

Witching Adventures



Ready to explore the world of witchcraft?

Join us as we discover magical traditions, fascinating folklore, the symbolism of crystals, astrology and more on this spellbinding adventure!

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Meet the FAMILY

Hi there! We're Charlotte & Jamie, the husband and wife team behind the Pawprint Family and we believe in #AdventureForAll.

It's our mission to help leaders, teachers and parents save time by providing ideas and opportunities to help them deliver everyday adventure and skills for life. We do this through our family of brands; find out more below and head to the website for your next adventure!



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Every brand in the Pawprint Family supports the Pawprint Trust with a percentage of profits from every sale providing grants to young people. We're passionate about enabling young people to access life changing adventures.

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Craft

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-  Create your own set of tarot-inspired cards, complete with characters, creatures and symbols.
-  Collect leaves, flowers, twigs and other natural materials to create an enchanted nature collage or dip them in paint to make your own nature prints. Experiment with different textures to see what patterns they create.
-  Have a go at making your own purple borax crystals in a jam jar.

How?

Twist some purple pipe cleaners together into a small squiggly shape. This will form the base for your crystal to grow from. Tie the pipe cleaners onto a skewer or piece of cutlery so they can hang freely inside the jar. Fill your jar with boiling water, just past where the pipe cleaners hang, then add a little borax at a time until it stops dissolving and the water is white. Stir in a few drops of purple food colouring before dipping the pipe cleaners in. Rest the skewer on top of the jar so the pipe cleaners hang freely, then cover the jar and leave to soak for 12-24 hours while the crystals grow.

-  Put together your own spell book.
-  Research symbols associated with witchcraft and paint some of your favourite onto stones.
-  Black cats have been associated with witchcraft and magic in European folklore for hundreds of years, often appearing as mysterious companions to witches in stories. Draw a picture of a black cat.
-  Choose one of the 12 zodiac signs and make an animal puppet or mask inspired by its symbol.
-  Mix up your own magical potions.

How?

Fill a small craft jar or recycled plastic bottle halfway with water. Add a few drops liquid food colouring, followed by glitter and sequins of your choice. Carefully top up the container with cooking oil, secure the lid tightly and give it a good shake to create your magical potion! Why not try with different colours and combinations to create a whole collection of potions? Remember to make sure the container is tightly sealed and don't drink your potions!

-  Use air-dry clay to make a candle holder. Why not decorate it with stars, moons, or magical symbols?



Food

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- Try your hand at potions and mix up your own mocktails using fruit juices, soda water, edible glitter and liquid food colouring.
- Use chocolate sandwich biscuits to recreate the phases of the moon.
- Plants and herbs have been used in traditional remedies and folklore for hundreds of years. Grow your own herbs and use them in a tasty recipe of your choice.

Here's an idea!

Why not have a go at making your own herbal teas using fresh mint, rosemary or another edible herb?

- Bake and decorate rectangular biscuits to create your own set of tarot-inspired cards. What magical characters, creatures or symbols will you include?
- Use apple slices to make a pentacle symbol.

What?

The pentacle is related to witchcraft and is a five-pointed star surrounded by a circle. It represents the five elements (earth, air, fire, water and spirit) and is believed to represent unity, wholeness and protection.

- Make some toadstool treats by putting strawberries and marshmallows on a cocktail stick. Add little dots using melted white chocolate or icing.
- Create an edible enchanted forest using fruit, biscuits, chocolate and other tasty treats. Include toadstools, herbs, ravens and other magical creatures.
- Salt is a crystal! Bake something that includes salt, such as salted caramel cupcakes, brownies or a sea salt focaccia.

Why?

Crystals have been part of magical traditions for many years, with different stones believed to have different powers and meanings.

- Mix bicarbonate of soda, vinegar and food colouring in a bowl or cauldron to create a bubbling magical brew. Watch closely as your potion bubbles, fizzes and comes to life. Dream up a magical name and decide what mysterious powers it would have.



Games

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- ⬠ Mushrooms and toadstools have featured in folklore and magical stories for centuries. Go on a woodland mushroom hunt and see how many different types you can spot. Remember never to touch or eat wild mushrooms - simply observe them from a safe distance!
- ⬠ Use our free Moon Phase Snap cards to have a game with a friend or family member.
- ⬠ Take part in a potion ingredient hunt.

How?

Hide cards showing herbs, crystals, berries, feathers and other magical ingredients. Each player should be given a potion recipe and then be set off to collect everything they need. The first person to find all of the ingredients for their potion recipe is the winner.

- ⬠ Turn a bucket or large bowl into a cauldron. Throw 'ingredients' such as beanbags, balls or crumpled up paper into it to score points. The further away the player is from the 'cauldron' the more points they earn.
- ⬠ How many herbs can you guess from their smell whilst blindfolded? Try mint, rosemary, lavender, sage and thyme.

Did you know?

In modern witchcraft, different herbs are often associated with particular qualities. For example, lavender is commonly linked with peace and calm, rosemary with protection and purification, and thyme with courage and strength. Why not research more herbs and discover the meanings and associations behind them?

- ⬠ Use the cards you made in your Craft challenge to play a tarot story game. Each player picks three cards and has to create a story using all three.
- ⬠ Gather around a bonfire or hearth fire and play some traditional games. Fire has an important place in many Pagan traditions, and Brigid is honoured by many Pagans as a goddess associated with the hearth, home and fire.

How?

Remember safety first when near fire. There are lots of games you can safely play around a fire. Check out the Campfire Challenge for some ideas!

- ⬠ Reach for the stars! Hang stars on string from your ceiling for a friend or family member to reach for. How many can they catch?



Other

- Discover what different crystals represent and display your findings in a fun and creative way. Which crystal do you find most interesting?
- Read a book about witches such as *What Witches Wear* by Andrea Stein and Taylor Barron, *Sunday The Sea Witch* by Andrea Stein and Cayce Matteoli or *Hedgewitch* by Skye Mckenna.
- Research the 12 zodiac signs and discover the symbols and meanings associated with each one.
- Visit a museum or historical site connected to the history of witchcraft.
- Discover some facts about modern witchcraft. How is it practiced today and how has it been influenced by older traditions, folklore and nature?
- Study the stars and learn about astronomy.

Here's an idea!

Why not head outside on a clear night and try stargazing?

- Come up with your own magical charms or spells.
- Watch a film that features a witch character such as *Room on the Broom*, *Hocus Pocus* or *Twitches*.
- Take a trip to a botanical garden and see how many different herbs and plants you can identify.
- Keep track of the moon throughout the year using the free moon diary on our website. Record what the moon looks like each day and see if any patterns emerge.
- Find out some facts about the Salem Witch Trials.
- Plan and host a witchcraft inspired party.
- The pentacle is an important and common symbol in modern witchcraft and represents the five elements. Watch the 2023 Pixar film *Elemental* (rated PG) to discover more about these elements.
- Put together your own witchcraft inspired playlist featuring songs that remind you of magic, nature, the moon or the night sky.

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