

indoor adventure 1

Pirate Treasure Hunt!

This indoor adventure has been designed for the whole family to enjoy together (including parents)! If you don't have a printer you can easily follow all the instructions from a phone or tablet.

This document has three parts:

- Creating a pirate costume.
- Setting up the treasure hunt.
- Performing the treasure hunt.

This indoor adventure could be done over several days.

Making a Pirate Costume!

For the following craft activities, you will need:

- Newspaper or butchers paper (you could even use wrapping paper)
- Scissors
- Sticky tape or masking tape
- A stapler
- Pieces of string, ribbon, elastic or wool
- Some empty toilet rolls.

Making a Pirate Hat!

You can create a pirate hat out of newspaper.

Step 1. Fold the newspaper in half. Then rotate it so it's in a landscape position.



Step 2. Fold the newspaper in half again, then unfold – you will be using the crease in the next step.)



Step 3. Fold each corner to the crease. Use some sticky tape to keep the folded edges together. This also ensures that the hat won't come undone.



Step 4. Fold the bottom of the hat up on both sides - again using sticky tape to secure.



Tip – you could paint the hat or stick craft decorations on it to jazz it up.

Making an Eye Patch

Step 1. Use a plastic cup (or glass) and trace around the widest part of the cup to create a circle - any circular object will work.

Step 2. Cut the circle out. Fold the circle in half and paint or draw on one side only (this will be the visible side). You will need to wait for the paint to dry.



Step 3. Open the circle back up and on the inside of the circle, tape or glue some string or ribbon (needs to be long enough to tie around your child's head).

Step 4. Fold the circle over the ribbon and secure with tape, staples or glue.



Making a Spyglass

Step 1. You will need 3 empty toilet rolls, or an empty paper towel roll.

Step 2. Using scissors put 3 slits around one end of a toilet roll. Then push those sections together. You don't need to do anything if you are using a paper towel roll.



Step 3. You can easily join this one with another whole toilet roll.



Step 4. Do the same for the other side of the spyglass. You will end up with a full toilet roll in the middle and two half rolls on each end (they have been inserted into the middle one). It should be secure, but you could also fasten with sticky tape.



Step 5. If you wish you could paint or draw on the spyglass.



Making Binoculars

Step 1. Get two empty toilet rolls, or one paper towel roll (cut it in half).

Step 2. Using a stapler, staple them together.

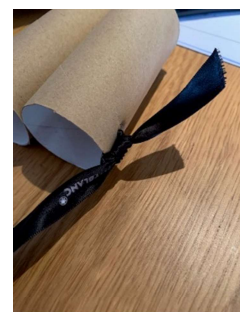


Step 3. Using a pen, put a hole in each side. This is to thread ribbon, string or wool through to make a strap.



Step 4. There are 2 ways you can attach the strap.

The photos below demonstrate both methods.



Step 5. If you wish you could paint or draw on the binoculars.

Pirate Clothes

It is very easy to find odds and ends around the house to complete your pirate look. Suggestions:

- A bandana, a strip of material or a scarf can be tied around your child's head (this also helps the newspaper hat to stay on).
- A t-shirt with the sleeves rolled up and some shorts or a skirt/dress look great as a pirate costume.
- Use a scarf or ribbon to tie around the waist.
- To complete the look, you could use eye liner or face paint to add some scars or a moustache.

Your buccaneer is now ready for an indoor adventure!!



Setting up the Treasure Hunt

Making a Treasure Chest.

Step 1. You can use an empty box. This doesn't have to be a large box, you could use an empty cereal box. This can be painted or wrapped in paper.

Step 2. You can put anything you like in the chest. Treats, favourite stuffed animals, a lovely handwritten note etc.



Step 3. Place the treasure box at one end of the house or garden. Create an X (marks the spot) by using masking tape or a piece of paper with a big X on it.

Creating a Treasure Map

There is a printable Treasure Map in the free week 2 workbooks. If you don't have a printer you can simply draw a map on a blank piece of paper.

The map will need obstacles or landmarks, please see the examples below.

- Freaky Fog
- Coconut Catastrophe
- Quirky Quicksand
- Toxic Temples
- Skull Cave
- Lost Lagoon
- Misty Mountains

Indoor Adventure Time!

Children can enlist siblings, parents or stuffed toys to be part of the crew.



Stage 1. Use the long boats to row to shore.

Speech - "Hurry up! We have treasure to find on that island!"

Movement - long, stretched out rowing movements, then dragging the boats to shore. Get the map out and ready to start the indoor adventure! Hooray!



Stage 2. - Walk through the "Freaky Fog".

Speech - "I can't see! Which way do we go?"

Movement - Pretend there is a thick mist. Walk slowly through it - arms out in front feeling the way. Gently bump into each other.



Stage 3. Navigate through “**Coconut Catastrophe**”.

Speech – “Quick, this way, we have to hurry!” The coconuts might fall on us!”

Movement – Move quickly, pretend to slip, or fall on a coconut or have one hit you on the head with a big “Ouch”.



Stage 4. Sink in “**Quirky Quicksand**”

You start to sink and realise you are in quicksand! Reach out for a branch to pull yourself free or ask a crew member to throw you a lifeline. Your pirate animal could even help you!

Speech – Calm at first – “This looks easy! No obstacles here!”, then they start sinking “Help! Oh, no – its quicksand!”

Movement – sinking movement at first, start waving your arms for help, then struggle to get free by being pulled out slowly.



Stage 5. “Toxic Temples”. These temples might be beautiful but if you touch them you become frozen for 10 seconds!

Speech – “Wow! Look at these beautiful temples! Hang on, why can’t I move!”

Movement – Freeze in place, unfreeze – can be done as many times as you like – make a different freeze frame each time you do this.



Stage 6. “Skull Cave”. Place a sheet over some chairs or the dining table so that the buccaneers can crawl under it.

Speech – This cave is dark and scary! Move quickly, we must get out of here!

Movement – Slow and fast crawling – could do a few laps under the table.



Stage 7. “Lost Lagoon”. Need to use the rickety old rowboat to cross the haunted lagoon!

Speech – “Hurray! Row faster! Oh no, the boat is sinking!”

Movement – Fast rowing, then bail the water out, finally swim to shore after boat sinks.



Stage 8. “Misty Mountains”. Big mountains, need to climb up and down.

Speech – “We’re nearly there! Just climb a bit further”.

Movement – climbing actions, you could pretend to fall and cling onto the mountain.



Stage 8. Treasure at Last!

Speech – “This is it! X marks the spot! Start digging!”

Movement – frantic digging on a low-level using hands, until the treasure chest is found.

- Go through the items one by one describing each one in detail.
- After the successful treasure hunt, start a happy dance with cheering (Hooray).
- Once the excitement diminishes you realise you must get back to the Pirate Ship. You let out a big “Oh No” and freeze.
- Alternatively, could attempt to retrace your steps on the map – this time moving backwards. Don’t forget to take your treasure!

Tip – Take photos of your children as they act out this indoor adventure. They could create a scrap book of all the adventures or activities they do at home during this time.