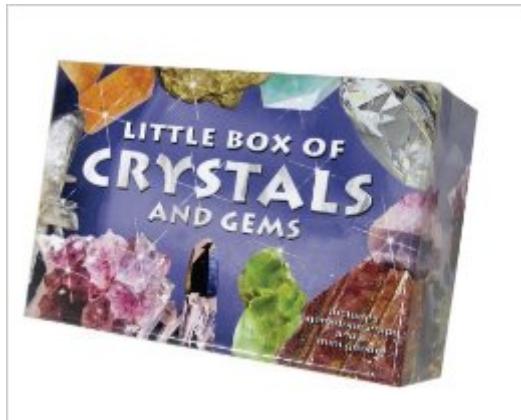


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# Little Box Of Crystals And Gems



## **Synopsis**

Here's an unusually handsome activity box that introduces boys and girls to the engrossing world of crystals and gemstones. Open the lid to reveal a six-compartment display case, each compartment holding an assortment of polished gemstones. Kids will learn how to sort and identify each of the stones in their collection. Beneath the display case, they'll find the Little Book of Crystals and Gemstones, tweezers for examining stones, and a miniature geode--a stone with tiny crystals that are naturally embedded on its surface. The book instructs budding gemologists on-- How to identify crystals and gemstones How stones are cut and polished Properties of precious gems--diamond, ruby, emerald, and sapphire Jewelry stones--jade, pearl, turquoise, lapis lazuli Building a crystal collection . . . and much more A bonus item in The Little Box of Crystals and Gems is a kit containing ingredients that boys and girls can used to make their own diamond-like crystals.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

My six year old grandson was digging for emeralds and diamonds in his yard. His father told him there would be none found back there so he asked me, his grandmother for some. I explained those could only be found in the earth in countries like Africa and Brazil or in the jewelry stores for more money than his granny had but that I would send him a book with pictures of them and other gems so he could learn more about them. I left to go back to CA. He lives in Reno and my memory of him is that he stood with one foot on his scooter and lifted one finger and shouted out, "Good bye grandma.

Don't forget the book on gems. Your deadline is Friday!"I sent this "Little Box of Crystals and Gems". When I called him to see if hehad received it he was thrilled and told me quite happily thatthere were many samples (he never mentioned diamonds or emeralds) but said therewere wonderful stones in the box, "many of them"and he particularly liked the black lava stone with red on top. "Did you know there arevolcanoes under the ocean making land?" he said after excitedly thanking me.Who knows, he may become a geologist someday!

You get "a six-compartment display case, each compartment holding an assortment of polished gemstones." that would be just 6 different stones, not a large assortment, a bunch of stone chips for each of the 6 stones. The pictures on the box and the book are LARGE stones and gems, depictions of what every kid would like to study as opposed to the tiny chips provided. The value of this product is less than \$5 - you get stone chips for 6 stones, plastic tweezers, and a poorly written stone/gem book. Don't bother

I got my 10 year old son this for Christmas. He is really into crystals right now and loved this little kit. It not only comes with an informative book, but little crystals and gems as well.

I've never written a review before, but felt compelled to let others know that the crystals in this kit are tiny crumb-sized pieces - not at all what I was expecting. Maybe that is described somewhere in the fine print, but I think the name of the product and the packaging are really misleading! I gave it two stars because the book is ok - just don't expect any actual crystals.

I gave this to my niece as a birthday gift, and it was right before she competed in a science competition. She won first place for the 'rocks and gems' category, so it turned out to be a pretty great gift. The box is nice, and the gems are neatly arranged. The gems are small, but they serve their purpose well. If you want to collect real gems, then this isn't the set for you. If you want to give your child exposure to crystals and gems, however, this is a good place to start. She has the box on her dresser similar to her jewelry boxes.

I got this for my nephews and they LOVED it. My oldest carries around the book that comes with the box and almost knows it by heart. He tells everyone what it says. He even tried the grow your own crystals that they have in there and it's sitting in my kitchen window. I highly recommend it to everyone who has an interest in it or who has a child interested in it.

I was prepared for the teeny tiny size of the gems after reading through the reviews. Mine did include a geode and a small crystal. Organized well for safe keeping to enjoy the set many more times later. Comes with a pair of tweezers...IMO should also include a magnifying glass. However we had one on hand so all is well. Just be prepared for the small sized gems!

Great educational set. Nephew enjoys discovering and this gave him plenty to keep occupied for hours, Has him looking for more. doing the research on which one was which and learning the properties and what each one is used for was amazing.

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