

Fun family games for holiday gifts!

Five new games designed for a fun challenge

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This Christmas, Funny Bone Toys has a collection of five games, Disruptus, Arrazzles, Array, Spectrix and CUBU, available designed not only for fun but to also challenge and stretch the imagination.

Spectrix become a family favorite. The game is a play on Rummy but instead of numbered cards, players use 12 differently colored cards.

The cards can be discarded in groups of three of the same color or players can use the spectrum guide to create different color combinations. Arrazzles was popular with both nine year old Jacob and one year old Lucas. Each Arrazzles card has one of five different patterns of slots that children can use to create 3D type sculptures. Jacob enjoyed creating various pieces of art with the cards while Lucas en-

joyed taking the game apart. Lucas also liked the metallic colors.

Array is color matching game. Each disk has two to four colors and play is similar to dominoes but instead of matching numbers, the colors need to be the same. Of course, like the other games, there are twists, including a challenge to build the biggest Array possible with all the cards.

An interesting aspect to the games is the points system. Instead of the winner being the first player to reach 100 points, the winner is the person to reach the point limit last. Each game is also multifunctional. For example, Spectrix can be played as the rummy type game but children can also use the cards for memory. Arrazzles is the same - build a sculpture with the cards, take it apart and play memory. CUBU has traditional rules and

rules for speed CUBU. The games are unique in that they require some skill to play. Players need to pay attention and strategize however, not to the point that the games are not age appropriate.

Disruptus, \$24.99, is for ages 10 and up. Arrazzles, \$24.99, is for ages four and up. Array, Spectrix and CUBU, ages eight and up, are \$14.99 each. The games are available online at funnybonetoy.com or Amazon.com. The website also has videos demonstrating each game, which is helpful since the instructions can be a little confusing. The games are a little pricey and the Arrazzles cards, although sturdy, do not seem like they would stand up to every day play.



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