

GET CREATIVE!

Have you already made your way through this entire activity book? Here are 15 more creative stay-at-home activities to keep boredom at bay.

- 1 Sew new curtains, a pillowcase or a small coin purse
- 2 Invent an original board game featuring inside jokes with your friends. You can play it next time you're able to be together
- 3 Spice up your at-home cooking by developing a homemade seasoning blend
- 4 Document your experience sheltering in place by creating a comic series
- 5 Build a birdhouse
- 6 Make a wind chime from old spoons and metal cans
- 7 Revisit an iconic movie franchise. Star Wars, Harry Potter or even a list of old Hollywood classics
- 8 Paint a blank terra cotta planter and repot your overgrown plants
- 9 Make a rainbow wall hanging from old yarn for a child in your life
- 10 Create a playlist of uplifting tunes to share with your friends and family
- 11 Take a walk around the neighborhood and collect flowers along the way. Press them into your notebook
- 12 Assemble a book of cherished family recipes
- 13 Film a short movie on your phone! We recommend a silent film, comedy or musical
- 14 Get in touch with your roots by tracing back your family tree
- 15 Celebrate the start of summer by making ice cream from scratch (you don't need a machine!)

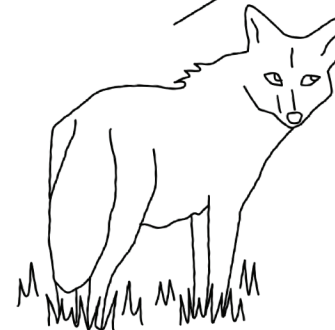
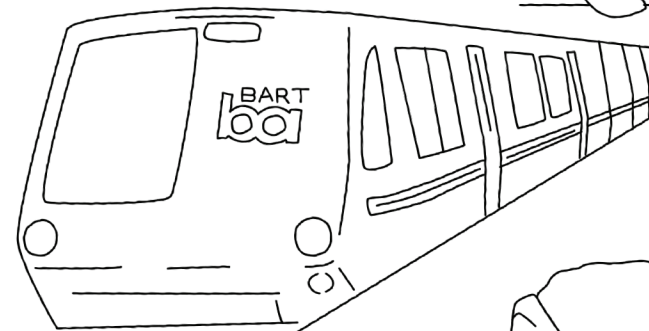
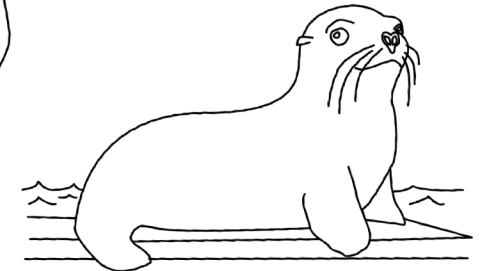
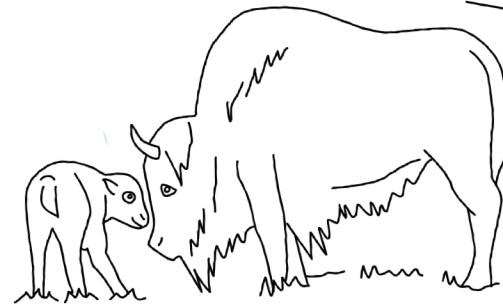
Hope you enjoyed this activity book! Stay safe.

<3 The Bay Curious Team

A VERY CURIOUS ACTIVITY BOOK

**Games, puzzles and
creative pursuits for
grown ups and kids!**

Made by your friends at
Bay Curious and KQED.



Hello Friends!

Welcome to A Very Curious Activity Book!
We made this book with the Bay Area community
in mind, but curious minds everywhere can
enjoy it! Use it to keep boredom busted and
creative juices flowing. Share this link with
a friend so they can print a copy too!
kqed.org/activitybook

And if you haven't given the Bay Curious podcast
a listen yet...do!

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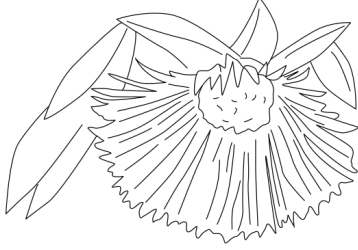
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Nasturtium
Tropaeolum majus

Nasturtium leaves are nearly round, and the flowers are bright oranges and yellows with long spurs behind them. The flowers and leaves are edible; they taste peppery! The name nasturtium means "nose twister" in Latin, referring to people's reaction upon tasting the flowers.

The common ice plant is usually pink or yellow. It gets its name from the small, clear engorged hairs on the surface of the finger-like leaves that look like frozen droplets of water. Originally from South Africa, the ice plant is considered an invasive weed in much of California because it spreads quickly and chokes out native plants.



Ice plant
Carpobrotus edulis

Wild oats are erect grasses with long, flat linear leaves that are often pale tan in color. Oats have long been used medicinally, and at one time were even believed to hold aphrodisiac powers. The old saying "sowing your wild oats" is based on the observation that stallions given wild oat were more... ahem, rambunctious.



Wild oats
Avena fatua

SCAVENGER HUNT: PLANTS!

Grab a camera, pull on some good shoes and head out around your neighborhood in search of these common plants that can be found in even the most urban places in the Bay Area. Many are considered weeds, but look deeper and each has an interesting story!

Wild Fennel

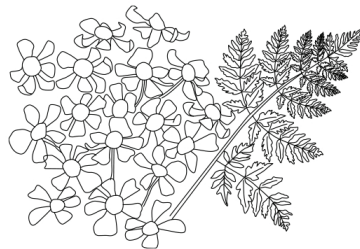
Foeniculum vulgare



Wild fennel has green feathery leaves that look a bit like dill, and a yellow flower that's actually made up of many small blossoms. It smells like anise. Fennel seeds can lie dormant in the soil for years, making it difficult to eradicate this aggressive herb.

Poison hemlock

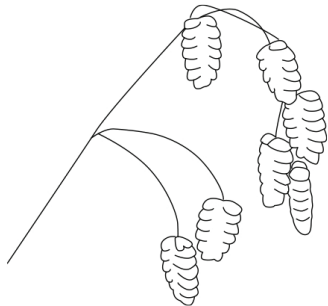
Conium maculatum



This weed is most easily identified by the purple spots on its stems, and by its finely divided leaves which resemble wild carrot. As its common name suggests, it should not be eaten. In ancient Greece, hemlock was used to poison condemned prisoners, including Socrates.

Rattlesnake grass

Briza maxima



Rattlesnake grass pods look like the end of a rattlesnake's tail, and make a rattling sound when they shake in the wind. These papery, straw-colored clusters dangle on threadlike stems and are often used as ornamental grass in landscaping.

CALL A FRIEND

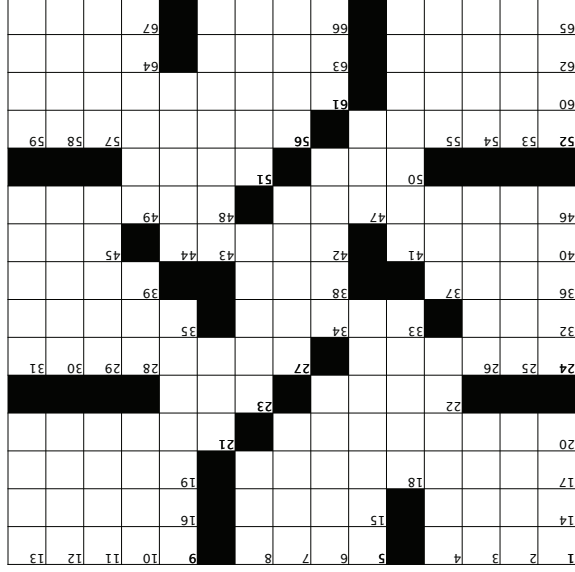
Here are 15 questions to help you grow closer to the special people in your life while staying at home. Here's how it works: call a friend (or send them a copy of the activity book!) and answer these questions together. See where the conversation takes you.

- 1 How do you take your coffee or tea?
- 2 What's your go-to comfort food?
- 3 Name an album you'd listen to all the way through.. Why?
- 4 If we were trapped on a deserted island, what would be your biggest contribution?
- 5 Describe your favorite stress relief activity.
- 6 What constitutes a "perfect" day for you?
- 7 Who would you invite to your fantasy dinner party?
- 8 What is your favorite coming-of-age movie? Which character do you relate to and why?
- 9 What is your most sentimental article of clothing?
- 10 Did you ever hide anything from or lie to your parents?
- 11 What's one thing you wish you had more time for?
- 12 Name 3 things you value most in a friend and why.
- 13 What is something about yourself you've been working on this past year? How do you feel about the progress you've made?
- 14 What is your greatest accomplishment in life so far?
- 15 If you could dedicate your life to any one thing, what would it be?

What is the most interesting thing you learned about your friend?

BAY DELICIOUS

Several of the clues in this crossword will be familiar to *Bay Curious* podcast listeners. Listen to our playlist at kqed.org/activitybook ahead of time for a leg up! Answers at kqed.org/activitybook.



Across

1 Singer Barettes or Quin

5 # choice

9 Turn a book into a movie

14 "Sign me up!"

15 Receptionist played by Ellie

16 Party game with a buzzer

17 **Chocolate ice cream + nuts + marshmallows**

19 Have faith

20 All skin and bones

21 Oprah, to Maya Angelou

22 Qatari leader

23 Hanks who played Woody

24 Price-fixing group

27 **Fish + clams + tomato + wine sauce (Dec 20, 2018 episode)**

32 Till

33 Katmandu's land

35 Lower leg bone

36 West coast gas station that says so cheap because it

38 doesn't take credit cards

39 **Psychedic drug studied by the CIA at Menlo Park**

40 Veterans Hospital in the '50s

42 Equal

44 Amazes

45 Basked in, as praise

46 **High or low card**

48 **GIN + vermouth + olives**

50 Saly bodies of water

51 Word before "board" or

52 after "loss"

56 Urshie breakfast pastry

60 Get along (with)

61 Dungeness + eggs + iceberg

62 Part of a floral chain + dressing

63 **— Graham Civic Auditorium**

64 Uncommon

65 Cobra or viper

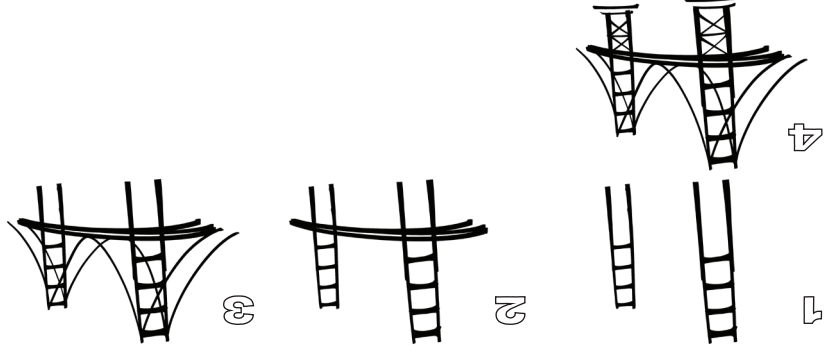
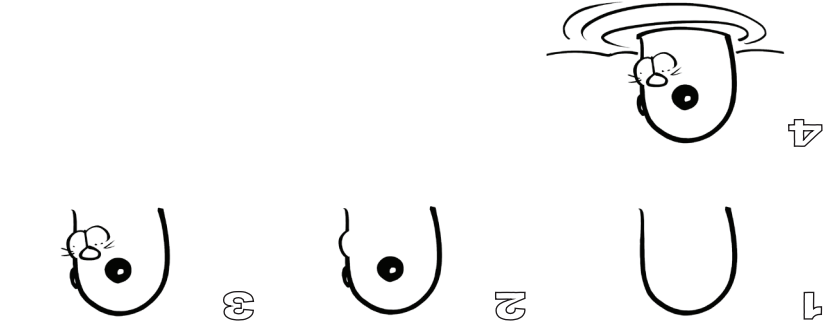
66 Medical measure

67 Walnut's tooth

DRAW WITH

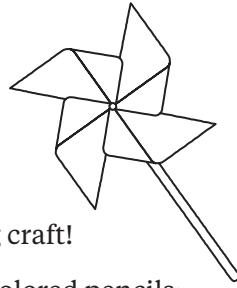
FIORÉ

Learn to draw two iconic Bay Area sights with KQED's cartoonist Mark Fiore! Follow his step by step instructions or try putting your own twist on things. Maybe a party hat for the sea lion?



- 1 Eton John and Michael
2 Run ___ (go wild)
3 Basmati or jasmine grain
4 Jewelry worn below the knee
5 Like loamy soil
6 Loud, as a crowd
7 Perfume or blood sample
8 It may be dead or split
9 Try
10 Repair a sweater
11 Adjoin
12 FX series about the New York ball scene
13 Pledge giveaway with straps
18 Neighbor of Saudi Arabia
21 "Hello there. I'm a cow."
23 Jalapeño part
24 Vast divide
25 Major artery
26 Come back again and again
27 Assigns roles
28 One of 21 on a standard die
29 Letter-shaped construction
30 One who might cry uncle?
31 Rowed
34 Braid
37 Toronto's province, for short
41 Disapproving glance akin to a roll
43 In good enough condition
44 "Girl with a ___ Earring" (Vermeer painting)
47 Neither's partner
49 Accompaniment to a ball
51 Mammals often confused for other mammals at Fisherman's Wharf
52 Wee boys
53 Jennifer who wrote the Pulitzer-winning "A Visit From the Goon Squad"
54 High point at the San Francisco Opera
55 NPR's "Tiny ___ Concert"
56 Vivacity
57 Hawaiian feast
58 Runs on the radio
59 "Last ___ Tonight with John Oliver"
61 Weed-derived ingredient, for short

COLORFUL PINWHEEL



Add a little whimsy to your space with this charming craft!

Supplies Paper; scissors; glue; markers, crayons or colored pencils; wooden chopstick, pencil or skewer; pushpin or thumbtack

Directions

- 1 Print our template at kqed.org/activitybook, or use any square piece of paper.
- 2 Cut a diagonal line from each corner, stopping about 1 inch from the center of the square.
- 3 Put a pea-size amount of glue in the center of the square.
- 4 Pull one point toward the center and hold it there until it sticks to the glue on its own. Moving around the square, glue down every other point to the center until four are pinned down.
- 5 Cut a small circle out of paper and glue it to the center of the pinwheel, covering up the tips of the points. Let the glue dry for 15 minutes.
- 6 Push the pin or thumbtack through the center of the pinwheel and into the chopstick or pencil. It helps to wiggle the pin as you push it in. Leave a little bit of space between the pin and the wood—otherwise your pinwheel may not turn.
- 7 Voila, your cheery little pinwheel is done! Plant it in your garden or take it for a walk to show it off!

Repeat the process, playing around with color and designs!

Free stickers! Snap a photo with your completed pinwheel and send it to baycurious@kqed.org. Include your mailing address in the email. We'll send a sticker pack to the first 20 people we hear from!

TRANSIT PLANNING

Though we may be staying at home more right now, we're already dreaming of the places we'll visit on public transit soon. Fill in the blanks to discover where we're headed, in some cases with help from BART! Answers at kqed.org/activitybook.

First, to Russian Hill to walk down the twisty ___ B A ___
___ R ___ T. Is it all that crooked really?

... to Pacific Avenue to learn the history of sordid entertainment in Gold Rush-era San Francisco in the B A R ___ ___ T district.

... to SFMOMA to see some ___ B ___ A ___ R T. Sweet non-representational paintings, Richard Diebenkorn and Ellsworth Kelly!

... it's still the morning, so to the Mission District to eat a B ___ A ___ R ___ T. Cheese, potatoes, tortilla... is avocado extra?

... to Ocean Beach where you take off your shoes and walk B A R ___ T. The sand feels amazing between your toes!

... to end your day at a cocktail lounge. How about a Mai Tai or a Pisco Punch? Don't forget to tip your B A R T ___ !

Have you figured out all the answers? Nice work! You've earned B ___ A ___ R ___ T. Definitely gloat to all of your friends.

Are you always mixing up the Bay Area bridges? Us too. Luckily, these can be unscrambled.

Engaged Lot _____

Damn Turbo _____

Crane Quiz _____

Hat Icon _____

Mean Oats _____

BAY GUERIONS

