



# **ROCK YOUR HOMESCHOOL SUMMER!**

100+ Ideas, Activities &  
Challenges

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Summer Lego Challenges

Summer Minute To Win It  
Games

Instructions for select DIY  
crafts & games



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***Frugal Fun for ALL!***



# Rock Your Homeschool Summer!

## Arts & Crafts

fingerpaint  
tie-dye  
paper plates  
paint nature  
silhouettes  
DIY puzzles  
DIY stickers  
suncatchers  
paper bag puppets  
sock puppets  
masks  
(DIY) playdough  
self-portraits  
portraits  
aluminum foil fun  
pudding paint  
shaving cream paint  
DIY post cards  
DIY bookmarks  
clothespins dolls/heroes  
cardboard house/castle  
paper chains  
DIY coloring pages  
paint stick crafts  
water color paints  
handprint crafts  
footprint crafts  
duct tape crafts  
DIY block prints  
DIY stamps  
salt dough  
TP roll crafts  
food art

## Projects

family tree  
make a book  
nature journal  
nature box  
summer treasures box  
DIY beeswax candles  
paper airplanes  
DIY kite  
\* summer vision board  
summer reading program  
puppet show  
write/perform play  
herb garden  
sewing  
fingerknitting

## Food Fun

sundae bar  
s'mores bar  
DIY popsicles  
fruit salad  
pizza bar  
ice cream cookie bar

## Challenges

Nerf guns  
squirt guns  
water balloons  
\* Q-tips  
\* toothpicks  
hula hoops  
marshmallows  
ring toss  
obstacle course  
DIY bowling  
\* Summer minute-to-win-it  
\* Summer Legos

## Outdoor

DIY lawn dice  
frisbees  
jump rope  
hula hoop  
balloons  
parachute play  
scavenger hunt  
crayon bars  
picnic  
DIY bubbles  
DIY bubble wands  
water play  
sidewalk chalk art  
\* sidewalk challenges  
hopscotch  
car wash  
bike ride  
star gaze

## Indoor

balloons  
volleyball  
tennis  
challenges  
parachute play  
scavenger hunt  
dance party  
dance-a-thon  
DIY instruments  
read-a-thon  
movie day  
inventor's box  
obstacle course  
tea party  
board games  
indoor picnic  
charades  
(DIY) Mad Libs  
blanket forts  
secret handshakes



# Summer Lego Challenges



**sun**



**flip flops**



**ice  
cream  
cone**



**surfboard**



**popsicle**



**flower**



**sailboat**



**watermelon  
slice**



**fish**



**kite**

**BONUS: Build a Lego S'More!**

# **ROCK YOUR HOMESCHOOL** *Summer* **Minute To Win It**

## **S'mores:**

Materials:  
graham crackers  
chocolate squares  
marshmallows  
\*How many s'mores  
can you make in  
1 minute-blindfolded?

## **Sponges:**

Cut sponges into  
strips (4 per  
sponge).  
\*Use sponges to  
build tower in 1  
minute. Soak in  
water if outside.

## **Jump Rope:**

How many  
jumps can you  
do in one  
minute?  
Backwards?  
One leg?  
Singing a song?

## **Nerf Guns:**

Set up small, light  
objects. Designate  
spot to stand &  
shoot. Winner  
knocks down most  
objects in 1 minute.

Target: Who can  
can get closest to  
target in 1 minute?

## **Squirt Guns:**

Outside, set up small  
objects. Designate  
spot to stand &  
shoot. Winner  
knocks down most  
objects in 1 minute.

Target: Who can  
can get closest to  
target in 1 minute?

## **Water**

## **Balloons:**

Designate target  
or draw circle  
with chalk on  
sidewalk. How  
many water  
balloons can you  
get to pop on  
target in 1 minute?

## **Popsicle Sticks:**

How many  
popsicle sticks  
can you stack  
in 1 minute? Using  
popsicle sticks,  
how many shapes  
can you make?

## **Ice Cubes:**

Outside, how many  
ice cubes can you  
stack on top of  
each other in 1  
minute? Mark off  
an area in grass.  
How many ice  
cubes can you toss  
into it in 1 minute?

## **Glow Sticks:**

Designate an area.  
How many glow  
sticks can you toss  
into it in 1 minute?  
How many glow  
stick can you stack  
into a tower in 1  
minute?

## More Details About ROCK YOUR HOMESCHOOL SUMMER Arts & Crafts:

**Paper Plates:** use paper plates to make animals, aquarium scenes, paper pizza, & more!

**Paint Nature:** use paint to decorate rocks, sticks, pinecones, & shells

**DIY Puzzles:** decorate foam sheets or thin cardboard. (optional: take picture to refer to while building puzzle) Adults-cut into random shapes..

**DIY Stickers:** [Fun, Fast, & Frugal DIY Stickers Your Kids Will Love](#)

**Aluminum Foil Fun:** glue on to paintings or pictures for embellishments. Glue onto foam sheets or cardboard and use pencil or pen point to create interesting art.

**TP Roll Crafts:** I have examples of several of these in my Storytime posts.

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## More Details About ROCK YOUR HOMESCHOOL SUMMER Projects

**Nature Box:** Decorate a shoebox as you like. Use it to store special nature objects found this summer. Optional: tape index card to inside top of box to record dates, times, object details.

**Summer Treasures Box:** Decorate a shoebox or larger. Use to store special items collected this summer. Optional: tape index card to outside of box to record dates, times, and details.

**Summer Vision Board:** create a vision board for goals & dreams for this summer. Find an example of a vision board here: [How To Use A Homeschool Vision Board For Inspiration](#). You can get a free vision board planner in this link.

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## More Details about ROCK YOUR HOMESCHOOL SUMMER Challenges

### Toothpicks (or Q-tips for younger kids):

- Design a bridge from one overturned plastic cup to another using toothpicks (Q-tips). How many small objects can it hold?
- Use toothpicks (Q-tips) to create different shapes, letters, & numbers. Design your name, favorite number, or make a picture.
- Create a toothpick (or Q-tip) coaster with a bit of glue and imagination.

### Marshmallows:

- How many marshmallows can you stack before they topple?
- Use marshmallows to create shapes, letters, & numbers.
- Paint with marshmallows!
- How long can you balance a marshmallow on your nose? Chin? Forehead?
- Place 1 marshmallow between each finger. Try to do everyday tasks like that!

**Ring Toss:**

- Cut center out of paper plates or attach glow sticks to form circle.
- Build block tower or prop up an empty paper towel roll.
- How many rings can you get around tower?

**DIY Bowling:** set up at least 6 empty & clean water or soda bottles. Use ball or aluminum foil ball to knock down.

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**More Details About ROCK YOUR HOMESCHOOL SUMMER Outdoor Fun**

**DIY Lawn Dice:** decorate empty square tissue boxes (covered in construction paper) or floral foam to look like dice. Use for outdoor games like hopscotch.

**Scavenger Hunt:** create a list of common (& not so common) objects found in your area & have fun looking!

**Crayon Bars:** on a hot day, find an old muffin pan. Cut wax paper to fit each muffin slot and place in tin. Take the wrapper off old crayons and place in tin. Sit in sun and allow to melt. When cool, remove & color with your new crayon bar!

**DIY Bubble Wands:** use common household and outdoor objects to create your own bubble wands. Use objects like pipe cleaners, paper clips, yarn, grass, & your own ideas to see what works best for blowing bubbles.

**Sidewalk Art Challenges:** on index cards, write down at least 10 different art challenges to randomly select for sidewalk chalk fun.

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**More Details About ROCK YOUR HOMESCHOOL SUMMER Indoor Fun**

**Scavenger Hunt:** create list of objects in 1 room or throughout your home to find & play with, create a craft, or have silly fun

**Inventor's Box:** [How To Create A Frugal Inventor's Box Your Child Will Love](#)

**DIY Mad Libs:** I talked about DIY Mad Libs in [Fun Book for Learning about Nouns & Verbs](#) (includes free download to get you started!)

**Secret Handshakes:** What child doesn't love a secret handshake? Make up a variety of secret handshakes for your family and with each child.