

Healing Play in the Sand at Every Age

Always good to remember that variety is more helpful than quantity, so a couple of figures from each category is a good beginning.

Dinosaurs

Wild and domestic animals (including at least one large, ferocious carnivore and some small, helpless-looking animals)

Birds (from vultures to sparrows)

Sea life (threatening and adorable)

Butterflies, frogs, lady bugs

People in various moods, stages of life, occupations (babies very important, also pregnant woman, couples and families with various genders, generations, and ethnicities)

Magical and fairytale figures (wizards, dragons, good fairies, wands, crystals)

Cultural archetypes (ethnic and religious figures, spiritual symbols)

Living and hiding spaces (houses, castles, hollow logs)

Furniture (cradle, chairs, bed seem to get the most use)

Fences, pathways, bridges, door, window

Caves, tunnels, ladders

Scary figures (human, animal, mythic)

Rodents/snakes/bugs and other crawlies

Trees and flowers (mostly artificial, although eucalyptus preserves very well – all seasons and different sizes)

Containers (boxes, bowls, baskets, coffins)

Transportation (planes, helicopters, rescue vehicles, cars, boats, trains, bikes, skateboards)

Shells (large and small, pretty and plain)

Objects like books, birthday cake, fire extinguisher, first aid kit – you'll recognize them when you see them

Natural things (large and small rocks, precious stones, pine cones, twigs, sticks)

Heavy metallic things (pipes, screws, washers)

Sandpaper and tin foil

A dead battery

Pieces of flannel for small blankets

Candles (LED or wax)

Possible websites

<http://www.toysofthetrade.com>

somewhat less expensive small items

<http://annastoydepot.com>

somewhat less expensive, some unusual items

<https://www.selfhelpwarehouse.com/>

good selection of sets of miniatures, reasonable prices

<http://sandtopia.com.au>

Australian site, so shipping is expensive, but the selection is large

<http://childtherapytoys.com>

Lots of variety, including inexpensive sandtrays

<http://bellpineartfarm.com>

Debbie Berrow's clay sculptures

<http://etsy.com>

unique figures with a variety of prices (a person can get lost here for days)

<http://www.littlecritterz.com/>

small glass figures including rescue animals who are bandaged

<http://little-shoppe.com/>

small glass figures, great variety, wonderful service

<http://www.fairygardenstore.com/>

in addition to fairies, they have houses, pathways, chairs, animals and so much more

<http://www.oakridgehobbies.com>

staggering variety of trees

Michael's for greenery

Aquarium store for hiding places and other stuff

Georgia Mann makes exquisite porcelain sculptures, but currently doesn't have a website – here

is her email information: gem.archetyplay.art@gmail.com. She will send you

photographs of her figures or create something for you

<http://www.lakeshorelearning.com>

good source for molding sand and flowy sand, also small blue plastic trays for groups

<http://www.sandtrays.com/>

Ron makes beautiful solid wood trays and carts

<http://www.selfesteemshop.com/>

source for wooden octagonal trays – medium size, they also have miniatures