



MUMMYTRAVELS' ESSENTIAL TODDLER TRAVEL TOYS

- ☐ **Toy animals** – check out your local charity shop for little animal figures (especially if they're likely to get lost along the way) or the [Happyland range](#) has zoo, farm and pet animals sets to play with.
- ☐ **Crayons** – easy to stash in a bag, and great to while away a few minutes as long as you have something to on. [Crayola Jumbo Crayons](#) are chunky to hold so perfect for 12 months plus, unless they'll simply get chewed, or [triangular washable crayons](#) for 2+ as they won't roll away.
- ☐ **Books** – what you pack depends on their age, but something interactive is best as it lasts longer. This [lift-the-flap counting book](#) has loads of bright pictures and is fairly sturdy, even for pre-counting. Or try Julia Donaldson's Tales From Acorn Wood – this [three-in-one set of stories](#) is paperback only so best for older toddlers, or get a [board book version](#). [Planes](#) by Byron Barton is fun to prepare them for a flight, and you can use it as an I Spy tool during the journey too.
- ☐ **Sticker books** – my daughter would stick stickers for hours if she could, so ideal for a long journey. And they're great for younger toddlers too, just watch out for them trying to eat the stickers. I love the Usborne First Sticker Book series, especially [this version](#) with over 500 stickers including shapes, numbers and letters. There are also [animal](#), [train](#) and [plane](#) versions.
- ☐ **Finger puppets** – leftover from baby days, I've found these are still useful to stick in a pocket for quick distractions in queues or on take-off/landing. These [animal finger puppets](#) are sweet.
- ☐ **Apps** – although I limit screen time at home, travel is definitely the time to relax those rules. There's a huge numbers of apps, both fun and educational, free and paid-for, Apple and Android. [Duck Duck Moose](#) is good for under 18 months, while the [Monkey's Preschool series](#) are fun and there are some familiar faces on [CBeebies](#).
- ☐ **Cartoons/TV** – whether it's in-flight entertainment (even without headphones) or old favourites, this might be your chance to eat undisturbed. Go onto BBC iplayer before you leave (as you can't access it outside the UK) and download a few episodes of their favourite show. You can keep it for 30 days after download, or 7 days after you've started watching.