

## O Twister

This activity was put together as a way of teaching / consolidating junior orienteers knowledge of o map symbols. The choice of map symbols used was dictated by what they would need to know to be able to complete White or Yellow courses. So, during construction, the focus was primarily on linear features such as paths, roads and streams. However, to make the map more visually interesting, and the game more challenging, other map symbols have also been added. The ones chosen represent the features which are fairly typical of the map symbols found on many of Solway Orienteers maps and may not be typical of what other clubs have on their maps, therefore I would urge anyone who is planning to draw their own Twister map to have a quick review of what map symbols would be appropriate for their area.

When drawing the map you need to pay attention to the distribution of map symbols and it may take a little refining through trial & error. Be prepared for the process to take longer than you expect!

### Materials

The map is drawn on a double bed sheet which I was lucky enough to find in a second hand shop

### Pens

Initially I used a set of pens designed for decorating t-shirts but when they ran out of ink I switched to Sharpies and permanent markers. As yet I haven't had cause to wash the map so I don't know if there is any difference in how wash resistant the different pens will be. Whatever option you choose make sure you have several pens in each shade / colour as you will use up the ink surprisingly quickly. You will find that some pens are wetter than others so test them on a bit of scrap material before using on your masterpiece.



Twister cards.

I printed mine out and backed them with thin yellow paper (to make them easy to identify), cut them out and then laminated them. This makes it intensive on the cutting but as I reckoned I was only going to do it once it was worth the effort.

I have included one sheet which has no map symbols on so you can personalise your O Twister set.

There is also a set of rules which I liberated from the Internet.

Feel free to adjust and adapt this idea to suit your situation.





