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Top 10 Trends for 2012

Take a sneak peek at what's going to be hot this year in kids' fashion, gear, toys, and family fun.

1 Designers for Less

More stores are teaming with designers, à la Target. An early fave is the Skip Hop diaper-bag collaboration with Jonathan Adler. (\$34 to \$80; skiphop.com)

2 Super Kids!

The world is predicted to end on December 21, 2012—but kids with supernatural abilities are here to help by fighting bad guys (read Stan Kirby's book *Captain Awesome to the Rescue*) or raising their pet from the dead (check out Tim Burton's *Frankenweenie*).

3 Custom Play

Personalized products get more creative this year. We especially liked the Power Capes, which let you put your child's initial on the back to turn him into a superhero. (\$25; powercap.com)

4 Tablet for Tykes

The hottest toy in '12 just might be a tablet. Cover your iPad in a kid-friendly case, or give your child a tablet designed just for her. (Vinci, \$589 for 2 years+; vincigenius.com)

5 Glow in the Dark

Even little ones get in on the light-up fun this year with the Glo night-light (\$85; booninc.com) or a sleep-sack with a glowing zipper. (0 months+, \$36+; babydeedee.com)



6 DIY Kids' Furniture

Furniture just got a lot more interesting—and interactive—for your kid. The snap-together pieces from Sprout's rocker can be mixed with others from the line. (3 years+, \$70; sprout-kids.com)

7 Snow White

Last year, Little Red Riding Hood was the "It" fairy-tale girl. But Snow White is stealing the show, starting with two live-action movies about her. Julia Roberts's version in March is first and more family-friendly.

8 Mushrooms

Putting the "fun" in fungus, mushrooms are popping up all over the place, including your kid's toy box (Plan Toys' Kaleidoscopes) and her closet (Zutano's spring clothing line).

9 Subscription Services

Remember gift-of-the-month clubs? They're back in a big way this year. Sign up for a delivery that fits your needs, such as Citrus Lane for expectant moms, Birchbox for beauty products, and BabbaBox or Kiwi Crate for activities to do with your preschooler.

10 3-D Updates

Thanks in part to the success of *The Lion King* 3-D, studios are bringing classics back to the big screen with the extra dimension. Disney kicks it off with a 3-D-ified *Beauty and the Beast* this month (*Finding Nemo* rolls out later in the year). *Titanic* is even crashing into theaters in 3-D!