

**Grade: K - 2**

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Creating with recycled materials found in your home is always a great way for children to learn not just creativity but about recycling, re-using and taking care of our beautiful planet Earth, our home. Let's create a wonderful Earth!

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Suggested Read aloud and video:

I Can Save The Earth, by Alison Inches and Viviana Garofoli - Read aloud video: youtube video - copy and paste the following link ): <https://youtu.be/2Mkwhe6LOBo>

The Planet Earth: Astronomy and Space for Kids - Freeschool - youtube video - copy and paste the following link ): <https://youtu.be/IDhapt7nw4A>

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## Materials:

- White coffee filter
- Food coloring (all colors)
- White paper
- Black paper or cardboard
- Pencil
- Scissors
- A container with water
- Watercolor brush
- Glue stick
- Hair dryer to help dry the painted coffee filter (adult supervision required)



**Instructions:**

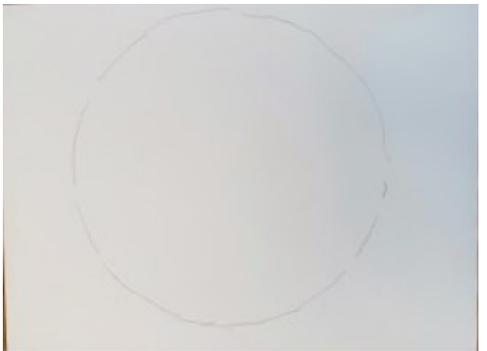
- Flatten one coffee filter (as much as you can) on top of the white paper.



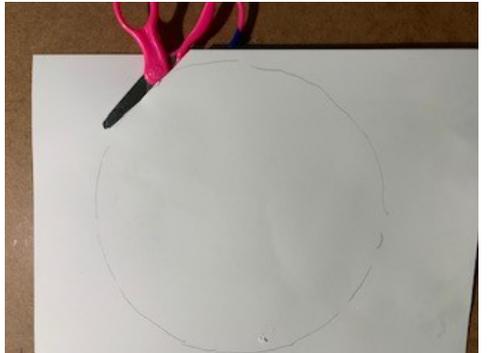
- With the pencil and using the coffee filter as a guide, draw the circular outline of the filter.



- Once you have drawn the circle, cut it with the scissors. Put the cut paper circle away for later use.



- In a small cup or container add one or two drops of blue food coloring. In another small container add some drops of green food coloring. Using the brush pick up some water from the water container and add to each color. You can also mix red and green together in another container to make brown; red and yellow in a fourth container to make orange. Now you are ready to paint!



**Instructions:**

- Place the flattened coffee filter on a dinner plate and start painting with the blue food coloring.



NOTE: I will be leaving some areas on top and bottom of the filter with no paint, just white, so it will look like the snow and ice in the cold icy north and south poles of our earth.



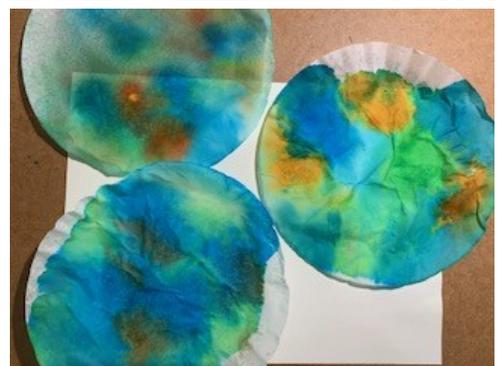
- Photo on the right shows that I already painted with brown and green.
- Paint all the way to the edge of the filter (except for the north and south poles which we are leaving unpainted).



- The painted filter on the right shows my filter as I finished painting it. In this filter I've added orange instead of brown.



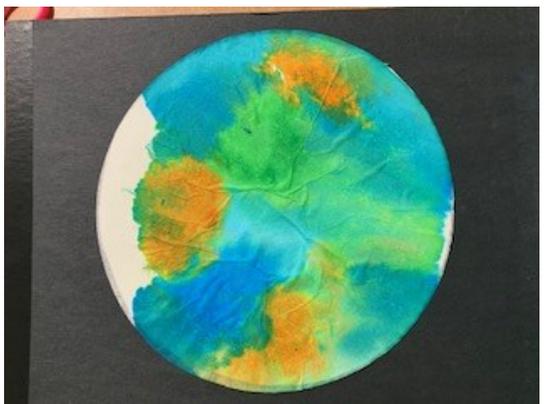
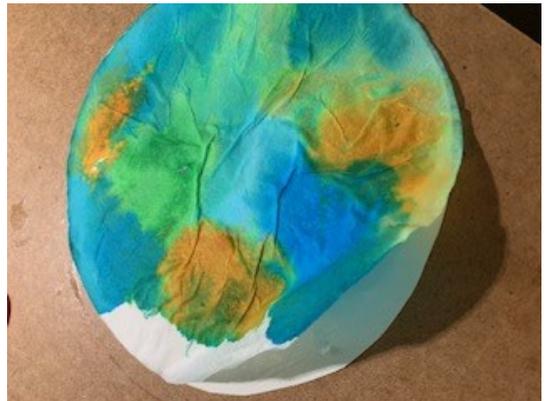
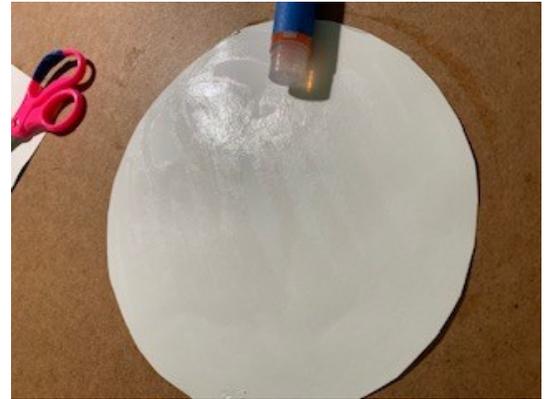
- I was having so much fun that I actually painted more than one filter! By painting more than one filter then you can choose the one you like the best.
- I chose the one on the far right, where I had used the orange food coloring.



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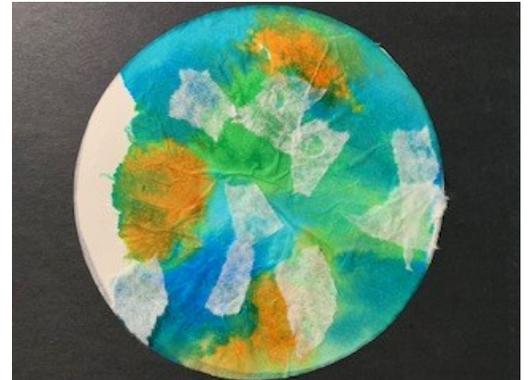
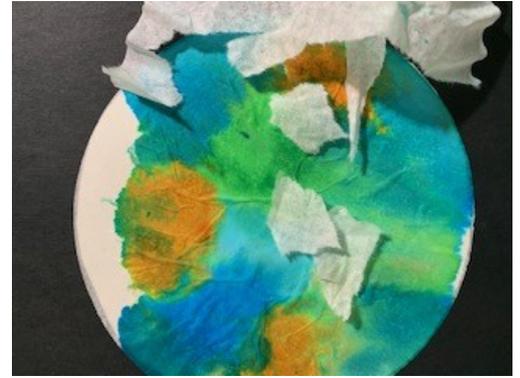
- With the glue stick, glue the back of the previously cut paper circle.
- Then glue the painted coffee filter of your choice on top of the paper circle.
- Now, with the glue stick, add glue to the back of the paper circle.
- And then glue the paper circle with the filter “earth” on to a black paper or cardboard.

NOTE: I save the cardboard backs of my sketch pads and I happened to have one that was black. But you can use colored paper, maybe dark blue or purple as well. It has to be dark, to make it look like outer space.



**Instructions:**

- I decided that my painted “earth” needed more white “clouds”, so I tore up another white coffee filter into little pieces and glued them on top to add the “clouds”.
- Now I have an earth with plenty of clouds!
- I used a white crayon to write a message as you can see in the photo. You can write whatever you want to write. Maybe even add a red or pink heart. Be creative!



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