

How to make... a woodland maze

Suitable for ages 3 - 4 with adult help
Suitable for ages 5 - 11 independent working

You will need:

- Cardboard
- Drawing Pencil
- Coloured pens, pencils or paints
- Scissors
- Paper (Plain/tissue/magazines)
- Glue
- Tape
- Wooden Skewer
- Stapler



If you enjoyed watching Laura Doble's reading of Hansel and Gretel, make a woodland maze and help Hansel & Gretel escape and find their way home.

Instructions

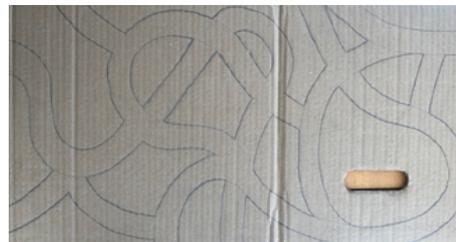
Step 1:

Cut your cardboard to the shape you want. It can be big or small, long or short.



Step 2:

With a pencil, draw your maze. How many paths will you have?



If you have a natural hole in your cardboard, why not make into a pond?

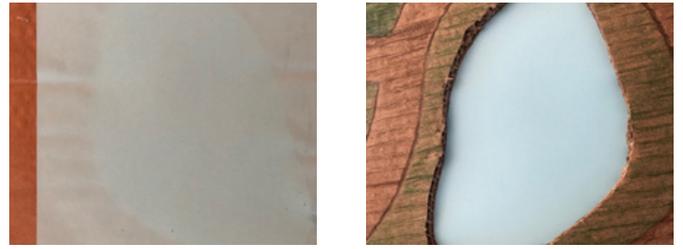
Step 3:

Colour in the path with coloured pens/pencils, paint or magazine collage.



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Step 4: If you're making a pond, glue some blue paper to the back of the cardboard, covering the hole.



Step 5:
To make trees for your woodland maze, cut out as many cardboard rectangles as you like for the tree trunks.



Step 6:
For the leaves, scrunch green tissue paper into a ball and staple to the top of the tree trunks.



If you don't have tissue paper, simply draw your treetops on paper and stick them on the trunks with glue.

Step 7:
Have fun decorating your woodland scenery. Maybe you want to add a bridge, some flowers, the witch's candy house or Hansel and Gretel's family home.

To make houses, you could use spare pieces of cardboard, or empty tea boxes.

Step 8:
To make your Hansel and Gretel puppets, draw your characters on thick paper or card. Colour them in, then carefully cut around them.



Step 9:
Stick your wooden skewer to the back of your Hansel & Gretel puppet using tape (masking tape is best).



What next?

If you're feeling super inventive, you could turn your woodland maze into a board game. Make your own rules up!