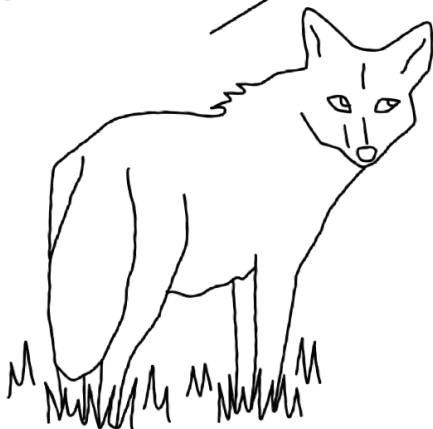
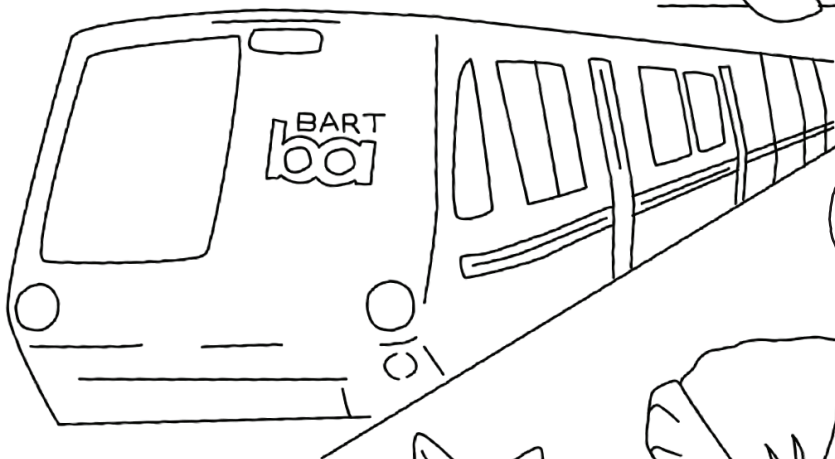
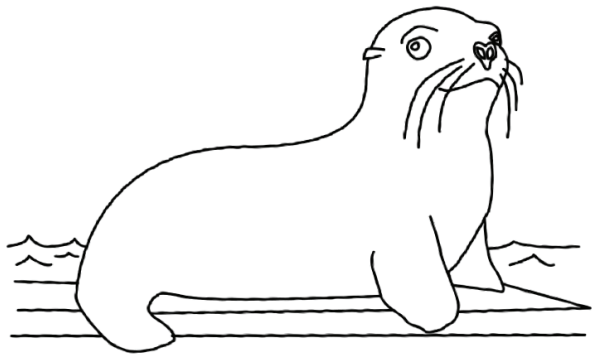
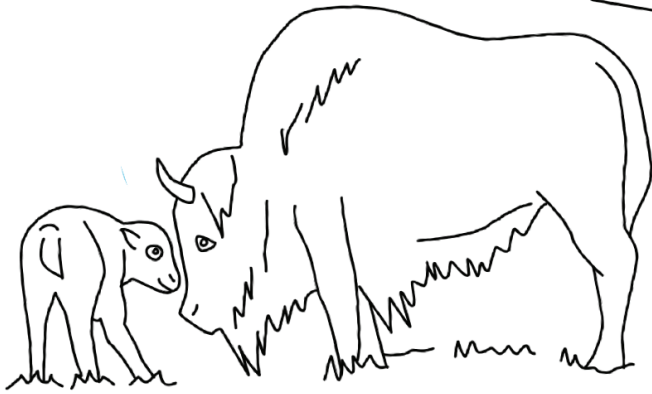


A VERY CURIOUS ACTIVITY BOOK

**Games, puzzles and
creative pursuits for
grown ups and kids!**

Made by your friends at
Bay Curious and KQED.



Hello Friends!

Welcome to A Very Curious Activity Book!
We made this book with the Bay Area community in mind, but curious minds everywhere can enjoy it! Use it to keep boredom busted and creative juices flowing. Share this link with a friend so they can print a copy too!

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And if you haven't given the Bay Curious podcast a listen yet...do!

Olivia

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CALL A FRIEND

Here are 15 questions to help you grow closer to the special people in your life while staying at home. Here's how it works: call a friend (or send them a copy of the activity book!) and answer these questions together. See where the conversation takes you.

- 1 How do you take your coffee or tea?
- 2 What's your go-to comfort food?
- 3 Name an album you'd listen to all the way through.. Why?
- 4 If we were trapped on a deserted island, what would be your biggest contribution?
- 5 Describe your favorite stress relief activity.
- 6 What constitutes a "perfect" day for you?
- 7 Who would you invite to your fantasy dinner party?
- 8 What is your favorite coming-of-age movie? Which character do you relate to and why?
- 9 What is your most sentimental article of clothing?
- 10 Did you ever hide anything from or lie to your parents?
- 11 What's one thing you wish you had more time for?
- 12 Name 3 things you value most in a friend and why.
- 13 What is something about yourself you've been working on this past year? How do you feel about the progress you've made?
- 14 What is your greatest accomplishment in life so far?
- 15 If you could dedicate your life to any one thing, what would it be?

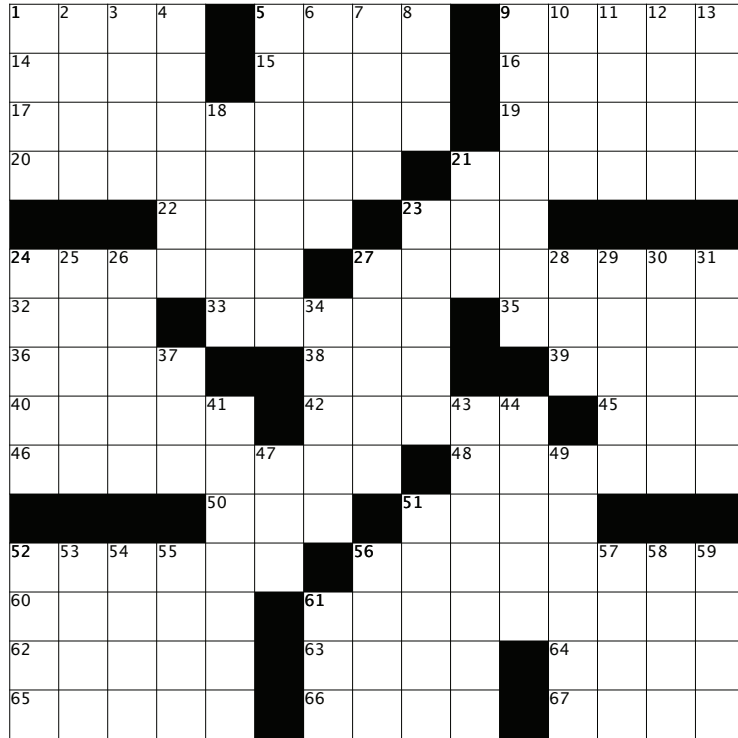
What is the most interesting thing you learned about your friend?

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Several of the clues in this crossword will be familiar to *Bay Curious* podcast listeners. Listen to our playlist at kqed.org/activitybook ahead of time for a leg up! Answers at kqed.org/activitybook.

Across

- 1 Singer Bareilles or Quin
- 5 #1 choice
- 9 Turn a book into a movie
- 14 "Sign me up!"
- 15 Receptionist played by Ellie Kemper on "The Office"
- 16 Party game with a buzzer and words you can't say
- 17 Chocolate ice cream + nuts + marshmallows (Oct 17, 2019 episode)**
- 19 Have faith
- 20 All skin and bones
- 21 Oprah, to Maya Angelou
- 22 Qatari leader
- 23 Hanks who played Woody in "Toy Story"
- 24 Price-fixing group
- 27 Fish + clams + tomato + wine sauce (Dec 20, 2018 episode)**
- 32 Till
- 33 Katmandu's land
- 35 Lower leg bone
- 36 West coast gas station that stays so cheap because it doesn't take credit cards
- 38 Psychedelic drug studied by the CIA at Menlo Park Veterans Hospital in the '50s
- 39 Equal
- 40 Amazes
- 42 Basked in, as praise
- 45 High or low card
- 46 Gin + vermouth + olives (Nov 3, 2018 episode)**
- 48 Appeared to be
- 50 Colon part
- 51 Salty bodies of water
- 52 Word before "board" or after "loss"
- 56 Ursine breakfast pastry
- 60 Get along (with)
- 61 Dungeness + eggs + iceberg + dressing
- 62 Part of a floral chain
- 63 ___ Graham Civic Auditorium (SF concert venue)
- 64 Uncommon
- 65 Cobra or viper
- 66 Medical measure
- 67 Walrus's tooth



Down

- 1 Elton John and Michael Caine, for two
- 2 Run ___ (go wild)
- 3 Basmati or jasmine grain
- 4 Jewelry worn below the knee
- 5 Like loamy soil
- 6 Loud, as a crowd
- 7 Perfume or blood sample container
- 8 It may be dead or split
- 9 Try
- 10 Repair a sweater
- 11 Adjoin
- 12 FX series about the New York ball scene
- 13 Pledge giveaway with straps
- 18 Neighbor of Saudi Arabia
- 21 "Hello there. I'm a cow."
- 23 Jalapeño part
- 24 Vast divide
- 25 Major artery
- 26 Come back again and again
- 27 Assigns roles
- 28 One of 21 on a standard die
- 29 Letter-shaped construction piece
- 30 One who might cry uncle?
- 31 Rowed
- 34 Braid
- 37 Toronto's province, for short
- 41 Disapproving glance akin to a roll
- 43 In good enough condition
- 44 "Girl with a ___ Earring" (Vermeer painting)
- 47 Neither's partner
- 49 Accompaniment to a ball
- 51 Mammals often confused for other mammals at Fisherman's Wharf
- 52 Wee boys
- 53 Jennifer who wrote the Pulitzer-winning "A Visit From the Goon Squad"
- 54 High point at the San Francisco Opera
- 55 NPR's "Tiny ___ Concert"
- 56 Vivacity
- 57 Hawaiian feast
- 58 Runs on the radio
- 59 "Last ___ Tonight with John Oliver"
- 61 Weed-derived ingredient, for short

TRANSIT PLANNING

Though we may be staying at home more right now, we're already dreaming of the places we'll visit on public transit soon. Fill in the blanks to discover where we're headed, in some cases with help from BART! Answers at kqed.org/activitybook.

First, to Russian Hill to walk down the twisty ___ B A ___
___ R ___ T. Is it all that crooked really?

... to Pacific Avenue to learn the history of sordid entertainment
in Gold Rush-era San Francisco in the B A R _____ T
district.

... to SFMOMA to see some _ B ___ A ___ _ R T. Sweet non-
representational paintings, Richard Diebenkorn and Ellsworth
Kelly!

... it's still the morning, so to the Mission District to eat a
B ___ A _____ ___ R ___ T_. Cheese, potatoes, tortilla...
is avocado extra?

... to Ocean Beach where you take off your shoes and walk
B A R _____ T. The sand feels amazing between your toes!

... to end your day at a cocktail lounge. How about a Mai Tai or a
Pisco Punch? Don't forget to tip your B A R T _____ !

Have you figured out all the answers? Nice work! You've earned
B _ A _____ R _____ T _ . Definitely gloat to all of your
friends.

Are you always mixing up the Bay Area bridges? Us too. Luckily, these can
be unscrambled.

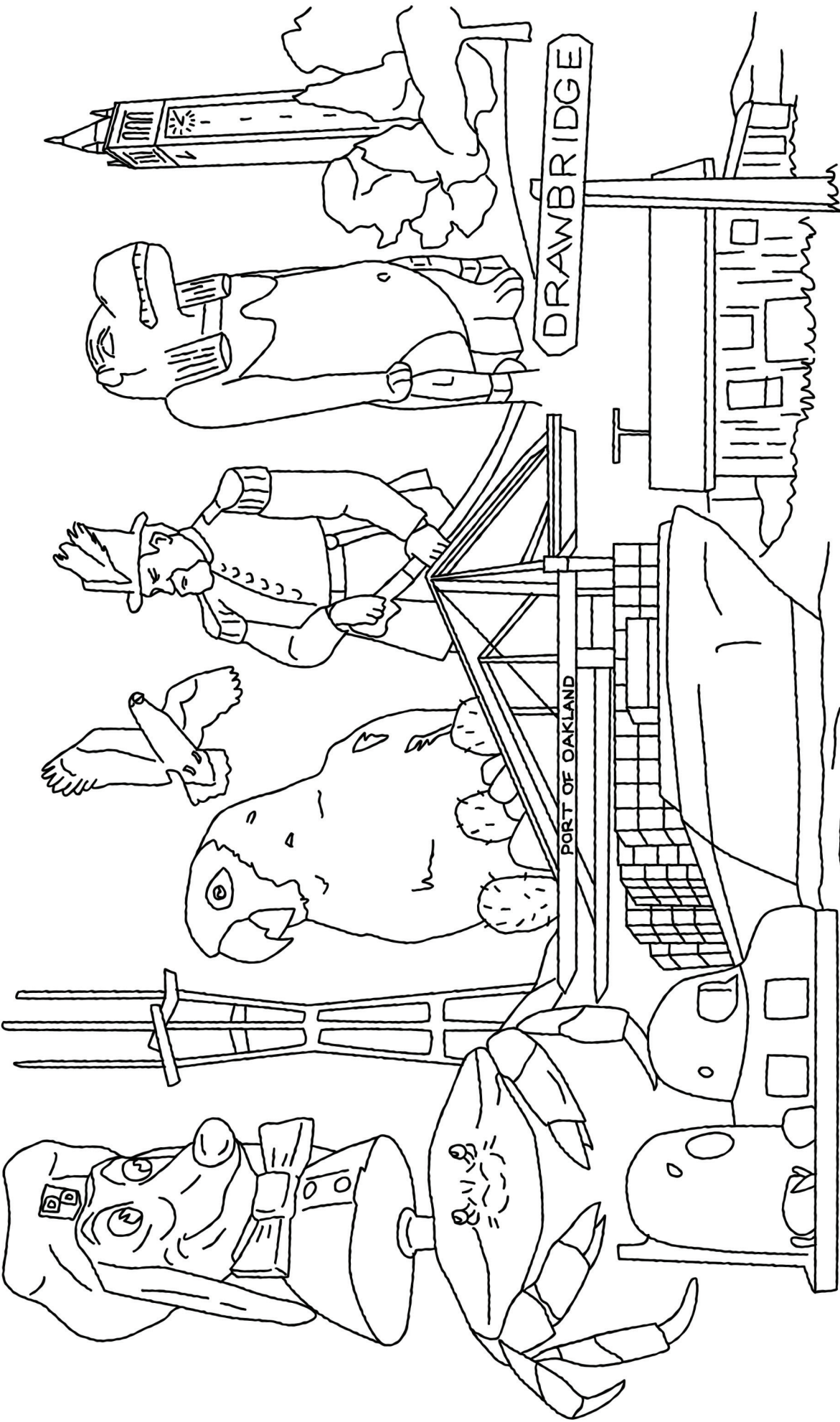
Engaged Lot _____

Damn Turbo _____

Crane Quiz _____

Hat Icon _____

Mean Oats _____

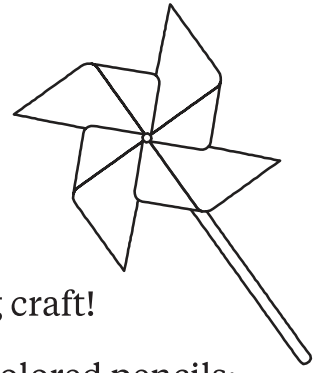


DRAWBRIDGE

PORT OF OAKLAND

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COLORFUL PINWHEEL



Add a little whimsy to your space with this charming craft!

Supplies Paper; scissors; glue; markers, crayons or colored pencils; wooden chopstick, pencil or skewer; pushpin or thumbtack

Directions

- 1 Print our template at kqed.org/activitybook, or use any square piece of paper.
- 2 Cut a diagonal line from each corner, stopping about 1 inch from the center of the square.
- 3 Put a pea-size amount of glue in the center of the square.
- 4 Pull one point toward the center and hold it there until it sticks to the glue on its own. Moving around the square, glue down every other point to the center until four are pinned down.
- 5 Cut a small circle out of paper and glue it to the center of the pinwheel, covering up the tips of the points. Let the glue dry for 15 minutes.
- 6 Push the pin or thumbtack through the center of the pinwheel and into the chopstick or pencil. It helps to wiggle the pin as you push it in. Leave a little bit of space between the pin and the wood—otherwise your pinwheel may not turn.
- 7 Voila, your cheery little pinwheel is done! Plant it in your garden or take it for a walk to show it off!

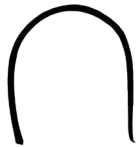
Repeat the process, playing around with color and designs!

Free stickers! Snap a photo with your completed pinwheel and send it to baycurious@kqed.org. Include your mailing address in the email. We'll send a sticker pack to the first 20 people we hear from!

DRAW WITH FIORE

Learn to draw two iconic Bay Area sights with KQED's cartoonist Mark Fiore! Follow his step by step instructions or try putting your own twist on things. Maybe a party hat for the sea lion?

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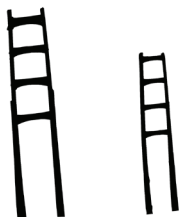
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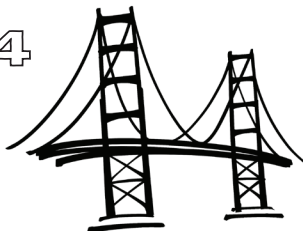
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SCAVENGER

HUNT: PLANTS!

Grab a camera, pull on some good shoes and head out around your neighborhood in search of these common plants that can be found in even the most urban places in the Bay Area. Many are considered weeds, but look deeper and each has an interesting story!

Wild Fennel

Foeniculum vulgare

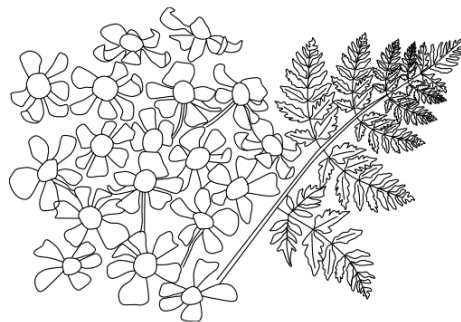


Wild fennel has green feathery leaves that look a bit like dill, and a yellow flower that's actually made up of many small blossoms. It smells like anise. Fennel seeds can lie dormant in the soil for years, making it difficult to eradicate this aggressive herb.

This weed is most easily identified by the purple spots on its stems, and by its finely divided leaves which resemble wild carrot. As its common name suggests, it should not be eaten. In ancient Greece, hemlock was used to poison condemned prisoners, including Socrates.

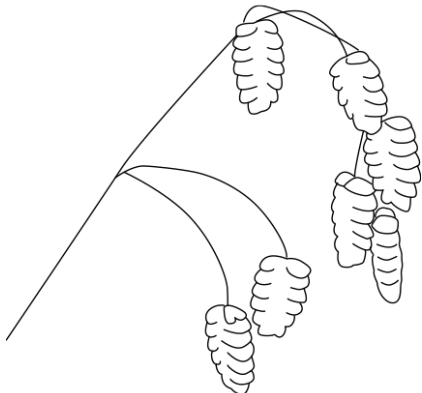
Poison hemlock

Conium maculatum



Rattlesnake grass

Briza maxima



Rattlesnake grass pods look like the end of a rattlesnake's tail, and make a rattling sound when they shake in the wind. These papery, straw-colored clusters dangle on threadlike stems and are often used as ornamental grass in landscaping.

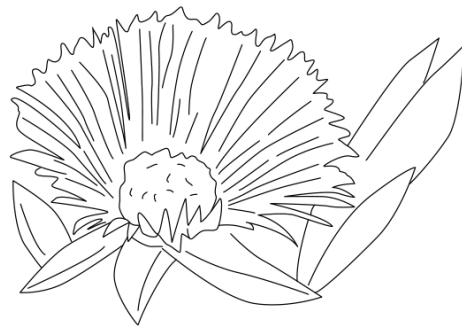
Nasturtium
Tropaeolum majus



Nasturtium leaves are nearly round, and the flowers are bright oranges and yellows with long spurs behind them. The flowers and leaves are edible; they taste peppery! The name nasturtium means “nose twister” in Latin, referring to people’s reaction upon tasting the flowers.

Ice plant
Carpobrotus edulis

The common ice plant is usually pink or yellow. It gets its name from the small, clear engorged hairs on the surface of the finger-like leaves that look like frozen droplets of water. Originally from South Africa, the ice plant is considered an invasive weed in much of California because it spreads quickly and chokes out native plants.



Wild oats
Avena fatua



Wild oats are erect grasses with long, flat linear leaves that are often pale tan in color. Oats have long been used medicinally, and at one time were even believed to hold aphrodisiac powers. The old saying “sowing your wild oats” is based on the observation that stallions given wild oat were more... ahem, rambunctious.

GET CREATIVE!

Have you already made your way through this entire activity book? Here are 15 more creative stay-at-home activities to keep boredom at bay.

- 1 Sew new curtains, a pillowcase or a small coin purse
- 2 Invent an original board game featuring inside jokes with your friends. You can play it next time you're able to be together
- 3 Spice up your at-home cooking by developing a homemade seasoning blend
- 4 Document your experience sheltering in place by creating a comic series
- 5 Build a birdhouse
- 6 Make a wind chime from old spoons and metal cans
- 7 Revisit an iconic movie franchise. Star Wars, Harry Potter or even a list of old Hollywood classics
- 8 Paint a blank terra cotta planter and repot your overgrown plants
- 9 Make a rainbow wall hanging from old yarn for a child in your life
- 10 Create a playlist of uplifting tunes to share with your friends and family
- 11 Take a walk around the neighborhood and collect flowers along the way. Press them into your notebook
- 12 Assemble a book of cherished family recipes
- 13 Film a short movie on your phone! We recommend a silent film, comedy or musical
- 14 Get in touch with your roots by tracing back your family tree
- 15 Celebrate the start of summer by making ice cream from scratch (you don't need a machine!)

Hope you enjoyed this activity book! Stay safe.

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