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Puzzle Fun

Little ones love to work with shapes and pieces, so keep them busy with these cute puzzle picks.

1 MINI-MUSCLE MAN Tinkling bells and rattling beads inside the Barbell Stacker will entice your tiny tot to shake it as he pumps his biceps; when he's a little bigger, he'll get hip to the idea that the "weights" come off—and then go back on. Push-ups, however, are still a few years away. **\$24.95; kushiesonline.com**
6 months and up

2 SOMETHING'S FISHY This is one awesome ocean! The Singin' Sea Creatures puzzle sports a band of rock-and-roll fish that "pop out" when you use the included 3-D glasses. There's also a hidden alphabet and ten numbers sprinkled among the pieces, so you can challenge your scuba dude to find them all. **\$14.99; patchproducts.com**
3 and up

3 SAFETY IN NUMBERS There's one elephant, two deer, and so on, up to ten bunnies in the Counting Animal Puzzles. Each one has three pieces and spells out the number at the bottom for a little prereading fun. **\$7.50; eeboo.com**
3 and up

check out the 3-D glasses! We want a pair

