

iWiRe DIY (ACTUAL) ESCAPE ROOM: ESCAPE ROOM INSTRUCTIONS

1. Estimate the number of participants for your iWitnessed → iRemember event. Ideally, there would not be more than 12 participants in any single actual Escape Room.
2. Once you know how many Escape Rooms you may need, identify the Rooms you intend to transform into an actual Escape Room. Any room with a door can work. However, as participants can be messy in their searching, it might be a good idea to make areas of the room “off limits” or limit the amount of non-Escape Room stuff in the Room.
3. iWiRe typically uses at least one table and one bookshelf (or smaller table), if possible, in order to hide clues on different levels and throughout the Room.
4. Don't hide all the clues or items in the same area to avoid crowding by participants.
5. Confirm you have all the items on the list before starting to hide. If you are using the downloadable Enigma app from the iWiRe website, then all Officers should DOWNLOAD that Enigma app to their smartphones/devices.
6. Stock/decorate the Room, including various items in which to hide the clues. If you want the room to feel more like an old stone house or shed in Belgium in the 1940s, you may want to limit your props in the room to non-distinct glass, cloth, wood or metal items, such as (non dangerous) garden tools, (non-synthetic) linens, etc. Among other brands, the following consumer products should have been possible to find in Belgium in the 1940s: green-glass Coke bottles; Ivory soap; Quaker Oats cardboard containers; Ovaltine containers; Kleenex tissues; Brillo steel pads. (You may want to avoid plastic items as consumer plastic items were not yet common until after WWII.)
7. Hide the items, and remember where you put each item or note its location on the list. The below table shows where I hide the item in my escape rooms, and suggests locations for your Escape Room, but any hiding place in the Room should be fine.
8. If time permits, you may want to ask your Officers to see if they can find all the clues in a Room in a reasonably timely matter (10-15 minutes).

DIY Escape Room - ER INSTRUCTIONS & EQUIPMENT LIST

DIY ESCAPE ROOM: EQUIPMENT LIST & POTENTIAL HIDING PLACES

EQUIPMENT (if bolded, HIDE; if italicized, PRINT from iWiRe site)	POTENTIAL LOCATIONS/HIDING PLACES (below are suggestions; any place in room is OK)
<i>Enigma Message (App)</i>	Trash can (when unencrypted, message SHOULD read: "Auf dem compass, panzer lag bei stein-haus: 50° 15' 1" N Grad Nordlich, 5° 12' 0" Grad Ost")
<i>German Message 1 (time)</i> (change # of minutes, if needed)	Amid sheets of blank typing paper (when translated, message reads: "Lead 45-minute infantry patrols until dawn")
<i>German Message 2 (Dinant)</i>	Message rolled in yarn or twine (when translated, reads "Tanks drive to Dinant. Cross river. Immediately.")
<i>Local Map (print and cut into four puzzle-like pieces)</i> (NOTE: You may need to go over town names & coordinates with Black Ink if not legible after printing)	1) Piece with correct coordinates for current location in a key-locked box (if no lockbox available, hide anywhere) 2) In old man's black "dress" shoe or hiking boot 3) Under ceramic bowl 4) in mostly empty Quaker Oats container - taped to top
<i>Enigma App</i>	Download Enigma app
Key for Locked Box	Taped under something (candlestick) or in modeling clay
Lockbox or Box able to be closed with simple key lock	In paper bag or burlap sack (or pillowcase)
<i>Enigma Clue Calendar (App)</i>	Under mat OR folded as paper airplane
Small ceramic bowl & coffee mug	On small table
Hiking Boot/Men's Old Dress Shoe	On floor
Empty glass (milk) bottle	On floor
Wire (or wooden or metal) trash can & crumpled paper	By small table
Mat	On floor by door
Quaker Oats container	On table (other glass, cardboard or metal container is fine)
Candles, candlesticks, twine/yarn, magnifying glass, deck of cards, etc.	anywhere
Paper bag or Sack	On floor