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girlawhirl holiday '06 gift guide: gifts for kids and young adults

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From newborns and tots all the way up to near college graduates, Girlawhirl has quite an age-range to cover this holiday season. So she's searched high and low to find the best gifts for all the kids. And she's found toys and games for fun and kits to engage the artist, athlete and imaginative side in every age group...

• Girlawhirl has found a color matching game like no other she's ever seen, and she can't wait to gift all of her beloved little ones with it. The Liz Roache designed *Match it! Build it!*

Frame it! Color Activity Kit is the perfect gift to engage young minds with a beautifully designed twist. Forget ducks and geese - this matching game has vibrant colors and beautiful scenes! Kids match the correct color pallet to the scene. When they've mastered matching, kids can build the 40 cards up to create a 3D room or frame it as wall art!

Match it! Build it! Frame it! Color Activity Kit
lizroache.com
\$39
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• Girlawhirl loves **Glee Gum** because it not only brings parents and kids together on a project, but it also connects kids with the reality of the products they use. The *Make Your Own Chewing Gum Kit* provides wanna be gum chefs with real chicle, harvested from Sapodilla tree sap found in the Central American rainforests. Kids and parents learn how to make all natural chewing gum from scratch, and most importantly, together. Girlawhirl's just hopes the children she gifts with this awesome kit want to tear into it right away because this is one gift she's gotta see in action.



Make Your Own Chewing Gum Kit
Glee Gum
\$10
[click here to purchase](#)

• Young artists will love the pink *Crayon Apron* complete with 24 washable Crayola® crayons! This set is sure to inspire every budding artist on her rise to stardom! And moms will love how their little stars keep everything neat and tidy. But what good would an apron full of crayons be without the perfect medium to create on? That's why Girlawhirl recommends the Battat *Natural Wood Standing Easel with Bins*. Perfect for girls and boys, this artistic outlet has storage for every art supply.



Crayon Apron
pink
target.com
\$21.99
[click here to purchase](#)



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Experience *Build-It Kits* has everything a child needs to build either a train or sailboat model – with a parent's help. And the best part: when they're all done building and personalizing their creation, they have a new toy all of their own.



Little Experience Build-It Kits
Boat or Train
uncommongoods.com
\$25 (each)
ages 4-12
[click here to purchase](#)

• Stylish and sleek with a touch of nostalgia, the Coca-Cola Roadster Pedal car is the perfect gift for the kid on the go. There's even space in the trunk to tote favorite toys. Kids can pedal around in the yard in the car, and parents will be happy that in a world of battery powered kids' vehicles their young ones actually get some exercise! While a bit on the high end, Girlawhirl's sure this collector's quality gift is one that's meant to stick around (a.k.a. be passed down) for years to come. Another great Back to Basics alternative for younger tots is the *Fire Engine Roadster*. The steel frame is rust resistant and sure to move kids to fun!



Coke Roadster Pedal Car
Backtobasic.com EXCLUSIVE!
\$319
ages 3-6
[click here to purchase – item # 6527](#)



Fire Engine Roadster
\$69.99
ages 1-3
[click here to purchase - item # 6484](#)

• Princesses unite – or at least gather together – to create great treats and great times all under the guidance of Barbara Berry's *Pink Princess Cookbook*. From "Magical Princess Finger Foods" to "Fairy Princess Breads" step-by-step instructions help princesses everywhere create delicious dishes for fabulous tea parties with imaginary friends and unbelievable treats!



Pink Princess Cookbook
By Barbara Berry
Gibbs Smith
amazon.com
\$14.95
ages 6-8
[click here to purchase](#)

• Boys and girls will love their very own pinball style table top game designed to reminisce on America's national pastime. The *Old Century Baseball* game from **Back to Basics Toys** is crafted of wood and metal honoring the grand ballparks of yesteryear. There is even a real scoreboard so players can keep track of their score. Girlawhirl just hopes her impending losing streak isn't posted up there for too long. Though she's quite sure her loss will be the highlight of her pint-sized opponent's day.



Old Century Baseball
backtobasict toys.com
\$99.99
ages 8+
[click here to purchase - item # 6492](#)

• Cool cameras from Lomography are sure to bring out the photographer in every kid. The one time use cameras come with four different color flashes to give photos a red, green, yellow or blue hue! Kids can go crazy at the family dinner and create all their own wacky photos. Holiday



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Future fashion designers will get a fashionable kick out of **Designers World™** TV Plug-In Game. They can pick and choose fabrics, colors, and even runway models to create a complete line all their own. Girls can even pick the city they want to show in and get feedback from game judges. Girlawhirl loves that it encourages creativity in her own favorite outlet – fashion!



Designers World TV Plug-In Game
target.com
\$31.99
ages 8+
[click here to purchase](#)

• Any kid into building cars will be *really* into this car building kit because in addition to creating a car they create the power source too! Kids learn how to use water to make hydrogen and oxygen fuel cells. They get to build something from the ground up while learning about clean alternative energy sources at the same time. Plus, the kit also comes with a booklet full of 30 experiments for added hours of fun. A green education mixed in with fun is certainly a present designed in Girlawhirl gift-giving heaven!



Fuel Cell Car and Experiment Kit
uncommongoods.com
\$150
ages 12+
[click here to purchase](#)

• Kids of every age will be mystified by **Radica's 20Q**. With both individual and table top versions of the game, players will be amazed to see the "artificial intelligence" use the classic 20 questions game to guess exactly what they were thinking of.



20Q Challenge Multiplayer Tabletop Game - Blue
target.com
\$29.99
ages 8+
[click here to purchase](#)



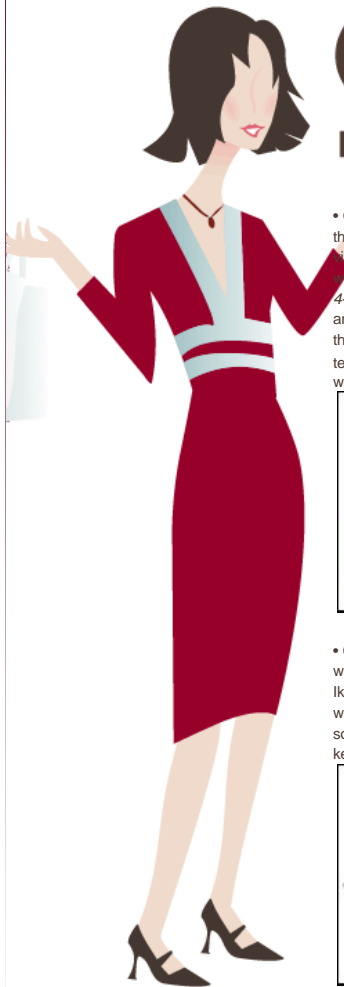
Radica 20Q Music
target.com
\$14.98
[click here to purchase](#)



Radica 20Q Sports
target.com
\$14.89
[click here to purchase](#)

• While gift cards are always a go for this group, Girlawhirl particularly likes to send her friends and family some Old Navy love. There are stylish, hip, items for boy and girls from baby to the "college years" and beyond. And with so many great looks for work and play, Girlawhirl knows she can't go wrong gifting kids of all ages with a little Old Navy access.





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• Girlawhirl remembers her real love affair with vintage music began to blossom in college. And the best way to enjoy music from another decade has to be in the way it was intended - on vinyl. With the advent of CDs and MP3s, it seems harder and harder to find vintage vinyl – and worse – something to play it on. So Girlawhirl was in awe when she saw the **Crosley Musician 4-in-1 Entertainment Center**. The all-in-one entertainment haven lets hipsters groove to old vinyl and still crank out tunes from their favorite modern day CDs. This vintage inspired consol has the classic look of something Girlawhirl might find in her grandmother's house, but with technology that's oh-so 21st century. With record, CD and cassette tape playing capabilities as well as an AM/FM tuner, this stylish piece will be the envy of the whole dorm!



Crosley Musician 4-in-1 Entertainment Center
Int.com
\$99.99- \$169.99
[click here to purchase](#)

• College grub is the stuff legends – and nightmares - are made of. So this year Girlawhirl wanted to give her dorm dwellers the gift of edible autonomy. That's why she loves the Breville Ikon™ Electric Tea Kettle. It's safe for dorms because it has an automatic shutoff when the water level gets too low – so it never burns. Great for a late night cup of tea or mid-day cup of soup. And she's happy to think that when all their friends ask where the cool (and sleek looking) kettle came from, the gifted will exclaim "Girlawhirl!"



Breville Ikon Electric Tea Kettle
two sizes
\$69.99-79.99
surlatable.com
[click here to purchase](#)

• Not that Girlawhirl encourages gambling but what's college without the occasional casino night? Whether it's a simple game of Hold 'Em or a full blown casino extravaganza complete with formal attire, Girlawhirl can't wait to gift the college kids with the supplies they need for a night of good, clean fun.



Deluxe Poker Set
toysrus.com
\$14.99
ages 10+
[click here to purchase](#)



Walnut 3-in-1 Casino
toysrus.com
\$149.99
ages 18+
[click here to purchase](#)

• Any college kid whose moved on and out of the dorms would kill for an in home foosball table. Girlawhirl finds other working options: billiards, air hockey and/or dart board. But with a great array of tables (and space saving size) for foosball, she finds it the greatest gift for college kids with a little space to spare. Plus, they could always pull the Chandler & Joey act and use the foosball table as a dinner table too!



Foosball tables
sportsauthority.com
\$114.98 - \$1,599.99
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