Distract them from their miseries with the **Usborne Travel Activity Books**. These vibrant activity books for children are jam-packed with travel-themed puzzles to solve, dot-to-dots, things to draw, spot-the-difference pictures, mazes, stickers, and lots, lots more. They are a grand way to keep learning going as you fly from sea

to shining sea.







We really enjoyed it. My college math geek had fun and found it challenging. Even old grandma had fun showing the little ones how the laser appeared at the end of a setup. Good for any age and skill." - Kathy P.



#### Recharge Your Brain

<u>Laser Maze</u> is the first logic game that employs a real laser to flex your child's strategic thinking muscles. Using mirrors and targets, he will need to beam, bend, and split a laser to solve the challenges. This powerful - but safe - game will teach your children the science of lights and mirrors through increasingly difficult puzzles. <u>Laser Maze</u> comes with sixty card challenges and everything you will need to recharge your brain!



#### Bend-it

The concept is simple: Study the pattern of black and white balls in the booklet, then replicate it with the six unique Bend-it puzzle pieces. These pieces are each made of six connected white and black balls that can be bent in two places, transforming the Bendit pieces from straight rows into an assortment of different shapes to arrange on the gameboard. Bend-it is sturdily made, pleasing to fiddle with, and has sixty puzzles ranging from easy to mind-bendingly difficult.

# Multi-Level Logic Game

Are you ready to get your brain in shape? Then you are ready for the strenuous IQ Fit, where the puzzle pieces have balls sticking out in three dimensions. The challenge is to put the 3-D puzzle pieces on the game board in such a way that the pieces are all level. All ten puzzle pieces have two different sides, so there are twenty different possibilities to choose from, but every challenge has just one correct answer. With 120 challenges, IQ Fit is a mental workout!





#### The Bio-Logical Game!

There's a virus lurking on the board; time to assemble some powerful little cells to fight it off! In <u>Anti-Virus</u>, your child must manipulate the pieces so that he can push the red "virus" piece out of the game board through the exit in the top corner. Made from sturdy plastic with brightly colored pieces, <u>Anti-Virus</u> has sixty puzzle challenges that develop logical thinking, strategic planning, and visual-spatial perception. For ages seven and older.



#### Microbes Attack - Brain Game

The multi-colored, multi-shaped microbes are escaping out of the Petri dish. Your job is to fit them all back in before they multiply. <u>Microbes Attack</u> features over 100 different challenges using twelve colorful, irregularly-shaped microbes that are safely shipped to you in a handy Petri dish. Keep the microbes contained and save the world. The range of difficulty in <u>Microbes Attack</u> extends from "lab tech" to "PhD," so open the lid at your own risk!



#### Anaconda

While the largest anaconda ever measured was almost twenty-eight feet long and probably weighed over 500 lbs., **Anaconda** is small enough to fit into your child's backpack and is definitely more lap-friendly! Make more than 100 complete snakes from head to tail with the gorgeous, double-sided tile puzzle pieces. **Anaconda's** puzzle tiles and booklet fit neatly into a nifty storage compartment.



#### **Protect Your Knights**

The object of the game is very simple: place the four walls on the game board so that all the blue knights are inside the city and all the red knights are on the outside. Dads and teen boys are always drawn to **Troy** at our conferences, but none have made it through the more difficult levels! **Troy** has sixty challenges from easy to brain-busting. For ages eight and older.



#### Do the Chicken Shuffle

Place a challenge card underneath the transparent lid, then move the five chickens on the transparent tiles to the right locations and you've mastered the **Chicken Shuffle**. **Chicken Shuffle** is a nice introduction to systematic thinking.







#### **Angry Birds Under Construction**

Using your child's fascination with these well-liked birds and pushy pigs, **Angry Birds Under Construction** develops spatial reasoning and logical thinking skills. This cleverly designed game takes the side of the pigs by asking your children to place four plastic pieces of varying shapes on the game board, covering the correct number and type of characters, and leaving revealed only those that match the pattern in the included booklet. There is only one correct solution, so don't be surprised to find your child devoting a lot of time to **Angry Birds Under Construction**.



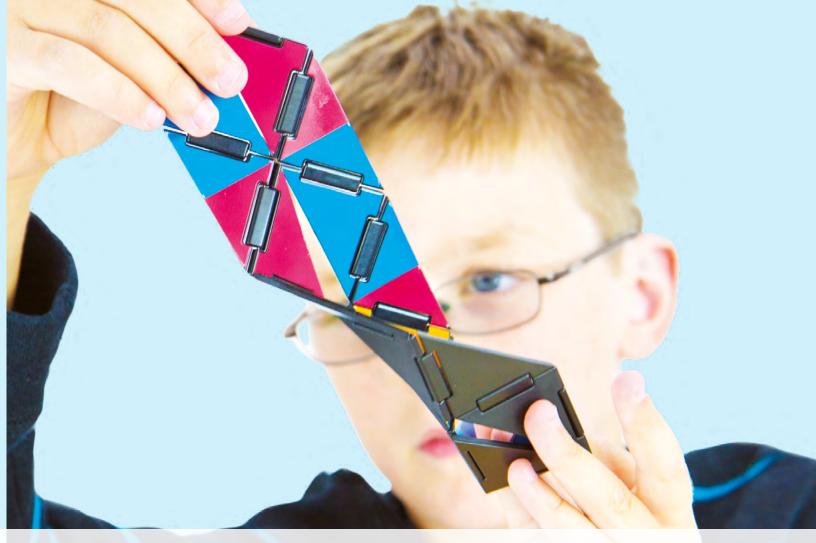
### Vikings Brainstorm

The Viking ship, one of the greatest technical and artistic achievements of the European dark ages, had the muscle to survive ocean crossings with a draft of as little as twenty inches. But how did these ships handle a storm at sea? In **Vikings Brainstorm**, you will help Vikings to navigate their ships out of the tempest by rotating the unique puzzle pieces, always being mindful that one puzzle piece can block the movement of the other ships. Can you get all four ships to their proper destinations?



### **Looking for Heroes**

Want to be a hero? Then launch the lifeboats, patrol the water, and rescue all the passengers. But take care – the number of seats in each boat is limited. Get too close and a desperate passenger will insist on climbing in. <u>Titanic</u> is a life-saving logic game that helps develop thinking skills, strategic planning, and visual and spatial perception.



# Perplexing Puzzle or Soothing Fidget Toy?

<u>Ivan's Hinge</u> was one of our best sellers at 2012 homeschool conferences, purchased as often for brilliant spouses as it was for know-it-all teens. The design is ingenious, yet simple. Just choose a card, then fold, loop, bend, and twist <u>Ivan's Hinge</u> to match the pattern - that is, if you are able to.





## Escape Maximum Security

Does your prisoner have what it takes to dart through a maze of prison walls, dodge between security cameras, and escape before the guards catch him on their monitors? To escape from **Alcatraz**, your prisoner needs to be in the right place at the right time. This won't be as easy as you thought. **Alcatraz** has forty-eight challenges and develops logical thinking skills, strategic planning, and visual and spatial perception.



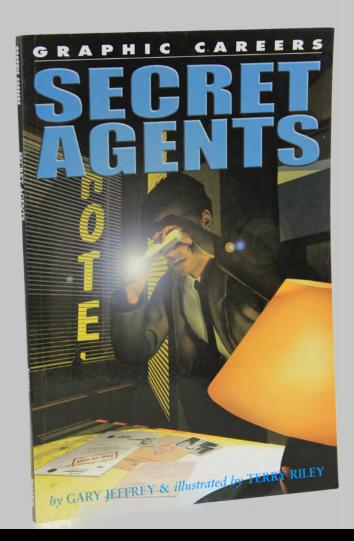
## IQ Link Multi-Level Logic Game

This is the most attractive in the IQ line: the <u>IQ Link</u>. In this game you will be asked to fit thirty-six puzzle parts into the twenty-four places on the game board. Rings and balls of different puzzle pieces can occupy the same place when you link them the right way. <u>IQ Link</u> is an elegant, compact travel game with 120 challenges.

## Penguins on Ice

Ice floating on the sea is sliding and gliding all the time, and so do the penguins that live on it. The object of **Penguins on Ice** is to pack the ice so that every puzzle tile can fit on the game board while making sure that all the penguins are in their assigned spots. Cute, clever, and challenging! **Penguins on Ice** includes sixty challenges and is suitable for ages six and older.







## I Spy

What child hasn't imagined himself as a secret agent? From spying to code-cracking, the life of a secret agent is intellectually and physically challenging, and hands-down beats oral reports and laundry folding. **Secret Agents** is an inside peek into what it means to live covertly. **Secret Agents**' graphic novel format makes it an easy read, especially for the reluctant reader.



## **Spy Alley Dice**

The glamour! The gadgets! The secrets! Spies have a mystique that most of us find fascinating. **Spy Alley Dice**, with its covert play, will intrigue novice and seasoned players alike. In **Spy Alley Dice**, each player becomes a spy for their secretly assigned country with the objective to eliminate all Spy Identification Cards held by other players and accomplish their mission. Winning can best be accomplished by maintaining a vacant face and a good memory, with just a bit of chance.



## Up, Up and Away!

Clear the runway, then choose from the 200 paper airplanes to fold and launch to heights unknown. Each paper model has been decorated with its own vivid and imaginative design. (200 Paper Planes includes 8 different styles of aircraft to build, with 200 brilliant pages to use in their fabrication.) Fill your squadron of aircraft with fighter planes, space rockets, creepy flying bugs, alien invaders, and more. The righter



I purchased this for a family gift for Christmas. My husband, two children (ages 16 and 14) and I worked on it together with great success. It was a highlight of our day. Educational, great directions, unique design, and aesthetically pleasing result. Highly recommend!" - Happy Homeschooler



### **Literally Piece Together USA History**

The <u>4D Cityscape USA History Over Time Puzzle</u> is a unique 3-D puzzle that enables you to incorporate the fourth dimension of time as you piece together the growth of the USA. The first layer details the territorial expansions that occurred from 1783 to the 1900s. The second layer is teaches the sequence and dates of statehood. Finally, place the ninety-three 3-D historical buildings. Fun, challenging, educational, and memorable, the <u>4D Cityscape USA History Over Time Puzzle</u> allows your entire family to see the defining moments in history unfolding before your very eyes!

We are using it this for High School as my son is interested in technology especially in creating movies. We give it 2 thumbs up." - Dita M





#### Now Includes Internal Microphone for Sound Recording!

This very cool kit is a complete introduction to stop-motion and filmmaking. With over 290 pages of step-by-step tutorials and hundreds of illustrations, your child will learn how to write screenplays and draw storyboards; how to make a character walk, run, or talk; and finally, how to edit scenes and add voices and sound effects. The **Stopmotion Explosion Kit** comes with a camera suitable for novice- to intermediate-level animations with an internal microphone for sound recording, plus a CD with software and a large collection of sound effects.



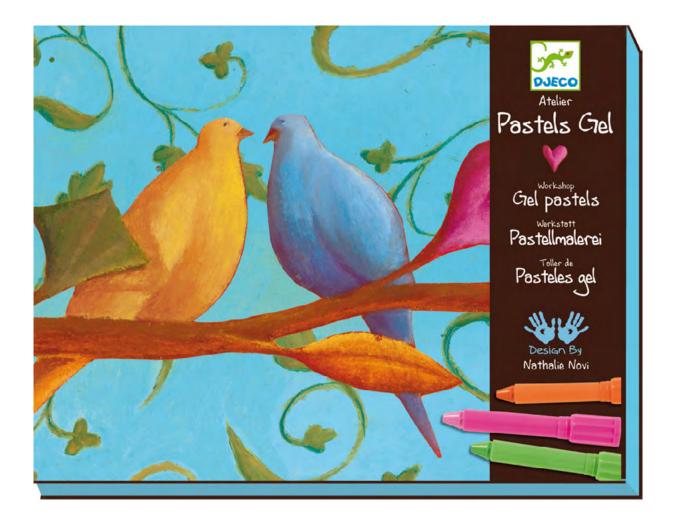
#### **Paracord Bracelet**

Paracord - lightweight cord that can

withstand
550 pounds of
pressure - can
be used to secure
equipment or save
a life. We sincerely
hope no one in your
family will ever need
to pull someone up
from a crevasse, but
if they do paracord
is ideal. With the
Faber-Castell Color

Cord Bracelets kit, you get everything you need to make 8 of these super-popular paracord bracelets. Plus the box doubles as a handy work station – clever!





#### Learn from One of France's Greatest Pastel Artists

Nathalie's Oil Pastel Workshop contains a useful, step-by-step guide designed by the illustrator, in which she shares her techniques for producing beautiful pictures that are packed with color and style. Your artist can use the instruction booklet to make an exact replica of Nathalie Novi's pictures or employ the procedures to create her own unique versions.



## **Eye-popping!**

Broaden your budding artist's knowledge and experience of artistic technique with the eye-popping <u>Djeco Abstract Art Workshop</u>. With child-friendly oil pastels in easy-to-use protective sleeves that minimize messy fingers, <u>Abstract Art Workshop</u> is inspired by bright and cheery expressionist paintings. This has been one of the more requested art kits in the Djeco line, and it is a favorite particularly with museum stores and art stores. It is easy to see why, the pictures produced are stunning!



### **Crazy Office**

In which room does the punching bag belong, and where does the safe go? The staff is bustling around trying to set up the new office. There is no better way for your child to learn logic than with his hands. <u>Crazy Office</u> will help him to identify the logical associations between people, places, and objects and will help your child develop the logic, comprehension, visual tracking, and mental organization skills vital to academic success.



# Magnetic Thinking Putty

The newest additions to our Thinking Putty line are <u>Reactive Razz</u> and <u>Tidal Wave Super Magnetic Thinking Putty</u>. Not only attractive, both the <u>Reactive Razz</u> and the <u>Tidal Wave</u> are made of much softer, more pliable putty for younger hands. But don't let their softness fool you; these are still amazing workhorses into which millions of micro-sized mini-magnets have been embedded. You'll be mesmerized by the invisible forces at play.



# **Perfect Fidget Tool**

**Thinking Putty**, with knock-your-socks-off colors that shift or morph as you squeeze, will bounce, stretch, tear, drip, snap, even shatter. Non-toxic, non-gooey, silicone-based **Thinking Putty** will never dry out. An impressive one-fifth of a pound of high-quality, moldable putty, **Thinking Putty** is a stress-relieving soothing slab of super-smooth elastic putty for wiggly children, tense office workers, and impatient computer geeks. What will they think of next?



"This product is so popular that all of the adults requested this gift for their birthdays after the grandkids opened their Thinking Putty for Christmas! Must be kept in their tins but the kids never forget. So beautiful it is mesmerizing!" - Carol55"





## Honk if You Like Challenges!

If you have a child that loves all things cars, then <u>Speed Bump</u> is the brain-revving game for him. Each player receives four double-sided, large, wooden tiles with familiar symbols of road signs on one side and a birds-eye view of the road on the other. Each round of the fast-paced <u>Speed Bump</u> lasts less than a minute, and the first to win five rounds wins the game. Road-test your visual-spatial reasoning and fast <u>thinking</u> with the pattern-matching challenges of <u>Speed Bump</u>.







# Yottsugo

It is exceedingly difficult to find a single-player language arts game that isn't thoroughly lame. **Yottsugo**, however, is the coolest spelling/vocabulary game available for both aspiring wordsmiths and children needing motivation to develop those skills. Choose a challenge, find the necessary sixteen interlocking lettered tiles, then organize the letters into a four-by-four grid consisting of eight words. Clues are in an envelope that unfolds like a bit of origami to reveal several layers of hints if your child gets stuck.





### **Gear Ball**

Twist-and-turn brain teasers are family favorites because there are no pieces to lose and they allow a restless child a productive outlet. **Gear Ball**, with its astonishing construction of interconnected gears, is both a challenging puzzle with a fascinatingly complex design and a remarkable piece of spherical art. **Gear Ball** is by far the smoothest and easiest-turning puzzle we have ever experienced, and it rigorously encourages focus and logic.

#### **Gear Cube**

Whether you're killing time before a meeting or on your umpteenth hour of a family road trip, **Gear Cube** is a mindbending way to pass the time. The **Gear Cube's** unprecedented mechanism requires twelve 90° turns to complete just one rotation. Unlike many ho-hum 'twisty' type puzzles, **Gear Cube's** gear-based mechanism not only looks amazing, it's also extremely tactile and fun to play around with.

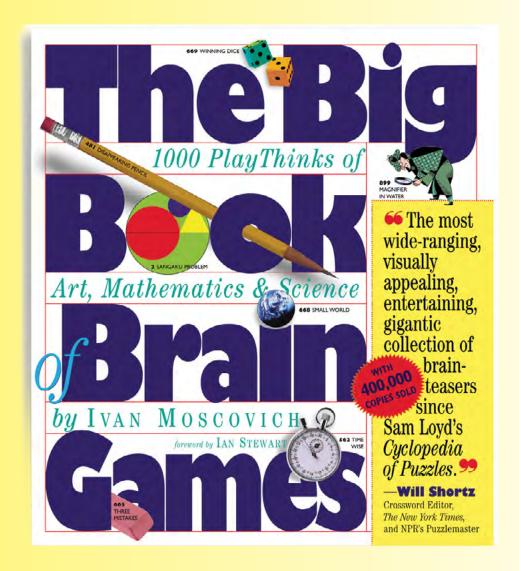
#### **Gear Shift**

With a mere eight meshing gears, the deceptively difficult **Gear Shift** will require your child to turn, pull, and ponder until all of the Day-Glo colors are back in place together. Then pull the two halves apart to rotate and change the color on each side. As with Gear Ball and Gear Cube, **Gear Shift** builds focus and logic, and is another great travel toy for your carful of geniuses.



#### Turn Your Kitchen Into a Food Science Lab

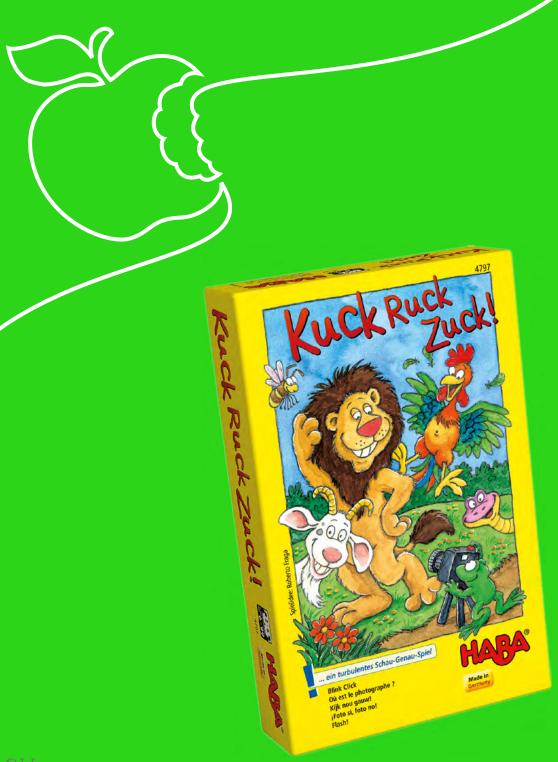
A brilliant blend of chemistry and culinary art, <u>Cuisine R-Evolution</u>: <u>Molecular Gastronomy</u> will turn your home kitchen into an experimental food science lab. <u>Molecular Gastronomy</u> uses chemistry to reshape familiar foods into foams, gels, and spheres. Typically found at higher-end restaurants and on cruise ships, this weird and wonderful style of food preparation will dazzle your family with unexpected forms and textures while displaying the practical side of chemistry and physics.



### **Big Book of Brain Games**

Keep those grey cells limber with The Big Book of Brain Games: 1000

PlayThinks of Art, Mathematics & Science. With jam-packed pages of brain-baffling originals and maddeningly difficult adaptations of classic challenges, puzzles, riddles, and illusions in a huge range of categories, this book, opened anywhere, is a call to action.



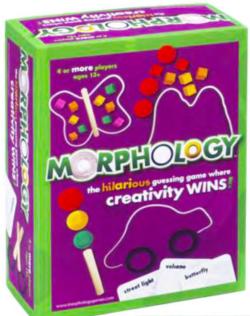




# Spot the Fun!

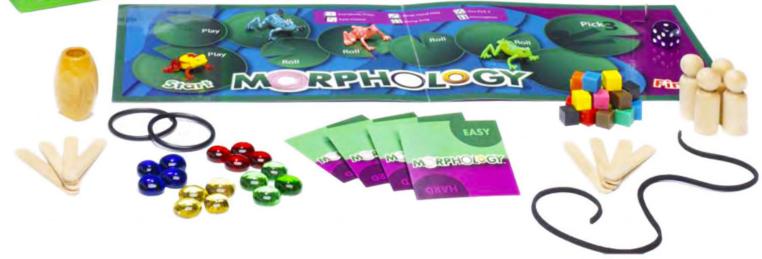
**Blink Click** is a game of perspective. The mischievous animals at the zoo are weary of posing for photographs so they borrow a visitor's camera and take pictures of each other. Now the camera is missing. Can you discern which animal took each picture? But wait, there are some pictures that only a zookeeper could have taken, so who really has the camera? **Blink Click** has two levels of difficulty and calls for 2 -6 players, ages 6+.

We have some picky game players in our family and even they loved this game. The main thing I enjoyed with this game is that it's a game you can play with a wide range of ages. You have to use your imagination to come up with a way to make the picture and you don't have to have drawing skills. A big win for our family and extended family." -Linda



### Crazy-Fun Game

Fast, fun, and super-creative, **Morphology** forces your family to think about everyday objects in a completely new way. Using wooden pawns; glass beads; small, colorful wooden blocks; a bit of string; popsicle sticks; and more, **Morphology** asks players to create an image for their teammates to identify. From 'butterfly" to 'nose hairs," the teammates must guess the word within the allotted time. The perfect balance of competition and collaboration, with no limit to how many people can play, **Morphology** is a great game for family get-togethers.





#### **Doodle and Win**

Play **Doodle Dice Deluxe** with your children and their brains will never be the same! Undeniably a cut above your ordinary dice, each of the six sides displays not numbers, not dots, but clever, imaginative squiggles. Blended together these squiggles can make a recognizable doodle. Lay out the differently colored cards representing varying degrees of doodle difficulty, roll your dice, and see if you can re-create the doodle. No reading required, so prereaders and older folks can play alongside the rest of the family. Perfect!







**Q-Bitz** is a magnificent visual agility game that will never lose its fascination. With 120 pattern cards and sixteen cubes, players re-create the patterns as quickly as possible. But **Q-Bitz** does not have to be played as a game; the cards and cubes can also be used as an exceptional thinking skill challenge for children or adults. Brilliant!



### ConeZILLA

Use colorful and mouth-watering ice cream scoops to help your little ones learn number values, while working on crucial memory and basic strategy skills. This deliciously simple game of memory and tactic will have you and your children racing to be the first to build your spectacular 10-scoop ice cream **ConeZILLA**. For 2 to 4 players ages 6 and older, **ConeZILLA** has won the Seal of Excellence from Creative Child Magazine.

