

MeskoToys - Educational and Eco-friendly Wooden Toys

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MeskoToys makes educational and eco-friendly wooden toys

MeskoToys aims to create safe, interesting, natural, environmentally friendly and educational wooden toys that will bring many hours of enjoyment to children while at the same time stimulating their motor and intellectual development. The first line of products that they have developed is the extensive wooden train track collection that is featured on their website. This collection includes many unique and unusual pieces that can be used in interesting and intriguing ways.

In an effort to offer eco-friendly natural wooden train toys, most, if not all, of MeskoToys' train tracks are made in Michigan out of "Tree-cycled" solid hardwood. This wood comes from urban fallen trees or lumber yard surplus material that would otherwise go to waste or end up as firewood. While using such lumber presents many challenges and can lead to variability in the color and grain of an individual track piece or to small imperfections that don't affect the functionality of the track piece, the company feels strongly about the importance of minimizing its impact on nature. In addition, all MeskoToys wooden products are left in their natural form; no finish or chemicals are applied (except for non-toxic water based wood glue in the case of certain buildings), in order to ensure that they are safe for children. MeskoToys has spent a great deal of time and effort engineering its products to accommodate the special characteristics of the wood, while at the same time aiming to provide an interesting and stimulating product that will stand the test of time for children and adults alike.

MeskoToys has designed wooden train track pieces that are both fun and educational. Starting around age two or three, children often develop a love for vehicles, especially trains, providing parents with a great opportunity to add an educational aspect to this "game." This can be done by slowly introducing advanced train track pieces such as switches and crosses, showing the child how they fit together, explaining the difference between left and right and gently encouraging the child to develop his or her own layouts. The child will then eventually progress from playing with the trains to focusing instead on putting sophisticated train track layouts together; in other words, a puzzle with a purpose. MeskoToys feels that this transition can be a very important step in the development of children and can help them learn how to plan, visualize things in space, develop their sense of imagination and think outside of the box. Ultimately, the company aims to keep its products as affordable as possible and give every child a chance to have fun and learn while minimizing its impact on the environment.

For more information about MeskoToys, please visit <http://meskotoys.com>

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MeskoToys is a Michigan based manufacturer of wooden toys including wooden train tracks, sets, switches, and other peices that are compatible with Thomas and Brio trains and tracks. <http://www.meskotoys.com>

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