

SOMETHING RETRO

The game of diablo was all the rage in Paris in the early 1800s. But it's a classic – and still a fun and active challenge – in 2009. Introduce it to her world and let the spinning begin with the Janod Diablo Junior, \$19.95, (03) 9836 0302, peanutgallery.com.au.

GET DIZZY

As long as she isn't prone to motion sickness, she'll spend hours wrapped up in Illusion Science, \$18.95, Kidz Labs, (02) 9868 6521, youngmindstoy.com.au. This kit comes with 20 different types of optical illusions that will (quite literally) spin her out. The bonus: it also includes an explanation for each illusion so she'll learn while she spins.

TUNE IN AT THE BEACH

Water and sand resistant? Tick. AM/FM radio? Tick. iPod and MP3 compatible? Tick. The Beach Sounds radio, \$49.95, Sunny Life, (03) 9421 6325, is the ultimate beach accessory.

CHAT ME UP

With questions like, "What makes you laugh?", "Who is your fave actress?" and "The saddest movie you've seen?" the Girl Chat Conversation Cards, \$15, Corban & Blair from Papier d'Amour, (02) 9362 5200, papierdamour.com.au, equals a mum-and-daughter getting-to-know-you session or a cheap way to entertain a gang of girls at a sleepover.

GET CRAFTY

Get creative with these DIY kits. From fabric that sticks together (no sewing required), to a nifty bead dispenser and all kinds of jewellery makers, she can create everything from friendship bracelets to paper accessories. Consider Saturday-morning craft covered. Try Beads Super Station (1), \$49.99, and Magic Fabric Creation Studio (3), \$49.99, both Moose Toys, (03) 9579 7377. Beaded Spool Knitting (2), from \$16.99, Style Me Up, 1800 801 545.

