

Playful Techniques

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1. **Brightly Colored Paper.** Why not inject some fun into your class by selecting vibrantly-colored paper for your handouts, even 3x5 cards?
2. **Cards Against Chemistry/Accounting etc.** The game “Cards Against Humanity” can be adapted for your particular discipline. We have some examples online.
3. **Embrace Comics.** We’ve seen faculty create an entire syllabus out of a comic strip (by erasing the existing words in the word bubbles). But comics can be used in less-formal ways to practice the content of the course.
4. **Friendship Bracelets.** Beads, string, and any extras you would need to make friendship bracelets are all extremely inexpensive, yet many people would happily make bracelets if the materials were just on the tables as they arrived.
5. **LEGO Creations.** Rather than a project deliverable being a speech or a PowerPoint, consider providing your audience with LEGO bricks and challenge them to capture the essence of what they learned in this project by building a representation of it (abstract representations work, too!)
6. **Paper Airplanes.** Everyone writes a message or brainstormed idea on a piece of paper, then folds it into a paper airplane. When prompted, fly it across the room, and open other airplanes that have landed near you, to read the messages.
7. **Self-Care Bingo.** Create a Bingo card with ideas such as “take a walk,” “try a new craft,” or “avoid social media for 8 hours” and reward students who claim a Bingo! Here’s a [template](#).
8. **Snowball Fight.** Everyone writes a message or brainstormed item as part of a list on a piece of paper, then balls it up like a snowball, and, when prompted, throws it across the room to someone else. Snowballs on the ground can be opened to read the other person’s brainstorm.