



Globe Trekkers

How to Use Your Globe Trekkers Pins

A quick-start guide to your push pins, flag pins,
metallic pins, and color-in globe markers

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Welcome aboard.

Your Globe Trekkers cork globe didn't just come with a map — it came with a full box of pins, and it's easy to end up with all of them sitting in a drawer because it's not obvious where to start. This guide gives you simple, ready-to-use systems for every pin type in the box, so your globe starts filling up with your actual story instead of staying blank on a shelf.

There's no single "correct" way to pin a globe. Pick one system below, mix two, or invent your own — the goal is just to get pins on the map.

Meet Your Pins

Every Globe Trekkers globe includes four pin types. Here's what's in the box and what each one is best used for.

Pin Type	What's Included	Best Used For
Multicolor Push Pins	100 pins — red, blue, yellow, green, white	Everyday markers: cities visited, layovers, or trips by year
Metallic Pins	50 pins — gold, silver, copper	Milestones: first trip abroad, 10th country, a bucket-list destination
Country Flag Pins	100 gold-rimmed emblem pins with real flags	One per country you've checked off your travel list
Flag-Shaped Pins	25 banner pins — blue, red, green, yellow	Family or group systems: one color per traveler, or "been" vs. "want to go"



Three Ways to Pin Your Globe

Choose the system that matches how you travel — or blend elements from each.

1. The Solo Traveler System

- **Multicolor pins** for every city or country you've visited.
- **White pins** for a "want to go next" wish list, so your goals live on the globe too.
- **One flag pin** per country, placed next to your city pin, for an at-a-glance country count.

2. The Couple / Travel-Partner System

- Assign each person a pin color — for example, **blue for you, red for your partner**.
- Trips you've taken together get **both colors side-by-side**, or a shared **flag-shaped pin**.
- Great as a visual of both your individual travel histories and your shared one.

3. The Family System

- Give each family member a **flag-shaped pin color** (25 included, 4 colors) as their personal marker.
- Let kids pin their own trips — it's a hands-on way to make geography stick.
- Reserve **metallic pins** for family milestones everyone traveled to together.



Using the Metallic Pins as Milestones

The 50 gold, silver, and copper pins are meant to stand out from the rest of the map — save them for moments worth marking, not routine trips. A few ideas:

- **Gold** — your first trip to a new continent.
- **Silver** — every 10th country you visit.
- **Copper** — a special or once-in-a-lifetime destination (honeymoon, milestone birthday, bucket-list trip).

Using the Color-In Globe & Markers

If you have the color-in cork globe, it ships blank with a set of five markers (red, yellow, blue, black, green) instead of a printed map finish. Two simple approaches:

- **Color as you go** — shade in a country or region only after you've actually been there, so the color fill becomes its own travel record.
- **Color by category** — pick one marker color per trip type (family trips, work travel, solo adventures) and shade lightly, then add pins on top for specific cities.

Tip: color in lightly first — cork takes marker well, and you can always go over an area again, but it's hard to lighten.

Caring for Your Globe & Pins

- Keep the globe out of direct sunlight and away from damp areas — cork can fade or warp over time.
- Dust with a dry, soft cloth. Avoid liquid cleaners on the cork surface.
- Store spare pins in their original box or a small dish so they don't scatter.



Quick Reference Cheat Sheet

If you want to track...	Use...
Cities or countries visited	Multicolor push pins
A wish list / bucket list	White push pins
Countries officially "checked off"	Country flag pins
A major personal milestone	Gold, silver, or copper pins
Each family member's trips	Flag-shaped pins (one color per person)
Regions explored (color-in globe)	Included color-in markers

Want a place to write the stories behind every pin?

The Globe Trekkers Travel Journal is the companion piece to your globe — trip-planning pages, a spot to log every country you pin, and room for photos and notes. Available printed or as an instant digital download.

Find both versions at globetreckers.info

Happy pinning — and happy travels.
— The Globe Trekkers Team