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## Sensory Gift Guide: Discovery Disc from Fun and Function



You remember [the review](#) I did on the Discovery Disc from [Fun and Function](#)? Nikky is still playing with it. Honestly, there are very few toys that Nikky sticks with for very long, especially if they don't have numbers or letters involved. we still keep it in the car for Nikky to play with on longer car rides.

The Discovery Disc is great because it is good for little kids and older kids. It has some weight to it and the pellets create a texture, so it is great for sensory seekers. It can also be good for sensory avoiders since it is a quiet activity that doesn't involve a too much sensory input. This is a great gift for a sensory child. You can purchase the Discovery Disc directly from [Fun and Function](#).

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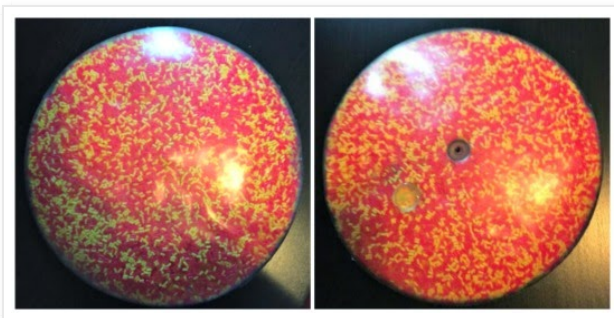
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## Review: Fun and Function Discovery Disc



Sensory seeking children tend to always be moving. They fidget, they rock, they kick their feet, they run, they spin, they pretty much do everything except sit completely still. These are the children that can drive their teachers and parents to exasperation. Why don't they just sit still?

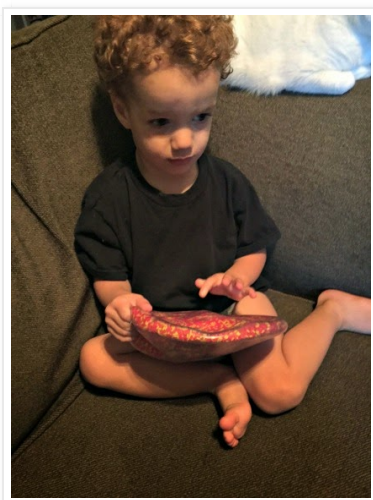
While you won't be able to keep these kids completely still, you can help them focus that movement so that it is more productive and less disruptive. Personally I love things that allow kids to do something with their hands. It can be something small enough to fit in a pocket, like a worry stone, or it can be something larger. One of Nikky's favorites is the [Discovery Disc](#) from Fun & Function, a company that specializes in sensory friendly products.



The Discovery Disc is an 8 inch vinyl disc filled with plastic pellets and small objects. It's multi-sensory and perfect for a wide variety of ages and situations. Nikky mostly likes to use it as a fidget toy. He wants to squish and manipulate the disc so he can feel the contents moving around. I like to try to find all the animals. I actually spent about 20 minutes trying to find all the animals and hadn't even realized that much time had passed. You can also throw the disc like a frisbee and play games with it. Nikky sometimes likes to just sit with it in his lap. It only weighs 17oz, so it isn't a lot of weight, but it is enough to make Nikky happy for short periods of time.



The Discovery Disc is easy to clean and portable. The vinyl tends to collect dust and animal hair, but I just quickly wipe it off with a wet cloth or a diaper wipe and it is good to go. At first I kept this around the house in the hopes that I could use it as a focus toy for Nikky to use during time out, but I actually discovered that it is much more useful in the car. Nikky doesn't like sitting still for too long, and longer car rides can be hard on him. This gives him something to play with in the car that lets him get some of his energy out.



The Discovery Disc is great for sensory kids. It can be used for a wide range of ages, making it a great investment since your child won't grow out of it quickly. Although it is recommended for ages 3+, I found that it works great for Nikky even though he is only two. I just make sure to keep an eye on him so he doesn't try to bite through the vinyl.

You can purchase the Discovery Disc and look at their many other sensory products on the Fun and Function [website](#). You can also follow them on social media: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Pinterest](#), [YouTube](#), and [Instagram](#).

*I received this item for free in exchange for an honest review. All opinions are my own.*

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Friday, September 5, 2014

## Review: Fun and Function Bite Bands

Nikky has recently decided that he is adding clothing to the list of things he likes to chew on. He loves chewing on the collar of his shirts and it is driving me crazy. His shirt ends up soaked and I am just waiting for the first holes to show up. I used to chew on clothes when I was a kid and I remember ruining quite a few clothes that way.

Did you know there is a solution to this problem? A lot of kids with sensory issues like to chew on things, including clothes, and while a toddler can get away with it, the habit is less socially acceptable the older the child is. That's why [Bite Bands](#) from [Fun and Function](#) are so great.



The Bite Bands are necklaces that are made of absorbent terry cloth so they soak up all that drool instead of your kid's clothes soaking it up. With six color options in a pack of Bite Bands, you can cycle through the colors so that they match whatever outfit your child is wearing. It also means I can wash them at a more leisurely pace since I don't have to worry about running out of clean ones too quickly.



Nikky loves the Bite Bands. He stole one as soon as I had the package open. While he will wear them as a necklace, he prefers to just hold it in his hands. As a result, it serves double duty as something to chew on and something for him to fidget with. While he still chews on his clothes, as long as I remember to hand him a Bite Band when he starts chewing, he is more likely to leave his clothes alone.

You can purchase the Bite Bands from the [Fun and Function website](#). At \$24.99 for 6, they are very budget friendly.

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