

Mythical Map

Have you ever read a book with an illustrated map at the beginning? Create your own story premise and build a map for a mythical land using things from around your house.

How-to video

<https://youtu.be/zqff-6c9rUI>



Materials:

- Paper
- Pencil or other writing materials
- Lots of things from around the house to build with, materials will vary for everyone
- A table, floor, or workspace to spread out your map

Steps:

1. Create a one-sentence premise to a story you'd like to build a map for.
2. List out 3 to 5 important characteristics from your story to help inform your map. For instance, if you're going to create a map for a story based on sailors, you'd probably want a lot of water. Or if you're building a map for a story with aliens, you might be in outer space with lots of asteroids and stars.
3. Using your list of important story characteristics, collect things from around the house that could help you build your map. Maybe water could be blue towels, or mountains could be pillows.
4. Begin building! It's helpful to build your map one characteristic at a time and then adjust as you go along.
5. Add in some details. Maybe even a compass rose. If you would like to explore what a compass rose is with your learner try this activity from National Geographic on the [Cardinal Directions and Maps](#).

Caregiver tip:

If your learner is unsure about creating their own story premise, why not choose one of your favorite books to get started with a map. Work together to list the story characteristics.