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# A STAY AT HOME PHOTOGRAPHY TOOLKIT

10 Creative Workshops and Activities for families and young people to do at home.

We hope you are all okay, keeping well and safe at home at this time. We thought we'd send you some creative photography activities to have a go at using any camera you can access — whether this is a digital camera, iPad or a smart phone.

You can share your images with us by tagging @openeyegallery on instagram, email andy@openeye.org.uk or simply keep for yourself.

Enjoy!

# 1. PHOTO TREASURE HUNT

#### Photograph the following:

- 1. Something that is your favourite colour
- 2. A pattern
- 3. Something that you are thankful for
- 4. Someone jumping
- 5. Something round
- 6. Something you think no one else will have noticed
- 7. A reflection
- 8. Something that makes you smile

# 2. NATURE COLLAGE

- 1) Go into the garden or take a short walk to the park.
- 2) Look for interesting shapes and colours and pick up some leaves, twigs, flowers to bring home.
- 3) When home, take a piece of card and layout your objects onto the page and create a collage.
- 4) Take a picture of your nature collage



# 3. SOLAR PHOTOGRAPHY

- 1. Create and arrange a composition of the objects collected from your nature walk and arrange on a sheet of Solar Paper.
- 2. Place the paper in direct sunlight for 4-5 minutes. If it's cloudy increase time to 10-20 minutes. You will see the paper changing colour to pale blue as it exposes.
- 3. Remove the objects and take the paper out of the sunlight.
- 4. Put the exposed sheet of paper in tap water and watch the image appear. After a couple of minutes remove the paper form the water and hang or lay flat to dry.



You can purchase some paper from the following stores:

https://shop.silverprint.co.uk/Solar-Pa-per/products/539/

http://www.sunography.com

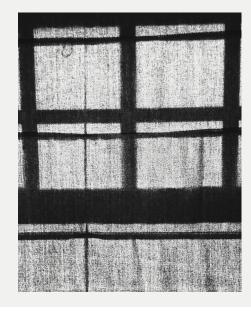
https://www.fredaldous.co.uk/products/super-sunprint-kit

## 4. SHADOWS

As the light changes throughout the day new shadows will appear in different places of the home. Try to capture different shadows in the following places:

- 1. Lounge
- 2. Kitchen
- 3. Bedroom
- 4. Garden

If you're feeling extra creative create your own shadows using a torch or lamp and capture the different creations you make!





## 5. HAIKU MEMORY

Find a picture of your favourite place or memory and write a Haiku about it.

A haiku is a short poem that has three lines made up of 5 syllables, 7 syllables and 5 syllables

Line 1 - 5 syllables

Line 2 - 7 syllables

Line 3 - 5 syllables

## 6. COLOUR CHALLENGE

Pick a colour at random. Find objects in the house that are that colour and arrange into a sculpture.

Get creative and photograph your new creations.

## 7. BORED AT HOME

Using only items found in your home create a photographic response to the following scenarios:

- 1. Make a clone of yourself
- 2. Find a way to communicate with Aliens
- 3. Build a tower
- 4. Turn yourself into your favourite animal
- 5. Pretend that you're at the beach
- 6. Create a new character out of kitchen utensils

Make up your own scenarios and share your images with us!

# 8. SELFIE CHALLENGE

There are a lot of ways to take a Selfie and they don't always have to include someones face. It could be an object that reflects who you are or it could be a shadow.

Explore different ways to create a selfie:

- 1) Object
- 2) Shadow
- 3) Reflection
- 4) Slofie (Slow Motion Selfie)
- 5) Feet
- 6) Disguise
- 7) Eyes Closed

# 9. FROM NEAR AND FAR

Lets look at our surroundings from close up and far away.

Photograph the following from both near and far:

- 1. Flower or Grass
- 2. Toothbrush
- 3. Food
- 4. Book
- 5. Water

#### Top Tips:

https://filmora.wondershare.com/mobile-editing-tips/take-macro-close-up-photos-with-iphone.html

## 10. CURATE YOUR FRIDGE

Make a selection of your favourite images that you have taken during the workshops and print them out. Stick them on your fridge and curate your own mini exhibition.



If you don't have access to a printer, you can download the FreePrints app and send for your images to be printed.

## OEG RECOMMENDS

There are also loads of other creative resources on offer from fellow photographers and cultural partners worth checking out:

#### 1) Hospital Rooms

https://hospital-rooms.com/activities

#### 2) Convenience Gallery

https://www.conveniencegallery.org/blog/horizons-week-1-collage-and-the-future

#### 3) Manchester Museums

http://documents.manchester.ac.uk/display.aspx?DocID=41662

#### 4) 64 Million Artists

https://64millionartists.com

#### 5) Sam Ivin Newsletter

http://www.samivin.com/subscribe

#### 6) ffotogallery weekly challenge

https://ffotogallery.org/channel/welcome-to-ffotogallerys-new-weekly-digest

#### 7) Firstsite activity pack

https://firstsite.uk/art-is-where-the-home-is/

#### 8) TATE

https://www.tate.org.uk/kids/make

#### 9) National Galleries

https://www.nationalgalleries.org/art-and-artists/features/

home-where-art-creative-curriculum-kids

