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***I'd like to find some environmentally safe toys for my baby and toddler. Any suggestions?***

Having just finished a phone conversation with our EcoMom Environmental Medicine Expert, Dr. Stephenie Riley, about several conservative medical journals publishing articles on the links between toxins in our environment and the health of our children, let me commend you on the wisdom of your quest. Making sure your children's toys are healthy for both them and our environment is an investment in their future as well as your own - and certainly, all the more important when your child is in the oral stage, exploring everything through her mouth. Whenever possible, opt for organic materials to avoid phthalate-leaching plastics and, of course, painted toys containing lead.

#### **For your baby...**

**EcoToyTown** is a fantastic place to start. Their **Organic Veggie Crate** is so adorable it may well lead to a long-term love of vegetables for your child. The **Organic Puppets**, which come three to a set with a bear, rabbit, and monkey are excellent for entertaining little ones and for encouraging your toddler's creativity.

**The Playstore** carries a wonderful selection, including the Organic Cotton Baba Rattle; we especially love the **banana baby** and carrot baby and the **Wooden Baby Clip** made with a beeswax finish

**OrganicToyBox** offers a beautiful medley of **organic cotton stuffed characters** that are so pure and sweet you won't know which one to

choose. And the European-made **Haba** teethingers and rattles, especially the Goblin Truck and the Rattling Caterpillar, are so cute.

#### For your toddler...

Start with the book, **Organic Crafts** by Kimberly Monaghan. This earth-friendly book inspires kids to be good stewards of the earth as they explore the outdoors and search for craft supplies through 75 environmentally focused activities.

**MagicCabin** is my all-time favorite supply source for eco-friendly toddler toys. From the **Tree Trunk Fairy Home** to the **Mini Kitchen** and **Wooden Foods in Tiny Tins**, there are just so many unique finds to choose from.

**Ki's Mother Nature Child** is a plush toy – made of two dolphins, two trees, one sun, and one earth – that also teaches your toddler about the interconnection of all life.

I also love **Our Green House**, whose products are always of the utmost quality and purity. The **Natural Doll Moses Basket** makes a good gift for your older child and the **Hammer and Nail Wooden Workbench** is a must-have for channeling all that “need to bang” kid energy. Plus, many of their products are made in the USA.

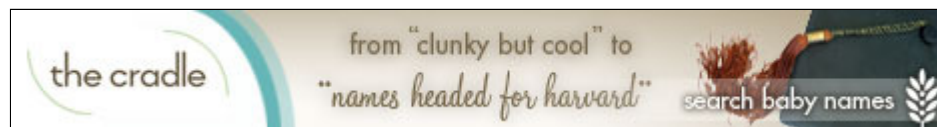
Individually handmade in India, the toys from **Earthentree** are creative, eco-friendly, and help to promote sustainable, fair trade commerce for a group of craftsmen in the Channapatna area of India. The **Peppy Five** is perfect for beginner’s counting fun and the **Engine Stacker** just brings back good, old-fashioned fun.

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