

★ What the Stuff Toy Review



Green Toys Tea Set

Manufacturer: Green Toys Inc.

Recommended Age: 3 years and up

Retail Price: \$24.95

Buy it here: www.amazon.com,
www.fatbraintoy.com,
www.jennybecs.com

On the web: www.greentoys.com

WTS Rating:



(5 out of 5 stars)



SUMMARY

Young hosts can brew an imaginary pot of tea with the environmentally friendly tea set from Green Toys. Made of recycled plastic, this 17 piece set includes a tea pot with lid, a sugar bowl with lid, a creamer, four cups, four saucers, and four teaspoons. The Green Toys Tea Set is made in the USA from recycled plastic milk containers that save energy, reduce landfill waste and lower greenhouse gas emissions. On average, every pound of recycled milk jugs used in the making of Green Toys:

- Saves energy equal to 3,000 AAA batteries
- Saves enough electricity to power a TV set for three weeks
- Saves enough electricity to keep a laptop computer running for a month

The Green Toys Tea Set also meets the FDA requirements for food contact, and is BPA and Phthalate-free.

INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY RATINGS

EASE OF USE



Super-duper easy! Here's the first thing our reviewers loved - no crazy twist ties, tape or anything else holding the set in the box - just a well-made cardboard box! As for actual use of the product by the kids, each piece is substantial and simple to use - what some of the panel referred to as "ergonomically correct" (our reviewers weren't sure that they were the right people to stamp "ergonomically correct" on a product - but they felt that this was the best way to describe it!).

DURABILITY



In comparison to any other tea sets our reviewers had seen, the Green Toys Tea Set was by far the most durable one yet! The product is well-made and a perfect size for our youngsters' small hands; not flimsy at all! In addition, Moms were impressed with the FDA approval for food contact as they said many times its hard to get their kids to not want to use their pretend tea set for a real tea party - this way, kids can pour drinks and have cookies on their very own "real" set. The box does note that the toy is not dishwasher safe - so we wouldn't recommend for everyday tea party use!

VISUAL APPEAL



Milk jugs? No sign of milk jugs here! What were once eye sores are now perfectly shaped and colored. It's not a princess tea set by any means - and while most of the set is pastel shades - it wouldn't be unheard of if a boy would like to join the tea party.

FUNCTIONALITY



Similar to any kids tea set, it functions much the same - great for pretend play. But that's where the similarities end! Our reviewers loved many things with regard to the functionality of this set - first, of course, was the ability to feel free to use real food with it and wash off without feeling like the product would break down immediately. The second, was the feel good, wonderful lesson of the recycling process. One thing that really stood out was the marketing of the product on the box - yes, its just the box, but our reviewers read every single word and loved what it had to say - particularly the instructions as to how to host a tea party!

COST

EFFICIENCY



Yep, all great things still come with a price tag and Green Toys Tea Set is no different. Our panel stated they would pay a price of about \$20 - just a few dollars under the actual retail price. After some further discussion, some of our panel members were clear that this was most definitely a perfect gift idea and they'd be willing to spend a few extra dollars on a feel good product.

ORIGINALITY



For sure you can head out to the store and find some options in the tea set category. But, no doubt about it, Green Toys has hit the market with a perfect option for the environment-cautious folks. In addition, our reviewers wanted to note once again the packaging - both easy to open and containing fun marketing lines is to a large extent unique!

OVERALL RATING



Reduce, reuse, recycle! Once again our team has found a product that helps kids learn what they're taught in school every day. It's hard to explain to kids without proof as to where all those items go that they've been told to recycle - so, here they are! Some kids didn't believe they were once milk jugs and they continued to question "how does it happen?" Our parents loved that not only was it a perfect tea set for pretend play, but a conversation starter about the environment and our need to recycle (look, all those milk jugs really make great toys!).

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