

Summer of Creativity

Treasure Hunt

with Ignite Imaginations artist, Charlie

Create your own unique treasure and clues and then hide them around your house to make a treasure hunt

In this session you will learn to create your own treasure coins and parcels

What you will need

For the coins:

- Yoghurt pot, mug or cup to draw around
- Cardboard such as parcel or cereal boxes
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue (Pritt stick or PVA)
- String
- Foil
- Permanent markers or sharpies
- A towel or cloth

For the clue parcels:

- String, wool or embroidery threads
- A selection of different sized leaves (try to avoid waxy leaves)
- Scrap materials such as fabric, old plastic bags
- Thin strips of paper



Charlie's top tip:

When designing your treasure coins, you could be inspired by patterns you have seen on old coins or pictures of treasure from some of your favourite books.

Step-by-Step Instructions

Ignite Imagination's advise that this activity should be carried out under the supervision of an adult.

Making your Treasure Coins

- 1) Using your yoghurt pot, mug or cup, draw around a circle on the cardboard.
- 2) Cover one side of the circle in glue.
- 3) Stick string onto cardboard circle, making a pattern
- 4) Put the foil on top of your cardboard coin and use your fingertips to gently rub the foil around the string- showing the pattern of the string under the foil.
- 5) Fold the foil round the edges of the circle
- 6) Get your permanent markers or sharpies and decorate your coin using a pattern – perhaps lines, dots, zig-zags.

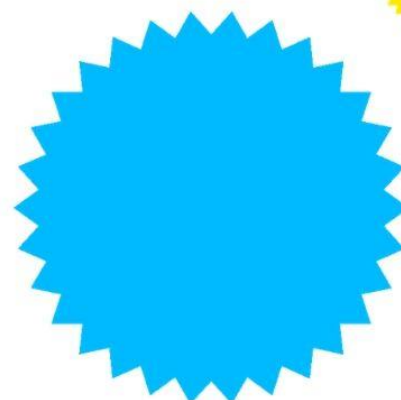
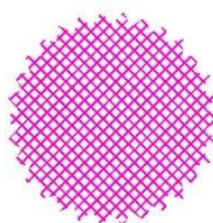


Making your Treasure Parcels

- 1) Collect scraps of fabric, old plastic bags and/ or a selection of fresh leaves (non waxy and not too thick).

You can collect leaves from your own garden/yard or a public place, make sure to ask permission first

- 2) Gently dry leaves with a towel or cloth.
- 3) Fold the leaves and/or fabric in whatever way you want to make a parcel.



4) Wrap string tightly around the leaf/ fabric parcel- ask an adult to help with knots. Experiment with your string pattern.

5) Once you have finished wrapping the string, tie the end of the string in a knot like you are tying your shoelaces.



Making your Clues and Treasure Hunt

1) Next you need to choose how many clues you want for your treasure hunt. Make sure you have enough treasure parcels (one parcel for each clue).

2) Choose where you might want to hide your clues. It might be in the laundry basket, under the sofa or behind your favourite book

3) To write your clues, cut or rip strips of paper and grab a pen. Think of fun ways to describe the places you have chosen. Think about who in your household will be doing the treasure hunt- you could make your clues simple or hard, you could just describe the location or make it rhyme.

Here are some examples of clues to get you started:

"Look for something red in this room",

"Things go inside me when dirty but come out clean" (Washing Machine)

"I have four legs but no feet. When you get tired, have a seat." (Chair)



4) Wrap your clues around the parcels with some string or thread. Choose what order the clues will go in.

Don't forget, the first clue will be given to the person who is doing the treasure hunt and so your second clue needs to be at the location described in the first clue and so on...!

5) At your final location, put your treasure coins to surprise whoever is doing the treasure hunt.

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