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Get Science Set In Keeping With Interests

With all America increasingly conscious of scientific achievement, science sets will be more prominently featured than ever before on Santa's lists this Christmas. Unless it's carefully chosen, however, your youngster may studiously ignore his Christmas science set.

Hardly more than a decade ago, science sets were regarded as playthings suitable only for owl-eyed, studious children. Now they are acclaimed as the sure-fire means of helping junior win a Nobel prize before he's 15.

EXPERTS at the Gilbert Hall of Science maintain that the prime purpose of a science set is to entertain and amuse the child, and learning benefits follow naturally

They recommend following these guidelines to get your youngster the set he is most likely to enjoy:

Select a set in tune with the child's interests. Youngsters who like collecting bugs will prefer a microscope and lab set to a geology set.

MAKE CERTAIN the instruction booklet contains simply put and accurate scientific explanations for the experiments.

Check for components and sturdiness. Be certain you get full value for your money with well-made toys backed by a reputable manufacturer.

Examine the set carefully to determine if the child will need special tools not contained in the package.

And, by all means, consider the fun your youngster, not you, will have with the science set.