Pinwheels

These fun kinetic toys are super easy to make from home. Grab some colorful paper or design your own, and cut a slit into each of the four corners. Fold over the triangle shape into the center, and pin with a tack into a pencil or straw. Take them outside to enjoy the warm breeze!

https://www.hgtv.com/design/make-and-celebrate/handmade/kids-craft-easy-pencil-pinwheel

Fantasy Animals

Do you have a favorite animal? Maybe two? What makes each of them special? Combine two or three animals into one and sketch what you imagine them to look like. The more different the animals, the funnier they will be!

Rainbow Tambourines

Sticking around the house can be a bit dull - but these rainbow tambourines are sure to brighten up your day! Snag a few paper plates, a handful of cotton balls, a hole punch, some ribbon/yarn, and a few bells or things that jingle. Fold your paper plate in two, punching 5-7 holes evenly around the curved edge. Stuff the semicircle with cotton balls. Tie off each hole with the yarn/ribbon and add a jingle or two to each string. Paint or draw a rainbow design on each side of your tambourine, and get to making some music!
Salt Painting

Salt can be more than a seasoning, it can be part of your art! Draw out a composition on a heavy sheet of paper and outline it with an even ribbon of white glue. Place your sheet in a box or on a pan, and shake enough salt to cover the glue. Shake off the excess salt. Add food coloring drops or watercolor to the salt, and watch the color expand!

Vision Board Collages

Create a special piece of art that reminds you of your dreams and goals! Talk with your kiddos about their interests, what they want to be when they grow up, and any dreams they hope to accomplish by the end of the year. Flip through old books, magazines, newspapers, etc. to find images that relate to these goals. Cut out the images and collage onto your board. Add keywords with each image through stamps, stencils or stickers. Customize the colors and design to feel like you!

Crayon Leaf Rubbings

Make some time to get outside while you’re at home. Take a walk through your yard, neighborhood, or park and pick out leaves or flowers you like. Arrange them in a composition you like and lay a sheet of paper over top. Use the side of crayons or color pencils to lightly color overtop the leaves and flowers to reveal their texture on the page. Want to see more art inspired by nature? Check out our virtual STEAM2020 exhibition tour now.