

Parents

Pssst! Try Our Surprising Solution For Picky Eaters

HEALTHY KIDS
HAPPY FAMILIES

Motivate Your Child To Learn

(Yes, Even When School's Out!)

✓ MILESTONE CHECKLIST

Find Out If Your
Tot's On Track

All-American Summer Fun

★ Host A Kid-Friendly Parade

★ Have A Blast With Bubbles

★ Enjoy An Old-Fashioned Vacay

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Ways
To Keep
Your Kids
Safe This
Summer

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VACATION
BOREDOM!**
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PICK THE

BEST FAMILY CARS

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WHO WOOD-A THOUGHT?

Clogs made a comeback last year for women, and now they're for tinier toes. If you get a pair for your child, look for a style that has a closed heel or a back strap to make sure her feet stay securely in the shoes.



Crocband Kids
Dino Camo, \$30;
crocs.com



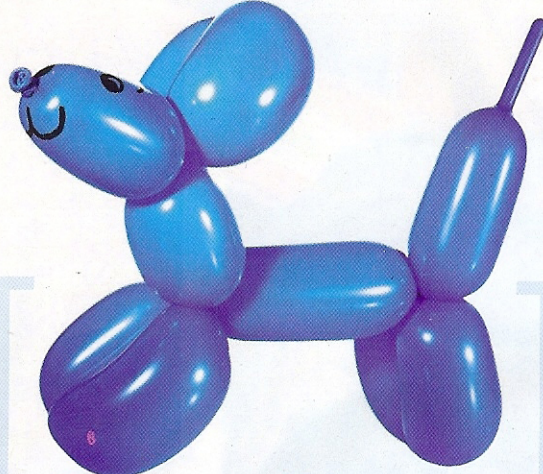
Cape Clogs
Dots, \$50;
capeclogs.com



Dansko Vesta
Canvas Clog,
\$60; dansko.com



Sanita Clogs
Dana, \$80;
sanitaclogs.com



Summer Blowout

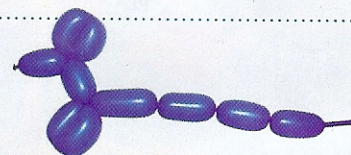
Wow your kids by turning a balloon into a dog with help from NYC magician Joe Magic Man.



1 Using a hand pump, fill up a needle balloon, leaving 4" to 5" at the end (enough to cross your palm) to be the dog's tail. Starting at the knot, twist three 2" bubbles, holding them so that they don't unravel.



2 Fold and twist the second and third bubbles together to form ears. Then, make a 1" neck bubble behind the head, followed by two more 3" bubbles.



3 Squeeze the two 3" bubbles together and twist to be the front legs. Create a 4" bubble for the body, then two 3" ones, which you twist together for the back legs.

GET MORE!

Watch Joe Magic Man make a dog on our tablet edition at parents.com/digital.



What's APPening

Who let the dogs out? You, with the free Fido Factor app. For a pet-included field trip this summer, locate dog-friendly parks, restaurants, and other attractions in your area on your iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch. You can even bookmark your favorite spots and upload pics of the family pooch. (iTunes.com)