

Child safety gates: CR Quick Recommendations

Overall, hardware-mounted gates scored higher than pressure-mounted gates because they are more secure. They're the only type we recommend for stairs. But pressure-mounted gates are fine as room partitions. For both types, higher-rated models were more secure at their maximum width, had designs that didn't pinch fingers or allow children to scale the gate, and were easy to set up.

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Hardware-mounted:

- 1 **The First Years** \$70
- 2 **Evenflo** \$35, CR Best Buy

The main reason to consider spending more for The First Years (1) is that its design is somewhat better at preventing your child's finger from catching in the gate. It also fits the widest opening of any gate in our tests.

Pressure-mounted:

- 6 **KidCo** \$70
- 7 **Evenflo** \$30

The KidCo (6) has a pressure indicator that makes proper setup easier. Also, its design is somewhat better at preventing fingers from catching in the gate.