

STEM

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Mapping

Recommended Age: 48–52 Months

STEM concepts: Science (physical science), Technology (simple tools), Engineering (engineering), Math (spacial recognition)

Materials: a large piece of paper, pencils and markers,

What to do: After looking at maps together and talking about how they work, grab some paper and work with your child to draw maps of places you both know well. Start with rooms in your home. Use simple shapes to draw and label objects such as furniture.

Language and Communication: Talk about the importance of landmarks to help find our way. Talk about how we know where to walk in the dark because we know where our furniture is.

Expand the Activity: Take a walk around the block together, looking for landmarks to include in a neighborhood map. Draw a map of the local playground or a favorite park. It is also helpful to bring these things to your child's attention in case they ever need to find their way because they were separated from you.

