

May Holiday Activities

We have collected some ideas to keep your child busy during the holidays. You do not have to complete all or any of these activities if you do not want to but it may help to keep your child busy and entertained. There are lots here but we know it can be tricky to entertain children at home for longer periods of time. We hope you have fun if you use any of the ideas. If you want to send photos to us on Seesaw or Evidence Me, please do.

If you do need to contact us urgently, please email this address:

support@elmwood-inf.croydon.sch.uk

A member of SLT will then be in touch as soon as possible.

Have a lovely break,

Best wishes,

All at Elmwood Infants

Do daily exercise/PE lessons with Joe Wicks

<https://www.youtube.com/user/thebodycoach1>



Make a table hammock using a sheet.
You could read a book in it.



- Keyword challenge
Write some words from your child's key words on individual post it notes, stick them up on the wall. Call out a word and your child needs to find it and pick it off the wall. If you have a nerf gun they could shoot the correct word. Once they have it, encourage them to make a sentence with that word. Repeat ones they find tricky.

Use a pear, cocktail sticks and grapes to make a hedgehog or porcupine.
Can you challenge yourself to make another animal?



Complete the 30 day Lego challenge online.

Build things like:

- A bed for Leo
- Build a rocket for NASA

Play the fun monster drawing game
(instructions attached)



Use recycling materials to do some junk modelling. Make castles, dinosaurs, etc



Use chalks to draw a rainbow on the pavement outside your house for the NHS (Make sure an adult is with you)

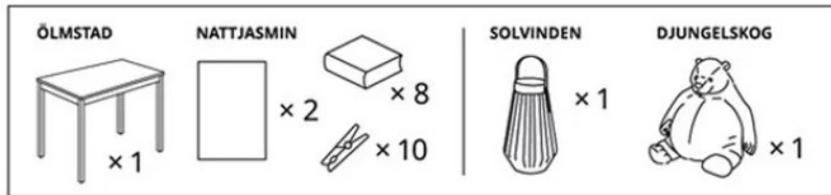


Collect some natural objects when you go on your daily walk. Make a mandala out of them. Research what a mandala is.

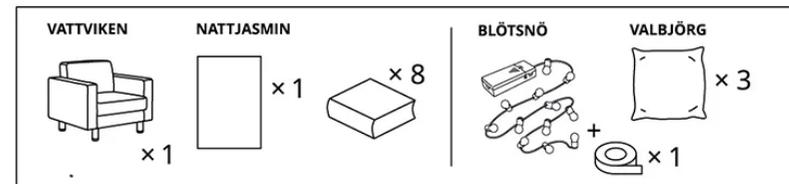
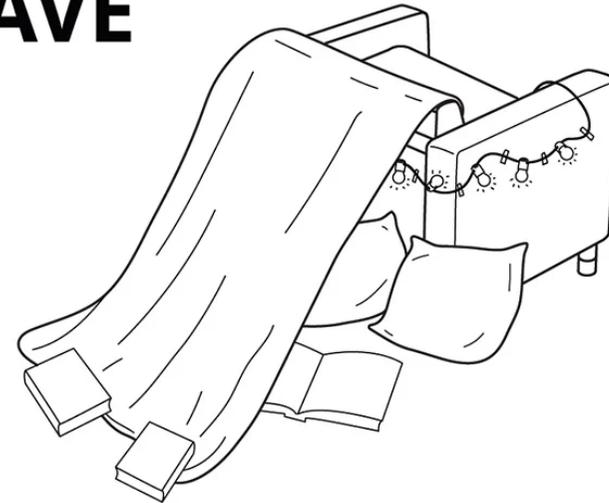


Have a look at these dens and see if you can make one that's similar using objects at home...

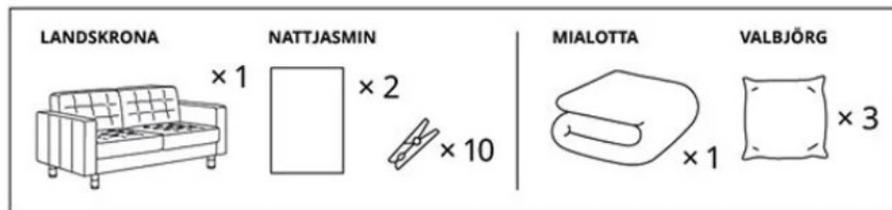
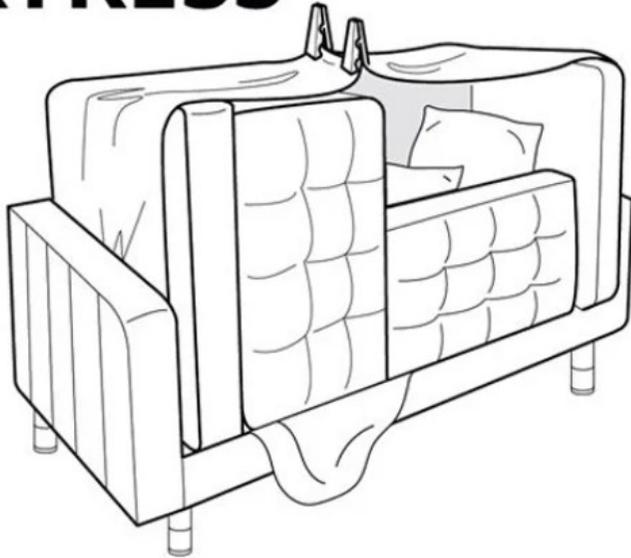
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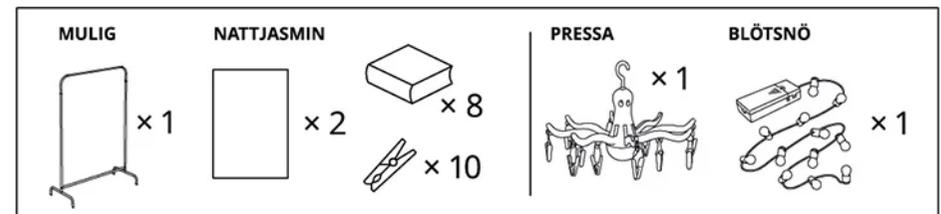
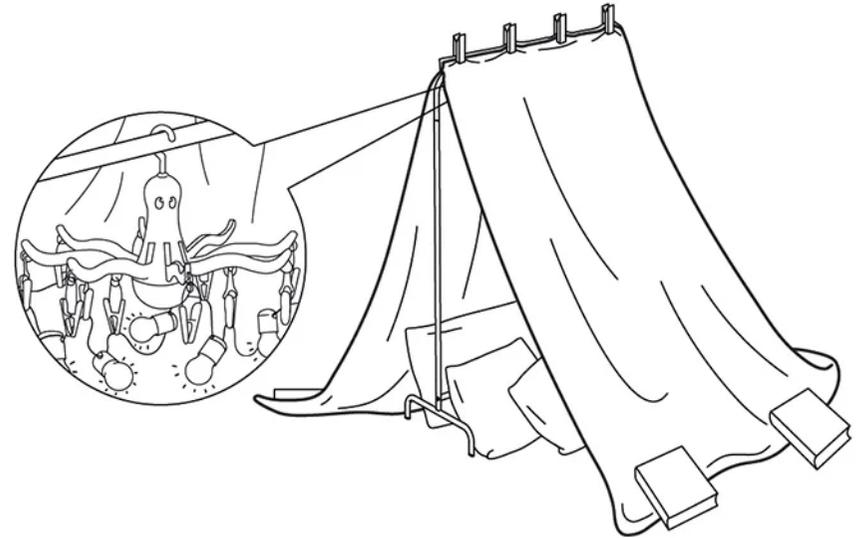
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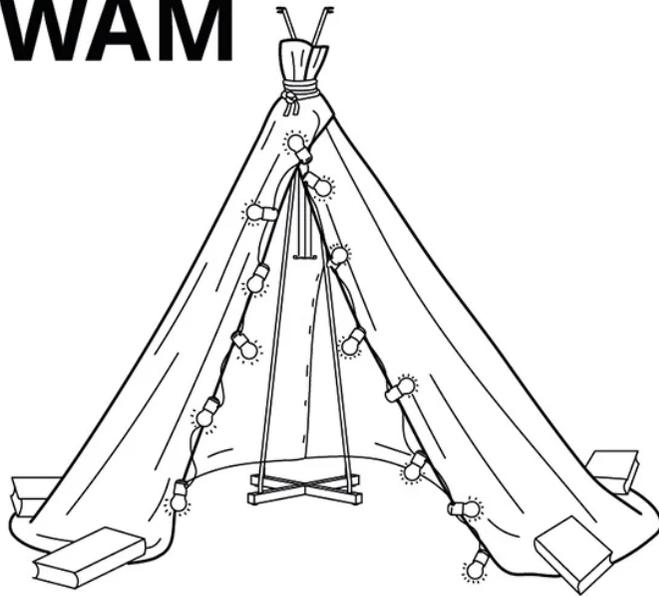
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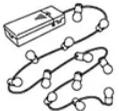


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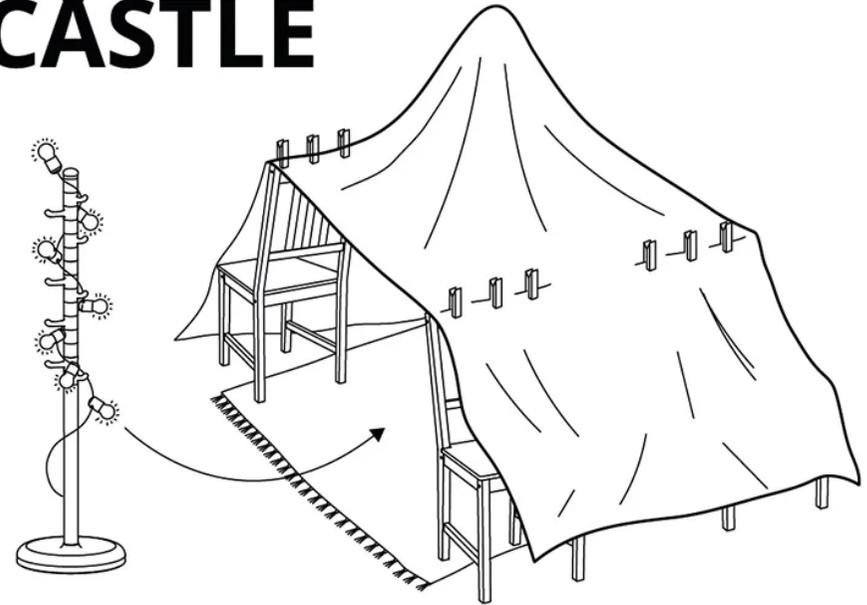
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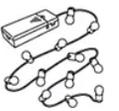
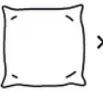


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Make sure that the structure is safe. Do not leave children unattended.
The suggested examples are not official IKEA usage guides for IKEA products.

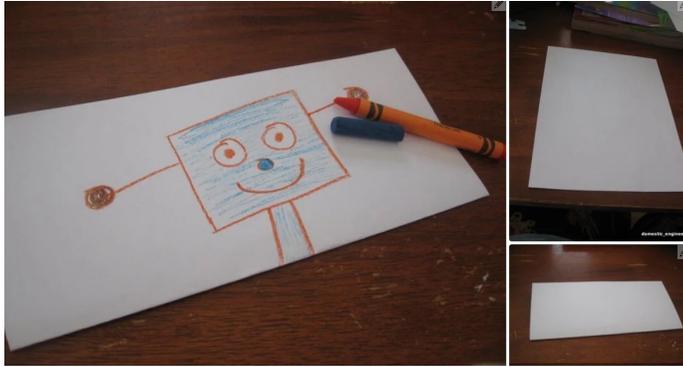
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Fun monster drawing game

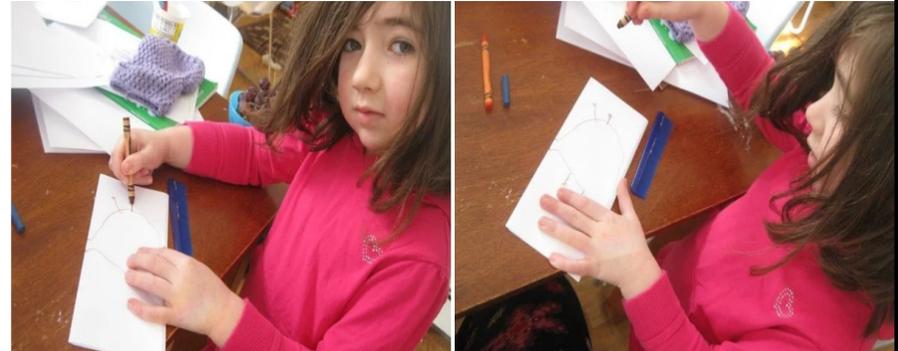
Step 1: Fold and draw the head



Everyone takes a piece of paper and folds it into thirds (the same way you fold a letter to fit an envelope).

Everyone draws a head, having the neck end at the bottom of the fold. Don't peek at each others drawings. Mark on the other side of the fold where your neck ends, so the next person can make the body line up.

Step 2: Switch and do the body



Now switch the paper with your friend and draw the body.

Don't draw the legs' just the body and arms. Make sure it goes all the way from the top to the bottom of the third of paper. Mark on the next section where the body ends so the next person can make the feet line up.

Step 3: Draw the legs



Switch papers again. Now it's time to make the legs and feet. It doesn't have to have legs. It could have tentacles, fins, whatever

Step 4: The big reveal.



Now it's time to unfold your monster and see what you made!

Enjoy!

Can you use old cardboard to make a den for your toys or teddy or even for a pet if you have one?



Phonics toss



The whole family can join in with this funfair-style game. Get around 5 paper cups and write a different digraph or trigraph like 'igh' or 'sh' inside each one with a Sharpie. Take it in turns to throw a ping pong ball into the cups. Could throw anything in if you don't have balls. When the ball lands in a cup the player has to come up with a word that uses that digraph or trigraph. So they might say 'shoe' if it lands in 'sh'.

Get your child to record the words on a piece of paper. Make things competitive by playing in teams and setting a time limit to come up with words. You could put the word in a sentence.

Story time

Look over the story time pdf that has been sent with this and share a story every day on Youtube. Read lots of stories together. Please use Twinkl stories, oxford owl or visit the school website to see some friendly faces reading stories.



- Keyword challenge
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- Spotting keywords from a page in a book or a newspaper, make it a game - how many can you spot today? Could link this to phonics with a sound they need to work on.



Play Simon Says



Make a memory box

Fill the box with objects, drawings or sentences of special memories. If you made one during the last holiday, add some new memories to it.



Do some daily exercise/Cosmic Kids yoga/5 a day



Make hand puppets using old socks



Learn to tie your shoelaces.



Bake some cakes or cook a meal together.



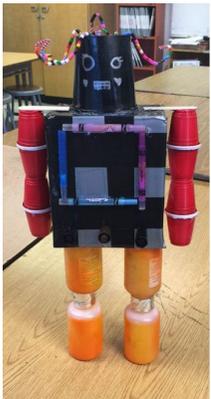
Colour hunt/Number hunt/Shape hunt

- See if your child/children can find something red in the house. Look for different colours or shades, e.g ruby red. 
- Put numbers all around the house and see if the child can find those numbers.
- Go around looking for 2D/3D shapes around the house.

Read stories together. Please use Twinkl stories, oxford owl or visit the school website to see some friendly faces reading stories. YouTube also have stories online however you will need to watch them first to check they are appropriate.



Make animals using recycled household objects.



Feely Bag Game Activity

A quick game to play with everyday objects. Fill a cloth bag or pillowcase with objects from around the house or garden -things that are safe for children to hold. Let your child describe what they can feel and guess what the objects are - no peeking! Help your child to understand hard, soft, smooth, rough, warm, cold, round, flat, lumpy and lots more! Take turns at describing and guessing!



Collect leaves and see what animals you can make using the leaves.



Make some ice cubes and why not add some fruit to it to make a healthy twist to your water. Remember to stay hydrated in this warmer weather!



If you have access to a park and on a daily exercise walk, collect different coloured leaves, twigs, flowers, moss, small stones etc. At home make a mini garden on a paper plate or something else suitable. If you don't have a paper plate, you could use a shoe box or any cardboard box.



Balloon tennis. Using paper plates, paint stirrers, and air-blown balloons, you can easily make this fun summer kids' activity for the outside. You could also play this inside since you are hitting a balloon!



Homemade Playdough.

<https://livingwellmom.com/easy-homemade-playdough-recipe/>

There are many different recipes online for this too. You can add scents too.



Make a kaleidoscope

<https://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/how-to-make-a-simple-kaleidoscope-for-kids/>



Make milk carton boats.

Take an old milk carton and shape it in the fashion of a boat. You can even paint it and stick a toothpick in it with a taped flag! Test it out by putting it in water in the sink or bath. Does it float?



Make sculptures out of aluminium foil.



Make puppets and put on a play.



Make musical instruments using recycled materials.



Complete the reading challenge



Complete the different hunts in the next few pages...

Play board games or complete a puzzle together.



Coloured Playdough Instructions

Materials

- 1 cup water
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup salt
- 1 tablespoon cream of tartar
- Food colouring
- Saucepan
- 1 cup flour

Directions

1. Combine water, oil, salt, cream of tartar, and food colouring in a saucepan and heat until warm.
2. Remove from heat and add flour.
3. Stir, then knead until smooth. The cream of tartar makes this dough last 6 months or longer, so resist the temptation to omit this ingredient if you don't have it on hand.
4. Store this dough in an airtight container or a Ziploc freezer bag.



How to Make a Kaleidoscope

STEP 1: Get started on your simple kaleidoscope right away! If you are going to make a Pringles can kaleidoscope, remove chips {eat of necessary}, rinse, and dry the can!

STEP 2: Roll a piece of shimmery silver paper and put it inside the can. Mark and cut off excess. I did not have to tack it down as it uncurled nicely to fit the inside the can.

STEP 3: Cover the outside of the can with a colored paper. We used a shimmery purple paper {or you can paint it!} and secured it with tape. Decorate if you like with markers, stickers, tape, and other embellishments!

STEP 4: Use a hammer and nail to punch an eye hole in the sealed end of the can.



STEP 5: Glue sequins on the inside of the Pringle's can lid. Then add glitter and colorful paper or other embellishments.



I mixed clear glue with a bit of water and glitter, lots of glitter. We tore and cut tissue paper to glue to the outside of the lid.



Your simple kaleidoscope needs one more thing, A second colorful lens!

STEP 6: For this you want to use clear contact paper. I cut a square and taped it sticky side up to the table. He added a little bit of everything. I pressed another piece of contact paper over the top to seal it.

STEP 7: Use scissors and cut the contact paper to fit your can. You will be putting the lid on over this, so make sure it is a close fit.

Next you want to glue it to the top of can. It's very important to let everything dry really well. Put the lid on your simple kaleidoscope and head outside.

USING YOUR HOMEMADE KALEIDOSCOPE

Twist the lid as you point the kaleidoscope up towards the sun. The fixed lens underneath the lid stays in place while the outside lid spins around it mixing all sorts of shimmering colors! The brighter the light the cooler it looks. We tested this of course!

NOTE: Please help your child and never encourage looking directly into the sun.

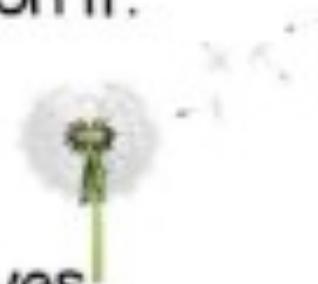


KALEIDOSCOPE
SUMMER STEAM

NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT

printable by [The Kindergarten Connection](#)

- 🍃 Find 4 pine cones.
- 🍃 Find something that is yellow.
- 🍃 Find 2 tree stumps.
- 🍃 Find a feather.
- 🍃 Find a seed pod.
- 🍃 Find 4 smooth rocks.
- 🍃 Find a spider web with a spider on it.
- 🍃 Find 3 mushrooms.
- 🍃 Find a long stick.
- 🍃 Find 2 things that can fly.
- 🍃 Find 3 different sized green leaves.
- 🍃 Find a dandelion weed. Blow a wish.



INDOOR SCAVENGER HUNT

primary *Activities*

- Find a fork.
- Find something that is red.
- Find a tissue box.
- Find 3 things that have wheels.
- Find an orange crayon.
- Find something that is very soft.
- Find a band-aid.
- Find a key.
- Find 2 socks that match.
- Find something round.
- Find a sticker.
- Find a rubber band.
- Find a pair of glasses.
- Find an envelope.



INVENTOR SCAVENGER HUNT

primary background

- Find something that you can turn.
- Find something that is bumpy.
- Find something that is metal.
- Find something you put together.
- Find 3 things that are round.
- Find something you twist.
- Find something shiny.
- Find something you can roll.
- Find a tube.
- Find 3 things that are squishy.
- Find something clear.
- Find something that can bounce.



BOOK SCAVENGER HUNT

- Find an animal in a book.
- Find the word spring in a book.
- Find someone helping someone in a book.
- Find a picture of a sun in a book.
- Find a book that makes you laugh.
- Find a bug in a book.
- Find someone sleeping in a book.
- Find a character eating in a book.
- Find a pet in a book.
- Find a cat in a book.
- Find a superhero in a book.
- Find a bike in a book.



RAINBOW SCAVENGER HUNT

primary playground

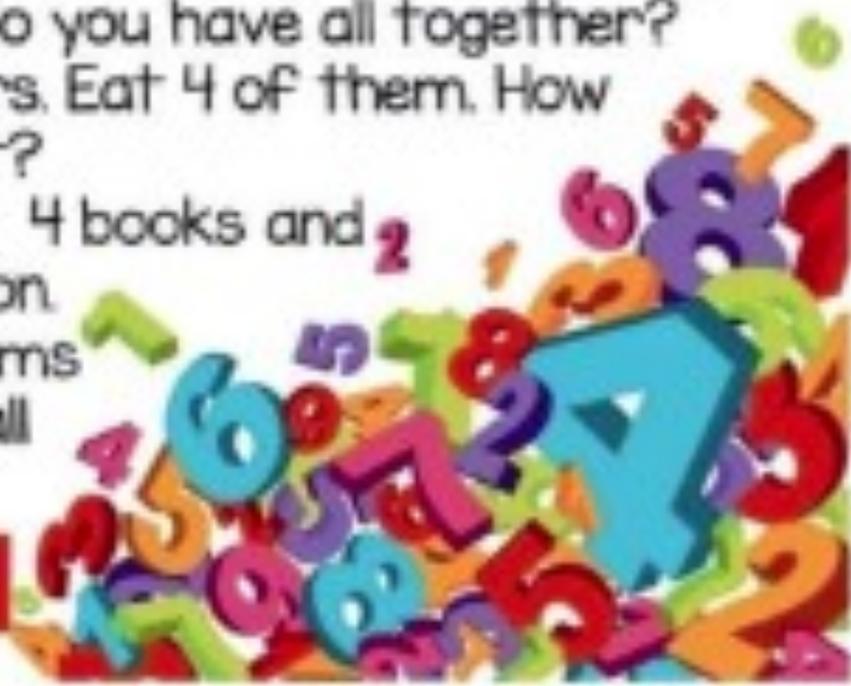
-  Find something red.
-  Find something yellow.
-  Find something orange.
-  Find something green.
-  Find something blue.
-  Find something purple.
-  Name a fruit that is red.
-  Name an animal that is yellow.
-  Name a vegetable that is orange.
-  Name a plant that is green.
-  Name a flower that is purple.
-  Name something outside that is blue.



MATH SCAVENGER HUNT

primary kindergarten

- Find 2 pencils and 1 blue crayon. How many items do you have now?
- Find 5 blocks and 2 pennies. How many items do you have now? Take away 3 blocks. How many items are left?
- Find 4 socks and 2 stuffed animals. How many items do you have all together?
- Find 8 crackers. Eat 4 of them. How many are left?
- Find 3 spoons, 4 books and 2
1 orange crayon.
How many items do you have all together?



5 SENSES SCAVENGER HUNT

primary *indysound*

- Find something that makes a crunch sound.
- Find something that tastes sour.
- Find something that smells good.
- Find something smooth.
- Find 3 of the same thing.
- Find something that smells bad.
- Find something that tastes sweet.
- Find something loud.
- Find something long.
- Find something soft.
- Find something white.
- Find something quiet.
- Find something rough.



Who Am I ?

Instructions:

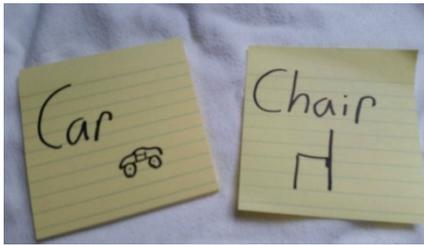
Step 1



Pen or Marker

Post it notes (1 for every person playing)

Step 2



Pick one name for each person playing, and write it on a post-it note Don't let any of the players see the names until the game starts. The names can be objects or people you know, food, cartoons, characters or objects around the room from a book, historical figures, etc..... You get the idea. There are so many possibilities, but keep in mind the age- and group-appropriateness of the names. Don't make them so difficult that people give up.

Step 3

Now stick one Post-it note on each person's back. Do not let him (or her) see the name.

Step 4

Tell everybody how to play. Each person gets about 20 "yes or no" questions to find out what the object or the picture is (example he (or she) can ask, "Am I a cartoon?" "Am I a girl?" "Am I table?" "is it in this room?" and questions like that. They have to be yes or no questions. The players have to walk around the room to ask other people the questions. Tell them they can't ask only one person all the questions; the point is to hang out with everyone.

Whoever guesses correctly first wins the game. No hints are allowed, but if no one is able to guess, you can drop a hint here and there.

You can vary the game by using the names of things instead of people and characters. If everyone loves the game, you can always write on more post-it notes, and start over. Remember you can always come up with new and better ways to play.

LEGO CHALLENGE CALENDAR



31 Days of Fun Ideas for Any Month!



LITTLE BINS
BY LITTLE HANDS

DAY 1

Build Your
Name or Initials

DAY 2

Build a Person
With Moving
Legs and Arms

DAY 3

Build a
Catapult

DAY 4

Build a Robot

DAY 5

Build a House
That Opens

DAY 6

Build a Boat
That Floats

DAY 7

Build a 100
Brick Tower

DAY 8

Build a Box
With a Lid

DAY 9

Build a Small
World Scene

DAY 10

Write a
Comic Strip for
a Minifigure

DAY 11

Build a Model
of Your Room

DAY 12

Build a Simple
Machine

DAY 13

Build a Bridge
That Can Hold
Something Heavy

DAY 14

Build a
Favorite
Character

DAY 15

Make a Mosaic
Using Flat Pieces
On Baseplate

DAY 16

Draw a Design
Make it with
LEGO Bricks

DAY 17

Build Something
To Go With
A Favorite Book

DAY 18

Build a swimming
pool for
a minifigure

DAY 19

Build With
Eyes Closed
5 Minutes

DAY 20

Build a
Pyramid

DAY 21

Build a
Marble Run

DAY 22

Draw a Play Mat
and Add LEGO

DAY 23

Learn Paper
Football and
Build a Goal

DAY 24

Have a Minifigure
Building Race

DAY 25

Build a
Marble Maze

DAY 26

Try to Sink
a Minifigure

DAY 27

Build a
Zip Line

DAY 28

Make Your Own
LEGO Skittles
Game

DAY 29

Build a
Parachute
for a Minifigure

DAY 30

Build a Car
Attach a Marker
and Draw!

DAY 31

Ask For a Bin of
Soapy Water
Wash LEGO!