

## **Easy Earth-Friendly Crafts in 5 Simple Steps**

### **Introduction:**

This teacher's guide helps teach young children how to create earth-friendly crafts by using five simple steps. Children will use their imaginations and artistic abilities to create numerous crafts that can be used throughout the curricula. The steps are clear and simple and can enable children to demonstrate and express their ideas in their own unique ways. By using a star system each activity is categorized by difficulty level. This way you can create the environment for a successful outcome for children of all levels and artistic abilities.

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### **Classroom Activities**

Activities for teaching the five curriculum areas: Reading/Language Arts; Math, Science; Social Studies; and the Arts, can be found in this teacher's guide.

### **Guided Reading Level: n/a**

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## Teacher's Guide

“Earth-friendly” refers to any good, service or law that is considered to inflict minimal or no harm to the environment. One approach to understanding earth-friendly needs is through the topic of global warming. Global warming is characterized as a continuing increase in global temperature. Scientific evidence suggests a dramatic rise in global temperature over the past fifty years. The upsurge has been cited in environmental impacts such as rising ocean levels and changing land use patterns..

Earth-friendly activities include learning ways to reduce the waste of natural resources.

Reusable products help decrease waste and therefore help maintain a cleaner environment. Having students practice the 3 R's-- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle--strengthens a sense of environmental responsibility. Consistent with the 3 R theme, suggest ways for students to use fewer grocery bags, less water and less electricity. You can also point out ways items that might be discarded could be used for something else. For example, old newspapers, magazines, cardboard and buttons can be repurposed to make great crafts.

Suggested websites:

<http://www.indianchild.com/ecofriendly/eco-friendly-products.htm>

Activities

**Safety Warning:**

Before any activity, make sure your students do not have any allergies to any of the items you might use. Discuss the proper use of scissors and how to carry them and use them safely. Make sure an adult supervises all activities to ensure the students' safety.

**Reading/Language Arts activity:** After teaching a lesson on adjectives, have children make the box cakes. After that, they can write a sensory chart labeling their five senses -- taste, touch, smell, sight, hearing. In another activity, tell them to imagine this was their birthday cake and the class was singing to them. Have them list 3 adjectives for each one of their senses then share with the class.

**Math activity:** The children can use the clock as a manipulative for a math lesson on time. Discuss the minute and hour hand. Have them demonstrate what time they wake up, what time they eat lunch/dinner, what time they go to bed.

**Science activity:** Have children come up with ways they can help the environment. Start a recycling project in the classroom. Have them come up with other ways they can help save our environment. Make a chart labeling the 3 R's Reduce, Recycle, Reuse. Brainstorm a list of all your ideas.

**Social Studies activity:** Do a lesson on map skills by finding the places on a map where a pig, camel, hippopotamus, and penguin may be found. What is the climate where each animal is found?? What types of habitats do they have? Find where you live on the map. What types of animals live there? Why can't certain animals live in your area?

**Art activity:** Have children make posters to hang throughout the school. They can come up with slogans to show the importance of recycling and keeping our earth clean. They can decorate and make pictures on their poster using earth friendly materials to show the importance of recycling.

Handout

3 R's

Reduce

1.

2.

3.

Recycle

1.

2.

3.

Reuse

1.

2.

3.