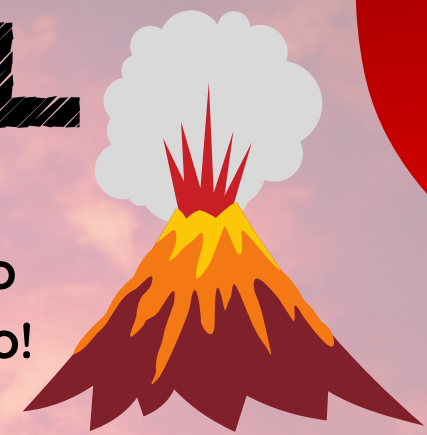


LAVA POOL

Aim: To cross the Lava Pool safely!
Step sure-footedly from rock to rock or you'll fall into the molten lava between... and BANG goes the volcano!



First, set up...

- 1 Find 1 or more adventurers to play the game with, they can be adults or children.
- 2 Mark out your Lava Pool on the floor, either inside your home or out in the garden (either way, make sure it is safe and open space). You need to mark out a grid that is 6 squares by 6 squares. You could mark out the grid pattern using something like string or rope, chalk or masking tape, or even rolled up tea towels or sheets. Or, you could mark out the squares of your grid, using cushions and towels, pieces of paper or kitchen roll.

3 Next, every adventurer needs to draw a blank lava map. This is a grid that's 6 squares by 6 squares, like your Lava Pool on the floor, drawn on a piece of paper.

4 Write start at one side and finish on the opposite side of your lava map. Without anyone else seeing, draw a 'safe' route through the pool by adding crosses in certain squares where a rock will be. The crosses must make a route from start to finish that only involves going forward, backwards, left or right. No diagonals!



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Top Tip: Draw your crosses in pencil so you can reuse your lava map!

Good luck!

You could up the challenge level by allowing diagonals on the lava map!

Please turn over...



Now, let the games begin!

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secret!



- 1 You will need to take it in turns. 1 adventurer is the map holder (using the map they've drawn) and everyone else will be the intrepid volcano adventure team.
- 2 The map holder will hold their map so that no one else can see it. Their job is going to be to let the volcano adventurer know whether they've chosen a safe space and they're standing on a rock (with a cross on it on the map) by saying nothing, or if they've chosen an unsafe space (without a cross on it) and fallen into the molten lava by making a BANG noise as the volcano erupts.
- 3 The adventurer goes to the start side and chooses a square from the first row to begin their journey across the Lava Pool. If that space is not a safe one, the map holder will shout BANG and the adventurer cannot proceed further, they must return to the start to begin again, (and join the back of the queue if there is more than 1 adventurer). If that space is safe then the adventurer may continue to choose another space.
- 4 The challenge is complete when the adventurer successfully reaches the finish side. If you're working as a team of adventurers, only one person from the team is allowed on the Lava Pool at a time, and the challenge is complete when the whole team has safely crossed the lava to the finish.

BANG!



- 5 Once you've made it to the finish, swap over so there's a new map holder, reverse roles and play again.

You can do it!



Don't forget to wash your hands after playing!

