

🌸 Treasure hunt

Treasure hunts are loads of fun and there are lots of ways to do them. Here's a simple one to try with a group. You could ask an adult to do the clues or do them yourself for friends or family to find. It's easy in a big garden but if you don't have much space you just need to be creative! You can put some clues indoors as well.

Stuff you need

- Some treasure (edible treasure is good such as a bag of sweets – make sure it's waterproof)
- Two pieces of plain or lined paper
 - Scissors
 - A pen

Get started

1 On a piece of paper write the heading 'Answers' and put the numbers 1-6 down the left hand side.

2 Go around the garden spotting good places to hide clues and, most important of all, somewhere to hide the treasure.

3 Hide the treasure first – it should be under an object or inside something or behind something. Write down where you have hidden it next to number 6 on the paper.

4 Write down five other places where you are going to hide clues. Again they should be near, in or under something that you can write down. Put these five on the list.

5 To make the clues cut another piece of paper in half then cut each half into three so you have six clues. Number these 1 to 6.

6 Write clue 1: this will lead to hiding place number 1. If hiding place 1 is, for example, behind the shed, the clue might say, "Look by a place which rhymes with bed" or "Rearrange HEDS to find this place". Do not hide clue 1 - this will be given to the searchers. The thing hidden in place 1 will be clue 2!

7 Do this for the other clues: each clue leads to the next clue and clue 6 leads to the treasure. Here are some other examples of hiding places and clues:

- ✿ Greenhouse ("hot home of tomatoes" or "You'll find this under glass")
- ✿ Bird table ("Where sparrows feast" or "this table has no chairs but who cares?")
- ✿ Hanging basket ("swinging home of the highest flowers" or "No shopping in this basket")
- ✿ Garden bench ("somewhere for a rest?" or "rearrange teas" [seat])
- ✿ Compost heap ("burial place of dead grass" or "hot pongy pile").

8 When it's all ready hand over clue 1 to the searchers and watch them scurry about!