

ULTIMATE AT HOME ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS



150+ FUN GAMES

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Introduction

The school holidays are going to be tough for all of us. We have struggled with homeschooling, but it was a kick in the guts when I realised that the holidays were in fact going to be even worse. Generally our kids go to a few vacation care days and we plan a quite a few fun days out, park meetups with friends and often camping trips. That is all off the cards now.

What we've done is put together a series of themed days for you. The idea is that you can decide today is Pirate Day and you can go through and do all or some of the activities. To make things easier, we've popped them in a suggested order for the day. In the middle of each day, we've put in a movie break. This is to give everyone some down time (including you).

You'll see we refer to quite a lot of YouTube videos. Where we have those linked, we've also included the title so you can search for them easily on your TV if it has the YouTube app. Of course, you need to make it work in the right way for your family, so take it just as a suggestion and see how you go.



The activities are generally aimed at three to nine-year-old children. Some will be too tough for the little-uns and some will make the older kids a bit bored, but our goal is to provide a really good mix of things that still work for families with more than one child.

If these help you, [please do reach out and let us know](#). And please share word of this book with your friends; as you will read on the next page, it's very important to our family. If you have themes you'd like to see for a second book, again, tell us. We need this as much as you do!

What you need:

- An internet connection
- Printer
- Colouring in pencils or pens
- Lots of printer paper
- Craft materials, such as glue, scissors, blu tak, rulers, sticky tape

Who Are We?

This guide has been put together by [Old Mate Media](#). We are a small publishing and media company based in Sydney, Australia. Old Mate Media is run by Kate and Chris Stead. We're parents of three, masters of juggling work and home life (not!) and even bigger fans of daycare and school now that we were at the start of the year.

We run our growing, but still small business with passion and, like many around the world – no doubt many of you – we have been thrown way off course by the events of 2020.

This guide has been put out to help you all (and us) get through the nightmare that is a school holidays trapped in isolation. But we also put it out to hopefully put a little injection into our finances. We've priced it to be super affordable. And hopefully you will pick up some of our other books, too. (Pretty please?!) Even leaving a review on Amazon or iBooks is a massive help to us!

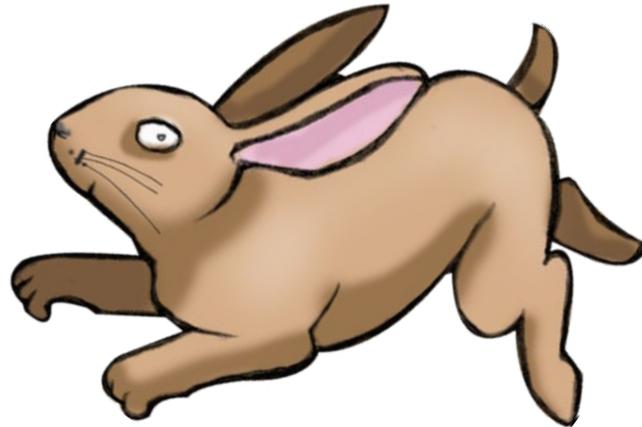
We do ask that if you've been sent it by someone else, that you consider purchasing your own copy [from our website](#), or from [Amazon](#), or from [Apple Books](#). If you cannot afford to purchase your own copy during these trying times, we understand. We hope that the activities provided a little assistance during this horrific period and we ask that you share one of the links above with your friends.

You can find us on [Facebook](#) or on [Instagram](#) and also on [LinkedIn](#). Plus we have a [YouTube](#) channel. Follow us so we can keep you informed about a second edition.



DAY 1: Easter

It seems timely to start with Easter. It's true you may be reading this after the Easter weekend, but if your kids are anything like ours, they will still want to do Easter activities. If you can handle the sugar rush, you may even be tempted to offer a small chocolate treat to those who finish all the day's tasks.



1. EASTER TIME CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES

It's always great to start with some craft activities in the morning. Everyone is perky and keen at the start of the day, and hopefully the mess from the day before isn't obscuring your flat surfaces. We've got a few activities for you to choose from:

a. Create an Easter bunny mask

Download and print one of the mask templates accessed via the link below. I would suggest printing in black and white. This way it requires more effort from the kids to create and thus takes more time.

Once printed, you can colour them, cover them in stickers or go even further. The level of craft is up to you. Then your child can wear their crafts as they play the Easter bunny in your non-Easter egg hunt (see activity 2).

[Click here to download the bunny mask template.](#)

b. Make toilet paper roll bunnies

I will be honest; the humour in this fun activity really appeals to me. Assuming you have been able to buy toilet paper (!!), they are also quite cute and easy to make.

[Click here for instructions on how to make your bunnies.](#)

c. Make Easter chick pop-up cards

If you're trying to think of a craft activity that, once completed, you can drop-off to the grandparents in lieu of the usual Easter visit, this is a good choice.

[Click here for your template and instructions for chick cards.](#)

d. Get a whole collection of activities

This collection of activities from Itsy Bitsy Fun is suited to pre-schoolers. I like having them on hand as it can grant you a small break as your kid works through them.

[Click here to download and print the collection.](#)

2. HAVE YOUR OWN NON-EASTER EGG HUNT

In our experience, the kids enjoy the act of the Easter egg hunt perhaps even more than the chocolate reward. So, going on a "hunt" doesn't need to be tied to Easter.

Pick a toy that you have quite a few of and repeatedly do the Easter egg hunt using this toy instead of little chocolates. This can be done around the house or in the garden. We used toy Hot Wheels cars, but you can also use;

- Superhero figurines or dolls
- Small tupperware containers
- Dinosaurs or animals
- Soft toys (if playing inside)
- Rolled up socks

Put one child in charge of hiding with the others on search duties, and then rotate this. (Depends on the ages of your kids.)



3. LUNCH TIME MOVIE BREAK

Here is a choice of Easter themed movies to enjoy at lunchtime. Go put your feet up for a bit and enjoy that hot tea!

- Hop
- The Dog Who Saved Easter
- Rise of the Guardians
- Peter Rabbit (yes, it's a stretch)



4. DRAWING LESSONS

There are some fantastic art lessons available for free. Here are some great videos to help kids draw an Easter bunny or an Easter chick. Remember, you can click on the link below, or if you want to watch it on your TV, type in the indicated search term.

[YouTube: Easter Bunny](#)

Search: How to draw an Easter bunny - Easy drawings step by step

[YouTube: Easter Basket with Eggs](#)

Search: How to draw an Easter basket with Easter eggs inside of it

5. HOLD AN EGG AND SPOON RACE

This is such an easy activity to do and comes with the added bonuses of doubling as exercise and tiring the little tikes out. All you need is a start and finish line, some spoons and some eggs. If you are doing this inside or with young kids, I suggest using boiled eggs to minimise both mess and trauma.

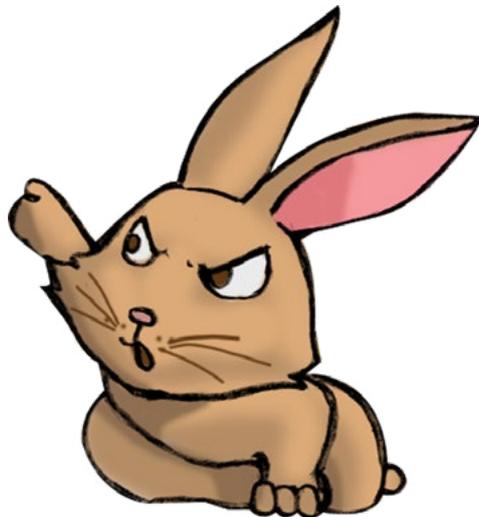
6. MAKE 3D EASTER EGGS

What a great way to finish off the Easter day in your awesome activities schedule. Not only are these 3D Easter eggs really cute, they're surprisingly easy to make, too. Your kids will love them. This task involves a video tutorial and written instructions.

[YouTube: Instructional video to show the kids how to do 3D Easter eggs.](#)

Search: How to make 3D paper Easter eggs very easily on YouTube

[Then click here to see the written instructions and the template.](#)



Note: The rabbit images in this chapter were taken from our children's book, **Christmas Chimney Challenge** from the The Wild Imagination of Willy Nilly series. We'd love it if you grabbed a copy: [you can find it here.](#)