

# April Calendar

Sunday



Monday



Tuesday



Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

05  
Build a fairy house outside

06  
Decorate a spring-themed bookmark

07  
Go to your public library and find springtime books

08  
Play an animal movement game

09  
Draw sidewalk chalk shadows

10  
Go on a bug hunt and draw what you see

11  
Make up your own animal yoga moves

12  
Plant seeds in cups or egg cartons

13  
Pick flowers (with permission) and press them in a book

14  
Make a nature bracelet

15  
Create a musical instrument using things you find outside

16  
Find a grassy hill. Race and roll down it

17  
Make ants on a log for a snack

18  
Create butterfly puppets

19  
Paint stones and hide them around your neighborhood

20  
Decorate a milk jug bird feeder and hang it outside

21  
Create leaf rubbings

22  
Create a "green mission" list with small actions like picking

23  
Make a rainbow collage

24  
Make baby animal puppets

25  
Create your own paintbrush with nature and paint flowers

26  
Have a picnic outside

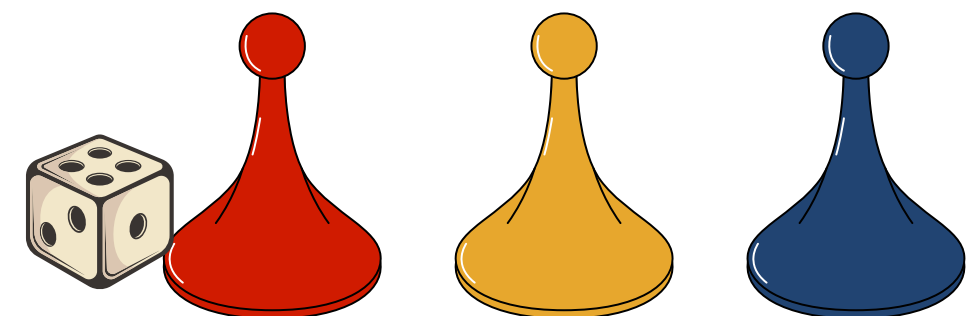
27  
Get dirty. Make mud pies, cakes, or pizzas

28  
Collect acorn tops and rocks to make tic-tac-toe

29  
Make a flower bouquet with construction paper

30  
Make Truffula trees using recycled materials

## The Joyful Play Project



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### Supplies

#### Basic Art & Paper Supplies:

Construction paper (various colors)  
Paper bags (lunch-sized for puppets)  
White or colored paper  
Crayons, markers, or colored pencils  
Watercolor or tempera paints  
Paintbrushes  
Scissors (child-safe)  
Glue or tape  
Popsicle sticks  
Sidewalk Chalk

#### Recycled & Craft Materials:

Empty milk jug (for bird feeder)  
Toilet paper rolls, paper towel rolls  
Pipe cleaners  
Scrap paper, old magazines, or  
cardboard  
small containers (cups, jars for rain  
gauge or planting seeds)

### Activity Details

#### Play an animal movement game

Take turns acting like different animals. Hop like a bunny, crawl like a bug, or waddle like a duck and get your body moving.

#### Make a nature bracelet

Wrap tape around your wrist (sticky side out) and head outside to collect small pieces of nature like leaves, grass, and flowers.

#### Create butterfly puppets

Design and decorate butterfly wings using paper or felt, attach them to a stick, and use them for imaginative play.

#### Decorate a milk jug bird feeder and hang it outside

Reuse an old milk jug by decorating it, cutting a small opening, and filling it with birdseed to create a simple feeder for local birds.

#### Make a rainbow collage

Gather materials from around your home and create a collage using all the colors of the rainbow.

#### Make baby animal puppets

Use paper bags or construction paper to create your favorite baby animals, then bring them to life with your own puppet show.

#### Make Truffula trees using recycled materials

Use things you already have like toilet paper rolls, paper, pipe cleaners, or scraps to create colorful, fluffy trees inspired by imagination and nature.

