

STANDARDS OF QUALITY

WOODEN TOYS

Materials

1. All materials used must be durable and easily cleaned.
2. Finishes must be non-toxic.
3. Toys must not have any small parts that are easily detached.
4. Health Canada regulations concerning the materials, production, labelling and packaging of children's toys are very detailed and must be followed.
5. Pre-manufactured components should be kept to a minimum and should neither dominate nor compromise the handmade quality of the piece.

Technique

1. Toys should be constructed sturdily and be able to withstand normal use by a child.
2. A toy should function well in order that a child can use it without frustration.
3. There should be no sharp points or edges. All surfaces must be well sanded.
4. All moving parts should move smoothly and easily and be able to withstand considerable wear and tear.
5. Glued-on ornamentation, including facial features, is not permitted.
6. Toy makers should note that standards for woodworking may also be pertinent and should be consulted.

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* Regulations: There are very specific regulations concerning the materials, construction and packaging of children's toys. In addition, certain restrictions pertaining to toys and age limits do apply. Craftspeople should obtain copies of pertinent regulations from Health Canada.