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Christmas is just around the corner, which means that it is time to start thinking about what type of gifts to get for your friends and family. Here is a list of some of the top gifts to give for Christmas in 2014. From electronics to toys, this list will cover it all.

Best Electronics to Buy for Christmas

1. Fire HD Tablet



When it comes to choosing a tablet, the Fire HD from Amazon has a lot to offer. There is now a kid's edition of this great tablet, which is perfect for those younger people on your list. The kid's edition comes in a protective case, offers unlimited access to more than 5000 movies, books, and television programs, and built in parental controls. The price for a Kindle Fire HD tablet ranges from \$100 to \$400 depending on which version is chosen.

2. Xbox 360 with Kinect



The Xbox 360 remains a popular choice for those looking for a video game console. The Kinect will sense your movement so that your body controls every aspect of the game. This is great for parents that want their kids active, while still allowing them to play the games that they enjoy. Even the youngest of kids will get the hang of acting out the motions quickly, making this fun for the whole family. The price for the Xbox 360 with Kinect ranges from \$265 to \$380.

3. Smart Cycle by Fisher Price

For younger children who want to play video games, you should consider the Smart Cycle offered by Fisher Price. This is a great game for keeping kids moving while they enjoy playing a video game like they may see an older sibling doing. During play, the kids are actually pedaling a bicycle all while they are

learning their numbers, letters, and working on their matching and creativity skills. The Smart Cycle sells for around \$220.

4. Leapfrog Leap Band

The Leapfrog Leap Band is an activity tracker made just for kids. There are over 50 preloaded active challenges to get children moving. The parental controls allow parents to set up play times, different challenges, and more. The Leap Band encourages healthy choices and active play and is perfect for those aged four to seven years old. It comes in several colors including pink and green.

5. Leapfrog Leap Pad Learning Tablet

Another great choice for tablets is the Leapfrog leap pad. This is an action packed Wi-Fi tablet allows kids to play and learn in an age appropriate manner. It offers more than 1000 educator approved apps, games, videos, and eBooks. There are also videos that are available for the Leap Pad that are sold separately as well. It comes with 10 apps, has a light touch capacitive screen, video recorders, and 2 cameras. The Leapfrog Leap Pad sells for around \$130.

6. Apple iPad Air

The Apple iPad Air is the latest offering from the company and is the best tablet on the market. It is more portable than the other generations of the iPad. It only weighs a pound and is 0.29 inches thick. This tablet has some great features including a 12 hour battery life, a 2048 by 1536 pixel screen, and a 64 bit processor. For those that are looking for a higher end tablet, this is a perfect choice. The starting price for the Apple iPad Air is around \$500.

7. Beats Headphones



Another top seller once again is the Beats by Dr. Dre headphones. These headphones are popular for a reason as they provide users with a great listening device. Any music lover is going to appreciate a set of these headphones as a gift. They come in all different colors so you can choose your favorite. The starting price for the studio version is around \$299. The studio wireless Beats are another great choice and they start out at around \$380.

8. V-Moda XS

Another great choice for the music lover in your life is a set of V-MODA XS. These headphones are great sounding and extremely stylish. They have a sleek design that is foldable, which will turn heads as they are walking down the street. The balanced, full audio is sure to be pleasing to their ears. If the person

that you are giving it to really wants to stand out from the crowd, the side plates of these great headphones can be customized to fit their own personal style. The price for this great set of headphones is around \$200.

9. Nikon D3300



If there is a budding photographer in your life, the Nikon D3300 is one of the bestselling cameras for a reason. At a price of under \$600, this great camera will deliver clear, sharp images that have accurate colors. It can also be used to take stunning videos. It offers a retracting lens that makes for a compact design, which means that it can easily be taken wherever you decide to go. This is a great choice for those who are interested in photography and want a step above the average smart phone camera or a regular point and shoot camera.

10. Dell Inspiron 15R

If you are looking for a great laptop at a great price, the Dell Inspiron 15R sells for around \$230 and has a lot to offer. It is a best seller on Amazon for a reason. This great computer offers an Intel Celeron N2830

processor, a 4 GB DDR3, 15.6 inch screen with Intel HD graphics, and a 500 GB hard drive. This laptop was designed with travel in mind; it is only about an inch thick so it can easily be put into a travel bag when you are on the go. The textured lid combined with a palm rest will help you carry it quite easily.

Top Toys for Christmas

Boys

Birth to 24 Months





From about six months on, most babies are on the go. They can sit up and love exploring the world around them. The Deluxe Box of Lego Duplo's provides children with hours of entertainment. These blocks are a great introduction to building fun. The larger size makes them easier for little hands to handle. It comes in bright colors that the children will enjoy. A set can be purchased for anywhere from \$20 to \$50.

Hide 'n Spin Monkey by Bright Starts

This wonderful monkey will keep your baby entertained and on the move for many hours. When you

press the lights on the monkey's hat, you will hear the names of colors. Babies can practice their motor skills by picking up the balls and putting them inside the monkey's hat. Pressing the nose will make the balls drop down into the barrel and they will spin all around. This is a wonderful, interactive toy that any baby boy would love. The price is around \$40.

2 to 4 years

Plasma Car



This great toy does not require any batteries, gears, or pedals, which make it the perfect choice for a young toddler boy who is on the go. Simply turning the wheel will make the car go. In no time at all your little one will be cruising around the house and having a blast. This car is recommended for ages 3 and up and can hold up to 220 pounds, so even parents can get in on the fun. It comes in several colors and sells for around \$50.

<u>Little People Skyway by Fisher Price</u>

This play set stands over 3 feet tall and offers your little racer the chance to send a vehicle down the ramp from the very top, watching it wind its way down to come out in one of three spots. It comes out of a different spot each time, which is fascinating to the young toddler. This toy offers hours of action for your little one. There is even a crane for your little one to crank. For a price of around \$30, this is one of the top toys for your little boy this Christmas.

5 to 7 years

Action Trio Costume

What little boy does not want to dress up as his favorite superhero? This great trio set of costumes provides little boys with the chance to be Superman, Batman, or Robin. The Batman and Robin costumes come with masks and each of the outfits have attached capes. For the price of around \$18, you get three costumes that allow your boy to be able to dress up as their favorite comic book hero and save the world.

Transformers Generations Jetfire Figure



Transformer toys have been around for 30 years and they are still as popular as ever. These great toys offer hours of play time as they transform from a robot to a vehicle and back again. Every little boy has

seen the movies and wants to play with these fun toys. The Jetfire figure will convert into jet mode and then back again. He has turbo thrusters, a removable battle helmet, photon missile launchers, and arm mounted cannons. At a price of around \$40, this great action figure is the perfect choice for any little boy.

8 to 11 years

Disney Infinity Marvel Super Heroes Starter Pack

Disney Infinity is a popular game for the Wii, Xbox, and other gaming platforms. The latest offering for the game is the Marvel Superhero pack. These figures are used to play the game and will help to save the universe. The starter pack is a great gift for the video gamer in your life. The price for the Marvel Hero starter pack will range from \$70 to \$80 depending on the platform that you are purchasing it for. The starter pack will come with everything that is needed in order to get started playing this fun and entertaining game.

Razor Kick Scooter

The Razor Kick Scooter is the perfect choice for any young boy in your life. This great toy is made out of sturdy aluminum and has 98 mm inline style wheels, with ABEC 5 bearings. It has a rear fender brake so quick stops can be made and it only weighs six pounds. It comes in several color options and there is a six month warranty available. The price for the Razor Scooter is around \$20 and it is worth every penny as it will provide hours of entertainment.

12 to 15 years

Maisto Rock Crawler Junior



There is nothing quite like having a radio controlled vehicle if you are a young boy. The Rock Crawler is powerful enough to get over the toughest of obstacles. It has a 4x4 drive train, over-sized tires with a coil spring suspension. The tires provide maximum traction so it really can get over anything that you put in its way. It has articulated front and back axles so that the tires are always in contact with the rougher terrain. There is also a tri-channel feature that will allow 3 people to race simultaneously. At a price of around \$30 you really cannot go wrong.

Big Bag of Science by Be Amazing

If you are looking for an educational toy for your tween, this big bag of science is the perfect choice. For around \$35 you will receive over 70 fascinating activities to enjoy. This is one of the top parent choices year after year as it is great for science fair projects. The kit will teach about super absorbents and polymers and includes beads that are sensitive to ultraviolet rays, which can be used to test different sunscreens.

Girls

Birth to 24 Months

Bounce, Stride, and Ride Elephant by Fisher Price



This fun elephant is the perfect gift for any young child. It is filled with music, lights, and other fun sounds and is a "grow with me" toy that will get your baby moving. It can be used with a young baby for bouncing up and down, and then later on can be used for a walker. Finally, it can be a ride on pal for when they are more steady on their feet. Your baby's actions are rewarded with great lights and sounds. The soft, big ears will move as the baby does and the light up buttons adds even more excitement. Priced at around \$40, this toy is sure to be a big hit!

Jungle Fun Ball Climber by Bright Starts

Your young one is going to love interacting with these fun balls as they climb up the tree, roll around the tops, and bounce into a hippo's mouth. This climber made by bright starts will amaze both you and your baby. Press the button to watch the balls make their climb and then roll down the ramp. When the balls hit the platform they jump into the waiting hippo's mouth. To add to the show there are fun animal sounds and silly songs. This is easy for your baby to play with as she can put the ball anywhere on the tree top to watch it roll. It sells for around \$30.

2 to 4 years

Elsa Singing Doll



Frozen is one of the biggest children's movies of all time and all little girls have fallen in love with Elsa. What little girl would not want their very own singing Elsa doll? Simply touch her magical necklace and watch her snow power. Her dress lights up and she will talk to her friends as well. If you raise her arm, her necklace will light up while she sings the hit from the show, "let it go." Your little girl will be singing along as they watch Elsa create a winter wonderland. This Elsa singing doll sells for around \$35.

Laugh and Learn Smart Stages Chair by Fisher Price

This great chair from Fisher Price will grow with your child. When they sit and stand they will hear the chair say up and down. Pressing the buttons will play songs or phrases such as 1,2,3,4. Once they get a

bit older the chair will introduce your child to opposites, actions, numbers, and will encourage them to play along. They can flip through a book and be asked questions about it such as do you see where the carrots are? Older babies will be able to explore more imaginative play with the chair with commands such as hop like a frog, and playing peek-a-boo. For only around \$30, this is a wonderful interactive toy that will grow with your child.

5 to 7 years

Cinderella's Puppy



Everyone knows the story of Cinderella and what little girl wouldn't love to have Cinderella's puppy as all her own. This great palace pet from Disney offers a magic wand that will activate talking, dancing, and singing. The puppy says 9 phrases, will wiggle her tail and even perform a cute little curtsy. She will twirl

and dance to 2 of the songs as well. The price of this cute and adorable puppy is around \$60 and she is really worth every penny.

Life Size Fairy Castle by Neat-Oh

Every little girl dreams of being a fairy princess at some point in time and the one thing that she needs to complete this dream is her very own fairy castle. This life sized fairy castle from Neat-Oh is the perfect choice. It is fully printed and can be configured in several ways for customizable play. It is expandable if you want to put more than one together and integrates with an even larger product line for encouraging creative play. Priced at around \$35 this fairy castle is sure to make every little girls dream come true.

8 to 11 years

Fashion Headbands

This set includes everything that you could need in order to make ten headbands. The headbands are comfy and will stay on your little girl's head without pinching her ears. This is a great collection for little girls that want to show off their own unique personalities. There are easy to follow instructions included so that she can make her headbands without much help. A variety of ribbons, feathers, rhinestones, and floss are included. This is a truly creative gift that comes in at under \$20.

Ultimate Easy Bake Oven



The Ultimate Easy Bake Oven is the new version of the old favorite. It comes with pans and yummy mixes that allow you to cook up some great treats and the best part is that no light bulb is needed. Even the first time baker will be able to create cookies, cakes, and other treats by using the different mixes that are available. Simply put your batter into the oven and follow the directions for great results every time. At a price of about \$57, there is nothing better than giving your girl her own Easy Bake Oven.

12 to 15 years

Spirograph Deluxe Design Kit

The Spirograph has been around since 1965 and there is a reason that it has remained popular through today. This fun art toy allows budding artists the chance to create intricate designs. Using art and mathematics, the Spirograph has been inspirational throughout the years. There are 19 gears available to create numerous patterns and a design image will provide you with some inspiration to get started. At around \$20, this is the perfect creative gift for your tween girl.

Crystal Growing

If you want to encourage a love of science, a crystal growing kit is a great choice. This great kit will allow her to learn about the geometry of crystals as she can use a number of fun plaster shapes and dyes to grow a rainbow of colored gems. The cost of this kit is just over \$32 and it is well worth the price to instill a love of science into a little girl.



Conclusion

These are some of the best toys for girls and boys currently available for Christmas 2014. With the holidays just around the corner it is a great time to start purchasing some of these classic games and electronics for your loved ones.