## 146 IDEAS TO DO BESIDES SELF-HARM.

- 1. Exercise.
- 2. Dance
- 3. Meditate or do Yoga
- 4. Go rock climbing.
- 5. Take a cat nap!
- 6. Take up Tai Chi.
- 7. Walk your Dog
- 8. Take up archerv.
- 9. Go for a run or a swim.
- 10. Go rock climbing.
- 11. Bake cookies!
- Make hot chocolate.
- 13. Meditate or do Yoga.
- 14. Plan a dinner party with menus and guest, then carry it out.
- 15. Look up your favorite recipe and make 43. Stretch.
- 16. Drink a cup of herbal tea.
- 17. Chew gum.
- 18. Eating something you can't resist.
- 19. Order some spicy food!
- 20. Go to the grocery store and buy vourself some flowers.
- 21. Put on fake tattoos.
- 22. Draw on vourself with a washable red marker-then take a shower and wash away your pain.
- 23. Scribble on sheets of paper.
- 24. Write poetry.
- 25. Cuddle with a stuffed toy.
- 26. Be with other people.
- 27. Watch a favorite TV show.
- 28. Post on web boards or try answering other people's posts.
- 29. Think about how "I DON'T WANT

- 32. Do vour schoolwork.
- 33. Write a letter to someone but never send it.
- 34. Call a friend and ask them to come to hang out.
- 35. Chat with a friend.
- 36. Make your own list of things to do instead of S.I.
- 37. Snap a rubber band (hairband) on vour wrist.
- 38. Learn about stocks or investing.
- 40. Color with cravons.
- 41. Memorize a song and sing it. Then, reflect on its message.
- 42. Put on boots and stomp.
- 44. Find a butterfly and take a picture.
- 45. Watch fish.
- 46. Come up with baby names even if you aren't expecting them.
- 47. Go to a public place and people watch.
- 48. Make a video or a short movie.
- 49. Name all of your stuffed animals.
- 50. Go shopping.
- 51. Get into your PJ's and just veg.
- 52. Buy cheap teddy bears and take your anger out on them
- 53. Throw everything on the ground except alass.
- 54. Go to a loud concert (Make sure it doesn't trigger you).
- 55. Think about your ideal life. What do you have to do to get there?
- 56. Plan your someday wedding day or

- 59. Hunt for your perfect home in the paper or online.
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- 66. Think about your ideal life. What do vou have to do to get there?
- 67. Plan your someday wedding day or upcoming prom.
- 68. Hunt for stuff on eBay or Amazon
- 69. Alphabetize your books and magazines.
- 70. Hunt for your perfect home in the paper or online.
- 71. Try to make as many words as possible out of your full name.
- 72. Meditate. Track your breathing.
- 73. Call up an old friend and catch up.
- 74. Work on a website or start a new one.
- 75. Give your dog a spa!
- 76. Chew gum.
- 77. Buy a henna tattoo kit.
- 78. Paint or draw.
- 79. Rip paper into tiny pieces.
- 80. Hua Someone.
- 81. Write letters or emails.
- 82. Talk to yourself, and put it on tape.
- 83. Hug a pillow.

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- 84. Hyper-focus on something like a rock.
- 85. Finger-paint.
- 86. Scream as loud as you want.
- 87. Dance.!
- 88. Learn Origami
- 89. Pop bubble wrap.
- 90. Play with play dough.
- 91. Play a musical instrument.
- 92. Sing.
- 93. Look up at the sky, and find the moon. Study it.
- 94. Buy a punching bag (with gloves) Name it. Then, have a visit with "Bob" when you need to.
- 95. Cover yourself with band-aids where you want to cut.
- 96. Go to the zoo and rename the animals.
- 97. Let yourself cry, even if it is hard.
- 98. Take a cat nap!
- 99. Do the exact opposite of what you really want to do.
- 100. Play with a pet.
- 101. Smile to at least 5 people.
- 102. Re-organize and label your linen closet.
- 103. Go out and perform one act of kindness.
- 104. Have a pillow fight with a wall.
- 105. Knit a scarf.
- 106. Read a book.
- 107. Dress up very glamorous, with makeup to match.
- 108. Color your hair.

- 111. Try to make as many words as possible out of your full name.
- 112. Count ceiling tiles or lights.
- 113. Go to the grocery store and buy yourself some flowers.
- 114. Search for ridiculous things on the web.
- 115. Google yourself.
- 116. Color coordinate your wardrobe.
- 117. Do a home tan on yourself.
- 118. Take a hot bath and "be" in the moment.
- 119. Sort all your photographs.
- 120. Give yourself a pedicure.
- 121. Color or scribble over pretty women in magazines.
- 122. Plan a dinner party with menus and a guest list, then carry it out.
- 123. Go through all your old stuff, and donate to Good Will.
- 124. Take a walk in the woods and breathe the fresh air.
- 125. Start a mood journal and write in it every day. Do patterns surface? Track your triggers.
- 126. Buy yourself some toys and play like you are 5 years old again!
- 127. Start to collect something.
- 128. Watch an old comedy movie.
- 129. Call your therapist or make an appointment with one.
- 130. Talk to someone close to you that you trust.
- 131. Throw a temper tantrum.
- 132. Ride a bicycle.

- 135. Re-arrange a room.
- 136. Feed the ducks, birds, or squirrels.
- 137. Draw on the walls-or paint with watercolors if you don't want permanence.
- 138. Play with face paint.
- 139. Play jacks or pick up sticks.
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- 145. Memorize 5 jokes!
- 146. Read a magazine or newspaper.

## **Most Important**

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Read through this list again.