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## Discovery Kids 2011 must-have gifts



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Discovery Kids Princess Play Castle, a great holiday gift  
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Ever watch the Discovery Channel? Pretty interesting stuff huh? Well [Discovery Kids](#), a sector under the Discovery Communications umbrella features a wide variety of toys and gear that is specifically designed to inspire kids to explore the world around them. What can be better than that?

Well the [Discovery Kids Indoor/Outdoor Princess Play Castle](#) is pretty darn cool. Easy to assemble, it took me about five minutes max, this cute soft nylon castle boasts a pretty pink damask print and even includes a pink flag. Featuring a doorway with tie backs to invite your little one in, the castle also has two windows for your little princesses or princes to peak out.

Once assembled, my two little girls didn't want to get out. In fact, my oldest declared that she was sleeping in the castle that night...which is a pretty good idea for a creative slumber party venue for two toddlers.

If you're looking to make a statement on your big gift giving day then seriously consider purchasing the [Discovery Kids Indoor/Outdoor Princess Play Castle](#). I can tell this Castle is going to be one of the girls' favorite toys and one that will get a lot of use. Suggested retail is just \$19.99. If you want a great affordable gift for a special little girl, look no further. Makes a great birthday present too! Can you tell I love this toy?

Standing at four and a half feet tall and three feet wide, this Play Castle easily accommodates two toddlers at one time. This great buy also comes with a purple carry case that easily fits the collapsed castle and makes transporting it from your house to park or to playdate as easy as 1-2-3. Truly a must have this holiday season. Available at Bed, Bath & Beyond, JCPenny and Kohl's. STARS: \*\*\*\*

[Discovery Kids Fireworks Light Show](#) does not disappoint. Equipped with lights, sound and action; the Fireworks Light Show makes the user a mini pyrotechnician but without any of the dangers that come with live fireworks. How does it work? Your child simply pumps up the fireworks launcher; selects the firework of his/her choice; aims and pulls the trigger. Then the fun really begins. I'm a big fan of fireworks and am lucky to live in San Diego where you don't have to wait until July 4 rolls around. But even I was surprised how real these fireworks looked and how fun they were for the kids to play with and create their own mini firework shows. Retailing for \$29.95. Discovery Kids Fireworks Light Show is marketed for kids ages six and up; but my little one who's four years old loves to pump up the launcher and kaboom! Battery alert, the launcher requires three AA batteries which unfortunately are NOT included. STARS: \*\*\*

For those parents traveling this holiday season, you need to check out the [Animal Planet's Pillow, Blanket and Travel Buddy](#) and its [Animal Neck Support Pillow](#). Marketed to kids ages one and up; these cute and cuddly accessories are perfect for napping toddlers. Additionally, purchasing the products benefits the principal partners of [R.O.A.R.](#), Animal Planets' project to help make the world a better place for animals. My toy testers loved both of these travel/napping accessories. Discovery Kids sent us its Giraffe Neck Support Pillow and Bear Travel Blanket and their constant companionship in our car has proved their usefulness. Kids can choose from a giraffe, elephant or bear travel blanket or neck pillow. Both retail from \$9.99 to \$14.99. STARS: \*\*\*\*

*Disclaimer: Discovery Kids provided me with product samples but all opinions are solely mine and/or my toy testers.*