



## THE RACE TO ADVENTURE STARTS IN YOUR HOME!

A family road trip can be the stuff of great memories. It can also be uncomfortable, long, and filled with calls from the backseat of, "Are we there yet?" Well, here at "Solution Street" we're putting the pedal to metal and come up with an awesome, fun-filled car-themed adventure that'll keep the whole family's wheels spinning -- in the right direction.

So get revved up for inspiration and delve into our Car Race tool kit. Not only does it contain a step-by-step adventure thought starter for your own at-home auto adventure, it contains recipes and directions for making crafts that'll add a high octane boost to any stay-at-home day with the family. And, if you're looking for even more boredom busting tips, make sure to visit <http://family.go.com/entertainment/pkg-solution-street/> for additional crafts, recipes, and tips for creating a magical experience for you and your little ones.

### SET THE SCENE FOR YOUR CAR RACE ADVENTURE

But before you get started on your car race adventure -- take a few moments to set the scene using items you already have available in your home. Why? Setting the scene will not only enhance the mood, it'll give you the opportunity to get all of your little speed demons involved in the experience. Here are some scene-enhancing tips:

#### SCENE-SETTING TIP #1

Decide what kind of race you're going to have. Are you racing around a track? Are you racing across country? Let your imagination run wild.

#### SCENE-SETTING TIP #2

Do you have any large boxes nearby? Turn them on their sides, hop in and -- viola -- instant race car. You can even use markers, paint, and other crafts to decorate your vehicle. How about some flames on the hood or your lucky number on the side? No boxes? No problem. Pull up a chair, or gather up cushions and make a car.

#### SCENE-SETTING TIP #3

Put on some music. Any music will do as long as it's high-energy and puts you in the mood to zoom. You can also tune your TV to an actual race if there's one on TV. Keep the volume at a reasonable level though.

#### SCENE-SETTING TIP #4

Do you have swim goggles, a bicycle helmet, and gloves in your home? Put them on and you're instantly in character!



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### SCENE-SETTING TIP #5

Place strips of paper or cloth in the middle of your floor to create lane markers. After all, you don't want to veer into the wrong lane when you're zooming toward the checkered flag.

### SCENE-SETTING TIP #6

Grab your camera and keep it close so you can capture every moment. And you might just need it in the event there's a photo finish.

### BRING YOUR CAR RACE ADVENTURE TO LIFE

Now that you've set the scene and printed out the crafts and recipes, it's time to get started. For this adventure, you and your family will be members of two competing race teams at the biggest race of the year. Below are step-by-step details for creating this experience. Follow these instructions, or use them as a launching point and let your imagination be your guide.

#### STEP #1

Create your teams. For this adventure, you'll need to split your family into two teams. Each team will have a driver and at least one crew member. At various points during the race, crew and driver will switch places so that everyone gets a chance to fill their need for speed!

#### STEP #2

You can't have a race without a checkered flag. Follow our super-easy instructions and create a Race Flag. The entire family can work on these together or you can have some members making flags while the others are working on the other crafts.

#### STEP #3

Trophy time. The winner of the race has got to get a prize, right? Follow our step-by-step instructions for creating Golden Trophy Good Bags. Bags can be created for first, second, and third place finishers. Remember, no matter what place you come in at, everyone wins because of the great experience you've had together.



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### **STEP #4**

Get under the hood. Grab large boxes (if you have them) and make your car. If you don't have any boxes, use your imagination to create cars using chairs, seat cushions, or other items you have around the house.

### **STEP #5**

The body needs fuel too. Racing is hard work, and your family will need to stay fueled up as well. Follow the recipe and bake a Racetrack Cake.

### **STEP #6**

Start your engines! Now that the cake is cooling and your craft building is completed, it's time to get the show on the road! Pull both your cars to the starting line and rev your engines. Have one of the crew members drop the Checkered Flag and you're off!

### **STEP #7**

This stop isn't the pits. After a few minutes into the race, both drivers pull in for a pit stop. After checking the wheels, refueling, and washing the windows, it's time for the crew member to jump behind the wheel. And like that, the race begins again!

### **STEP #8**

The final lap. It's a neck and neck down the stretch. Driver #1 is about to pull ahead when, "oh no" -- she blows out a tire! Driver #2 cruises to victory.

### **STEP #9**

How about a re-match? Both teams meet up at the victory circle to receive their Golden Trophy Goody Bags and enjoy a bite of Racetrack Cake. Everyone's had a great time and Driver #1 might even challenge Driver #2 to a rematch. After a few last bites, both teams are back out on the track!

These are just a few suggestions to get you and your family started on a car race adventure. In the end, we just encourage you to put your imagination in the driver's seat and go full throttle. And, if you really want to take your family fun time to the next level, add your favorite Hasbro Family Game night game into the mix. So, the next time you're looking to experience some family fun -- just cruise down the information super-highway and take a quick turn at "Solution Street" ... where imagination is the answer.



## CHECKERED FLAG

*Steer arriving guests into your driveway with a checkered victory flag attached to your mailbox or lamppost.*



**TOTAL TIME NEEDED: 1 HOUR**

## MATERIALS

- 9- by 12-inch sheet of thin white craft foam
- 3/8 inch a dowel
- Stapler
- 2-inch squares of black cloth or permanent black marker
- Tape



## INSTRUCTIONS

1. To make one, start with a 9- by 12-inch sheet of thin white craft foam. Fold the foam an inch in from one of the shorter sides and staple it along the edge and the top to make a sleeve for inserting the top of the flag handle (a dowel, 3/8 inch in diameter).
2. To create a checkered pattern, stick on 2-inch squares of black cloth tape in staggered rows. Or just draw on squares with a permanent black marker.





## GOLDEN TROPHY GOODY BAGS



We filled these fun bags with bike-related loot, such as mini reflectors and a small water bottle. They make the perfect memento for guests at your Ultimate Bike Birthday Party.

### MATERIALS

- One 8 1/2- by 11-inch sheet of card stock
- Paper lunch bags
- Scissors
- Gold wrapping paper
- Tape
- Gold pipe cleaners, cut in half
- Glue stick



### INSTRUCTIONS

1. To make a template, fold the sheet of card stock in half vertically, then open it and center a standard-size paper lunch bag over the fold. Trace around the bag, then cut along the lines.
2. Fold the card stock in half again and sketch half of a trophy-goblet, as shown. Cut along the lines, making sure to cut through both halves of the card stock
3. Unfold this template and use it to trace each trophy onto the back of the gold wrapping paper. Cut them out. Tape gold pipe cleaners to the bags for handles, as shown, then glue the trophies over them.





## RACETRACK CAKE



*Drop the checkered flag and begin baking this cake, featuring pit-stop-fast assembly.*

### INGREDIENTS

- 2 baked 9" round cakes
- 3 cups white icing
- 1 to 2 cups finely crushed chocolate cookie crumbs
- 1 to 2 cups green sprinkles
- White Good & Plenty candies
- Checkered paper or ribbon
- 2 toothpicks and tape
- New toy cars, washed with soap and water



### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cut a small semicircular notch from one cake, then position the cakes as shown and cover them with the white icing.
2. Place a small bowl in the center of each cake and sprinkle cookie crumbs around it to create the track.
3. Remove the bowls and sprinkle sprinkles onto each icing circle, then press the remaining sprinkles onto the sides of the cake for grass.
4. Lay a white Good & Plenty dotted line along the track and use a pastry bag to pipe a white icing border around the edge of the cake.
5. Create racing flags by taping small squares of the paper or ribbon to the toothpicks and place them on the track along with the race cars.

