

Hanging by a Thread!

Exploring Environmental Themes and Using Recycled Materials

Old Style Maps



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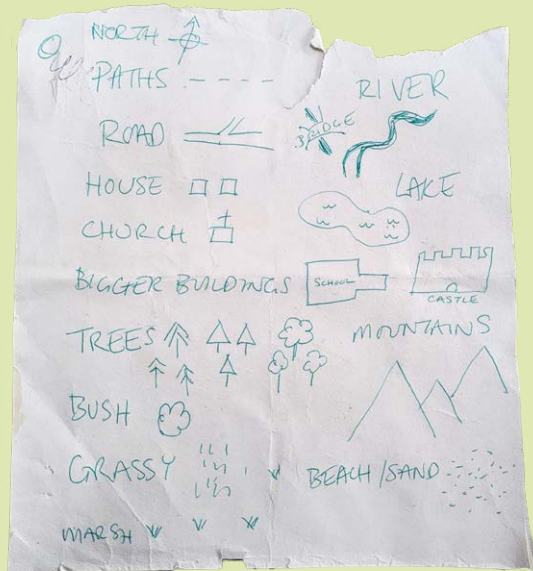


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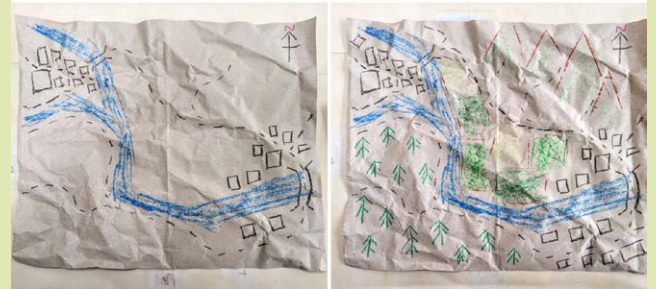
To make Old Style Maps you will need:

- ★ Paper (we used paper that came in parcels)
- ★ Pencil
- ★ Crayons
- ★ Used teabags
- ★ Coffee
- ★ Paintbrush
- ★ Baking paper and iron if you want to speed things up (*see instruction 4)





1: Make a list of things that might be on your map and how you can show them simply.



2: Build up your map in crayon. You might want to sketch it roughly first or just see how it develops. (I like to start with the water, then buildings and roads then fill in with nature.)



3: Make a brew (no milk) with the old tea bags and paint all over the map. The crayon acts as a wax resist so shows through. Add extra aging with coffee splatter.

4: Leave to dry. * If you want to speed things up, you can use a dry (not steam) iron. Make sure to use a layer of baking paper to protect your iron from the melting wax.

5: Once dry, make additions or touch up as required (the iron can dull colours as they melt).

Keep flat or fold for an explorer feel and you are done.



Old Style Maps is one of a series of education resources designed to raise awareness of environmental issues and recycling. These resources were created to accompany DIY's sensory show Hanging by a Thread.