

## Treasure Island Dig & Play Kit

### Warning:

**Choking Hazard – Small parts.**

**Not for Children under 3 years.**

### A. SAFETY MESSAGES

1. Please read through these instructions before you start.
2. Adult assistance and supervision is required.
3. The dug out plaster dust may irritate the eyes, nose and throat. Handle with care. Adult supervision is required. Do not place the material in the mouth or apply it to the body. Avoid contact with the eyes and inhalation of the dust. In case of eyes contact, flush with water and consult your physician if discomfort persists. During the digging process, periodically remove the dust with the brush. Do not blow them over. Use a water spray bottle to dampen the dust as this will cause them to cling on the work surface. (Attention: wet plaster may stain. Wear an apron or working clothes.) Protective goggle or face mask may be worn for further protection during digging.
4. This kit and its finished product contain small parts which may cause choking if misused. Keep away from children under 3 years old.

### B. OTHER REMARKS

1. Always work on a solid, level surface. We recommend that you cover the work surface with newspaper to protect the working surface and aid in clean-up.
2. Wear a smock or old clothes. Plaster may stain some clothing. Use laundry detergent on soiled clothing and wash separately.
3. Dispose of plaster in the trash. Do not put the plaster powder down the sink or bathtub drains as this may result in a clog.

**Note:** The digging process has to be done with patience. The whole process may take a few hours or days to complete. That is the essence of the digging fun. If you would like to quicken the digging process, you may spray some water on it or even submerge the whole block into a sink of water for a minute before digging. This will soften the plaster. However, this may undermine the digging fun intended. Also be aware that wet plaster may stain.

### C. CONTENTS

1 plaster block with a set of treasure chest, treasures, game checkers, a dice, a treasure game sheet (size: 40 x 50 cm), a special digging tool, a brush, and detailed instructions with fun facts.

### D. INSTRUCTIONS

1. Gently scrape away the edge of the plaster with the flat side of the digging tool.
2. When you see a treasure showing through the plaster, dig the plaster with care. To avoid damage, you must dig away all the plaster around the treasure before removing it.
3. Dust off the remaining plaster from the treasure with the brush.
4. Clean off the leftover dust on the treasure with cloth.
5. The checkers for the game are also buried in the plaster block. Dig them out, follow the rules and start your pirate adventure game with your friends. You could also put the dug out treasure at the game's destination to make the prize of the game. Enjoy!

#### **E. PIRATE FACTS**

- Pirates were also called buccaneers, corsairs, privateers, sea rovers, freebooters and filibusters.
- One of the most famous pirates ever was Edward Teach, or Blackbeard. To make himself look more terrifying, he wore plaits in his beard and hair to look like snakes...and twisted smoking ropes into the plaits.
- Pirates' loot included coins and jewellery stolen from Spanish treasure ships. But they also stole other things they could sell, such as cloth, cattle, sugar and slaves.
- A pirate flag was called a 'Jolly Roger'. It was black with a white skull and crossbones. Every pirate crew had its own flag design. Calico Jack exchanged the crossbones for a pair of curved cutlasses.
- Some pirates flew a friendly flag first and waited until a treasure ship came close. Then they suddenly switched to a pirate flag and launched an attack.
- Pirates had to obey a strict set of rules called 'The Pirates Articles'. They included rules like no fighting on board ship and lights out by eight o'clock every night.
- Women were banned from pirate ships. So brave Anne Bonny and Mary Reid disguised themselves as men. They became two of the most feared pirates ever.
- There were tough punishments for pirates who broke the rules. One horrible fate was keel-hauling. As it sailed, a ship's 'keel' or bottom became covered in a sharp crust of barnacles. The unfortunate pirate was dragged across it...and ended up being torn to shreds.
- If a pirate said, 'Shiver me timbers!', it meant he had had a surprise. The phrase came from a ship's masts ('timbers') which were shaken ('shivered') when a cannon hit them.
- When pirates buried treasure, they sometimes buried a dead prisoner alongside the treasure chest. That way, the prisoner's ghost could guard the treasure.

#### **F. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS**

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