

## Thinking Inside the Box: “To Go” Program Box Themes

### Ages 0-5:

- **Busy Book** - Keep tiny hands busy with these felt activity books. Practice colors, counting, and fine motor skills with the premade pages and use the provided materials to create your own.
- **C is for Cookie** - C is for Cookie and that is good enough for us! Open this box to assemble some imaginary sweet treats. Pretend to be bakers, practice counting and directional skills, and more with these fun cookie crafts.
- **Construction Party** - This box has everything you need for hours of construction fun! Make a tool belt, build with "bricks" and "mortar," practice your hammering skills, and construct a shape house. This box is best for ages 3-5.
- **Dinosaurs Galore!** - Calling all dino enthusiasts! Try this hands-on STEM activity, and make/hatch your own dinosaur egg! The fun continues with accompanying dinosaur songs and other activities.
- **Fall Sensory Bin** - Make way for seasonal fall play! Let your little one build hand dexterity while exploring different textures with this hands-on sensory activity.
- **Finger Puppet Fun** - Entertain your little ones with finger puppet fun! Enjoy two premade puppets and craft four different animal puppets of your own. Then put on a show using your stage and rhyme cards.
- **Forest Adventure** - Watch an exclusive video of Miss Shawn telling a special story about a bear. Use your playdough and a variety of loose parts to create a forest scene and retell the story. This box is best for ages 2-5.
- **Gone Fishin'** - Do you like to fish? Make a fishing rod and fishing hole, and then “catch” five foam fish. Next design your own deck of “Go Fish” cards and have fun counting and playing several simple card games. This box is best for ages 3-5.
- **Happy Hobby Horse** - Have you ever wanted to ride a horse? Well, here's one you can make and ride in the house! This fun horse will be a perfect pet. You don't have to feed, groom, or take care of it! Have a great time trotting, racing, and galloping around on your "happy hobby horse!"
- **Ice Fishing Fun** - Your box turned into an ice fishing hole! Can you believe it? Learn shapes and colors by catching fish with your very own homemade fishing pole. Then use watercolors to paint your favorite shapes, and hop onto some geometric icebergs! This box is best for ages 2-5.
- **Magnificent Magnets** - You can't see it....it's magnetic! Boogie, woogie, woogie! It's time for some magnetic sensory play. Sensory play is a hands-on way for children to explore their world through their senses. This play may calm, focus, or engage your child. This box is best for ages 3-5.
- **Make Some Noise** - Build early literacy skills while having lots of noisy fun together! Make a shaker, roll the song cube, and play the choo-choo blocks. All songs available on KPL's YouTube channel.

- **Mathcapades** - Math has never been so much fun! Turn your box into a penguin and feed the hungry penguin some colorful fish. Turn over your box to reveal a flannel board then sing and play with your felt shapes. Go outside with the die and sidewalk chalk and play a fun "Pop the Bubbles" counting game!
- **Ocean Sensory Bin** - Dive into this ocean-themed box filled with water beads, ocean animals, and more! Explore this fun sensory playtime together, and then practice counting with our Five Little Starfish flannel story.
- **Pancakes & Pajamas** - Put on your PJs and whip up some short-stacks! This box contains your daily serving of FUN with a flippin' flapjack motor skills activity, a customizable felt pancake, and a packet of pancake mix to make (and eat) everyone's favorite breakfast food.
- **Pizza Party!** - *Mama Mia!* We hope your imagination is hungry as KPL serves up another deliciously fun early learning box. Practice your counting skills as you match slices of 'za to the corresponding numbers on the plate, or take turns ordering and creating a tasty pretend pizza of your own!
- **Push & Pull Ribbon Box** - Have fun with a sensory push and pull box that looks like a silly monster. Learn about opposites while using ribbons to visually illustrate concepts and teach new words. And as an added bonus, this box helps strengthen finger muscles!
- **Red, White & Blue Sensory Bin** - Make way for patriotic play! Let your little one build hand dexterity while exploring different textures with this hands-on sensory activity.
- **Seed Art** - Let's turn seeds into flowers without all the dirt, water, and time. We'll use salt-dough to make seed masterpieces.
- **Snow Much Fun** - Create a super huggable DIY snowman out of a sock, a sensory "snow" bottle, a pin-the-nose on the snowman game, and more!
- **Spooky "I Spy" Sensory Bottle** - What can you spy with your little eye? Make your own sensory bottle with small Halloween-inspired items, rice, and beans. See what you can find!
- **Sticky Sticks & Tangrams** - Practice identifying shapes and colors with this box of early learning fun! Little ones will enhance finger dexterity while manipulating craft sticks, and build spatial reasoning skills with a tangram puzzle.
- **Tissue Paper Suncatchers** - We could all use a little sunshine in our lives right now! This box has the materials to create a cute little suncatcher to hang in your window. It'll brighten your day!
- **Worms** - All of the worm fun without the dirt (you're welcome, adults)! Dig for felt worms, paint with yarn worms, and make a squishy-squashy worm treat!
- **X's and O's** - Love is in the air! Celebrate love with your little as you make a card for someone they love, decorate a wreath with paper hearts, and practice making some X's & O's with playdough tic-tac-toe!

## Ages 5-12:

- **Airborne** - Do you wish you could be a brave knight? Or maybe an adventurous pilot? In this box, you can try out both! Build a catapult and see if you can knock down a castle, make cool paper airplanes, create a pom pom popper, and learn what makes things fly.
- **Art Sparks** - This is a fun art project that includes three different art techniques. Use watercolor, crayon resist, and printmaking to create a brilliant fall masterpiece. A video tutorial is available on Kenosha Public Library's YouTube Channel.
- **Brain Break Box** - Back-to-school time is here! Give those kid brains a break with a box full of goodies, games, and activities designed to de-stress.
- **Brains!** - BRAINS! Play with circuits and see how your brain sends signals to the rest of your body. Practice calming your mind when it is freaking out. Make a brain hat to see some of the ways your amazing brain works. No brain box would be complete without something ew-y, gooey, and squishy!
- **Candy & Paper Sushi** - Looking for new and different ways to try making sushi? What if you made it out of candy? Or paper? Provided in this box will be the "ingredients" to make both!
- **Colorful Kaleidoscopes** - Let's get lost in the beauty of colors, patterns, and light. Pick up a box with all the supplies to make your very own homemade kaleidoscope!
- **The Cross Stitch Challenge** - Are you ready to level up your patience, precision, and crafting skills? This box has everything else that you'll need to make a small cross-stitched wall hanging of a fancy pink unicorn or a Minecraft creeper!
- **Doodle Bots** - Create your own dancing pool noodle robot! Discover what role balance plays in the making of your robot, and have fun seeing what it can draw!
- **Exploring Trees** - Make nature portraits on tree trunks or a leaf bowl using air-dry clay, and find out why trees are true wonders of nature.
- **Fall Luminaries** - Light up the night with this fall luminary, inspired by Wisconsin's beautiful fall colors.
- **Foldscope: Origami-Based Paper Microscope** - Build a foldscope and dive into the world of scientific exploration. Create slide samples and explore the natural world to see how a microscope works.
- **Foosball Box Kit** - Make your own mini-foosball table! Follow the instructions to turn this box into a playing field, make your players, and play the game. This box is for ages 5-12, though younger children will need parental help to construct the table.
- **Magic Tree House** - Join Jack, Annie, and KPL as we explore the rainforest and make our own rainsticks, write in hieroglyphics on papyrus just like the ancient Egyptians, and learn the phases of the moon! Share your favorite adventure on a postcard that you design! This box is best for ages 5-10.

- **Minecraft** - Calling all Minecraft fans! Show your love of Minecraft with this maker box. Sew your own squishy felt Creeper and make an 8-bit selfie using a graph paper guide!
- **Mystery Slime Kit** - We provide the ingredients and instructions, you make the slime. Our mystery slime kit will be either fluffy, crunchy, or a combination of colors and textures! A box full of oozing goodness!
- **Pac-Man Unplugged** - Take a bite out of the classic cup-and-ball game with this fun Pac-Man project! It'll be like gaming in the good old days!
- **Princess Lab: Frozen Science** - You don't have to be a princess to be a scientist in our princess lab! Have fun learning more about a variety of STEAM concepts with projects inspired by some of our favorite princesses and their friends. Melt Elsa's frozen hand, freeze a variety of sparkling treasures, make some snow, and build a snowman (of course).
- **Princess Lab: Rapunzel Science** - You don't have to be a princess to be a scientist in our princess lab! Have fun learning more about a variety of STEAM concepts with projects inspired by some of our favorite princesses and their friends. This box includes fun with Rapunzel and Pascal as you measure, float, illuminate, accelerate, and transform.
- **Radical Robots** - Create a tiny robot powered by a coin cell battery, watch it move like an insect, and make a maze for it. Then create a paper robot (or turn yourself into a robot!), and learn a few fundamentals of computer programming with some fun games.
- **Snakes in a Box** - Make some wildly wonderful slithering snakes out of clay, and other materials. Find out about some snakes that live in Wisconsin and why they are important to the environment.
- **Snow Messy** - Create a snowman in a baggie and a marbled winter snow scene using shaving cream. It's super messy, super fun, and super scientific.
- **Squishies** - Squish your stress out with a homemade squishy toy friend. We'll give you the foam and the paint to decorate it, and you get to be Michelangelo making your own masterpiece.
- **Terrific Tessellations** - This box contains cool, creative ways to make art that's also math and science. Once inspired by artist M.C. Escher (the master of tessellations), your designs can start off simple, or you can make some complex designs of your own!
- **Winter STEM** - Kick off the winter season with these fun, cold weather-inspired science experiments! Grow your own sugar crystal snowflakes and make your own snow.

### Ages 12-19:

- **Animal Crossing: Fossil Hunt** - In the wildly popular video game Animal Crossing, every day brings new adventures and new fossils to hunt for and collect. Learn how to use felt, fluff, and a couple of stitches to craft a super cute 3D version of the Animal Crossing fossil (Even if you don't know the game, this is a fun way to pick up some sewing skills)!

- **Anime Club in a Box** - Missing our monthly Teen Anime Club? We miss you too! Learn a little sewing to create a super awesome felt U.A. pennant that will make Izuku jealous. Then make a super cute Soot Sprite pom-pom. A video tutorial is available on Kenosha Public Library's YouTube Channel.
- **Cross Stitch for Teens** - What better time to pick up a new hobby? Learn some basic stitches, try out one of the provided patterns, and you'll be a cross stitch wizard in no time at all (with a new piece of art to prove it)!
- **Decorate Your Space** - Need some low-key, easy ways to decorate your space? Make a soothing no-sew lavender sachet, clothespin frame, and weave a beautiful pen cup. Perfect for setting up your virtual learning or homework station!
- **DIY Bouncy Balls** - Use science and cool chemical reactions to make a translucent bouncy ball with just a few ingredients. Bonus? Bouncy balls are excellent for stress relief and for annoying your friends and family.
- **DIY Robot Hand** - I'll lend you a hand, but you're going to have to construct it yourself! Build a robot-hand that will help you flex your crafting abilities.
- **Gustav Klimt Tree of Life** - Create an elegant "Tree of Life" plaque in the style of artist Gustav Klimt. Klimt loved to use metallic paint and highly decorative designs in his work. Get inspired by this stand-up art project that you can proudly display when finished.
- **Hamil-Teen** - Do you always write like you're running out of time? Do not throw away your shot to create your own Hamilton-inspired mini-journal. Learn a very basic book-binding technique, and decorate your cover with the materials provided.
- **Lava & Agate Jewelry** - Make a necklace, bracelet, or anklet with real lava beads. Add essential oils to the porous beads to smell your best all day.
- **Learn to Weave** - Create your own woven coasters with just a bit of yarn, cardboard, and time! We've provided all the materials and instructions, you just need to add your personal touch.
- **Light Up Jack-o'-Lantern** - Learn to sew soft circuits using LEDs and conductive thread to make a light-up felt jack-o-lantern.
- **Macra-Make It: Macrame Wall Hanging** - Get fancy with some macrame weaving and craft a small wall hanging to brighten any space. Bonus? Learn some cool knots in the process!
- **Marbled Mugs** - Make a cool metallic marbled mug using nail polish and water! This craft makes a great holiday gift, or you can keep it for yourself to enjoy hot beverages in style all winter long.
- **Monster Ducks** - Spooky season is here! Use paint, other supplies, and your creepiest creative ideas to transform some cute rubber duckies into the monsters of your choice.

- **Moody Valentine Slime** - Make color-changing slime that will help you discover your Valentine's Day mood and learn the science behind how color-changing pigments work.
- **New Year, New Journal** - Want to try journaling or a new planner layout in 2021? This blank journal, supplies for decorating, and examples for inspiration provide everything you need to get organized and mindful, design some aesthetically pleasing new spreads, or just cover the whole thing in stickers.
- **No Sew T-Shirt Tote** - Learn how to upcycle some of your old clothes and create a handy tote. We'll give you a tee to start with and teach you all the steps. You'll just need your own scissors.
- **Parabolic Patterns** - Art for STEM fans? STEM for artists? Learn the secrets of curve stitching, and create amazing geometric designs with just the provided templates and string.
- **Plant Prints** - Create bold plant prints using simple printmaking techniques. Learn how to plan, carve and finish an eye catching masterpiece (This can be a messy project so make sure you dress for a mess and cover your surfaces).
- **Potato Printing** - No, unfortunately, it's not a snack... Learn how to make a stamp out of a potato and use it with paint to print the creative design of your choice!
- **Project Green Thumb** - Practice some light gardening by artistically crafting your own grass head. All materials provided, including adorable pop culture faces (like Baby Yoda, Sonic, and Groot) to color and stick on your grass head. A video tutorial is available on Kenosha Public Library's YouTube Channel.
- **Seed Bomb** - Get ready to add some beauty to the world and spread some plant love when growing season finally arrives! Make your own seed bombs full of Wisconsin native plant seeds, and learn tips and tricks for using them.
- **Sew It: Upcycled Coin Pouch** - Ever wonder what to do with all those plastic store bags that start to pile up? Show Mother Earth some love and learn to sew your own one-of-a-kind coin pouch using fused plastic as your 'fabric.'
- **Terra Cotta Tray** - Need somewhere to put your rings or small keepsakes, or a place to put a candle? Try out this awesome easy craft and draw a mandala with metallic pens on a terra-cotta tray.
- **Ya Basic Friendship Bracelets** - Nothing says summer like time with friends. And nothing strengthens the bonds of friendship like handcrafted bracelets. Learn to make the Basic Diagonal Stripe Friendship Bracelets. A video tutorial is available on Kenosha Public Library's YouTube Channel.

### **Families with Children:**

- **Alice in Wonderland** - "Curiouser and curiouser!" Celebrate the classic children's tale *Alice in Wonderland* with a tea party, a game of miniature flamingo croquet, a pocket watch craft, and more.
- **Backyard Birds** - Learn about the birds that live in your own backyard! Make a birdhouse and a pinecone bird feeder. Play bird-related games and create craft birds. Perform experiments and even learn to bird whistle with your hands!

- **Balloon Car Racing** - Start your balloon car engines and let's race! Explore the forces and motion by making fun balloon-powered cars.
- **Balloon Tennis Grand Slam** - Get moving indoors with balloon tennis activities for the whole family! Make your "rackets" and perfect your balloon tennis game.
- **Catapult Games: Right on Target!** - Design and build catapults using the materials provided. Launch ping-pong balls and marshmallows at various targets!
- **Celebrate International Ninja Day** - Celebrate and discover your inner ninja. Make a ninja headband, an origami ninja star, and compete against each other with some Ninja-style challenges to find out who is a true Ninja warrior!
- **Enchanted Forest** - Escape to an enchanted forest where you'll find (and make!) flower petal fairies and garden gnome planter pals. Create and decorate a light-up toadstool mushroom home for your new forest friends to live in while your family makes magical memories together.
- **Fort Night Fun** - It's time for some family fort fun! You build the blanket fort to read and relax in, and we'll supply the decorations, the materials to make a bookmark, and the songs and stories to share around the "campfire" you'll create.
- **Frankenfamily** - Super silly, kind of creepy, and slightly scientific! Trace a family member on a roll of paper and start assembling your monster. Build inflatable lungs, pump a squishy heart, and race through the circulatory system! Then watch Miss Shawn read the hilarious and informative book "Argh! There's a Skeleton Inside You!" Additional ideas to make your monster come to life included.
- **Fridge Magnet Frenzy!** - Tired of seeing the same magnets every time you sneak to the fridge for a secret snack? Need something to jazz up your fridge face? Come pick up this fun box that includes supplies to make eight fun and funky magnets.
- **Glow in the Dark Party** - Looking for some fun after dark with your family? This box will help your family come up with some creative ideas using the glow sticks provided. Enjoy dancing and playing some great games in the dark!
- **Kenosha!** - Celebrate Kenosha with the Kenosha Public Library and the Kenosha Public Museum! Make your own circuit lighthouse, learn about the Schaefer mammoth, and construct your own mammoth using dried pasta.
- **Messy Science** - Let's get messy! This box includes materials to make sidewalk chalk paint, oobleck, and a fun sun printing project (These messy science experiments should be done outside if possible).
- **Minute to Win It** - Looking for something fun to do on a hot summer day? This box has materials to complete (20) Minute to Win It challenges. Break out your stopwatches, and let the fun begin!
- **Moon Rovers** - Zoom, zoom, zoom, we're going to the moon! Make a cardboard moon rover and test it out on different terrains. How much weight can it carry? How far can it go? It's a scientific spectacle!

- **Noon Year's Eve** - Let's ring in the new year 12 hours before midnight! Make some party hats and crafts, create your own countdown, and stomp out the old year (bubble wrap) to bring in the new one!
- **No Sew, So Cozy DIY Pet Bed** - Work together as a family to make a cozy fleece pet bed for a fuzzy friend! No pet? No problem. This collaborative project makes a great donation, gift, or stuffed animal bed, as well as being a great opportunity for practicing scissors skills, measurement, and knot tying.
- **Out of This World** - An out of this world adventure for the whole family! Create a moon crater painting. Play an alien drawing game. Mix up some cloud dough and conduct an experiment to see how craters are formed on the moon. Then make some meteoroids and compete to see which one will land on Earth.
- **Putt-Putt Party** - A little "birdie" told me that your living room is about to become a miniature golf course! Supplies for "fore!" people will be provided. Homemade putter, hole, balls (plastic, don't worry!), visors, some bumper material, and scorecards with pencils included. You'll need blankets, towels, pots, pans, and other materials from around your house to finish creating your hole (in one)!
- **Rainbow Science** - Fascinated by color and light? Explore the world of rainbows with some magical experiments at home!
- **Random Crafts of Kindness** - Let's kick off the year with kindness! What does it mean to be kind? How can we be kind to ourselves, and how can we help others? Let's craft some kindness together to celebrate the good deeds we do daily, and strive to do more in the new year.
- **Rock Painting Party** - Have fun as a family painting rocks together! Go for a walk and hide them around your neighborhood for others to find, or turn one into your very own pet rock.
- **Spiders & Skeletons** - Test your spider and skeleton knowledge and enjoy some fun-filled engineering challenges, including creating a skeleton zipline and building a spider web!
- **Superheroes!** - How strong are you? Do you have x-ray vision? Test your super-skills with a variety of fun challenges and design your own superhero costumes!
- **Totally Tubular Throwback Night** - *Another* movie night? As if! Make some righteous shades and Shrinky Dink keychains, tell each other's fortunes, and play games from back in the day.
- **Winter Wonderland** - Let's decorate for winter! Make a family of snow-people for inside your home, and create some glistening ice orbs for outside. Then, enjoy a special treat of hot cocoa from your friends at KPL!

### Questions?

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