

Career of the Month: Toymaker



Minimum qualifications

GCSEs in core subjects



Typical salary
(with experience)

£10-30k



Competition for
places

High



Demand for this role

Medium

Toymakers design, plan, test and create toys for babies, children and, possibly, adults. As a traditional toymaker, you could make toys by hand, such as doll houses and rocking horses. If you work for a large manufacturer you will develop new products based on original ideas and sketches.

Useful skills and qualities:

Highly motivated

Inquisitive

Creative

Full of initiative

Related interests:

Arts & Crafts

Children

Things to consider



Risk of injury/accident

In larger firms employees are likely to be exposed to some higher risk manufacture processes.



Rewarding

Creating fun, attractive toys to be enjoyed by children and adults alike is a rewarding career. It is satisfying to see your original designs come to life as a finished product.



Very competitive

Competition is high and vacancies for toy designers are limited at manufacturing companies.



Little progression opportunity

Those who become self-employed can expect it to take time and hard work to establish a business.



Can specialise

You could specialise in making a specific type of toy that you enjoy, anything from teddies and trains to educational toys and games.

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