



Keeping Parents Sane in Waiting Rooms Around the World

If you have children and you have ever left the house with them, chances are you've been stuck waiting somewhere with the challenge of keeping the little rugrats occupied. Whether it's in a waiting room, a restaurant, the car or boring Aunt Millie's house, [Think-ets](#) are a wonderful and inexpensive addition to your "bag of tricks." Actually...they *are* the bag of tricks.

Think-Ets is a mesh bag (*with only a piece of recyclable cardboard as excess packaging - woo hoo!*) filled with trinkets designed to encourage imaginative play and critical thinking. The company suggests a [variety of games](#) for two or more people that can be played with nothing but this little bag of goodies, but there are really an endless variety of things you could do that aren't suggested there. They're designed for ages 8-108+, yet younger kids like them too. Keep in mind, though, that they're a bag full of choking hazards that need to be kept away from kids 3 and under. And perhaps 95 and older if Grandma's gotten to the stage of thinking everything's candy.

Aside from the pure genius of the product and the eco-friendly packaging, there are still more things begging to be mentioned. The toys are assembled by individuals with disabilities being paid a fair wage, which I love. If I ever was industrious enough to start a business, I'd totally do that. For now, though, I'll support other people who do. The pieces are all lead-tested and hand made by fairly paid artisans in Mexico, Germany and elsewhere.



Buy Think-ets from their [online store](#) for just \$9.99. Or, buy five and get free shipping. They'd make great birthday gifts and stocking stuffers (no, it's not too early!) and I recommend keeping one stashed in purses and vehicles for those ~~rare~~ frequent times when you just need something to keep the kids busy so they don't drive you insane.

Win it! We're giving away a **Think-ets** to one winner. To enter, leave a comment on this post before May 13/0 at noon MST. *Tell us some of your ideas for keeping kids occupied when you're out and about or in the car.*