

Treasure Map

Of all the magnificent things in the world there is nothing better than a treasure map where “X” marks the spot of the buried treasure.

Supplies:

- Brown Paper Bag or white paper
- Crayons
- Pens

For this treasure map, take a brown or white piece of paper and flatten it out by cutting out the seams of the bag and lying it flat.

Tear the edges around the bag to give it that treasure map look. Some people burn the edges but you must do this with an adult.



Now we have to age the paper.

Map Aging:

Make a cup of black tea. Be sure to let it stay and steep for a few minutes. The longer it steeps the darker the tea will be.



Place your map on a baking sheet and pour the tea over the map. Make sure the map is covered completely.



Here's where the magic happens. Watch how the tea is darkening the map.

After a few minutes, drip the tea off of the map, over the cookie sheet. Dry the paper with a towel and then lay it out to dry. As the paper dries it will continue to darken.

Once the map paper has dried, it's time to draw the map onto the paper.

Decide if you are going to make a treasure map of your house, yard, or neighborhood or a combination of all of these things.

Walk around your treasure map area and decide what the key areas are.

Come and draw these. Connect lines between the places. Don't forget to put an X where you think buried treasure lies.

Once you are finished drawing it's time to crinkle the paper up. Crinkle the paper up really well.

Now you are a real pirate with a real treasure map. Pirate's always carried their treasure map on them, never letting it out of their sight.



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