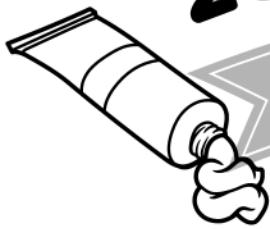


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Ideas for Kids



Make Something

- Build a fort from couch cushions sheets and fairy lights
- Cardboard box challenge: empty box tape markers make something
- Try the one-material challenge: cardboard only make something useful
- Draw a map of an imaginary island with regions rules and inhabitants
- Build a Minecraft world with a parliament farms and trading posts
- Design and playtest a board game with rules and pieces
- Create a family newspaper with sections (weather sports gossip comics)
- Write a choose-your-own-adventure story
- Build a Rube Goldberg machine from household items

Tell a Story

- Film script and edit a short video about something they learned
- Write a letter to a relative who will actually write back
- Create a restaurant menu for a meal the kid is cooking
- Script a video they want to film

Invent & Solve

- Give kids a broken thing and a roll of tape: see if they can fix it
- Invent a sport with random objects (balls cones pool noodles)
- Ask "what if" questions at dinner ("What if gravity worked sideways?")
- Give kids a real problem to solve (reorganize a closet plan a meal with limited ingredients)
- Hand them a broken thing and let them figure out a repair
- Keep a "Game Inventor's Notebook" to record rules
- Draw the same imaginary city from different time periods
- Give kids a space and say "invent a game. You have 10 minutes"
- Build a kinetic sculpture that moves under wind or gravity
- Make a presentation to grandparents about a topic they studied
- Write a complaint letter to a company about a product that broke
- Start a family travel blog where everyone contributes
- Write an instruction manual for a LEGO build

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