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Welcome Villagers!

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

Inside this month's fun-filled edition you will find delicious recipes for mushroom cookies so you no longer have to gaze in wonderment at the ones scattered around your island! Chadder has also kindly shared his own recipe for a self-inspired mac and cheese dish. We recommend having a munch while you read our sought after villager gift guide.

As always, we have plenty more to keep you entertained, including our usual instalments of Agony Agnes, our island escapade where we explore the magical town of Gillyweed, and a cute 'mush stool' origami tutorial to try out – we hope you enjoy making it as much as we enjoyed creating this issue!

But that's not all... In this month's exclusive subscriber giveaway, there's the chance to win an entire maple leaf set!

NOVEMBER GIVEAWAY



Just post a photo of your magazine and let us know which article was your favorite before the 27th of November for a chance to win! Be sure to tag us: @crossingboard on Twitter and @thecrossingboard on Instagram.

Good luck!

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Season

Hey Reader,

November is here! A month full of parties, festivals, and food – what's not to love? For northern hemisphere readers, you're seeing the last sprint of fall before autumn leaves for December... Get it? And for those in the southern hemisphere, things are really starting to heat up in time for summer! Wherever you are, we hope you had a great Halloween filled with candy, pumpkins, and more treats than tricks. But what's next for our island life in Animal Crossing: New Horizons?

Seasons may change but one thing is for sure – we're in for another update! With the Harvest Festival peeking around the corner, Nintendo have announced a free update will be available in late November with guaranteed visits from Franklin and maybe even Jingle. If it's anything like the previous Animal Crossing games, Franklin will appear for the Harvest Festival to help us cook a tasty feast for all our villagers. Now that we can farm pumpkins, perhaps Leif could introduce us to even more produce to grow in time for the festival? Some readers are even wondering if this festival will introduce the ability to cook meals for ourselves and our neighbors. We would love to give a helping hand in the kitchen this year and the ability to cook food for our Lazy villagers would be a game changer!

As you prepare for the Harvest Festival, your island will look very different depending on what part of the world you're in.

The northern hemisphere will see the start of mushroom season and an introduction to the famous mushroom furniture set. Find these fungus friends on the ground around your cedar and hardwood trees for a chance to craft some great recipes. Keep your eyes peeled as there are even **rare mushrooms** to collect. These can be found buried within one tile of hardwood trees and will look like a buried fossil. A maximum of five rare mushrooms will spawn on your island each day. Islands with a five star rating

Recap



will have a higher chance of finding these rare mushrooms, so be sure to chat with Isabelle to check your rating. If you're in dire need for bells, these rare mushrooms sell for 16,000 bells at Nooks Cranny!

Mushrooms aren't all the northern hemisphere have to look forward to this month. Alongside the continued appearance of acorns and pine cones, readers will have the opportunity to catch maple leaves! Between the 16–25th November, your hardwood trees will turn a bright red color and leaves will float in the air. Catch them with your net for the chance to craft the amazing maple-leaf series. These DIYs can be found in balloons and bottles on the beach, so be sure to keep your slingshot handy.

Resident representatives on southern hemisphere islands can continue to harvest young spring bamboo. Make sure to use a stone axe to prevent chopping down your bamboo trees!

No matter where you are this November, we've packed this issue full of seasonal entertainment for everyone to enjoy. As always, we hope you are staying safe this month and enjoy all of the hard work we've put into this magazine. Be sure to check our website for even more fun quizzes and articles (thecrossingboard.com).

Plus, if you'd like to make new friends who love this game as much as you do, join us on Discord (discord.gg/aVpVhx2). That's where we host events, share tips, trade items, and hang out – we can't wait to see you!

Lots of love,

The Crossing Board Team

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5 MORE Fun Facts About Animal Crossing

In the October issue of our magazine, we featured 5 shocking facts you may not have known about Animal Crossing. This month, we did some digging and found 5 more fun facts we bet you didn't know about our favorite game!

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A MESSAGE FROM THE EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL



In Animal Crossing: New Leaf, if you turn on your TV at 3:33am during Sundays and Mondays, the news will be interrupted and an alien will appear on your TV. In New Horizons, turn on your TV at 3:33am on a Saturday morning to watch a spooky alien and its UFO float across your screen!

2

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

There is a unique song in Animal Crossing New Horizons called K.K. Birthday. It's the song that plays whenever a villager, you guessed it, has a birthday!

Unfortunately, you can't request this song from K.K. because it's only for special occasions. If you're lucky though and your birthday lands on Friday or Saturday, K.K. will serenade you with it. Talk about luck!



3

RESETTI SCARII

To previous Animal Crossing fanatics, do you ever get curious as to why Nintendo didn't include Resetti in the later games? Well that's because Resetti wasn't that much of a fan favorite. Sure, there are people who enjoyed Resetti, but because of his aggressive nature, it didn't make others too happy especially when he berated us for closing our game without saving. Anyone remember Wild World?. Some younger players even cried! Poor things. Maybe we will see him again one day when he has found his inner peace.

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COMPOSING CAMEO

It's hard not to recognise our passionate island-hopping musician K.K. Slider. He's one of the most notable characters in the game but what you probably didn't know is that K.K. Slider is actually a cameo for the composer of the game, Kazumi Totaka. In the Japanese version of Animal Crossing, K.K. Slider is known as Totakeke, a nod to the name of the actual musician!

Totaka was known for hiding a specific song in almost every game he has worked on. You can listen to this Easter egg in Animal Crossing New Horizons by requesting "K.K. Song!"

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SECRETARY ISABELLE

One of our most beloved NPCs in Animal Crossing is Isabelle! Did you know that her character design is actually similar to the bell bag design in the game? The way her ponytail is raised and tied with a red hair tie is similar to how the bell bag is raised with a red ribbon as well! And if you cut up her name, it says "Is a bell"! Cool right?

But I bet what you didn't know is that Isabelle almost had no name and was supposed to be called Secretary! Imagine just calling our favorite yellow shih tzu, Secretary. In the final Japanese release of the game, Isabelle's name was then changed to Shizue, a direct translation to shih tzu.

We hope you enjoyed our second serving of fun facts this month! Let us know if you learned something new on social media or share with us a fun fact that we didn't mention (@crossingboard on Twitter or @thecrossingboard on Instagram).

Be sure to keep an eye out for more Easter eggs in potential updates!

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Mushroom Cookies Recipe

Prep time: ~3hrs | **Bake time:** 30min | **Makes 14**

Disclaimer: No real mushrooms were harmed in the making of these delicious treats.

If you go down to the woods today, you're sure to stumble across some flat, round, and elegant mushrooms. Hidden around hardwood and cedar tree trunks, these fun guys are a staple of autumn. To commemorate this delicious time of year, let's make some cookies. These fungus friends are perfect for table centerpieces, gifts, and woodland walks!

Ingredients:

1 large egg (at room temperature)
1 ½ cups butter
3 cups cornstarch
1 ½ cups flour
1 cup icing sugar
½ cup cocoa powder
1 tbsp cinnamon
1 tsp almond extract



Method:

1. Add butter, egg, almond extract, and sugar to a large bowl. Use an electric mixer to combine then whisk until light and fluffy.
2. Once lighter in texture and color, add cornstarch, sugar, cinnamon and flour. The easiest way to combine these

ingredients is to get in there and mix with your hands. Don't be shy! It may look like a lot of flour, but trust the process. The butter will melt slightly with the heat of your hands and hydrate the mixture until you have a smooth, paste-like dough.

3. Next, it's time to portion out the dough. This step is easiest with an ice cream scoop but a serving spoon will work great too. Using your weapon of choice, scoop out some of your dough and roll it into a smooth ball with your hands. Place the ball onto a lined baking tray and repeat until you have used all of your mixture. This should make roughly 14 cookies.
4. Now it's time to make these balls resemble some fungal friends. Using a glass bottle, slightly wet the rim and dip into a shallow bowl of your cocoa powder. Press the rim of the bottle into the centre of your cookie balls to create the mushroom stem. You want to go fairly deep to create the illusion of a mushroom, but not so deep that you break through to the baking tray.
5. Once your tray is full of mushroom lookalikes, place in the freezer to chill for 10 minutes. Meanwhile, preheat your oven to 170°C/338°F/ Gas mark 3.
6. Remove from the freezer and bake straight away for 15 minutes. The cookies shouldn't take on any color; if they start to turn brown they will be very dry so keep a close eye on them and remove them sooner rather than later!

Enjoy as a snack on a woodland walk or with a nice hot cup of tea!

To see how ours turned out and to watch the baking process, take a look at our TikTok (@thecrossingboard)!



Shep



Favorite Colors



Favorite Styles

Simple
Cool



Villager Gift Guide



Favorite Colors



Favorite Styles

Simple
Cute



Fauna

Fauna's gifts: Barrette, Layered tank dress, Octagonal glasses, Checkered muffler, Lacy dress, Garden hat

Shep's gifts: Knit cap, Argyle sweater, Round shades, Ancient belted robe, Frugal hat, Multipurpose vest

Detective Maple's Little Discoveries



Date: 1 November

Investigator: Maple

Case Number: TCB-202011

Case Status: **SOLVED**

Case Summary

Hey Honey, Maple here! We've been living on our slice of paradise for a while now and I thought it was about time to take a deeper look at the everyday beauty that often goes unnoticed. So, I dusted off my detective coat from last Halloween and set off on my search to find the wonders that have been lying right under our noses

Did you know that you can **interact with placed fossils**? I learned that the hard way... I was sniffing for clues around the fossils our Resident Representative placed outside the museum and when I touched one, it moved! Being a detective can be a dangerous job sometimes, Honey.

You may have realised that every wallpaper comes with a different window but did you know that you can actually **close your curtains**? When I visited Anchovy's house he told me that the sun wakes him up every morning. I mentioned that he should close his blinds and he was so surprised (and confused). Safe to say there's no waking him up early now!

This discovery made me SO happy, Honey. If you visit the museum, some of the **fish follow you**! When I was reading my favorite mystery book in the underwater exhibit, I felt something watching me. I looked up to see a little guy staring right at me. I read a chapter of my book to him and when I tried to leave, he followed me across the tank. Now I visit every Sunday to tell him more of the story.

The other day, I saw our Resident Representative putting up a nice Renaissance **painting** outside the museum. My nose smelled a

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mystery and I asked why they had placed it outside rather than in the exhibit. To my surprise, the painting was... a fake! They told me that all genuine paintings have authentication papers on the back and if they don't, then they're fake. A lot of shady characters in this town, Honey. We have to keep our wits about us!

I was intrigued by this false painting and wanted a closer look. After a while of staring into the girl's eyes, she blinked at me! My Resident Representative told me that some **fake paintings can be haunted**. I think I understand why Wisp is scared of ghosts now - they can really make you jump! I wonder what other paintings have moved without me noticing?

While gathering clues, I noticed Apollo wandering around the island with an axe. Suspicious of this weapon-carrying eagle, I followed him through the forest. "He must be harvesting some wood," I thought. Instead... HE HIT A PIANO WITH IT! I was startled but once I confronted him, he said that when you **hit instruments with an axe, they make a sound!** I was confused at first but he explained it was the most metal way to make music. To each their own, I guess.

When I finally settled down for the night in my cosy cottage, I switched off the lights to find that **Jack Czar's poster glows in the dark!** I must admit, it gave me quite a fright at first. But as the shock wore off, I was able to appreciate just how cool it is. If you have one hanging in your house, watch out for a pair of friendly eyes twinkling in the moonlight.

Speaking of twinkling eyes, I bumped into my neighbor, **Lucky**, on this same evening and noticed that his eyes glow too (or should I say...eye). Yet another reason to love our canine friend!

That's all the little discoveries I found this month. It's been very fun sleuthing around, making new friends, and learning more about everyone's favorite island getaway. But have no fear, I'll be keeping my eyes peeled and ears open for more hidden treats, Honey.

If you know about any details that I may have missed, send a tip to contact@thecrossingboard.com.



Chadder's Mac and Cheese

Prep and cooking time: 40min | Serves 2 people

Bonjour and prepare to be amazed by the most delicious macaroni in the land, fromage! November is full of celebrations and feasts, so I couldn't resist sharing this recipe from my memoirs. Perfect for a main course or side dish at a feast, your loved ones are sure to love you even more with pasta and cheese in their stomachs!

Ingredients:

Mac and Cheese

1 large white onion.
2 tbsp butter.
2 tbsp olive oil.
2 tbsp all purpose flour.
500mL milk.
50g parmesan.
50g cheddar.
50g mozzarella or any soft, melty cheese.
150g dry macaroni.
1 tbsp mango chutney.
1 tbsp English mustard.
1 tsp paprika.
Salt and pepper to taste.

Topping:

1 cup panko breadcrumbs.
2 cloves of garlic.
1 tbsp dried thyme.



Mac and Cheese Method:

1. Begin by warming up a large pot on a medium to low heat. Add butter and 1 tbsp of olive oil and allow to melt. Meanwhile, finely slice your onion and grate all of your cheese.
2. Once butter is melted, turn the heat up to medium/high and add your onion with a pinch of salt. Taking your time, cook the onions until they start to soften and turn golden. Keep stirring often to prevent burning and after around 10 minutes the onions should look slightly jammy.
3. Once you're happy with your onions, add the flour and mix

until all the moisture is absorbed. Turn the heat right down to low.

4. Preheat your oven to 200°C/ 392°F.
5. Begin to slowly add your milk a splash at a time. Pour a small amount in, mix well, then repeat. You can use a dairy-free alternative to milk, but as the fat content will be lower your sauce may be slightly thinner so only add about 350mL.
6. Taking the sauce off the heat, begin to add the cheese a handful at a time. Mix well and ensure the cheese has melted before you add more. Set aside about a quarter of your cheese mixture.
7. While your cheese is melting, start to cook your pasta. As we're about to put this in the oven, make sure to only boil your pasta for half the amount of time needed. Once boiled, reserve a $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of the pasta water for later, then drain your pasta.
8. If you are using a dairy-free milk alternative, cook your pasta completely. The lack of fat will cause the cheese mixture to separate and curdle when boiled so we don't want to put it in the oven!
9. Now that your cheese is melted, it's time to flavor your sauce. Add your mustard, paprika, mango chutney, and salt and pepper to taste. Add your pasta water and mix well before adding your pasta and mixing to incorporate. This is also a great time to add things like bacon, peas, and broccoli if you want some variation!
10. Transfer your mac and cheese to an oven-safe dish and sprinkle with the rest of your cheese mixture. Bake for 25 minutes or until browned on top.



Making the Breadcrumbs:

While your mac and cheese is in the oven, chop and fry your garlic with a splash of olive oil until fragrant. Add your breadcrumbs and herbs. Cook on a medium heat until breadcrumbs are slightly browned and toasted.

Assembling:

Once the mac and cheese is cooked to your liking, remove from the oven and allow to cool. Serve with a hearty helping of your breadcrumbs and enjoy!

Check out our Tiktok @crossingboard to see us make this delicious recipe!

Island Tour: Gillyweed

Witches and wizards are welcome on this magical island of Gillyweed. Named after the curious plant that allows humans to breathe underwater, it's no wonder this town is full of whimsical charm. Dirt paths lead to old-fashioned dwellings nestled in the woodlands, making me feel as though I had stumbled through a certain train station platform. But I mustn't delve too deep before allowing you to explore for yourselves...

Me: "The first place I encountered was your maze! Is it more of a funfair or somewhere you might want to avoid on a dark night?"

Demelza: "I really wanted to do a bigger maze and make it spookier but I ran out of room. I surrounded the area with fun places that people would like to visit in a real fair setting like the hayride area and the eating area on the beach in front of the maze."

"I love the dining area! The custom designs are beautiful and even though it's outdoors, it feels so cosy with the crackling fire! Did you take inspiration from anywhere?"

"I've seen quite a few people make large outdoor dining areas with Thanksgiving coming up - that was the inspiration. I picked different styles of tables and chairs to make it seem more like an eclectic collection of donated items."

"It definitely has a rustic, secondhand look. Towards the right, I came across a fishing port! With all the barrels, it looks as though I might stumble across a pirate or two. Is this area just for magical folk?"

"The fishing port is a place that is meant to supply fresh fish to the patrons of the fair. I imagine people who run the port might not have the most reputable of backgrounds... Maybe they are wizards who have turned to pirate life."





"Whoever might be running things, at least they're all doing their bit! Speaking of chipping in, I had a look outside Able Sisters and it seems like the witches make all their own clothes?"



"They also wash them using sea water at the bay! A simpler life. I wonder if the Able sisters are witches themselves... Their backstory is so sad; they were orphaned when they were little and had to take care of each other. I wanted to give them a little space that was peaceful and creative for them to run their small business."



"Strolling through the woodland, I came across a quiet little outdoor library. Is this where the residents come to brush up on their spells? I wonder if they're destined for a certain house at their local wizarding school..."



"It's definitely a secret library tucked away by the museum. It's a restricted section where you might learn about more advanced spells and magical history...Oh, and this is my favorite area: Ketchup's cider farm!"

"I didn't realise it was a cider farm! What made you think of that?"



"I really wanted to include another autumn tradition on the island besides the pumpkin patches. Her house was perfect for it. I picture her being the kooky owner of a very successful apple-picking and cider farm. I had it closer to the front to be part of the fair and entrance to the island."

"I noticed a lot of houses have little farms or, more specifically, pumpkin patches. Is there a pumpkin growing contest in town?"

"All the villagers are very enthusiastic about the farm life, they all bring a different element to the table. Teddy, for example, grows pumpkins as an ingredient for his protein powder. Beau and Fauna run the honey farms, then Maple and Blaire take

care of the horses.”

“I also noticed a quaint garden shop. Is this where students come to pick up their mystical plants for herbology class?”

“Yes, exactly! The herbology shop is a necessity on the island for all our villagers’ potion-brewing needs.”

“Let’s talk about your wedding venue... At least, that’s what I assume it is! It seems magical folk get married in a very similar way to non-magical folk?”

“It could be more of a multi-purpose venue, kind of like a great hall. I imagine magical weddings are similar in a way. The vows and celebrations might be very different, though.”

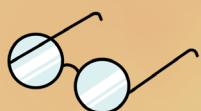
“We’re nearing the end of our tour now, so it’s a good job I came across a campsite to rest! Do witches and wizards come from far and wide to visit Gillyweed?”

“I’d like to think they do! I tried to make it fun, cosy, and inviting. I set up another tent on the beach for any extra guests that may arrive.”

“Let’s hope there’s no unwanted guests... Well then, I think that concludes my time on Gillyweed. Thank you so much for having me and for taking the time to answer my questions!”

“Thank you! I feel honoured to have been considered for this interview and showcase of my island.”

This magical island was made by island representative Demelza (Twitter: @demelza_acnh). If you’d like to see your/someone you know’s island featured in our magazine, be sure to tag us in some pics (@crossingboard on Twitter or @thecrossingboard on Instagram). That’s all from me this month, see you next time for another island adventure!



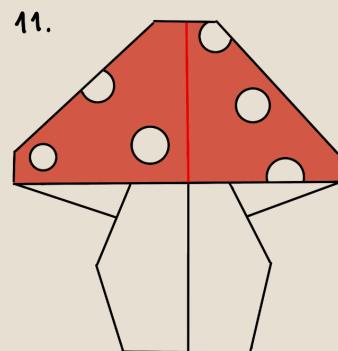
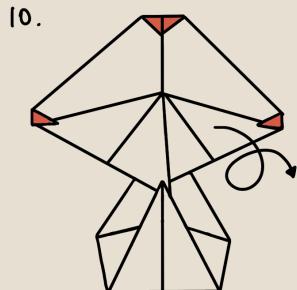
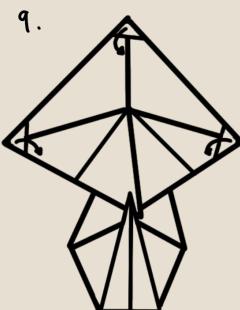
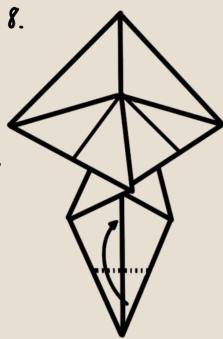
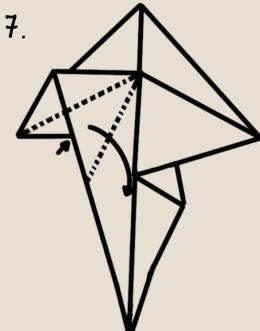
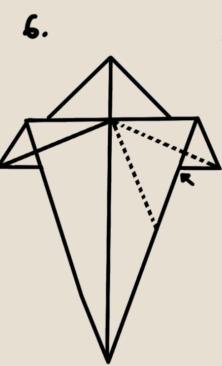
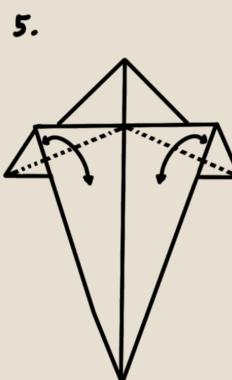
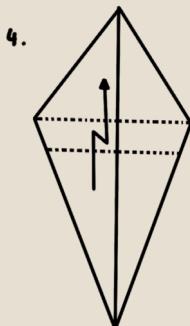
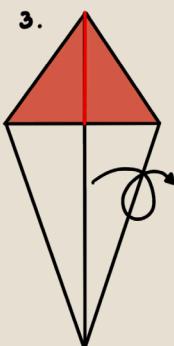
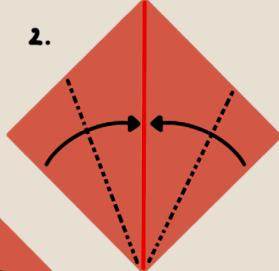
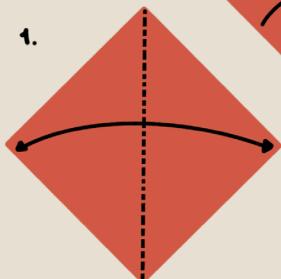
XO Island Explorer

Mush Stool Origami

It's the height of autumn in the northern hemisphere which means mushrooms are growing around our islands. Follow along with the instructions and diagrams to make your very own origami mush stool with the paper included with the magazine!

1. Take your piece of paper patterned side up, and fold it in half. Make a crease and then fold back.
2. Make 2 more folds just like in the picture and make sure they meet the center line.
3. Turn your folded paper over. It may not look like much now but just wait until it all comes together.
4. Do you see the dotted lines in the picture? Make sure you do that to your own piece of paper.
5. Fold once more to make a crease and then fold it back.
6. Open the part marked with a little arrow and flatten it as smooth as you can.
7. Now, we're nearly finished. Hang in there! You're doing really well. The next step is to open the area marked with the little arrow and flatten it as well.
8. Look for the dotted line and, you guessed it, fold again!
9. There are three more dotted areas that you need to fold in this step. Go on and do that now.
10. Next, go ahead and turn your paper over carefully.

And that's it, you've made your very own miniature mush stool - how cute! We would love to see how your origami turned out. Send us a picture at [@thecrossingboard](#) on Instagram and [@crossingboard](#) on Twitter, we can't wait to see.



Quiz

Which Fall Item Represents You?



You have a day off! What will you do?

- A. Go hiking in the forest.
- B. Visit a museum.
- C. Take my friends to a pumpkin patch.
- D. Have a movie marathon!



Let's get dressed: What is your outfit like?

- A. Plaid and pleats.
- B. Something vintage.
- C. All-black and gothic.
- D. Whatever is clean.



Almost done with your outfit: What accessory will you choose?

- A. A warm hat.
- B. My glasses.
- C. Eye-catching earrings.
- D. My trusty backpack.



Choose your breakfast:

- A. Eggs, sausages, and toast.
- B. Pancakes with syrup.
- C. Oatmeal with apples, honey, and cinnamon.
- D. Breakfast burrito.



Which of these villagers are you inviting on your adventure?

- A. Marshal.
- B. Nan.
- C. Cherry.
- D. Erik.





The villager you chose brought along a snack!

What is it?

- A. Trail mix.
- B. Fresh fruit.
- C. Smores.
- D. Caramel fudge.



Out the door, but you forgot something! You run back inside to get your:

- A. Flashlight.
- B. Earphones; I like to put on my favorite playlist!
- C. A first aid kit, just in case.
- D. I never forget things.



Alright, let's go! How will you get there?

- A. Walking and wandering around.
- B. Riding my bicycle.
- C. I'll drive!
- D. Catching public transport.

Your Results...

IF YOU CHOSE MOSTLY A's... you got a Mush lamp!

Who needs a map? Wanderlust is in your soul and your feet have a mind of their own—something inside you just knows exactly which direction to take. The curious aura you have rubs off onto the people around you, and in return they are drawn to you. You're a natural leader and can always guide the way when others are in need. People feel comfortable around you and your glowing smile never fails to lighten the mood, even during the darkest of nights.



IF YOU CHOSE MOSTLY B's... you got a Tiny library!

Never stop dreaming! Great things can come in small packages and your wonderous mind contains a boundless imagination. Your friends and family are in awe of your curiousity and creativity. Besides your colorful wit, people love your caring spirit. You're always understanding and supportive of your loved ones. Friends go to you when they need an escape from the real world, even if it is just for a short while.



IF YOU CHOSE MOSTLY C's... you got a Tree's bounty arch!

Grow through what you go through. You have gone through many highs and lows in life, and these experiences have made you wise beyond your years. You look out for people and help them to make the best decision for them. You're the "mom" of the group, friends would describe you as loyal, and they can always rely on you if they need a safe space. You're usually one call away, if someone ever needs it.



IF YOU CHOSE MOSTLY D's... you got a Maple leaf pond stone!

Ready for anything! Your steady nature equips you for any obstacle life may throw at you. You are strong and dedicated, and giving up is not in your dictionary. You are a fighter, especially when it comes to the things you want and the people you love. However, you can easily go with the flow if you need to. Your friends feel comforted and at peace with you and, if they're feeling down, you have the ability to cheer them up and energize them.



Around the World in 30 Days

Fall Traditions with Rosie

TCB: Hello all! Today we're here with Rosie – thanks for doing the interview with us today!

R: Oh, it was no problem. Can I just say how TOTES cute Poppy looks on the cover? Ohmigosh! Think of all the fan letters. I'm like, overwhelmed with how many I get right now so what she'll be getting after this is tres exciting. She'll totally have to buy another mailbox, silly.

TCB: Yes I'm sure readers are going to love her! Now, let's discuss November festivities. Can you tell us a bit about how everyone will be celebrating around the world?

R: Yes, of course! Things are a little different this year meaning a lot of traditional events have to be run with a few changes.

TCB: Mm-hmm. We all have to make sure we stay safe this year.

R: Totally!! Washing hands, wearing a mask (which can be soooooo fashionable these days), and keeping a safe distance – it all helps!

TCB: Good advice! So, let's say I give you a round-the-world ticket and you can stop-off wherever you want to. Where would you go and which events would you visit?

R: So many countries have their own tres cool traditions around November. The UK has Guy Fawkes Night where people celebrate a failed attempt at BLOWING UP the Houses of Parliament in 1605. That's like, pretty long ago, silly!

TCB: Interesting! So what kind of things do they do?

R: Well, they usually light a BIG bonfire and set off a ton of fireworks. I'd love to hold a sparkler with them so I can feel like a real life star.

TCB: Sounds like fun! What other events would you like to see?

R: The Philippines actually holds loads of events throughout November to celebrate their amazing history. One of them is the Pintaflores Festival where art and nature collide in a whirlwind of color. Legend has it, a beautiful and intelligent Princess journeyed through unchartered lands to arrive at San Carlos City. But then she fell ill and locals painted flowers in her garden in an attempt to heal the Princess. Today, painted dancers in flower tattoos will fill the streets of San Carlos and everyone has a great time! The Philippines also has a Thanksgiving celebration, called the Santa Ipon Festival, which lasts a whole month! Different areas in the Philippines also have their own events throughout the month so definitely have a look at what else is going on!

TCB: I love how the festivals seem really grounded in each countries' culture.

R: Totally! And in Thailand there are two big events; Loi Krathong and Yi Peng Lantern Festival. They usually take place around the same time and represent moving from darkness into a brighter future. During Yi Peng you release the lanterns into the sky and during Loi Krathong you release a krathong (a small container of candles, incense, and flowers) onto the water! It's a way to pay respect, release bad memories, let go of anger, and make a wish for the future. Loi Krathong is also sometimes seen as a sort of Valentine's Day, which is TOTES romantic, silly!

TCB: It's really interesting to hear about how regions around the world celebrate. With the Harvest Festival coming up on our islands, how are you planning to celebrate?

R: Let's just say I'm SUPER excited for what Franklin is dishing up this year.

TCB: It's been great talking to you Rosie, any final words?

R: Like you said earlier! However and whatever you're celebrating, stay safe...and maybe send me some fanmail, silly!

xoxo Rosie



Top Custom Fall Designs

It's the height of fall for northern hemisphere players and as the leaves turn orange, we're highlighting more talented creators in the Animal Crossing: New Horizons community. These designs will help you stay cozy and add some autumnal color to your islands. To find more designs, try searching for 'mushroom', 'fall', 'leaves', and 'pumpkin' at the Able Sisters design portal!

Creator Code: MA-1177-2058-0492

Sweater weather is better weather! The small leaf detail and fall backprint are the perfect design for people who want to get into the seasonal spirit in a more casual way.



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Creator Code MA-1695-3614-1842

Nothing says fall like the sound of leaves crunching under your feet. Recreate this iconic aesthetic by placing this leaf design on top of your paths and grassy areas.



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Creator Code MA-9554-1775-5799

Get fall-ready and complement those mushroom DIY's with this cute mush path. With a nod to previous games, this dirt path is the perfect option for players who want a rustic look!



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Creator Code MA-4485-9060-4826

This quilted jacket is one of many amazing designs by Twitter user @moonbellcottage. Her vast collection features many cozy, autumnal clothing items that are ideal for mushroom picking.

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Creator Code

MA-3745-7775-6285

Give your home and furniture the seasonal makeover it deserves with this gorgeous fall quilt from @toadstool.island on Twitter. Perfect for all interior aesthetics, this versatile design can also be placed on the ground to give the illusion of a blanket!



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Creator Code

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With an island full of pumpkins, it's the perfect time to create a pumpkin stall, farmers market, or veggie patch. Slap on this nifty wall panel design from @tobitobi_bibi on Twitter to create a pretty convincing pumpkin stall!



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MA-4231-4997-7484

Inspired by one of the iconic mom's sweaters, this design is great when worn with some warm boots and a cozy hat. Created by @chloscrossing on Twitter, we love how this design brings out the childlike fun of autumn!



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Creator Code

MA-8989-6780-5930

This cool dungaree-dress combo is great for people in warmer fall weather or those in the southern hemisphere. Wrap up warm with a woolly hat or pair with some sunglasses for a carefree, spring look! Made by the amazing @ac_solstice on Twitter!



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If you'd like to be featured in our magazine share your designs with us on Instagram (@thecrossingboard) and Twitter (@crossingboard). We can't wait to see what you come up with!

- Tired of eating turkey every Thanksgiving? WELL YOU SHOULD BE, OK?



Try one of my many alternative recipes, such as:

- “Not Turkey”
- “Also Not Turkey”
- “Turkey Substitute”
- “I Can’t Believe It’s Not Turkey!”
- “Clever Name To Suggest It’s Not Turkey”

You’ll love every dish, as they are literally anything but turkey!

Just...cut back on the turkey, OK?

**Eat Less
Turkey** (pls)

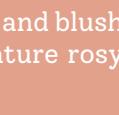


Molly Makeup Tutorial

Inspired by Molly's brown and yellow color scheme, we've created two looks perfect for the transition between summer and fall. Choose a natural everyday look or go all out with a glittery glam!

Casual Everyday

- Light brown, dark brown, yellow, and gold eyeshadow
1. Apply an eyeshadow primer (concealer works too!).
 2. Take the base brush and apply light brown shadow to your entire eyelid.
 3. Using a flat brush apply yellow shadow to the inner third of your eye. Then, using the base brush apply gold shadow to the center of the lid. Use the blending brush to get rid of any rough edges.
 4. With the medium sized brush apply dark brown shadow to the outer corner of your eye. Now blend!
 5. Take the angled brush and place the dark brown shadow on your lower lash line. Using the same brush, add yellow shadow to your inner corner.
 6. Finally, add mascara and blush to get Molly's signature rosy cheeks!



Glam Night

- White, light brown, dark brown, yellow, gold, red, and bronze eyeshadow
- Black or brown eyeliner

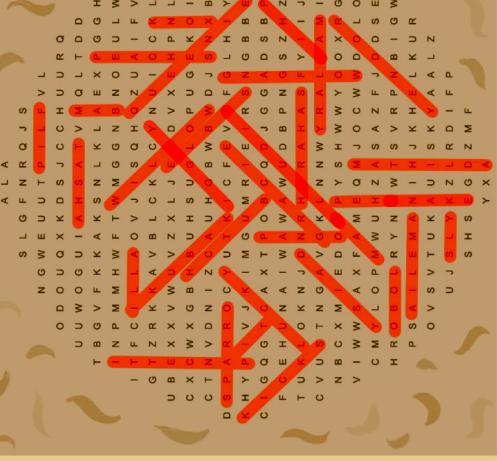
1. Prime your eyes and top it off with white eyeshadow.
2. With a flat brush, place a light brown eyeshadow at either side of your eyelid. Using a thin eyeliner brush, line your lower lash line with the same color. Using a small, round brush, put a darker brown at the outer corner of your eye and blend it with the lighter brown. Use an eyeliner brush to create an ombre effect with the dark brown on your lower lash line, starting from the outer side.
3. Fill in the centre of your eyelid and inner corner with a light-yellow eyeshadow. Go over your yellow and brown colors with a shimmery eyeshadow in a similar shade. Now blend!
4. Take your round brush and place a pinky-red circle in the lower centre of your eyelid. Put that color in the centre of your lower lash line using an eyeliner brush.
5. Complete the look with mascara and winged eyeliner. To add a bit of extra 'Molly', draw a little bow under your eye!



November Birthdays

Answer Key

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Amelia	Kabuki	Pancetti
Bam	Kicks	Pango
Boris	Knox	Peaches
Butch	Lobo	Phil
Claudia	Lucky	Queenie
Daisy	Mac	Rodney
Flip	Mallary	Sable
Gracie	Mathilda	Saharah
		Shep
		Willow
		Wolfgang

How to Get Your Dreamie

Making friends can be tough. You spend so much time making your island paradise a great place to live, so of course you want to fill it with neighbors you love. Sometimes we even spend hundreds of Nook Miles flying to deserted islands looking for that perfect someone. But what if we told you there was a way to save your Nook Miles AND get the dream villager you've always wanted?

Now don't get us wrong, flying to mysterious islands in search of new friends is an exciting adventure. However, the odds of finding the particular villager you want on a Mystery Island can be very low and before you know it, you've sunk hours into your search and now your empty plot's at risk of being auto-filled. But fear not, a free way to find your favorite animal friend is to meet them at your campsite! This method doesn't need amiibos, so don't worry about spending real money.

When you start the game your first two villagers will always be a Jock and an Uchi. Your next three villagers moving straight into their houses will be a Lazy, a Peppy and a Normal. After these three move in, you will unlock your campsite and your sixth villager will be a Smug. The remaining four villagers' personalities will be completely random as you invite neighbors from Mystery Islands and your new campsite.

But what if you have the maximum number of villagers and want to find someone else to replace an existing neighbor? It's important to remember that the game will generally spawn a personality type you don't already have living on your island. For example, if you were looking for Poppy, who is a Normal villager, you will first need to make sure your island doesn't already have a Normal resident. Bear in mind that if you have more than one missing personality type on your island, the game will pool villagers from all your missing personality types.

When you first begin, your best chance of getting a visitor at your campsite will be six or more days from when you last played.

to Visit Your Campsite

If after six days, you haven't had a visitor, keep playing one day at a time until you do. When you do have a visitor but it's not your dreamie, save the game, exit, wait six more days, and repeat the process again. This method can take a lot of time, so it's a great way to practice your patience! To give you a time scale, for this example there is a 1 in 59 chance of your game spawning Poppy. While campers can spawn on most days of the year, you won't get one on event days such as the Fishing Tourney and Bug-Off so keep that in mind.

When you are lucky enough to find your dreamie, you will likely have to play a card game to move them in. Guess the right color or suit of the card and they will call Resident Services to ask about moving in. The card game is completely random. Don't worry, even if you lose a game, you can cycle through the dialogue and play as many times as you like until you win!

After all your hard work, trials, and errors... there is one more hurdle: Replacing the correct villager. If you already have a free plot then this step does not apply to you, just invite them and let them move in (yay)! However, if you already have 10 villagers it's time to perform this last step. After the campsite visitor calls Resident Services, they will ask to kick someone out. This is a great way to finally get rid of that one neighbor you haven't been getting along with (but there's no guarantee that villager will be chosen right away). If your campsite visitor asks the wrong villager to leave, restart the game without saving and keep playing the card game until they pick someone else. Trust us when we say it's all worth it in the end! Eventually you will have an island full of your dream villagers and you can finally start to build those lifelong friendships!

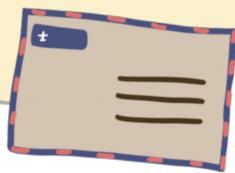
Did this guide successfully help you find your dreamies or do you have any villager hunting tips and tricks? Let us know on our Twitter (@crossingboard) or Instagram (@thecrossingboard)!

Agony Agnes

Dear Agony Agnes,

I was recently invited to move to a deserted island after I purchased a dream getaway package from Tom Nook. I have been ever so excited to start my new life and meet all the new friends who would be joining me on this journey. When I first got here, it was amazing! I have found coconuts, planted beautiful flowers, and even helped a peculiar owl to set up our very own museum! However...I am starting to feel a little homesick. I have been missing my old home and my friends and family. One of my crankier friends, Gonzo, has mentioned that he is also missing his parents and is thinking about writing home. Do you have any advice for a homesick islander?

Yours sincerely,
Homesick Hattie



Dear Hattie,

Wow! Your new adventure on a deserted island sounds very exciting, I may have to make a call to this Tom Nook fellow!

It is very normal to feel homesick when you make such a big change to your life and you are not alone in feeling like this. Start by thinking about what you are missing about your home...is it the familiar scenery or the warmth of familiar friends and family?

If you are missing your friends and family, as a lot of the

other islanders probably are, the easiest way to fight this is to open your door. Step outside and meet all those new residents! You're all in the same boat...or should I say, you're all on the same island! Making new friendships can heal the pain of missing old ones. Our favorite islanders to cheer us up are our Peppy and Sisterly friends as they are very caring and have a positive outlook on life. Talking about your feelings with your new friends can make the world of difference. It is likely they are feeling the same way and so you can support each other through this initial period of change.

Another way to combat feeling homesick is to talk to those you miss. By heading to the airport, you can send postcards to all of your faraway friends and even to your new neighbors. Extending your kindness out to others is bound to make you feel better within yourself and more connected to those around you. For an extra dose of kindness, you could even pick out the perfect gift and wrap it in their favorite color wrapping paper!

And lastly, I have found that time is the best healer when feeling homesick. The feeling will gradually fade away as you make new friends and get to know your island better. Soon your beautiful island will feel like home and your new islanders will feel like family. Just be patient with yourself!

Yours sincerely,

Agony Agnes



Thanks for writing in, Homesick Hattie! 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.



Reader's Bulletin

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Your Voice



This month we asked our readers “**What’s your favorite thing about Animal Crossing that made you love it?**”

“In such a crazy world today, it’s a game that’s simply just peaceful. It’s heartwarming, kind, and just positive. As someone with anxiety it’s so helpful to me because it’s so calming. I love Animal Crossing and will forever cherish it.”

“Honestly, coming to love the villagers I’ve ended up with. I have so many headcanons and ideas that are unique to my island inhabitants, it’s fun being able to drop in and see how they’re doing.”

“The pace, and the fact that I could potentially play this game for years to come.”

Your Art

We know the Animal Crossing: New Horizons community is full of talented creatives and we’d love to feature your art in our magazine. Send us a drawing of **any villager in a holiday costume** for a chance to be featured next month! (Twitter @crossingboard; Insta @thecrossingboard)

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