

♣ Can you re-create a piece of famous art at home?

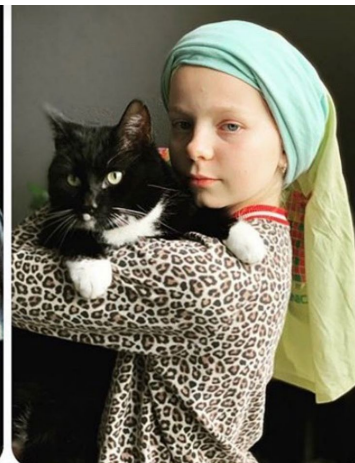
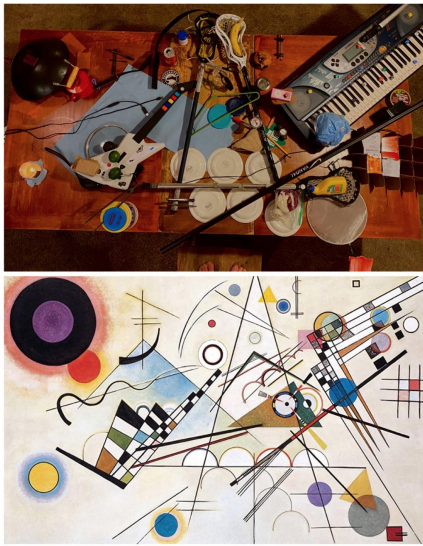
Check out how people around the world have tried!

<https://mymodernmet.com/recreate-art-history-challenge/>

Some tips: Note how people are focused on the colors and shapes of the compositions, not the reality. For example, to make white hair, use something white like paper instead of looking for a white wig. It is probably easier if you lie down on the floor to layer details, like fake beards, than to try to figure out how to attach things to you.

As you are looking for a piece of art, you can browse around in here:

<https://artsandculture.google.com/category/art-movement>



✿ Interview someone (family, extended family, a neighbor, a friend)!



Most of you have practiced an empathy interview with Mrs. Markowitz. Remember, it isn't a conversation. You are listening and asking. Why? Tell me more? And don't forget: Nodding and smiling work, too.

Let's try this topic: *Try to figure out their favorite parts of this past month and their hardest parts.* Can you solve to create more of their favorite moments or how to help them feel better about the hard parts? After your interview, think five minutes of deep listening and asking the tell-me-more questions, fill out this sentence:

The person I interview needs _____ (more connection with friends, to wake up faster, enthusiasm for Zoom calls) _____ in order to feel _____ (more connected, more productive, less sleepy) _____.

Now create some possible solutions! This could be a behavior change such as shower everyday in the morning, or it could be an object that is real or imaginary such as a picture frame to put in a drawing each day of a friend.

✿ Check out some transportation challenges from KID Museum:

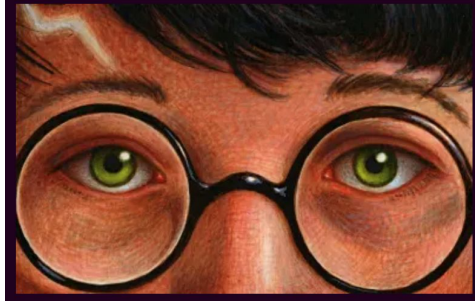


The KID Museum in Rockville has put together some challenges to do from home. They structured their challenges to work for all ages with extensions for older students.

With simple materials like paper, scissors, tape, and a ruler, you can make paper airplanes, bridges, helicopters, and a boat. With some repurposed materials, you can also try a car.

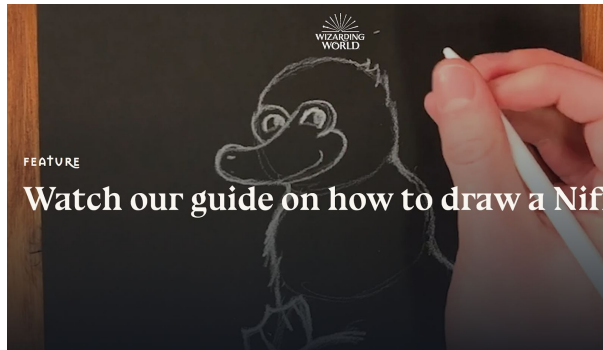
<https://kid-museum.org/make-it/transportation/>

✿Do you love Harry Potter? Check out this site (no need to login):



From articles to word searches and drawing tutorials, this site is full of ways to transport yourself into the world of Harry Potter and his school.

<https://www.wizardingworld.com/collections/harry-potter-at-home>



✿ Can you try a challenge designed by some Grade 5 students for Earth Week?



Environment-helping DARES:

- *Try going without lights in your house for one day!*
- *Try spending 3 hours outside!*
- *Take an adventurous hike in the woods!*
- *Make a poster about saving the earth!*
- *Write an earth-inspired poem!*
- *Wear all green and blue for a day!*
- *Buy a reusable water bottle (if you don't already have one)!*
- *Try going without TV for 3 days!*
- *Convince your whole family to change one routine to make it more environmentally friendly!*
- *Go out with binoculars and observe a tree!*
- *Make a drawing of your favorite animal in its natural habitat!*

✿ Try a Mystery Bag Challenge:

Ask a family member to put 10-15 items in a bag: Recyclables, rubberbands, pipe cleaners, etc. (Don't forget scissors and tape)

Can you complete one of these challenges using only what is in the bag?

While going on an adventure in the rainforest, you became lost from your group. Design a device to get their attention so they can find you.

You are an elephant at a zoo and just found out you'll be transferred to another zoo that is full of mice! You are very afraid of mice. Design something you can use to keep the mice away.

You are at the swimming pool on a nice warm day, but you forgot to bring your pool toys. Create a pool toy that would be fun to play with in the pool.

You have a deadline to create a dog toy that's so fantastic it's sure to sell out of stores in no time, but you have limited materials. Make this awesome designer dog toy out of what you have.

You are in the forest and see the most delicious looking wild blueberries across a wide river. Use your materials to devise a way to get the blueberries.

Invent something you know a gardener would love!

✿ Storytelling ideas for family time (more than one participant):

From Ms. Rosenberg and [Read Brightly](#) and [PJ Library](#). Try these storytelling games with your children to encourage hours of creativity and development.

Folded Story- Ages: 5+

This playful storytelling game is best played with a group because it's an add-on story. One person starts the game by writing a few sentences of a story. That person folds the paper so only the last line of writing can be seen and passes it to the next person. That person reads the sentence and adds on to the story with their ideas, folding the paper again. This continues until the last person in the group writes an ending. Unfold, read, and prepare to laugh. These stories usually turn out to be completely wacky — and tons of fun.

Collect & Build a Story

There are a few variations on this game, but overall the theme is simple. You collect a bunch of objects and then use them to inspire your storytelling. When the weather is nice, head outdoors with your little ones to fill baskets or recycled containers with interesting objects – rocks, flowers, coins you find in your travels – and then each person selects a favorite item from his or her collection and adds it to the group's collection. Spread out the objects from the big collection and create a story inspired by what you see.

For snowy or rainy days indoors, send one person around to be the “collector.” That person has one minute to fill a container with objects. The other players are then tasked with creating a story based on what the collector returns. This game is a really wonderful fit for younger children who are still getting the hang of telling stories and their older siblings. The younger children can have fun hunting and building collections while the older children tackle the storytelling.

Draw & Remix

This works really well for older children who can read independently to their younger siblings and is also a fantastic way to shake up your own storytime routine. Plus, if you're eschewing screens for any reason, this activity will help your family relax while having some collaborative fun.

Here's how this game works: One person is the reader. Everyone else has a small stack of paper and something to draw on. The reader reads the story. Everyone else draws whatever they feel inspired to draw as the story is read. When the story is done, lay out all of the drawings together and use them to create a new story.

✚ Wondering what else to do? Try one of these ideas recommended by Ms. Yount, Rev. Gamber, and Mrs. Reilly in last week's St. Patrick's Made Whole.

HOW TO DISTRACT YOURSELF AT HOME

1. Start a journal
2. Cook or bake
3. Go for a walk
4. Call a friend
5. Organize something
6. Stretch
7. Do a puzzle
8. Listen to music
9. Go for a drive
10. Take a nap
11. Eat something you love
12. Read
13. Watch a movie
14. Take an online class
15. Work in the yard
16. Worship or pray
17. Play with a pet
18. Plan a vacation
19. Sing
20. Snuggle
21. Look at old photos
22. Meditate
23. Do a task you've been putting off
24. Text an old friend
25. Try a new hobby
26. Write a letter
27. Say "thank you" or "I'm sorry"
28. Play a game
29. Take a day off of social media
30. Clean
31. Watch funny YouTube videos
32. Plan a DIY project
33. Clean out a drawer or closet
34. Take a photo of something special
35. Doodle
36. Take a bath or warm shower
37. Play with your kids
38. Start a gratitude journal
39. Watch a movie
40. Make a to-do list

