HOW TO QUALITY CHECK TOYS AT HOME!

Quality = Dignity

At Cradles to Crayons, our bedrock value is that Quality = Dignity. We strive to provide children living in low-income or homeless situations with the highest quality everyday items. You can help us provide children with toys by quality checking them at home!

Due to the constraints of our units, we kindly ask that you only donate items using bags that have been securely tied shut, or in small boxes that have been taped closed. Please do not leave donations outside of the unit.

How Do You Quality Check Books?

1. Inspect all toys for their parts and pieces as well as bite marks or scratches.
   a. For other examples of what doesn’t meet our quality standards, see the box below.
2. If the toy is used, wipe it down with non-toxic cleaning solution or sanitary wipes
3. If a toy is of good quality, bring it to a drop-off location found here:
   https://www.cradlestocrayons.org/chicago/take-action/donate-goods/find-local-drop-off/
   a. If your toy has many pieces, be sure to seal them in a bag or tape the box closed.
4. If a toy does not meet our quality standards, please visit www.cradlestocrayons.org/chicago/at-home for a list of places to donate

Some examples of what doesn’t meet our quality standards:

- Used plush toys and used stuffed animals
- Toys that are larger than a paper shopping bag
  o Ex. Little Tikes Toy Kitchen Set
- Toys that have violent components
  o Ex. Nerf Guns, plastic swords
- Toys that are electronic, or require a video game system
  o Ex. Nintendo DS, DVDs, Xbox games
- Toys that are not everyday toys
  o Ex. Baseball bats and mitts, soccer shin guards, etc.