

100 IDEAS TO DO WITH KIDS

ART & CREATIVITY IDEAS

1. **FOLLOW FREE DRAWING TUTORIALS** AT [ART FOR KIDS HUB](#)
2. **PAINT WITH WATERCOLORS**
3. **EXPERIMENT WITH SALT PAINTING**
4. **MAKE CRUMPLED PAPER ART**
5. **PAINT KINDNESS ROCKS**
6. **CREATE STAMP ART** WITH FRUIT & VEGGIE SCRAPS, EMPTY TOILET PAPER ROLLS & OTHER SPARE OR RECYCLED ITEMS.
7. **MAKE COLLAGES** WITH MAGAZINES, SCRAPS OF PAPER, FABRIC, BUTTONS & MORE.
8. **CREATE ROCK ANIMALS**
9. **STRING BEADS** ON YARN, THREAD, RIBBON OR [PIPE CLEANERS](#)
10. **COLOR WITH SIDEWALK CHALK**
11. **MAKE RAIN DROP SUNCATCHERS** (OR USE THIS TECHNIQUE TO MAKE OTHER SHAPES/STYLES!)
12. **DYE COFFEE FILTERS** ([THIS IS A CUTE WAY TO DO IT!](#))
13. **MAKE LACING CARDS** (OR PRINT [THESE CUTE ONES](#))
14. **MAKE PAPER PLATE RAINBOWS**
15. **CUT OUT SHAPES & CREATE MONSTERS OR BUGS**
16. **LEARN BASIC STITCHING** WITH [STITCH CARDS](#) OR [PRINTABLE CACTUS STITCH CARDS](#)
17. **TRY SCRAPE PAINTING**
18. **MAKE SOCK PUPPETS OR PAPER BAG PUPPETS**
19. **PLAY WITH PAPER MERMAIDS** & BUILD THEM AN OCEAN!
20. **PRACTICE SCISSOR CUTTING SKILLS** BY [CREATING CHALLENGE CARDS](#)
21. **PRINT OUT COLORING SHEETS:**
 - [Monster Coloring Page \(FREE\)](#)
 - [Robots Coloring Page \(FREE\)](#)
 - [Raising Wonder Coloring Pages](#)
 - [Rad & Happy Coloring Pages](#)
22. **WRITE A BOOK OR MAKE UP A STORY.** (If you can't think of an original one, just make your own copy of a favorite story (like Goldilocks) or put a funny spin on a classic tale (Three Wolves & the Big Bad Pig.)
23. **GATHER LEAVES AND DO LEAF RUBBINGS.**
24. **CREATE A BOARD GAME & MAKE UP YOUR OWN RULES.**
25. **MAKE YOUR OWN PAPER DOLLS.**
26. **PAINT WITH WATER** ON THE SIDEWALK, YOUR BACK PORCH, OR COLORED CONSTRUCTION PAPER.
27. **MAKE SILHOUETTE ART.** DO YOUR KIDS' SILHOUETTES OR TRACE FAVORITE OBJECTS AROUND THE HOUSE.
28. **TRY MORE ORIGAMI PROJECTS** LIKE HATS, ANIMALS, BOATS & MORE.
29. **CRAFT YOUR OWN POPSICLE STICK PUZZLE** (OR PAPER PUZZLE!)

STEM & BUILDING IDEAS

30. **BUILD WITH MARSHMALLOWS & TOOTHPICKS** - [HERE](#) ARE LOTS OF IDEAS TO GET YOU STARTED.
31. **BUILD WITH CUPS & PAPER**
32. **LEARN THE CUP GAME**
33. **MAKE SLIME** WITH ONE OF THESE [10 COLORFUL RECIPES](#)
34. **BUILD CARD HOUSES.** ALL YOU NEED IS A DECK OF CARDS!
35. **MAKE TOY CAR JUMPS** WITH THINGS AROUND THE HOUSE
36. **USE RECYCLED ITEMS TO BUILD BOATS.** TEST WHAT MAKES THEM FLOAT BETTER!
37. **BUILD A CEREAL BOX VILLAGE OR CARDBOARD FARM** OUT OF EMPTY CEREAL BOXES OR SHIPPING BOXES
38. **BUILD & DECORATE "CARS" MADE FROM EMPTY BOXES** FOR A "DRIVE IN" MOVIE. KEEP IT AS SIMPLE OR MAKE IT AS INTRICATE AS YOU WANT!
39. **FOLD PAPER JUMPING FROGS AND HAVE A JUMPING CONTEST**
40. **BUILD A FORT OR TENT.**
41. **PLAY "TENS GO FISH"** (A MATH SPIN ON GO FISH)

42. **MAKE ORIGAMI CORNER PAPER BOOKMARKS**
43. **WORK WITH CLAY, MODEL MAGIC OR TRY HOMEMADE PLAYDOUGH**
44. **BUILD A BALL OBSTACLE COURSE.** (ADD A MATH COMPONENT IF YOU WANT!)
45. **PUT TOGETHER A SENSORY BIN** WITH RAINBOW RICE, DRIED BEANS, LENTILS, CORN KERNELS OR ANYTHING ELSE YOU HAVE ON HAND!
46. **DESIGN A MARBLE MAZE**
47. **MAKE PAPER AIRPLANES** (OR USE [THIS TEMPLATE](#) FOR A FUN STYLE!)
48. **USE PAINTER TAPE** TO MAKE A ROAD FOR CARS, "LASER MAZE," HOPSCOTCH, PLAY HOUSE, ETC.
49. **PLAY A BRAIN-BOOSTING PAPER GAME!** [THESE](#) ARE ALL FUN!
50. **USE HOUSEHOLD OR RECYCLED ITEMS TO MAKE INSTRUMENTS** & PLAY ALONG TO YOUR FAVORITE SONGS!
51. **TACKLE ONE OF THESE 30 LEGO CHALLENGES.** LET YOUR CREATIVITY GO WILD! (THERE'S A FREE PRINTABLE TO GO WITH IT!)

ACTIVE GAMES & ACTIVITIES

52. **COSMIC KIDS YOGA** - FREE!
53. **DANCE PARTY.** PUT ON YOUR FAVORITE MUSIC AND DANCE!
54. **PLAY "SIMON SAYS."**
55. **TRY "MOTHER, MAY I?"**
56. **PLAY "WHAT TIME IS IT MR. FOX?"**
57. **PLAY MUSICAL CHAIRS.**
58. **ANIMAL WALK.** HAVE ONE PERSON CALL OUT ANIMALS ONE AT A TIME AND HAVE THE OTHER PLAYERS WALK ACROSS THE ROOM LIKE THAT ANIMAL (i.e. Elephant, frog, bear, crab, snake, etc.)
59. **TAKE COUCH CUSHIONS OFF THE COUCH TO JUMP ON THEM**
60. **PLAY "THE FLOOR IS LAVA"** WITH PILLOWS, CUSHIONS, ETC.
61. **RIDE BIKES OR TAKE A WALK** (IF PERMITTED IN YOUR AREA)
62. **GO ON A ROCK HUNT** (IF PERMITTED IN YOUR AREA, OR JUST IN YOUR BACKYARD)
63. **FREEZE DANCE.** TURN ON MUSIC & DANCE TILL THE MUSIC IS PAUSED. EVERYONE HAS TO FREEZE. WHOEVER KEEPS MOVING IS OUT. THE LAST PLAYER STANDING WINS!
64. **BLOW BUBBLES OR MAKE YOUR OWN BUBBLES.**
65. **HAVE A BIKE OR TOY WASH** IN YOUR BACKYARD, ON YOUR BALCONY, OR EVEN IN A BATHTUB (FOR TOYS).
66. **PLAY FOLLOW THE LEADER.** (ONE PERSON IS THE LEADER AND EVERYONE MUST COPY THEM. TAKE TURNS BEING THE LEADER!)
67. **BLOW UP A BALLOON** & TRY TO KEEP IT AIRBORNE, PLAY INSIDE TENNIS WITH PAPER PLATES, ETC.
68. **JUMP ROPE.** WE HAVE [THESE](#) AND LOVE THEM.
69. **PLAY WITH WATER BALLOONS** - WATER BALLOON FIGHT, WATER BALLOON TOSS (WITH TOWELS TO CATCH), THROWING CONTEST, ETC.
70. **TRY A NEW MINUTE TO WIN IT GAME.** [THIS LIST](#) HAS TONS OF IDEAS!
71. **DO ONE OF THESE FUN GO NOODLE DANCE & MOVEMENT VIDEOS.** WE LOVE THE [TROLLS ONE](#), [FROZEN 2](#), AND THESE [GUIDED DANCES](#).
72. **MAKE YOUR OWN BALL TOSS WITH PAPER/PLASTIC CUPS & A SOFT BALL OR STUFFED ANIMAL.** TRY TO KNOCK DOWN THE CUPS IN ONE THROW!
73. **HIDE & SEEK OR SARDINES.**
74. **PLAY "RED LIGHT GREEN LIGHT"**
75. **HOPSCOTCH.** USE SIDEWALK CHALK, PAINTER'S TAPE OR EVEN STICKS & ROCKS TO OUTLINE THE HOPSCOTCH. THEN PLAY!
76. **PLAY "PIG" OR "HORSE"** WITH A BALL OR STUFFED ANIMAL + A BASKET INSIDE.

MORE IDEAS & GAMES

77. **COOK OR BAKE SOMETHING.** HERE ARE [20+ EASY RECIPES TO COOK WITH KIDS](#).
78. **PLAY "BUTTON, BUTTON, WHO'S GOT THE BUTTON?"**

79. **PLAY HOT & COLD.** (ONE PERSON--THE FINDER--LEAVES THE ROOM AND ONE PERSON--THE HIDER--HIDES AN OBJECT. WHEN THE FINDER COMES BACK INTO THE ROOM, YOU SAY "WARMER" "COLDER" "HOT "COLD" DEPENDING ON HOW CLOSE THEY ARE TO FINDING IT. (HOT = FOUND)
80. **TAKE A LONG BUBBLE BATH** WITH YOUR SWIM GOGGLES ON, WITH A SET OF MEASURING CUPS & BOWLS, WITH TOYS, WHATEVER!
81. **REORGANIZE YOUR BEDROOM OR PLAYROOM.** NOW IS A GREAT TIME TO GO THROUGH CLOTHES, CLOSETS, TOYS, BOOKS, ETC. YOU CAN REDISCOVER FORGOTTEN FAVORITES, OR PACK UP WHAT YOU DON'T NEED TO DONATE.
82. **HAVE A TEA PARTY OR PICNIC** (INDOORS OR OUTDOORS). JUST CHANGING THE SCENERY CAN MAKE THINGS SO MUCH MORE FUN!
83. **MAKE A FORTUNE TELLER.** YOU CAN ADD FORTUNES, ANIMALS THE PERSON HAS TO ACT OUT, GAMES TO PLAY, ETC.
84. **PLAY CHARADES.** [HERE'S A BIG LIST](#) OF CHARADES IDEAS FOR KIDS, OR YOU CAN COME UP WITH YOUR OWN!
85. **LISTEN TO A PODCAST.**
86. **MAKE A BUTTERFLY FEEDER OR A BIRD FEEDER.**
87. **READ A BOOK.** YOU CAN CHECK OUT [SOME OF OUR FAVORITE BOOKS HERE.](#)
88. **MAKE SHADOW PUPPETS WITH A FLASHLIGHT OR LAMP IN A DARK ROOM.**
89. **DO A MAD LIB.** PINTEREST HAS [TONS OF IDEAS](#), OR YOU CAN CREATE YOUR OWN!
90. **MAKE & SEND LETTERS OR CARDS** TO FRIENDS & FAMILY.
91. **TAKE SLOW MOTION VIDEOS** ON YOUR PHONE OF FUNNY FACES, FANCY TRICKS, KNOCKING DOWN TOWERS, ETC.
92. **FACETIME OR VIDEO CHAT** WITH FRIENDS OR FAMILY.
93. **HAVE A SPA DAY.** PAINT NAILS, DO MANICURES OR PEDICURES, RUB LOTION IN, TRY A [DIY FACE MASK OR SCRUB](#), DO A FACE MASK, PUT CUCUMBERS ON YOUR EYES & LISTEN TO SPA MUSIC, ETC.

EVEN MORE IDEAS TO CHECK OUT

94. **30 (5-MINUTE) GAMES THAT TAKE ALMOST NO SET-UP** FROM HOMEGROWN TRADITIONS.
95. **SIGN UP FOR FREE DAILY CRAFTS & LEARNING IDEAS AT [RAISING WONDER](#).** We've loved these so far!
96. **BRAVE SCHOOL** - Bravery Magazine is offering [FREE 4-week curriculum](#) via email featuring brave women plus LOTS of ideas + activities to go with it.
97. **LEARN STOP MOTION FOR FREE** - [Stop Motion School](#) is running a promotion for free stop motion classes for kids! [Check out her instagram](#) for the details & coupon code.
98. **HELLO, WONDERFUL 50 EASY INDOOR ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS**
99. **87 ENERGY-BUSTING INDOOR GAMES FROM WHAT MOMS LOVE**
100. **LUNCH DOODLES WITH MO WILLEMS.** This free series from The Kennedy Center features one of our favorite authors/illustrators teaching you simple doodle skills!