

# We're Going on a Bear Hunt Map & Binoculars

## Making the Binoculars

Start by decorating two empty cardboard tubes (e.g. toilet paper rolls). Use mini decorative tape or color painters tape.



To create a space between the two tubes, cut a small piece of cardboard from an empty cardboard tube you aren't using. Fold the sides of the small piece of cardboard down.

Glue or tape each folded side to each cardboard tube to form your binoculars.

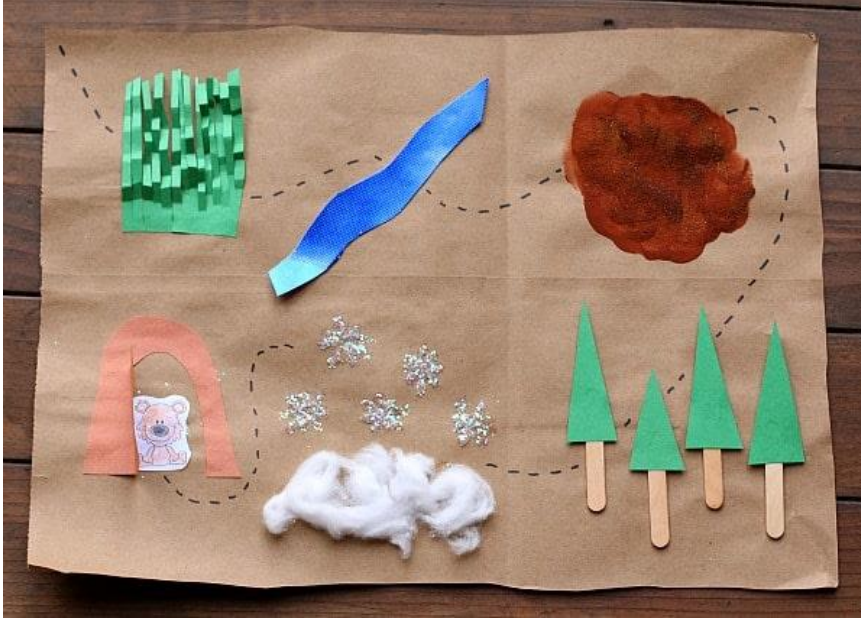


Punch one hole into either side of your binoculars. Tie a long piece of yarn (or old shoe laces) through the holes, and you're done!



# Making the Map

This map activity is a great way to create art while retelling the events from the story. We made our map using art and craft supplies we already had at home. I'll describe to you how we made each section, but you can easily modify the map based on supplies you have readily available to you.

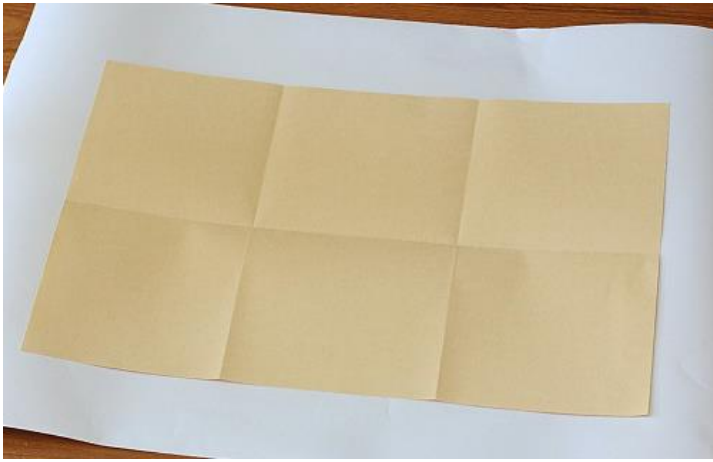


## What We Used for Our Maps

- Large sheet of paper (For one map we cut up a brown grocery bag!)
- Construction paper in green and brown
- Shiny blue paper
- Brown tempera paint (or use a brown crayon)
- Small bit of sand (or dry dirt from outside)
- 4 Mini popsicle sticks (or dry twigs)
- Cotton balls
- Grey glitter
- Glue
- Crayons
- Black marker

## How to make the map?

1. You'll be making six little pictures on your map. Divided into six sections. To make the six sections, fold the paper in half horizontally and then folded each side in to create thirds. When you unfold it you have 6 spaces. This will create a visual organizer.



2. In the first space create the “long, wavy grass”. To create the grass:
  - a. Cut out a small rectangle from green construction paper.
  - b. Cut lots of tiny slits to create the grass and glued it onto the paper.  
(younger children may find it easier to glue green crinkle paper for grass).



3. Next make the “deep, cold river”. Use a blue color paper and glue on. (You can extend the activity by having your child color a white sheet of paper with a blue crayon and ripping pieces to glue on).



4. Then “thick, oozy mud”. Have your child dip fingers into some brown tempera paint and finger paint mud on the map. Sprinkled some sand and/or dry dirt onto the wet paint to really make it look muddy! (Note: if your child has sensitivity to touching paint, have them use a brush or a cotton ball to dap the paint).





5. The “big, dark forest”. Use mini popsicle sticks and/or twigs and green triangle construction paper to make the forest. Note: you can guide your child by drawing a visual of where each stick needs to be glued and each green triangle.
6. The “swirling, whirling snowstorm”. Have your child pull apart the cotton balls and glue them down as snow. Assist with drawing snowflakes with the gray glitter or have your child make snowflake dots with the glue.
7. The last section of the map is the “narrow, gloomy cave”. We cut out our caves from brown construction paper and cut a door into the caves that can open and close. We cut out the bears from our free printable (which you can find at the end of the post) and glued them inside of our caves.



8. Lastly, use a black marker to create a path on the map.

Here is the map a child made.





# Dramatic Play: Bringing the Story to Life

You have listen to We're Going on a Bear Hunt story and song with your child. After your child becomes familiar with the story and acting it out with the book, take your map and binoculars outside and go on a pretend bear hunt outside.



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