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292 Things to do with a Person who has Alzheimer's Disease

- 1. Clip coupons
- 2. Sort Poker chips
- 3. Count tickets
- 4. Rake leaves
- 5. Use the carpet sweeper
- 6. Read out loud (Good Old Days Magazine)
- 7. Bake cookies
- 8. Look up names in the phone book
- 9. Read the daily paper out loud
- 10. Ask a friend, neighbor, church acquaintance who has a young baby or young child to visit.
- 11. Listen to polka music
- 12. Plants seed indoors or out
- 13. Look at family photographs
- 14. Toss a ball
- 15. Color pictures
- 16. Make homemade lemonade
- 17. Wipe off the table
- 18. Weed the flower bed
- 19. Make cream cheese mints (powdered sugar, cream cheese, peppermint extract- knead together and press into mint molds)
- 20. Have a spelling bee
- 21. Read from the Readers' Digest
- 22. Fold clothes
- 23. Have a neighbor/friend with a calm pet visit
- 24. Cut pictures out of greeting cards
- 25. Wash silverware
- 26. Bake homemade bread
- 27. Sort objects such as beads by shape or color
- 28. Sing Christmas carols
- 29. Say "Tell me more" when they share a memory

- 30. Put silverware away
- 31. Make a Valentine collage
- 32. Play favorite songs and sing together
- 33. Take a ride
- 34. Make a cherry pie
- 35. Read aloud from Ideals magazine
- 36. Dye Easter eggs
- 37. Make a basket of socks
- 38. Take a walk
- 39. Reminisce about the first day of school
- 40. String Cheerios to hang outside for the birds
- 41. Make a fresh fruit salad
- 42. Sweep the patio
- 43. Color paper shamrocks green
- 44. Fold towels
- 45. Have an afternoon tea
- 46. Remember great inventions
- 47. Play Pictionary
- 48. Paint a sheet
- 49. Cut out paper dolls
- 50. Identify states and capitols
- 51. Make a family tree poster
- 52. Color a picture of our flag
- 53. Cook hot dogs outside
- 54. Grow magic rocks
- 55. Water house plants
- 56. Reminisce about the first kiss
- 57. Play horseshoes
- 58. Dance
- 59. Sing Favorite hymns
- 60. Make homemade ice cream
- 61. Force bulbs for winter blooming
- 62. Make Christmas cards
- 63. Sort playing cards by their color
- 64. Write a letter to a family member

- 65. Dress in red on a football Saturday
- 66. Pop popcorn
- 67. Name the presidents
- 68. Give a manicure
- 69. Make paper butterflies
- 70. Plant a tree
- 71. Make a May basket
- 72. Make homemade applesauce
- 73. Finish famous sayings
- 74. Feed the ducks
- 75. Mold with PlayDough
- 76. Look at pictures in a National Geographic
- 77. Put a simple puzzle together
- 78. Sand wood
- 79. Rub in hand lotion with a pleasant scent
- 80. Decorate paper placemats
- 81. Arrange fresh flowers
- 82. Remember famous people
- 83. Straighten underwear drawer
- 84. Finish nursery rhymes
- 85. Make peanut butter sandwiches
- 86. Wipe off patio furniture
- 87. Cut up used paper for scratch paper
- 88. Take care of a fish tank
- 89. Trace and cut out leaves
- 90. Ask simple trivia questions
- 91. Finish Bible quotes
- 92. Paint with a string
- 93. Cut out pictures from magazines
- 94. Read classic short stories
- 95. Put coins into a jar
- 96. Sew sewing cards
- 97. Put bird feed out for birds
- 98. Clean out a pumpkin
- 99. Reminisce about a favorite summer
- 100. Separate material pieces by color or texture
- 101. Bake a birthday cake

- 102. Look through catalogues
- 103. Clean golf balls
- 104. Sort colored golf tees
- 105. Wash the car
- 106. Sit in the shade
- 107. Walk in the rain
- 108. Glide in a glider rocker
- 109. Smash bananas for banana bread
- 110. Match plastic containers and lids
- 111. Scatter fertilizer in the yard
- 112. Make a snowball
- 113. Organize a briefcase
- 114. Make breadsticks from frozen dough
- 115. File papers
- 116. Make a photo memory ring
- 117. Rice potatoes
- 118. Watch the "Honeymooners"
- 119. Watch the Sound of Music
- 120. Frost cupcakes
- 121. Dunk donuts in milk
- 122. Shred carrots for salad
- 123. Fluff pillows
- 124. Put address labels on envelopes
- 125. Hold a stuffed animal
- 126. Listen to favorite songs on tape
- 127. Say a rosary prayer
- 128. Tuck a "baby" into bed
- 129. Look at travel magazines
- 130. Crank the handle on an ice cream maker
- 131. Hold a smooth rock
- 132. Watch the "Music Man"
- 133. Drink "near" beer
- 134. Mash potatoes
- 135. Polish boots
- 136. Put a hand under running water
- 137. Read Chinese cookie fortunes
- 138. "Test" a baby bottle
- 139. Shake salad dressing
- 140. Top a pizza with cheese
- 141. Hold a baby on a lap

- 142. Blow kisses
- 143. Crush herbs to smell (mint, lavender, etc)
- 144. Shake a rug
- 145. Watch home movies
- 146. Pet a kitten
- 147. Turn the handle on a food grinder
- 148. Paint chair black & sand down to bare wood
- 149. Fold paper bags
- 150. Bring backyard indoors to touch & smell
- 151. Exercise
- 152. Sample fruit
- 153. Empty waste basket
- 154. Sort coins
- 155. Fold newspapers to recycle
- 156. Visit a neighbor
- 157. Sharpen a pencil
- 158. Tie a rope knot
- 159. Pound a stake
- 160. Feel the breeze
- 161. Work a crossword puzzle
- 162. Stir pancake batter
- 163. Listen to the rain on the roof
- 164. Watch or listen to birds
- 165. Make a bed together
- 166. Husk corn
- 167. Draw a face on a jack-o-lantern
- 168. Twirl dance in a wheelchair
- 169. Watch fish in the aquarium
- 170. Pound tenderize a steak
- 171. Pick low hanging fruit
- 172. Polish silver
- 173. Roll a pie crust
- 174. March in place
- 175. Look at family slides
- 176. Wind a clock
- 177. Decorate a birthday cake
- 178. Toss a salad
- 179. Brush the dog
- 180. Mix fruit and yogurt

- 181. Eat ice cream cones
- 182. Fly a paper airplane
- 183. Rummage in a safe drawer
- 184. Wipe off place mats
- 185. Straighten books
- 186. Try on hats
- 187. Pack a suitcase
- 188. Put away groceries
- 189. Take apart a small appliance
- 190. Be a "helper"
- 191. Hang necklaces on a rack
- 192. Tie a tie
- 193. Hang belts by the buckle
- 194. Sort spools of thread
- 195. Tidy up a corner of a room
- 196. Put on jewelry
- 197. Hang up clothes on a hook
- 198. Look at old cards
- 199. Stack little boxes
- 200. Unravel a sweater
- 201. Scrub potatoes in their skins
- 202. Dig a hole
- 203. Smooth a lap robe
- 204. Shake hands
- 205. Hand wash a blouse
- 206. Grow a carrot or potato top
- 207. Roll yarn into balls
- 208. Churn butter
- 209. Check out old spark plugs
- 210. Tell a war story
- 211. Eat breakfast food at dinner time
- 212. Feel and look at lace
- 213. Sip a favorite drink through a straw
- 214. Dip graham crackers in milk
- 215. Laugh at a joke
- 216. Take a sales order
- 217. Wash a window
- 218. Type
- 219. Have Chinese food delivered for dinner
- 220. Sort laundry by colors & whites
- 221. Sort washers and wing-nuts

- 222. Sift cornmeal
- 223. Make honey butter
- 224. Make soap suds
- 225. Oil work boots with Mink Oil
- 226. "Add" on an adding machine
- 227. Make a shopping list
- 228. Look at recipe cards
- 229. Put face powder on with powder puff
- 230. Toss confetti
- 231. Dust with a feather duster
- 232. Plant a bulb
- 233. Put on suntan lotion
- 234. Line a muffin pan with paper liners
- 235. Juice a lemon
- 236. Roll dice
- 237. Play ring toss
- 238. Fill peat pots with dirt
- 239. Spray water plants
- 240. Watch a windsock sway
- 241. Clean a lawn mower engine
- 242. Take picture with a Polaroid camera
- 243. Taste condiments: catsup, mustard, mayo
- 244. Pull apart cotton
- 245. Put hands in a box of packing pellets
- 246. Putt with an indoor putting green
- 247. Fold a flag
- 248. Spread bar cookie batter in a pan
- 249. Scatter wildflower seeds in dirt
- 250. Sand a door edge
- 251. Suck on flavored ice chips
- 252. Bowl in the backyard
- 253. Read a letter from a friend
- 254. Brush hair
- 255. Toss leaves into the wind
- 256. Trade baseball cards
- 257. Stack plastic patio chairs

- 258. Water the lawn
- 259. Listen to wind chimes
- 260. Polish a door knob
- 261. Dial a rotary telephone
- 262. Wind fishing line on a reel
- 263. Give a compliment
- 264. "Show and Tell"
- 265. Stack pegs on a peg board
- 266. Knead bread
- 267. Stack plastic cups and plates
- 268. Lick the bowl and spoon while cooking
- 269. Dry dishes
- 270. Cut fabric into quilt squares
- 271. Sign the checks to pay bills
- 272. Have impromptu picnic inside or outside
- 273. Rearrange drawers
- 274. Sit by the fire
- 275. Cuddle
- 276. Sweep the sidewalk
- 277. Clean out a closet
- 278. Match mittens and gloves
- 279. Tear old clothes for rags
- 280. Sit on the porch
- 281. Put up a butterfly house
- 282. Shuck dried corn for the squirrels
- 283. Stir up a compost pile
- 284. Watch for the mail to be delivered
- 285. Scour a sink
- 286. Put on raspberry lip balm
- 287. Squeeze a "Nerf" ball
- 288. Toss a "koosh" ball
- 289. Look at a scrapbook
- 290. Blow bubbles
- 291. Crush pine needles & put in warm water for potpourri
- 292. Hug