

Cool Toy

Mini Golf (\$20, www.alextoys.com).

Delightful is the best way to describe this circus-themed mini golf set. Little players will thrill to knock a ball—smack!—through one of the six colorful over-size indoor/outdoor “holes.” Comes with two clubs and four balls. Ages 3 and up.

ArtHouse! (\$199, additional décor kits \$19, www.storyboardtoys.com). Customizing these way-cool dollhouses will keep young architects



and interior designers very busy! When they're finished drawing and coloring pictures for the plastic walls, they'll have a great setting for their favorite action figures and dolls. Ages 6 and up.

Bright Ideas for Mommy & Me (\$10, www.paltoys.com). Each age-specific deck includes 52 smart and simple activity cards with a color illustration on one side and a clear how-to description on the other. Ages: baby, age 1, age 2 and preschool.

—Caroline Howard

when you should begin talking and the most comforting words to use.

OH, MY ACHING FOOT

A working mother doesn't have a leg to stand on unless she knows how to keep her feet healthy, not to mention sandal-pretty.

LET'S EAT

You'll be stirred up by our recipes for family classics like barbecued chicken, four-cheese pasta and—oh, joy!—buttermilk pancakes that the kids can make for you on Mother's Day.