

PAMA @ Home

Virtual Family Fun Activity

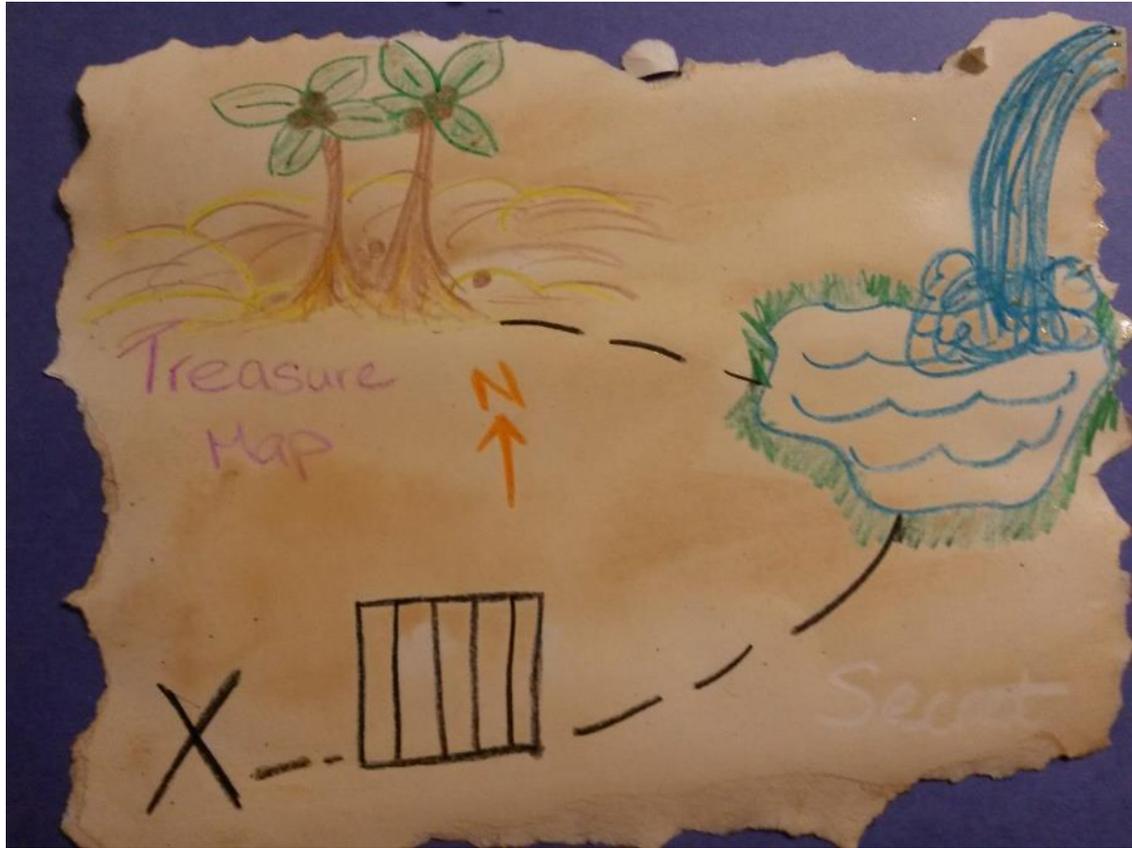
Secret Treasure Maps

Bring art, culture and historical exploration home with a variety of easy fun filled activities for all ages. Using simple materials, PAMA is happy to provide easy step-by-step instructions for art activities, games or fun things to do while at home.

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Secret Treasure Maps

Keep your secrets close or your treasures hidden with a secret treasure map. Use invisible ink to write secret clues and make your own map just like pirates used to.



Materials:

- Paper
- Pencil
- Pencil Crayons/Crayons
- Tea Bag
- Water
- Lemon Juice
- Small bowl/dish
- Feather/Q-Tip
- Iron/Hair Dryer

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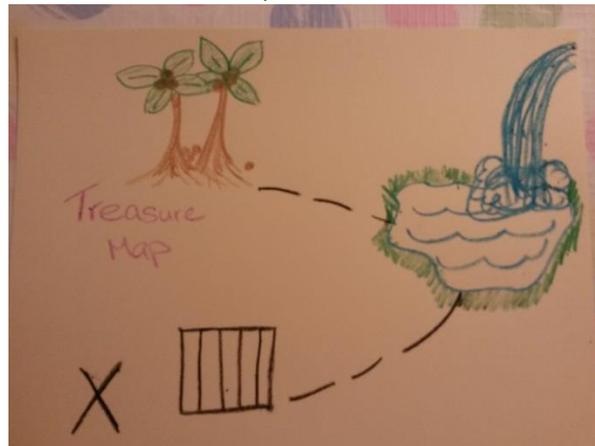
Step 1:

On a piece of paper, use pencil crayons/crayons to draw some landscape markers that will help you identify where your treasure is being hidden. If your treasure is in the house, your markers may be the couch, stairs or the rug on the floor. Don't forget your "X" that marks the spot!



Step 2:

Once you have all your markers, draw your dotted lines to connect the path someone would have to follow to find your treasure.



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Step 3:

To make your map look old and travelled like a pirate's treasure map, gently tear the edges.



Step 4:

Next, take the tea bag, gently dip it in water and squeeze it out so it is damp but not dripping. Lightly wipe the teabag across your map and watch your paper turn a yellowish brown. Make sure you also cover the edges!



Step 4:

Once your paper is dry, think of your secret message. Do you want to give them a special hint or clue to help them find the treasure? Do you want to tell your reader the secret is to follow your map backwards? Do they have to count a certain number of steps from one point to another?

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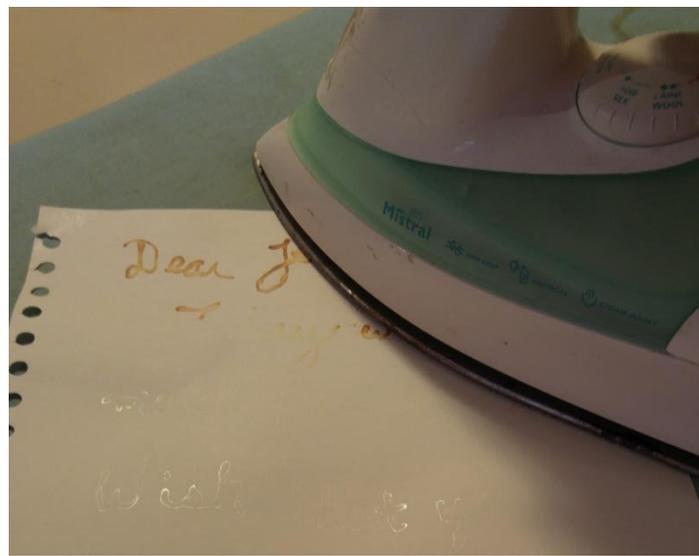
Step 5:

When you know what your secret message is, dip your feather/q-tip in a small bowl of lemon juice and write your message on the back of your map. Dip your feather/q-tip in the lemon juice every few letters to be sure you have enough invisible ink to write your message.



Step 5:

Set your paper aside to dry. When you are ready to reveal the message, have a parent help you either iron the side of the paper with the message on it or heat it up with a hair dryer. Then you are ready to follow the clues to your hidden treasure!



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