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APRIL FOOL'S DAY

Steps

1. **Not a holiday?**

April Fool's Day is not a national holiday but is recognized and celebrated in a variety of countries. Jokes, hoaxes and pranks highlight the fun of this holiday. Find out more about how this holiday started.

2. **Track the fun.**

Start your notebook, file folder or other way to track your ideas as you explore this holiday. You may want to pull one or two jokes yourself.

3. **April fish.**

In Italy, France and Belgium, paper fish are part of the holiday celebration. Learn about this tradition and make a paper fish so you can join in on the fun.

4. **Explore other countries.**

Find out what happens in other countries as part of the jokingly-good fun. Which traditions and jokes can you recreate with family and friends? Be sure to check out "April Fools pranks" on YouTube for many more ideas.

5. **It doesn't have to be small.**

Learn about some of the large pranks pulled on the public. If you didn't hear about Mishapocalypse from 2013 (Tumblr), check it out as an example. I must admit, I enjoyed it immensely. Check out some large-scale pranks.

6. **Okay, go small.**

Check out pins on Pinterest to find out more about small pranks you can pull. From funny foods to over-the-top decorating ideas, you won't run out of ideas here. You may want to start your own board to make sure you don't forget those really good ideas.

7. **Find a prop.**

Many pranks involve a prop (or more). Of course spiders, snakes and fake poop can bring a scream, but what else can you find?

8. **They're online too!**

Jokes abound online as well as people try to out joke each other. Watch to see how online organizations participate in this holiday.

9. **Have a prank party!**

Join friends and family in a fun time. Combine your ideas and create a party. Be sure to include your best jokers in your plans!



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The first of April is not for fools' but for fun. Just watch how many tricks you pull, they may come back to haunt you.



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10. Save it.

Okay, so everyone is pulling pranks. You may want to wait to pull your pranks on a day that isn't April Fool's Day. Your victim . . . er, recipient . . . is more likely to fall for it.

Sites to Explore

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/April_Fools'_Day

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_April_Fool%27s_Day_jokes

youtube.com

tumblr.com

www.pinterest.com/search/pins/?q=april%20fool%27s%20ideas

www.examiner.com/article/25-best-april-fools-day-gags-hoaxes-pranks-and-practical-jokes-no-foolin

mashable.com/2013/04/01/april-fools-day-roundup

www.museumofhoaxes.com/hoax/aprilfool

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