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Attention and perfection in the plastic arts comes through play first. Here are a few examples of fun activities to practice with the family or to fill some time at a birthday party. You only need a few sheets of paper and a selection of markers or pencils (and an optional eraser). May the best one win!

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The riddles

- **The word to be guessed:** the first player draws an object or a word. The one who guesses the answer gets a point and takes the next turn.
- **Who is it?** In the same spirit, guess a relative or a celebrity from his characteristics.
- **What does he do?** Guess a trade from separate elements (e.g. mason = trowel + house)
- **Half a word:** draw an object and hide half and have the others guess it.
- **The riddle:** a classic, reserved for older children.

Tip: Games to make!

Paper, cardboard, scissors, pencils or painting can easily transform rainy Wednesdays into the making of family games. On the menu: card game, 7 families, dominoes, small car race track and even Chutes and Ladders! For the smaller adapt this activity with coloured dots or stickers.

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Graphics games

- **Geometry obliges!** Pull a word from a hat (e.g. house), a shape from another (e.g. circle). Everyone draws the subject using only the shape defined, as many times as necessary.
- **Mini bac in drawing:** define categories (everyday objects, animals, nature, etc.), choose a letter of the alphabet? Everyone illustrates his proposals.
- **Alphabet-number drawing:** reproduce an object using only numbers or letters of the alphabet.
- **S.O.S. memory:** draw a series of colorful forms or a quantity on a square of paper; each player has 10 seconds to observe and must reproduce the best.
- **Calligram,** a favorite of Guillaume Apollinaire and suitable for older children: illustrate a word by how you write it.

Progressive drawings

- **Sequence of events:** draw an object on a band of paper, fold it to hide three quarters of it. The next player draws an image from this base.
- **Monsters:** Along the same idea, the first player sketches the top of the head, concealing the major part. In turn the others will do the rest: the bottom of the face, body, legs and finally tail. Gales of laughter guaranteed!
- **The changing detail:** select two objects, draw the first. The next player reproduces it by modifying a item? and so on until obtaining the second object. Complicate the difficulty by tossing two dice to define a maximum number of steps.

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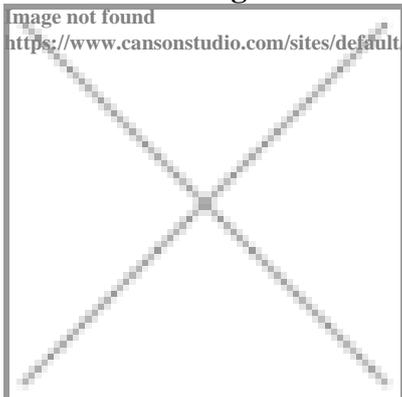


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