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Stuck at home because of Covid-19? The Straits Times recommends fun, uplifting things to do each day

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1 TRY: A MINDFULNESS APP OR FOLLOW A MEDITATION SESSION



PHOTO: JAY SHETTY/FACEBOOK

The Covid-19 pandemic has people facing more stress and uncertainty than usual and it can all get overwhelming.

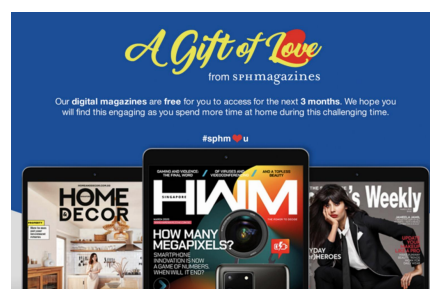
Why not try a mindfulness app on your phone that will help to settle the mind?

Headspace, for instance, has a section of free audio-guided mindfulness exercises at www.headspace.com/covid-19, as part of a larger collection of meditation, sleep and movement exercises.

United States-based content creator and former monk Jay Shetty (right) also leads daily 20-to 30-minute-long meditation sessions via his social media channels.

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3 BOOK: A STAYCATION



Oasia Hotel Downtown in Tanjong Pagar has a weekend staycation package that includes high tea and a one-hour fitness class. PHOTO: OASIA HOTEL DOWNTOWN, SINGAPORE

With all that pent-up wanderlust, perhaps it is time for a staycation in one of many local hotels offering attractive deals and activities beyond the standard room and breakfast.

For instance, Oasia Hotel Downtown in Tanjong Pagar has a weekend staycation package that includes high tea and a one-hour fitness class.

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4 MAKE: A HAPPY HOUR COCKTAIL AT HOME



PHOTO: THE STRAITS TIMES VIDEO

Ready for the weekend and a wind-down cocktail, but staying away from the bars?

Watch how to make your own two-ingredient vodka martini at home with this step-by-step guide.

All you need are measuring spoons to measure out the alcohol, a large jar to hold the ice and liquids and a chopstick to stir everything.

For more tips and tricks, check out the video at str.sg/JYq5.

5 EXPLORE: START OF TELEVISION SERVICE IN SINGAPORE



PHOTO: ST FILE

While Feb 15, 1963 marked the first television broadcast across about 2,000 screens in Singapore, with a Singapore flag fluttering in the breeze no less, regular television transmissions started this day in history, 57 years ago. April 3, 1963 marked the start of television service by Television Singapura.

Before the modern convenience of 24-hour television, programmes used to run for only four hours - from 7.15 to 11.15pm.

Check out this story from the archives for an insight into what television was like in the early days or read the original 1963 news clipping.

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