



Stained Glass Earth Activity

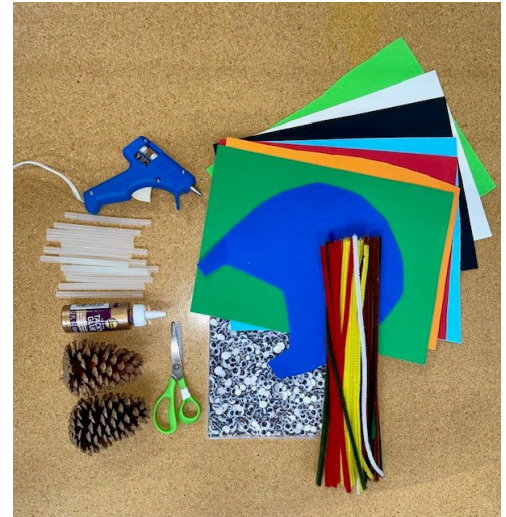


Ready to get started with this activity? To keep track of your progress, check off the instructions for each step below as they are completed. Make sure to check the box of the last step when you're done to receive congratulations for your completed activity!

Consider this: Taking a walk in nature can reduce stress and improve our mood. A walk in nature can also lead to increased creativity, concentration, and improve our attention spans. Walking in the woods can provide natural treasures for fun crafting adventures.

1. Gather Your Materials

- Pinecones
- Pipe cleaners
- Googly eyes
- Craft glue or hot glue and glue gun
- Foam sheets, craft paper, scrap paper
- Scissors
- Markers
- Twigs, rocks, and/or other nature items



2. Decide on Your Critter

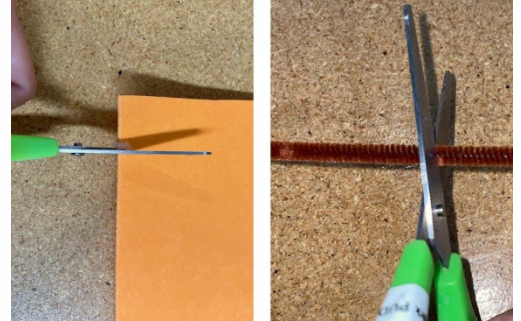
Real mammal, insect, reptile, squirrel, bee, or salmon, for example.

Let your imagination run wild and make a monster, a dinosaur, or an imaginary creature.



3. Prepare for Assembly

- Cut any foam or paper pieces carefully with scissors
- Cut pipe cleaners to needed lengths
- Gather eyes, twigs, etc.



4. Assemble the Base

- Glue together the pinecones to create the basic shape of your critter's body and head.





■ 5. Add Finishing Touches and Enjoy!

- Create wings, arms, ears, fins
- Attache pieces to your pinecone base with glue



■ 6. Things to Think About

- Pine cones only come from pine trees
- The job of a pinecone is to keep a pine tree's seeds safe
- Pinecones close their scales to protect the seeds from cold temperatures, wind and animals
- When temperatures are warm the scales open to release the seeds
- Pinecones can stay on a tree for 2 to 10 years, before falling to the ground
- Squirrels, birds and other forest creatures eat the seeds from pinecones
- Humans can eat some pinecone seeds, and pinecones, but not all

