

Inspire creativity



Check local music, book, art, hobby and retail stores for creative products for your kids. Here are some ideas for kids, some may be available locally, while others may only be available online.

Art

The Learning Tower's The Art Easel, from Little Partners, an easel made with wood, with a chalkboard, magnetic and dry erase board, paint pot holders, \$69.99

Learning Tower, from Little Partners, wooden stepstool that doesn't tip over, \$199.99

Crayola Glow Station, from Crayola, with the Glow Station children can draw with light in the dark on the glowing canvas. Using a light wand, kids can either draw freehand or use stencils and texture sheets to create more realistic drawings, Ages: 6 and older, \$29.99.

Writing

Creative Writing Kits from Think It Ink It Publishing; kids write stories to go with the illustrations in the soft cover workbook – and for an additional fee, they can publish a version of it in hardcover binding online at www.thinkitinkitpublishing.com; ages 4-12; \$9.95 (available online only)

Bananagrams, from Banana grams comes with 144 tiles, can play this game with 2 to 4 people, or 5 to 6 players, Ages 7 and older, \$14.95

Reading

"Nature Discovery: In My Backyard" by Rebecca

Muttano,

www.littleenvironmentalists.com \$6.95

Family Talk and Family Talk 2 Card Games, from Aroundthetablegames, ages four and older, \$12.95

Music

CPX500 Acoustic-Electric Guitar, from Yamaha. Pick up a real guitar and put down your guitar video game. Show off your skills with this full-size acoustic-electric six string. Provides an unplugged sound, and is ready to for onstage play with its on-board amplification. \$349.

YPG-235 Portable Keyboard from Yamaha

(above), This portable electronic keyboard has 76 piano-style keys with Graded Soft Touch action, sequencing capabilities, 489 instrument voices, stereo piano sound, a built-in recorder, pitch bend wheel and USB computer connectivity, \$319.99.

iPod Animal Clip Cord keepers, from Cableorganizer, a zoo of animals to choose from, \$3.99 for set of 3 clips, www.cableorganizer.com (available online only)

Magic

"Learn Magic with Lyn" Lyn Dillies performed magic alongside the Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra this fall; here is her DVD and magic kit for kids, ages 7 and up, \$18.95, www.magicoflyn.com/LearnMagic.html

