

## Kid-Friendly DIY Activities for Family Day Weekend



A simple woodworking project could be an ideal Family Day weekend undertaking. One of the 2019 GTA Home & Reno Show's DIY experts, Jordan Spear of A Farmhouse Life – who has two boys of his own and no shortage of ideas on how to spend time with your kids in creative ways – shares some of the best DIY projects that your kids will love. If building projects with your kids is new to them (and you), start with something simple. By slowly and safely introducing them to tools, materials and hardware, they'll be able to confidently approach DIY projects and home renovations in the future. "Safety is paramount. It's important to educate your kids on how to properly and safely operate a tool," says Spear. "If your kids have never handled a

hammer and nails, screwdriver, drill, saw or sandpaper, a great first project is to show them how each tool works and to have them practice on a scrap piece of wood." A short length of 4 x 4 wood works great to hammer nails into, drill holes, saw pieces off, drive in screws or sand smooth. As your child becomes more confident in using the tools, more challenging projects can be tackled. Below are some of the best ventures to get you (and your kids) started. Pencil/Crayon Holder This is an easy first project and helps keep things organized. 3/8" holes evenly spaced into a 3 x 3 block of wood will accommodate most art pencils and crayons. And after, let the kids bring out some more artistic skills and have them decorate it to their liking!



**Birdhouse**  
One of the most classic DIY projects ... and relatively simple. After it's done, your kids can watch as their creation attracts the local wildlife just outside their window. There are tons of plans online and most require simple tools. Be sure to use outdoor-rated wood species like cedar or if the house is for decorative purposes only, pressure treated pine can be used.

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