First Birthday Wooden Walker Guide

Track how this classic toy adapts safely through toddlerhood.

Evaluate push walkers for safety and design. Use this guide to adjust features as your toddler grows.



Key Walker Features

1/4 turn
Loosen adjustable wheel drag when independent

Every few weeks
Wipe rubber glide rims for traction

Directly above
Handle over rear axle prevents tipping

Partially empty
Leave open cargo tray for discoveries

1 drop
Soap cleans the solid beechwood frame

Weighting for beginners

Add 5 to 8 pounds of heavy books to the tray when they first learn to stand. This artificially lowers the center of gravity for maximum stability.

Milestone Gift Longevity Chart

Find your row: **Child's Age Range**

Child's Age Range	Your pick	Why
9 to 12 months	Stationary pull-up support	Builds essential core stability through exploration
12 to 18 months	Assisted walking aid	Develops functional balance and gait
18 to 24 months	Transporting household items	Refines task-oriented directional control
2 to 4 years	Stroller or delivery wagon	Encourages imaginative play and spatial awareness

Before You Buy

- [ ] Evaluate physical geometry to ensure it won't flip during clumsy pull-ups.
- [ ] Confirm the base dimensions are visibly wider than the handle width.
- [ ] Verify the center of gravity remains low when the tray is empty.
- [ ] Ensure beginner push toys feature fixed front wheels rather than swiveling casters.
- [ ] Check for a one-inch handle diameter to accommodate a developing grip.
- [ ] Look for water-based, non-toxic clear coats to seal the wood safely.

Playroom Planning Notes

Enjoy watching their confidence grow with every wobbly step across the playroom!