THE RED THREAD

Printing your map

Your map is ready to print today. Take it to a print shop near you and it can be on your wall tomorrow: no shipping, no waiting for the mail.

YOUR FILES

The JPG	Your map, for any print shop. One file for every size.
The PDF	The same map, for print shops that ask for a PDF.

Both are made for 18×24 inches at 300 DPI, so they print sharp at that size or any smaller one with the same shape: 9×12 in for a small frame, 12×16 in for a hallway or desk, 18×24 in above a bed or sofa (30×40, 45×60 or 60×80 cm).

WHERE TO PRINT

Your local print shop is easiest. Upload the file on their website, or bring it on your phone or a USB stick, and pick it up the same day or the next. Photo centres, drugstore photo counters and copy shops all print posters.

In the US: Walgreens, CVS, Walmart Photo, Staples or FedEx Office.

Anywhere else: any photo shop, drugstore photo station or copy shop near you does the same.

For the finest paper: an online photo lab prints on fine-art paper and ships in a few days.

THREE THINGS TO ASK FOR

- **Matte paper**, not glossy. It makes the drawings look like ink on paper.
- **The same shape:** one of the sizes above. If the shop only has other sizes (like 8×10 in or 50×70 cm), ask them to **fit the print, not crop it**, so nothing at the edges is cut off.
- **One last look** at every name and date before you order.

A thin wood or black frame with a white mat looks best. Hang it at eye level, or about 8–10 inches (20–25 cm) above a bed or sofa.