

Gifts for Autistic Children

CONSIDER YOUR GIFTS

It's best to ask a parent what their child might like. Be considerate of their sensory challenges and try to work with their specific interests.



CHECK YOUR WRAPPING

Consider removing all tags and wrapping from their presents. If a present requires setting up, make sure to do so before wrapping. And check battery requirements and include these. This minimizes any frustration with the gift once received.



TAILOR TO THE CHILD'S NEEDS

Children on the spectrum do not always present their age. Consider what gifts will work for the individual and ask the parents when in doubt.

STAY POSITIVE

Do not feel hurt if they don't react the way you would like to Christmas activities or gifts. Children on the spectrum have trouble expressing and controlling their emotions. Do not take it personally.