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HVEFun 2020

100 Ideas for Family Fun at Home



In March 2020 when HVRSD closed schools due to the COVID-19 pandemic, HVEF began posting an idea a day -- HVEFun -- on its Facebook page to help keep school aged children and the entire family entertained while at home. When we started, we never expected that we would get to Day 100, but schools never reopened during the 2019-20 academic year. Here, we have collected all 100 ideas for family fun. Have fun, stay safe, and stay kind. Happy summer!

HVEFun Day 1 – Home Safari! Check out the Cincinnati Zoo's Home Safari on Facebook weekdays at 3 pm or watch replays on their YouTube channel. Today's safari features Fiona the hippo!
<http://cincinnati-zoo.org/home-safari-resources/>

HVEFun Day 2 – Borax Snowflakes. We have two ideas for today because you need supplies (borax and pipe cleaners) for the first and may not have or be able to get them. Our first idea is a science experiment creating snowflakes using borax and pipe cleaners. There is a link to instruction on our homepage. Click on the Science/STEM Fairs image or story.
<https://www.hvef.org/>

HVEFun Day 2 — Lunch with Mo Willems. Our second idea which needs no supplies is to join Mo Willems, creator of the Pigeon Book Series, for lunch doodles on Facebook!

HVEFun Day 3 – Audiobooks! For a great family activity or to keep the kids occupied while you work at home try listening to audiobooks. Through the Mercer County Library you can borrow audiobooks using Hoopla or Libby. Some of our family favorites: The Harry Potter Series, Inkheart, the Percy Jackson Series, Junie B. Jones, Judy Moody, and of course, books by our Author In Residence [Dan Gutman](#). For more titles, check out a list the audible compiled. Happy listening! <https://www.audible.com/ep/article-best-family-audiobooks>

HVEFun Day 4 — Home made play dough! A little cooking followed by hours of fun creating!

Ingredients:

1 cup flour

1/2 cup salt

1 cup water with 12 drops of food coloring added



Combine all ingredients in a sauce pan, and stir over low heat for about 15 minutes or until the mixture forms a ball. It will start out soupy, then turn really goopy and sticky, and finally form a ball. Trust the process. It will look like its never going to work. Don't get impatient. Low heat really works best.



HVEFun Day 5 — Friendship Bracelets. Did you know that friendship bracelets range from simple knot tying or hand weaving to elaborate patterns? Check out simple to intricate designs and instructions at friendship-bracelets.net. Unfortunately, today's idea only works for those who already have the supplies at home. All of the below were created during our time at home this week. But remember, with the need for social distancing, only make bracelets for yourself or those currently staying in your household. Happy tying!

HVEFun Day 6 — Build a Fairy House! Find a spot (usually outside) to build the house. Gather natural materials such as sticks, bark, leaves, rocks — just get enough to start. You can always add more later. Nothing should be picked or killed. No grass or flowers that are still living. Use material to build structure for house. Decorate with furniture made from rocks, sticks etc. Check each day to see if anyone has visited!



HVEFun Day 7 – Family Hike. Get outside and enjoy a family walk or hike in our beautiful community while practicing social distancing. Check out [FoHVOS - Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space](https://www.fohvoss.info/explore-hopewell/trail-guide/) trail guide for ideas of where to explore. Happy, safe wandering!

[https://www.fohvoss.info/explore-hopewell/trail-guide/...](https://www.fohvoss.info/explore-hopewell/trail-guide/)

HVEFun Day 8 — Fortune Tellers. Stuck inside on a rainy day? Make fortune tellers and tell each other's fortunes. FaceTime, zoom, Skype or just call on the phone to tell friends and family in other locations their fortunes too! Click this link for instructions. <https://boyslife.org/.../.../how-to-make-a-paper-fortune-teller/>

HVEFun Day 9 — Paint a rock! My yard is full of fun shapes rocks. Pick one or a few and let your creativity shine. Make pet rocks or paper weights. Bigger painted rocks can serve as doorstops too!

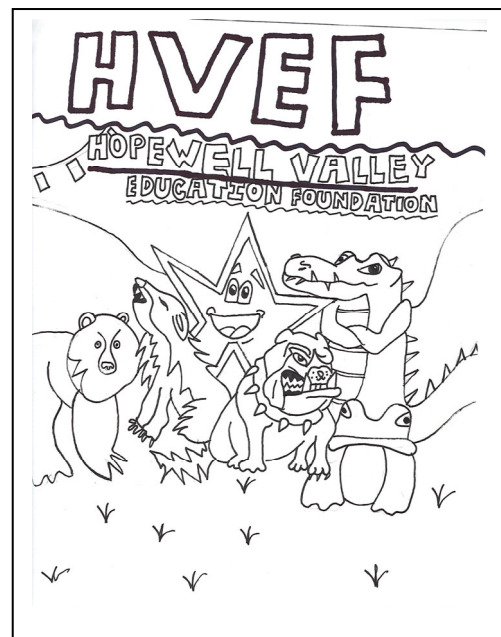


HVEFun Day 10 — Fort! Create a fan fort using a duvet cover and a box (or other big) fan. Put the fan at the opening of the duvet cover and button around the fan. Bring your favorite books and crafts!

HVEFun Day 11 – Coloring. Search online for printable coloring pages. Print out and complete using pencils, markers, crayons -- whatever inspires you. Check out our own coloring page designed by a CHS student featuring the mascots from all HVRDS schools!

HVEFun Day 12 – Library Activities. Did you know that the librarians from all of the branches of the Mercer County Library are posting videos from home with story time, craft ideas, science experiments, toddler time, sing-a-longs and even sessions for older "kids" like how to use excel? Check out their YouTube channel for some fun activities!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7wZK5p4c6Gs>



HVEFun Day 13 -- Create an octopus (or more than 8 legged creature like ours) from a paper cup. Materials: cup, scissors, googly eyes or marker to draw eyes. Cut cup into strips but do not go all the way up. Once completely done around cup, push down on the bottom. Add googly eyes or draw eyes.



HVEFun Day 15 – Make a paper lantern. All you need is paper – art, construction or printer paper – pencil, ruler, scissors tape or a stapler, and string if you want to hang your lantern.

Cut a strip of paper $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick off the short end of your piece of paper to use later as the handle. Fold the remaining piece of paper in half. At the unfolded end, use a ruler to draw a line $\frac{1}{2}$ - 1 inch thick. Then starting at the folded edge, use the ruler to draw lines $\frac{1}{2}$ inch apart stopping at the line at the bottom on the paper. Starting at the folded end, cut along the lines, leaving the $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 inch border. Unfold the paper. Bring the long side edges together to form a cylinder with the cut strips running vertically. Tape or staple the top, middle and bottom edges. Press down to create shape. And attach the handle to one end. Make a group of lanterns and hang them for festive effect!

HVEFun Day 16 -- Create your own video bringing a story book to life! We can't take credit for the video, but check out Grover reading *The Monster At the End of This Book*. Let it inspire you to create your own video that you can share virtually with family and friends.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=42iXxfGiwDg>

HVEFun Day 17 — Decorate your driveway. Bring your creativity and chalk to decorate your driveway and spread joy to your neighbors who are out walking.





HVEFun Day 18 - Make a lava lamp! This one is messy!
Gather a small, empty, clear bottle with a lid, cooking oil, food coloring, and water. Fill the bottle 2/3 of the way up with oil. In a separate cup mix enough water to fill the remainder of the bottle with a few drops of food coloring. Add the water/ food coloring mixture to the bottle. Put the top on the bottle tightly. Flip the bottle and watch the effects!

HVEFun Day 19 - Bake some soft pretzels. The recipe involves the magic of yeast making dough rise, the fun of kneading and later shaping dough, and a delicious end result. Great for a rainy, gray day.

Ingredients:

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup warm water 110°

1 $\frac{1}{8}$ tsp. yeast

$\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. Salt

1 Tablespoon brown sugar

2 tsp. (not Tbsp.) unsalted butter, melted and slightly cool

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup flour

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup baking soda

4 cups water

To make the dough:

Whisk the yeast into the warm water, and allow it to sit for 1 minute.

Whisk salt, brown sugar, and melted butter to the water mixture.

Add yeast/water/salt/brown sugar/melted butter into a stand-alone mixer using a dough hook or use a wooden spoon and your hands.

Add the flour $\frac{1}{2}$ cup at a time, and mix until it is thick. Add flour until the dough isn't sticky anymore. If the dough bounces back when you poke the dough with your finger - if it bounces back, it is ready to be mixed more.

Mix the dough for 3 minutes and shape into a ball.

Place dough in greased bowl and cover the bowl. Wait for about an hour. The dough is ready when it has doubled in size.

Once the dough is ready, preheat the oven to 425°.

Line a cookie sheet with foil and grease it well.

Bring 4 cups of water to a boil. Stir the baking soda in until dissolved.

Divide the dough into 6 sections. Roll each into a 20 inch rope. Then either form into a pretzel shape or cut to make nuggets.

Drop pretzels into the boiling baking soda bath one at a time for 20-30 seconds (any longer makes it taste like metal).

Use slotted spoon to remove the pretzels, shake of the water, and let them dry on a rack.

Do not dry them on your greased cookie sheet.

Sprinkle each with salt.

Bake for 12-15 minutes or until golden brown. Less time if nuggets.

After baking: brush with 1 Tbsp. melted butter.





HVEFun Day 20 – Make your own bubbles and giant bubble wand!

For bubbles, mix $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of cornstarch into 6 cups of warm water and stir until the corn starch dissolves. Add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup liquid dish detergent (Dawn works best), 1 tbsp baking powder, and 1 tbsp glycerin (we used karo syrup since we didn't have glycerin during quarantine; honey can work too). Mix together very gently so that you don't create a lot of froth. Let the mixture sit for at least an hour. To create a wand, get two straws and run a piece of string through each. Tie the string to create a loop with the straws at either edge. After an hour, pour some of the bubble mixture into a cookie sheet or sheet pan. Put the straws and sting into the mixture to fill, lift them, walk backwards and see how many big bubbles you can make! It may be a little frustrating at first, but keep with it. Fun for kids of all ages!

HVEFun Day 21 – Play cards! There are tons of games for all ages that you can play with a traditional deck of cards – Go Fish, Old Maid, Crazy Eights, War, Slap, I Doubt It, Rummy (tons of variations), Hearts, poker with jelly beans, and various versions of solitaire. We've included a link with some ideas and instructions. <https://www.todayparent.com/.../10-kid-friendly-card-games/>

HVEFun Day 22 – Calling all basketball fans! Create a fun basketball themed work of art using the download. Or create a real life version by lying down in your driveway and having someone you are quarantined with trace you body. Fill it in with words or colors. Bend your arms and legs to create funny shapes.

<https://www.artofwords.com/.../5c1efde59700.../f58b0f9e68302523...>



HVEFun Day 22 Part 2 – Thank the nurses and doctors caring for our community ♡ Write or draw a thank you note for local healthcare workers! HVRSD has set up a mailbox to collect them. What an awesome idea!

HVEFun Day 23 -- Melted Crayon Sculptures. Do you have a big bin of old crayons? Take off any paper left on the crayons, break them up into 1 inch or less pieces, place all different color combinations in silicon or other baking pans, bake in the oven at 230 for 15 minutes. Let them cool and pop them out for a beautiful, fun shape! <https://heatherchristo.com/2012/02/09/melted-crayon-hearts/>

HVEFun Day 24 -- Have a treasure hunt. This one takes a little planning, but even a simple hunt can be fun! Plant written clues, riddles, or pictures that lead children to different places around the house or

backyard. The first clue should lead the children to a location where they will find a second clue, and so on. You can have the "hunt" end with a fun surprise item. The link below provides some fun riddles to use as clues for items found around the house. <https://www.thespruce.com/indoor-treasure-hunt-for-children...>

HVEFun Day 25 -- Decorate Eggs for your windows. Although the annual egg hunt had to be cancelled, [Pennington Parks & Recreation](#) has provided coloring pages with eggs that they are encouraging people to place in their windows so that neighbors see them as they walk by. You can also check out Seaside Height's virtual egg hunt <https://exit82.com/egghunt/> which runs from now through April 14.



HVEFun Day 26 — Make tissue paper flowers. Gather tissue paper, pipe cleaners and scissors to create bright, beautiful indoor flowers.

<https://www.verywellfamily.com/tissue-paper-flowers-craft-6...>

HVEFun Day 27 — Find Shapes in the Clouds. While you're stuck at home, head outside to the backyard for some fresh air. Lie on your back or sit on the ground with your kids and look up. Relax. Look for shapes in the clouds. Be creative and tell stories about them. Can you see the horse running through the sky below?

HVEFun Day 28 — Build an indoor obstacle course! Plan out a route with jumps, hops on one foot, balancing, crawling under tables or through blanket forts, skipping, jumping jacks, and anything else to keep you moving on a rainy day!

<https://mommypoppins.com/.../build-an-indoor-obstacle-course-...>

HVEFun Day 29 --- Create a Gratitude Jar. Leave a jar and small slips of paper somewhere central in the house and ask family members to write something for which they are grateful or something that makes them smile each day and place it in the jar. It can be as simple as a beautiful sunrise or sunset, daffodils, trees blooming, a favorite toy or stuffed animals, a smile, or shared laughter. On difficult days, look into the jar and reflect on things that made you happy.

HVEFun Day 30 – Make some oobleck. Warning this one is messy fun! Oobleck is a non-Newtonian fluid meaning that it acts like a solid when force is applied to it but like a liquid when it is poured. Grab it to make it solid, and then release your grip to let it flow through your fingers. The name comes from the Dr. Seuss book Bartholomew and the Oobleck where a gooey green substance, fell from the sky and disrupted the kingdom.





Ingredients:

- 1 cup water
- 1.5-2 cups corn starch
- a few drops of food coloring

Put the water in a bowl, and slowly add the cornstarch, mixing first with a fork or spoon and later with your hands. As you get close to 1.5 cups of cornstarch watch the consistency so that is still liquidy. Mix in food coloring if you want. Run the oobleck through your fingers, put a “puddle” of oobleck on the counter and run your hands through it. Just have fun. Be sure to properly wash hands before making and touching the oobleck and after playing with it to avoid contamination. Store your oobleck in an airtight container; in a few days, we will be using it for another activity! If you or your kids want to learn more on the science check out this video:

<https://youtu.be/Fnd-2jetT1w>

HVEFun Day 31 -- Hide and seek. Play a game of hide and seek! One person hides and counts to 30 (or more) while the others try to find the best hiding places in the house. Ready or not, here I come!



HVEFun Day 32 — Make a door stop or paper weight.

Find a rock big enough to hold the door open and paint it to make a door stop. This one could also be a pet!

HVEFun Day 33 — Make Rice Krispy

Treats! Maybe add some sprinkles to make them more festive or try making them with whatever cereal you have win them house. Recipe — melt 3 tbs butter over low heat; add 40 large marshmallows (my kids always have fun counting them out) or 4 cups mini marshmallows. Stir over low heat until completely melted. Add 6 cups of Rice Krispies, and stir until they are coated well. Press into a pan that has been sprayed with cooling spray. We were able to get all of our ingredients from [Pennington Quality Market](#) one of our awesome sponsors over the years!

HVEFun Day 34 -- Take a Virtual Field Trip with [Liberty Science Center](#)! Tomorrow you can watch them dissect a cow eye on Facebook live at 1 pm. There are also some fun looking, grade specific programs that you can register for on Wednesday.

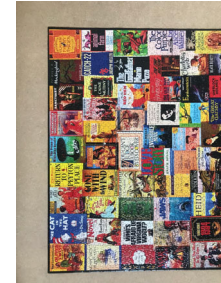
HVEFun Day 35 -- Create a Coronavirus Journal or Time Capsule. We're living in an extraordinary time in history. If



you're up to it, help your kids document how they are feeling, what they are thinking, and what is going on so that they have a keepsake. It can be as simple as gathering a few pictures and writing in a journal. To get started, check out these free Coronavirus time capsule worksheets for kids and adults <https://letsembark.ca/time-capsule...>

HVEFun Day 36 -- **Create a Bird Feeder.** To honor the 50th Earth Day, create a pinecone birdfeeder. Hang outside where the family can watch who shows up for a snack, There are some beautiful bird in our back yard right now!
<https://tinkerlab.com/two-creative-outdoor-activities/>

HVEFun Day 37 -- **Do a puzzle.** Put it in a central location and somehow the family gathers to get it done. We've pulled out all the puzzles around our house, and we've heard that [Twirl Toy Shop](#) one of our generous sponsors, has some available for contact-less purchase too!



HVEFun Day 38 -- **Test your local knowledge** with a Hopewell themed word search or crossword puzzle created by the Hopewell Township Recreation Department. Check out the link to download.
<http://hopewelltpw.org/511/Activity-Pages>



HVEFun Day 39 — **Make a dandelion or other flower crown!** See the link below for the simplest design.
<http://www.pinkstripeysocks.com/.../diy-dandelion-crown.html>

HVEFun Day 40 -- **Learn some card tricks.** Practice in front on the mirror, and then amaze your family or try them out on friends with zoom or facetime. <https://www.mykidstime.com/.../8-easy-card-tricks-for-kids-d.../>

HVEFun Day 41 — **Make a house or even a whole town!** Use those cardboard boxes, markers and duct tape and get creative to build a house, a building or more!



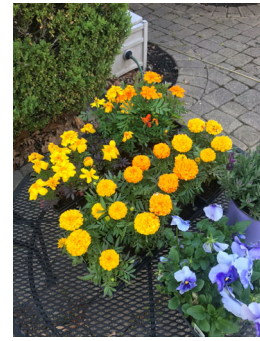
HVEFun Day 42 — **Nature Photos.** Spend some time outdoors and take some close up nature photos. Turn it into a family photo show or contest. Create a slideshow for friends!

HVEFun Day 43 — **Bake Cookies!** Our favorite recipe for chocolate chip is on the back of the Nestle bag. Just bake them to enjoy or to give it a science experiment twist, make two batches of dough (or two half batches) and use baking soda in one but not the other. See what happens! Learn about the science involved in making cookies through this TED-Ed video.
<https://youtu.be/n6wpNhyreDE>

HVEFun Day 44 -- Pay Hopscotch. An oldie but goodie. See the link for instructions and variations.

<https://www.crayola.com/outdoor/hopscotch-outdoor/>

HVEFun Day 45 -- Plant some annuals. Bring some color and joy into your garden, and let the kids help. Our sponsor [Jack's Greenhouse and Farm](#) has annuals (and much more) available for contactless pickup or local delivery!



HVEFun Day 46 -- Star Gazing. We enjoy beautiful, clear, star filled skies in Hopewell. Get outside after dark and look up at the stars. The link below lists some great apps that help identify constellations. We've had lots of luck with Star Walk 2. H.A. Rey's book, *The Stars: A New Way to See Them*, also offers some fun guides to the constellations.

<https://weloveweather.tv/top-6-astronomy-apps/>

HVEFun Day 47 -- Make Cinco de Mayo Decorations! Tomorrow is Cinco de Mayo. Make some mini pinatas today and celebrate tomorrow. <https://www.onegoodthingbyjillee.com/make-these-quick-easy.../>

HVEFun Day 48 -- Make Your Own Mancala Board. Then play the game. All you need is an empty egg carton and marbles, jelly beans, rocks or pennies to fill the cups. Mancala can provide hours of fun. See the link for how to make the game and for game instructions. There are also online versions of mancala that you can play against another person or the computer.

DIT Mancala game <https://artscrackers.com/2013/04/05/egg-carton-mancala/>

HVEFun Day 49 -- Marble Painting with Shaving Cream. Gather some foam shaving cream, paints, a tray, and some construction paper and see what you can create! If you have little kids and don't want to paint, just put the shaving cream out in a roasting pan and let them play!

<https://artfulparent.com/shaving-cream-marbling-with-liqui.../>

HVEFun Day 50 -- Check our Hopewell Borough's Virtual Cruise Month which includes a Scavenger Hunt! Practice social distancing while searching for items throughout Hopewell Borough! The link also lists which of our fantastic local restaurants and businesses are open for delivery or pickup. We ♥ Hopewell! <https://www.hopewellboro-nj.us/open/>

HVEFun Day 51 -- Make homemade ice cream. No ice cream maker; no problem. Make it in a plastic bag with the added benefit of getting lots of movement in while shaking the bag.

<https://www.delish.com/.../.../a54721/ice-cream-in-a-bag-recipe/>

HVEFun Day 52 -- Create a dinosaur dig! Remember the oobleck recipe? If you make oobleck, place it in a small open container, hide plastic dinosaurs (or other small objects) in it and allow it to dry in the sun, you can create you own dinosaur dig or treasure hunt. Use thee link for full instructions are in the link. If the oobleck seems to messy, fill a small baking or roasting pan with water containing a few drops of dark food coloring. Place plastic objects in it, freeze entirely, and then give the big chunk of colored ice to the kids and allow them to scrape and dig to find the hidden treats!

<https://funlearningforkids.com/make-your-own-dinosaur-dig-.../>

HVEFun Day 53 -- Make a Homemade Bath Soak. Need a last minute Mother's Day gift or just something to bring some relaxation. Use Epsom salts, baking, soda, essential oils, and sea salt to create a relaxing soak for the bathtub. <https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/how-to-make-bath-salts-5166...>

HVEFun Day 54 -- Make Sugar Lip Scrub. Missing beauty supplies? Use some items you probably have in the kitchen to make vanilla sugar scrub with the kids. <https://wellnessmama.com/130118/lip-scrub-recipe/>

HVEFun Day 55 -- Soap and Pepper Science Experiment! With the current need to wash hands, try



this experiment to show your kids how effective soap is at chasing germs away! Put some warm water in a shallow bowl and add some black pepper. Ask your child to stick their finger (or a toothpick) in the bowl to see what happens. Then ask your child to dip their finger (or the tooth pick) into dish soap and add it to the bowl. Watch while the pepper “germs” move away from the soap! Check out the link to expand the experiment to test the impact other household substances have



on pepper and for some scientific explanation of why you see the results that you do.

<https://www.scientificamerican.com/.../use-surface-tension-t.../>

HVEFun Day 56 -- Make Some Glitter Slime. All you need is glitter glue, borax and some warm water for some messy fun and a little lesson about polymers. <https://simplifyingfamily.com/frozen-slime-recipe/>

HVEFun Day 57 -- Relax and Breathe. Take a break and relax. Maybe try some a meditation with your kids. The two links provide lots of resources for wellbeing and mindfulness.

<https://chopra.com/articles/3-kid-friendly-meditations-your-children-will-love>

<https://toolkit.judithprager.com/?fbclid=IwAR3-O8KRpTvZgtmLy8K5v3ksrQkWnQ-8HEmCXLeOHqyc53iQz5yukrK8JZc>

HVEFun Day 58 -- Make Plans to Attend Pennington Day 2020 tomorrow May 16th. Here's a link to the schedule of virtual performances. There are also virtual vendors. All proceeds will go to local COVID-19 relief efforts. Go to [Pennington Day](#) for more info.

HVEFun Day 59 — Build the best pillow fort ever! Check out the link for ideas and instructions for 6 different forts from IKEA! <https://www.housebeautiful.com/.../a32493759/ikea-furniture-.../>

HVEFun Day 60 -- Make some messy play foam with dish soap, cornstarch, water and food coloring. Rainbow foam

<https://sayyes.com/2015/10/messy-kid-project-rainbow-foam>



HVEFun Day 61 -- Paint cheerful or inspirational rocks and leave them in your friends' yards (while practicing proper social distancing).

HVEFun Day 62 — Create a rainstorm in a jar. Fill a jar partway with water. Spray foam shaving cream on top to form the “clouds.” Add drops of blue food coloring mixed with water and watch it rain. <https://youtu.be/U33xwGvst04>



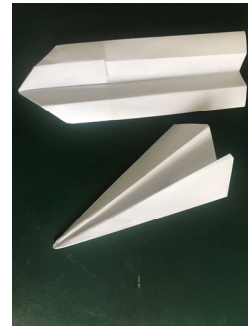
HVEFun Day 63 — **Make a flag themed cake to celebrate Memorial Day** this weekend! It can be as simple as a box cake with store bought icing decorated with raspberries and blueberries or you can follow the Barefoot Contessa recipe to do everything from scratch or chose a combination of both!



<https://barefootcontessa.com/recipes/flag-cake>

HVEFun Day 64 -- **Make and fly paper airplanes.**

Have a contest to see whose design stay aloft the longest. Check out the link for instructions and tons of fun designs. <https://www.foldnfly.com/>



HVEFun Day 65 -- **Mail a hug!** Have your child lie down with their arms outstretched on a large piece of paper, and trace them. Color in the outline with their features and mail to a family member or friend that you can't see right now. [https://www.theleangreenbean.com/mail-a-hug/...](https://www.theleangreenbean.com/mail-a-hug/)



HVEFun Day 66 — **Paint some shells.** Whether you're celebrating the long weekend with a social distancing walk in the beach or if you have a bucket of shells that you brought home from your last vacation, celebrate summer by painting some shells

HVEFun Day 67 -- **Send a card, letter, or picture to someone without internet access or skills.** Not everyone has the benefit of being able to connect with family and friends through texting, email, or social media. This can be especially true for

senior citizens. Create cards, print pictures from your phone, draw pictures, or write a letter and send it through the mail as way to stay connected and brighten someone's day.

<https://www.usatoday.com/.../coronavirus-social-d.../2871335001/>

HVEFun Day 68 – **Decorate Graduation Caps.** This one is for the CHS Class of 2020 as they prepare for their virtual ceremonies this week -- Decorate your graduation cap! Per Ms. Smith's message "For the virtual ceremony, students are welcome to decorate the top of their graduation caps. Please make sure the message is appropriate and limited to the top square of the mortarboard. The message must be in keeping with the expectations of a Central High School graduate." Rather than creating your design directly on your cap, we suggest creating a removable design on card stock and cutting a hole in the center of the design so that it can be placed under the button at the top of your cap. This allows you to redo mistakes or change your design without ruining the cap. Be creative! Look for ideas on google and pinterest.



[https:// www.seventeen.com/.../a177.../decorated-graduation-caps/](https://www.seventeen.com/.../a177.../decorated-graduation-caps/)

HVEFun Day 69 -- **Make some rock candy and learn about crystals.** This is a little messy, and it takes about 2 weeks for the crystals to grow. <https://mommypoppins.com/k.../how-to-make-rock-candy-with-kids>



HVEFun Day 70 — Decorate your car with chalk pens to celebrate graduation from 5th, 8th or 12th grade or to welcome summer. You'll see some senior cars around town decorated for the virtual ceremonies, but you may want to think about finding supplies now to celebrate when school ends in June!

HVEFun Day 71 -- Make cardboard cubist inspired masks. Not sure what to do with all the cardboard boxes that you have these days? Cut them up, paint or color them, and make geometric themed masks. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5hbZlTl1XjU>

HVEFun Day 72- Make shell candles. Supplies: shallow shells, tea lights, and a double boiler. Carefully crush the tea light and remove the wick. Place the wick in a shallow shell. With parental supervision, melt the wax from the tea light in a double boiler (google directions for melting wax to stay safe). Carefully pour the melted wax into the shell over the wick allowing enough of the wick to stick out so that you can light it.



HVEFun Day 73 – Make Flowers! Celebrate the last day of May by making some May flowers out of popsicle sticks. <http://raisinglittlesuperheroes.com/popsicle-stick-flower/>

HVEFun Day 74 -- Create some art with frozen paint pops. <https://happyhooligans.ca/painting-with-frozen-paint-pops/>

HVEFun Day 75 -- Glow in the Dark Balloons. Use some clear balloons and glow sticks for some outdoor backyard fun or use them inside tonight if your power (like ours) is still out from the thunderstorms! <https://sayyes.com/2014/05/diy-glow-stick-balloons>

HVEFun Day 76 -- Make your own pizza. Running out of dinner ideas? Get the whole family involved in creating their own pizzas. Use a prebaked crust, buy a ball of dough, or try a simple pizza dough recipe. Then have fun deciding on your toppings. <https://www.food.com/recipe/quick-and-easy-pizza-dough-117532>



HVEFun Day 77 — Make a shell necklace. Next time you are at the beach look for small shells with holes at the top. Put a drawing or message on the inside or leave it plain. Thread cord or ribbon through the hole and make necklaces or bracelets for your friends.

HVEFun Day 78 – Slip 'n slide! Cool off in the backyard with a slip 'n slide or sprinkler.

HVEFun Day 79 -- Create paper pinwheels and watch them spin in the wind. All you need is paper, a pencil with an eraser and a pin! <https://kidsactivitiesblog.com/53474/giant-paper-pinwheels>





HVEFun Day 80 — **Make fruit infused water.** Get creative in keeping the family hydrated. Fill a pitcher or mason jar with water and add fruits and fresh herbs — strawberry and mint, lemon and basil, cucumber and watermelon or any other combinations that sounds fun. Let the kids be creative. Leave the water for a few hours or create at bedtime for the next day!

HVEFun Day 81 -- **Backyard Tin Can Toss Game.** Collect 6 empty cans that are the same size (soup cans are great). Stack them 3 at the bottom, next 2, and 1 on top. Set them up on a table or chair in the backyard, and grab a ball to throw at them to see who can knock them down. You can make a simple game with plain metal cans or extend the activity by painting the cans or decorating them with scrapbook paper. <https://www.craftsbycourtney.com/.../fun-diy-kids-tin-can-to-.../>

HVEFun Day 82 -- **Make origami frogs that actually hop!** Looks like we're in for some rain today. Test your fine motor skills with some origami. You can use plain paper if you don't have some with a pattern. There's a video with instructions in the link. <https://www.mykidstime.com/.../watch-how-to-make-an-origami-.../>

HVEFun Day 83 -- **Outdoor bowling.** Grab some of the empty bottles from your recycling, set them up like bowling pins, and grab a ball. If you want to make the pins look fancy, check out this video. <https://www.todaysparent.com/.../how-to-make-an-outdoor-bowl.../>

HVEFun Day 84 – **Baking Soda Vinegar Experiment.** Mix together $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of vinegar, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of water and food coloring in a small mason jar or cup. Add 2 tablespoons of baking soda and watch the explosion! Add liquid dish detergent for more bubbles. Check out the link for ideas of different proportions to use to see what gives the biggest explosion. <https://handsonaswegrow.com/baking-soda-vinegar/>

HVEFun Day 85 -- **Hook and Ring Game.** Need a weekend project? This one requires a little construction to create, but is a game you can play all summer. It's fun for everyone! <https://h2obungalow.com/diy-hook-and-ring-game-tutorial/>

HVEFun Day 86 -- **Camp Out in the Back Yard.** The nights are cool and clear. If you have a tent, set it up in the backyard and have a campout with the family. If you don't have a tent, there are lots of easy DIY backyard tent instruction available on the internet. Here's a link to one idea. <https://themerrythought.com/diy/diy-canvas-tent/>

HVEFun Day 87 - **Make some shrink art.** Remember shrinky dinks? Design and color in your drawings on special paper and then put it in the oven to bake at a low temperature to watch them shrink and thicken. You can get plain shrinking paper to make your design or kits. Put holes in your designs before shrinking them and make jewelry or key chains for friends! Check out local favorites [jaZams](#) and [Twirl Toy Shop](#) for supplies!





HVEFun Day 88 — **Have a picnic!** The weather is beautiful. Get take out from a local restaurant or make your own meal and eat outdoors. There was lots of open space for social distancing at the Princeton Battlefield at lunch today.

HVEFun Day 89 -- **Indoor Hammocks!** Just find a table and use a king or queen sized sheet to create an indoor hammock. <https://justamumnz.com/.../table-hammocks-simple-fun-for-kids/>

HVEFun Day 90 — **Decorate your house to celebrate the end of the school year!** Whether you have children moving on from 5th, 8th, 12th grade or are just going on to the next grade. Celebrate the last day of school with fun decorations!

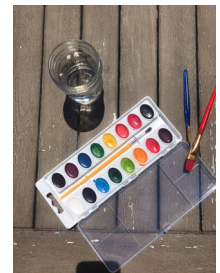
HVEFun Day 91 -- **Make a father's day gift.** The link has lots of fun DIY ideas. We especially like the movie night in a jar! <https://www.bhg.com/.../f.../crafts/fathers-day-crafts-for-kids/> Happy first day of summer vacation!



HVEFun Day 92 -- **Celebrate Father's Day by making root beer floats!** Fill a tall glass until it is 3/4 full. Place the glass on a small plate (to catch the overflow). Place 1-2 scoops of vanilla ice cream in the glass and watch it fizz and float! Happy Father's Day!

HVEFun Day 93 — **Paint with watercolors.** Head outside with some watercolors, brushes and water and paint some pictures.

HVEFun Day 94 -- **Make bread in a bag!** Yeast seems to be back in stock. You just need, yeast, flour, water, sugar, salt, and olive oil to create delicious bread while learning some science. <https://www.yourhomebasedmom.com/bread-bag/>



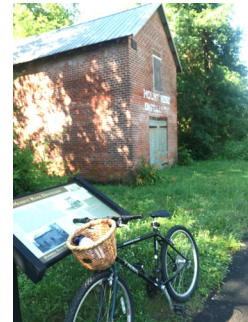
HVEFun Day 95 -- **Alka Seltzer Rockets!** Use alka seltzer, water, and film canisters to create rockets that fly across the room. The link even has a template to design a rocket drawing for your canister if you want. The hardest part of this experiment may be finding canisters since no one uses 35 mm film anymore, but as shown in the link they can be purchased.

https://www.playfullearning.net/resource/summer-science-alka-seltzer-rockets/?fbclid=IwAR1XLkUN7uAKSc6YM1YkFEMAUksqtaJuf_PbSct-vW5uiCxsMK1-CygPEjA



HVEFun Day 96 -- Water Balloons! Have you ever seen the cool device pictured on the top that allows you to easily fill tons of balloons at the same time?! Or fill them one by one. Just be sure to clean up all the balloon pieces when you have finished popping them.

HVEFun Day 97 — Bike Ride! It's a beautiful day to get out and enjoy one of the amazing local bike trails with the family! Some of them even include stops providing local history.



HVEFun Day 98 -- Blow up a Balloon with a Chemical Reaction. Use the gas produced in the baking soda/vinegar reaction to blow up a balloon! You'll need an empty bottle, balloons, baking soda, and vinegar. See the link for directions and amounts. https://www.icanteachmychild.com/fizzy-balloons/?fbclid=IwAR2tDKaf16PiOr57KLh0K3QozZKZxj4bV8QF-fKFJHCmkhr-8v36B1ow_0



HVEFun Day 99 — Outdoor Movie Night! We had a projector at home for work, and our makeshift movie screen was a fitted, white sheet placed over a lacrosse goal! Enjoy!

HVEFun Day 100 -- Sparklers! Celebrate the long weekend or make a summer evening more magical with some sparklers.



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