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The Sidequest List

200 ways to explore, create, learn, and experience something new.

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Two kinds of *maybe.*

The concept is simple: 100 hobbies to get into and 100 sidequests to experience.

A hobby

is something you might return to regularly.

A sidequest

is a little adventure, experiment, or experience you can do once, whenever curiosity strikes.

> Not a to-do list. Not a self-improvement assignment. Just a collection of genuinely interesting possibilities. Skim until something catches your eye.

PART I

100 hobbies to explore

Things you might come back to.

1–20

The Art of Making

For curious hands and creative minds.

1. Modern calligraphy
2. Wheel-thrown ceramics
3. Hand-building pottery
4. Glassblowing
5. Silversmithing
6. Jewelry design
7. Bookbinding
8. Cyanotype printing
9. Linocut printmaking
10. Paper marbling
11. Botanical illustration
12. Watercolor painting
13. Film photography
14. Darkroom photography
15. Fashion illustration
16. Textile weaving
17. Embroidery
18. Leathercraft
19. Mosaic making
20. Stained glass

21–35

The Sensory Arts

For people who love beautiful things and interesting details.

21	Perfume formulation
22	Fragrance collecting
23	Tea tasting
24	Specialty coffee brewing
25	Chocolate tasting
26	Bread making
27	French pastry
28	Regional cooking
29	Food styling
30	Floral design
31	Natural dyeing
32	Soap making
33	Candle making
34	Fermentation
35	Cheese making

36–55

The Curious Mind

For the pleasure of learning something new.

36 Astronomy
37 Birdwatching
38 Language learning
39 Genealogy
40 Local history research
41 Philosophy reading
42 Creative writing
43 Poetry writing
44 Art history
45 Architecture appreciation
46 Watch collecting and horology
47 Antique collecting
48 Map collecting
49 Chess
50 Cryptic crosswords
51 Genealogical storytelling
52 Nature journaling
53 Learning musical notation
54 Amateur radio
55 Citizen science

56–75

Movement & Expression

For experiencing something different through your body.

56 Argentine tango
57 Salsa dancing
58 Contemporary dance
59 West African dance
60 Aerial silks
61 Pilates
62 Tai chi
63 Archery
64 Fencing
65 Indoor rock climbing
66 Roller skating
67 Swimming
68 Paddleboarding
69 Hiking
70 Cycling
71 Martial arts
72 Belly dancing
73 Tap dancing
74 Tennis
75 Freediving

76–90

The Art of Living

For the small pleasures of everyday life.

76 Bonsai cultivation
77 Terrarium building
78 Indoor gardening
79 Orchid care
80 Ikebana
81 Interior styling
82 Furniture restoration
83 Vintage fashion collecting
84 Sewing
85 Knitting
86 Crochet
87 Macramé
88 Home mixology
89 Tablescaping
90 Hand lettering

91–100

Play, Performance & Discovery

For the interests that might surprise you.

91	Learning an instrument
92	DJing
93	Music production
94	Improv comedy
95	Community theater
96	Storytelling
97	Puppetry
98	Stop-motion animation
99	Magic and sleight of hand
100	Urban sketching

PART II

100 sidequests to try

Do it once. See what happens.

1–15

Creative Little Adventures

Make something. See what happens.

1. Take a one-day glassblowing workshop.
2. Blend a custom perfume.
3. Make a ceramic cup from scratch.
4. Attend a Japanese paper-marbling class.
5. Design and cast a silver ring.
6. Try a tufting workshop and make a small rug.
7. Make your own lipstick shade.
8. Take a traditional calligraphy lesson.
9. Try an introductory stained-glass workshop.
10. Build a miniature book.
11. Make a cyanotype print using sunlight.
12. Attend a live figure-drawing session.
13. Learn to arrange flowers using ikebana techniques.
14. Create a custom leather accessory.
15. Try a traditional textile-dyeing workshop.

16–30

A Little Culture

Go somewhere that teaches you something.

16 Attend a small independent art exhibition.

17 Explore a museum you've never visited.

18 Attend an artist's open-studio event.

19 Go to an opera.

20 Watch a foreign film at an independent cinema.

21 Attend a poetry reading.

22 Visit an architectural landmark.

23 Take a guided historical walking tour.

24 Attend a cultural festival outside your usual interests.

25 Spend an afternoon browsing rare books.

26 Visit a sculpture garden.

27 Attend a live jazz performance.

28 Go to a ballet.

29 Explore a neighborhood through its public art.

30 Attend an open rehearsal or artist talk.

31–45

Curious About the World

Follow a question somewhere interesting.

31 Visit an observatory for a stargazing night.

32 Attend a public astronomy lecture.

33 Take a guided birdwatching walk.

34 Join a mushroom-identification walk with an expert.

35 Go fossil hunting with a guided group.

36 Visit a botanical garden after dark.

37 Learn to identify five local trees.

38 Explore a geological formation.

39 Attend a public science demonstration.

40 Try a guided tide-pooling experience.

41 Visit a planetarium.

42 Take an urban wildlife tour.

43 Attend a lecture on a subject you know nothing about.

44 Explore a natural-history collection.

45 Visit a historic astronomical or scientific instrument exhibit.

46–60

Food & the Senses

Something delicious or unexpected.

46 Attend a guided perfume-smelling session.

47 Try a professional chocolate tasting.

48 Take a regional pasta-making class.

49 Experience a traditional tea ceremony.

50 Attend a specialty coffee cupping.

51 Take a cheese-making workshop.

52 Book a chef's-counter dining experience.

53 Explore an international grocery store and cook something new.

54 Take a spice-blending workshop.

55 Try a guided olive-oil tasting.

56 Attend a bread-making masterclass.

57 Experience a multi-course tasting menu.

58 Learn to make handmade dumplings.

59 Visit a local food producer for a tour.

60 Host a themed dinner around a cuisine you've never cooked.

61–75

Move a Little Differently

Try something outside your usual routine.

61 Take a beginner's fencing lesson.

62 Try aerial yoga.

63 Attend a salsa social with a beginner lesson.

64 Try indoor bouldering.

65 Take an introductory archery class.

66 Learn the basics of Argentine tango.

67 Try a beginner's sailing lesson.

68 Attend a roller-skating night.

69 Take a horseback-riding lesson.

70 Try an introductory circus arts class.

71 Learn a short tap-dance routine.

72 Try an indoor surfing session.

73 Attend an outdoor dance class.

74 Take a guided kayak excursion.

75 Try a beginner's paddleboard yoga class.

76–90

An Afternoon Somewhere Else

Little changes of scenery.

76 Take a train to a nearby town for the day.

77 Spend a morning exploring an unfamiliar neighborhood.

78 Visit a historic hotel just to admire its architecture.

79 Take yourself on a bookstore-and-café afternoon.

80 Watch the sunrise somewhere beautiful.

81 Plan a self-guided architecture walk.

82 Spend an afternoon in an antique market.

83 Visit a local artisan's workshop.

84 Explore an unfamiliar public garden.

85 Take a ferry or scenic boat ride.

86 Visit a nearby small town's main street.

87 Go to a drive-in movie.

88 Explore a vintage market with a small spending limit.

89 Pack a picnic for a place you've never visited.

90 Spend an afternoon taking photographs of interesting doors, windows, and buildings.

91–100

Just Because

Random sidequests encouraged.

91	Attend a beginner improv class.
92	Get a personalized color analysis.
93	Learn one card trick.
94	Take a one-day introductory language class.
95	Attend a local trivia night with a new team.
96	Try an escape room.
97	Have a custom piece engraved.
98	Volunteer for a one-day community art project.
99	Spend an afternoon making a tiny zine about something you love.
100	Ask a friend to pick an activity neither of you has tried.

ONE LAST THING

Pick *one.*

Go back through the list. Circle the three that make you a little curious. Then try the one that catches your interest first.

Make room for a little wonder.