

Decorate a mask and hold a **Masquerade Ball**

Test your culinary skills with a Master Chef **Mystery Box** Cooking Competition



Fairy Tale Twist

Divide the Guides into small groups/patrols.
Choose a classic fairy tale that all the girls seem to know (you may like to quickly refresh their memories).
Now give each group a style in which they should re-tell the story – for example as a detective story, love story, an evening news broadcast or a bedtime story for very young children.
Give them 15 minutes to work on their Performance, before performing it for the group.

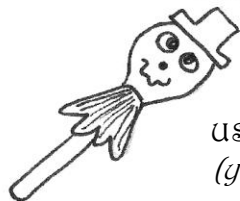
CREATIVITY

"Creativity is inventing, experimenting, growing, taking risks, breaking rules, making mistakes and having fun" Mary Lou Cook

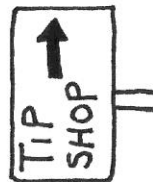
Cool Stuff



For Guides



Create some **Culinary Creatures** using cutlery & crafty oddments (you could even have a puppet show)



transform an every day activity into something magical ~ explore your local playground by torch-light (yes at night!) ★ be bold ~ write a poem on the footpath with coloured chalk ★ do something crazy ~ make a scarecrow ★ be ridiculous ★ surprise yourself ~ try something from this purple page ★ be amazing ~ make your own Vision Board ★ Stamp out conformity ~ decorate cupcakes

Visit your local tip shop, select a few key pieces and turn them into **Junk Art**

Create a Vision Board

- ★ Ask Guides to bring along pictures, photos, quotes – anything that reminds them of the things that are important in their life, demonstrate their values or represent their hopes and dreams for their future
- ★ Find a sheet of strong cardboard or a notice board (stores like Chicken Feed & Big W often have cheap cork boards)
- ★ You will need magazines, craft supplies like paper, funky pens, stickers, glitter (pretty much anything you can round up), books of quotes (or print-outs from the internet), glue, sticky tape & drawing pins
- ★ Create your Vision Board – use words, pictures & quotes to create a Board that reminds you of the most important parts of your life, illustrates your values, things that inspire you and things that represent your hopes and dreams for your future (your vision!)
- ★ Vision Boards are very personal, so try to create an atmosphere that is encouraging while also allowing privacy and space, so participants are not influenced by what others are doing & can create something really personal

Suitable for older Guides & Leaders

Tips for encouraging creativity

1. Don't stress about mess - wear a smock or old clothes, cover the floor with newspaper or a tarp, or work outside
2. Try to avoid making examples for Guides to follow - they will copy rather than be creative and individual
3. Try to immerse yourself in the activity, let your own hidden creativity shine. It may feel crazy at first, but get into the spirit of the activity
4. Don't be afraid to fail
5. Suspend judgement

The Great Sticky Note Doodle Art Exhibition

Give each "Artist" a pencil and about 5 sticky notes. Find an area (preferably outside) to use for inspiration – your "Studio". You will also need a "Gallery" to display the "Masterpieces" – a sheltered area with trees or inside the Guide hall perhaps. Introduce the ancient art form of the Doodle – a free-flowing artistic expression that anyone can create. Emphasise that before creating their Masterpieces, the Artists need to take time to explore their surrounds, and become immersed in the spirit of the place. Once they have found something that appeals, they should capture it with a Doodle. Once the Doodle is complete, the Artist moves on to a different part of the Studio to create another Masterpiece. It is handy to have a few extra sticky notes, as some Artists will work quicker than others. Once all the Artists have completed their Masterpieces, they should move into the Gallery and "hang" their Masterpieces for Display. The Artists then take it in turns to introduce their Masterpieces (perhaps explain their thoughts behind their favourite piece), then they can mingle and admire all the other Masterpieces.



If you were at camp, you could make a big deal of the Gallery Opening by serving drinks and nibbles to the esteemed Artists (morning and afternoon tea!).

You could extend the activity by using different colour sticky notes & assign each colour to a different area of inspiration (eg in the bush or by a creek).

Magic Clay

Seat Guides in a circle. Explain that you are holding a piece of Magic Invisible Clay. Show them with your hands how big it is. Now think of an object and pretend to "sculpt" the clay into the shape of that object. Once you have finished, hold up the object proudly, and announce that you have completed your sculpture. Then show how the object would be used. For example, a necklace would be fastened around your neck, straightened and admired in a mirror, or a book would be opened and read, turning the pages as you go. The group has to guess what the object is. You may want to limit them to 3 or 5 guesses. Once the object has been correctly identified, "squish" the Magic Invisible Clay back in to a ball, and hand it to the next Guide. Now it's her turn. And so the sculpting continues until everyone has a turn (or two, as they may get more creative and confident as the game progresses).