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HEADLESS DOLLS, BEAT-UP cars and incomplete board games are all that remain in the toy chest from 2005's holiday haul. To withstand the destructive love of a child, the best gizmos must be able to play rough. So we decided to pair up similar offerings from this year's crop of youngster delights to see which ones are the real winners. A note to the wee ones out there: No toys were hurt in the making of this story

» **BATTLE OF THE BUGS: N.S.E.C.T. ([Mattel](#), \$100, ages 8 and up), a remote-controlled "robotic attack creature," and artsy Doodle Doug ([Ohio Art](#), \$15, ages 3 and up), an update on the spirograph, share wide eyes and a myriad of limbs — and that's it. With N.S.E.C.T., kids can freak out li'l sibs by clomping its legs toward them, menacingly squeezing its pincers, raising its wings and shooting out suction cup-topped projectiles. If you don't feel like paying for their therapy bills, opt for Doug. He'll impress the rug rats by spinning around and creating geometric patterns without any lasting side effects.**

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