

Valentine's play

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If you're looking to treat the kids (or kids at heart) in your life to a sweet surprise, these on-theme toys are great gift options.



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■ Vibe Girls fashion dolls from Jay@Play come in heart-shaped packaging and encourage kids to embrace positivity, their passions and their feelings. **\$14.97** at Walmart.

■ The Care Bears Together-ness plush animal is 14 inches and features rainbow fur, a heart belly badge and the motto "love all." **\$13.88** at Walmart.



■ The Valentine's Mickey Mouse and Minnie Mouse from Just Play are 10-inch, plush versions of the popular Disney characters wearing Valentine's-themed outfits. **\$13.99** at amazon.com.



■ Crayola's Model Magic heart garland is a Valentine's Day-themed craft that kids can customize, then use to decorate for the holiday. **\$5.99** at amazon.com.



■ Kids can create heart-themed jewelry using the 120 colorful pieces in the Sweet Hearts bead set from Melissa & Doug. **\$15.95** at fatbraintoy.com.



■ The popular Squishmallows plush line from Jazwares is getting Valentine's Day styles, with multiple new, themed characters in various sizes. Starting at **\$9.99** at Walgreens.



Gift ideas kids will L-O-V-E

■ Lego's Roses set comes with enough pieces to build two displayable flowers that will never wilt. **\$12.99** at lego.com.

Smooth moves

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From simply functional to high-tech gadgetry, immersion blenders are the new kitchen must-have. Use them to whip up delicious soups, smoothies, sauces and more.



■ Offered in 10 colors, this variable speed corded hand blender is as fun as it is functional. **\$54.99** at kitchenaid.com.



■ The Toastermaster immersion blender features a pulse switch and two speeds for sweet blending success. **\$24.99** at Kohl's.



■ With a three-year warranty and a 625-watt motor, the Vitamix immersion blender is a powerful choice that promises to blend up even frozen fruit. **\$149.95** at vitamix.com.

■ Being basic isn't a bad thing with the compact Amazon Basics 500-watt multispeed immersion hand blender that fits nicely in a drawer or cabinet. **\$29.99** at amazon.com.

Blend up something good



■ Get the right blend every time with the Breville Control Grip immersion blender that features an ergonomic trigger grip for comfy control. **\$119.95** at Williams Sonoma.



■ Add a pop of color to your cooking with the VAVSEA 1000W 5-in-1 immersion hand blender that also comes with a food chopper, milk frother and whisk. **\$36.99** at Walmart.



■ For the kitchen appliance that practically does it all, try the ChefWave InterMix 500-watt nine-speed immersion hand blender that can mix, blend, whisk and chop. **\$49.95** at mychefwave.com.