



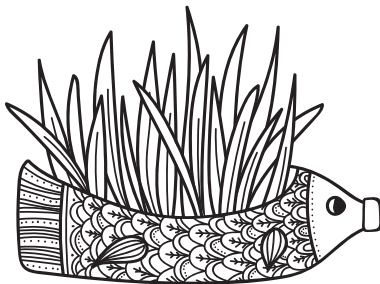
QUARANTINE CRAFTS

Using what you have
to create fun

WITH EVERYONE
STUCK AT
HOME DURING
QUARANTINE,
IT'S BECOMING
HARDER TO THINK
OF SCREEN-FREE
ENTERTAINMENT
FOR THE WHOLE
FAMILY.

We're all minimizing trips to the store and making do with what we've got. Toilet paper, paper towels, facial tissues, and canned foods with long expiration dates have filled our cabinets at home. But once that toilet paper roll is empty or that can of carrots has been eaten, you're left with just waste—or are you?

Let's recycle those used quarantine necessities into fun quarantine creations!



Quarantine crafting is about using what you have. Whether it's an empty **toilet paper roll**, a cleaned-out **can**, or an empty box of **facial tissue**, you can put these to use with simple items you already have.

Maybe you did some quarantine cleaning and have a nice stack of clothes to donate, but also have a pile of mismatched **socks** you don't know what to do with. Or maybe you're looking for something more digital. Any of these can be used as a starting point to create a fun craft that the whole family can enjoy.

Adding some glitz and glam to your crafting project can be simple, too. Find whatever coloring utensils you have on hand—markers, coloring pencils, **crayons**, paint—along with paper and any crafting material you have lying around. **Glitter**, scrapbooking paper, **stickers**, spare buttons, beads or clothespins.

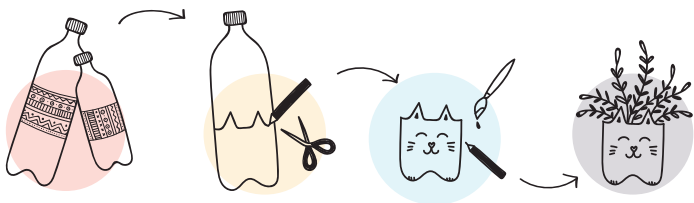
STEP ONE:

IDENTIFY YOUR MATERIALS

STEP TWO: PICK YOUR PROJECT

Planter

To make a planter, use an empty plastic bottle as your starting point. This is a good opportunity to put those single-use water or soda bottles to use. Not only can you decorate it however you want, you can even turn your planter into an animal.



How to make an animal planter:

1. Remove any labels from the plastic bottle.
2. Cut the top half of the plastic bottle off. Then, cut out the ears on one side of the bottle and cut down remaining bottle as needed to make the ears stand out.
3. Cut two small holes in the bottom of the bottle to allow for water drainage.
4. Paint the bottle. Or, try using Mod Podge or glue and tissue paper or crafting paper to add color to the bottle.
5. Allow paint to dry.
6. Using a permanent marker, draw the animal's face.
7. Fill with the proper soil and your plant of choice. Avoid a trip to the garden shop by transplanting something that's already in your yard (lamb's ear and violets divide easily).

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Quarantine tip: Don't have paint or Mod Podge? Try using an empty food can instead of a plastic bottle. These can be easier to decorate with paper.

Sock Monster

You know that box of rice sitting in the back of your pantry you keep telling yourself you will use? Now's your chance. Use it as filling inside a little sock monster.

To make a sock monster, you will need:

- > An adult's sock
- > Scissors
- > Permanent marker
- > Thin string
- > Decorative string or ribbon
- > Rice (or something similar* to stuff the sock with)

***Alternative sock stuffing:**

- > Beans
- > Popcorn kernels
- > Grits
- > Pillow stuffing
- > Packing peanuts

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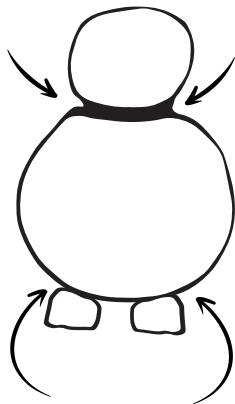
Quarantine Tip: You can use a rubber band or hair tie here to help hold it in place and then tie your ribbon over that.

Fill the foot part of the sock up with rice or your alternative stuffing. Next, make a circle with your hand and squeeze it around the bottom right corner and tie it off with the thinner string (fishing line can be used here). Do the same for the bottom left corner, creating two feet.

Next, section off the filling around the middle of the stuffing-filled sock. This will create a section for the body and one for the head. You can make the head bigger or smaller depending on how much stuffing you squeeze.

Tie your decorative ribbon around the indentation you made with your hand.

Use string to tie off sections to create the legs, body and head.



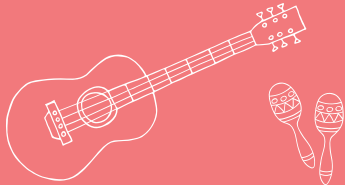
Next, tie another piece of ribbon around the top part of the head. This will leave the ankle part of the sock sticking out. Using your scissors, cut the ankle part into ears, horns, or whatever your sock monster needs.

Use your permanent marker to draw eyes and a face on the head of your sock monster.



Quarantine tip: Dress your sock monster up by gluing on eyes, beads, or buttons.

Watch [this video](#) on how to make a sock bunny.



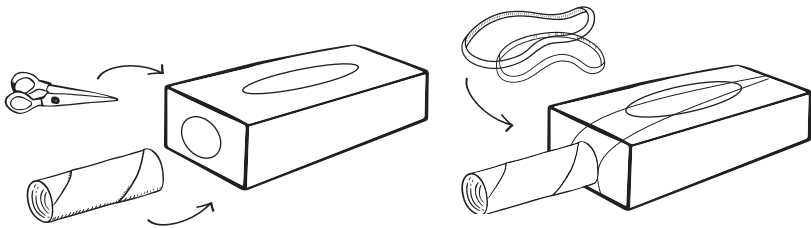
Guitar

A project for the musically inclined. Reuse tissue boxes or toilet paper rolls by turning them into a makeshift instrument.

What you will need to make a guitar:

- > Empty facial tissue box
- > Empty roll of toilet paper
- > Rubber bands
- > Construction paper/scrapbook paper
- > Markers
- > Stickers, rhinestones, other small glitz and glam

To make a guitar you will start with your tissue box and toilet paper roll. Place the toilet paper roll with one end flat against the smaller side of the right or left side of the tissue box. With your marker or a pencil, trace a circle around the toilet paper roll. When you remove the toilet paper roll, you will have an outline of a circle on your box.



Taking your scissors, carefully cut out the circle from the box.

Next is decorating. To use construction paper, hold a piece of paper up to the tissue box. Cut it to a length that is a little longer than the length of the box. Then, tape or glue the paper to the box and fold the excess around the corner of the box for a smoother line. Cover entire box as desired. Make sure you leave a hole in your decorative paper for the circle cut out in the tissue box.

You can decorate the box however you wish. Draw some flowers or some dinosaurs. Maybe cover the box in stickers. Let your creativity flow, but don't forget the toilet paper roll!

You can color the toilet paper roll with a marker, cover it in stickers, too, or even paint it.

Place the toilet paper roll into the hole you cut out earlier. Take your rubber bands and wrap them around the box vertically so that the rubber bands go over the big hole in the box where the tissue normally sticks out, but lay on either side of the toilet paper roll. These will be your guitar strings.

Back to your toilet paper roll. Stick it in the cut-out circle of the box. You might need to wiggle it in if it's tight, or, if it's too loose, you can add some tape strips to hold it in place.

Final step: have your own jam session.

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Quarantine

Tip: Too many toilet paper rolls? Grab a piece of paper and wrap it around one end of the roll. Hold in place with a rubber band. Fill the inside of the roll with dried beans. Add another piece of paper to the other end. And now you have a maraca to accompany your guitar!

Feeling less hands-on? The National Portrait Gallery has you covered. Follow [this link](#) to color in classic paintings.

Try these online [coloring pages](#) from Crayola.

Check out the app store for crafting apps!

