

Fun activities to do at home with children

1. Treasure hunt (with clues, hide a favourite toy somewhere in the house)
2. Tint shaving cream with food colouring, paint the windows or glass doors (or the inside of the shower glass) then rinse it off
3. Go through clothing from previous seasons, try on and get rid of things that are too small
4. Play dress up in mum and dad's clothes – you could even do a photoshoot
5. Day spa – do a Manicure/Pedicure/foot soak/face mask
6. Go through old photos and videos, and old craft and paintings
7. Have a Living Room disco – play freeze, musical chairs, have a dance off!
8. Go through recipe books together and have a bake off challenge
9. Organise the books on your shelf into a rainbow of colours
10. Using Lego characters or other small toys, make a stop motion movie
11. Organise your Lego and have a building challenge. Who can build the best house, hotel or shop?
12. Write notes of love, compliments or doodles and hide them around the house for family to find
13. Try shadow drawing, leaf rubbings, painting bark or stones in the garden
14. Use a mirror to draw a self portrait
15. Learn to plait hair
16. Create an indoor obstacle course!
17. Go through your board/card games and challenge yourself to play them all. Design your own game!
18. Make greeting cards for the stationery cupboard to be used for birthdays and other occasions
19. Paint a family portrait to be framed and hung up
20. Choose a picture book each and read aloud to each other in the biggest bed in your house
21. Write a short story or poem that includes a dog, an umbrella and some fish.
22. Find 10 different shaped leaves in the garden
23. Create a paper crown for a member of your family and decorate it
24. Fold paper and cut out paper snowflakes
25. Make pom poms out of wool



26. Put on a puppet show using toys behind the couch
27. Create a sensory shaker bottle using an old bottle, glitter and water (and whatever else you'd like to put in there!)

28. Fold paper planes and see how far they will fly
29. Build the highest block tower you can
30. Keep a balloon in the air as long as possible
31. Build a house with a deck of cards
32. Play cinema – make tickets, popcorn, give your guests a rug and watch a movie together
33. Play hotels using your bedrooms as 'hotel rooms' or restaurants by setting up the dining room like a restaurant with menus (or hospitals, vets, banks, etc)
34. Make up a workout and do it together (eg: 25 star jumps, 20 squats, 15 crunches, hop like a bunny around the lounge room, frog leap your partner)
35. Choose an inspirational quote and create a poster for your room
36. Press flowers within a few heavy books
37. Interview the members of your family
38. Take some garden clippings and see which ones you can get to grow roots for replanting
39. Listen to a kid's podcast or audio book.
40. With some old clothes, cut and create clothes for your toys
41. Take everyone's height measurement on a door frame
42. Do a chalk photo shoot



43. Water play – buckets, scoopers, whisk, pouring jugs, straws, bubbles!
44. Sort through all your crafts and art supplies. See if something inspires you. Organise and sharpen all your pencils and test all your markers
45. Work together to a family emblem, motto or song. Include elements that are important to you and your family
46. Lie on a rug in the garden and spot cloud shapes. Make up a story about what you see.

47. Make a stained glass window
48. Make a marble run
49. Make a rainbow stick



50. Jump rope – can you get to 100 without stopping?
51. Make a time capsule of this time to be opened in 10 years
52. Write a letter to a friend or relative.
53. Lie on a rug in the garden and spot cloud shapes. Make up a story about what you see.