

UNBORED zine

Unbored Zine highlights different activities to get you interested to try something outside of your normal routine. Each issue has a theme, so you can select which (or all) you'd like to try.

All issues are initially released for free digitally on my blog, *larajla.com*. They will be available for a week before they move to my Etsy shop, *larajlacreates*.

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Groups

Find groups with people who are interested in the item you chose. This might be on Facebook, Reddit or any other social platform. See what they're doing and start your journey there.

Don't forget to join the groups that you want to follow!

Make Your Own

Looking for something more creative?

Take what you've learned and try to make your own printable or materials to share with others.

You might want to create your own zine! Templates are available for everything from cards to graph paper. Check out sites that have templates, including suppliers who provide templates for the items they print. Print what you need to get started and have fun.

You also might decide to start a group to meet and discuss what you're interested in. See if there are any worksheets or workbooks available to help!

Digital Fun

Plan First

This is more of brainstorming than planning. If you start out looking for a specific topic, you are more likely to go out and do something online. If you have no plan, you'll spend a lot of time on YouTube watching cat videos . . . or worse.

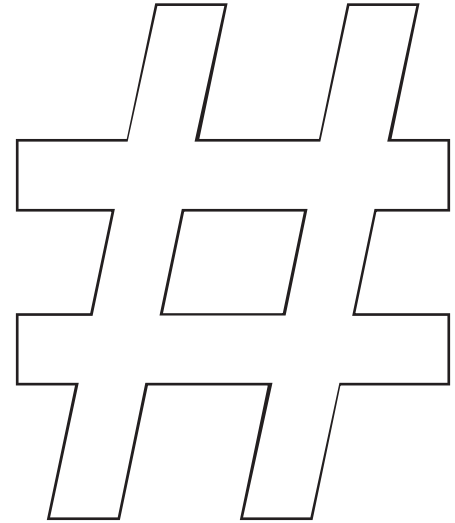
Go through the following points and list a few items under each based on your interests. Then, star one that you would like to do right now!

Collections I'd like to start . . .

Unfortunately . . .

Reality will set back in and you'll be forced to go back to school or work. With your new found knowledge on the topic(s) you chose, you can start some wonderful conversations when you return.

For now . . . think of all the fun you can have until then!



Let's Have Fun Digitally!

When you're stuck at home and can't go out to have fun, this isn't a time to be bored. It's time to be unbored!

Let's explore some things you can do online to break up the monotony of working at home.

Crafts I'd like to learn . . .

Foods I'd like to make . . .

Badges

I started writing digital badges in 2010 for adults to learn new things to share with their kids. Currently, there are over 350 available for you to peruse. Updated badges have requirements on larajlaenrich.com. Older badges have the PDFs on larajla.com. Each includes links to learn more . . . so you can go to one spot and find a lot of information.

Start with the categories and drill down into the area you are interested in exploring.

- Communication
- Crafts
- Education
- Games
- General
- Groups
- Hobbies
- Holidays
- Outdoors
- People
- Performing Arts
- Personal
- Recipes
- Service
- STEM
- Web and Online
- World and Culture

Play Digital

You can play a variety of different types of games online or via apps. You can go solo with solitaire or join a group for a roleplaying game. Challenge your friends with apps like “Words for Friends.”

More interested in learning some new games to share with your friends? Check out the Internet Archive (archive.org) for copies of Hoyle’s game rules that you might use to start learning a new game. You can also search for “amusements” to bring in more fun!

You can also print and assemble paper games and toys. Just to help you out, here’s a few sites to check out.

- Creativepark.canon/en/index.html
- paperfoldables.com
- papertoys.com
- ravensblight.com
- Thetoymaker.com

If gaming is your thing, start exploring the ways you can play alone or with others.

YouTube

In addition to being a search engine itself, YouTube has videos on more things than you can possibly imagine. Possible locations of Atlantis, yes. Star Trek interviews, yes. Hair styles with sticks, yep. Digital journals, definitely. Wait . . . we’re talking YOUR interests. Scratch all that.

Take your selected item and start looking at information that will help you either learn the basics about the topic or expand what you already know.

Subscribe to any channels that you like. If you watch something you want to view again, make a note of it. If you’re like me, you will forget and then it will drive you crazy later.

Podcasts

If you’d rather listen, go for it! Podcasts have grown to the point that you can find a lot of information on the most obscure things. I’ve listened to podcasts on everything from business tips to essential oils to cryptids. So, see what you can find on your topic this way.

Games I’d like to play . . .

Hobbies I’d like to try . . .

Skills I’d like to try . . .

Stories I’d like to write . . .

Projects I'd like to do . . .

Puzzles I like to solve . . .

Topics I'd like to explore . . .

Other . . .

Find one you really enjoy, subscribe so you can listen to more episodes . . . especially when you're traveling to work or school.

Printables

You probably guessed this one was coming. Want to try something new or do something you already enjoy? Here's a small list of items you can find free printables to use to be unbored.

- Badge programs
- Card decks
- Challenges
- Checklists
- Coloring
- Doodling
- Games
- Journal pages and cards
- List prompts
- Music sheets
- Puzzles
- Recipes
- Scavenger hunts
- Sketch prompts
- Worksheets / workbooks
- Writing prompts
- Zines (like this one)

Document Second

Grab a notebook . . . you may want to take notes on what you learn, people who you find incredibly helpful, ideas you have while you're exploring, URLs you want to return to and more. Of course, you can also do this digitally with Evernote or a similar word processing program.

Be sure to bookmark any URLs as well.

If you find a site that you feel needs a return visit, you might want to print or PDF the page. That way, if that page is removed or renamed, you still have the information. You might find PDFs available for download as well.

Create an area to store the information you find so you don't lose it.

Now, let's hop online!