

Helium Arts

CREATIVITY CHANGES LIVES



# Ahoy! Treasure Awaits!

FOR CHILDREN AGED 6-8 YEARS



# OVERVIEW

## ACTIVITY

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## DESCRIPTION

Video + Instructions

## MATERIALS

Barry's/ Lyons Tea/  
Herbal tea box (empty!)  
Coloured Paper  
Markers/ Colouring  
Pencils/ Crayons  
Glue  
Paint Brushes (optional)  
White paint (optional)

# FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

Ahoy there parents! Get ready for some Pirate fun with this quick craft, that hides away lots of extended activities and fun for the whole family. This activity uses your average cardboard tea box, and transforms it into a treasure chest, great for hiding away special treasures and cool 'finds' also great for imaginative adventures upon the high seas! But remember, Pirates can be very sneaky and greedy, so don't go trying to steal their treasure once they've made it, or you could end up walking the plank!

If you need any help or inspiration just watch the short StopMotion Video the artist has created to go along with this creative activity.

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

Make gold coins, jewels, and treasure to hide in your box.

Play a treasure hunting game with your family by hiding the treasure box with prizes inside, and then give each participant a map starting from a different location in your home, first one to find it, wins!

Make a Pirate outfit from recycled materials and make pretend high seas voyages with your treasure box, be sure to make anyone walk the plank if they try to get their hands on your treasure! Don't forget to talk like a Pirate too!

Pirates had lots of Behaviour Codes and Superstitions, make a list of your own.

Make a boat to carry you and your treasure upon the high seas (big boxes work great for this!)

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARENTS:



## Step 1:

Set up a work area, somewhere flat with space that you can use paint or cut paper, a kitchen table or open floor space.



## Step 2:

Take the plastic off your tea box, and brush out any tea dust into a bin or sink.



## Step 3:

Cover your box. If you're using paint this part can be a little messy and take longer, but has great results. If you're using paper you can trace the sides onto the paper and cut out many colours, or you can wrap it like a present, and then cut open the top again (see 3rd image)



## Step 4:

Let it dry, paint can take up to 15min in a well ventilated space, but paper will be ready straight away, but make sure it can still open and close!



## Step 5:

Dry? Ready to go? Make and stick on decorations. We suggest very pirate-y ones: swords, parrots, skulls, boats, and gems!



## Step 6:

Don't forget to send the artist Chelsea your version! [chelsea@helium.ie](mailto:chelsea@helium.ie)



# MATERIALS

## SAME FOR BOTH PARENTS AND CHILDREN



A box with a lid (empty)

(ex: Barry's/  
Lyons Tea/  
Hebal tea box/  
Nutri Grain Box)



Glue



White paper and Coloured Paper



Markers,  
Coloured  
Pencils  
or Crayons



Scissors



Paint Brushes  
(optional)



White  
paint/  
primer  
(optional)

# CHILDREN'S INSTRUCTIONS:

## Step 1:

Set-up your work space.



## Step 2:

Take the plastic off.



## Step 3:

Paint or Cover your box. Have your parent or guardian help you if you need it.



#### Step 4:

Painted? Let it dry.  
Then on to step 5.



#### Step 5:

Decorate.



#### Step 6:

Share. These are from  
the artist's own stash!





# VIDEO INSTRUCTIONS:

