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A kid-friendly keyboard

If you are old enough to love SpongeBob SquarePants, you are old enough to type. That seems to be the theory behind the new KidzMouse keyboard for children 2 to 10 years old. The SpongeBob SquarePants keyboard was designed for the small hands of children, with fewer keys and a rugged housing.

The bright-colored keys (pink for vowels and numbers; yellow for consonants and punctuation) have rounded tops. The bottom catches spills, and the keyboard is decorated with characters from the cartoon.

While a typical computer keyboard has 104 keys, the SpongeBob keyboard has 67. The familiar top

row of function keys are missing, as is the number pad. Adults with large hands might find the keyboard difficult to use, but SpongeBob fans may not see that as an imposition.

The keyboard is available for \$29.95 online at kidzmouse.com and retail stores.

www.kidzmouse.com

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