10 SUPER-FUN WAYS

TO MAKE YOUR SUMMER LAST A LITTLE LONGER

1 Room revamp

Redesign, rearrange, repaint, or redecorate your room. Make it into a space that makes you happy. A little change goes a long way.

2 It's A Wash!

Offer to wash someone's car for a small fee. Or do it for free; you may be surprised at the reward you receive.

3 Chill Out and Read

Find a spot (under a tree, or even in the tub), and read that book (or books) you've always wanted to. And remember, it's not a race. Take your time and enjoy the journey the author is taking you on.

4 Camp Out!

Whether outside or in the living room, with a tent or a blanket; find a space, set up camp, and invite some friends (animal or otherwise) and have fun!

5 The Rural Mural

Find some butcher paper or an old sheet, grab a few markers (or whatever—see Dirt+Water) and draw a mural of your city or town. Ask friends to help, or draw them into your artwork, then proudly display the masterpiece in your room.

6 Water+Dirt=Art

There's nothing better than mud for all kinds of art projects. Find a good spot, stir up the soil with a garden spade (or large fork), add water, and let your imagination do the rest. Add dry grass or straw as a binder, and let your mess-terpiece dry in the sun for a couple of days. BTW, you *will* get dirty. :-)

7 Solar System from the Store

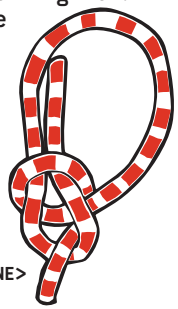
Pick up a solar system at the store:

- Mercury (green pea)
- Venus (walnut in shell)
- Earth (pearl onion)
- Mars (cherry tomato)
- Jupiter (10-inch head of lettuce)
- Saturn (8-inch cabbage)
- Uranus (grapefruit)
- Neptune (large orange)

What kind of dinner can you make from your solar system? (If you want to include Pluto, pick up a peppercorn.)

8 Be Knotty!

There are hundreds of kinds of knots. Spend some time this summer learning a few. They can come in very handy. Search wikipedia for "list of knots."



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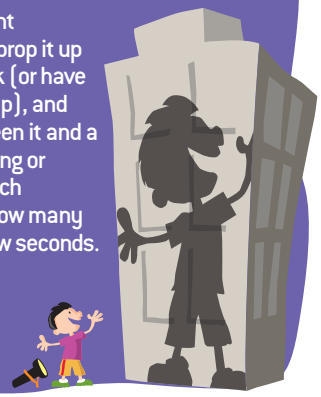
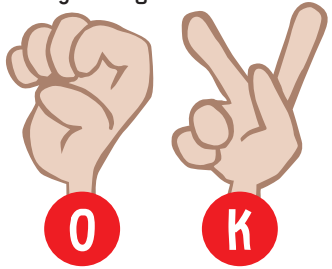
9 Be Big About It!

Find a bright flashlight, prop it up with a stick (or have a friend help), and step between it and a large building or house. Watch yourself grow many feet in a few seconds.



10 It Fingers

Learn ASL sign language (at least the 26 characters of the alphabet) and have a conversation with a friend. The more you practice, the faster you will get.



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