

# 55 things to do at home during the Easter Holidays.

## 1. Create paper animals

If you've got some card, scissors and a pen lying around then you're in luck, as that's all you need to make these [simple animal crafts](#) at home. There's a lion, elephant and orangutan, or you can get creative and make your own!

## 2. Try these toddler crafts

Got a toddler to keep busy? This list of [6 easy toddler craft ideas](#) are great for little hands, and help to develop scissor skills too!

## 3. Make Easter bonnets

Move over Easter Bunny, this year we're learning how to make Easter bonnets with the kids! Use paper or newspaper to make a band to go around the head and decorate with Easter themed pictures. Beware, they'll be wanting to wear them all week!



## 4. Decorate eggs

[Decorating eggs](#) is another Easter-inspired craft, but one that can be done all year round if you're stuck for ideas on entertaining the kids at home. For these, all you need is some hard-boiled eggs and then all the crafts you can think of - from paint and pens, to stickers or temporary tattoos!

## 5. Mix (Harry Potter) potions or perfumes

Ever fancied joining potions class at Hogwarts? Recreate the magic, with these [Harry Potter inspired potions to make at home](#). From fizzy cauldrons to goblin snot juice (yes, really!), kids will love mixing and making the potions or perfumes and you can rest assured that there's a science lesson in there too!



## 6. Dinosaur garden for kids

If dinosaurs and digging seem like the perfect combo, you'll love making this [easy dinosaur garden for kids](#). Use things you have lying around the house or garden to create your perfect dinosaur haven and add some succulents to give it a real Jurassic feel (they need very little care too, so it's easy to manage!)

## 7. Make bird feeders

Help the birds enjoy their lunch, by making these [easy bird feeders](#). Make it, hang it, then watch as the birds tuck in!

## 8. Toilet roll crafts

Sometimes the best craft activities are those that don't cost you a penny! Dig out your craft supplies and have a look at our list of [5 crafts to do with toilet rolls](#), but the options are really endless with these reused rolls!



## 9. **Make your own recycled robots**

One man's trash is another man's treasure! Raid your recycling bin and get creative with our guide on [how to make recycled robots](#).

## 10. **Get artistic with painted rocks**

A day inside doesn't mean you can't venture out to the back garden! If you've got stones in your back garden, check out these [tips for painting rocks](#).

## 11. **Sticky back plastic crafts**

Sticky back plastic or cling film can be used to create different [crafts](#).

## 12. **Turn a cardboard box into something fun**

Fact: kids love cardboard boxes. [10 things to do with a cardboard box](#).

## 13. **Make a time capsule**

Want to treasure your memories? Get creative and make a time capsule to bury in the back garden so you never forget a thing. Have a look for some photos, keepsakes, or anything else you feel like putting in!

## 14. **Make sock puppets**

Got odd socks lying around? Put them to good use and get creative! With some glue, googly eyes, and string for hair, you can transform your old socks into some awesome creatures to play with.

## 15. **Make a scrapbook (or smash book!)**

Scrapbooks are always a fun one have a look at this guide for [how to make a smash book](#), it's like a scrapbook with no rules or themes, just loads of great family memories!

## 16. **Create a paper plate dragon**

With St George's Day approaching, why not [make a paper plate dragon](#). This super simple craft is perfect for an afternoon activity and making them is only half the fun!

## 17. **Make a castle with cardboard, pens/paint/pencils and/or colourful paper and glue**

Live out your fairy tale by making your very own castle. Depending on what cardboard you have, they can be mini or huge, and you can decorate them with whatever types of crafts you have around.

## 18. **Create life-sized drawings**

Grab some pieces of paper and stick them together, and then get your kids to go for a lie down - on the paper! Trace their outline, then once complete, get the colouring pens out and let the kids go wild in creating a new look.

## 19. Make slime

Who doesn't love slime!?! Your little ones will love getting messy with this [homemade slime recipe](#).

## 20. Make a DIY Jellyfish with paper plates and string

[Make your own jellyfish](#), and all you need are paper plates and string! Colour your plate in and stick your pieces of string on the bottom of the plate - give it a wiggle to see your tentacles move!

## 21. Make rainbow rice

Who doesn't love rainbows? Making [rainbow rice](#) is an easy sensory activity, and you'll have just as much fun making it as you will playing with it. Once dyed, play around with mixing colours, add toys like dinosaurs or trucks, or use to create your very own masterpieces!

## 22. Make and fly paper planes

Paper planes are a classic game, and the best part is all you need is a piece of paper! Get folding and test your aircrafts out by having a little competition, you can even set up some hoops and see who's got the best navigation skills. Here is a guide for a reminder on [how to make a paper plane](#)!)

## 23. Make a Fairy jar

For a little bit of magic, try out this [fun fairy jar tutorial](#) - it's perfect for adding a little bit of sparkle to your day! They're fun to make, and they look spectacular once you've made them.

## 24. Make your toys parachutes with cloth and string

Want to go skydiving? Try the next best thing and send your toys skydiving! This one works best for small plastic toys, and all you need to do is get an old piece of cloth, cut some holes and feed some string through, then attach your toy to the makeshift parachute and they're away!

## 25. Make beautiful press flowers

Take a little snip of your favourite flower and leave it between some heavy books for a few days, by the time you come back your pretty flower will be preserved and ready to be used in some pretty crafts!



## 26. Create a nail varnish marble painting

Dig out those old nail varnishes that you'll never wear and put them to good use. Fill a little dish with some water and splat your chosen colours in, then grab a cocktail stick and swirl away!

## 27. Create tissue box monsters

Make your own [tissue box monsters](#). This super easy recycled craft will keep the kids happy for a while, and there's loads of fun to be had with your monsters too!

## 28. Build paper chains

There's so much you can do with these, from making some awesome decor for your house, to fashioning a pretty bracelet or necklace, and decorating them is pretty fun too!

## 29. Make a paper pinwheel

Have a look at this little tutorial on [how to make a paper pinwheel](#), dig out your colours and get crafting!

## 30. Get messy with macaroni art

The options are endless when creating a macaroni masterpiece, whether you keep it simple or get your paints and go all in. The best part is that all you need is some pasta, paper and glue.

## 31. Make paper boats and see if they float

Have a look at this tutorial for [how to make paper boats](#), and the fun doesn't have to stop once you've made them, why not see if they float

## 32. Sink or float investigation

Gather different objects from around the house. First make a prediction which ones you think will sink or float and then carry out your investigation. All you need are some objects and a bowl/bucket.



## 33. Make a collage

Making a collage is a great thing to do if you're stuck indoors, and there are so many options. You can draw, stick things, paint things, even make things to go on your collage, just pick a topic and get crafting!

## 34. Tie-dye some old t-shirts

Have a look at this guide on [how to tie-dye with kids](#), and create some groovy new looks.

## 35. Make a dinosaur habitat box

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## 36. Gather round for a family board game

From Snakes and Ladders to Monopoly, there's a board game to suit everyone in your family.

## 37. Play a mystery game

If your kids love riddles and science, they'll go wild for our brand new mystery game - [The Mystery of the Missing Potions](#). Designed for mini adventurers, aged 4-8, it's free to play online, anytime you like.

### 38. Organise an indoor scavenger hunt

Whether you fancy hiding clues around the house and hand-making a map to find the hidden treasure, or you'd rather set a few scavenger hunt tasks all within your favourite book (find someone who's wearing green, find three apples, etc.). Here is a [free printable indoor treasure hunt](#).

### 39. Play "Animal Charades"

Animal Charades is a game that can be played by kids of all ages. To make the game easier, here are some [printable animal charades](#) for you to try.



### 40. Throw a talent show

Organising your own talent show is one of those indoor activities for kids that the grown-ups may enjoy more than they expect. Whether it's singing, dancing, stunts or a comedy routine, your special skills will be appreciated. Lots of laughs guaranteed!

### 41. Build a den or fort

Grab blankets, sheets, pillows and cushions and create your very own secret den. Use it for secret stories, watching films or just as a super comfy place to relax.



### 42. Build a bug hotel

Make a haven for all sorts of wildlife, with this [step-by-step guide to building a bug hotel](#) using things you'll find in your garden!

### 43. Do some yoga together

Has all this being stuck indoors got you feeling a bit tense? Streeeeetch it out with some [yoga for kids](#).

### 44. Build a fairy garden

Being stuck at home doesn't always have to mean staying indoors, so why not venture into the garden to create a magical fairy garden? We love these tips from mum of 4, Anna, for [making a fairy garden](#).

### 45. Create your own town for cars using tape

This easy indoor activity is great fun for kids and can be done in any space. Grab masking tape (electrical tape or washi tape works well too!) and create 'roads' for your kids' cars to drive on - its hours of entertainment! Check out [bubblesandbellylaughs](#) for inspiration.

### 46. Online museum tours/Google Maps

Here are a list of [60+ Virtual Tours](#) to explore over the Easter Holidays. Fire up Google Maps and see if you can find everything from your school or house, to your favourite day out! Use the little yellow man to check out street view and see what you can spot!

#### 47. Play with shadow shapes

Draw around the shadows of your favourite toys or create your own hand puppet shows, creating a range of animals and birds. Check out this [guide for how to make hand shadow puppets](#) for ideas, and get creative to try and make your own!



#### 48. Science experiments for kids

You don't need a lab coat or goggles for these [cool science experiments for kids](#). From jumping frogs, to rainbow skittles, and even an erupting volcano, kids will barely realise they're learning with these science-based activities. Explore these [3 sensory activities](#). This [simple freezing science experiment](#) is the perfect indoor activity, and you've already got everything you need! Who knew freezing and rescuing toys could be so fun? [These little egg-speriments](#) are brilliant for Easter time. Head into your back garden and get your fingers green with these great [plants to plant with the kids](#).

#### 49. Fish for letters/numbers

Do you have some of those magnet letters/numbers lying around? Well, just dump them in a bowl of water; then tie a thread to a pencil and attach a paperclip at the end to make a fishing rod - job done! You're now ready to send the kids to go fishing.

#### 50. Host a family game show/quiz

Separate into teams and let the competitiveness ensue! Not enough people to form teams? Add game show rules to the quiz, like "The first person to raise their hand gets to guess the answer, if they fail and their opponent gets it, the opponent steals their point". You can get as creative as you like.

#### 51. Go digital!

If you can't get the kids to get away from their favourite screens, then turn the enemy into a friend with these [great game apps](#) the whole family can play together. Don't forget the list of apps/websites we sent home in the first pack.

#### 52. Alphabet find activity

The [alphabet find activity](#) is the perfect indoor activity to keep the little ones busy, active and learning the alphabet at the same time! Just write large letters on pieces of paper/post it notes, attach them in different places around the house and get the kids to find them.

#### 53. Make invisible ink with lemon

Fancy yourself a spy in the making? Try [making your very own invisible ink at home](#), and all you need is a lemon and some water! This super spy experience is top secret, so try it out and you can communicate in code!

#### 54. Blind taste tests

Blindfolds on, food on the plate - it's a fun sensory activity for all ages.

## 55. Download Disney+

Imagine a place where you can watch over 1,000 of your favourite Disney, Pixar, Marvel and Star Wars movies and series - and yep, that's [Disney+](#). Sign up below to enjoy a FREE week's trial of endless entertainment! If you decide it's not for you then just remember to cancel before the end of your trial, or if it quickly becomes something you can't live without, sit back, relax and enjoy a whole world of Disney magic in your living room!



## Easy Recipes for Kids

### Tips for baking with kids

Before we go any further, if team cooking with the kids is something new to you, you'd probably want to read these [5 tips for baking with the kids](#) by master baker Rachel Brady, who has plenty of experience baking with her two little ones.

### Easter nest fairy cakes

Baking and decorating your [Easter nest fairy cakes](#) is the perfect indoor activity for kids during the Easter holidays. However, don't let the name fool you, these cakes are so yummy, you'll want to make them all year long. Just change up the decoration and you'll get the same indulgent taste with a whole new look.



### Easy banana pancakes

Pancakes aren't just for pancake day, and these fluffy [banana pancakes](#) make a great treat at any time of the day! You'll only need a few ingredients and they're super quick - and yummy too!

### Delicious gingerbread shapes

Who doesn't love a good gingerbread biscuit?! Try this [easy gingerbread recipe](#) with your kids and you won't have to wait until Christmas to bite into a delicious gingerbread man. Plus, you'll learn how to cut other biscuit shapes.

### Mild chicken fajitas for kids

Stuck for dinner ideas? Try this recipe for [chicken fajitas for kids](#) - mild in terms of spice, but packed full of flavour! Tried and tested by mum Emily, you can cook it all up and let the kids serve (and wrap!) themselves.

### Mug Cake Recipe

There's nothing easier to make than a [microwave mug cake](#).

### **Make Frozen banana lollies**

It's never too cold for ice cream, and these [frozen banana lollies](#). Banana, strawberries, chocolate and hundreds and thousands are all you need.

### **Make homemade pizzas, with whatever toppings you like!**

Pizzas are always a winner, and this recipe for [homemade pizzas and tomato sauce](#) is sure to be a hit with the whole family. Quick, easy and delicious too, everyone can choose their favourite toppings.



### **Rainbow Fruit skewers**

Struggling to get the kids to eat fruit? Try these colourful [rainbow fruit skewers!](#)