

## User's Guide for Wooden Building Blocks

**1. Overview:** Wooden building blocks are simple, versatile toys that encourage creativity, problem-solving, and fine motor skills. They are made from natural, non-toxic wood and come in various shapes, sizes, and colors.

### 2. Types of Blocks:

- **Basic Shapes:** Cubes, cylinders, rectangles, triangles.
- **Special Shapes:** Arches, ramps, and half-circles.
- **Colored Blocks:** Painted or stained blocks to add visual interest.

### 3. Benefits of Wooden Building Blocks:

- **Cognitive Development:** Helps with spatial awareness, balance, and symmetry.
  - **Fine Motor Skills:** Encourages hand-eye coordination and dexterity.
  - **Creativity & Imagination:** Open-ended play that promotes storytelling and design.
  - **Social Skills:** Encourages teamwork and cooperative play when used in group settings.
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### 4. Getting Started:

#### a. Basic Setup:

- **Safety First:** Ensure that your play area is free from hazards like sharp objects or slippery floors.
- **Age Appropriateness:** Suitable for toddlers and up. Ensure blocks are large enough to avoid choking hazards for young children.

#### b. Simple Structures:

- **Tower Building:** Start with stacking cubes or rectangles to create a simple tower.
  - **Walls & Houses:** Combine rectangular blocks for walls and triangular blocks for roofs to create simple house structures.
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### 5. Play Ideas:

#### a. Themed Builds:

- **Castles & Forts:** Use a combination of blocks to create larger and more complex structures.
- **Tunnels & Bridges:** Cylindrical blocks and arches make for creative ways to incorporate vehicles or toys into play.

## b. Learning Games:

- **Sorting by Shape or Color:** Encourage children to sort blocks by shape, size, or color.
  - **Counting & Measuring:** Use blocks to teach counting, height measurement, or even basic addition/subtraction concepts.
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## 6. Care & Maintenance:

- **Cleaning:** Wipe blocks with a damp cloth. Avoid using harsh chemicals that could damage the wood.
  - **Storage:** Store in a dry, cool area. Use a bin or basket to keep blocks organized.
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## 7. Safety Guidelines:

- **Avoid Small Parts:** Ensure blocks are large enough for young children.
  - **Supervision:** Always supervise younger children during play to prevent accidental injury or ingestion of smaller pieces.
  - **Inspect Regularly:** Check for any damage, such as splinters, and replace worn-out blocks.
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## 8. Educational Benefits by Age:

- **Toddlers (1-3 years):** Focus on stacking and knocking down towers, learning cause and effect.
  - **Preschool (3-5 years):** Encourage more complex builds and introduce basic engineering concepts.
  - **Older Children (5+ years):** Challenge them with advanced structures or collaborative projects, developing problem-solving skills.
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## 9. Advanced Play:

- **Mix with Other Toys:** Incorporate wooden blocks with toy cars, action figures, or animals for storytelling.
- **Building Challenges:** Set specific challenges, such as creating the tallest tower or building a bridge that holds weight.

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## 10. Pursuant to RA 10620 also known as "Toy and Game Safety Labeling Act of 2013"

Place also the following information in the User's Manual/Guide:

1. License to Operate (LTO) Number issued by FDA
2. Age Grading
3. Cautionary Statement/Warnings
4. Instructional Literature
5. Manufacture's markings with complete name and address of the local company
6. Item Model/Stock Keeping Unit (SKU) number

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