Recommended Grades: All Ages
Estimated Teacher Prep Time: 10 Mins
Estimated Project Time: 25-30 Mins

Overview

Show your love for the Earth by making upcycled art and sharing actions we can all take to live a more sustainable life. In this craft, you will use upcycled crayons to create a paintable wax that creates awesome textures!

Copmlimentary Topics

- Sustainability
- Inclusivity
- Geography (Topography)
- Color Theory (Color Mixing)

Prep

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- Cardstock (to print 5x7" template)
- Old crayons
- Small metal or silicone oven-safe containers
- Paintbrushes, medium
- Watercolors/Colored pencils
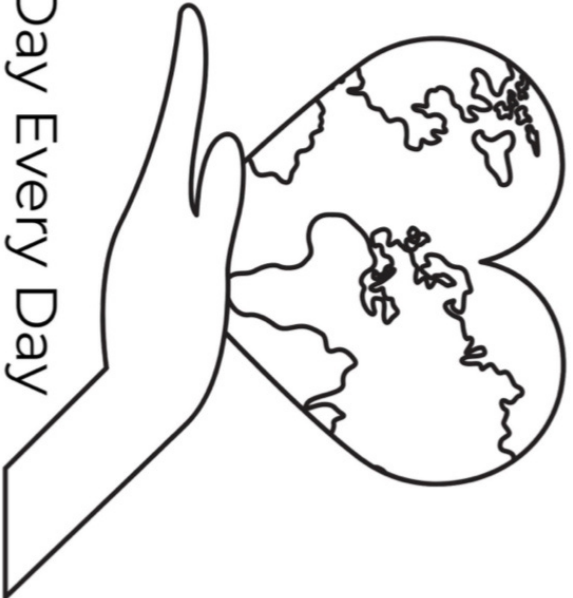- Small stickers, crystals, or other "add-ons"

Tools & Workspace Requirements

- Access to an oven & oven mitts
- Baking sheet lined with aluminum foil or parchment paper
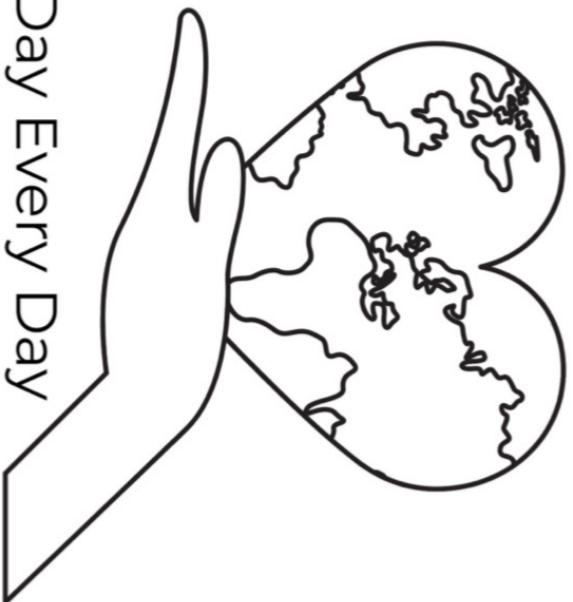- Scrap cardboard

Project Directions

1. Choose the crayon colors that you would like to add to your artwork and peel off all the paper from the crayons. Then, break them into small pieces.

2. Pre-heat oven to 250 degrees Fahrenheit (with adult supervision).

3. Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil or parchment paper to protect the pan.

4. Place silicone or metal containers on the baking sheet and add crayon pieces, mixing colors to create color blends.

5. Bake for 10 minutes or until crayons are fully melted; remove from oven. Transfer cups to a piece of cardboard or another surface that can get waxy.

6. Dip paintbrushes into the wax and quickly paint onto the card. (The wax will cool and harden quickly, so you will have to dip your brush into the melted wax often. If your paintbrush gets too full of wax let it fully harden then gently break the wax off the brush.)

7. Finish the card by decorating around the wax, using watercolors or markers to color the space around Earth. Add crystals or star stickers or whatever else you'd like to add!
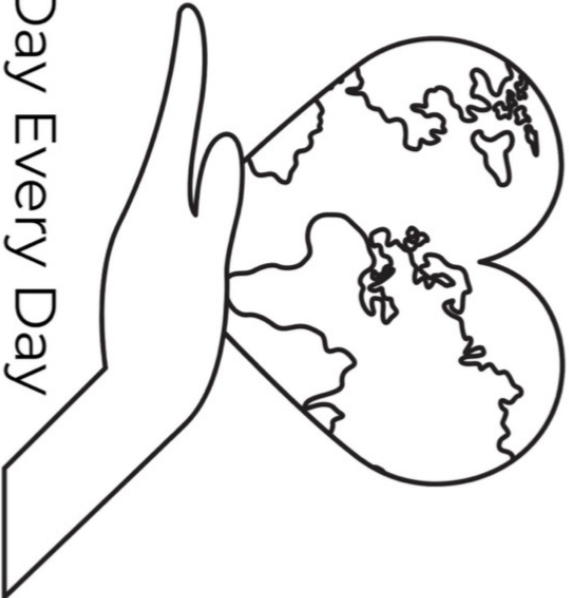
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