Hobby Ideas

Hobbies that Sharpen the Mind

- Play jigsaw puzzles, crossword puzzles, and brain teasers
- Play card games: solitaire, canasta, gin rummy, bridge
- Learn to draw or paint
- Play chess
- Learn how to play an instrument
- Master a new language
- Participate in trivia contests

Hobbies for Stress Relief

- Yoga
- Meditation
- Weight lifting

Hobbies for Kids and Families

- Model trains, airplanes, and automobiles
- Scenic travel by train
- Building with Legos
- Magic tricks
- Kite flying
- Zoos
- Puppetry
- Juggling
- Collecting

Hobbies for the Physically Active

- Fishing
- Biking
- Boating
- Scuba diving and snorkeling
- Hot air ballooning, flying, and gliding
- Baseball or softball
- Volleyball
- Walking
- Hiking
- Running marathons
- Mountain climbing
- Camping
- RVing
- Tennis
- Golf
- Horsback riding
- Skiing or snowborading
- Dancing
- Swimming
- Football
- Traveling
- Soccer
- Bungee jumping
- Basketball

- Doing triathlons
- Geo-caching

Hobbies for Science and Nature-Lovers

- Learn about astronomy
- Build model rockets
- Discover microscopy
- Go bird watching
- Start an aquarium

Hobbies for the History Buff

- Study the Titanic
- Collect Americana memorabilia
- Become a Civil War buff
- Visit museums
- Attend Renaissance fairs
- Research and create a family tree
- Family History work/Temple work

Hobbies for Men (but for everybody)

- Pool
- Darts
- Ping-pong
- Woodworking
- Fantasy sports
- Gadgets and gizmos

- Taxidermy

Hobbies that Can Earn Money

- Freelance writing and blogging
- Crafting (to sell online or at fairs)
- Cake decorating
- Garage sales and auctions (find bargains and antiques for resale)
- Carpentry
- Graphic design

Hobbies for the Collector

- Books
- Coins
- Toys (unique or vintage)
- Board games
- Cars (for larger budgets)
- Art
- Spoons
- Sports cards and memorabilia
- Autographs
- Antiques
- Rocks and gems

Hobbies for the Homebody, Crafter, Artist

- Home projects
- Jewelry-making

- Baking
- Painting
- Pottery
- Drawing
- Candle-making
- Reading
- Soap-making
- Cross stitch
- Journaling
- Cooking
- Cooking contests
- Making gingerbread houses
- Doll-making
- Building a dollhouse
- Scrap-booking
- Knitting
- Sewing
- Crocheting
- Quilting
- Gardening
- Movie watching and critiquing
- Feng shui
- Interior design
- Writing (short stories, poems, novels)
- Needlepoint

Hobbies for the Social

- Flea markets
- Board games and trivia
- Bingo
- Bowling
- Team and club sports
- Acting/Improv/Theater
- Frisbee golf

Hobbies for the Music Lover

- Playing an instrument: guitar, piano, drums, clarinet, harmonica, ukelele
- Singing and choir
- Going to concerts
- Music history or theory studies
- Produce/Compose Music
- Teaching music
- Music collecting (records, 8-tracks, 45s)

Seasonal Hobbies

Spring

- Home and garden shows
- Springtime floral shows
- Gardening

Summer

- Sailing
- Picnics

Fall

- Haunted houses and hotels
- Ghost towns
- Autumn bike tours
- Seeing the fall foliage
- Apple picking
- Grape harvest
- Pumpkin patch
- Canning/bottling/preserving

Winter

- Christmas holiday lights
- Holiday home tours
- Ice skating or snow sports