



High-Tech Holiday Toys Giving the Right Gift to Kids of All Ages

For many kids today, technology is second nature, especially when it comes to the world of tech toys. Last year, consumer electronics were among the most popular gifts of the holiday season, with electronic toys topping many kids' wish lists. This year is sure to be no different. In fact, the Consumer Electronics Association forecasts an astounding \$22.1 billion will be spent on consumer electronic products this season. However, with some parents and grandparents admittedly more low-tech than their kids, shopping for the latest gadgets can be daunting.

From educational laptops to robots and RCs, RadioShack takes the guesswork out of holiday shopping by offering the most popular high-tech toys for children of all ages. So, whether you're looking for a unique toy like the RC Transformers™ StarScream™ Micro Flyer for your teen or want to give your toddler a Vtech® V.Smile™ TV Learning System, the experts at RadioShack have got you covered. Following is a year-by-year guide with suggestions based on children's unique needs, interests and abilities.

3 & Up

When children reach 3 years of age, they are interested in high-tech toys that make noises and imitate real life. RadioShack offers several fun and educational toys for this age group that provide interactive learning and entertainment.

- The [Vtech® V.Smile™ TV Learning System](#) combines a video game platform and educational content into a system that connects directly to the television. With popular characters to guide them through age-appropriate skill levels and developmental activities, children won't even realize that they're learning essential lessons in language, math and science. And it's now available in pink!
- The [Vtech® Tote & Go Laptop™](#) is designed with 30 fun-filled activities and features a special Magic Wireless Mouse. The Learning Progress System keeps asking questions that were answered incorrectly to help develop children's memory and ensure their learning progresses.
- The [Shake 'N Bobbles Rock 'N Rumble RC Truck](#) moves forward, backwards and turns just like a real car. It comes with Bobble driver "Dydo" in the driver's seat and plays fun, wacky noises such as a rumblin' engine and tough truckin' music. Kids can even take control of its movements with the interactive IR remote.

4 & Up

Between 4 and 5 years of age, children experience a significant explosion in learning ability. This is an ideal time to introduce them to interactive, educational toys that continue to develop their math and verbal skills. At this age, children also enjoy playing with simple toys they can control on their own. In addition to providing hours of fun, RCs may actually improve their hand-eye coordination.

- With its easy to use remote control, the [Mattel® Barbie® R/C Beach Glam VW Beetle Convertible](#) is perfect for RC beginners. It features working headlights for night time cruising and comes with a Barbie doll that sits nicely in the driver's seat.
- With the [Disney® Princess Cinderella Magic Wand Laptop](#), your little girl can enjoy a variety of lessons in letters, numbers, games, music and basic vocabulary to help expand her learning in a way that seems more like fun than teaching.



- Kids will love the interaction of the [Spider-man 3™ Electronic Tabletop Pinball](#). It provides hours of fun with real arcade scoring, flashing lights and cool sound effects. Plus, it includes two Spider-man action figures.

6 & Up

At this age, many children start getting into computer games and enjoy interacting with their peers. RadioShack offers several RCs and video games geared for this age group.

- The [Vtech® Nitro Notebook™](#) is a kids-only laptop that teaches your child age-appropriate school skills through cool arcade-style adventure games. By playing more than 80 bilingual educational games, your child will learn in areas like math, reading, Spanish, logic, music and love doing it!
- The [Toyota® Tundra RC Truck](#) features big-wheel tires, working headlights, 4-wheel drive and a roll bar for driving tough terrain or cruising down the street. A high/low gear selectable switch gives you customized power for any situation.
- The [Wow Wee® Robosapien™](#) comes to life with the touch of the ergonomically designed remote controller. Kids can command their robosapien to perform a variety of pre-programmed functions or customize their own sequence of functions.

8 & Up

At this age, kids like to be challenged with more complicated toys and games. They also enjoy competing with each other, which makes full-featured, extended range and customizable racing RCs ideal.

- Tear through the sky with the [2-Channel Transformers Blackout RC Helicopter](#), inspired by the Transformers movie. Its sleek design and 25-foot range allows you to move in all directions and control the helicopter from a stationary location.
- Zoom down the street with the [ZipZaps® Micro RC Starter Kit 1.0 Transformers®](#) (available in Bumblebee, Optimus Prime or Barricade). The ZipZaps micro RC has working headlights for racing in the dark and quick-charges in about a minute for continuous racing.
- WowWee introduces the [WowWee® Flytech™ Barry B. Benson](#) based on DreamWorks' Bee Movie. This unique RC flies up, down, left and right and looks just like the movie character. It offers two skill levels, great for beginners and experts.

Teenagers & Up

For teenagers and those who will always remain kids at heart, custom and specialty RCs are a great gift. RadioShack carries several RCs that can keep even the biggest hobbyist happy.

- Your child can smoke the competition with the [Hummer® H2 with Mattracks](#) – a true all-terrain vehicle that comes with both interchangeable wheels and Mattrack tracks. It can travel at 100 feet per minute with the wheels, or 300 feet per minute and at a 30-45° climbing angle with Mattracks.
- The [RC Transformers™ StarScream™ Micro Flyer](#) is realistically designed based on the movie Transformers and delivers an entertaining flying experience. This micro-sized RC is ideal for most backyards and its sleek landing gear allows you to take off and land like a pro.

For more information on the products featured above, or other suggestions for the child or teenager on your holiday shopping list, stop by any of RadioShack's 4,500 convenient, neighborhood locations or visit www.RadioShack.com - where you don't just buy stuff, you do stuff.