

Bubble snakes

For this activity, you will need:

- Empty plastic bottles
- Washing up liquid
- A large bowl or container
- Elastic bands
- An odd sock or old flannel
- Scissors
- Food colouring (optional)



First, cut the bottom off the plastic bottle (seek adult help if needed).

Then, using the elastic bands, secure the fabric over the cut end of the bottle.

In the bowl or container, mix washing up liquid with water.

Dip the fabric covered end of the bottle in the soapy water, remove and then blow through the bottle neck.

Optional: add different food colouring drops onto the fabric to make rainbow-coloured snakes!

This is a *great* activity to do with younger siblings!

Lucky Dip Jar

Create your own lucky dip jar, filled with ideas from everyone in your house.



Paper aeroplanes

Make your own paper aeroplanes and have a competition! Whose can fly the furthest?



Build a fort

Make your own fort and have a camp out in your front room or back garden!



Fathers' Day card

Fathers' Day is on Sunday 20th June.

Make a card for your father, stepfather, grandfather or another father-like figure in your life. You could search the internet for some ideas or create something entirely unique (perhaps a pop-up card?).



Time capsule

A time capsule is such a fun way to document what is going on in your family right now; include photos, mementos and newspaper clippings.

You could use a shoebox and store it inside or use something watertight so that you can bury it in the garden. Don't forget to set a date for opening it back up!

Photo booth

Grab some costumes, makeup, props, and get ready to have a blast. You could even create your own props; the sillier the better!

Rope in the whole household for a photo shoot; your family pet may even want to get in on the fun!



Water fight

Grab another member of your household, some empty washing up liquid bottles and have fun! Can you think of any other alternatives to water pistols? Perhaps you could design and make something. What can you find around your home that makes the biggest splash?



Get baking

Leaf through one of your parents' cookbooks or find a plethora of recipes on the internet. Make sure you have adult supervision when using the oven and any hazardous utensils.



Giant Bubbles

Add washing up liquid to water, then using a hula hoop, place it in the water and lift up over yourself. You will be standing inside a giant bubble!



Get growing

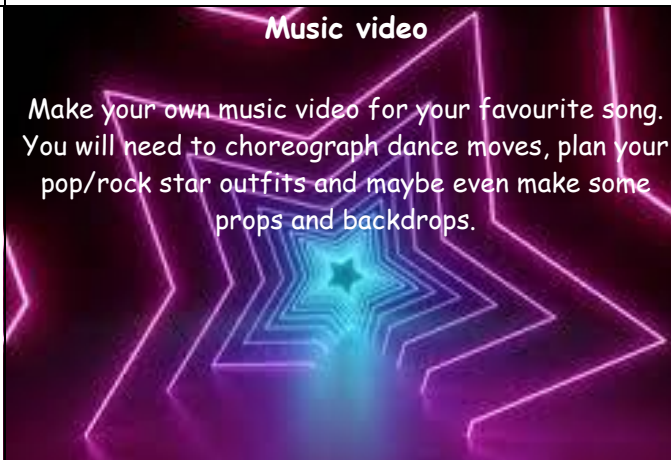
Plant in the garden or start something off on your kitchen windowsill. Herbs are often easy to plant from seed and quick to grow.



If you don't have access to seeds, many herbs, fruits, and vegetables can be grown from kitchen scraps (the parts you'd normally throw away)! Have a look at this website for tips: squaremilefarms

Music video

Make your own music video for your favourite song. You will need to choreograph dance moves, plan your pop/rock star outfits and maybe even make some props and backdrops.



Bookmark

Make a bookmark so that you no longer have to dog-ear the pages of your books! You could draw pictures or patterns, use photographs, create a pressed-flower one, use origami, knit or sew one... there are endless possibilities!



Virtual tours and live webcams

[Natural History Museum](http://www.nhm.ac.uk)
[Edinburgh Zoo](http://www.edinburghzoo.org.uk)
[Louvre](http://www.louvre.org)
[Monterey bay aquarium](http://www.montereybayaquarium.org)
[San Diego zoo](http://www.sandiegozoo.org)
[Smithsonian zoo](http://www.smithsonianzoo.org)
[Chester zoo](http://www.chesterzoo.co.uk)

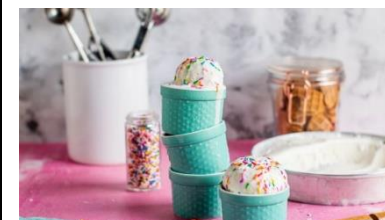
Family quiz night

Tonight, your host is... [insert your own name here!]
Plan and host a quiz night for your family. You could even invite friends and other households to take part via Zoom.

You will need to write your own quiz questions and plan a point system too. Who do you think will win?

Make your own ice cream

Follow the recipe ([5-min-ice-cream](http://www.bbc.com/food/recipes/5-min-ice-cream)) to make your own ice cream in a freezer bag!



Try adding flavours and additional ingredients; does it still work?

The Royal Albert Hall

Explore content from the Royal Albert Hall in the comfort of your own home.

<https://www.royalalberthall.com/about-the-hall/education/content-for-families-during-lockdown/>

There are introductions to opera, jazz and classical music, as well as the opportunity to find out about different instruments in the orchestra.

Film Night

Turn your living room into a cinema. Take snacks and drinks from the kitchen, settle down on a beanbag or the settee and enjoy a film!



Chalk drawing photographs

Using chalk, draw on the concrete and then have someone photograph you. Similar to this picture. See how creative you can be!



Board Games

See if you have any board games in your house. If you don't have any, you could even make one. This activity is device-free and can bring the whole family together.



Cloud gazing

A great relaxing activity. Look up into the sky and let your imagination take over! Look at the clouds and see what shapes or images you can see. Do the clouds seem to change the more you look at them?



Gardening

Venture out into the garden – pull weeds, water the flowers or even mow the lawn!



Daisy Chain Making

Can you make the longest daisy chain? How long can you make it?



Cardboard Crafts

Create your own doll house or castle out of cardboard and other materials within your house.



Make Natural Art

Collect fallen leaves, petals and sticks and use them to make a picture or a sculpture. You could even use the objects as 'stamper' or paintbrushes – dipping them in paint and rolling, brushing or stamping them on paper to create interesting patterns and effects.

