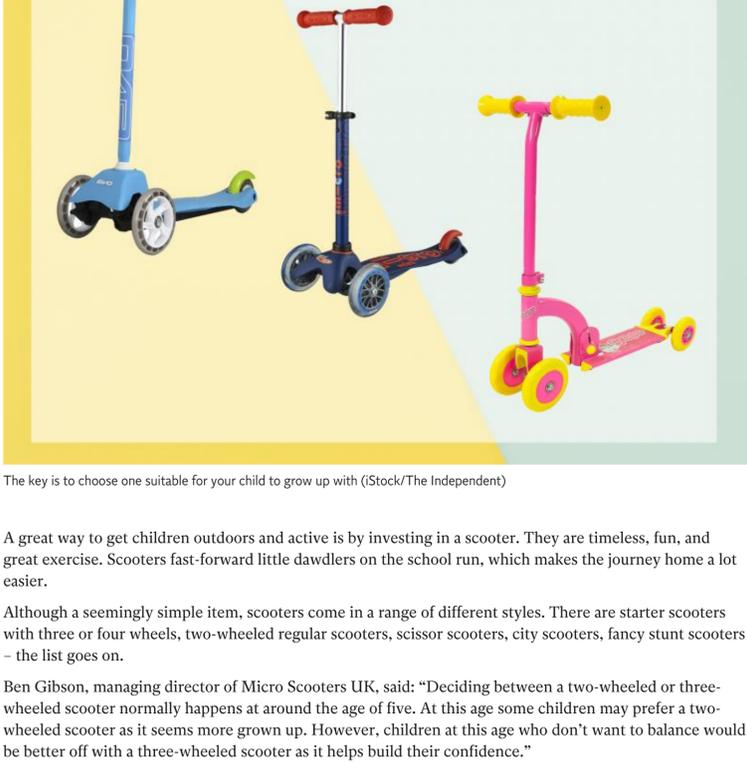




DEALS ON WHEELS

Our little testers have been busy reviewing a range of stylish kids' scooters. **Rosie Shephard** picks favourites for all ages



The key is to choose one suitable for your child to grow up with (iStock/The Independent)

A great way to get children outdoors and active is by investing in a scooter. They are timeless, fun, and great exercise. Scooters fast-forward little dawdlers on the school run, which makes the journey home a lot easier.

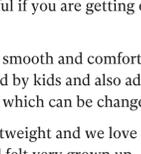
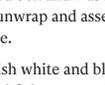
Although a seemingly simple item, scooters come in a range of different styles. There are starter scooters with three or four wheels, two-wheeled regular scooters, scissor scooters, city scooters, fancy stunt scooters – the list goes on.

Ben Gibson, managing director of Micro Scooters UK, said: "Deciding between a two-wheeled or three-wheeled scooter normally happens at around the age of five. At this age some children may prefer a two-wheeled scooter as it seems more grown up. However, children at this age who don't want to balance would be better off with a three-wheeled scooter as it helps build their confidence."

We reviewed a selection of scooters that are suitable for kids of various ages and abilities. We'd almost forgotten how much fun scooting was, and we hardly fell off at all.

Speaking of thrills and spills, Gibson adds: "Most people are unaware of the importance of measuring a child's head before ordering a helmet. Like shoes, a helmet that fits correctly will ensure your child will be properly protected, but importantly more inclined to wear the helmet when it is an accurate comfortable fit."

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Atom push kick scooter: £150.00, Atom

This is the serious scooter's scooter. Suitable for teenagers (and their caregivers), it features dual-comfort suspension, a lightweight foldable frame and is easy to carry in its matching travel bag. All models have the brand's non-slip, easy-clean rubber foot pad so, come rain or shine, they always look like new.

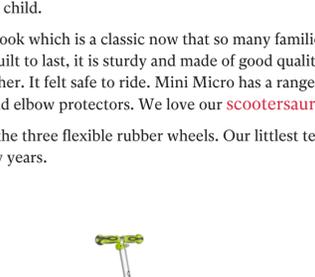
It came in a very neatly packaged box and was half assembled; we just needed to add the handles and the stand. It took us 10 minutes to unwrap and assemble, using the simple instructions – there is also a video guide online should you struggle.

The scooter came in a very stylish white and black with a super versatile design. It comes with a handy carry bag and also a shoulder strap which is very useful if you are getting on public transport. In one click it is folded.

The robust dual suspension made the ride very smooth and comfortable for longer distances. This is the best quality scooter we found which can be used by kids and also adults for their commute to work. It can hold up to 100kg and has three height settings, which can be changed with one easy click.

For a smaller scooter it feels very safe. It is lightweight and we love that it is rust-proof in case it is left outside in the rain. Our little tester loved it and felt very grown up.

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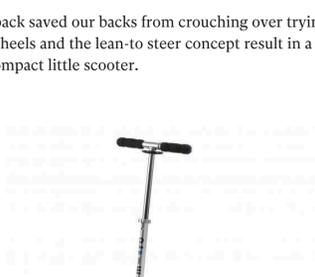
Mini Micro deluxe scooter: £75.95, Jojo Maman Bebe

Mini Micro products have earned a good reputation in scooting circles for being excellent quality and worth the higher price. The deluxe model is the next generation of the Mini Micro three-wheeled scooter, for children aged two to five. It doesn't fold, but the handlebar is removable for storage and transportation. And the handlebar adjusts to fit the child.

It has Mini Micro's signature look which is a classic now that so many families have trusted this reliable brand throughout the years. Built to last, it is sturdy and made of good quality materials, and can be handed down from one sibling to another. It felt safe to ride. Mini Micro has a range of fun safety accessories, including helmets and knee and elbow protectors. We love our [scootersaurus helmet](#).

It is fast, but steady thanks to the three flexible rubber wheels. Our littlest testers loved this scooter and can use it throughout their nursery years.

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Globber 4 in 1 scooter plus light: £90.00, Kidly

Just when we thought the four-in-one scooter had it all, they added lights. This is an ideal starter scooter for children aged one and up, as it easily converts from a rider to a balance bike to a scooter. The assisted steering can be locked while beginners master simple scooting. The parent handle is ideal for pushing little ones along and speeding up your family's progress from A to B. The height adjustable handle then becomes the scooter handle as this nifty bit of kit evolves.

It arrived partially assembled but was very easy to finish with the instructions. We loved the curvy design, and it is very good quality, which is particularly important because it follows the growth of your child, so it should last quite a few years.

The guiding handlebar at the back saved our backs from crouching over trying to steer our little ones' scooters from the front. The wheels and the lean-to steer concept result in a very smooth ride. Our little testers absolutely loved this compact little scooter.

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Micro Scooter micro sprite: £94.99, Very

This scooter is for children aged five to 12. It is lightweight, sleek and folds up to store or transport easily. We love the little kickstand to keep it upright between scoots and not scuffing against walls or laying on the floor waiting to trip us up. Even though it is super light, it feels robust. The brand also replaces parts, so this is a long-lasting buy. It came in a sleek box already assembled.

The plain silver can be enjoyed by children as they get older and want something more serious, but it does sparkle so it is also fun for younger ones. It rides well and feels safe like all other scooters from Micro. It has small rubber wheels which gives extra support, but you will feel the bumps. Our little testers loved it and we think it's the perfect birthday or Christmas present that they will use and enjoy for a long time.

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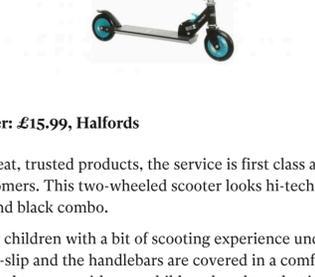


Evo 3-wheeled mini cruiser scooter: £24.99, The Toy Shop

This scooter is designed for children aged three to eight and the handlebar adjusts as they grow. It is bright and chunky, and the three wheels make it a sturdy starter scooter, while the back brake adds safety. It arrived in two pieces and was very easy to assemble. We love the blue and green colours of this strong, quality-build three-wheeler.

Our little testers zoomed around the park on this safely. It is fast and has a lean to steer mechanism, which helps children to learn how to balance on it. It is probably best for those of a younger age as a first scooter for the less confident rider. However, the adjustable handle follows the growth of your child.

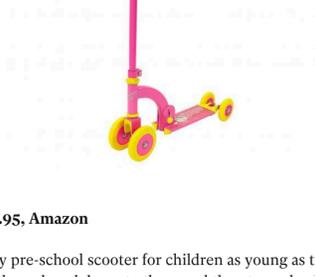
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iSporter mini LED: £29.99, Smyth Toys

This is a funky, sturdy scooter for three-year-olds and up. The footplate is nice and wide, while the three wheels make it stable, but it still speedy and fun. The multi-coloured LED lights on the wheels are a nice touch that our little tester adored. It will grow with your child and feels like it will last the test of time. Arriving in two pieces, all you need to do is attach the handlebar to the base, and it works well on pavement and grass. Our little testers couldn't stop showing this one off.

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Halfords wired hazard scooter: £15.99, Halfords

Not only do Halfords make great, trusted products, the service is first class and we love that it builds all its scooters and bikes for its customers. This two-wheeled scooter looks hi-tech with its circuit board design. We loved the cool turquoise and black combo.

It is two-wheeled and good for children with a bit of scooting experience under their belts who are ready to go faster. The foot plate is non-slip and the handlebars are covered in a comfortable squishy foam. The handlebar height can be adjusted to grow with your child, and we love that it folds easily so that it can come along on family outings.

It is made of strong yet lightweight materials and is great quality. It felt totally safe, the wheels are big for extra support and give a smooth ride.

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Ozbozz my first scooter: £17.95, Amazon

This is a super cute and chunky pre-school scooter for children as young as two-years-old. The four wheels promise extra balance and can be reduced down to three and then two wheels as your child's confidence and ability grows. It folds down and comes with a tool kit for assembly.

It is sturdy, but as the name suggests this is a first scooter, so it isn't designed to grow with your child. But it is the perfect option for learning how to balance on it, so child will need to use their foot to slow down.

This rides perfectly in parks and pavements, but does struggle a bit on the grass or more uneven terrain. Our littlest tester loved it and had confidence riding it, which she didn't have on a two-wheeled scooter just yet.

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Halfords Peppa Pig my first tri scooter: £13.99, Halfords

Perfect for little Peppa Pig fans aged three to five, this scooter has no bells or whistles, but a whole lot of the nation's favourite pig. Three wheels give it stability, and thanks to it being from Halfords, this came pre-assembled. A great first scooter for the smaller ones, but it's worth noting that the plastic wheels might not last very long on rougher terrain. It does have a sturdy frame though. Our little tester was smitten.

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The verdict

We learnt that when choosing a scooter it is best to choose one that is suitable for your child's age range and beyond for longevity. Obviously safety and durability is important too, so investing in a quality model will pay off in the long run. We loved the Atom push kick scooter as it will last as long as there is a will to scoot. A good scooter is the perfect birthday or Christmas treat and will get daily use and lots of smiles.