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before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Earth's Moon [Laminated] (National Geographic Reference Map):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good Map, but needs four more views of the Moon  
By Allan Jenks  
This is a very beautiful and informative map of the moon. However, it's listed as a 2016 edition, and this edition does not have the "Lunar Incognita" updated. (That's the section in the extreme south-western portion, mostly on the far-side, with some of it overlapping into the near side, that does not have much detail in it.) This area has been photographed. Also, in the crater Hirayama (just into the far side, but still in the libration zones visible from earth) the large crater in the north of it (Hirayama Y) has recently been named "Tolstoy," in honor of the Russian novelist. This brings me to the libration zones. It's good that they have them dashed on the far side map. This lets us know what craters may be visible from the earth during favorable librations. But they really ought to dash the near side with the libration zones, to indicate what craters and features are NOT visible during unfavorable librations. However, this map just does not provide enough views of the Moon. It has the near side and the far side, but the eastern and western, as well as the northern and southern edges are always foreshortened. It would be great if National Geographic made four (4) more views of the Moon: one for the eastern hemisphere (with Mare Marginis, and Mare Smythii toward the center of view), and the 0-degree meridian on its left edge and the 180-degree on its right edge; one for the western hemisphere (with Mare Orientale in the center of view), and the 0-degree meridian on its right edge and the 180-degree meridian on its left edge; one for the northern hemisphere, with the north pole in its center and the equator on its edge; and one for the southern hemisphere, with the south pole in its center and the equator around its edge. There would also have to be the markings for the libration zones. This would make for three maps, each with two views of the Moon, but I think it would give a complete picture of the Moon without the inconvenience of a globe.  
0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A good gift for my brother  
By Arthur Daigle  
My brother asked for this poster and two others for his birthday present. The posters are from National Geographic and are the high quality you would expect from them. He is greatly pleased with all three posters and is having them framed to hang in his room.  
0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars  
By ebstrat  
Great map, well packaged. Love it

National Geographic's The Earth's Moon is like having an atlas and almanac in one. This incredibly informative wall map features detailed depictions of the entire surface of the moon with a selective index showing the named physical features. Diagrams show the moon's orbital paths, rotation around Earth, librations, how solar and lunar eclipses occur, and how the moon affects Earth's tides. The phases of the moon are detailed along with the features visible in each phase. Craters, mountain ranges, highlands, seas, rays, and other physical features are described, as are the moon's physical properties, moon lore, and more. Comparisons to the moons of other planets in our solar system and information on the Apollo Missions is included as well. This map is both an attractive object of art and a handy reference tool for anyone interested in astronomy. The map is encapsulated in heavy-duty 1.6 mil laminate which makes the paper much more durable and resistant to the swelling and shrinking caused by changes in humidity. Laminated maps can be framed without the need for glass, so the frames can be much lighter and less expensive. Sheet Size = 42.5" x 28.5"

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