These are "X marks the spot" treasure maps!

To create these maps the kids used wax crayons on card stock paper to draw out their map. To start we drew a big red X on each piece of paper. We encouraged the kids to generate some ideas about what you might see outside so our maps ended up with lots of houses, cars, and trees. Once they had drawn out a trail to follow we took the maps and scrunched them up - this was hilarious as the kids didn't know what to expect and gave a look of "oh my gosh, this lady is ruining my craft." To add the finishing touches we opened up our now wrinkled paper and used some orange pekoe tea bags that had been soaking in warm water to dab or rub over the entire piece of paper to give it that weathered look. Some of the kids were a little hard on the tea bags and ripped them, we learned that this made it look like there was dirt on the map so we left it there because it just looked too good.