



Pirate Week

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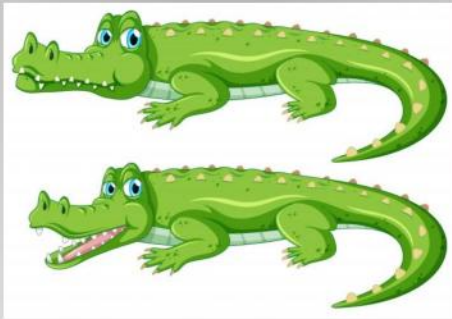
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Coollest Pirate Games

Find the Crocodile

Tick tock find the croc. With a little imagination, an egg timer makes a suitable crocodile (remember Peter Pan? the ticking crocodile...) Have pirates (the kids) try to locate the hidden croc by its tick, before the bell rings.



Treasure Hunt

This is one of the classic pirate games. It's extremely fun and interactive! The kids love it.... You can put one together on your own.

You can make up practically anything for clues. Here's an idea that'll suit a group of different ages – use nursery rhymes for the clues. For example, the first clue can be: "The itsy, bitsy _____ climbed up the _____". Spider and Water Spout are the clues. Once they figure this out, the next clue can be hidden (taped to the bottom of) a rubber black spider taped on the gutter in your back yard or on some sort of water spout.

Another clue can be Jack & Jill went up a hill to fetch a _____. The next clue can be floating in a vile in a pail of water. Another idea for a clue can be: Mary Mary quite contrary, how does your _____ grow? Hide this clue in your garden. Get the idea? At the end of the hunt, find an interesting place marked with a large X to hide a treasure chest filled with a goodie box with each kids name on it.

X Marks the Spot

Draw a treasure map with details such as palm trees, lakes and animals. Tear the edges to age and if you really want an authentic look burn the edges briefly and stain the map with tea bags. Decide where the treasure is and mark it with a red "X" on the BACK of the map. Make little X's and ask the children to put them on the map where they think the treasure is (having written their name on each X). Take the map and hold it up against a window or bulb to reveal the X that is on the back and where the treasure is!



What you will need:

- An old cardboard box/egg container
- Scissors and glue
- Decorations (sequins etc)
- Spare card
- Tin foil or shiny paper
- Paint and colouring pens



Make your own pirate treasure

To start with you need to find your pirate treasure box, any old box or egg container will do. You then need to start decorating the outside and inside of your box, you can make it look simple or make it really detailed using your decorations. Once you have done this you can make your pirate treasure to do this you need to cut out some circles of card, they can be different sizes, the using some tinfoil or shiny paper stick it all around your card circles to create the treasure. All that's left to do is hide your pirate treasure somewhere nobody will find them.



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What you will need:

- Paper plate or card circle
- Scissors and glue
- Extra paper
- Colouring pens or paint



Make your own rocking pirate ship

To start with you need to fold your circle in half and start to draw on your details of the base of the ship such as the lower windows. Colour them or paint it once you have finished designing, then you need to grab some extra paper to create the top of the ship. Don't forget you need to make a pirate flag for your ship, draw the flag shape and cut it out use a thin stick to attach it to your ship. Once you have stuck everything on you should be able to rock your ship back and forth.



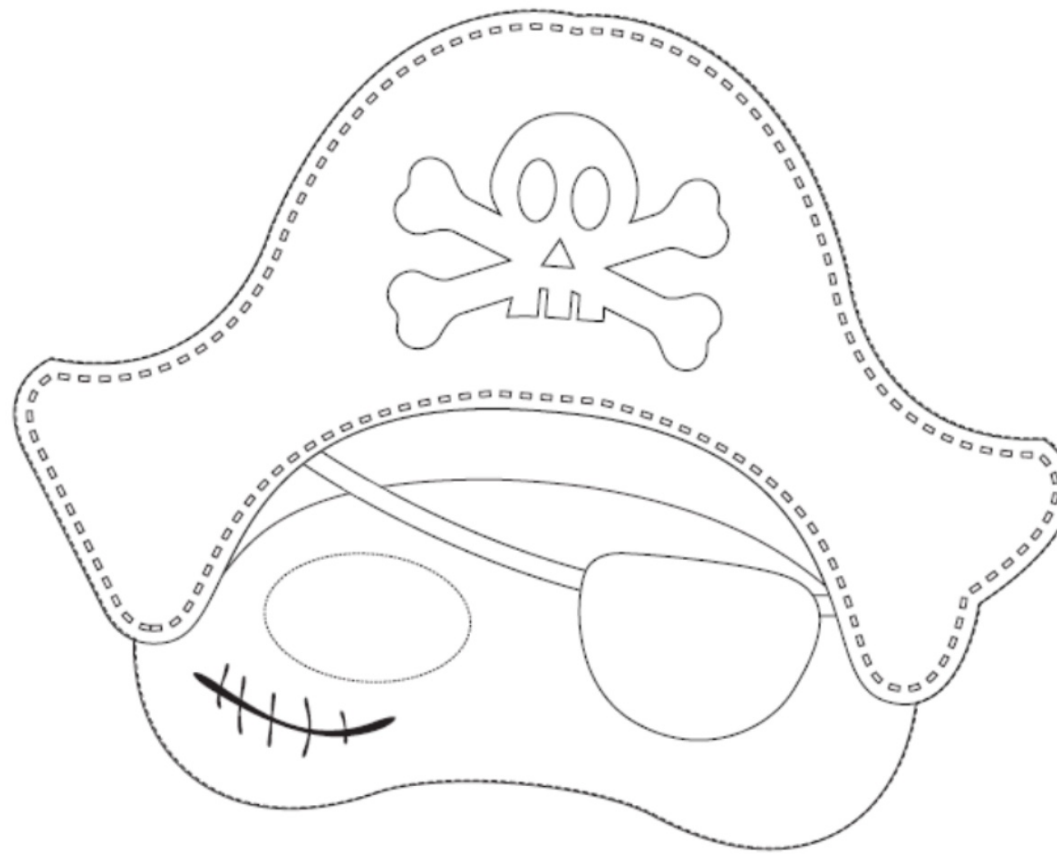
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Pirate Print off and colour mask



Pirate Paper Plate Craft

Resources:

- Paper plate
- Scissors
- Felt tips
- Glue
- Paper



Instructions:

- Start off by drawing your pirates face, hat and eye patch onto your paper plate, you can then decorate however you like!
- Ask an adult for help and very carefully cut a strip of paper out, and then cut in half.
- Once you have cut it into half you can glue it on the paper plate to complete the pirates hat.

Arrr, Did You Know? 10 Fun Pirate Facts and Myths

1. Blackbeard was the most feared pirate of all. Blackbeard (AKA Edward Teach) was known as the most terrifying pirate in the world. Before capturing a ship he would weave hemp into his beard and light it on fire—an intimidation tactic that made him look demonic. Scary!!!

2. The skull and crossbones flag at the top of a pirate ship is called a Jolly Roger. Although the origin of the name “Jolly Roger” has been lost, one theory stems from the use of red flags. Centuries ago, a red flag was commonly used during naval warfare to signal that no mercy would be given,

5. Grog was the pirate’s drink. Grog—a mixture of rum, water, lemon juice, and sugar—was the drink of choice for pirates. (Hmmm, wonder if that’s where the idea for our rum punch came from?)

6. Captain Woodes Rogers chased the pirates out of The Bahamas. Captain Woodes Rogers, a former privateer, went on to become the governor of The Bahamas, and in the process, helped drive all the pirates off the Islands.



3. Not every pirate ship used a Jolly Roger flag. Some Pirates designed their own flags.

4. There were women pirates, too. Being a pirate wasn’t just for men. Famous female pirates include Mary Read, Anne Bonny, Grace O’Malley, and Ching Shih.

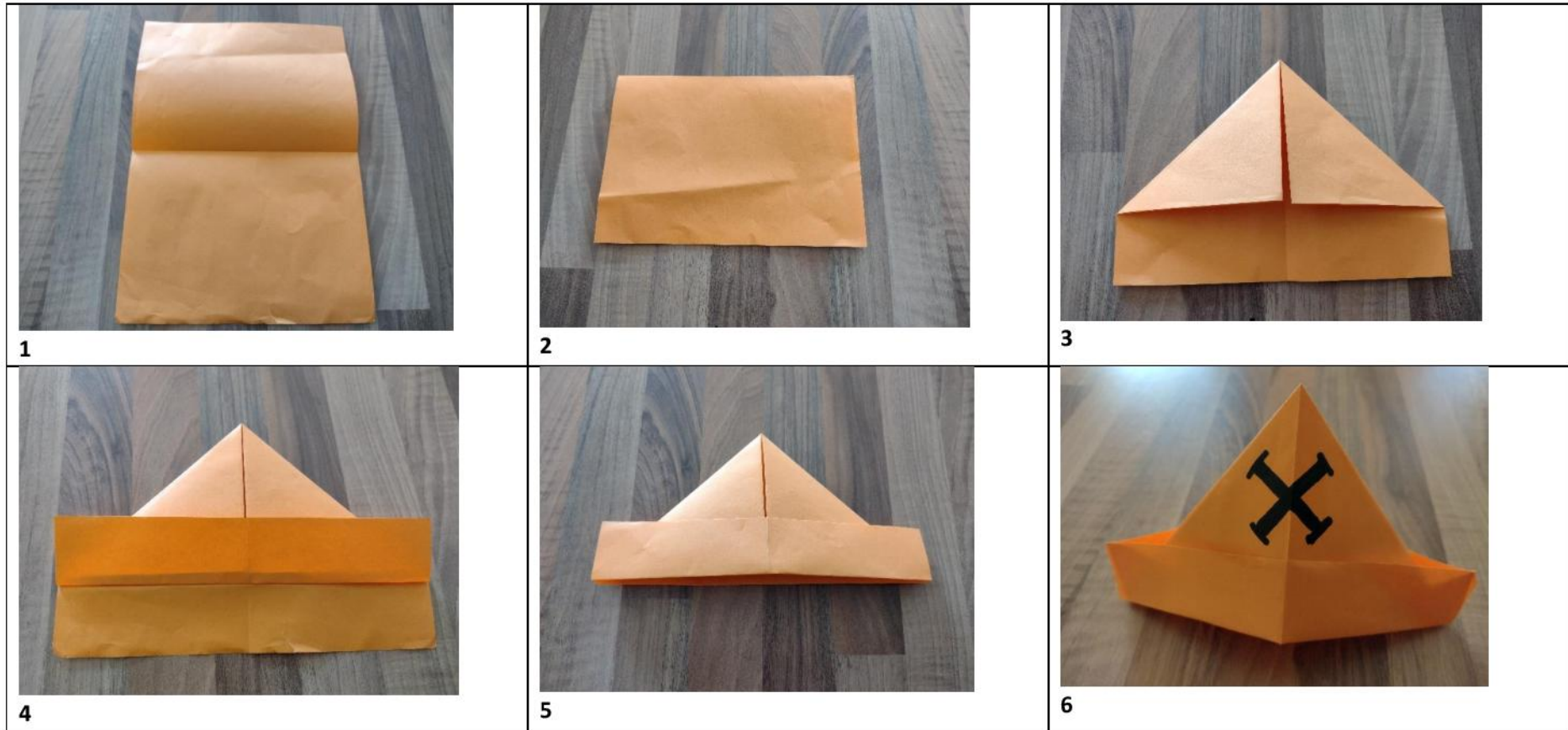
7. Pirates did have eye patches. It’s been said that one of the reasons pirates wore eye patches was to help keep one eye adjusted to night vision for seeing below deck.

8. They didn’t really make people walk the plank. Although walking the plank is common in contemporary pirate lore, most pirates just killed people straightaway. When they did torture their prisoners, it was usually through keelhauling (dragging a tied sailor in the water from the back of the ship), marooning a person on a deserted island or remote sandbar, or lashings with a leather whip.

9. Pirates didn’t always bury their treasure. Some pirates didn’t bury their treasure right away because they wanted their share of the loot beforehand. And a pirate’s treasure didn’t always include gold or silver; most of it was food, lumber, cloth, and animal hides.

10. Each pirate ship had its own set of rules and code. Almost every pirate ship had their own set of guidelines that all pirates had to agree to. This included how the loot would be divided, who had what chores, and what was expected of everyone. Believe it or not, one of the most common rules was no fighting onboard. If two pirates had a disagreement they’d have to wait, and fight on land.

Paper Pirate Hat



Pirate poetry

Meet the pirates!

Aboard a rocky pirate ship
 In the middle of the sea
 Are a funny group of pirates
 Who are as useless as can be!



There's Pirate Jim
 Who cannot swim,
 Pirate Dave
 Who's scared of waves,

Pirate Nick
 Who gets sea-sick,
 Pirate Dale
 Who cannot sail,



And Pirate Pete
 With smelly feet.
 The most useless bunch of pirates
 You could ever wish to meet!