



HOME ON THE RANGE IS AS CLOSE AS YOUR LIVING ROOM!

Being stuck inside the house can be much more fun than you might think. In fact, if your plans to head out for a day of excitement are derailed for any reason, know that there's a wild adventure in the old West waiting for you in your own at home. How? Simple. Your living room is the shortcut to "Solution Street"... where imagination is the answer.

In the Cowboy Adventure printable tool kit, you'll find directions for turning a day indoors into a rousing adventure. You can follow the direction step-by-step, or simply use them as the inspirational launching off point for your own fun, family experience. Whatever you choose, just make sure to let your imagination run wild! 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 COWBOY ADVENTURE

But before you get started on your Cowboy 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 cowpokes and cattle rustlers involved in the experience. Here are some scene-enhancing tips:

SCENE-SETTING TIP #1

Do you have any trench coats, boots, hats, bandanas, and other accessories that could serve as cowboy garb? Rustle them up and put 'em on!

SCENE-SETTING TIP #2

Gather up living room chairs and arrange them on the floor to create a prairie wagon. Fasten an opened sheet to each of the chairs, and you've got a covered wagon. Two belts in your hands can be reins for your horse. Giddyup!

SCENE-SETTING TIP #3

Find some "Old West" music play it in the background. The rollicking piano of an old west saloon can really set the scene and get you going. Don't have music? How about a DVD of a

SCENE-SETTING TIP #4

Any cowboy worth his spurs needs to talk the talk. It's as easy as adding "yee haw" after every phrase, but it's also a good idea to write out a few words and phrases you can draw from when you're playing the adventure. "Chuck wagon," "cow puncher," "rustler," and "range rider" are a few examples. These words will be worth their weight in mined gold when you're familiar with them during game-play.





SCENE-SETTING TIP #5

Grab your camera and keep it close so you can capture every moment.

BRING YOUR COWBOY 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 are a group of cowboys who have just arrived in a raucous old west town. This town is full of cattle ranchers, outlaws, and other colorful types straight out of a John Wayne movie. Below are step-by-step details for creating this experience. Follow the instructions as written, or use them as a launching point and let your imagination be your guide

STEP #1

Pick your character. What kind of cowboy are you? Are you an outlaw? Are you a villain? And, while you're at it, what's your horse's name? You can be a real cowboy right out of the history books or you can make up a new character.

STEP #2

Make your cowboy costume. Follow the directions in the tool kit to create your awesome cowboy costume. If you don't want to make this costume, raid your closet for hats, coats, bandanas, and other clothes you can use to bring your character to life.

STEP #3

Make some gold. Follow the instructions for our Diggin' Up Treasure craft and make your own gold. After all, you'll need some gold to pay for things when you enter this frontier town.

STEP #4

Rustle up some grub. While part of your posse is making the treasure, have a few others head to the chuck wagon (i.e. the kitchen) to make some Armadillo Potatoes. Follow our easy recipe to make this delicious treat.

STEP #5

Go west, young family. Gather up living room chairs and arrange them on the floor to create that prairie wagon we mentioned before. Have everyone take turns at the reins.

STEP #6

Let the adventure begin! Now that you've made your gold, put on your costume, and





cooked up some grub, it's time to get things started. Hop into your wagon and head for town. Remember, there are a lot of unsavory characters in this town. Is anyone watching you with a stealing eye on your gold?

STEP #7

Grab a bite to eat. In the old west town, the saloon is where everything happens. Your saloon can be another room of your home, like your dining room. Park your wagon outside the saloon and head inside for a bite to eat. Dig into those delicious Armadillo Potatoes, and wash them down with milk or your favorite beverage.

STEP #8

Get into the game. After your belly is filled, challenge one of the saloon patrons to a game of cards. Crazy 8's or Go Fish are possible choices. Just make sure it's a game that everyone in the family can enjoy. Don't have any dollars? Use that treasure you made as money.

STEP #9

No cheaters allowed! Maybe you figure out that one of the people you're playing with is cheating so you challenge them to a duel. Remember, this is all in good fun so for this duel you and your opponent are going to have a dance off!

STEP #10

Head outside to cut some rug. It's time to crank up the stereo or MP3 player (but keep the volume at a modest level so that your neighbors don't become upset). Each person can take turns doing their favorite old west-themed dance. Dances could include, "The Cattle Rustler Boogey," or "The Lasso Limbo." Make up your own dances and dance names and have fun with it! The winner of the "duel" gets to ride off into the sunset with a pocket full of treasure!

These are just some suggestions to get you and family started on your cowboy adventure. The old west is filled with other cowboys, sheriffs, cattle hands, native peoples, horses, cactus plants, and all kinds of life. There is adventure at every turn, so let your imagination run wild. 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 an unexpected event changes your family's plans -- visit Solution Street ... where imagination is the answer.





COWBOY COSTUME

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COWBOY EXTRAVAGANZA



MATERIALS

- 2 white egg carton cups
- Black marker
- Wire coat hanger
- Tape
- Denim shorts
- Button-down shirt
- Pair of jeans
- Western-style belt
- Newspaper
- Clip suspenders

MATERIALS

- Large topless cardboard box
- Utility knife
- Sheet of cardboard
- Acrylic paints
- Paintbrushes
- White leggings
- Craft glue
- Small cardboard box
- 2 pink egg carton cups



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INSTRUCTIONS

1. From the cardboard sheet, cut out the cowboy boots and the bull's ears, horns, two back legs and a tail. Paint the ears brown with pink centers, then paint the back legs and tail brown and white; also paint brown spots on the white
2. To make the bull's body, take the large box, turn it upside down, and cut a child-size hole in the bottom. Using brown and white paint, paint the box. Glue the bull's tail and back legs onto the body.
3. To make the head, take the smaller box, and cut two nostril holes in it. Insert pink egg carton cups and glue in place. Cut two eye sockets in the box and glue white egg carton cups in place. Draw black irises in the centers of the cups. Paint the entire head white and brown. Cut two slits on both sides of the head, and glue the horns into the top slits and the ears into the bottom ones.
4. To attach the head to the body, create a neck by twisting a wire coat hanger into a spring. Cut a hole in the back of the smaller box, poke one end of the hanger through and tape in place. Make a hole in the front of the large box near the top, poke the other end of the hanger through, and tape it in place.
5. To put it all together: Have your child wear the cow-print leggings, denim shorts and button-down shirt. Run a belt through the front loops of the jeans and the back of your child's denim shorts and fasten. Have your child step into the bull's body, lay the suspenders over his shoulders, then clip them to the front and back opening of the box. Lightly stuff the pair of jeans with newspaper and insert the painted cowboy boots into the jean legs (taping them in place, if necessary). Accessorize with a rope, bandanna, cowboy hat, and gloves.



Variations:

For a quicker face, simply paint on the eyes and nose. leggings, and make the boots and horns yellow.





DIGGIN' UP TREASURE

Kids can pan for silver and gold right in their own backyard with this summertime sandbox activity.



**COWBOY
EXTRAVAGANZA**



MATERIALS

- 20 or so small rocks
- 1 teaspoon each of silver and gold acrylic paint
- Waxed paper

INSTRUCTIONS

1. To set it up, first place 20 or so small rocks and 1 teaspoon of silver acrylic paint in a sealable container. Shake the container to coat the rocks, then set them on waxed paper to dry.
2. Next, rinse out the container, add another batch of rocks plus 1 teaspoon of gold acrylic paint, and repeat the process.
3. After the rocks have dried completely, bury them in your sandbox and send kids out with toy shovels and sifters to find the treasure.

Variations:

For a fun party game, give kids 1 minute to uncover as many nuggets as they can.



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ARMADILLO POTATOES

Set out a big dish of these roly-poly, bread crumb-topped armadillos, and it won't be long before you hear a chorus of "Please pass the potatoes!"



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INGREDIENTS

- 1/4 cup bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 tablespoon paprika
- Salt and pepper to taste

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Heat the oven to 450°. In a bowl, mix together the bread crumbs, cheese, paprika, salt and pepper, and 1 tablespoon of olive oil. Set the mixture aside.
2. Transform each potato half into an armadillo by cutting 9 or so notches 1/2 to 1 inch deep in the rounded top. For each armadillo, cut a square of aluminum foil big enough to loosely wrap around it, brush the center with olive oil, then place the potato on it, flat side down. Sprinkle the top with some of the crumb mixture, pressing it into the grooves, then seal the potato in the aluminum foil.
3. Arrange all of the foil-covered potatoes on a baking sheet and bake them for 40 to 45 minutes. Open the pouches carefully they will be hot and full of steam. Makes 1 dozen armadillos.

