

SIMPLE GAMES FOR RAINY DAYS AND QUARANTINE

Treasure Hunt

Take a small box and fill it with a handful of candy and toys. One person hides the treasure box and gives hints about where to find it. It will be even more fun if you draw a treasure map. *Advanced Version:* Micro-Treasure Hunt: Everybody gets an empty matchbox and puts little things inside (paper clips, buttons, pearls, Lego-blocks). Whoever finds the most items within a certain time is the winner.

Make your own wrapping paper

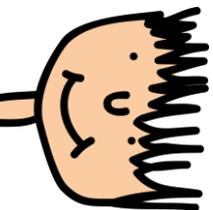
There are many things you probably have at home that you can use for printing: toilet paper rolls, sponges, wooden blocks or even old potatoes or different vegetables. Use paint on the different textures and materials and print it on paper. Let it dry and use it as wrapping paper!

Bowling with toilet paper rolls

Find some toilet paper rolls and a small ball. Paint the paper rolls or apply stickers to make them more attractive. Maybe you can find other materials you can use for bowling inside?

Shadow Theater

Make sure it is dark enough inside. Use your own hand or different items to hold in front of a torch light. You can also hang up a white bed sheet to display shadows on it and tell stories.



Toy car wash

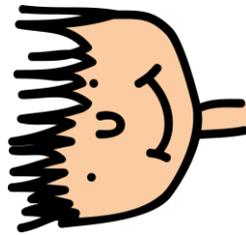
Fill a big bowl with water or let some water into the sink. Add soap and find a small sponge. You created a toy car wash! Probably other toys that you have at home could use some soap and water as well.

Collecting rain water

Put a bowl in front of your front door when it is raining. After some time bring it back in and find out, how much rainwater you collected and if it looks different then water coming out of your tap. What does it smell like?

Creative Painting

Find different things other than a painting brush that you could use for painting (old toothbrushes for example). If you color a marble and let it roll inside an old shoe box you can make artful drawings. First put a sheet of paper on the bottom of the shoe box to make the paint more visible.



Sense of touch

One person gets blindfolded and given different items that he or she has to identify by touching. You can also do this with open eyes if you put the items inside a box or a bag.

Volleyball-Balloon

Blow up a balloon and try to keep it up in the air as a team. You are only allowed to use one finger. If this is getting to easy try to do it with two or more balloons.

Paint real size figures

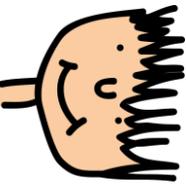
Roll out enough baking paper so that your child can lie down on it. Now draw the outline around the whole body. Color and decorate the shape of the figure as you like.

Create your own play town with tape

Use any kind of tape that doesn't leave stains or marks on your floor to create streets and different buildings such as shops, a zoo etc. Make sure that you can easily remove the tape after done playing.

Mirror reflection

Find a mirror to paint on with removeable paint. Your kids could for example try to paint their own face. If you press a piece of paper on the wet paint you can make a print.



Cleaning-Party

There are probably cleaning activities in your house that your kids enjoy (Cleaning the dishwasher, sweeping the floor, hanging up the laundry...). It could be even more fun if you put on some audiobook or music that your kids like.

Making paper planes

This is an activity that almost always works. It is especially fun if you use a target. You can paint the paper planes as well as the target.

Balloon-Bed

What do you need? A duvet cover and many balloons. Blow up the balloons and put them into the duvet cover. You created a very fun place for your kids to play on!

Bathtub Diver

You need a bathtub, diving rings, water pistols or other water toys. If the parents join in, it gets even more fun!

Who is that?

You need fruit, vegetable, stick-on-eyes and a camera. Create your own little images, take pictures and make up stories with your kids!

One day in the life of ...

You need costumes and accessories to play pirates, knights, princesses etc. Build a ship out of chairs and pillows, eat a special knights' meal with your hands and so on.

The travelers

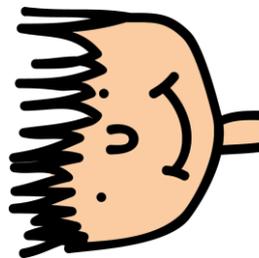
Make your own car, train, plane out of cardboard boxes. Use tape to add details like wheels, lights etc.

City planer

You need an old white bed sheet and finger paints, old cardboard boxes, toy cars or playmobil-figures. The cars or playmobil-figures are getting their own city. Paint streets, shops, house, parks etc. on the bed sheet and let it dry.

Be a popstar

You need a stereo, a dress up box and something you can use as a microphone. Animate your kids to dress up and to sing and dance to the music.



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