

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



**1** Build the ultimate indoor fort and add creative furnishings. Read, eat, or play a game inside it.



**2** Research the best seeds to sprout in your climate. Plant them indoors, then transfer outside later in the summer.

**3** Create a coded message and give it to someone else. Include 3 different clues they can open if they cannot figure out the code.



**5** Record yourself playing or singing a special song for someone you haven't seen for a long time. Send it to them.

**6** Sketch a drawing of your favorite park or trail from memory. Write a story to go with your drawing. If it is safe, visit the park to act out your story.

**7** Try a Lego Design Challenge. [LEGO Club Activity Ideas](#)



**8** Play your favorite board game but change one big rule. See if you can make the game even more fun or silly.

**9 Elementary:** Color a new picture on the back of an old completed jigsaw puzzle, then solve it. **Secondary:** Combine two puzzles from the same manufacturer like the artist Tim Klein.

**10** Go through old family photos and divide them into creative categories. Add captions to your favorite photos.

**11 Elementary:** Play "Follow the Leader" on a family walk. Try new paths or creative ways to walk.

**Secondary:** Sketch a map from memory to a favorite destination without checking your device. Walk or drive with your map to see if it is accurate.

**12** Find out what your address looked like 200 million years ago using [Ancient Earth](#).

Draw a picture of the most interesting creatures that lived in your part of the world.

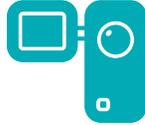
**13** Make tonight's dinner fancy. Use your best dishes, dress up, add place cards, and serve food in courses.



**14 Elementary:** Learn to fold a hat or cup from paper then test it out.

**Secondary:** Create something beautiful or useful by following an origami tutorial. [The Best Origami Projects](#)

**15** Make a how-to video for your favorite hobby. Send it to a family member or friend.



**16** Create a family trivia card game and play it at dinner. Use questions like, "How many railings are on the banister?", "Which room has the most pencils?" or "Who has a pink toothbrush?"

**17** Design a marble maze using scrap cardboard. [Design a Marble Maze Using Scrap Cardboard](#)

**18** Interview family members who are over age 60. Ask them to tell you a special memory from when they were your age. Make a book with the stories you collect.

**19** Find out the exact time of sunset and which stars will appear brightest in a part of the sky you can see clearly. Find a comfortable place to count the stars as they appear tonight.

**20** Pack a meal and eat it outside as a picnic. Then play your favorite outdoor games together. [Our Favorite Picnic Games](#)

**21** Create a coupon book as a gift for Father's Day. Include things that YOU can do: Clean up the yard, empty the dishwasher, give a hug, read a story or chapter to your Dad.

**22** Go on a virtual tour of an art museum [Collections](#)

**Elementary:** Make a list of 10 interesting things you notice.

**Secondary:** Turn the list into a scavenger hunt for someone else in your family.

**23** Give your pet a "perfect day" with extra playtime, treats, or long walks. Write about or draw your pet's favorite activity.



**24** Make homemade modeling dough and create a set of cards to play "Sculpturades".

**25** Build a geodesic dome with newspapers and tape. [Geodesic Newspaper Dome](#)

**Elementary:** Cover with a bedsheet and read or play inside.

**Secondary:** Test its strength with hanging weights, then improve your design.

**26** Bake something exciting that you have never made before. Taste and review it as if you are judging a cooking show.



**27** Create an escape room game for your family. [62 Handpicked DIY Escape Room Puzzle Ideas That Create Joy & Mystery](#)

**28 Elementary:** Perform a scene from your favorite movie with costumes.

**Secondary:** Find a screenplay of your favorite movie and host a Zoom table read with your friends.

**29** Try out these roller coaster rides: [8 Virtual Roller Coaster Rides You Can Experience From Home](#). Then build your own design with scrap cardboard tubes and toy cars.

**Secondary:** Turn the list into a scavenger hunt for someone else in your family.

**30** Choose 3 people that you miss and write them letters or draw pictures of the things you like to do together. Send them in the mail.

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