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Welcome...come Villagers!

Thank you for purchasing the second issue of The Crossing Board magazine!

Inside, you will find a recap of all our favourite events and updates throughout the Summer months, including info and tips on the new 'Dream Suite' and our predictions for the Autumn update!

Not only this, but we have plenty of quizzes, word-searches, puzzles, and fun articles to keep you busy. Sit back and relax while you find out how to decorate small areas of your island, make delicious turnip soup, and have a look around this month's featured island.

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One full set of mush items!



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Good luck!

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Summer recap

Hey Reader,

It's been a while! And boy do we have a lot to catch up on. It seems like only yesterday we were counting down the hours until New Horizons was released. Now September is here and it brings with it the heavy weight of responsibility; school, work, new beginnings – it can all feel very overwhelming. Whatever is going on in your real world right now, let's take a moment to sit back, relax, and dive into the virtual happy place that is Animal Crossing.

It's been a busy summer with lots of new content and characters gracing our Switches for New Horizons. We saw the return of Pascal, our favourite sea dwelling otter with a passion for scallops. He brought us a wetsuit and with that, an expansion of our previous horizons. Get it? Because we can swim now! Our critterpedia also expanded to make room for some new salty friends that can be donated to Blathers in the museum. Pascal also gifted us new DIY recipes for the mermaid furniture set in exchange for some scallops. If only those were accepted currency everywhere...

We also said hello to our new friend, Luna; a dreamy anteater from another dimension. What a woman! She expanded our astral horizons by allowing us to access other players' dreams in the dream suite. Now we can take a stroll through islands across the world and discover new lands, all from the comfort of our bed. We may wake up looking a bit worse for wear, but the inspiration and possibilities are endless!

Luna wasn't the only character making a splash at night;

Isabelle finally broke free from resident services to show us the beauty of fireworks! In collaboration with Redd's raffle, the plaza is now the life of the party every Sunday in August. Although he may have kept his paintings hidden, Redd introduced us to new items like sparklers and balloons. Be careful when running with your balloon though, you may get distracted and fall!

Speaking of Fall, let's talk about the predictions for the next update. We know this spooky season will see the return of a fan favourite, Jack; the self-proclaimed Czar of Halloween. In previous games, Jack introduced the player to the spooky and creepy furniture sets after a series of trick-or-treat themed tasks. Him and your other villagers would run around the island wearing pumpkins on their heads asking for candy. If you didn't give Jack candy, he would turn your clothes mouldy or transform an item into a jack-in-the-box. This year, we're hoping for new DIY recipes, furniture and much more!



As for something a lot less guaranteed, many people are speculating the return of Brewster; everyone's favourite coffee-obsessed pigeon. With international coffee day on the 1st October, the introduction of Brewster's cafe would be a perfect fit to welcome in the colder weather. Previously, the cafe started out as a room in the museum that would host intimate K.K. Slider concerts. In later games such as New Leaf, the cafe was its own building called The Roost where you could work alongside Brewster to make your villagers their perfect coffee order. So. Cute. As a fan favourite, we hope that Nintendo will introduce him as soon as possible.

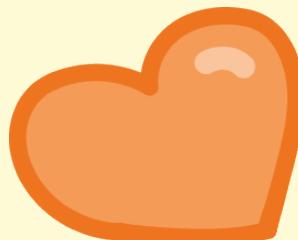
Brewster was also known for his love of gyroids (a musical furniture item). Players of New Horizons will recognise gyroids from the character Lloyd, who takes donations for bridges and inclines. Gyroids could be found in previous games by digging them up like fossils which could then be placed in your home. As a collector of these playful items, Brewster offered to hold and store your gyroids in Wild World. Because of this link, many people are speculating whether these beloved characters could make a reappearance in New Horizons soon.

No matter what this next month holds, we know that we will be on the edge of our seats waiting for the next update announcement from Nintendo. And as for the real world, we know that we will get through this tricky time together. Animal Crossing is not just a game, it's a community. If you would like to make new friends who love this game as much as you do, join us on Discord (discord.gg/aVpVhx2)! We share cute pet photos and have regular in-game meet-ups, so come hang out!

We can't wait to see you!

Lots of love,

The Crossing Board Team.



How To Make Your Perfect Dream Suite Island

One of our favourite features of the new updates is the new dream suite! But with so many amazing islands already uploaded to visit, it can be intimidating to share yours with the world. That's where we come in. We've come up with 10 ways to help you build the dream island of your, well, dreams!

Choose A Theme.

It can feel daunting to start your whole island from scratch. An easy way to narrow down your aesthetic is to decorate an island based on a theme. Some of our favourite islands have been decorated to resemble Harry Potter, Zelda, and even murder mysteries.

Colour Scheme.

A great way to figure out what aesthetic you like is to find your favourite colour palette. Whether that's earthy tones or bright primary colours, it will help your island feel more cohesive to stick to a few basic shades. A great way to put this into action is through flowers and customising your furniture.

Custom Designs.

Now that you've discovered a style that works for you, how do you go about actually decorating? Well, aside from furniture and DIYs, custom designs are a great way to add personal touches to your island. There are hundreds to choose from at the Able Sisters or if you're artistically inclined, you can even make your own!

Avoid Report-able Material.

When navigating custom designs, be sure to only use content that follows Nintendo's guidelines otherwise you could end up having your dream removed from the database! This means no explicit adult content, gore, or hacked items.

Easy To Walk Around.

Now that you're in the swing of decorating and your head is full of ideas, it's time to think about your layout. The best dream islands to visit are ones that are easy to walk around - make sure that anyone who visits can access all of the areas you have worked so

Turnip Soup

Just like Daisy-Mae's grandmother used to make (we think).

hard on. You could even have fun with this and create a map to share online with all the areas people can visit!

Tools.

When arriving at a dream island, your pockets will always be empty. This means it's super important that you leave out items that people may need when they visit. If you have any high reaching mountains or wide rivers with no bridges, make sure to leave a ladder and a vaulting pole so that people can see as much as possible.

Visitor Gifts.

Leaving items for your visitors is not just limited to essential tools. If you have chosen a theme for your island, it is a really nice touch to leave a costume that people can wear while they walk around! You can also drop things such as fireworks, wands, sparklers, and balloons. Not only will this add to your aesthetic, but will provide a more engaging experience for your visitors and be a great photo opportunity!

Weather.

You've worked hard to landscape your island and now you're ready to open for business, well done! Your dream works as a snapshot of your island the moment you upload it, so make sure the conditions are exactly the way you want them. For a spooky atmosphere you might want to upload your dream during a thunderstorm. You can also choose to upload your dream at the slow pace of the early morning or at the golden hour of sunset, the choice is yours!

Research.

Take the time to visit lots of islands you admire and let yourself be inspired! If you're feeling a creative block with your decorations; take a break, have some dreams, and relax. Use your in-game camera to capture lots of pictures for future reference and allow yourself to get lost in someone else's adventure.

Have Fun!

It's easy to get tied down and disheartened by the aesthetics of your island. Try to remember that there is no rush and no pressure. Everyone goes at their own pace and the most important thing is to play in a way that makes you happy. We support you!

We love to make soup because all you have to do is add vegetables to a big pot, leave it to cook for a while, then blend it together. Couldn't be simpler! The good thing about turnips is that they are pretty much available year-round. And who doesn't love a hearty soup as the Autumn chill begins to set in?

Ingredients

1 large turnip or 4 small turnips
2 medium potatoes
1 white onion
1 carrot
1 stick of celery
1 tsp dried rosemary
4 cups vegetable stock
Olive oil



Method

1. Finely dice your onion, carrot, and celery. Add to a large pot with a generous splash of olive oil and a pinch of salt. Cover and cook on a medium heat, stirring occasionally until softened.
2. Meanwhile, peel and dice your turnips and potatoes into small chunks. Turnip tip: if your turnips are large, using a peeler to remove the skin will take a long time, just slice the skin off instead!
3. Add turnips, potatoes, rosemary, and vegetable stock to your pot and cook on a gentle simmer until turnips and potatoes are fork tender. The smaller your veggie chunks, the quicker they will cook.
4. Once everything is cooked and soft, remove from heat and let cool for a few minutes. If you don't have a blender or prefer a chunky soup, you can stop here.

- Time to blend! You can use an immersion blender or a regular blender, but please take care as the liquid will still be hot. If you are transferring your soup into a regular blender, please work in small batches at a time and only when soup has cooled considerably. After your soup is blended to your desired consistency, add salt to taste.
 - Now that you have all this lovely soup, feel free to put some in the freezer for a rainy day! Otherwise, serve in a nice big bowl with a good amount of freshly cracked pepper and hot sauce for extra warmth.
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Optional: Croutons!

You've put in the hard work to make a lovely soup from scratch - why not go all the way and make yourself some tasty croutons?



Method

- Tear bread into chunks with your hands. This will make a nice rustic topping to your soup. Just try and make them roughly the same size so they cook evenly!
 - Toss your bread chunks with some olive oil and your seasoning. It's essential to add a good amount of salt and pepper, but anything else is a plus. We recommend garlic powder and dried herbs to compliment the soup. You could even add some parmesan or nutritional yeast if you're feeling cheesy.
 - Spread out on a baking tray and pop in the oven until lightly browned and crispy. The temperature will depend on your bread, but we recommend going low and slow while your soup is bubbling on the hob (around 170°C).
 - Remove from the oven and enjoy on top of your amazing soup. Bon appetit!
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Remember, nothing makes our day more than seeing your dishes. Send us your soup photos at our Instagram (@crossingboard) and twitter (@thecrossingboard).

Quiz: Which Animal Crossing Furniture Series Are You?



1 Choose a villager personality type:

- a) Cranky.
- b) Uchi/ sisterly.
- c) Peppy.
- d) Normal/ sweet.



2 What kind of movies do you like to watch?

- a) Old Hollywood classics.
- b) Documentaries.
- c) Action and adventure.
- d) Romantic comedies.



3 What is your island aesthetic?

- a) Cottagecore.
- b) Swamp/ farmcore.
- c) Citycore.
- d) Fairycore.



4 Pick a colour palette:

- a) Neutrals.
- b) Earth tones.
- c) Bright and primary colours.
- d) Pastels.



5 What is your favourite hidden spot on your island?



- a) The library.
- b) A coffee shop.
- c) A restaurant.
- d) A picnic spot.



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Choose a snack:

- a) Oatmeal cookies.
- b) Peach yogurt.
- c) Cookies & Cream milkshake.
- d) Sour candy.



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Where do you like to shop for clothes?

- a) Thrift stores.
- b) I make my own!
- c) Boutiques.
- d) Forever 21.



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Which character has the best style?

- a) Blathers.
- b) Sable.
- c) Isabelle.
- d) Celeste.



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What is your favourite pastime?

- a) Knitting and crafting.
- b) Gardening.
- c) Cooking and baking.
- d) Singing/ playing an instrument.



Count up how many times you chose a, b, c, and d to find out which furniture set you are!



MOSTLY A's... You are the ANTIQUE SET!

If it ain't broke, don't fix it. You like the simpler things in life and don't understand those fancy uncomfortable chairs in the magazines. You're an old soul "nostalgic" for the good ol' days where all that mattered was good craftsmanship and a nice piece of wood. Your timeless class and vintage aesthetic will help you make the perfect thrift store finds.



MOSTLY B's... You are the IRON GARDEN SET!

Dependable and hardworking; you're not afraid to get your hands dirty! Don't mistake your kindness for weakness. You may look sweet but you're hard as nails and will do whatever it takes to get the job done. As a green thumb through and through, your tender and loyal friendship can make even the shyest plants thrive!



MOSTLY C's... You are the DINER SET!

Your high energy and bubbly personality makes you the perfect fit in a retro diner environment. Roller skates and bright colours don't feel unnatural in your world and people are drawn to your confidence. You make a great motivator and people naturally want to follow in your footsteps!



MOSTLY D's... You are the CUTE SET!

I think we can all agree... You are baby. Soft colours and cute characters feel at home on your island. A belief in all things magic and romance, you don't let the cynics bring you down. You're the friend everyone wants to protect, but you're also fiercely creative and unafraid to express yourself - that takes real bravery!

Apple's Blooming Tart



September can be a bit of an in-between month: Summer days are getting shorter, colder air is on the horizon, not quite Summer or Autumn. However, this is the best season of all – apple season! We recommend using any sweet apples like Gala but whatever you can find will work just as well.

This is Apple's favourite recipe to bake when she wants to ‘wow’ all of her fans on the island. It may look extremely intricate but it’s surprisingly simple!

Compote Ingredients:

3 apples
1 tsp cinnamon
2 tbsp brown sugar
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup water
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup apple juice



Topping Ingredients:

2 apples
Small squeeze of lemon juice
Brown sugar for sprinkling

Making the compote:

1. Dice your apples and add to a pot with all other compote ingredients. Cover and bring to a gentle boil to cook for 10 minutes. After this time; uncover, lower the heat and cook on a gentle simmer until water has evaporated.
2. Mash the apples until the mixture resembles a paste (don’t worry too much about lumps). Set aside to cool.

The Crust

1. If you have a favourite pie dough, prepare and pop into the fridge. To make this easier, simply buy some pie dough from your local supermarket!



2. Roll out your dough and fit into a tart tin (around 20cm/ 9inches). Place in the freezer to cool again for 10 minutes.

The Topping

1. Slice two apples as thinly as possible (around 1-2mm). To get the perfect petal shapes: cut the cheeks from the apple, discard the rectangle core, place the cheeks flat on a chopping board and slice into thin semi-circles.
2. Add to a bowl with a squeeze of lemon juice. Mix well to prevent them from browning.



Assembly

1. Preheat your oven to 200°C. Remove pie crust from the freezer and spread the cooled compote onto the base in a thin layer.
2. To assemble the apple flower, start by placing one slice against the edge of the crust, then another slightly overlapping the last. Repeat this step and spiral your apple slices inwards until you have reached the center.
3. Once you have reached the center, your tart should resemble an intricate rose. Take one more apple slice (preferably your thinnest) and gently fold into the center to make a rosebud.
4. Sprinkle your pie with a little brown sugar and place in the oven for 15 minutes. After this time, lower the temperature to 170°C. Cooking the pie on a high temperature first will make sure the crust is cooked through and removes the need to blind bake. Continue to cook for a further 30 minutes or until the edges of the crust are a nice golden brown.
5. Remove and let cool. Serve with a hearty scoop of your favourite vanilla ice cream and enjoy!

If you baked Apple's favourite dessert, we would love to see it! Please send your pictures over to our Instagram (@thecrossingboard) and Twitter (@crossingboard)!

Tips and Tricks from the TCB Members

One of the reasons we created *The Crossing Board* was to help our fellow Animal Crossing players enjoy the game. We would thus like to share a few of our tips and tricks to help you create a beautiful island!

Creating A Creek To Fill Up Empty Space (Taiba, Social Media/Artist)

Have you ever felt frustrated when you're terraforming and designing your island because there's so much space and you don't know what to do with it? Creating a creek is a simple way to add something to your island space without having to buy or craft objects and worry about how to place them.

Resident Services Recycle Box For Extra DIY Storage (Alexa, Head of Social Media)

Are you struggling because you have too many DIY recipes? Dropping them on your island decreases your chances of having 5 stars, dropping them in your house lowers your HHA score - it's a sticky situation! A nifty tip is to use the clean up service (through the Island Designer app) to put all of your DIYs in the recycle box located at the Resident Services! Be wary though, since the recycle box can only store up to 60 items adding any more will cause them to disappear.

Second Islander Perks (Chloe, Head of Writing)

Having a second playable islander will get you double of almost everything! You will get two: DIY bottles in one day, mom gifts, chances at buying Redd's art, maximum star fragments, and bug / fish models from Flick or CJ. Another house also means a lot of extra storage space!

Tearing Down Cliffs Trick (Charlize, Social Media/Writer)

Isn't it annoying when you're tearing down cliffs while

terraforming and you have to do it twice because it rounds the edges? Well according to Charlize, to save some time you could section them into rows (you cannot round the edges of a one-square cliff, so you will demolish straight away).

Pathing Near Flowers (Jemima, Founder)

When you're removing paths near flowers, it's really easy to accidentally pluck them and completely ruin your flower garden. Well, did you know that there was a way to avoid that? If you stand directly on top of the path, you can wipe it away without ruining the flowers surrounding it. Now you won't have the problem of destroying your floral friends!

Custom Designing To Avoid Hundreds Of Flowers (Melissa, Illustrator)

A possible downside to the rainy seasons in Animal Crossing is the fact that you'll suddenly have hundreds of flowers sprouting in places you don't want. Lucky for you, Melissa has an awesome tip! Flowers cannot spawn into squares covered by a custom path. In a place you don't want your flowers to bloom, place a transparent or decorative design.

Travelling With A Garbage Bin (Dominika, Writer/Artist)

Don't you agree that it's too much of a hassle going back and forth to Nook's Cranny to sell them all your unwanted items? Well, you could bring along a garbage bin wherever you go and if you have too much clutter in your pockets, you only need to bring out your bin and toss everything there! Handy and clever, don't you think?

From something as small as managing flowers to the larger tasks of demolishing cliffs, we hope we helped to make your in-game life a little bit easier.

How To Decorate Small Areas Of Your Island

Are you having trouble thinking of ways you could decorate those empty spaces on your island but you're coming up with nothing? Well, we've got you covered because we've thought of 10 different ideas! These areas are suitable for all aesthetics so you don't have to worry about thinking which would suit your island. So, here are a few ways you can get inspired:

A Cup of Coffee, Anyone?

One of the easiest ways to fill a small area is with a cozy cafe. Whether it's a woodland seating area or a beach-side viewpoint, a cafe is great for every aesthetic. By simply putting a natural square garden table and chairs, a few mugs and some candles to set the mood, you are already creating a comfortable and warm spot on your island for you and your villagers to chill and take pictures in.

Table For Two, Please!

If you're all about the vintage aesthetic, making an outdoor diner may be a great fit for you! And you're in luck because the game offers a diner furniture set in many different colours. You can use the red theme for a classic throwback or the cream colours for a cozy resort atmosphere – the list is endless!

Let's Read!

Thanks to the wooden bookshelves, it's incredibly easy to create an outdoor library. Using the bookshelves as walls, you can almost build your own room outside. Decorate using the piles of books and the fortune telling set for a magical vibe. You can even customise your area to look like a comic shop or a conspiracy research corner!

Fancy A Stroll In The Garden?

Do you have too many flowers and don't know where to place them? Well, a garden's just for you! From simply finding a nice area to display your lovely flowers to creating an elaborate hybrid breeding area, a garden is a great organiser. You could also add more elegance by placing an iron garden table and chair with a few seasonal bushes to create a tranquil place to rest your legs.

Everyone Loves Camping!

Why go through the trouble of thinking up an island spot, when you can decorate your very own campsite! Create an area that any camper would feel welcome to visit and stay a while. Using leaf piles, campfires, sleeping bags, and log benches can create a rustic retreat.

It's A (Picnic) Date!

Who doesn't love a good picnic? It allows for a nice hang out space for you and your friends and possibly a spot for your villagers to eat in! You can find hundreds of blanket designs in your Able Sisters which can be placed on the floor. Decorate with picnic baskets, unfinished puzzles, teddy bears, books, candles, or anything that fits your aesthetic!

Pop-Up Shopping!

Create a shop by building stalls and fill them with items you would be willing to give to a visitor. In exchange for said items, they could give you an offering of their own. Isn't that a neat way of helping out fellow players and yourself?

This One's A Walk In The Park!

Creating a small park is a great way to fill small or large areas of any shape as they often fit in with the natural environment. Use the hedges, bushes, or even water to mark off the area you would like to assign as your park and fill it with benches and flowers.

Spa Day!

Creating a spa area is a classy way to leave all your virtual problems behind. It's also a great way to fill up spaces on your beach if you're struggling with ways to decorate your coast. Or you could place it up in the mountains where you can hear the waterfalls and the calming music from the stereo.

Let's Take An Art Class!

A painting area is the perfect way to release your inner Picasso and show off your artworks from Redd! Make a mini art museum for your friends and visitors alike to enjoy. You could also place empty canvases and chairs to imply there's an art class in session!

Quiz: Which NPC Would Be Your Perfect Picnic Date?

1

What do you like to do in your spare time?

- a) Craft some cute trinkets.
- b) Visit old record stores.
- c) Take photographs.
- d) Listen to podcasts.
- e) Drink boba!

2

Which best describes your dream job?

- a) Fortune Teller.
- b) Performer.
- c) Producer.
- d) Curator.
- e) Cosmetology.

3

What's your favourite thing to do?

- a) Crafting.
- b) Being with my friends.
- c) Meditating.
- d) Studying niche topics at 1am...
- e) Thrifting.

4

Where do you like to hang out?

- a) In nature.
- b) Coffee shops.
- c) Somewhere I've never been before.
- d) In my room.
- e) You probably haven't heard of it.



5

What would you wear to a picnic date?

- a) Something cute.
- b) Anything that makes me comfortable.
- c) My vintage jeans and a button-up.
- d) Long sleeves and slacks?
- e) Whatever is on trend that day!

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Choose something to bring to a picnic

- a) My tarot cards (you never know)!
- b) Some headphones...
- c) A polaroid to capture some memories.
- d) My favorite book, just in case.
- e) Myself, duh.

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What would you and your date talk about?

- a) Dreams and aspirations.
- b) Favourite albums.
- c) No talking, just comfortable silence.
- d) An unsolved mystery from 50 years ago.
- e) Our latest travel adventures.

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What are you looking forward to before the date?

- a) Getting to know them better.
- b) I dunno. Whatever happens, happens.
- c) The sunset (so we can marvel at it together).
- d) Questions I've prepared to ask.
- e) Their reaction to the date I planned.

Count up how many times you chose a, b, c, d, and e and turn to the next page to find out who your perfect picnic date is!

If you got **mostly A's**, your perfect picnic date is **CELESTE!**

You're someone sweet who loves to dream, so Celeste is the perfect picnic partner for you. Make sure to bring plenty of layers and hot chocolate because you're going to be talking for hours! Celeste loves to talk about your horoscope and have deep conversations about the what-ifs of life, so be prepared to stay up all night sharing secrets!



If you **mostly got B's**, your perfect picnic date is **KK SLIDER!**

Music has impacted you in a huge way and it's important for you to connect with someone who feels the same. You're in luck, because that's K.K. Slider for you! Your picnic with K.K. would probably consist of walking around record shops before grabbing a bite to eat. He would show you his favourite sandwich place before sitting on a bench somewhere to enjoy the food and talk about your new records.



If you **mostly got C's**, your perfect picnic date is **HARVEY!**

You both take the art of photography seriously and love to experiment with different kinds of beauty through the lens of a camera. Harvey would take you somewhere that's off the beaten path and is a great photo-op for your picnic. Maybe a hidden meadow or a woodland waterfall!



If you **mostly got D's**, your perfect picnic date is **BLATHERS!**

You love learning and have a number of very specific interests. Sometimes you might even be found researching these late into the night. Blathers would take you to the grounds of some beautiful but overgrown, historical ruins. You would talk for hours about everything that happened on that spot hundreds of years ago. However, be prepared for him to snooze a little if you go during the day!



If you **mostly got E's**, your perfect picnic date is **LABEL!**

You have a passion for fashion. You've always been intrigued with the different styles all over the world. After spending the day thrifting and window shopping, Label would take you to a nice park in the city - a great spot to people watch and find your favourite outfit of the day. Label would bring snacks from her latest trip across the world and her favourite boba from an expensive cafe in the city. Is that gold leaf?



Flick's Monthly **BUG-OFF**

On the **26TH OF SEPTEMBER** join Flick (enthusiast of all things chittery and jittery) for his astounding **BUG-OFF EVENT!**

Get your nets ready to snatch and catch every bug you see to earn extraordinary, hand crafted bug-themed prizes!

Make sure to sell any bugs you've caught to **FLICK!** (**Please, I'm begging you! I'll even pay extra! I JUST LOVE BUGS!!**)

And if you see him around outside of this exquisite Bug-Off, make sure to sell even more bugs to him (**PLEASE!!**).....and

commission him if you'd like, no pressure, only if you want to haha.....



Featured Island Interview

Ennui

This month, I had a look around the opulent island of 'Ennui' which was anything but boring. With imaginative design techniques to marvel at from every angle, I had a great time taking inspiration from representative @Stupid_Ennui 's extravagant island (find them on Twitter).

Let's take a look at what I discovered during my tour...



"I really wanted to go with a themed 'opulent' island".

That's so unusual! I absolutely love it, it's great when people are totally creative with their islands.

"Thank you so much!"

What was your thought process behind the beach decorations?

"Well I have Ankha to the left of the island and I placed her in front of the beach and it looked so good that I continued it to the right as well. I wanted it to have a regal feeling."

It definitely has that!

"I'll show you her house... I wanted her area to have an

ancient Egyptian feeling with the pyramids - all her riches and beauty. Along with some of my favorite lights: The camo palm lights."



Yeah, I'm really seeing that theme! This is incredible, what made you think to light it up like this?

"I really wanted the fly over to have that jewel look. Like living on a diamond!"



Yeah, it was so cool flying over! I see you've paid close attention to Marshal's house, is he one of your favs?

"Omg, yes! I know he's very popular but he is just too adorable."

I don't think I've seen anyone do this before! Did you make 3 island reps?

"I did! I probably moved them around so many times to get everything perfectly matched up with all the stairs."

I bet that was so hard.

"Yes, and took forever!"



What inspired you to make this area?

"I have little areas like this all over the island! I was inspired by 'cottagecore' and how they do something similar but with a different aesthetic. All the hidden little treasures."

Ahh yes, I can see that! Cottagecore placement but a totally different style. Wow, this area reminds me of Southeast Asia almost. It's like we're stepping into the historic countryside,



I love it.

"I wanted all my villagers to have lots of beauty in their areas."

They absolutely do! So most of your island is made up of sections for each villager?

"Yes! The larger areas are still under construction - I

did theirs first because I love working around their houses and being inspired by them. Even though they're all so different the aesthetic is still consistent."



Yeah, it's nice to have a helping hand by using their houses as inspiration! That was amazing! Thanks so much for showing me around!

"Omg of course thank you so much for coming!"



Hygiene and Safety: Marshal shares his tips!

Today we're here with Marshal, a local celebrity who will tell us all about his hygiene and safety tips!

I (Interviewer): Hi Marshal!

M (Marshal) : Hello, Sulky!

I: So, should we get right into it? As you know there's been a lot going on in the world but let us not delve into it too much. We're here to help people out!

M: Yes, we're living in uncertain times at the moment, Sulky. But this doesn't stop us from being positive and treating ourselves to things like.. cake! Sponge cake is my favourite. Oops sorry what was the question?

I: Erm, I didn't ask one yet but I can see you're eager to share your tips! So, tell me. How do you make sure to stay safe when out and about?

M: Well, first of all, I carry a hand sanitiser with me at ALL TIMES. I have a small bottle stashed away in my bag or pocket wherever I go. Of course washing your hands is better than sanitising them. But when there is no possibility of washing, sanitiser comes in very handy! *handy* see what I did there? You sanitise your hands? Erm...

I: That's a really good tip, I always forget to pack one with me! But what about your face? You can't sanitise your face?!

M: Well, here is when a mask is important! Remember, you wear a mask to stop spreading germs around. You gotta wear one and protect those around you from any germs you might've accidentally picked up, Sulky!

I: That's a very good point but what if I don't have a mask?

M: What's the hold up? Buy one! They're very important. Mine is

made from the finest materials, only the best for my face. But if you don't have one with you at a certain moment then keep your distance from people. It's simple!

I: I have a bad habit of constantly touching or itching my face. Do you have any tips on how I can combat that?

M: You have to make sure you're aware of what you're doing at all times, Sulky! It might be difficult at first but you have to persevere. Avoid touching your eyes, mouth and nose!

I: One more thing Marshal, what if I need to sneeze or cough really bad but I want to be considerate and not do it in someone's face?

M: Oh, always carry a tissue with you and when you need to sneeze, do it into the tissue. I always have these tissues with my name printed on them, never miss an opportunity to be stylish! But if you don't have a tissue, sneeze into your elbow. That way you're keeping germs away from everyone else.

I: Thank you so much Marshal, I am sure all your tips will help people out so much! What's one last thing you want everyone to remember?

M: Wash, wash, wash your hands, Sulky!

(These are some simple tips you can follow when you go back to school/work. Remember this is not official medical advice.)



Agony Agnes returns!

Dear Agnes,

I live on a small, woodland island called Pine Cove. It's a peaceful place where nothing strange ever happens... At least I thought it was. One day, through the trees I saw big puffs of black smoke floating into the sky. When Scoot insisted that we go investigate, we found a small rusted boat docked to the shore of our smallest beach. We hopped on board and found a shady character in the deck below. He called me "cousin" and showed me his collection of paintings and statues - it was incredible! After spending a while choosing the perfect piece, we left and the painting was shipped to me the very next day.

The suspicious fox said that he would return soon with more rare finds so that I could donate them to Blathers in the museum. Every morning I look to see if his rusty Treasure Trawler has found my beach again, but sadly I have never been able to find him. I desperately want to collect all of his classic art so that I can fill my museum, how do I get him to return?

Sincerely,
Lonely Cousin.

Hey, Lonely Cousin!

Thanks for writing in, this sounds like quite a predicament. It can be really exciting when we meet new people, especially ones who bring such rare gifts! It's important for us to respect our friends' boundaries and allow them space if they need it. Perhaps he is sailing the high seas looking for new

treasures or selling his wares on other shores. Either way, I'm sure he will return to Pine Cove soon! However, if you really want to find those paintings there are a few things you can do.

Firstly, go to him! This is a big world connected by lots of sea, I'm sure you will be able to find him if you look hard enough. Your best bet is to dial in your connections. Let your friends across the sea know that you're on the look out for a shady art curator. If someone else spots him on their island, fly over and say hello! You will be able to buy one thing from him and have it shipped back to your mailbox back home. And you can also say hello to your other friend while you're there - win, win!

You can also invite more friends to live with you on Pine Cove! If the aim of your game is to add class to your museum by filling up your art exhibition, you want as many chances as possible. By having another friend on your island, like a sibling or parent, you will be able to purchase two pieces of art instead of one. This way, even if you don't see him for a while, you're able to gain the most out of each visit.

Most of all, remember to have fun and be patient. Life is not a race to the finish line and sometimes we need to remember to enjoy the process. I hope this helped you with your artistic predicament!

Sincerely,

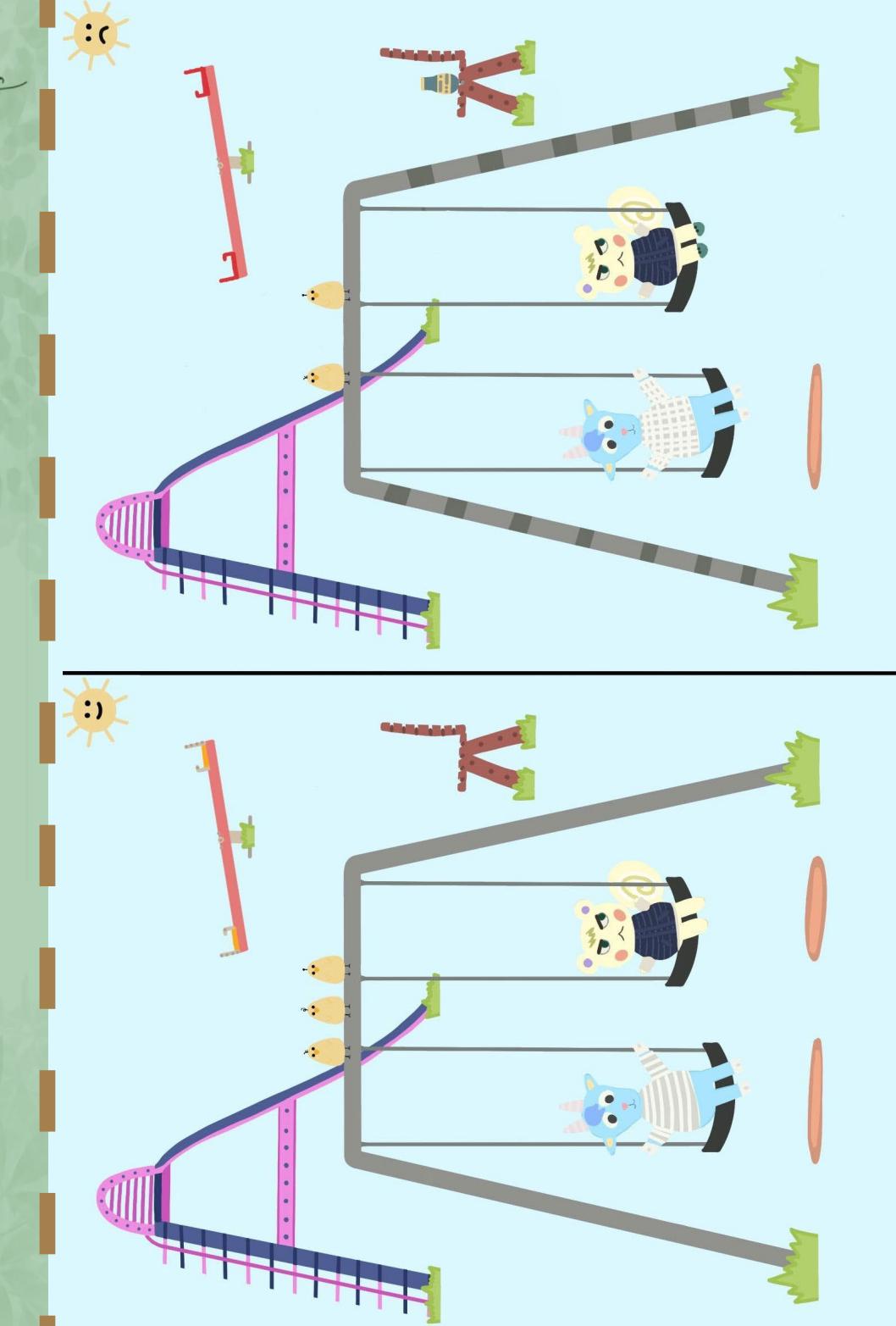
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Thanks for writing in, Lonely Cousin! I hoped this helped unstuck the jam you're in. If you're in need of some friendly advice, be sure to send us a question at contact@thecrossingboard.com.

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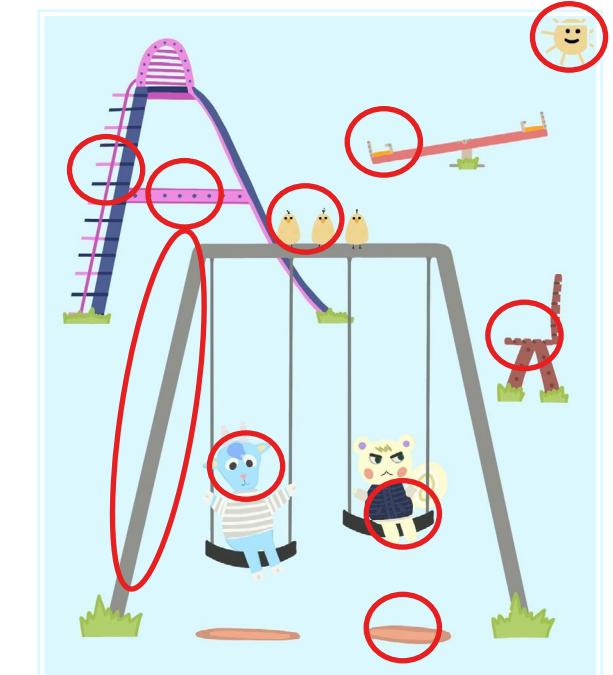
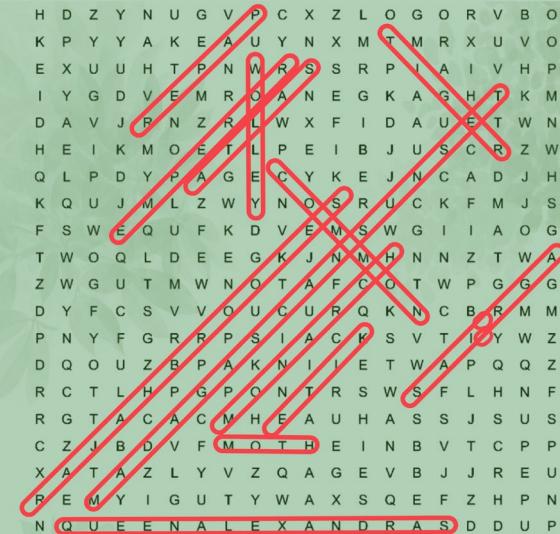

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