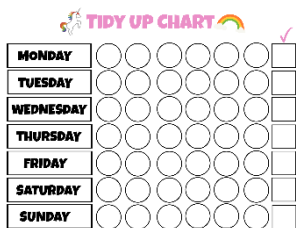


Things to do when the kids get bored - Part 1:

Make a fort - remember how much fun this was when you were a kid? Use the sofa cushions, the dining table, an old blanket or a sheet - you are only limited by your imagination (and how much you love your cream coloured sofa throw!).



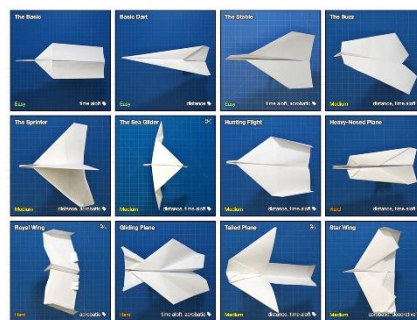
And don't pack it away too quickly - read in the fort, eat lunch in the fort, afternoon naps in the fort, etc, etc



Tidy up time! - make tidying up fun and competitive. Set a timer, give 'house points' or stars, keep a chart - have rewards. You can even share out the household chores and rack up the reward points. Rewards don't have to be expensive or difficult to get hold of. Sitting at the head of the table for supper, being allowed to control the remote for an hour, not having to help with the dishes etc. etc. can all be great rewards!



Paper Aeroplanes - build paper aeroplanes and hold competitions - longest flight / most accurate etc etc. You can even get them to design and build a target. There are lots of ideas for different designs on the internet and remember to get them to decorate their aeroplane(s) before they build it - they can have a whole aerodrome of different designs!



Folded Paper bracelets - See below for instructions and probably only for KS2 as it needs a bit of concentration - but they are beautiful, use up some of the multitude of watercolour paintings that won't fit on the fridge and will keep them occupied! <https://picklebums.com/make-folded-paper-bracelets/>

DIY Story Stones

Great craft idea for creating characters, writing a story and performing it to the family.

Decide on a story (either a well-loved story that you know or a completely new one that you imagine), write out a plan in your Home Working book and create your characters. Don't forget to describe the setting.

Collect a few small rocks or pebbles and use paints to decorate them and create the characters for your story. Use an old box or some cardboard to create and decorate the setting. (Remember to use an apron and tidy up after painting!)



Get the family to settle down for story time and use your stones to tell the story. Sit back and enjoy the applause!

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