Activity Swap

Have you or your Scratchers ever felt like they were in a creative slump? Have you, or they, ever run out of ideas for new projects, or are you/they simply looking for things to do? An Activity Swap could be just the thing for you!

Our January "Activity Swap" Scratch Event is two weeks filled with opportunities to swap ideas, try new crafts, design your own tutorials, or suggest activities for other Scratchers to try! Everyone is invited to join. Scratch Events are held throughout the year. During those events, we invite you to imagine, create, and share along with us in the Scratch online community by participating in our featured studio.

Scratch Events are announced in the "Scratch News" section of the homepage. And, when an event is running, you can visit the "Featured Studios" section of the homepage to quickly access the event studio. **Learn more about participating in our Scratch Event Studios Guide** (https://resources.scratch.mit.edu/www/events/en/ScratchLearningResource_ScratchEventStudios.pdf), including how to get started and how to share your projects/get your projects into the event studio.

In this guide, you'll find:

- Activity Swap Event Information

- Special Information for Educators

- Starter/Example Projects & Quick Ideas

Activity Swap Event Information

ScratchCat's 2023 Informational Projects:
Week 1 - Prompts & Inspiration: https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/776354596
Week 2 - Show-and-Tell: https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/776354604

While the informational project links and studio links will change each year, you can keep an eye on the Scratch News section of the homepage in January for the most up-to-date event announcements and links. You can also search for "Activity Swap" studios using the link above; look for the studios hosted by ScratchCat and those studio descriptions will contain relevant project links. There are three studios associated with this event: the two main studios listed below and the "Activity Swap! Translation" studio.

The Two Main Studios	
Activity Swap! Prompts & Inspiration	**Activity Swap! Show-and-Tell**
In this studio, create a project with a craft, idea, tutorial, or activity that others can use as inspiration to try in their own projects. For example, you could: • Design a project idea generator • Create a project to teach someone how to do something on Scratch • Demonstrate how to draw something in the paint editor • Write the beginning of a story and invite others to finish it • Have a favorite craft or DIY (Do It Yourself) activity? Create a tutorial for others to try • Have a favorite hobby? Make a project explaining it and invite others to try it • Invent a sport or a board game and create a project to show others how to play Remember, the examples listed above are just a few ideas. The options of what activities we can swap with one another are endless! You are welcome to create as many prompts and inspiration projects as you would like for the studio, so long as they fit the theme.	In this studio, share your project inspired by the project prompts/tutorials/activities shared in the Activity Swap! Prompts & Inspiration studio. We suggest directly remixing a project from the Prompts & Inspiration studio, as it is the best way to show which activity you are trying! Or be sure to give thanks for the project inspiration in the Notes & Credits of your project. The options of what to make are endless! You are welcome to create as many projects as you would like for the studio, so long as they are inspired by a shared Activity Swap Prompts & Inspiration project. What will you create for the Activity Swap? =^..^=

How Can I Participate?

- Scratchers can share a **project with a prompt or some inspiration**.

- Scratchers can share a **show-and-tell project** they made, inspired by an "Activity Swap! Prompts & Inspiration" project.

- Either week: We ask Scratcher volunteers, who can speak and write in more than one language, to **translate the studio descriptions** of our two studios into their own language to help others. Look in the Activity Swap studio descriptions for links to our translation studio for the event, if interested.

Special Participation Notes for Activity Swap

- When sharing to the "Activity Swap! Show-and-Tell" studio, we suggest directly remixing a project from the Prompts & Inspiration studio, as it is the best way to show which activity you are trying! Or be sure to give thanks for the project inspiration in the Notes & Credits of your project.

- If your project is a show-and-tell project, it might also be nice to provide a few words in the "Notes and Credits" section about the experience or thanks to the prompt creator.
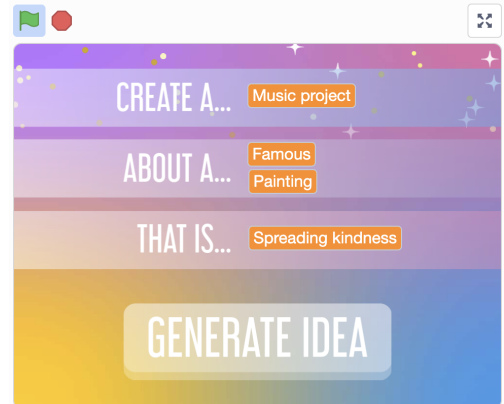
Educators

- Check out our Teacher Account Guide (http://bit.ly/Your-Teacher-Account) for more information on setting up teacher accounts and managing classes.

- See our Show-and-Tell Sharing Sheet here for possible use with your students: https://resources.scratch.mit.edu/www/events/en/Scratch_Show-and-TellSharingSheet.pdf

- See our guide here on "How to Run Your Own Event Studio" for session facilitation tips and more: https://resources.scratch.mit.edu/www/events/en/ScratchLearningResource_RunYourEventStudio.pdf

- See our guide here on "How to Replicate an Event Studio in an Offline Scratch Environment": https://resources.scratch.mit.edu/www/events/en/ScratchLearningResource_ReplicateEventStudioOffline.pdf

Starter/Example Projects & Quick Ideas

Starter/Examples Projects:

- Random Idea Generator by ScratchCat
  https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/780041203

- Blinking Animation Tutorial by ceebee
  https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/561878701

- Coloring Flowers (coloring pages) by ceebee
  https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/749472379

- Elder Wand [DIY] by ceebee
  https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/207903065

- Bringing Our Drawings to Life by algorithmar https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/706094849

- Simple Platformer Game Base - Bouncing Blue by codifiedconcepts
  https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/374027278

- Flappy Game Base by codifiedconcepts https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/364779173

- Maze Score Five Starter by codifiedconcepts https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/268913153

- A bat becoming a bat becoming a bat becoming… by starry_sky7 is a great example of responding to a prompt https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/747572666, as you can see in the Notes and Credits where she notes her inspiration and makes some reflections.

Quick Project Ideas:

- Icon creator
- Speeddraw
- Blockshade
- Interactive artwork
- Coloring pages
- Pen project

- Tutorial
- Game
- Platformer
- Poem
- Quiz
- Simulation

- Arcade Game
- Informational project
- Interview
- Animation
- "About Me" project

- Music blocks
- Music project
- Story
- Interactive story
- Prompt generator

Tip: If you'd like to translate this guide, **click here to make a copy** of this Google doc.