

Take a Ride with SmartMax's My First Animal Train

If you've been paying attention at all, you know that STEM activities and toys are what's hot these days – and it's no wonder! STEM skills are a huge part of being successful in school and in the job market. So if you're like me, as a parent, you're looking for things that boost those skills but provide a fun time for your kids. We had a chance to review a new toy from [SmartMax](#), makers of colorful magnetic construction toys for young children, called My First Safari.

The first thing we loved is how bright the colors were – this is something that is really going to appeal to toddlers. And of course animals – all kids LOVE animals!



This set is \$19.99, and as you can see there are PLENTY of pieces to keep little ones occupied and building. However, My First Safari is compatible with all other SmartMax sets such as the new [SmartMax Start+](#), so you can keep growing your collection.

The STEM skills come in with the magnets. As a former teacher, I developed an entire science center just on exploring magnets and concepts of attraction and repulsion, and what's cool about this toy is that kids are exploring those concepts (without knowing it) before they even begin school.

As with any magnet toy, one of the first things I look for is a safe construction – magnets can be dangerous if swallowed – and I could not even see the magnets – the SmartMax My First Safari Animals is very well constructed and I would have no issues giving them to a toddler for independent play.

In addition to the joy of clicking pieces together and pulling them apart, the SmartMax USA stimulates hand-eye coordination, logical thinking, color recognition and creativity during play. Take a look at our brief video showing you just how it works!

Tell us about the child in your life who would enjoy the SmartMax My First Safari, and be sure to check out SmartMax on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#)!

