

Making a Treasure Map



What you need:

A large brown grocery bag or piece of butcher paper

Scissors

Assorted crayons, markers, or water colors

Feathers, twigs, flowers from the area of exploration or glitter, spangles, stickers, etc. (optional)

Glue or glue stick (optional)

Twine, yarn, or ribbon (optional)

What you do:

Take a few minutes to survey the areas you will be mapping. Use all of your senses to take in the world right around you. What can you see, hear, smell, taste or touch that will be fun to share?

Draw a map of the area to be explored. Make it as fancy or simple as you like.

Symbols \triangle work great.

Color your map. Decorate with materials from your area, or favorite stickers, glitter, etc.

Label your starting point and mark the route you want your explorer to follow. (x, \rightarrow)

Include directions for where you want your explorer to stop and what you want them to do. (See "Tips for Treasure Map" for ideas.)

Crumple your paper up into a ball and then press it flat on a table or other hard surface.

Roll it up, tie it, give it to a friend and watch the fun begin!