101 Activities For People With Dementia

Listen to music Toss a ball Color pictures Make homemade lemonade Count trading cards Clip coupons Sort poker chips Read out loud chapters from Harry Potter books or other favorite stories **Rake leaves** String beads Bake cookies Take photos of the person and you and create a collage Brush or comb one another's hair Participate in the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's. To learn more about Walk, please click here. Plant seeds indoors or outdoors Look at family photographs Wipe off the kitchen table Weed the flowerbed or tend to the garden Fold laundry Have a friend visit with a well-behaved pet Cut pictures out of greeting cards or magazines Play dominoes Ask the person about his or her favorite childhood books or cartoon characters (you can share yours too) Bake homemade bread Sort objects by shape or color Sing old songs Invite the person to tell you more when he or she talks about a memory Put silverware away Make a Valentine card Play favorite songs and sing Ask the person about his or her brothers or sisters Play with tops or jacks Make a scrapbook Take a walk around the yard Write a poem together Reminisce about the first day of school String Cheerios[®] to hang outside for birds Make a fresh fruit salad Color paper shamrocks green Fold towels Have an afternoon tea party Talk about great inventions Look through the pages of a clothes catalog Look at a map of the United States and identify states and capitals Make a family tree poster Color a picture of our flag

Eat a picnic lunch outside Water house plants Play horseshoes Dance Watch Sesame Street together Make homemade ice cream Make holiday cards Reminisce about favorite sports activities the person enjoyed while growing up Write a letter to a friend or family member Dress in your favorite football or soccer team's color Name the presidents Give a manicure Make paper butterflies Finish famous sayings Feed the ducks Model with play dough Look at pictures in a comic book Put a puzzle together Sand wood Rub in hand lotion Arrange fresh flowers Remember famous people Recite nursery rhymes Make peanut butter sandwiches Cut up used paper for scratch paper Blow bubbles Take care of a fish tank Bake cupcakes and decorate them Interview the person about his or her life using either a video camera or cassette recorder **Play Hangman Finger paint** Cut out pictures from magazines Put coins in a jar Put bird seed out for the birds Decorate a pumpkin Reminisce about a favorite summer Roll varn into a ball Trace and cut out autumn leaves Cook a favorite family recipe together Gather a yellow sponge, crayons, paper and tape and make a SpongeBob SquarePants Wash silverware Ask the person to show you how to knit or sew (or another favorite hobby) Make a picture frame our of popsicle sticks and glitter Play a musical instrument Keep a journal together Ask the person to talk about his or her favorite sports hero Sort playing cards Ask the person about his or her favorite pet Ask the person about his or her first car