Scratch Week 2023

Scratch Week is our global, virtual celebration of Scratch and ScratchJr that takes place annually each May. **During Scratch Week, we invite you to imagine, create, and share along with us in the Scratch online community by participating in our featured studios.** To learn more about how Scratchers have celebrated Scratch Week in previous years, you can also check out our blog (https://medium.com/scratchteam-blog)!

In this guide, you'll find:

- Ways to Celebrate with ScratchJr

- Ways to Celebrate with the Scratch Online Community

- Our 2023 Scratch Week Themes

- Special Information for Educators

Scratch Week officially begins Monday, May 8th, 2023. The studio themes will be revealed for all users in a teaser project released on May 1st, but they are available early for educators below for your own planning. We do ask you to **please keep these themes top secret until they are revealed, so that we do not spoil the magic** for young people in the online community ahead of Scratch Week. Thank you!

Celebrating with ScratchJr

Users can create projects inspired by the Scratch Week themes (see below). You can see our list of prompts in the studio description for inspiration, or find your own way to engage with the theme. While ScratchJr does not have public studios like Scratch (where coders can gather and share their Scratch Week themed projects), consider setting up a viewing gallery!

- Have each participant's project open on their device. Participants can walk around a room, or take turns sharing their screen in a virtual space, to experience each other's projects and offer verbal or written feedback.

- Take time to reflect after the gallery walk. What did you see? What did you wonder? Participants can share answers to these questions aloud, they could leave sticky notes with answers to these questions at each workspace, or they can leave comments with these answers in a chat window in a virtual space. Encourage and model constructive feedback.

You can also post projects onto ScratchJr Connect (https://connect.scratchjr.org), which is a curated database for educators to share ScratchJr activities, lessons, and project ideas.

Celebrating with the Scratch Online Community

A new theme will be shared every weekday on the Scratch homepage at scratch.mit.edu. When the event is running, you can visit the "Featured Studios" section to find the daily theme studio.

How Can I Participate?

- You are invited to create and **share projects that fit the studio theme**. Simply comment in the studio with your project link so our curators can review.

- **See what others around the world have created and shared to the studio,** as well as offer encouragement and constructive feedback.

- Do you speak and write in more than one language? We welcome Scratcher volunteers, who can, to **translate the studio description** into their own language to help others. Look in the main studio description for a link to our translation studio for the event, if you are interested.

- **Learn more about participating in our Scratch Event Studios Guide** (https://resources. scratch.mit.edu/www/events/en/ScratchLearningResource_ScratchEventStudios.pdf) including how to get started and how to share your projects/get your projects into the event studio.

2023 Scratch Week Themes

Follow the links below for early access to our studio descriptions and prompt examples.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Journey Around the World	Paper Crafts	Opposites	Pet Cafe	Birthday Carnival

Educators

- Check out our Teacher Account Guide (http://bit.ly/Your-Teacher-Account) for more information on setting up teacher accounts and managing classes.

- See our Show-and-Tell Sharing Sheet here for possible use with your students: https://resources.scratch.mit.edu/www/events/en/Scratch_Show-and-TellSharingSheet.pdf

- See our guide here on "How to Run Your Own Event Studio" for facilitation tips and more: https://resources.scratch.mit.edu/www/events/en/ScratchLearningResource_RunYourEventStudio.pdf

- See our guide here on "How to Replicate an Event Studio in an Offline Scratch Environment": https://resources.scratch.mit.edu/www/events/en/ScratchLearningResource_ReplicateEventStudioOffline.pdf

Tip: If you'd like to translate this guide, **click here to make a copy** of this Google doc.