

MONSTER FUN!

How many things can you tick off this week?

DRAW A MONSTER

Monsters are so much fun to draw. Will your monster have one, two or three eyes? Spikes? Fur or feathers? What sort of teeth will you draw?

ENTER THE DESIGN A MINI MONSTER COMPETITION

Billy was just an ordinary boy living an ordinary life, until he found five MINI MONSTERS in his sock drawer! We want to see YOUR Mini Monsters! Send us your mini monster drawing for a chance to receive an awesome, limited-edition badge. Head to usborme.com/minimonsters to download your entry form.

MAKE A MONSTER SOCK PUPPET

Find an old sock, some buttons, ribbons, wool and glue or a needle and thread and see if you can turn a stinky sock into a scary sock!

STAGE A SHADOW PUPPET SHOW

Don't be afraid of the dark - play with it! Gather your family and put on an impressive shadow puppet show. Download the instructions at usborme.com/stayhomesummer to practise first. All you need is a lamp and your hands!

GIVE YOUR MONSTER A CHARACTER

Great stories have great characters. To write a story about your monster you'll need to develop its character. Is your monster funny, silly, scary? What is it afraid of? What will its name be? Perhaps you could then continue and write a short story about your monster.

MAKE GLOOP

Get gloopy with our science experiment inspired by Anisha, Accidental Detective! All you'll need to make gloop is a bowl, cornflour and water. Maybe an apron too, as this could get messy! Find this and more science experiments at usborme.com/Anisha

MONSTER SNACKS

Can you turn your yummy food into something monstrous? Blueberry googly eyes, or slimy spaghetti! Vegetable peelings can be fun to turn into faces too, with carrot tops for eyes.

PLAY TEACH YOUR MONSTER TO READ

Teach Your Monster to Read is an award-winning phonics and reading game that's helped millions of children learn to read. Children create a monster and take it on a magical journey over three extensive games - meeting a host of colourful characters along the way and improving their reading skills as they progress. Visit teachyourmonstertoread.com

PLAY MONSTER STOMP

Blow up several balloons. Gather your friends or family member and give them craft supplies such as market pens, glue, feathers, and monster fur. Decorate the balloons to look like monster faces. After you've admired each other's handywork, put the balloons in the centre of a room and stomp on them until they burst! See who can burst the most!

DESIGN A WORRY MONSTER

It can be really helpful to think of your worries as a character, completely separate from yourself. Your challenge is to design a 'what if' monster. Whenever a worry pops into your head, just imagine the monster and tell it to go away. You can print off a template to do this at usborme.com/stayhomesummer