

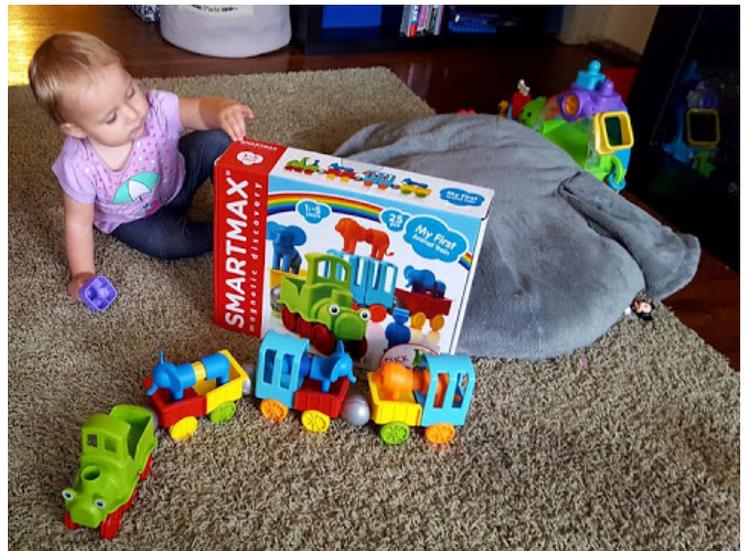


Little Ones Have Fun Learning with the SmartMax My First Animal Train + #Giveaway

Over the years, we have collected a lot of toys. We have a good crop of toys that live at our house, and others have gone on to live at grandma's house, as well as Grammy and Poppa's house. It's always exciting to try out a new toy, and it's even better when it's fun for the kids, but provides them with endless opportunities to learn, play, and explore. Learning through play is important at every age. I always learned best through hands-on activities, and the same is true for my own kids. They're both so interested in knowing how things work, and both love to take things apart, and then put them back together again.

Baby S has just started to discover the fun of magnets. We keep a set on the fridge for her to play with, and it provides her with a lot of fun and entertainment. Big Bro B also loves to play with magnets. A few years ago, we were introduced to [SmartMax](#), a fabulous toy brand which allows kids to get creative as they explore magnets in a safe and age-appropriate way. SmartMax gets kids into further STEM learning than they even realize, introducing them to polar opposites and the concept of magnetics.

We were excited for the opportunity to check out the [SmartMax My First Animal Train](#) set. My kids love animals, they love trains, and they love magnets. Put the three together, and what do you get? An awesome set that delivers colorful magnetic fun, and hours of play! The Animal Train is part of the My First Collection from SmartMax, intended for little ones, ages 1-5. The set comes with 25 colorful, easy to grasp pieces. The pieces train pieces come apart and can be mixed and matched. The set also comes with SmartMax magnetic bars (2 sizes), 3 balls, 3 animals, and 1 driver.



Use the bars to connect the train pieces, and to make the animals. This friendly train loves rolling through 'town' at our house. The train set pieces are easy for Baby S (almost 14 mo) to grasp and connect.

This is Baby S' first real experience playing with a magnetic toy set. Her big bro has a SmartMax set that she has enjoyed watching him play with. Now she has her very own SmartMax set and her very first train. She is currently working on learning how to say the names of the animals, the names of the colors of the train, and making sounds like the animals, and the 'choo choo' sounds. She has been

having a lot of fun putting the train together in her own unique way.

I have been impressed as I have watched S play with this set. She hasn't gotten too upset when realizing that some of the magnets are opposites, and won't stick together. When that happens, she just reaches for a ball, because all of the different bars will attract the balls.

You can use the bars and the balls to build other things, and you can use them with other SmartMax sets. B has already dug out his other SmartMax set to add to the My First Animal Train set, so he can play with his baby sis. I love that this is a toy that they can both enjoy and learn from.

S loves to play with these cute animals- elephants and a lion.

If we keep adding to our SmartMax collection, we'll have even more pieces and will be able to build a SmartMax town with its own train! Watching B and S play with the SmartMax My First Animal Train is a joy for me. B is six years old, and he thinks this set is a lot of fun. I know that as S continues to grow, she'll enjoy playing with this wonderful toy as she learns about magnets and how they work.



Summer vacation just began for us, and though we have a lot of trips planned, we'll also have a lot of days spent at home. I am so happy to have this wonderful set in our home. It'll be a wonderful ways for my kids to bond, and a great way for them to learn through play.

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