

Recycling is fun

Bring the family together

Glueing and sticking, pompoms and perky pipe cleaners. What's not to like, if you're a kid? Have fun together transforming some of your recycling waste into mini art installations.

Beans means empty tins, which you can scrub up and make safe with masking tape around the top, ready for a fun-filled robot city of pots for pens, paper clips and paint brushes.

Try a plastic bottle top for a nose, with pompom googly eyes and a pipe cleaner for an ooh-la-la on-trend French moustache. Coloured string wound round could make a snazzy vest. With our paints, pens and patterned paper, the whole family can create an entire cast of kooky characters to enjoy.



Anyone for tennis

Dinner doesn't have to be on the table for another hour, so make time to take time out with the nippers, and show them your slice backhand.

Clear the decks, and put a row of books across to create an instant net. If you don't have a pingpong ball handy, you could roll up some foil to make one, or try a ball of rubber bands wound together. Our KALAS plates will make a handy set of bats.

Totally addictive, simple to set up, and a right laugh for the whole family, young and old, pingpong is thought to have originated in the 1880s as a posh parlour game, using books not only as the net, but also as the bats. Play singles or doubles, so everyone can join in. First team to 11 points wins.

Losers do the dishes!





Shark infested sofa

Ahoy me hearties! If you love to watch pirate movies, why not re-enact your favourite adventure film and head for the high seas, right there in your living room! The sofa can become your very own pirate ship, as you navigate your crew to safety.

Get the whole family aboard and take to the water. Hold an URSULA throw high to catch the wind and speed you through the crashing waves.

Grab a LÖDDER broom as an oar, brace the mainsail and go swashbuckling. Look out for the secret GRANAT cushion island, where it's fabled there be hidden treasure. And if your crew are in the doldrums, leap ashore and head to the kitchen for some pieces of cake.







LÖDDER broom Grey. €5



It's camping but not as we know it

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Never mind the weather, as long as we're together... in the living room.

Bring the adventure indoors and stay home for a bit of glamping.

You can have all your creature comforts on hand.

Three pieces of string hung from one side of the room to the other – one piece really high and two either side at a slightly lower level – will create the perfect structure to hang some fabric over and make a glamorous tent. Make it super cosy with a mattress topper, cushions, pillows and throws.

Snuggle up with some cuddly toys, tell a few tall stories, enjoy bird watching from the window, or just talk together till the cows come home.



Make semething for Santa

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Give Santa a real treat with a bit of home baking made by the kids. With a grown-up to lend a hand, there should be plenty for everyone, and for every reindeer on your roof.

Gingerbread biscuits are a traditional favourite where we come from. Easy to make and even easier to eat. Our set of 14 different pastry cutters will give you a heavenly host of pretty shapes this Christmas.

Make a hole in each biscuit before baking, let them cool, then ice on a pretty pattern. The children can have fun being creative with our ready-to-use icing tubes, with minimum mess.

When the icing's set, thread a thin ribbon through each biscuit and that's your tree sorted. Don't forget to leave



Giggling Y•ga

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There's yoga, there's yogalates, and now there's... giggling yoga! It's the new way to de-stress, exercise and have a laugh together at the same time. You get all the zen, some of the om, and plenty of fun.



TITTA DJUR finger puppet
Assorted colours.
€5/10pk

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With your rug in the middle of the room, create a cosy den of cushions. Everyone sits cross-legged in a circle, hands on their knees.

Close your eyes, relax, feel the calm vibe. Then... think of something really funny! It could be your latest knock-knock joke, the funny walk of your favourite comedian. Just the effort of trying not to giggle might be enough to set you off. Or pop some puppets on your fingertips and let them take it in turn to tell the jokes. Laughter is not only good for your health. It's infectious. Double the dose, doctor!



Turn your mobiles off please



Whether it's a new release on pay-per-view, or an old favourite on DVD, watching together is a rewarding experience. As our mums always told us, it's nice to share. So huddle up on the sofa, and tuck yourselves in with a cosy throw, like EIVOR.

the best seats in the house.

For a bigscreen experience, use your window blind as a projection screen. TUPPLUR is ideal, as it can fit over a bookcase and you can adjust it up or down.

LÖRDAGSGODIS means Saturday sweets in Swedish, but no one knows that except the Swedes, so make with the treats, whatever day you're watching!





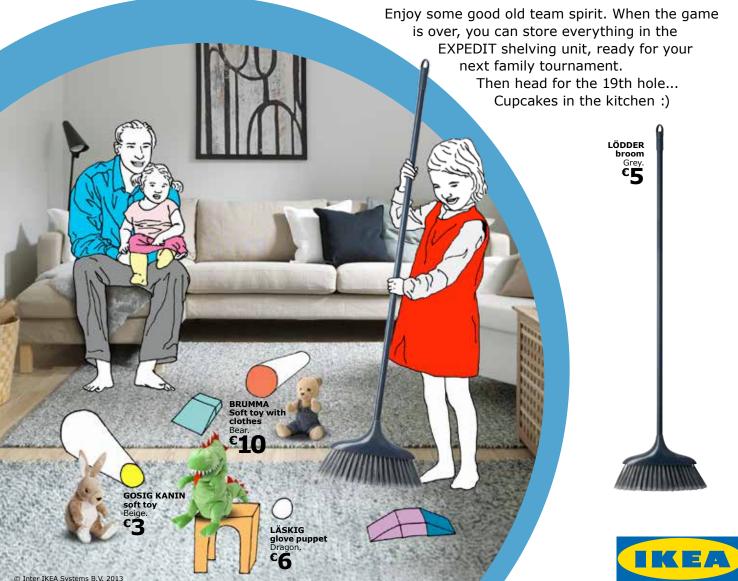
Let the rain drive you

crazy



Too grotty for the kids to play outside? They won't care a hoot, when you challenge them to a round of laugh-a-minute crazy golf, indoors. Get ready to tee off!

Use ping-pong balls or foil balls, with a LODDER broom for a golf club and KALAS mugs placed on their sides as holes to aim for. For the crazy course, use other everyday items. Books piled up for ramps, loo rolls laid down for tunnels, cuddly toys for obstacles you have to avoid.





Get this party started

FRAMSTÄLLA

gift ribbon Green.

Whatever the occasion, the whole family can enjoy a load of festive fun, making home-grown decorations to festoon your forum, big time.

Turn the dining room into an art workshop to snip and tuck. Deck the halls with different colours of tissue paper cut up to make personalised bunting. Triangles, circles, stars whatever takes your fancy. Getting messy is a rite of passage for all youngsters. Scrunching up tissue paper into colourful balls to stick on the bunting is a fun way for them to explore texture.

> Paper chains, baubles and dangles - the children can put their own stamp on the décor, without damaging the interior. And everyone can join the party.

> > fabric

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Think utsidethe bex



To a child, a cardboard box opens up a world of possibilities. Join in the games and go along for the ride.

A cardboard car is the must-have motor. Cut the side of a large box to open as a door. Paint on wipers, stick on a sporty spoiler, tape KALAS plates to the sides for wheels, with mugs for headlights. London to Brighton, Peking to Paris, what sights will you see? Stop and serve up tasty treats for each location. A croissant here, a chow mein there.

Next up, enjoy a show with a box theatre. Use paints, paper or pens to make stage curtains for finger puppet performers. Or create a box tv set. Cut out the front, and someone pops their head inside to read the news or the weather. More rain? Who cares - it's fun indoors!





The green, green grass of home Turn your flora fana

APPLARO storage bench

Turn your kids into gardening gurus and flora fanatics, whatever the weather.

A love of nature ranks high on the happiness scale, and you don't have to go outside to experience it. SOCKER greenhouse provides the perfect indoor home for greenfingered fun.

Mini-chefs can savour the flavour of fresh herbs in their pasta sauce at tea-time, with a window sill herb garden. Pots of parsley, perky red chillies, mustard and cress sleeping on a blankety bed of moist cotton wool. Store your gear in

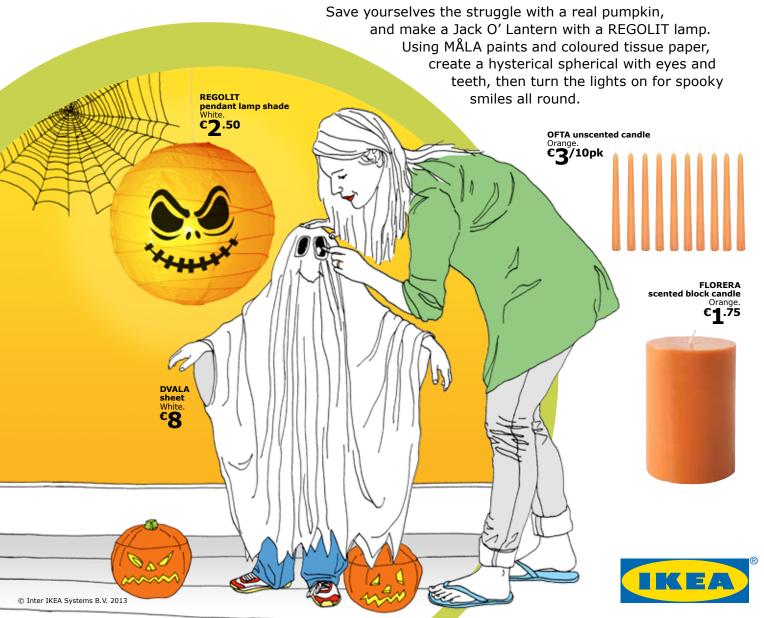


Oeh spooky

We love Halloween!
Perky pumpkins, sweets
and treats. You don't
need to traipse the
streets with your kids.
Have a happy Halloween
right here at home.

Play a spooky version of the old-fashioned favourite, Blind Man's Buff. It's a game that's as old as the Chinese hills - they were enjoying it back in 500 BC in the Zhou dinasty. It was played in the court of Henry VIII when the word 'buffe' meant a gentle push to confuse the blindfolded player.

Use an old bed sheet, cut to avoid tripping, with a pair of drawn-on eyes, draped over your chosen ghost. Stand in a ring around them, (changing places often). The ghost has to identify someone from their ghostly giggles only.



Story time

Ask any teacher.
The biggest favour you can do your kids is to take time to read with them.

But why stop there? Make storytime magical, and watch bedtime become the new highlight of their day.

First find yourself a quiet spot in the house, be it a bedroom or cuddled up on a sofa together. Snuggle up with a cosy throw, turn the main lights down or off, and switch on a small lamp, to create an atmosphere of calm and concentration as you focus only on the story, and on your child.



Remember, remember the fifth of Nevember

RAMSTÄLLA tissue paper

Assorted patterns. €3/16pk



The cat may not like it, but bonfire night is colourful, and kids love the way it lights up the night sky.

With art materials stored in a handy TROFAST unit, you can create a fifth of November that's truly unforgettable.

With a MÅLA easel and chalk, children can draw wild and wacky fireworks. Whirling Catherine wheels, fizzing rockets, giant balls of sparkle and stars.

Drinking straws with coloured paper strands taped around the end will put a jaunty sparkler in each hand, to wave around, no need for gloves.



Catch 4 winks

You don't have to live in the Mediterranean to benefit from a bit of afternoon slumber.

Power naps or toddler time, snuggling up in a nest of cuddly cushions and cosy throws makes great sense in Northern climes, too. Kick off your shoes and stash them in some smart storage like TRONES or BISSA, while you stretch out with your loved ones, on the floor or on the sofa.

Sleep lets our brains do more than simply wind down. We move memories from short-term to long-term storage, freeing up our faculties for the here and now. We work our way through worries, and generally recharge our batteries, ready to face what life may throw at us. A little extra sleep will never go amiss, and home is the best place for it, any time of day.

Concentrate only on the in and out of your own breathing, close your eyes, and let the world go spin awhile without you.









Get a pizza the action



Keep your ankle biters busy

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Young children need constant attention. But parents have stuff to do. If at times, it feels like a conflict of interests, read on!

MÅLA watercolour box

At IKEA, we believe that every room can be a family room, with practical solutions for each domestic situation. Take busy meal-making times, for example. Children can get hands-on, thanks to STENSTORP kitchen trolley. Wheel it where you want it, keep them away from hot pots, give them a little job to do. Kneading pastry, mashing potatoes, mixing or stirring. Let's face it, they like nothing more than making a mess. And the best bit is that you're spending time together.



Give them some for thought

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Whatever your family's favourite fruit and veg, get the 5-a-day rule going at the IKEA market stall.

Everything you need for a great game of makebelieve is right here and waiting.

The kids can make up price labels to sell their wares, and dish out receipts to hungry shoppers, whether siblings, or soft toys joining in the fun. It's great practice for pre-school kids learning to add up and write their numerals. Teddy wants 4 apples, Mum wants 7 bananas.

Meanwhile, the game gives them social interaction, and builds awareness of healthy eating.

Work up an appetite for lunch made with real fruit and veg to follow the fun. Give them their vits with a vegetable lasagne, or spaghetti with homemade tomato sauce, not from a tin.

It takes just 8 minutes to make. Ask any Italian - how much more instant can good food be?









Did your Damien do this?

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If you've an aspiring artist at home, why not give them a gallery? Encourage all that latent creativity and enjoy the fruits of their labour at your leisure.

Framed certificates are also great to show what they've done today to make you feel proud, whether it's for A stars, or star jumps at baby gym. You can share your happiness with friends and family, with a ritzy VIP viewing.

Pick a blank wall in any room of the house, and carefully secure your LJUSNING frame. Gather the art treasures you want to display and place them neatly in the frames.

With the whole family gathered around, (glass in hand!), get your artist to turn on the lights. The LED lighting will put a lovely ring of light around each piece of work. Then pop little coloured stickers on favourite paintings to say "sold to Granny"!

