

Games and Activities

A map in a matchbox

All good Scouts and Guides can read maps – but how about making a map? Try making this map in a matchbox.

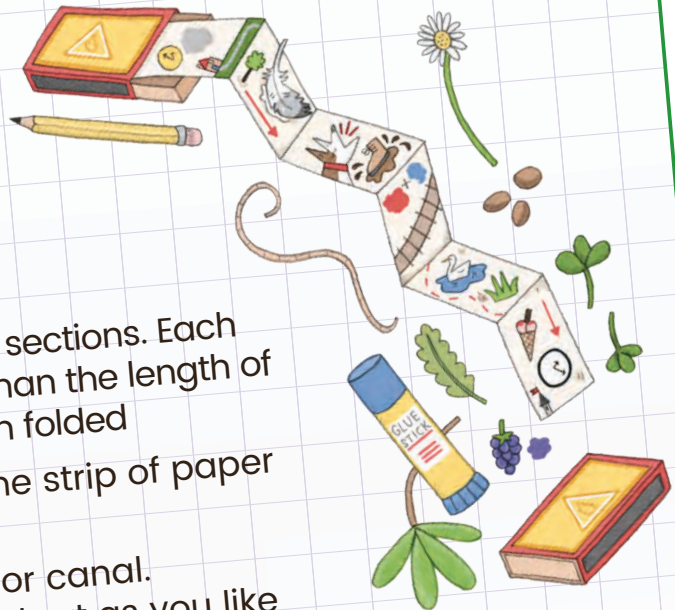


You will need

- ✿ An empty matchbox
- ✿ A strip of paper just wide enough to fit into a matchbox and about six times longer
- ✿ A pencil and felt tips

What to do

- 1 Divide the strip of paper into equal sections. Each section should be slightly shorter than the length of the box so that it will fit inside when folded
- 2 Using the lines as a guide, fold the strip of paper into a concertina
- 3 Decide on a length of riverbank or canal. Remember it can be as long or short as you like – and carefully mark on the features you think are important. For example you may like to mark wild flowers, or canal features such as signs, bollards, locks and bridges. It doesn't even have to be features – it could be smells or sounds! How about the smell of cooking on a narrowboat or the sound of water trickling through a lock gate?
- 4 Draw and colour pictures and write instructions in each section. Put the map into its box.



TOP TIP

Think about different viewpoints – for example a duck's eye view!



NEXT STEP

Test your map on your Patrol! Can they find the features you have marked?

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