



Spilhaus World Ocean Map in a Square

This water centric map helps shift our perspective. While water is usually sidelined in maps, the ocean makes up about 71 percent of the Earth's surface. Water holds 99 percent of all habitable space in the world, though humans have only explored 5 percent of the ocean. The Spilhaus World Ocean Map in a Square invites us to see the world's oceans as a single body of water and a connected system. The added bathymetric layer shows current measurements and estimations of all the oceans' hills, plateaus, valleys, ridges and canyons.

The Spilhaus World Ocean Map used in this project is originally based on a map projection by Athelstan F. Spilhaus, a South African-American geophysicist and oceanographer. The bathymetric layer is based on geologist and oceanographer Marie Tharp's groundbreaking work in global seabed mapping.

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