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# Gifts for Kids

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**Arctic Play**  
 Place the coloured cogs on the wooden pegs, match the penguin, walrus and polar bear to the shapes, then twist the cogs to watch them twirl. Toys are chosen by the OT team at Sensational Kids, to promote children's development, while ensuring a joyful play experience. Profits from their online shop go towards therapy services in Cork and other centres. Age 12m+, €20, [sensationalkids.ie](http://sensationalkids.ie)



**Counting Sheep**

Acn, dó ... count the sheep jumping over the gate under the watchful eye of the sheepdog. The chunky pieces of this wooden puzzle also stand on their own to create farmyard scenes, ages 2+, €30. Puzzles are available to buy directly from [alphabetjigsaws.com](http://alphabetjigsaws.com) and from [cogstoysandgames.ie](http://cogstoysandgames.ie), where there's a range of toys made and designed in Ireland.



**Christmas Bunny**

The most beloved of Jellycat's soft toys, Bashful Bunnies make a perfect gift, with this year's Christmas collection celebrating the company's 25th anniversary. At Brown Thomas, you will find bunnies of all sizes, suitable from birth, prices from €22.

**Fire Truck**  
 Playmobil figurines and playscapes have enchanted children since their debut in 1974 and an increasing commitment to sustainability means new Junior playsets are made from over 90% plant-based plastics. This fire truck is designed for small hands aged 1 to 4, €19, [beoverde.ie](http://beoverde.ie)



**Puppet Tales**

From first friends to colourful monsters, there are puppets for every age and taste in the collection at Mimitoys. Introduce your little one to favourite fairytales this Christmas, with the beautifully-detailed Lilliputiens Red Riding Hood puppet, reversible to reveal either granny or the wolf, as the story unfolds. Age 12m+, €34.95, [mimitoys.ie](http://mimitoys.ie).



**Mini Music**

A colourful companion for first adventures, this dinosaur has a wooden beater attached to its pull string to hit the xylophone on its curved back. Its neck and tail wiggle when pulled along and there's a wooden egg tucked inside, which can also be used to make music. Age 18m+, €34.95, [littleones.ie](http://littleones.ie)



**Vintage Camper**

Pack the suitcase, load up the surfboard and get ready for a day out in this VW-inspired campervan. The roof can be removed to easily fit the wooden family inside. A toddler who finds this gift under their tree will have lots of fun taking them for a spin around the house. Age 18m+ €29.95, [kidstore.ie](http://kidstore.ie)



**Pomea Dolls**

Soft and light for small arms, Pomea Dolls have closable eyes and a sweet vintage look for ages 18m+. €49.95. The accompanying collection of accessories includes a stroller, carrycot, and this Rocking Horse, age 2+, €23.50, as well as a whole wardrobe of clothes. Stockists include Pinocchio's, Cork.

