

SUMMER SERIES:

Style, art and architecture



It could be time to paint the walls.

Give your wall(s) a fresh coat of paint: Vivid color hues can help brighten up a space and lift your mood.

Declutter: Set aside some time to finally organize that drawer, that closet, those daunting piles of paperwork.

Arrange your books: Organize your bookshelf by genre, subject and author. You can even color coordinate and place objects on the shelf to tell a personal story. This may seem like a grown-up activity, but many kids love to play with color.

Mini-Marie Kondo: Help your child reorganize her room, combining these ideas of new paint, decluttering and organizing to give her a room for the next stage in her life. (It may not be the time to give up teddy bears.)

Play/art/music: Virtually attend a [concert, watch a play, experience a museum.](#)

Geek out on art apps: Turn your children's art or your photos into masterpieces with apps such as [Google Arts & Culture's Art Transfer](#). Or transform your selfie into a [Renaissance-style portrait](#).

Plan a photo shoot: Choose a theme, select a location and get creative with props and costumes. Use a film camera or disposable camera to limit the number of shots and to work in an element of surprise with how they will turn out.

Paint with your family: Arrange a family painting session, with supplies, snacks and a good playlist, and choose a painting to replicate. Learn about one another's artistic tastes and explore your chosen artistic style.

Try art-inspired recipes: They could include Claude Monet's chestnut cookies.

Make ornaments: Start making those holiday ornaments together ([easy peasy recipe here](#)). Call them pandemic art. They'll serve as a testimonial to your can-do spirit.

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