



# DIY Guide for Kids

## How to

Learn and Practice DBT Skills



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Welcome to your guide for learning and practicing Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) skills! DBT is a type of cognitive-behavioral therapy designed to help you manage your emotions, develop healthy coping strategies, and build better relationships.

**Disclaimer:** This guide is intended to complement, not replace, your psychotherapy with a licensed therapist. It should be used under the supervision of a licensed professional.

### What is DBT?

DBT focuses on four main areas:

1. **Mindfulness:** Learning to be present in the moment and aware of your thoughts, feelings, and surroundings.
2. **Distress Tolerance:** Developing skills to cope with intense emotions and crises without making the situation worse.
3. **Emotion Regulation:** Understanding and managing your emotions effectively.
4. **Interpersonal Effectiveness:** Communicating clearly, maintaining good relationships, and respecting yourself and others.

### Why Practice DBT Skills?

Here are some benefits of practicing DBT Skills:

- ✓ **Reduces Stress:** Helps you feel calmer and more in control.

✓ **Improves Relationships:** Strengthens your connections with friends and family.

✓ **Enhances Emotional Well-being:** Helps you understand and manage your emotions better.

✓ **Builds Resilience:** Teaches you how to cope with difficult situations and bounce back stronger.



### Tips for Practicing DBT Skills:

- **Practice Regularly:** The more you practice, the better you'll get at using these skills.
- **Be Patient:** Learning new skills takes time, so be patient with yourself.
- **Work with a Therapist:** Always work with a professional therapist who can guide you through the process safely and effectively.
- **Reflect on Your Progress:** Regularly review your progress and celebrate your successes.

By incorporating these DBT skills into your daily routine, you can improve your emotional health and build stronger, healthier relationships. Keep practicing, and you'll see great progress!

*For more detailed guides and activities, check out our specific guides:*

- [DIY Guide for Kids: How to Practice Mindfulness](#)
- [DIY Guide for Kids: How to Practice Distress Tolerance](#)
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