

MATADOR®

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Creative play for all ages

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Theory: when you know how everything should work,
but nothing actually works.

MATADOR practice: when everything
works, and you know why it works.



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Our philosophy

Learning by doing

"Tell me and I'll forget. Show me and I'll remember.

Involve me and I'll understand." Confucius might have been around long before MATADOR, but we don't know of any better way to describe our philosophy of learning through play.

MATADOR construction kits encapsulate the creativity innate in every child, and the desire to not only create, but also use renewable materials that are close to nature. Ranging from extra-large blocks for children aged 18 months and up – the age at which they start consciously engaging with play – to functional construction elements for girls and boys aged 3 and up, our construction kits are made from high-quality hardwood sourced from native forests.



Plugging

Hammering



Rotating

Playing
creatively





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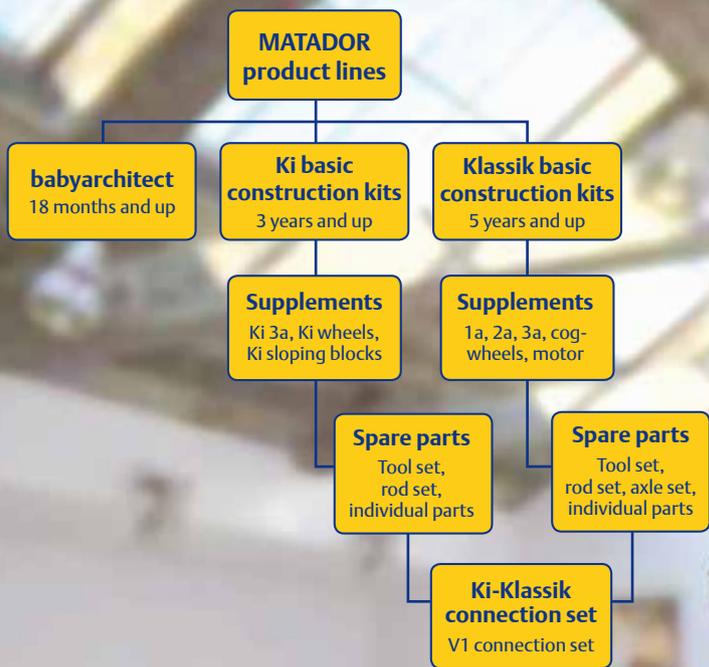
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Learning through play

Creativity: A recipe for success

When it comes to fostering creativity, learning through play is a recipe for success. And it's one you can use throughout life: from nursery to school, right through to your career. By harnessing the principle of learning through play, we here at MATADOR encourage children's deep-set instinct for curiosity and desire to gain new experiences.

Combining three basic elements of play – movement, motor skills and intensive mental and manual activity involving real objects – MATADOR embraces something that is all too seldom found in toys and play sets today. Unlike the unrealistic world of computer games, MATADOR construction kits hone children's motor skills, three-dimensional imagination, concentration and comprehension of technical concepts. Plus, construction play stimulates communication: it lets parents and friends get involved, inspires discussion and encourages children to start planning their next construction project even before they've finished the one they're working on. What better way to communicate the idea of team spirit?



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Our concept

Creativity right from the start

"For the things we have to learn before we can do them, we learn by doing them."

Borrowing its motto from Aristotle, a little workshop in Vienna's 4th district created the first MATADOR wooden construction kits more than 110 years ago. The concept behind them was based on precision-drilled wooden blocks, connecting rods and wheels that could be put together to create a whole host of different machines, vehicles, and so on, then taken apart again. And it's a concept that remains unchanged today. Even back then, the various basic kits could be upgraded with supplement kits at a low price.

With this ingenious idea still at its heart, MATADOR continues to produce wooden construction kits in Austria, using native hardwood sourced from sustainable forests. Nowadays, however, it employs the very latest wood working machines, some of which have been specifically developed for precision working down to hundredths of a millimetre.

baby architect



22 pieces in MATADOR pin/hole system, allowing different plug-in designs
100% natural finish



Ki 0



34 pieces
incl. hammer and pliers,
plus 13 construction
ideas and instructions



Ki 1



70 pieces
incl. hammer and pliers,
plus 31 construction
ideas and instructions



Ki 2



108 pieces
incl. hammer and pliers,
plus 56 construction
ideas and instructions



Ki 3



175 pieces
incl. hammer and pliers,
plus 94 construction
ideas and instructions



Ki 4



263 pieces
incl. hammer and pliers,
plus 108 construction
ideas and instructions



MATADOR Ki 3a supplement kit

88 pieces, instructions for Ki 4 (without tools). Upgrades Ki 3 to Ki 4 (Ki 3 + Ki 3a = Ki 4).

Ki, Ki-R spare parts kits

8 Ki wheels in a range of colours and 10 lynch pins (lynch pin heads + rods for securing wheels)

Ki-S spare parts kits

6 Ki sloping blocks and 2 Ki rolls

W-Ki spare tools

Ki hammer, pliers, loosening wedge

S-Ki spare rods

84 rods in lengths of 26, 46, 66, 106 and 146 mm and 6 lynch pin heads for securing wheels

V1 connection set

Connecting blocks for Ki and Klassik blocks, Ki rods and Klassik rods

1½+

3+

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babyarchitect – 3D construction kit for children aged 1½ and up

22 three-dimensional wooden blocks in various functional shapes, specially designed for babies' hands, that encourage conscious engagement with play. This educational toy designed for little ones is ideal for developing motor skills and encouraging children's desire to be creative and constantly build new things.

The blocks are made from 100% renewable, natural source materials and are not treated with varnish or any other harmful substances.

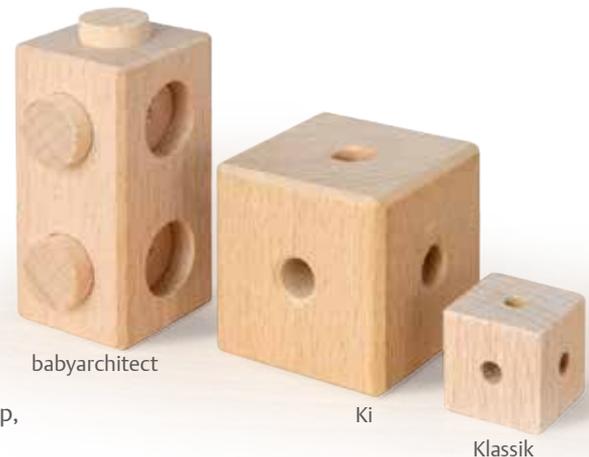
MATADOR Ki wooden construction kits for children aged 3 and up

Containing large wooden blocks, connecting rods, wheels, and the right tools to put everything together, these kits allow children's imaginations to run wild.

With 5 basic construction kits featuring 34 to 263 pieces available, plus a useful range of supplement kits and spare parts as well as extensively illustrated descriptions with steps that are now even easier for children to follow, MATADOR is an educational toy that has been a source of delight through the generations.

Our blocks – made for young and old alike

Easy to use and perfect for building whether you're 1½ or 99 – MATADOR lives up to this claim by offering construction kits with 3 different block sizes. **babyarchitect** for children aged 1½ and up, **Ki** for children aged 3 and up, and **Klassik** for boosting creativity from age 5 and maintaining an active mind right into later years.



Klassik 0



99 pieces
incl. tools and
36 sets of instructions



Klassik 1



222 pieces
incl. tools and
56 sets of instructions



Klassik 2



318 pieces
incl. tools and 72 sets
of instructions
**In a high-quality
wooden gift box
with a sliding lid**



Klassik 3



407 pieces
incl. tools and 83 sets
of instructions
**In a high-quality
wooden gift box
with a sliding lid**



Klassik 5



715 pieces
incl. tools and 98 sets
of instructions
**In a high-quality
wooden gift box
with a sliding lid**



**MATADOR
Klassik 1a
supplement kit**

180 pieces,
instructions for 2 (with-
out tools).
Upgrades 1 to
2 (1 + 1a = 2).

**MATADOR
Klassik 2a
supplement kit**

200 pieces,
instructions for 3
(without tools).
Upgrades 2 to
3 (2 + 2a = 3).

**MATADOR
Klassik 3a
supplement kit**

180 pieces,
instructions for 4
(without tools).
Upgrades 3 to
4 (3 + 3a = 4).

MATADOR cogwheels
Cogwheels designed to
fit all Klassik construction
kits.
14 wooden cogwheels in
5 different sizes. Instruc-
tions for Klassik construc-
tion kits 1 to 4.

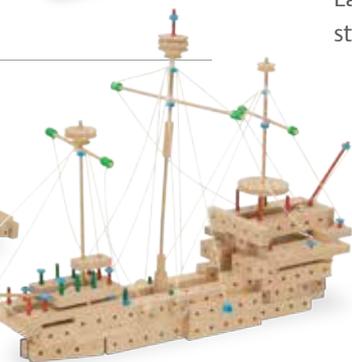
MATADOR gear motor
The compact structure enables
easy integration – even in the
very smallest of models. Two natural
rubber drive belts of different
lengths are used for power transmission.
Batteries: 2x AA 1.5 V
(not included)



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MATADOR Klassik wooden basic kits for children aged 5 and up

These MATADOR wooden construction kits encourage the development of children's imagination – and help them bring their ideas to life – in a way that is unique worldwide. By offering a fitting accuracy that is completely unparalleled among wooden toys, they create the ideal foundations for building both simple and complex models. Precision-drilled construction blocks, plus connecting rods, axles and wheel discs that fit perfectly, open up a whole world of construction that has been captivating young and old for generations.

And thanks to supplement kits (featuring cogwheels and motors, for example) that have stood the test of experience, MATADOR wooden construction kits are a sophisticated toy that children can use to create logical links between theory and practice during their developmental stages.

Each construction kit comes with an extensive construction booklet, containing exciting challenges with clear steps explaining how to make a variety of different models.

MATADOR SK spare rods

270 rods, 15 to 195 mm

MATADOR W1 spare tools

1 hammer, 1 pusher,
1 rod puller

MATADOR A1 wheel set

86 pieces. Axles, lynch pins,
clamping sleeves



Klassik 2, Klassik 3 and Klassik 5
come in a high-quality wooden gift box
with a sliding lid



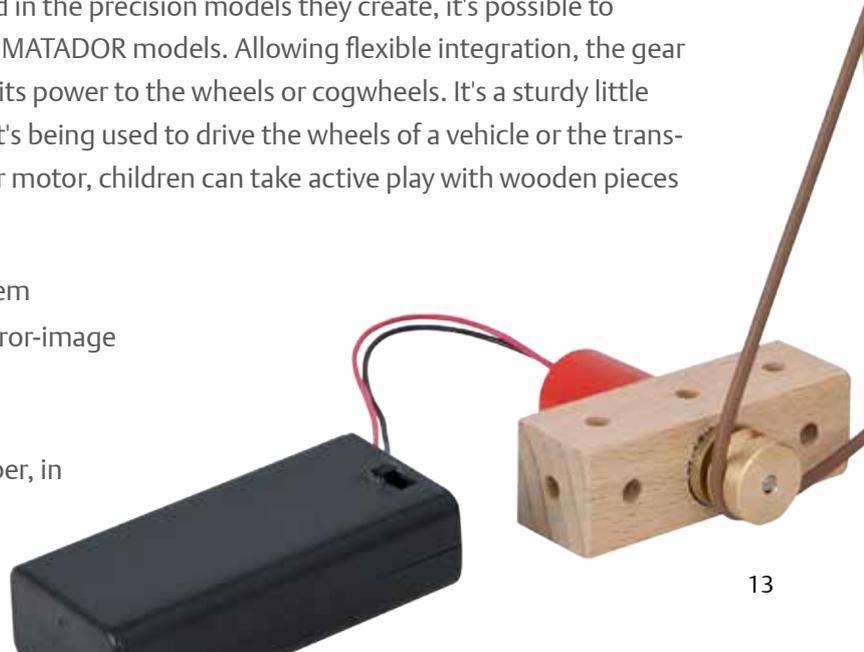
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Poetry in motion

What makes MATADOR wooden construction kits really special is the accuracy with which the pieces are created, down to hundredths of a millimetre. And in the precision models they create, it's possible to integrate a gear motor developed specifically for MATADOR models. Allowing flexible integration, the gear motor uses a belt-driven mechanism to transmit its power to the wheels or cogwheels. It's a sturdy little powerhouse that brings models to life, whether it's being used to drive the wheels of a vehicle or the transmission of machines and systems. Using this gear motor, children can take active play with wooden pieces into a whole new dimension.

- Easy to integrate into MATADOR plug-in system
- Reversible direction of rotation thanks to mirror-image motor integration option
- On/off switch
- 2 non-slip drive belts made from natural rubber, in different lengths
- 2x AA 1.5 V batteries (not included)





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Creative play without limits, for any age

Each one of our construction kits comes with an extensively illustrated booklet of descriptions, which contain not only precise step-by-step illustrated instructions, but also detailed information such as the difficulty level and number of parts required, an illustrated list of the parts required, and an indication of the approximate construction time. Designed with education in mind, the difficulty level of the models increases in a logical sequence, so that children can make the most of the possibilities offered by MATADOR construction kits as they play. All the construction steps are illustrated in three dimensions, in a way that is suitable for children, enabling them to build their way to success quickly.





MATADOR KiGa 3 3+

For up to 3 children aged 3 and up
330 pieces, 3x tools and instructions



MATADOR KiGa 6 3+

For up to 6 children aged 3 and up
660 pieces, 6x tools and instructions

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KiGa big construction kits

MATADOR big construction kits give nurseries a fun way to introduce the world of technology to children aged 3 and up. The kits contain everything that's needed for creative play: blocks in a range of shapes and sizes, connecting rods of different lengths, wheels, axles and, of course, tools for up to 6 children, allowing them to play as a team.



MATADOR KiGa Klassik 5+

For up to 6 children aged 5 and up
1300 pieces, 6x tools and instructions

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Made In Austria: a claim we live up to every single day – from creating innovations that are perfect for children and working with the natural material of wood, right through to the after-sales service we offer in our role as a responsible manufacturer. Both ideologically and economically, we refuse to compromise on our commitment to creating a natural product:

- Wood from sustainably managed, native forests
- No paints or varnishes that are harmful to health
- No plastics or other materials that are environmentally unfriendly
- Consistency throughout our product range
- Spare parts and additional purchases warranty
- Consistent quality thanks to 100% in-house production

Upholding these values over the generations is a challenge we have met by harnessing our one-of-a-kind concept and an outstanding natural product. MATADOR's philosophy of learning through play is supported by the sense of environmental awareness that is gaining in importance throughout the world, as well as a growing appreciation for practical learning.





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