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It takes a child to raise this Fairy Village

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A Special Guide to the Best Birthday Gifts Ever



Kooky Companions to Carry With You

Great Gear

These handcrafted, itty-bitty backpack buddies and cell phone charms were deemed quirky-cool by our testers. The **Original String Doll Gang** (left), a line of 100-plus characters, are each made from a continuous piece of string and possess a special power (the ability to help kids fly through homework, for example). The **DEBO Superheroes** (center), five squishable vinyl pals, protect kids from such annoyances as bad-hair days and too many chores. And littlest, but not least, are the four fabric **Blabbos Buddies** (right), each with a one-of-a-kind look our testers couldn't stop gabbing about. **Ages 6 and up Kamibashi, \$6 to \$10 each**

— AMY KALDOR-BULL

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Your Recon for the Perfect Gift Is Over

Bargain Buy

Army Men on Patrol! I repeat: Army Men on Patrol! Lego fans will salute this *Toy Story*-themed 90-piece playset (#7595), which comes with four helmeted men, two rifles, two pairs of binoculars, two walkie-talkies, and a rugged jeep. Also included are a medical kit and a stretcher to ensure no toy gets left behind. **Ages 6 and up Lego, \$11**

— JENNIFER LYNCH

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