



FROM THE HOME OF LEA REDMOND

PLEASE BE SAFE + STAY WELL!

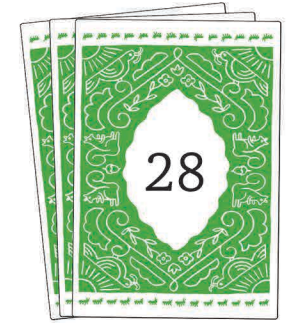
I have designed this deck just for you during the shelter-in-place. Perfect for kiddos (5+), families, and even playful grown-ups, I invite you to take a break from screens and engage your attention with these hand-on, creative and thoughtful mini adventures for inside your home!

Enjoy 1/2 the deck now + a full physical deck delivered to you after we venture back out into the big beautiful world! Pre-ordering decks for you, your friends and family will also help keep Leafcutter and the World's Smallest Post Service in business - thank you!

XOXO, Lea Redmond



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INSIDE ACTIVITIES

OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

Print + enjoy these 28 free indoor activities today!

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HOME SWEET HOME

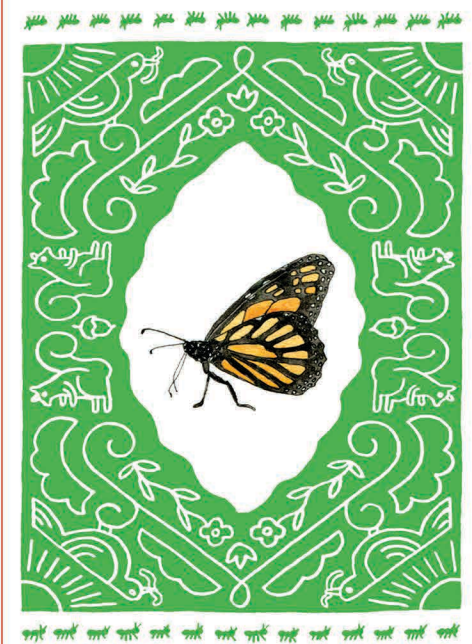
Welcome home! Even though you're there all the time, your home is full of fun surprises around every corner! Pick a card and dig in! Ask the whole family to play with you. (You might want grown-up assistance for a few of the cards.)



OUT AND ABOUT

Someday soon, we'll go outside again and the big, beautiful world will greet us with its many wonders!

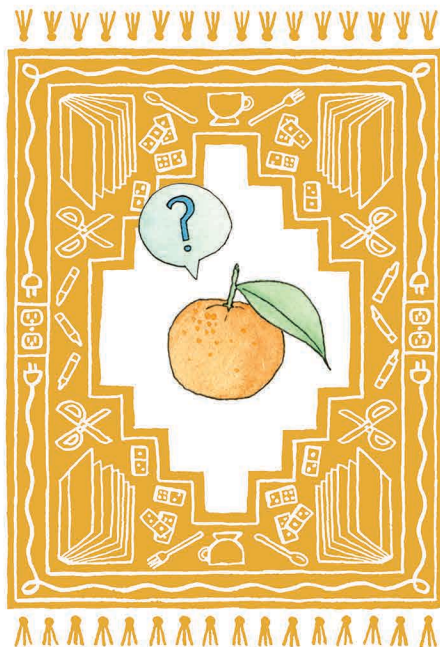
Let this little butterfly remind you of all the good things to come.





Speech Bubbles

What do the inanimate objects in your home have to say? Make it up! Cut speech bubble shapes out of paper, write fun phrases inside, and tape them to (or near) the objects. Wait for other people in your home to find and enjoy them. What might you have to say if you were a tangerine, a stapler, or a tube of toothpaste? Maybe, "I need a hug" or "tell me a joke?" You can also create conversations between objects by posting multiple speech bubbles.



Lucky Penny

Gather together all the coins you can find. Borrow from people in your household, and be sure to check under the couch cushions! Look close for the year on each coin -- which shows the year the coin was minted -- and line the coins up in chronological order. Lastly, figure out if any of the coins have a birth year that matches the birth year of someone in your home. Show them and tell them they were born the same year as the coin!



Play Ball

Make a mini basketball game (or other kind of ball game) from small found objects.

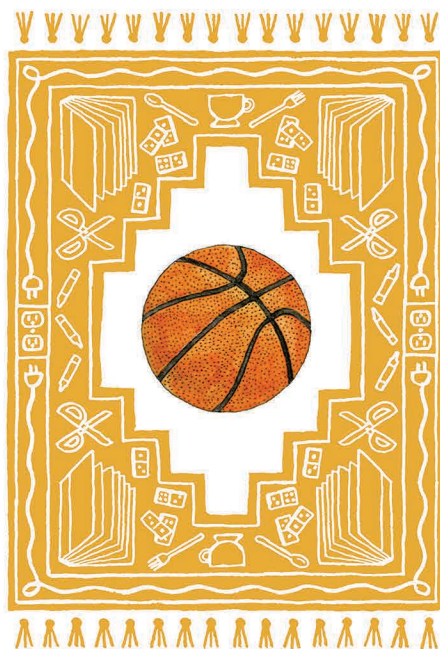
Ideas for nets:

- toilet paper roll
- roll of tape
- spice jar

Ideas for balls:

- cotton ball
- piece of popcorn
- grape

Make the game more challenging by marking a "3-point" line with masking tape!



Rainbow Week

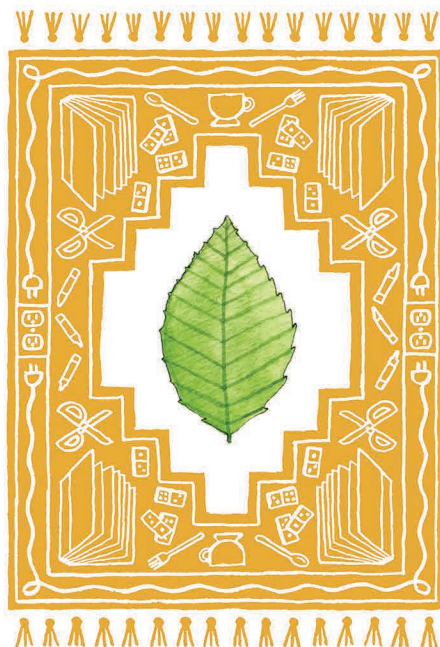
Wear a rainbow over the course of a week! Start with red and wear something red on the first day. Then wear orange on the second day, then yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet. Do your best to make a rainbow with whatever clothes you already have. It's okay if you miss a day or if the only area with that day's color is your socks! Other people might notice your rainbow, or it might be something special just for you.





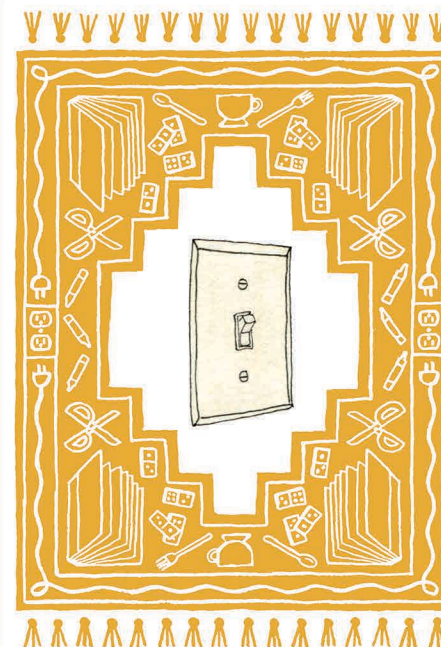
Inside Trees

Did you know that everything that is wooden used to be a tree? To keep this in mind, cut and color a collection of paper leaves. Choose a wooden piece of furniture or other wooden item in your home (spoon, baseball bat, front door) and tape the leaves to it. Leave it for at least a few days before removing the leaves. Option: Repeat by moving the leaves to a new wooden item in your home.



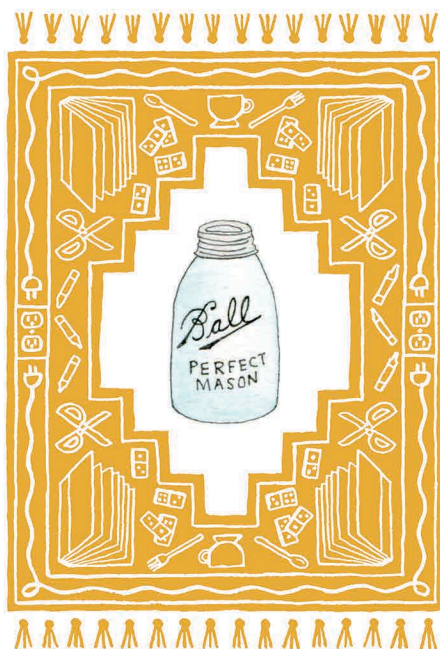
Light Switch Creatures

Cut a small rectangle in the middle of a piece of paper -- about 1/2 inch wide by 1 inch tall, or the size of the little switch part of a light switch. Then draw a creature -- a monster, an animal, a robot, or whatever you like -- using the hole as the "nose" of your creature. Decorate your creature with crayons, paints, colored pencils, or even collage! Then tape the paper to the light switch so that the switch part sticks through the nose hole.



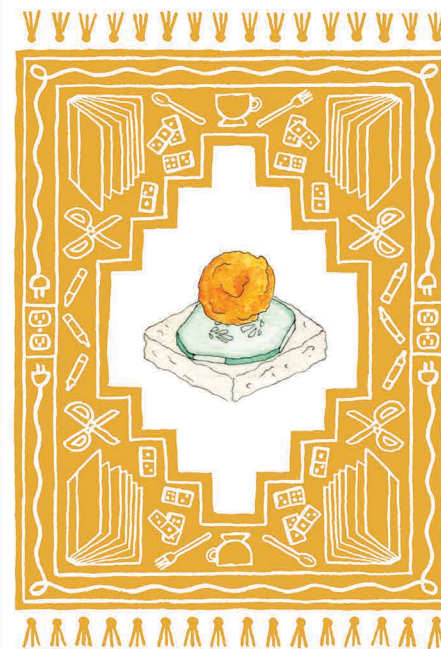
The Oldest Thing

Find the oldest thing in your house. Learn its story, or if no one knows its true story, make one up for it! How old is it? Where is it from? Who made it, when, and why? What is it for and how many different people have owned it? What makes it special? On a sheet of paper, create a Certificate of Authenticity for the item. Include a brief description, age, a sketch, today's date, and your signature.



Tiny Sandwiches

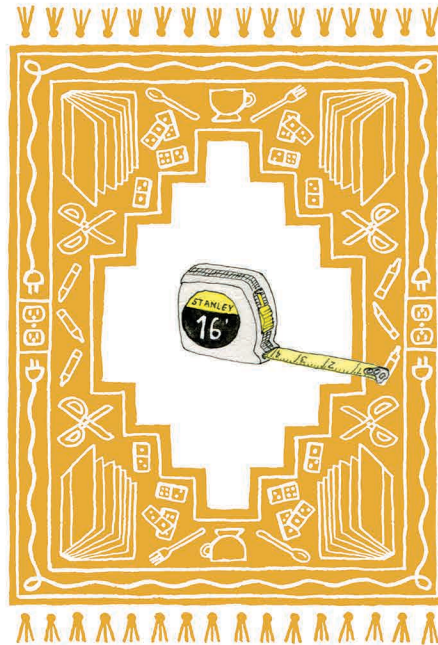
Cut slices of bread into mini squares. Explore your kitchen for interesting ingredients. Be creative and choose things you wouldn't expect in a sandwich, such as spices, sauces, pretzels, rosemary, grapes, sesame seeds, etc. Create a unique, unusual combination of ingredients for each tiny sandwich. Then line them up, going from the one you think will be most delicious to the grossest. Eat them and see if you're surprised by what you like!





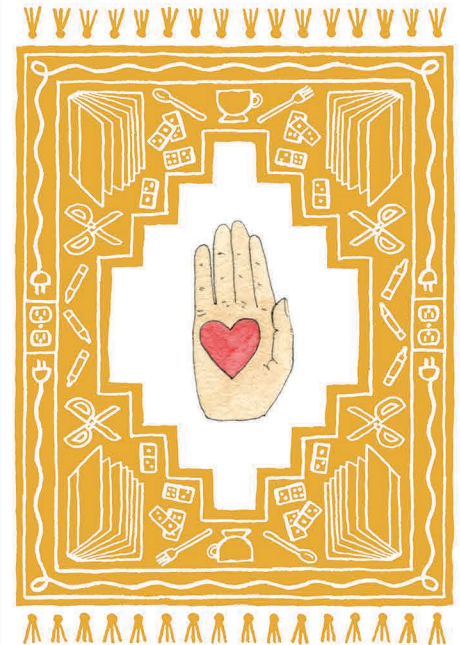
Junk Drawer Charades

Lay out a collection of junk drawer items on a table and gather a few other players. Take turns. On your turn, secretly select one of the items in your mind. Then, without speaking, move your body and make gestures as clues, trying to get the other players to guess which item you are pretending to be. Repeat for as long as you like! Optional: keep score to see who guesses correctly the most. Variation: play with other object collections.



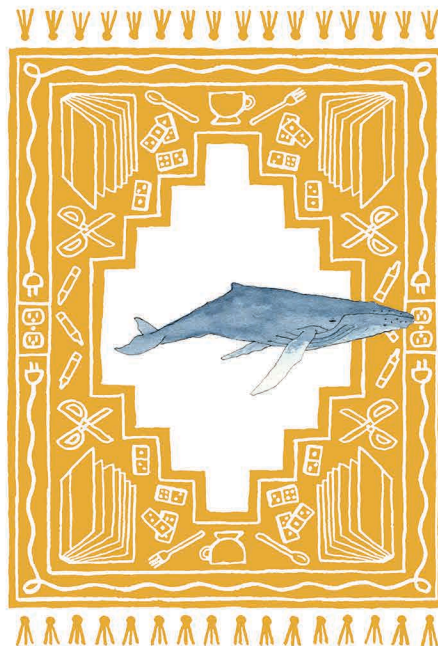
Hug Spot

Cut out a large paper circle and write "HUG PLEASE" on it. Decorate it if you like, and tape it to the floor someplace very visible in your home. Let everyone know that if they ever need a hug, they can go stand on the "hug spot" and someone else will arrive to share a hug with them.



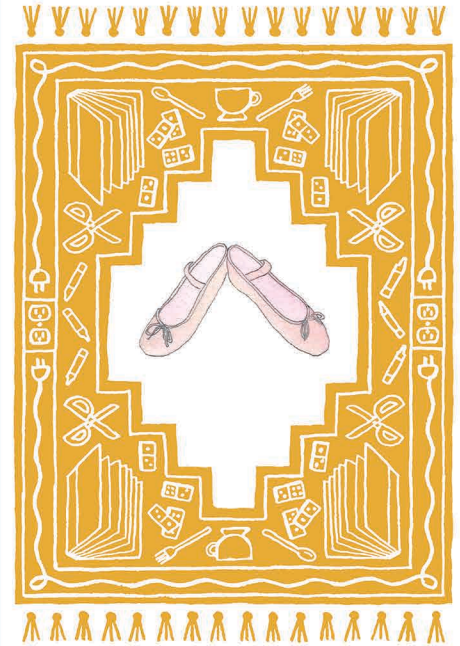
I'm Stuffed

Set a stuffed animal in your refrigerator. Gigggle and close the refrigerator door. Wait for someone else in your home to find it. On a different day, do it again with a different stuffed animal or other toy. Repeat for as long as it continues to be funny.



Hand Me Down

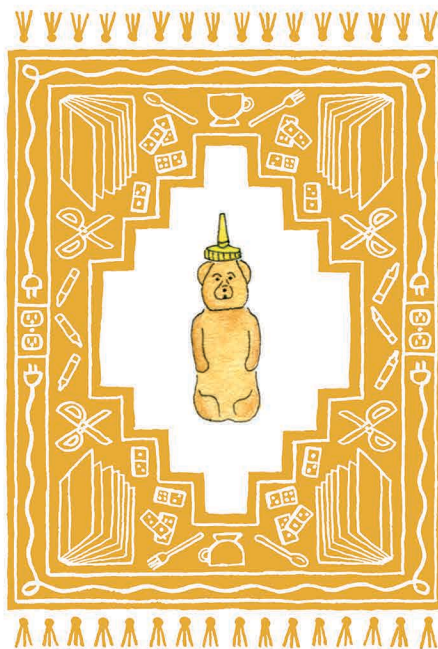
Choose a garment or toy that you have outgrown. Think about a person who might really love to have that item. Package it up with a note and get it ready to give to them the next time you see them. In your note, tell them what you love about the item and if you have any tips for how to play with it, enjoy it the most, or care for it properly. Ask them to gift it to someone new once they outgrow it themselves.





The Great Indoors

Search for all of the animals hiding in your house! You might begin with plush toys, then move on to clothing. Next, check for images of animals on food packaging and dishes, in photos and framed art, and in books and magazines. Make a travel journal of your indoor expedition, jotting down field notes and making sketches along the way.



Popsicle Palette

Experiment with flavor and color. Use an ice cube tray and make every compartment a different flavor and color using various kinds of juice, mashed fruits and veggies, powdered spices, etc. They can be sweet or savory. Try to create a wide range of colors, just like a paint palette. Keep track of which is which, or just let it surprise you as you eat them later on. Note: you can add popsicle sticks if you like, or just make plain cubes.



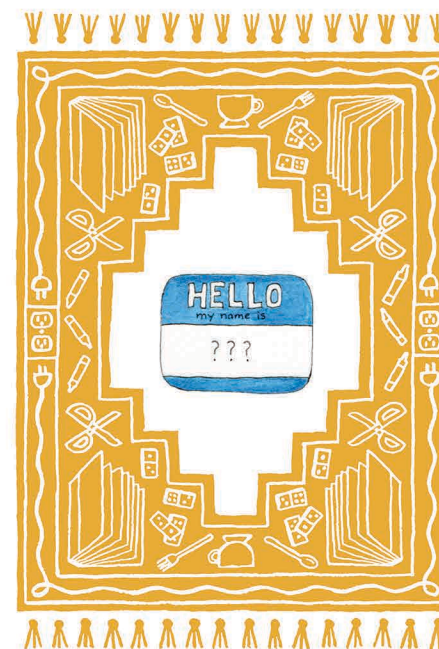
Board Game Hack

Choose a tabletop game from your collection and invent a new way to play it. Use the pieces in the box, but ignore the instructions that came with the game. Make up your own new rules! You can even add pieces and cards from other games if you like. Teach each other how to play. Optional: write down the rules of your game so you can remember how to play it in the future.



Hello, My Name Is...

Think up creative new names for items in your home. Write them on little slips of paper and tape them to the items for other people to find and enjoy. For example, you might label a clothes button a "tiny flying saucer" or rename a spoon a "cereal bulldozer." A bottle of glue might become "monster drool" or "super duper sticky stuff." Bonus: gather up the items and present them to the other people in your home as a mini "museum."





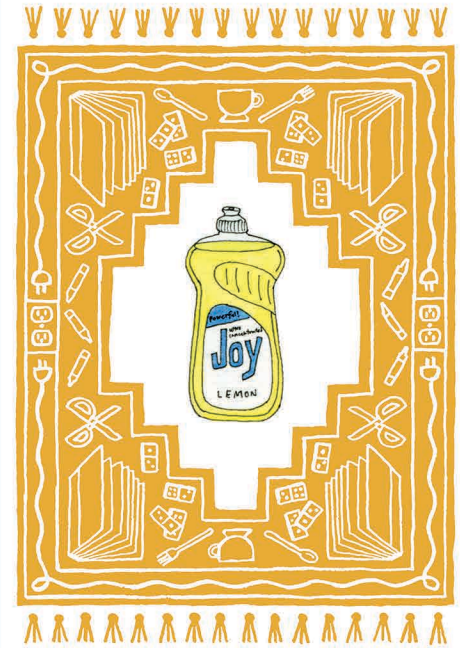
Pocket Pal

Choose a small object in your bedroom or home. It should be something that doesn't already belong to someone else. Ideas: a sea shell, a beautiful stone, an action figure, or even just a wooden clothespin. It can be anything! Whenever you like, visit your pal and whisper to it how you are feeling -- what you're worried about or glad about. It's your friend. You can even carry your pal in your pocket to keep you company.



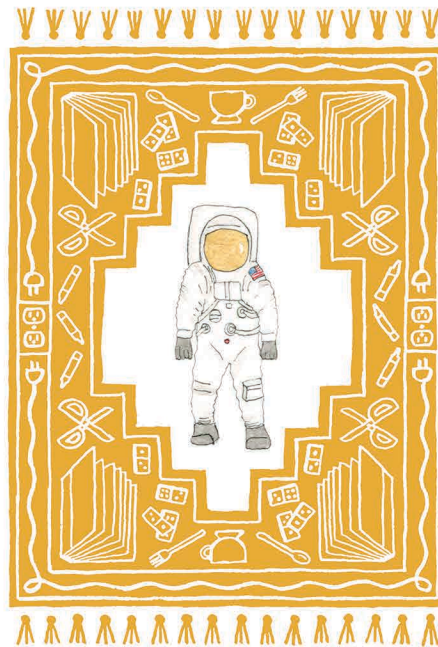
Playful Packaging

Reimagine a product in your home -- a crayon box, milk carton, dishwashing soap, book cover, etc. Use your imagination and some paper and art supplies to dream up a new label, tag or other packaging art. Make the size of your new version to match the original. Re-name the product, choose packaging colors, shapes, patterns and other imagery. When done, tape your design to the original product and use it with its new packaging.



Greetings from Outer Space

Pretend you are an astronaut exploring the solar system. Write a letter back to yourself on planet Earth, telling yourself about your imaginary galactic adventures -- what are you seeing, doing, eating, discovering? Include a drawing if you like. Then tuck your greeting into an envelope with a real postage stamp, address it back to yourself at your home, write: "VIA SPACE MAIL" on the envelope, and drop your letter into a real mailbox.

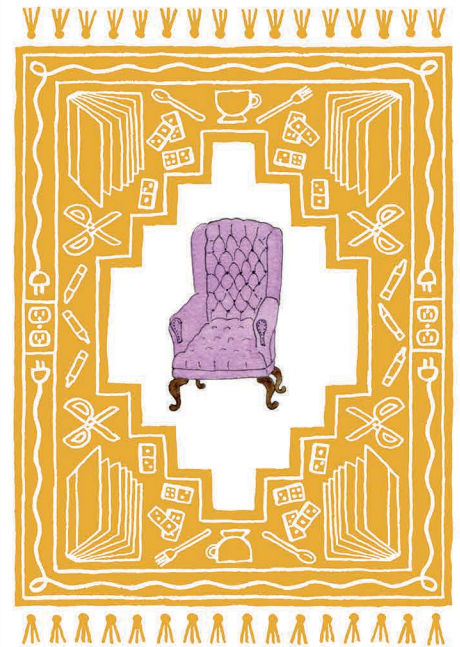


The Best

Give awards of achievement to stuff in your home. Use this list or make up your own categories!

- coziest chair
- quietest spot
- most useful tool
- smallest thing
- most colorful item
- best book
- funniest object

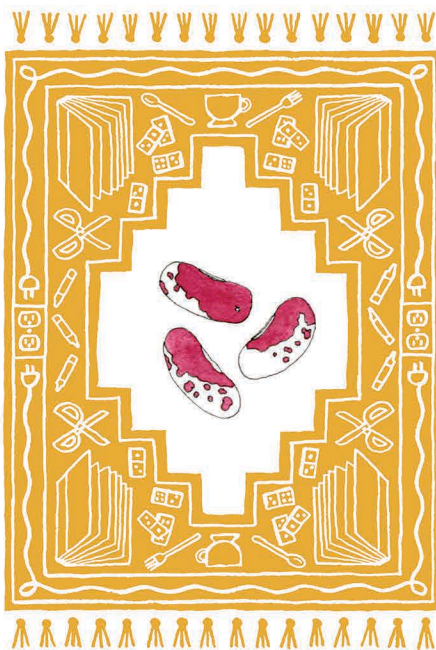
Make paper awards and host an awards ceremony where you announce the winners to the rest of your household.





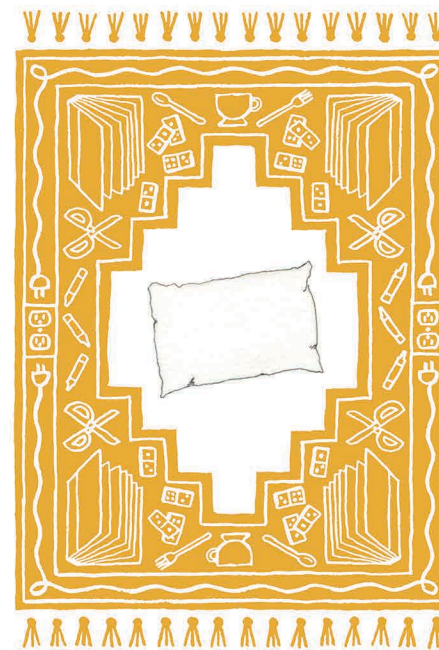
Guessing Beans

Make a “guess how many” jar by filling a see-through container with dry beans. Just pour them in and don’t count them yet! Invite everyone in your household -- including you! -- to write their best guess on a scrap of paper and fold it up so no one else can see it. Then count the items in the jar to determine who’s guess was most accurate! Award that person a prize of your own making. Alternate guessing items: lentils, popcorn kernels, grains of rice.



Pillow Flip

Move your pillow to the other end of your bed, where your feet usually go. Sleep that direction instead tonight! Notice how it feels as you tuck yourself in to bed. Do you enjoy a different view or new perspective on your room? And what is it like waking up that way the next morning? Does it feel weird? Does it feel good? If you enjoyed sleeping this direction, do it again. If you disliked it, move your pillow back to its original position.

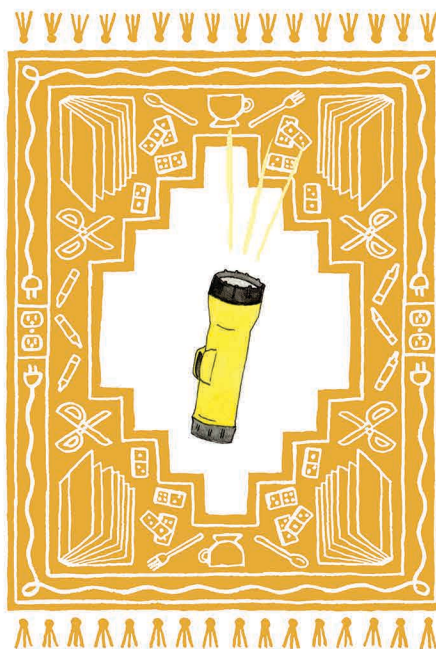


Flashlight Treasure Hunt

At night, hide a dozen “treats” or other fun surprises inside your home. Each member of the household should secretly hide a few so that no one person knows where they all are. Then turn off the lights and give everyone a flashlight. Try to find the treasures!

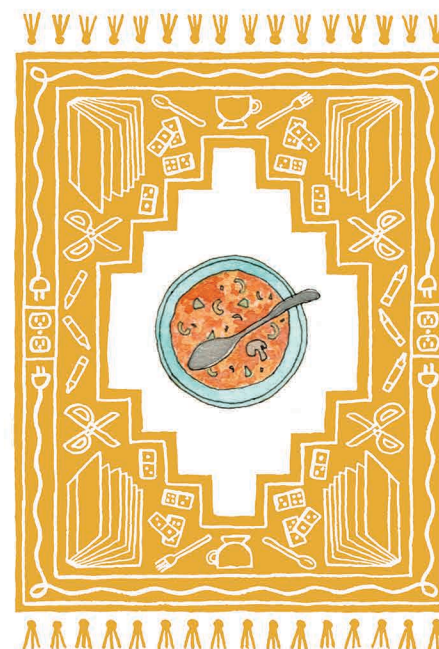
Ideas for treasures:

- tangerines
- pretzels
- stickers
- crayons
- toy figures
- toothbrushes



Supper & the Senses

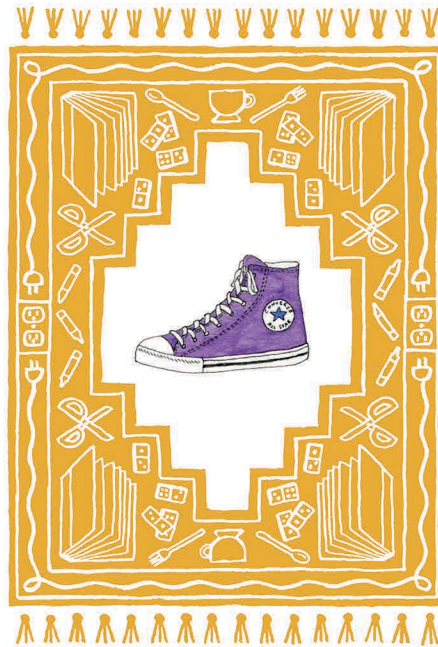
Tonight, stay out of the kitchen while dinner is being made. Do not peek! Right before it’s time for dinner, set yourself up at the table wearing a blindfold. Kindly request that your dinner and eating utensils be placed in front of you. Keeping your blindfold on, enjoy your dinner. Try to guess what you are eating based on flavor, scent and texture! Share your observations and guesses while you eat. Can you figure it out without looking?





Sneaky Sneaker

Try to make a shoe out of found objects and art supplies. Get crafty with cardboard, glue, tape, string, sponges, pipe cleaners, popsicle sticks, bubble wrap, rubberbands, and whatever else you can find! Be as realistic as possible. Then, as a fun sneaky trick, swap in your makeshift shoe for another family member's real shoe. How do they respond when they notice? If you had fun, repeat for other members of your household.



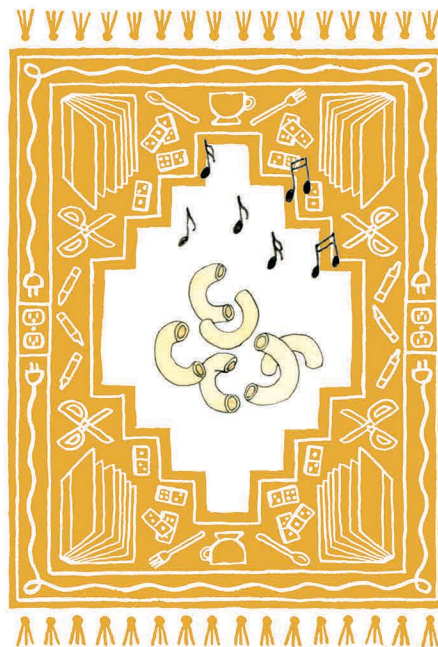
Made In...

Pull out a bunch of clothes and find the tags to discover where each garment was sewn. Each tag will say something like "Made in Indonesia" or "Made in Mexico." Sort the garments into piles based on country. Which place produced the most? Then go find that country on a world map and try to learn something new about it. Put the clothes away. Mini version: grab any garment and learn something new about the place listed on the tag. Repeat.



Maraca Mystery

Hide small objects in containers and see if your family can guess what is inside each one based on sound alone. Object ideas: coins, game pieces, whole spices, raisins, pasta, carrot sticks, rubber bands, paper clips, etc. Container ideas: oatmeal canister, yogurt tub, toilet paper tube sealed up with tape. Shake your maracas around -- both quickly and slowly -- so you can hear the full range of sounds your objects can make. Can they guess what's inside?



Sock Mail

Write short messages and draw pictures on scraps of paper. Fold them up, and randomly insert them into some of the socks in your dresser. As the days go by, enjoy these little surprises as you get dressed in the morning!

Alternate version: make it a group activity. Everyone secretly draws and folds up their notes. Mix them up and stuff them into everyone's socks, to be found later on, one by one. Surprise!

