

## At-Home Summer Fun for Creative Kids & Families



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**5** Observe the full moon tonight through binoculars or a telescope. Sketch a drawing of the moon and give creative names to different areas. Compare your ideas to the real names astronomers have chosen.

**6** Teach yourself hand lettering. [50 Hand Lettering Ideas! 50 Ways to Change Up Your Writing Style!](#)

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**7** Build a Rube Goldberg contraption from simple machines you have around the house. Use [This Too Shall Pass](#) for inspiration.

**8** Do an "I See Change" investigation to help with climate change. [www.iseechange.org/](http://www.iseechange.org/)

**9** Make a birdfeeder out of peanut butter and seeds. Identify and tally what kind and how many birds visit it in an afternoon.

**10** Learn to draw your favorite book characters using [How to Draw Characters in Books](#). Then create a story where two unlikely characters become friends or enemies.

**11** Play balloon volleyball or tennis. Then create your own rules for a new balloon game.



**12** Make a pop-up card to send to someone. [How to Make Pop Up Cards](#)

**13** Choose and contribute to a citizen science project. Go to SciStarter's [Project Finder](#)

**14** Recreate a work of art with household objects. [Getty Artworks Recreated with Household Items by Creative Geniuses the World Over](#)

**15** Send someone a message with invisible ink in 5 different ways. [How to Make an Invisible Ink Message](#)

**16** Make rock candy in a glass. [How to Make Rock Candy with Kids](#)



**17** Collect all the spare change you can find in the house and total up its value. Take it to the bank to exchange for cash or put in a savings account.

**18** Treat your family to a spa day.

**Elementary:** Read *Fancy Nancy: Ooh La La! It's Beauty Day* first. [3 DIY Edible Face Masks Perfect For a Kids Spa Sleepover](#)

**Secondary:** [7 Easy DIY Face Masks for Bright, Glowing Skin](#)

**19** Plan a picnic where you only eat foods that are round (grapes, crackers, etc.). Eat your outdoor meal surrounded by circular art made from sidewalk chalk and string. Don't forget the hula hoop contest!

**20** Make sidewalk chalk paint and decorate a sidewalk. [DIY Sidewalk Chalk Paint for End of Summer](#)



**21** Organize all the books on a shelf in your room. Sort them by subject, author's last name, or make up your own system. Select at least 3 books to pass on to a friend or family member.

**22** Learn to churn your own butter. [How to Make Homemade Butter](#)

**23** Exercise your hand-eye coordination by trying a blind contour drawing. [Blind Contour Drawing Tutorial](#)

**24** Set up a camping tent to sleep in tonight (outdoors or indoors). Don't forget a flashlight, blankets, and your favorite books.



**25** Celebrate your favorite December holiday in July! Cook your favorite holiday meal, give gifts to each person in your family, and make a traditional holiday craft together.

**26** Organize a Water Olympics. [25 Water Games For Kids](#)



**27** Glue an old map onto a piece of poster board. Use markers to highlight the route of an interesting trip. Then cut the map into pieces to make a personalized geography puzzle.

**28** Collect interesting flowers, twigs, grass, and leaves to make a [Nature Weaving](#).

[Nature Weaving For Young Children](#)



**29** Hold a paper airplane contest. Try out different airplane designs to see which flies the furthest. [How to Make a Paper Airplane](#)

**30** Measure and calculate the area of your backyard or a large room in your house. Draw a diagram to show how many people could be together there if everyone had to stand 6 feet apart.

**31** Use a pizza box to build a solar-powered oven and cook something in it. [How to Make a DIY Solar Oven](#)