

Setting up a pre-post assessment kit for DPICS behavior observations

It is very helpful to have a separate container with toys that are only presented at pre-treatment and post-treatment DPICS observations. There are two main reasons for this. First, the PCIT therapist gets to see how all families in your clinic manage a standard set of toys. Since they only come out for pre- and post-assessment, the toys don't get worn out and you can compare all families with the same toys. Second, the parent and child are presented with a "new" set of toys for assessments instead of getting into a play routine with the same toys. It makes for a better assessment.

We suggest not using your most popular toys for the assessment kit, since these toys will only appear at the beginning and end of treatment. You want to be able to use favorites (e.g., zoo with baby animals; Magna-Tiles) for weekly sessions. It should be possible to stock an assessment kit for \$100 or less. The DPICS manual suggests using five toys (each with its own container), some with many pieces scattered about to allow variety of choices and also enough pieces for 5 minutes of clean-up. Following are several suggestions of reasonably priced toys for an assessment kit.

1. Crayons and paper. Cheap and fine to use every week as well as at assessment. Under \$10
2. Alphabet blocks. Good building activity and good for assessing adult's teaching style:

https://www.amazon.com/Melissa-Doug-Deluxe-Wooden-Storage/dp/B000067NXX/ref=sr_1_5?dchild=1&keywords=wooden+alphabet+blocks&qid=1604957519&sr=8-5 approx \$12

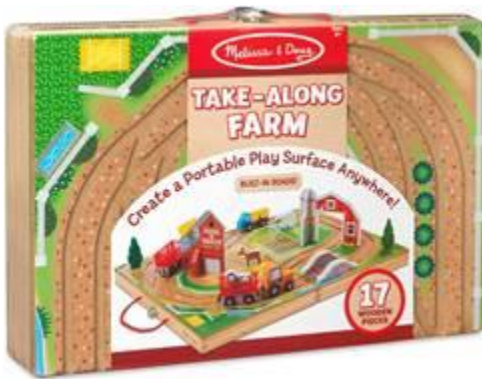


3. Lincoln Logs. Novel to most children and good to assess frustration tolerance and fine motor skills

https://www.amazon.com/KNEX-Lincoln-Logs-Trail-Building/dp/B07NP3B5L4/ref=sr_1_7?dchild=1&keywords=lincoln+logs&qid=1604959089&sr=8-7 \$30



4. Play sets such as: Doug and Melissa's Take-Along Farm or Take-Along Town or Take-Along Train
<https://www.target.com/p/melissa-38-doug-take-along-railroad-17pc/-/A-76155817>
\$25-35



5. https://www.amazon.com/Melissa-Doug-Nesting-Buildings-Vehicles/dp/B01N4P6RB4/ref=sr_1_35?dchild=1&keywords=magnet+car+for+toddlers&qid=1604960616&refinements=p_89%3AMelissa+%26+Doug%2Cp_36%3A1253561011&rnid=386491011&s=toys-and-games&sr=1-35



6. Animal Sets \$15 – 25

