

50 Fun Things to Do At Home

Adapted from Leann Italie's original article

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These 12 famous museums—from London to Seoul—offer **virtual tours** you can take on your couch.

<https://www.travelandleisure.com/attractions/museums-galleries/museums-with-virtual-tours>

If kids are missing their school friends or other family, try video chats to stay in touch. Practice multiplication and script with your kids. That'll put them in a REALLY good mood. For older kids, break out the practice tests.

Build a fort with blankets or cardboard boxes.

Delete all of the expletive-laden "music" from your teenager's Spotify playlist on the family computer, while she's not looking.

Make time for active play. Bring out the blocks, balls, jump ropes and buckets and let the creativity go.

Wash the floors by hand. Or use a toothbrush.

Do that mending and ironing you've been putting off since 2004.

Calm yourselves with mindfulness meditation. Check-out the Moodparth app to track moods, Headspace and Calm for meditation.

Groom the dog.

Make freeze-ahead dinners. The ones you wish you had right now.

Get kids the Lil' Capt. Robert Scott Antarctic Expedition playset.

Make mazes or puzzles for each other to solve.

Shred your pile of old documents. Better yet, multitask. Use them to light up the fireplace.

Change the batteries in the smoke detectors, since you forgot during Fall Back.

Find all the lids to the Tupperware.

Make homemade mini pizzas.

Download an app and learn how to edit videos.

Call your elderly neighbors and see what you can do to help. Make happy notes and leave them on their door.

Play Monopoly with the rules that make the game go slower.

Go through your junk drawer. Do not be afraid.

Create a treasure hunt for them (leaving clues around the house or yard).

Maintain a sense of hope and positive thinking; consider keeping a journal where you write down things you are grateful for or that are going well.

Clean your silverware and jewelry. Alternatively, pine for silverware and jewelry worth cleaning.

Sort mementos into keep and toss piles. Spend time poring over the keepers—after all, that's why you're keeping them.

Try to eat healthy, well-balanced meals, exercise regularly, get plenty of sleep and avoid alcohol and drugs.

Make a master calendar for gift-giving dates. Shop ahead online. Or for yourself. Pretend there are sales.

Make a list of all the things you love about your significant other for a card or scrapbook.
Make stuff up if you have to.

Put on your fanciest dress-up clothes, evening dress and jewelry and pretend you're in an old movie.

Scan old photos and make a photo book. Then force the kids to look at pictures of their parents when they were little.

Do your taxes! April 15 only feels far off.

Do a science experiment.

Order seeds and plants for your spring garden. Yes, spring will come eventually.

Update your resume. Hey, it's better than doing it at work and leaving it in the copying machine.

Go through clothes (for you and your children) in drawers and closet. Try on and toss.

Upload your CDs, finally. Now, this may be difficult: Toss the CDs and the CD player.

Pitch a tent inside and have a family campout.

Take out all the beach chairs, umbrellas and boogie boards and make a beach day in your living room.

Google yourself.

Create a schedule for your day - but don't put too much pressure on yourself to stick to it.

Make fun decorations for Easter and decorate the house with them.

Collect all the pennies from the corners of the house, coat pockets, sofa cushions, jeans in the laundry. Maybe you'll have enough for a cup of coffee at Starbucks. Then again, maybe not.

Write a letter. You know the kind, with pen and paper.

Make snowflakes out of paper. Tape them to your windows to block out the white piles outside.

Teach haiku—five, seven, five—and make a book of illustrated snow haiku.

Create airfare alerts for deals to your dream destinations.

Play this fun game with your kids: Let's Clean the Bathroom!

Do shadow puppets in the dark.

Play family-friendly spin the bottle with your chore list. Hope it doesn't point to you when it's time to clean toilets.

Mani-pedi, scrub or mask, deep condition. You choose the body parts.

Learn to juggle.

Bubble bath. Turn down the lights, light a candle and pretend you're in a spa. Doesn't do it for you? It's not completely impossible that a real one is open.

Experiment all day on devising the ultimate chocolate chip cookie. Tasting mandatory.

Begin your memoirs.

Make a comic book.

Take pictures of all your belongings to inventory for insurance. Now do a written inventory.

Sleep. Glorious sleep.

Have a reading or movie marathon.

Take turns saying tongue twisters.

Send messages to your friends and relatives with your favorite memories with them.

Build paper airplanes and have a flying contest.