



Little  
Acorns



# Spring

collection  
2022

Engaging play resources for little explorers

The Cottage Garden Den Kit  
DKCG • £44.99

# Welcome to our spring 2022 catalogue

We're so excited to bring you our first early years catalogue which features a small selection of our play and learning resources.

At Little Acorns we're passionate about the value of open-ended play, outdoor exploration, stories and songs to spark children's imagination, curiosity and support their early learning and development. We've carefully picked our range of learning through play resources with our ethos firmly in mind and with the input of our fantastic Instagram brand rep team of over 30 early years educators and parents to ensure our toys and activities are of the very best quality and provide meaningful and engaging play opportunities that support children's development.

Thank you for supporting us over the last 2.5 years. We look forward to working with existing and new groups, childminders, early years settings and schools in 2022 and beyond!

**Jo Stubbins**

Founder of Little Acorns



## Meet some of our experts

 @theexplorings



**Emily**


Hi, I'm Emily a Forest School leader, former Early Years Phase Leader and now owner of my own outdoor stay and play company. I am passionate about providing opportunities for children to explore and engage with the outdoors, through child led, nature inspired play that promotes independence and encourages curiosity. I feel fortunate to have found Little Acorns whilst setting up my new venture. They have a wealth of open ended resources that have really enhanced our outdoor provision.

 @sprinkledotssensory



**Sarah**


Hello, I'm Sarah, a primary school teacher of 11 years, specialising in ages 3-7. Along with teaching children, I create play setups, tuff trays activities and invitations to play for my toddler and baby, through sensory and hands on resources to develop their imagination, creativity, fine motor skills and childhood developmental skills. We love using the wonderful products from Little Acorns to support our learning journey!

 @the\_playful\_expert



**Gail**


Hi, I'm Gail a play specialist and experienced teacher. I have extensive experience in education (specialising in Special Needs) and am a huge advocate for open-ended, play-based learning. I am passionate about supporting parents and other professionals through providing lots of ideas for children to learn through play in fun ways. I feel grateful to have found Little Acorns as they have a vast amount of open ended resources that can be used in different non-traditional ways to have fun with and learn!

 @baby\_bear\_sensory



**Charlotte**

Hi, I'm Charlotte a KS1 teacher and phonics lead. I love setting up engaging literacy activities for my daughter at home as well as developing ways to encourage children to apply phonics in continuous provision. Little Acorns have been our go to for the majority of the resources. You can always guarantee the resources they sell are good quality and carefully chosen.

 @playtimewithhallierose



**Laura**

Hi, I'm Laura, a primary school teacher with a breadth of teaching experience in key stage one. I am passionate about providing opportunities for children to explore and learn through play and I enjoy planning this into my classroom provision. I feel so fortunate to have found Little Acorns. They have a wealth of open ended resources that have really enhanced my classroom environment.

## How to order:

 **Email us**

We are happy to accept purchase orders and orders via email and are experienced in working with local authorities and nursery chains to complete supplier registrations and can invoice you.

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 **Order online**

We accept all major credit and debit cards including Paypal. You can order online at **[www.littleacornsshop.co.uk](http://www.littleacornsshop.co.uk)**  
Delivery is free on orders over £60.



# Festivals & Celebrations

- Pancake Day 1/3
- St David's Day 1/3
- World Book Day 3/3
- St Patrick's Day 17/3
- Holi Festival of Colour - Hindu Festival 18/3
- Red Nose Day 18/3
- Mother's Day 27/3
- Ramadan 2/4-1/5
- Easter Sunday 17/4
- St George's Day 23/4
- May Day 1/5
- Mental Health Week 9/5-15/5
- Walk to School Week 17/5-21/5
- World Bee Day 20/5
- Platinum Jubilee 2-5/6
- World Environment Day 5/6
- World Oceans Day 8/6
- Father's Day 19/6



Rainbow eggs 74005 • £13.25  
 Lanka Kade bag 6 minibeasts NC985 • £16  
 We're Going on a Bear Hunt wooden characters YD0402 • £23.99  
 Emotion stones YD1021 • £23.99



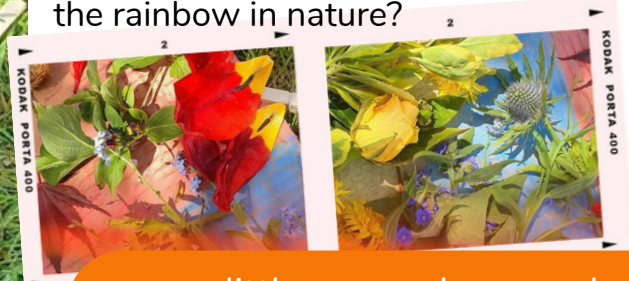
## Play idea



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# Rainbow nature collage

Can you find all of the colours of the rainbow in nature?



# Heuristic

# play

The word **heuristic** derives from the Greek word "eurisko" meaning "I discover" and describes an intuitive way of meeting challenges and solving problems. Our range of wooden heuristic play resources provides an opportunity to capitalise on toddlers' curiosity about the objects that make up the world around them and provides valuable opportunities for extending children's learning. The open-ended nature of heuristic play encourages children to explore and investigate in their own way, applying their own creative ideas and building on their own experiences.



### Wooden treasures taster set

A basic set of beautiful smooth wooden shapes inspired by nature and discovery. One of each treasure shape in 3 shades of 7 organic colours. The treasures will stimulate the imagination, engage logic, discover creative ability, develop coordination and enhance fine motor skills  
74051 • £16.49

### Heuristic play wooden basic set

This 20-piece beechwood set comes with a cotton bag and activity guide.  
73937 • £32.99



### Eco friendly tactile shells

These specially designed sea shells have different tactile surfaces and come in 3 sizes. Children will love to touch and feel these shells, describing the differences and similarities. Also ideal to teach early number concepts, such as sorting, matching, comparing, sequencing, patterning and counting. Pack of 36.  
75150 • £23.99



### Natural loose parts collection 1

Perfect for exploration and adding nature to play set ups and for treasure baskets. 10 loose parts, contents may vary slightly. 3+ years. Adult supervision required.  
LA101 • £9.99

### Wooden four way mirror

Our birch plywood 4-way mirror is a fascinating 90 degree corner unit where children can see reflections within each side and the base, ideal for use in imaginative play, to create small world environments, for learning about reflection and mirror effects, or to closely inspect interesting objects. The solid construction provides a stable base for the 2mm acrylic mirrors, making the image flatter and clearer. The unit comes with rubber feet for stability and to protect work surfaces.  
73452 • £40.99



### Natural tinker tray

Beautifully made from FSC beech, this tactile and versatile natural wood tray is instantly appealing to young investigators. It is ideal for all kinds of collecting, counting, sorting and loose parts activities  
£26.99 • YD1163





**Eco-friendly junior rainbow pebbles**

The eco Junior Rainbow Pebbles® are made of natural Fibre Particulate Composite (FPC), an agricultural waste product from rice stems and rice husks. Each pebble has its own unique natural grain and the double-sided activity cards are designed in natural colour tones to match the pebbles. Children will have plenty of fun with this construction and early mathematics manipulative. Ideal for developing fine motor skills, counting & sorting and creative design. The set contains 36 pebbles in 3 shapes and 6 colours, with 8 double-sided activity cards. 18 months+  
**75152 • £27.49**



**Natural flower tray**

This beech wood tray is formed of six outside petals and a central area. As such, it is ideal for a wide range of collecting and early maths sorting activities, both indoors and outside. Age 18m+.  
**YD1162 • £26.99**



**Wooden discovery boxes - set of 3**

Three beautifully constructed beechwood trays with clear acrylic sliding lids. The trays are divided into 3, 6 and 8 sections which can be used for sorting and display. Ideal for collecting natural resources or organising counters or tokens by colour or shape. **73462 • £32.99**

**Rainbow wooden super set**

Beautiful smooth solid beechwood loose parts in the seven colours of the rainbow, with a natural finish to show the grain of the wood. Ideal for creating imaginative scenes, encouraging construction skills, counting and sorting, stacking and sequencing, pattern-making and learning about colour.

This set contains 84 wooden pieces, 7 of each shape and size in all the colours of the rainbow, and a cotton drawstring bag. A lovely tactile and visually appealing resource that children of all ages will enjoy exploring.  
**73979 • £131.99**



## Giant catch net

This versatile net is designed to stand either horizontally or vertically at differing angles so it can be used for both throwing and kicking games. The large net size provides an easy and achievable goal. Made from powder coated tubular steel, it features a press-stud fitted close mesh net that can be removed and washed, and pop stud fitted legs for easy storage. 75536 • £76.99



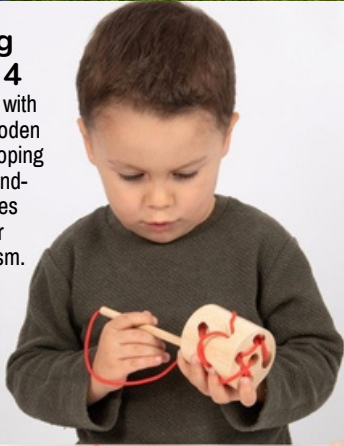
## Rainbow wooden shape twister

Beautiful solid beechwood giant bolt with seven nuts in different shapes and in the seven colours of the rainbow. Perfect for learning about colour and shape as well as improving manual dexterity and fine motor strength. 74003 • £10.99

# Physical development

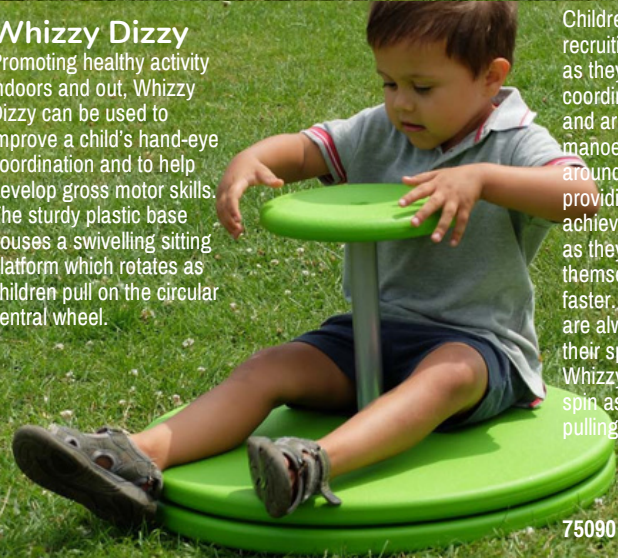
## Wooden lacing shapes - pack 4

Four beechwood blocks with holes and laces with wooden threader, ideal for developing manual dexterity and hand-eye coordination. Includes cylinder, cube, triangular prism and octagonal prism. 73426 • £21.99



## Whizzy Dizzy

Promoting healthy activity indoors and out, Whizzy Dizzy can be used to improve a child's hand-eye coordination and to help develop gross motor skills. The sturdy plastic base houses a swivelling sitting platform which rotates as children pull on the circular central wheel.



Children will be recruiting core muscles as they discover how to coordinate their hands and arms in order to manoeuvre themselves around the central post, providing a sense of achievement and fun as they make themselves go around faster. However they are always in control of their speed as the Whizzy Dizzy will only spin as fast as they are pulling on the wheel.

75090 • £109.99

## Netting alphabet crabs

EA-84 • £94.50



## Sensory balance beam - set 2

W-51 • £365.99

# Trikes & scooters



## A. Wisdom small trike

This is a robust and good quality tricycle that allows children as young as 2 to enhance their motor skills. 2-4 years. W-10 • £164.99

## B. Wisdom large trike

Ideal for older children aged 4-8 years old, this classic design will delight children and enhance their motor skills. W-12 • £179.99

## C. Wisdom scooter

Designed to build upon children's early balancing development whilst still maintaining stability. 3+ years. W-16 • £129.99

## D. Wisdom fire engine

Great for role play games - dress up as a firefighter and ride to your destination. 4-8 years. W-14 • £232.99

## E. Wisdom tuk tuk

Sit in the rear of this tuk tuk and direct the driver to your destination. 4-8 years. W-17 • £232.99

## F. Wisdom tandem trike

Encourage shared play amongst children aged 4-8 years with this 2 seat trike. W-13 • £224.99

## G. Wisdom medium trike

This sturdy & popular wisdom trike is ideal for children aged 3-6. W-11 • £169.99

# Communication, language



**Handa's Surprise wooden character set**  
 Based on the original illustrations from Handa's Surprise by Eileen Browne, these ten fantastic colourful wooden characters will bring the story into the classroom.  
 YD0404 • £31.99

**Alphabet word building set**  
 (50 pebbles) – contains three of each vowel and two of b, c, d, f, g, h, l, m, n, p, r, s, t, y and one of j, k, q, v, w, x, z. YD 1002 • £39.99



**Storysacks**  
 Our storysacks help bring stories to life during individual and group and storytelling sessions and the props can be used to help children develop their own story scenarios.  
 The Highway Rat: LASSHR • £30.99 / The Snail & the Whale: LASSSW • £31.99  
 The Gruffalo: LASSG • £24.99

**Phonics pebbles**  
 Each set contains 64 pebbles covering the 44 phonemes from Phases Two and Three of Letters and Sounds, plus the most common alternative spellings from Phase Five. YD1012 • £51.99





# and literacy

## Traditional tales wooden characters

Bring traditional tales to life with these wonderful wooden characters! This bumper set is perfect for young children to retell six popular tales and create versions of their own. Safe for children aged 18m+. This set includes The Billy Goats Gruff, Little Red Riding Hood, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, The Gingerbread Man, Jack and the Beanstalk and The Three Little Pigs. YD0119 • £75



## Rhyming pebbles

This set of 16 visually appealing rhyming stones (eight rhyming pairs) provides a tactile way to explore common rhyming families and develop phonemic awareness. The set comes with two illustrated rhyming pebbles for each of the following families: -ag, -an, -ap, -at, -ing, -og, -ot and -ug. YD1102 • £19.99



## Feels-write pre-writing stones

Ideal for pre-writing activities, these tactile stones will help children to build their fine motor skills and the language to talk about shapes and patterns. They will enjoy tracing over the patterns and shapes from left-to-right with their fingers, as well as using the stones to make impressions and copies in play dough. Each stone is carefully engraved to provide important sensory feedback. YD1066 • £39.99



## Natural wooden writing board

Each board is wonderfully unique, different shapes, grains and knots in the wood! For use with waterbased pen markers only. These boards are easily wiped clean with water or a cloth. SNWWB • £8.99



## Set of 6 nursery rhyme finger puppets

Includes fish, mouse, twinkle twinkle little star, Incy Wincy spider, black sheep and Humpty Dumpty. PC002040 • £19.99





### Let's roll - garden bugs

These rollers offer an imaginative way for children to explore the natural world through creative play. Roll into play dough or clay and stamp with the bugs to create hands-on habitats! Count the bees on the honeycomb, match the ladybirds to flowers and tell stories of what is happening close by when you look carefully. Children can experiment using different amounts of pressure and rolling in different ways, honing their fine motor skills as they create tactile patterns and beautiful works of art.

YD1154 • £17.99

# Minibeasts



### Let's investigate bugs

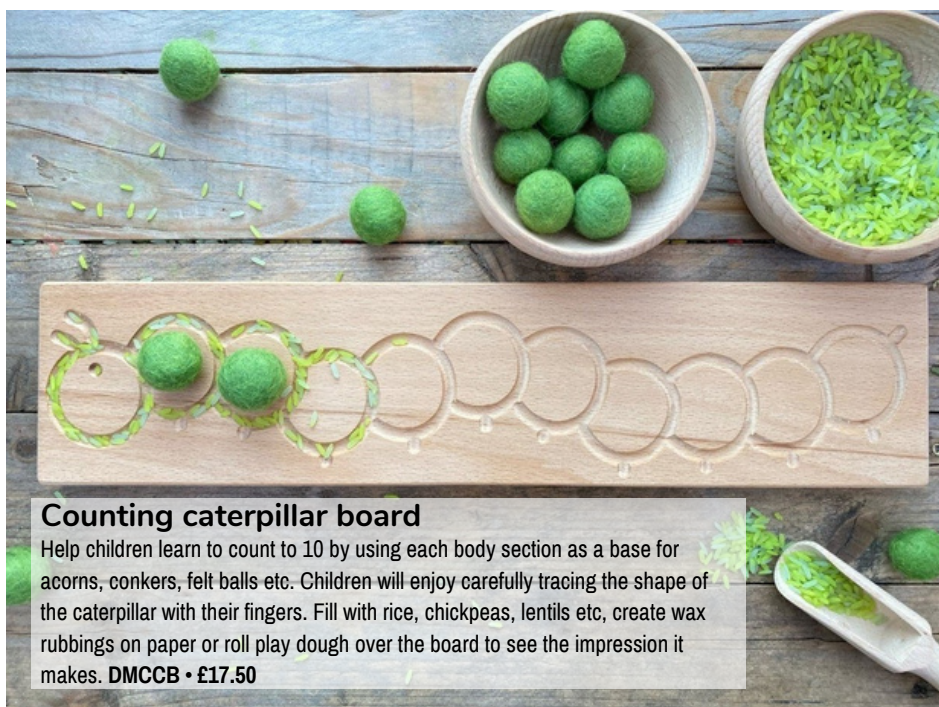
A fantastic addition to any investigative play provision, these bug stones are one of our best sellers. Cast from a special stone mix, they are durable for use outdoors and measure 80mm. Go on a bug hunt, study any finds discovered outside, brush them off and clean them up. Make a record of what's been found by taking a wax rubbing and/or making an imprint in modelling clay. Age 2+. YD1042 • £20

### Treasure tubes - set of 8

Treasure Tubes feature transparent windows perfect for observing or displaying small objects for ages 3+ Hold shells, beads, twigs, leaves and flowers. Use for colour and sound exploration and light table activities G3086 • £44.99

### Wooden minibeast blocks - pack 33

A robust set of chunky basswood ply picture blocks, colour printed on both sides with real images of minibeast from around the world. Perfect for children to investigate bug behaviour, how and what they eat, what eats them, if they undergo metamorphosis and the habitats they live in. They are free-standing and can be used in imaginative play, to develop descriptive language skills or for learning about the characteristics of a wide range of different creatures. Having realistic images will enable younger children to make comparisons with real creepy crawlies they find on nature walks or read about in books, and encourage older children to visualise characters in story-telling and creative writing. 73410 • £54.99



### Counting caterpillar board

Help children learn to count to 10 by using each body section as a base for acorns, conkers, felt balls etc. Children will enjoy carefully tracing the shape of the caterpillar with their fingers. Fill with rice, chickpeas, lentils etc, create wax rubbings on paper or roll play dough over the board to see the impression it makes. DMCCB • £17.50



### Easy hold magnifier

73363 • £7.50



**Jumbo insects**

Imaginative play is larger than life with these realistically detailed jumbo insects. Playing with these tactile animals encourages children to learn about different species. Largest insect (butterfly) measures 20cm x 13cm. LER 0789 • £33

**Rainbow tongs - pack of 6**  
61092 • £10.99



**Rainbow magnifiers - pack of 6**  
61096 • £16.49



**Insect x-rays and picture cards**

With this set of x-rays and picture cards, children can use the power of science and technology to learn the different parts of an insect, such as the head, thorax and abdomen, while seeing for themselves how even very different creatures can have very similar structures. Includes: 36 x-rays, 36 picture cards, 4 x 6" (10 x 15 cm) and guide. R-5912 • £24.99



**Honey bee number stones**

Set of 20 pebbles. YD1094 • £22

**Honey bee number cards**

Set of 16 activity cards. YD1095 • £17.50



**Ladybug counting stones**

Set of 20 pebbles. YD1027 • £22

**Ladybug number cards**

Set of 16 activity cards. YD1063 • £17.50



**The Game of Ladybirds**

OT009 • £9

# Construction

## Rainbow bricks - pack 36

Giant visually stunning building bricks made from beautiful rubberwood with colourful transparent acrylic inserts. Can be used in building and stacking with double and half sized bricks. The set includes 36 pieces (24 large, 12 small) with rounded corners and colourful inserts (red, green, blue, yellow, clear and mirror). Children will hold them up to their eyes to see a world in different colours. Can also be used for colour mixing and on a light box. Size of large brick: 200 x 75 x 75mm. Suitable from 12 months.

73380 • £148.49



## Life like wooden beams

CY24-WB • £49.99

## 20 piece life size foam breeze blocks

CY20 • £36.99



## 25 piece life size foam bricks

CY25 • £49.99



## Rainbow wooden jumbo block set

73450 • £87.99



## Foam paver building blocks - 30 pieces

These foam building blocks are the perfect tool to develop your child's imagination and creativity. Great for stimulating verbal expression and cooperation when your little builder gets friends to help. These building bricks are soft, lightweight and have a smooth surface without rough edges. The bricks are easy to clean and are made from non-toxic durable EVA foam. CY30-HG • £49.99





## Farm small world

### PlayTRAY (with removable compartments)

Everything you need in one tray: a deep tray, shallow tray and 6 removable compartments, perfect for organising play equipment and supplies. A self-contained space to play, create and store, all purpose-designed with little ones in mind. The shallow tray doubles up as a lid, allowing play activities to be stored away and returned to another day. Portable and practical. Multiple trays stack and the compartments are designed to fit onto both trays, for a truly flexible play space. Non-slip silicone feet on both trays help the PlayTRAY stay put whilst you're playing. **PT1 • £44.99**



#### To recreate this set up:

- Segment 1: Edible mud (chocolate Angel Delight)
- Segment 2: Corn kernels
- Segment 3: Artificial Grass
- Segment 4: Oats
- Segment 5: Water coloured with blue food colouring
- Segment 6: Straw
- Farm animal figures and pebbles

### Sensory mood pebble

This ultra-strong illuminated hollow plastic pebble provides an aesthetically pleasing mood-inducing light and can be placed in any setting or sensory den for ambient lighting.  
75548 • £76.99



### Sensory reflective silver balls

Robustly constructed from hard wearing stainless steel, these beautiful smooth tactile balls provide a stretched version of reality that is distorted like a fish-eye lens giving children a fascinating view of themselves and the world. The balls are lightweight and easy to handle for the youngest children, they can be used indoors or out and provide a focal point for displays. Pack 4. Suitable for all ages.  
72201 • £27.49



### Pack of 3 easy hold glitter panels set

Set of 3 solid rubberwood frames with easy hold handles enclosing a panel of sparkling glitter, one in each colour - purple, silver and gold. The panels can be twisted and turned to make the glitter liquid move and flow in fascinating ways. Ideal for sensory discovery and broadening descriptive vocabulary.  
73440 • £32.99

# Sensory play

### Interlocking sensory stones

Ideal for exploring matching and symmetry, these pairs of interlocking stones are designed so that each pair interlocks in a different way, from concentric circles that can be continually twisted to shapes that can be interlocked in two, three, or four positions. The set contains eight stones (four pairs) measuring 75mm each. Age 18mths+.  
YD1025 • £24



### Large mirror block set

Comprises 8 large rubberwood pieces with double-sided acrylic mirror inserts. Ideal for shape recognition, for use on a light box, simple block building and for reflective pattern-making. Suitable from 12 months.  
73376 • £27.49



### Percussion set

A 16-piece set of percussion instruments in a zipped bag for convenient storage. Contains 2 wooden maracas, 2 wooden castanets, a wooden tambourine, a metal triangle and beater, 2 wooden claves, a wooden rhythm-clapper, a wooden single tone guiro and beater, 2 metal finger cymbals, a wooden shaker pot and a 13 bell wooden jingle stick.  
85101 • £34.99



### A2 light panel with light panel cover

With an anti-trip magnetic connector and 3 light level settings our light panels provide a cool, clean, bright illuminated background and are ideal for the investigation of light, colour and shape, or for focused group work in a wide range of subjects. Slimline and with rounded edges, the panels are tough, portable and easy to wipe clean. Featuring a lock function to prevent them being turned off unintentionally. Our A2 Light Panel Cover is a clear shallow thermoplastic cover designed to fit over the A2 Light Panel, providing an illuminated container for a range of art, craft, messy play, sensory or exploration activities.  
73062 • £142.99





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# Play idea Let's roll!

Our bamboo channels are perfect for rolling our sensory reflective silver balls down. How fast will they roll?

Bamboo water channels - set of 8 (4 x 1/2 metre lengths and 4 x 1 metre lengths) AP/2410/WC8 • £59.99



## My Mummy Teacher learning through play cards

Ruth (My Mummy Teacher) is a highly qualified early education and inclusion expert and a mummy too! Ruth is passionate about active learning through play and throughout her career has seen the many benefits this has had on children.



These pocket-sized cards for busy parents and professionals, who want to help their children learn key skills through play, are designed to support your children's development and are adapted for a wide range of abilities.



- 6 months+: MMT6M • £12.99
- 1 year+: MMT1Y • £12.99
- 2 years+: MMT2Y • £12.99
- 3 years+: MMT3Y • £12.99
- 4 years+: MMT4Y • £12.99
- 5 years+: MMT5Y • £12.99

"I know that busy professionals have a wealth of experience, but sometimes need a bank of resources, training and quick, easy activities to implement into their schools and EYFS settings."

## Preloved treasures & authentic resources

We love preloved treasures at Little Acorns. Whether you are looking for a large old fashioned teapot or stainless tea set for a mud kitchen, open ended items, authentic resources for a home corner or wooden tray for loose parts - we have a huge preloved section and we're adding new resources each week.

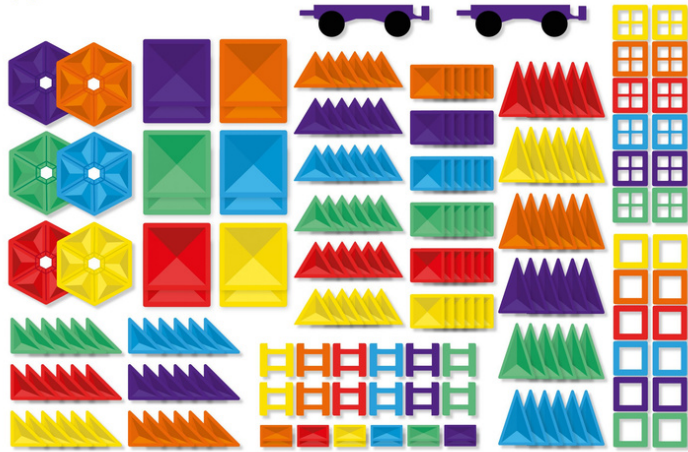
We have some lovely items for heuristic play, curiosity approach settings, small world play resources and authentic kitchen items that are perfect for supporting imaginative play. Visit the preloved section on our website to view our current selection.



# Connetix magnetic tiles



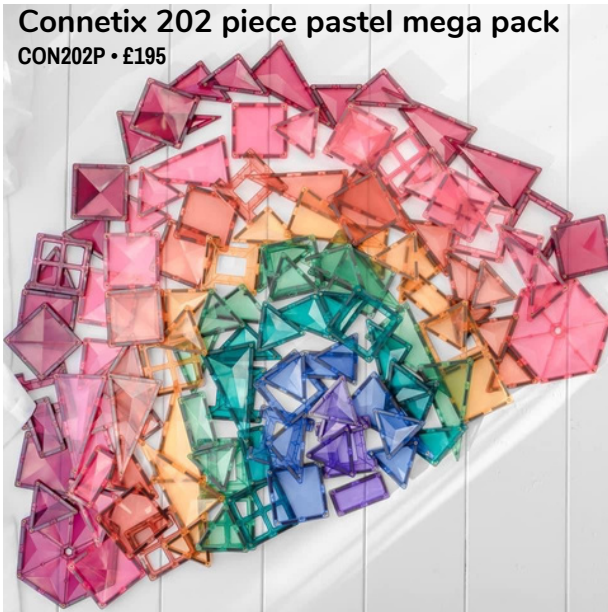
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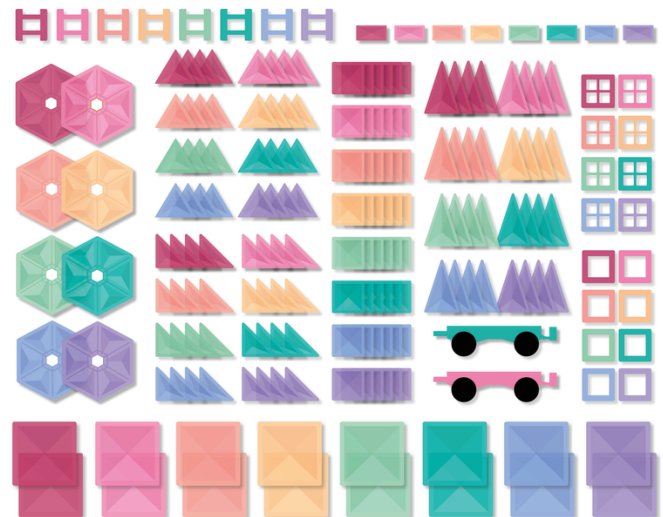
## Connetix 212 mega pack CON212R • £180



## Connetix 202 piece pastel mega pack CON202P • £195



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Open-ended toys not only help develop a child's imagination and creativity, they also grow with the child. As they learn and develop, their play becomes more evolved. A simple ball run designed by a younger child might turn into a complicated creation involving more detailed engineering for an older child.

Connetix Tiles allow children to construct 2D and 3D shapes, using their imagination and creativity to play and build. These fantastic magnetic tiles encourage cognitive development, spatial awareness, hand-eye coordination, fine and gross motor skills and help children build knowledge around scientific and mathematical concepts – all through PLAY!

Not only that, children can play independently or with other children, supporting important social skills such as teamwork, cooperation, perseverance and resilience. Create big castles and towers, build new homes for favourite toys or explore 3D shapes and patterns, all while having fun.