What's the best family subscription box for you?

Life is busy. Between work, school, activities, and chores, it can be difficult to find quality time with your kids. Enter: family subscription boxes. These boxes contain everything you need for a fun experience with your kids where you'll bond, learn, and grow together.

A simple google search shows you have plenty of options for family subscription boxes. There are science kits, kids' cooking boxes, and STEM and STEAM activities for your entire family to enjoy.

So which one should you choose? We're going through the most popular family subscription boxes below so you can make an educated choice for your family.

What to look for in a family subscription box

If you're searching for a cooking or STEAM kit for your kids, you're likely looking for:

- An activity that gets your kids off the screens
- A fun experience for the whole family
- Tangible results at the end
- Straight-forward instructions
- Most, or all of the supplies within the box

Let's see how the subscription boxes stack up!

The family subscription boxes

America's Test Kitchen

Age: 5+
Focus: Cooking
Price: $19.95 **- $**24.95

All the details:
The well-known brand, America's Test Kitchen, has a themed box delivered every month with kid-tested recipes, hands-on activities and experiments, and other creative items. The subscription gives you access to the site and private Facebook group. Themes include learning about specific ingredients, cooking techniques, food science, and different types of cuisine.

The takeaway:
If you're looking for a cooking-focused box from one of the most well-known food brands in the country, this could be a good choice for your family. This box gets your kids off the screen, is

easy to do as a family, and has a tangible (delicious) result at the end. The downsides are that not all the ingredients are included in the box, and there are no digital instructions or apps.

Raddish Kids

Age: 4 - 14+
Focus: Cooking
Price: $20 - $24

All the details:
Raddish Kids is a longstanding kids cooking subscription box. Each box contains 3 recipe guides, conversation starter cards, a colorful apron patch, kitchen tools, culinary lessons, and guides to develop safe kitchen techniques. Your membership includes the monthly cooking kit, digital bonus recipes, and an exclusive online community. The box theme will change to a different seasonal, global, and holiday subject each month. Raddish includes print instructions only for recipes and activities. All ingredients must be purchased separately.

The takeaway:
If you're looking for a basic cooking box, this is the one. This box is fun for the whole family and will get your kids involved in the kitchen. It doesn't include online tutorials or any of the ingredients.

Kiwi Co

Age: 0-16+
Focus: Tinker, Arts, Culture
Price: $16.95 - $19.95

All the details:
Kiwi Co subscription box is a STEAM-focused activity box for children of all ages. Choose between science and engineering, geography and culture, arts and craft, and design boxes. Each box comes with the project materials, brochures, and a kid-friendly magazine. Instructions and activities are all in print (no digital copies). Depending on the box, none, most, or all of the supplies are included.

The takeaway:
This is a great subscription box for families who want diverse options. It might be difficult to figure out some of the projects as a family, and there is no online support.

Chop Chop Cooking Club

Age: 5-12
Focus: Cooking
Price: Join for free. Pay for badges

All the details:
The ChopChop cooking club is founded by a non-profit. You're joining a community committed to making dinner together. Every challenge includes recipes, shopping lists, fun activities, and conversation starters. The only thing you pay for is the badges for completing challenges.

The takeaway:
Chop Chop is a great option for families looking for a basic subscription box without all the bells and whistles of a paid box. While it doesn't include any supplies, it will get the whole family involved.

MEL Science

Age: 5-16+
Focus: Chemistry and VR
Price: $314/ year

All the details:
MEL Science is a STEM-focused box. Choose from general STEM, Physics, or Chemistry boxes. Each box comes with activity guides and VR, AR, and a virtual assistant to help your kids understand what's going on. You can choose how many kits you get per month. Subscriptions include 70+ VR lessons, the MEL Science app, and many DIY experiments. Each set includes all the tools and building pieces you need to build the project.

The takeaway:
This subscription box is great for families who want hands-on activities and aren't afraid of education-based screen time and virtual reality. Your kids might spend more time on their screens, but they're learning. It's difficult to complete this project as a family and if you're not very techy yourself, it could be difficult to help your child.

Creation Crate

Age: 10+
Focus: Electronics
Price: $29.99

All the details:
Creation Crate is a STEM and Electronics focused box delivered to your door. Choose a specific subject that interests your kids (or you!), and you'll get a kit with all the pieces you need to create the projects. As you complete projects, more challenging projects become available, helping kids build more confidence and new skills. Subscription boxes include online instructions, video tutorials, and one-on-one troubleshooting. You'll also receive a UNO R3 and a breadboard to complete the projects when you subscribe.

The takeaway:

This box is ideal for the older family who's tech and electronics oriented. The one-on-one troubleshooting will help you through any hiccups you come across. This project might be more difficult to complete as a family.

Club Artistas

Age: 3+
Focus: Cooking and STEAM
Price: $99/ 3 months

All the details:
Club Artistas is a culinary-focused family subscription box that includes a recipe with all non-perishable and hard-to-find ingredients, an additional recipe, and video and print instructions and tips for the main topic. The grocery list makes it easy to find the perishable items you need to complete.

You'll also find a STEAM activity designed to help your child understand the science behind what's going on. All cut-outs and assorted supplies for the STEAM activity are included in the box. Plus, you'll get box transformation projects (teach your kids about not wasting anything!), singalong videos, and sheet music. Almost every aspect of the packaging is compostable, as well.

Your kids will learn cooking in a fun and supported way. You're also teaching them about the sciences, arts, and being a good steward of the planet. Club Artistas is a great choice for any family looking for an all-inclusive subscription box.

The takeaway:
Club Artistas includes high-end, thoughtful ingredients and imaginative craft projects specific for family bonding. It helps kids develop a connection with food and feel safe, excited, and ready to navigate a kitchen adventure. The kits are designed to be assembled together while encouraging kids to feel good about their bodies and food. Plus, STEAM concepts are seamlessly integrated without being too "techy." All the supplies except for perishable items are included in the box, making your life easier.

Learn more about Club Artistas.