



NEXT PORT OF CALL? YOUR LIVING ROOM!

Ever have one of those days where your plans are derailed due to Mother Nature? Or ... maybe the weather's just fine but you can't think of anything to do with your little ones. Well, luckily you surfed the Web right down to "Solution Street," where imagination is the answer.

In the Pirate Adventure printable tool kit, you'll find directions for turning a humdrum day into a swashbuckling adventure. Follow the easy step-by-step instructions for crafts like the Aztec Coin Medallions and recipes like our savory Pirate Brand Cookies – and, in no time, you'll feel like you're sailing the Caribbean in search of magical adventure! And, for even more tips for casting away the doldrums, be sure to check out <http://family.go.com/entertainment/pkg-solution-street/>.

SET THE SCENE FOR YOUR PIRATE ADVENTURE

In the following pages, you'll find easy-to-follow crafts and recipes for creating your own Pirate Adventure at home. But before you get started, why not take a few moments to set the scene for adventure using items you already have in your home? Here are a few tips:

SCENE-SETTING TIP #1

Raid your closet for scarves, trench coats, and other accessories you can use to create your pirate costume. Remember, there are Pacific Pirates, Caribbean Pirates, Mediterranean Pirates -- pirates of every variety!

SCENE-SETTING TIP #2

Pirates talk funny, don't they?! Grab pen and paper and have everyone in the family write down their favorite seafaring words and phrases. "Shiver me timbers," "Thar she blows," and "Yo ho ho!" are a few fun ones.

SCENE-SETTING TIP #3

Gather up cushions from your sofa or living room chairs and arrange them on the floor to create a pirate ship. Tie a sheet to a broom handle, plant it in between the cushions and you're ready to set sail. A child's doll can serve as the decoration for the mast. A pasta strainer can serve as the boat's steering wheel.





SCENE-SETTING TIP #4

Do you have an old box or a small footlocker? Make it your very own pirate chest and fill it with “treasure,” which could include sport trophies, beads, costume jewelry, and other shiny objects.

SCENE-SETTING TIP #5

Grab your camera and keep it close so you can capture every moment.

BRING YOUR PIRATE ADVENTURE TO LIFE

Now that you’ve set the scene and printed out the crafts and recipes, it’s time to enter the world of the pirate. For this adventure, you and your family are a motley crew of pirates sailing the Caribbean in search of Captain Kidney, a dread pirate who stole your gold! Below are step-by-step details for creating this experience. Follow the instructions as written, or use them as an inspirational launching point for creating your own adventure. What- ever you do, just let your imagination be as vast and deep as the wide Sargasso Sea.

STEP #1

You’ll need a hat for the sun. Gather everyone around, follow our easy step-by-step instructions and have everyone make their own Tricorn Hat. You’ll need scissors, tape, glue, fabric to make the hat. And, with fun accent pieces like buttons and other “jeweled” accessories, everyone can personalize their hat to convey their pirate personality.

STEP #2

Every pirate needs a treasure. Follow the tool kit directions to make Aztec Coin Medallions, and then hide them away in a box, or even a foot locker. Remember, Captain Kidney stole your treasure and you and your family will need to get it back!

STEP #3

Make those cookies. Follow our easy recipe and make delicious Pirate Brand Cookies. You can work up a really big appetite sailing the high seas and this delectable dessert will be worth all the loot in Davie Jones’ locker.



STEP #4

Every adventure needs a soundtrack. Play your favorite Pirate or adventure-themed music on your stereo or MP3 player. Alternately, you could play a pirate-themed movie on your TV in the background. Whichever option you choose keep the volume at a moderate level so you and all your little salty sea dogs can hear each other.

STEP #5

Build your ship and jump aboard. Gather up chairs, build your ship (detailed above), and have everyone jump aboard! Here is when everyone can call out pirate phrases and nautical terms:

- "Forward toward the starboard side!"
- "Swing the bow toward the sun!"
- "Hoist the Jolly Roger!"

STEP #6

Pick your captain. Have one lucky member of your family play the role of the dastardly pirate, and have that person hide in a nearby room with the box of stolen treasure.

STEP #7

Find that scoundrel! The rest of your family should sail up to Kidney's pirate cove. Spy on him using binoculars fashioned from bathroom tissue rolls glued together. Do you see the treasure? Yup, it's right under Kidney's greedy hands! Devise a plan to trick him into giving it back to you. Perhaps one of you pretends to be a mermaid, and you serenade him to sleep with a beautiful lullaby? Whatever the plan, he must be captured!

STEP #8

Judgment time on the high seas. Once you capture him, how will he be punished? Will you make him walk the plank? Remember you're a pirate too and you may (literally and figuratively) be in the same boat as Kidney one day. Maybe you just forgive him and split the treasure!

STEP #9

It's time for grub. After a long and adventurous journey, your stomach is probably rocking and rolling like the South China Sea. Hunker down and dig into those Pirate Brand Cookies. Make sure to keep a keen eye on Kidney to make sure he doesn't slip any cookies into his pocket!





These are just some suggestions to get you and family started on your pirate adventure. The high seas are filled with other pirates, mermaids, soldiers, native peoples, mythical sea creatures, and all kinds of life. There is adventure at every turn, so let your imagination run wild. And, if you really want to take your family fun time to the next level, add your favorite Hasbro Family Game night game into the mix. So, the next time an unexpected event changes your family's plans, visit Solution Street ... where imagination is the answer.



Aztec Coin Medallion

by Cindy Littlefield



Had it not been for the Aztec Medallion the young William Turner was wearing when he was rescued from sea, Elizabeth Swann might never have realized he was a pirate. And when she took the medallion and hid it to ensure Will's safety, little did she know that the boy's father had taken this particular coin from a cursed chest of gold. Until its return, the pirate Barbossa and his entire crew would be sentenced to live forever. Unlike Will's medallion, this shiny gold pendant isn't cursed, but it's likely to give mutineers second thoughts the instant they spot it!



You'll Need

- Aztec medallion templates
- Scissors
- Thin cardboard or card stock
- Nontoxic gold leaf pen or paint
- Glue stick
- Small container (for mixing paint and glue)
- Black acrylic paint
- White glue or Mod Podge
- Small paintbrush
- Fine-tipped black marker
- Thin black cording, 30-inches long
- Magnetic necklace clasp



Instructions

1. Use the template below to cut out the pieces. Trace the pieces onto the cardboard and then cut out the tracings.



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2. Cut out a 1/4- by 4-inch strip from scrap cardboard and paint both sides of it gold. When the gold leaf is dry, staple the ends of the strip together to form a loop, as shown. Then glue the stapled portion to the back of the larger circle so that the loop extends above it (you will thread the necklace cord through it later).



3. Cut strips from the ornate edges of the doily and glue the pieces onto the face of both circles. Cover the back of the larger circle as well, going right over the stapled portion of the loop. Trim the edges of the doily flush with the circle.

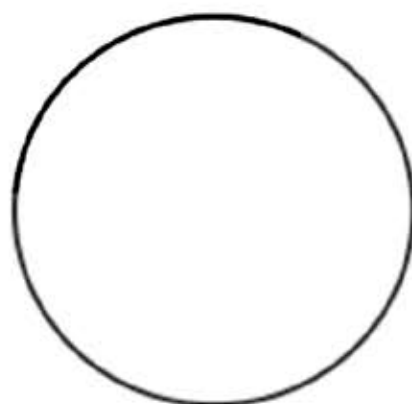
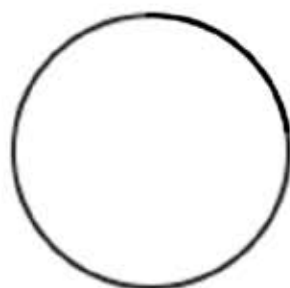
4. Mix together 2 tablespoons or so of black paint and 1 tablespoon of white glue or Mod Podge, and use it to

paint the doily-covered surfaces. Let the paint dry completely. Then brush the raised surfaces of the painted circles with gold leaf.

5. Color the face of the cardboard skull with gold leaf. Use the black marker to draw and shade in eyes and a nose. Outline a mouth and a few individual teeth and then shade in the spaces between the lines.
6. Glue the smaller circle atop the larger one. Then glue the skull to the center of the coin.
7. Thread the ends of the cord through the loops of the magnetic fastener and knot them tightly. Finally, thread the cord through the gold loop, and the medallion is ready to wear.



Template for Aztec Coin Medallion





Pirate Brand Cookies

by Cindy Littlefield



As a former employee of the East India Trading Company, Captain Jack Sparrow refused to transport the “cargo” assigned to his ship when he discovered it to be human captives. Instead, he set everyone free. The company's chairman, Lord Cutler Beckett, quickly branded him a pirate, a consequence the legendary renegade clearly considered a more savory option than following orders. Marked with the same distinctive letter P that can be found right beneath the sparrow tattoo on Jack's arm, these tempting treats will be top choice with pirate fans.



You'll Need

- Letter P template
- Scissors
- Rolling pin
- Batch of sugar cookie dough (homemade or store bought)
- Round cookie cutter (about 2 inches wide)
- Cocoa powder or cinnamon sugar
- Toothpick



Instructions

1. Cut out the template below to make the letter P.
2. Cut out cookies from the dough and arrange them on a cookie sheet.
3. Place the template atop one of the cookies, pressing down gently just enough to stick it in place. Use your fingertips to spread a pinch of cocoa or cinnamon sugar over the surface of the cookie. Then use the tip of the toothpick to lift the edge of the template, and peel away the paper. Repeat this step with the rest of the cookies.
4. Bake the cookies according to the recipe directions.



Template for Pirate Brand Cookies





Jack Sparrows Bandana

by Cindy Littlefield



If there's a single sailor in the Caribbean who's savvy about fashion, it's Jack Sparrow. From boots you can strap onto sea turtles' backs to a striped waist sash and black glovelets, this sailor sure dresses in style. But more than pure show, these accessories serve practical purposes as well. After all, there's nothing like a snazzy bead-adorned bandana to keep a head full of braids and dreads under wraps when it's blowing a gale. Even if your wannabe pirate isn't worried about flyaway hair, he's certain to get a kick out of wearing this signature headband.



Total Time Needed: 1 Hour



Materials

- 2 red bandanas or pieces of fabric (about 22 inches square)
- Measuring tape
- Black yarn
- Scissors
- Assorted beads and shank-style buttons (with holes large enough for multiple strands of yarn to fit through)
- Safety pins



Instructions



1. Fold one bandana into a headband and tie the ends together, as shown, so that the tails of the knot are at least 4 inches long if possible.



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2. Gather the second bandana in the middle and drape it over the knot in the headband, as shown. Tie the knot tails around the second bandana to hold it in place.



3. Cut nine 22-inch lengths of yarn, gather them into a bunch, and tie an overhand knot at the top. Divide the strands below the knot into three groups and braid them, randomly sliding on beads and buttons as you go. When the braid is the length you want, knot the bottom and trim the ends. Make two more braids.
4. Safety pin the tops of the braids to the inside of the headband.
5. For the finishing touch, thread several beads onto a 6-inch length of yarn. Tie a loop in the yarn above the beads and pin it to the inner headband, so that the beads drape down over the top, as pictured.





Pirate Tricorn Hat

by Cindy Littlefield



Among Captain Sparrow's most prized possessions, his hat places second only to his trusty compass. It's no wonder then, that he spends so much time trying to find a suitable replacement after Barbosa's pet monkey throws the tricorn overboard and it is eaten by Davy Jones' sea monster, the Kraken. Fortunately, in the end, Jack gets his hat back when the Kraken regurgitates it. After shaking off the slime, he fits it right back on his head, none the worse for wear. With little more than brown packing paper and paint, and some help from you, your child can sport a fashionable faux leather tricorn of his own.



You'll Need

- Heavyweight brown packing paper
- Scissors
- Medium-size mixing bowl
- Masking tape
- Glue stick or glue dots
- Large-eye sewing needle
- Black embroidery floss or thin string
- Tape
- Small container (for mixing paint and water)
- Brown acrylic paint
- Water
- Sponge
- Hair dryer



Instructions

1. Cut two circles from the packing paper, one 14 inches in diameter (for the cap portion of the hat) and another 26 inches in diameter (for the brim).



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- To create the cap, invert the mixing bowl and place the 14-inch circle on top of it. Use your hands to mold the paper around the bowl, overlapping and creasing it along the circumference as needed. Tightly wrap masking tape around the molded cap about an inch from the bottom (it's helpful if you have someone else hold the paper against the bowl while you do this).



- Center the cap on top of the brim circle and trace around it. Remove the cap and cut the traced circle from the center of the brim circle and discard it. At this point, the brim should look like a giant donut.

- Make a series of snips in the lower edge of the cap (below the tape), and fold up the tabs, as shown.



- Set the cap on a tabletop and apply glue to the tops of the tabs. Pull the brim down over the cap and press the edge of the inner circle firmly down on the tabs to stick the two hat pieces together.



- Thread a length of embroidery floss or thin string through the needle.

- Fold the hat brim up against the left and right sides of the cap so that the edges come together to form a long point (the first of the three corners) directly in front of the hat. Tack the upper edge of the folded brim to each side of the cap with a couple of stitches, as shown, knotting the thread ends together inside the cap and trimming them short. Cover each knot with a piece of tape.





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8. Fold the remaining portion of the brim up against the back of the cap to form the other two corners. Again, stitch the upper edge to the cap.
9. Now it's time for the fun part — giving your pirate hat the look of weathered leather. First, mix brown acrylic paint with enough water to make it runny. Then, working on a newspaper-covered surface, use a damp sponge to rub paint onto the surface of the hat, as if you were polishing shoes. The paper should become fairly limp and wrinkly in the process. Don't worry about applying an even coat of paint; the hat will look even better if it's a bit blotchy.
10. When you've finished coloring the hat, use the hair dryer to dry it, stopping periodically to gently pinch the hat corners together and to curl the edges of the brim in a few places.





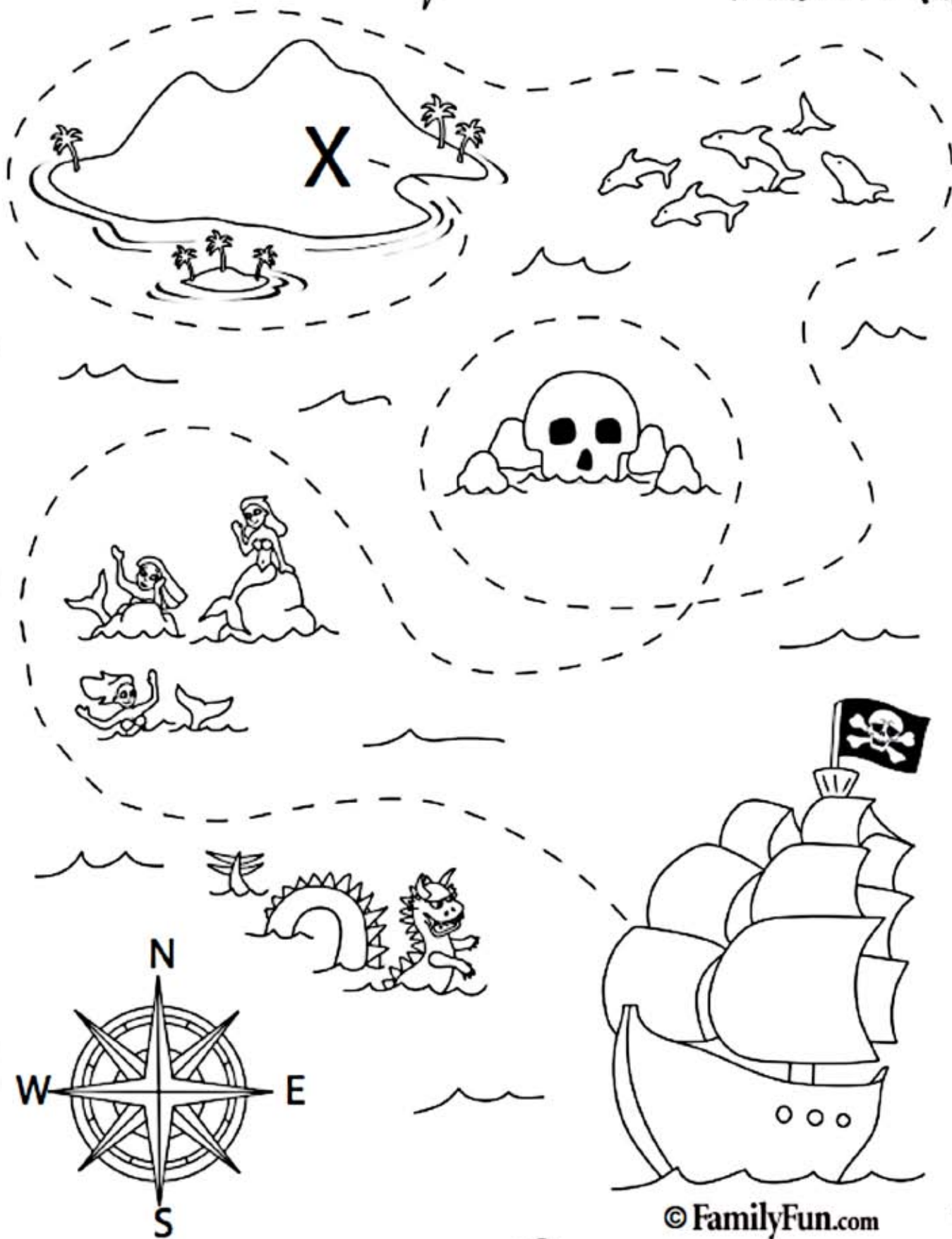
Treasure Map



Your pirate pals will shout "Shiver me timbers!" when they get the treasure map to guide the hunt for "buried treasure! Customize it to your backyard, house, or park.



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