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10 TOYS FOR KIDS WITH DISABILITIES, RECOMMENDED BY OUR ACCESSIBILITY EDITORS

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At Reviewed, it's no secret we're **champions of accessible product design** under any and all circumstances. This includes highlighting adaptive features and inclusive concepts in the **toys our children play with**.

This gift guide features 10 of the very best in adaptive toys and accessible entertainment as chosen by our Accessibility editors. Whether you're looking to please the **fashionista**, **gamer**, or Lego fanatic in your life, these products take disability into account in a way that makes us proud, by unlocking new abilities for disabled customers or exposing others to disability culture at large.

From neurodivergence to dexterity difficulty and everything in between, these 10 gifts are carefully designed for kids of all ability levels.

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1. Kizik Kids



These kids' slip-on shoes are accessible without sacrificing style.

Disabled or not, I don't know a kid who doesn't enjoy a cool pair of shoes. Children and adults who struggle with dexterity generally don't have as many options in the cool kicks department, because they're often limited to Velcro and slip-on shoes. That's why we love Kizik so much. Kizik shoes are the best slip-on shoes we've ever tested, and not only are there options for adults, but they have a kids' line as well.

Kizik sneakers slip on and off easily thanks to bounce-back heel construction, and they come in all sorts of fun colors to match any kid's personality and style. Read our **full review**.



Kizik Kids Shoes

Each Kizik shoe has a bendable heel that pops back up as you step into the sneaker, making it easy to use in hands-free fashion.

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2. Hand2mind See My Feelings Mirror



This therapeutic tool helps children master the intricacies of facial expressions in a fun way.

For some kids, facial expressions are a struggle to master. Maybe it's difficult for them to express the desired emotion through their face, maybe they struggle to accurately interpret facial expressions from others, or maybe both. Luckily, there are some toys designed to help build this critical social skill.

The Hand2mind See My Feelings Mirror is a fun little toy that allows kids to match their facial expressions to those they see printed on a card. The user can see a photo of a child's face looking sad, and then they can glance at the attached mirror to see what

their face is doing and if it matches. While definitely therapeutic in nature, this mirror gives off a fun toy vibe that could make it a great gift for a younger child. Read our full



Hand2mind See My Feelings Mirror

The Hand2mind See My Feelings mirror helps kids and toddlers learn about their own feelings and emotions, while recognizing them in others.

BUY NOW

3. Curvd Earplugs



These noise-reducing earplugs come in a variety of colors and with a handy aluminum case.

If there's a big kid in your life who is sensitive to sound or prone to sensory overload, some noise-reducing earplugs could make their days a lot less stressful. Curvd Earplugs are not made to completely block out all sound, but our reviewer found that they reduced just enough ambient noise to help her focus while studying and working.

Not only are they effective, but they look cool and are made of hypoallergenic, recyclable silicone. Available in colors like Peaceful Purple, Mindful Mint, and Blissful Blue, there's no need to sacrifice style to reap the benefits of these earplugs. They even come with an aluminum case, designed to withstand drops and general use.

Keep in mind these earplugs may not fit well in smaller ears. If you're buying for a young child, consider Flare Audio's Calmer Kids instead. Read our full review.



Curvd Earplugs

The ergonomically designed Curvd earplugs, which contort to almost any shape and size of ear, come with several ear canal tips and a case.

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4. Disabled Squishmallows



Archie the Axolotl is just one of many Squishmallows with visible and invisible disabilities.

Squishmallows are still an immensely popular collectible for younger kids, and that fervor, in large part, comes down to the unique qualities featured in this vast assortment of soft, huggable characters. These toys get an especially big shoutout with regard to their inclusivity for those with disabilities.

Archie the Axolotl speaks using sign language, but he's just one of many Squishmallows to have visible and invisible disabilities in their backstories. If your child is still young enough to make a new friend out of these adorable dolls, they're well worth looking into. Check out our **list of Squishmallows with disabilities** for more details.



Disabled Squishmallow

Soft, huggable, and brightly colored, Squishmallows are awesome toys that often come with a disability character story.

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5. Moxie



This cute robotic companion can hold a casual conversation or prompt socially oriented missions that help kids learn social cues.

Moxie is undoubtedly the most expensive gift on this list, but, for any kid with socialemotional difficulty, neurodivergence, or depression, this amazing robot is a real treat. Sent from the Global Robotics Laboratory, Moxie is designed to be a personalized companion for any child to learn from. Whether it's through casual conversation or one of many of Moxie's social-focused missions, this toy will keep your kids busy for hours. And, while a somewhat complicated subscription was once required, now you can buy Moxie as an all-in-one package at a much lower price. If you and your little ones love tech and social learning, Moxie can't be missed. Read our **full review**.



Moxie

Moxie engages children and helps them learn social skills through conversation-based tasks and an appealing design.

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6. Lego Friends



Disability culture has recently become part of the backstory of certain Lego Friends sets.

It's hard not to feel left out as a kid when you never see people like you represented in the media, books, or toys. Thankfully, the tide is turning, and we are seeing more diversity representation across the board. Lego bricks have been ever present in toy boxes for about 70 years, and now the brand is, at long last, expanding the potential of its buildable worlds to include disabilities.

Lego Friends represent several different kinds of disabilities, like ADHD, limb difference, and Down syndrome, just to name a few. Obviously there are no physical differences discernible on the characters with invisible disabilities like ADHD, but the fact that each of these characters has a disability story means more kids can feel included and valued. That fact alone makes the Lego Friends series one of our favorite toys for people with disabilities. Read our **full review**.



Lego Friends

Lego Friends play sets feature locations like art schools, markets, and beaches, where kids can play out scenes based on real-life experiences.

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7. Zenimal



Zenimal offers your kid a nice, screen-free way to relax.

Most of the gifts featured on this list are focused on playtime, but sometimes all kids need a moment to relax. That's where Zenimal comes in. This soft, silicone audio player features nine guided meditations, ranging from 3-15 minutes long, focused on subjects like relaxation, empathy, and gratitude.

For children struggling with sleep issues, or those living with someone who is, this meditation toy can be a lifesaver. It's not as full featured as some of the services you may be able to access through smartphone apps, but the fact that Zenimal doesn't require a screen might actually be a good thing. Read our **full review**.



Zenimal

The Zenimal stationary toy is shaped like an animal and features guided meditations to help children calm their anxiety, especially at nap time or bedtime.

BUY NOW

8. Busy Fingers Tangram Puzzle



This glittery gel puzzle also serves as a travel-friendly fidget toy.

We love the Busy Fingers Glittery Tangram Gel Puzzle because it's great for keeping neurodivergent kids calm and engaged. Not only does it serve as a fidget toy, but the shapes can be combined to create all kinds of pictures. The companion card set gives kiddos specific pictures to work toward, but even if that style of play is a little advanced, this gel puzzle has a lot to offer in terms of sensory play.

On top of its core functionality, this puzzle is also a breeze to throw in a baggy or purse pocket to keep your little one entertained on the go. Read our **full review**.

Busy Fingers Tangram Puzzle

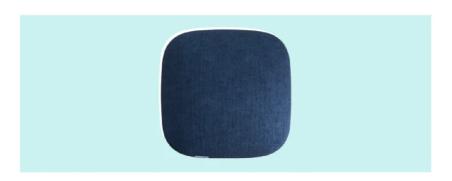


The Busy Fingers Tangram Puzzle has various colorful, geometrically shaped gel packs kids can use to create up to seven pre-assigned shapes in addition to their own.

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9. Quiet Mind Pillow



The soothing qualities of this Quiet Mind pillow are a powerful aid against tough anxiety.

If you've got an older kid or teen who might be aging out of Squishmallows, the Quiet Mind Original Weighted Pillow is a nice alternative that offers much of the same comfort through Deep Pressure Stimulation.

Our tester loved this product for its calming properties, durable design, and portable form factor. The price of this pillow may leave some shoppers feeling mild sticker shock, but someone who often fights anxiety might believe its soothing benefits are worth every penny. Read our **full review**.



Quiet Mind Pillow

Compact and convenient, the Quiet Mind Weighted Pillow is crafted to help alleviate anxiety and provide soothing comfort without overheating you.

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10. PS5 Access Controller



The PS5 Access Controller allows players to build an accessible controller that suits their dexterity needs.

As its name implies, this specialized gaming peripheral is designed to help those with dexterity limitations play the latest and greatest games on Sony's flagship console.

Unlike the standard DualSense controller, the Access Controller is an entire controller kit that allows users to essentially create a version of the PS5 control scheme that works for them. The flat design is tailored for mounts and wheelchair trays, and its buttons and sticks can be customized with a wide variety of included caps to facilitate the best possible gameplay experience.

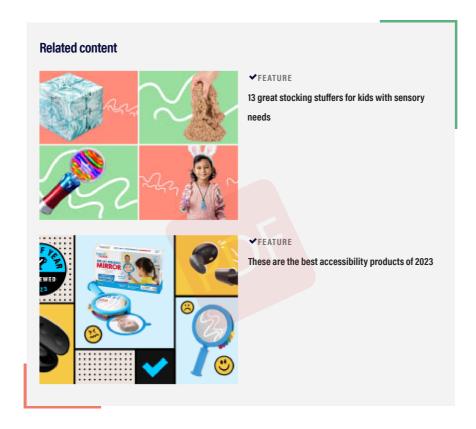
For those who already use switches and pedals to game, AUX ports ensure those accessories work too. This may be the most innovative adaptive controller we've seen to date. Read our **full review**.

PS5 Access Controller



The PS5 Access Controller comes with a wide variety of included button and stick caps to create a personalized gameplay experience.

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