

65 Screen free winter activities

It can be difficult thinking of things to do with children and as a family together, here are my 65 suggestions for screen free winter activities.....



Indoor activities



1. **Play games** - have a games afternoon, board games, charades, I spy
2. **Puzzles**
3. **Cooking** - cook dinner together as a family, bake bread, bake cakes, Bake biscuits
4. **Small world play** - use toy cars, figures, build your own town or zoo in cardboard
5. **Lego**

6. **Puppet show** - give a puppet show
7. **Pretend play** - shops, cafe, schools, fireman, police, hospitals
8. **Theatre** - put on your own show or panto
9. **Play trains**
10. **Reading**
11. **Balloon games** - great for being active indoors
12. **Face painting**
13. **Dolls** - schools, babies, hospitals
14. **Dress up** - give the kids some items of your own clothing, shoes & accessories to use/play with, pretend to be mummy/daddy
15. **Have a themed day** - choose a theme & do crafts, play etc around that theme e.g. [ocean](#), snow, space, animals, pirates, princess
16. **Boxes** - children love boxes, there are so many things you could make and play with boxes
17. **Building blocks**
18. **Singing and dancing**
19. Have a **blindfold tasting** session
20. **Skittles**
21. **Science experiments**
22. Have a **pretend party**
23. **Write a story or poem**
24. Play **simon says**

Outdoor activities

1.



Fly a [kite](#)

2. Go on a **Gruffalo hunt** - you can create your own like we did [here](#)
3. **Bubbles**
4. **Make mud pies**
5. Do a [winter scavenger hunt](#)
6. Visit the **playground or park**
7. **Play football**
8. **Play catch**

9. **Scooting**
10. Go on a [bike ride](#)
11. [Puddle jumping](#)
12. **Geocaching**
13. **Gardening**
14. Have a game of **poo sticks**
15. **Climb a tree**
16. Visit a **National Trust** location
17. **Chalking** - great fun chalking outdoors
18. Go on a [sound walk](#)
19. Go for a **nature walk**
20. **Feed the ducks**

Indoor or outdoor activities

1. [Water play](#) - indoors at the sink or in the bath, or outdoors with ice or snow, wash the car, let little children do some washing up
2. Have a [picnic](#) - indoor picnics are great fun, maybe in a den you've made or outdoors wrapped up warm
3. Make a **fairy garden**
4. **Swimming**
5. **Treasure hunt**
6. Make a [den](#)

Art and craft



1. **Drawing and colouring**
2. **Painting**
3. **Finger painting**
4. **Play doh/salt dough**
5. **Make a collage**
6. **Sewing**
7. **Shadow drawing**
8. Make a **bird feeder**
9. Make [stick puppets](#)
10. [Pasta art](#)

11. **Junk modelling**
12. **Make musical instruments**
13. **Draw a map** of your house together (then maybe make a treasure hunt for each other?)
14. **Make masks**
15. **Make a memory book**