



# 30 Creative Activities for Kids

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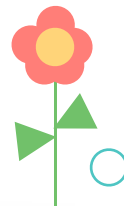
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These activities are great for children ages 4–8+.  
Click or tap any activity to view the project description.

Explore 30 fun, constructive and creative activities to do with built-in features of iPad (you could also use an iPhone). Designed for children ages 4-8+, these activities can easily be tailored for the whole family.

Find more fun activities in the *Everyone Can Create Early Learners guide!*  
[Download now >](#)

## 1. PERSONIFY SOMETHING

Take a photo of an everyday object at home or outside, and draw on it using Markup to transform it into a character.

**Get started:** Open your photo, tap Edit, then tap the three dots in the top-right to use Markup.



## 2. CAPTURE A TIME-LAPSE VIDEO

Set up your iPad to capture a time-lapse video while you build a fort, make your favourite snack, clean up your toys or watch an ice cube melt.

**Get started:** Choose Time-Lapse mode in your Camera app. Tap the Record button to start recording; tap it again when you're done.

## 3. MAKE COLOURING SHEETS

Take some photos in your house or garden, then change them to black and white to create your own colouring sheets. Use Markup to add colour.

**Get started:** Open each photo, tap Edit, and apply one of the black-and-white filters. Go further by creating a book using a template in the Pages app.

## 4. PICTURE YOUR NAME

Take a photo of each letter of your name by finding them in books or signs around the house. Put them together to spell out your name in a colourful collage.

**Get started:** Crop the letters in the Photos app, then add each photo to a Keynote file in the right order.



## 5. GO ON A PHOTO WALK

Pick a colour or letter of the day and take photos around the house and yard of things that are that colour or start with that letter. Then put them together in a collage or video. Try to make a rainbow or complete the alphabet!

**Get started:** Add the photos of each colour or letter to a slide in the Keynote app. Or add each photo to Clips and record your voice saying the colours or letters.

## 6. SEE COLOUR IN SLO-MO

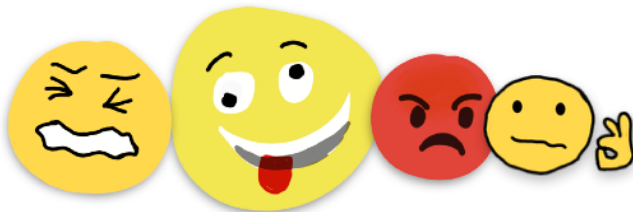
Record a video in slow-motion of drops of food colouring falling in water. Do primary colours first, then mix them together to create secondary colours.

**Get started:** Choose Slo-mo mode in your Camera app, then record.

## 7. EMOJIFY YOUR MOOD

Draw a circle, then add silly eyes, a happy face or eyebrows that show the mood you're in. You can also add shapes and images, then share it with your friends!

**Get started:** Add the images to a Keynote slide, then tap the plus sign to use the drawing tools. Or use shapes to get started, then decorate with emoji.



## 8. STORYBOARD YOUR DAILY ROUTINE

Take a photo of something that represents each of your regular activities. Combine the photos and add a title, time and checkbox for each activity. Mark it up daily!

**Get started:** Add your photos to a slide in Keynote, add text and checkboxes, then export it as an image you can use to check off your activities.

## 9. CALENDAR TOGETHER

Download this fun [template](#) to identify the days, months, seasons, weather, temperature — and even your mood!

**Get started:** Open the document using the Keynote app. Copy the labels and paste them to the right spot on the calendar.

## 10. FIND SHAPES IN NATURE

Take a photo in the backyard, then use Markup to trace all the shapes you can find in the photo.

**Get started:** Open your photo, tap Edit, then tap the three dots in the top-right to use Markup.



## 11. MAKE A SIMPLE BOOK

Think of an imaginary story. Take photos or videos acting out different parts. Create a book with each photo or video scene, along with story captions. Then decorate it with drawings, shapes or emoji images.

**Get started:** Add your photos and videos to a book template using the Pages app.

## 12. TELL A STORY WITH SHAPES

Add a variety of shapes from the Shapes menu to a blank page, and rearrange them to create a story. Try rearranging the same shapes to create three different stories.

**Get started:** In the Pages app, tap the plus sign in the top-right to open the Shapes menu. Drag the shapes to rearrange them.

## 13. RECORD NEWS INTERVIEWS

Have fun recording yourself asking and answering questions. Use different sounds and voices, becoming an alien giving the weather in outer space or a squirrel covering nut collections in the yard.

**Get started:** Use the Audio Recorder in the GarageBand app.

## 14. CREATE A COMIC STRIP

Take a picture of yourself and each of your favourite toys as the characters. Combine the photos in a video, transform them using the comic book filter and record yourself telling a story.

**Get started:** Touch and hold the Record button in the Clips app to import each character's photo from Photos. Tap each clip to use the comic book filter effect.

## 15. GET YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Have a question? Like, why is the sky blue? Or, how much does an elephant weigh? Let Siri find the answer.

**Get started:** Say "Hey Siri" into your iPad.

## 16. GO BACK IN TIME

Find an old photo. Re-create the scene, take a picture, then use a black-and-white filter to make it look like it was from the past.

**Get started:** Open your photo, tap Edit, then tap the three circles at the bottom to use filters.

## 17. WRITE A LOVE LETTER TO THE PLANET

Take, find or draw a picture of your favourite place. Add text boxes or a voice recording of why you love it and how you'll take care of it.

**Get started:** Add your photo to the Pages or Keynote app. Tap the plus sign to choose Record Audio, or choose Shapes and add a text box.

## 18. MAKE SKIP COUNTING FUN

Record yourself skip counting by 2s, 5s or 10s. Use the fun voice effects to give yourself a monster or robot voice.

**Get started:** Use the Audio Recorder in the GarageBand app.



## 19. MAKE PATTERNS

Add a series of two or three shapes to a blank page to create a pattern. Repeat the pattern with a new set of shapes, then practice identifying and tracing each shape.

**Get started:** In the Pages app, tap the plus sign to use the Shapes menu to add shapes. Drag the shapes to arrange them in a pattern. Tap the plus sign again to use the drawing tool to trace on top of the shapes.



## 20. GO ON A SCAVENGER HUNT

Use this [template](#) to create your own scavenger hunt by replacing the items in each square with different shapes or images.

**Get started:** Open the template in the Keynote app. Tap the plus sign in the top-right to open the Shapes menu, and replace the items in each box with shapes of your choice. You can also replace them with emoji.

## 21. CONCENTRATION

Write phrases or sentences using only emoji or shapes with a friend or sibling. Share your clues with each other and take turns solving them.

**Get started:** Open a document in the Pages app and tap the globe in the bottom-left of the keyboard to see the emoji. Tap the person icon in the top-right to collaborate with a friend.



## 22. LEANING TOWER OF PILLOWS

Build a tower of pillows, and record a slo-mo video of the tower tumbling to the ground.

**Get started:** Choose Slo-mo mode in your Camera app, then record.

## 23. STRIKE A POSE, TWICE

Have a family member take a pano photo with you in the first frame. Run to the end so you appear in the photo twice.

**Get started:** Start on the left side of the camera frame, then run behind the photographer to pop into the frame from the right side.

## 24. SEND FLOWERS

Use shapes to make a bouquet of flowers. Add some text, and send it as a postcard to someone special.

**Get started:** Tap the plus sign in the top-right of the Pages app to open the Shapes menu. Export as an image to share.



## 25. HAVE A LAUGH

Ask Siri to tell you a joke.

**Get started:** Say "Hey Siri, tell me a joke" into your iPad.

## 26. REACH FOR THE STARS

Lay on the ground, and looking up, take burst photos of a family member jumping and reaching for the stars. The upward angle will make it look like they're touching the sky.

**Get started:** Touch and hold the shutter button to take a burst of multiple photos. Tap Edit to select the frame when the person jumping is highest in the air.

## 27. BECOME AN ARTIST

Take a photo of yourself or your favourite toy. Trace the lines on top of the photo, then delete the photo to reveal your work of art.

**Get started:** Add your photo to a blank slide in Keynote. Tap the plus sign to use the drawing tool for tracing on top of your photo. Save it as an image when you're done.

## 28. USE YOUR VOICE

Use Voice Memos to create an audio message to share a funny joke with a friend, send an invitation for a virtual play date or just say hi!

**Get started:** Record a message in the Voice Memos app, then share it using Messages or Mail.

## 29. PUT THINGS IN ORDER

Take a picture of each step of an everyday activity, like washing your hands: turn on the water, soap your hands, scrub, rinse and dry. Put the photos in order to create a sequence. You just learned your first coding concept!

**Get started:** Add your photos to the Keynote or Clips app, and sort them in the correct order. In Clips, you can make a short movie that includes music, titles and stickers.



## 30. PERSONALISE A PORTRAIT

Take a self-portrait and use Markup to draw on it and let your personality shine. Do you have a cape or wings? Maybe a unicorn horn? Green highlights in your hair?

**Get started:** Open your photo, tap Edit, then tap the three dots in the top-right to use Markup.