

Make a Map

Take a bird's eye view of our beautiful world

What you need:

A large piece of paper or cardboard
Pencils or other drawing tools

Something extra:

Try mapping an outdoor space, like your garden.
...or draw a map of an imaginary place!

Let's start mapping!

PREPARE

Go to the area you want to map. Let's start with a small space – like your bedroom.

Set the borders of your map: Your bedroom walls.

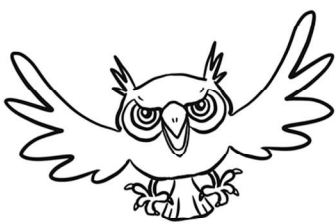
WHERE'S NORTH?

The sun will tell you! It rises in the east and sets in the west. In Australia, it travels towards north during the day.

Find north and mark it with an arrow on the side of your page.

OBSERVE AND RECORD

Stand in the centre of the space. Imagine you're a bird looking down from above. What do you see?



Start by marking the things that are closest to you onto your map.

Turn around slowly and draw the details you see. In your bedroom this will be things like the door, window, bed, desk etc

Add the details in their correct position! To help you do this, make sure your map always faces the right way as you turn – with the north arrow pointing north.

Walk in larger and larger circles to capture all the important landmarks and details – until you reach the borders of your map.



X MARKS THE SPOT!

Hide something small in your room. Mark where it's hidden on your map.

Give the map to someone else. Can they find the hidden item?

