

BORED BUCKET



Today's world is filled with non-stop entertainment, fast-paced gadgets, and every imaginable toy on the planet... but somehow kids can still claim to be bored.

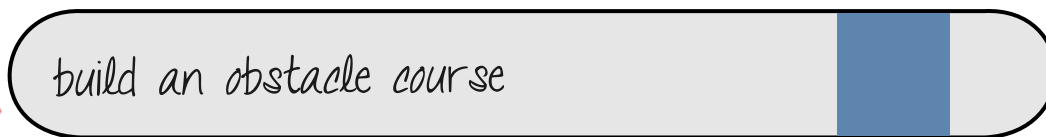
Next time you hear the overdrawn sigh of "I'm bored", direct your kid to the Bored Bucket and carry on with your life in peace.

Creating the bored bucket

Items needed:

Jar or little bucket
Popsicle sticks (approx
Colored tape (3 colors)
Permanent marker

- 1 Write 1 activity on the end of each popsicle stick with marker (see next page)
- 2 Separate the popsicle sticks into the following 3 categories:
 - Active activities (color 1)
 - Arts/Crafts (color 2)
 - Quiet activities (color 3)
- 3 Wrap tape around the ends of the popsicle stick (opposite the writing) based on the color chosen for that type of activity
- 4 Once the popsicle sticks have been created, place them in the bucket or jar so the colored tape is showing and the writing can't be seen
- 5 When kids are bored, they can go to the bored bucket to pull out an activity to do



write 1 activity on the end

wrap colored tape around this end

Activities

Active activities (Color 1)

- Build an obstacle course
- Build a fort (using blankets/pillows)
- Teddy hide n' seek*
- Tea party with stuffed animals
- Indoor treasure hunt (can use cameras)
- Play a game
- Take pictures
- Play outside
- Make a dance
- Make a collage (use old magazines)
- Ride your bike
- Make up a song/dance and perform it
- Play cards (war, go fish)
- Barbies/dolls
- Play with friends
- Gymnastics
- Visit the library
- Go to the park
- Bake
- Indoor picnic
- Play dress up
- Create a race car track (use painters tape)
- Play store/restaurant



- paper clip
- piece of lego
- piece of toilet paper
- sock
- hair elastic
- something fluffy
- pencil
- book
- puzzle piece
- straw
- toothbrush
- sandal
- toothpick
- towel
- ball
- spoon
- money
- toy car

*Teddy hide n' seek:

The parent hides a teddy somewhere in the house and the kids try and find it. Play over and over.

Arts/Crafts (Color 2)

Do a craft
Make a book*
Colour
Paint
Play-doh
Make jewellery
Draw with chalk
Make snowflakes (paper/scissors)
Write a song
Draw
Create a town in a cardboard box
Create a play/show
Make paper airplanes
Make special cards or write a letter
Paint rocks
Finger painting
Draw a map of the house
Make a treasure map

Quiet activities (Color 3)

Finds toys to give away
Look at pictures
Puzzles
Clean your room
Read
Learn a language (Duo Lingo for Kids)
Lego
Sticker books
Make a domino line
Write a letter

**Make a book:*

Use blank paper, folded and stapled together like a book. Kids can then draw pictures and write a story.



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