Create Your Own
Pirate Treasure Map

Age the paper

- Scrunch up the paper and rip the edges to make it look dirty and old. Small holes can be made in the center of paper with care.
- The paper can be stained with a little bit of brown paint in a cup with water or a real strong cup of tea or cold coffee sponged onto the paper.
- You could also sponge black paint onto the edges of the map to create a “burned” look.

Map Design

- Pick 4-5 "landmarks" in your house. Create pirate names for them, such as a bathtub can become the "waterfall of doom."
- Mark the locations on your map.
- Add skulls, caves, mountains and other images.
- Draw a large island on the paper, leaving room around the edges to color as water.
- Create a compass in one corner of the map.
- Draw a dotted-line path to guide the hunt, from start to the X that marks the spot of the treasure.

Treasure Hunt

- Hide a clue or pirate booty at each of the landmarks on the map.
- Hide the treasure chest at the "X"
- Roll up the treasure map and tie with twine or string or put it inside a used paper towel tube.
- Hide the map somewhere in the house.
- Give a good clue to get people started on the hunt.