

● **Child's World**
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inconvenient, a basket with which to carry the toys to the main storage space might be used.

Storage space in the form of a box or closet is desirable in a room that company enters. Lids and drawers can be closed, thus hiding the toys from view.

A box on casters is portable and is handy to move from room to room, depending on where the child is going to play. Padding on the lid makes it useful as a seat also.

A seat along the wall of a family room, with hinged top or side, makes a convenient space to store toys yet it is functional as seating space.

Tricycles and wagons usually go well in the garage, car-port, or basement. However, if you are storing them in a garage have an area provided for them so

they don't use car space.

BOOK GIFTS FOR CHILDREN

A book, suited to the child's age and interest, is one of the best choices for a birthday gift or for some other special occasion. Children need good books just as they need toys and games during each period of growing up. The influence of a good book often lasts long after the toys are discarded and forgotten.

In shopping for children's books, consider the interests, abilities, age and grade of the boy or girl who is to receive it. The first book often is nursery rhymes (Clear color in illustrations and large clear print are especially worth considering). After that the child may be ready for collections of famous stories — fairy tales, legends, myths, nature or animal stories. The librarian at the nearest school or public library may well be consulted for lists of recom-

mended books for children at different ages.

A dictionary or other reference books are recommended. Local librarians can advise on these too. After these basic books, a child's home library should be custom-built — chosen according to the growing interests of youth as well as the special interests of each child as an individual. Living with books allows the child to have a close, personal feeling about his reading. Even the smallest home library, if well chosen, can build lifelong friendship with books.

Q. When do children begin to enjoy games?

A. Children under 4 aren't apt to enjoy group games. Then when you do teach them games choose those that haven't hard and fast rules. Plan games for just a few children and see that they actually participate frequently rather than waiting too long for their turn. Don't choose sides or teams because the idea of group play means little to them at this age.

Q. What kind of paint is safe to use on a child's play pen?

A. Avoid paints that use large amounts of lead. Most enamels and varnishes contain traces of lead but usually there isn't enough to harm a child. Check with your paint dealer on this. You might like to try a wood seal. This gives a natural finish which is fairly soft. But it won't scratch as easily as shellac or varnish.

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