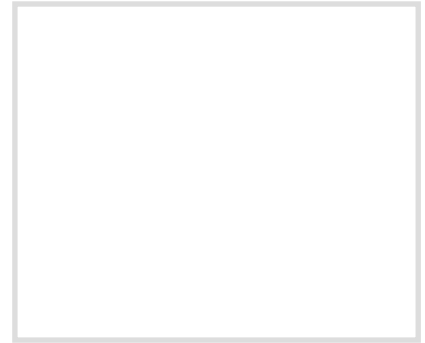




Get inspired by the Earth to create your own artwork!

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Access to outside, natural materials (sticks, rocks, grass, leaves, water, ice, spruce boughs, seed pods, sand, bark, etc.), a camera or phone



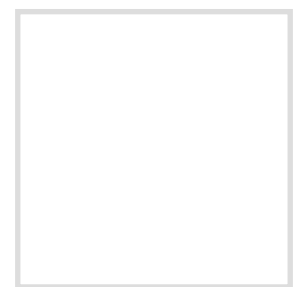
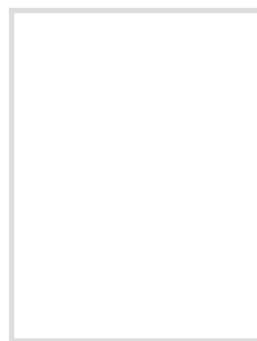
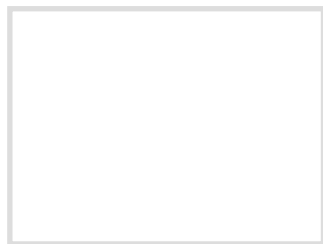
### Instructions:

Step 1: Look at photos of Earth taken from orbit for inspiration. See the Observing Earth from Above sheet for examples. You can try to re-create one of the photos, make artwork inspired by the photos, or let your imagination go wild!

Step 2: Go outside and gather natural materials. (Don't touch anything that may be harmful!) Arrange the materials into different shapes and designs. Try making a miniature landscape, with mountains, rivers, lakes, forests, cities, roads, etc.

For younger children, you can also go on a scavenger hunt to find interesting shapes in nature. See if you can find natural materials in the shapes from the Earth photos.

Step 3: Take a photograph of your artwork from above. Do you see anything new? What colors, shapes, or designs do you notice? Does it remind you of anything? Pretend you are a satellite taking a picture!



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# Observing Earth From Above

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Denali National Park, Alaska

Malaspina Glacier, Alaska

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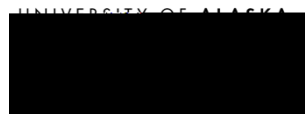
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# Human-Made Features on Earth

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Flooding Along the Nueces River, Texas