

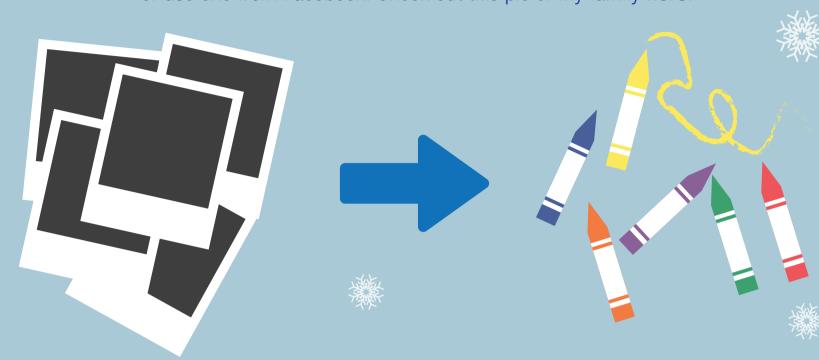


The excitement of the creative process is really contagious and you don't have to be a professional artist to inject some cultural creativity into your everyday life. Here are DIY projects that can make you 'cultured' without getting your knickers in a knot over the quality of your artistic ability. These make great gifts and are very inexpensive to make.

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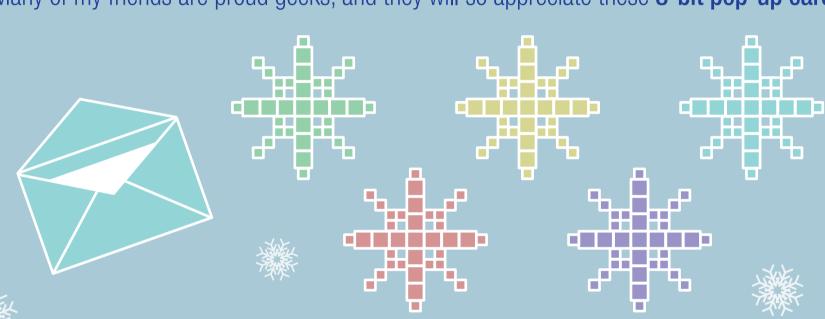
1. COLOUR YOUR PHOTO

Upload any photo and it will convert it to a colouring page or choose multiple pics and make a book. There are many sites out there, but I used **Coloring Page Creator**. You can upload your own photos or use one from Facebook. Check out this pic of my family here.



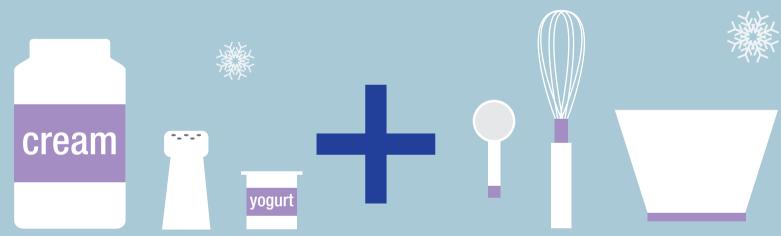
2. GET YOUR NERD ON

Many of my friends are proud geeks, and they will so appreciate these 8-bit pop-up cards.



3. CULTURED BUTTER

Literally making your own culture... butter, that is. Here are **step-by-step** instructions to make a delish, old-fashioned butter.



4. MAKE YOUR OWN HIPSTER TEE

It wouldn't be the holidays without a **DIY hipster craft**. Why yes, that is a pair of thick, black glasses sticking out of my asexual grey t-shirt.



5. I LEFT MY HEART IN ONTARIO

Retailing on Etsy for about \$65, you can choose your favourite province and make some cool string art. I found a similar board at the dollar store and posted my final project on my Pinterest page.





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