Make your own ‘old’ treasure map

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You will need:

- White paper
- Cup of cold tea or coffee
- Marker pen
- Kitchen roll
- Brush
- Lemon juice
- Cooking oil
- Bowl

1] Rip along the edges of the white paper to make them rough. Then crumple the paper up into a ball.

2] Uncrumple the ball and soak the paper in cool tea or coffee for five minutes [maybe less if you see it dissolving!] in a bowl. Leave to dry flat on a surface [make sure it’s not on a surface which will get stained].

3] Draw your map. Mark an X to show where the treasure lies and draw a winding dotted trail leading to it.

4] Brush cooking oil lightly all over the map and blot dry with kitchen paper. This makes the paper look and feel like old paper. Roll your map up and tie it with a ribbon or maybe put it in a bottle.

Invisible Ink!!

Mark your X with lemon juice at 3] and don’t do 4]. Ask an adult to hold the paper over something warm [such as an hair dryer] briefly and the X will magically appear!