

Make your own...

TREASURE MAP WITH INVISIBLE INK

The Famous Five loved a treasure hunt and were always using maps. Hide some treasure in your house or your garden then make a map to help someone in your family to find it! You can use directions e.g. "walk 10 steps to the left and 5 steps forward and look under a stone", or you can draw a map with objects in it like chairs, trees, steps or the TV. To make it a bit harder, the map needs to be drawn with invisible ink....

Making invisible ink is a lot of fun and this is the method we have found which works much better than lemon juice.



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For the ink, mix together:

- ½ cup water
- 1 tablespoon of bicarbonate of soda

For the revealer, mix together:

- ½ cup rubbing alcohol
- 1 teaspoon turmeric



Step 1 Use a small paintbrush, cotton bud or cocktail stick to draw a map of where your treasure is hidden using the invisible ink. Let the paper dry thoroughly which will take about 20 minutes.

Step 2 Hand your map to the person who is finding the treasure with the pot of revealer. They will need to paint over the map with a larger paintbrush. Send them off to find the treasure!



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