

Going Reviews: The Manhattan Toy Co. Skwish Stix â€” Developing Babyâ€™s Mind with Play

Description

Hi there! Howâ€™s it going?

Pretty good here, just living the dream as a stay-at-home dad and earning the best kind of wage ever; smiles from this girlâ€¦



Just woke up from her nap and shooting big grins; love it! She kinda looks like a seal there, huh?

Remember when I [mentioned back in April](#) that [The Manhattan Toy Company](#) sent me their [Skwish Stix](#) to review? Although the toy is meant for ages 6 months and up, Avery started early just before her 5 month mark.



We keep the Skwish Stix on the island as itâ€™s the best place for the suction cup base, and it sits at just the right height for Avery when sheâ€™s in her chair. And, since her infant booster is one of the [best baby seats in the house](#), Avery spends plenty of time with her Stix.



We donâ€™t want to inundate Avery with loads of toys that donâ€™t at least assist in her development while she plays, so Going Mom and I are picky with our toy selections for her. Since The Manhattan Toy Co. categorizes their Skwish Stix as a baby developmental toy, I was excited when they agreed to send one for Avery.

From [their website](#), The Manhattan Toy Co. offers the following description:

Inspired by Skwish®, this table top activity toy features the same elements of colorful wooden rods, beads and stretch cords that “Skwish” and spring back to entertain and engage baby. Also introduces the concept of cause and effect. Suction cup base adheres to most flat surfaces.

Iâ€™d say Avery was pretty engaged with her new toy the first day we presented it to her!



And then some days she would just stare at us like she didnâ€™t know what to do.



One problem we have is that the suction cup base seems to un-suction while she's playing and will wind up on the floor or out of her reach.



Regardless, Avery will tug at the toy and watch it whip back into position several times before it actually comes unattached. Of course, sometimes she just gets aggravated with them and no matter how many times we pick them up from the ground, she throws them right back down. I think they have helped with her motor skills as a result though!



What kind of floss is this?

I like that the Skwish Stix are made of materials safe for babies and have several bright colored beads and rods. It's a good way to teach colors by pointing and telling her each one.



She may not talk yet, but doing these things is very important to a baby's development, and although it doesn't show, they are absorbing *everything* you do and say.

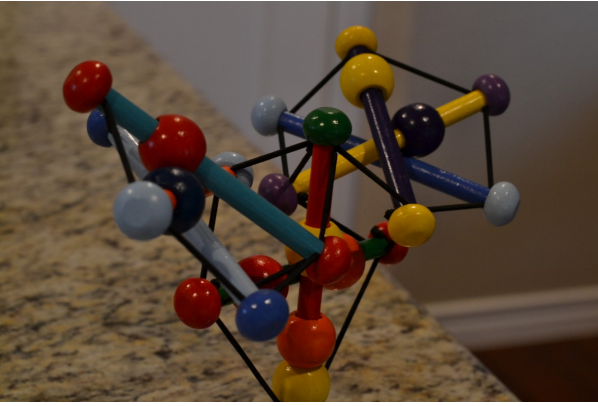


Like most babies, Avery will become uninterested after a short period and looks around as if she's bored. Do babies get bored?



Maybe it's because we're sticking the camera in her face or that we're always doing things in the kitchen that she wants to watch. Actually, that is a big part of it, and we'll start using the Stix in another room soon since she can sit up by herself now.

I like the Skwish Stix for what they are and for the ways you can help teach your baby colors and the concept of cause and effect. Learning by playing is the best!



We still use the Skwish Stix every day to keep Avery complacent for at least a little while as we tend to chores in the kitchen. If only we could get that suction cup base to stick longer, then maybe they would keep Avery busy a little longer.

I want to thank The Manhattan Toy Co. for allowing me the opportunity to review their baby developmental toy and have enjoyed the experience. Check out their [entire line of baby developmental toys](#) to see what your baby might enjoy the most.

The Skwish Stix were inspired by their [Skwish Classic](#), which has high reviews. Another toy with high reviews that I™ve been wanting to get Avery is their [Winkel](#) which is made of colorful polyurethane and can even be chilled for your teething baby!

Give The Manhattan Toy Co. and shout out on [Facebook](#), [Pinterest](#), and [Twitter](#) and keep up to date on what they™re doing.

Do you have a favorite developmental toy for your baby?

Have you heard of or own anything from The Manhattan Toy Co.?

Disclosure: The Manhattan Toy Co. sent me their Skwish Stix free of charge, but all views and opinions are strictly my own.

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