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### **Theme Time**

## Relax, take it easy

It's been a very different world out there, time to take a breath, have some me time and relax .



Sometimes a nice quite game is exactly what you need. Dominoes is a tile based game with versions dating back to the 18th century, all we do in this craft is change the tiles for stones. Easy.

Don't have stones for the base? Dominoes can be made from almost anything, try the mini magnet version or the large card versions.

Instructions found at oscn.nz/files/stonedominoes.pdf

### Swirling Glitter Jars



Dream catchers are often thought to protect from bad dreams and evil spirits. This originated from the original dream catchers of the Ojibew nation who referred to them as spiderwebs and were used as a protective charm that caught any harm that came into contact with it from the air.

Although they look complex they are actually quite simple to make using basic materials such as wire and string.

Instructions found at oscn.nz/files/dreamcatchers.pdf

What could be more mesmerising than a jar of swirling glitter. Glitter normally floats so a jar of glitter and water would not work well, adding a bit of clear glue to the mix keeps the glitter swirling like a space storm.

Instructions found at oscn.nz/files/swirlingglitterjars.pdf

When the stress gets high who better to be fighting for you than a stress Ninja.

These little Ninjas are great stress relief and reasonably easy to make with only a balloon, cornflour, water and a marker for decoration. Why not give them a go and deal to that stress.

Instructions found at oscn.nz/files/stressninias.pdf



### Links

Check out the OSCN craft page oscn.nz/activities for more ideas

Check our pinterest page pinterest.nz/jooscn



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## **Creative Stuff**



Making pendants out of your favourite items is very easy with this wrapped wire technique.

Wrapping wire around the item secures it in place for easy attaching to a chain or other such item without having to damage the item by drilling or gluing.

Instructions found at oscn.nz/files/wrappedstones.pdf

These wind spinners are simple to make and fun to watch. When they are spinning it looks like the big bead is traveling up the spiral.

Wire wrapped around a pen or another cylindrical item forms the base of the spinner. A large bead or marble is added and secured followed by some optional embellishments.

Instructions found at oscn.nz/files/windspinners.pdf

Wire can be very effective in the simplest of crafts. These bent wire words take a little effort but make stunning additions to any decoration or even just as a personalised gift or bookmark.

Linked letters on paper become the guide, then by simply bending the wire into shape you have a beautiful creation.

Instructions found at oscn.nz/files/wirewords.pdf



Wire can create great depth when used in a 3D form like this cloud mobile.

Twisting the wire to create circular shapes gives a fluffy could dimension to the piece. Twisted wire makes up most of the mobile and can be warped to suit any shape wanted.

Instructions found at oscn.nz/files/twistedmobile.pdf



### About the resources

Wire comes in many colours, thicknesses and strengths. For these crafts we used craft workshop wire as it's quite pliable and easy to work with. Less pliable wire may take tools like pliers to be able to manipulate into the shapes wanted.



