

EARTH DAY INSPIRED WINDSOCK

You will need:

- 1 x blue A4 piece of card
- A strip of blue card about 21cm x 5cm wide
- green paint
- a peg
- a pom-pom or cotton wool ball
- paint palette or a paper plate
- glue stick
- stapler
- blue and green crepe paper

How to make your Earth Day inspired windsock:

1. Put some green paint on a paint palette - you could also use a paper plate - and then pinch the pom-pom (or cotton wool ball) with the peg and dip into the paint.



2. Use it to dab the rough outline of the world's continents onto the landscaped piece of A4 blue card. Remember, it doesn't have to be perfect; it is enough that your pre-schooler understands that the green represents land, and the blue represents the sea.



3. Whilst the paint is drying, cut out some long pieces of blue and green crepe paper - 3 x green, 3 x blue. Each piece should be roughly 45cm long and about 5cm wide. When the paint is completely dry, turn over the piece of blue card (the green painted continents should be facing down) and spread glue along the bottom third of the card. Attach the pieces of crepe paper to the glue - let the glue dry. Remember to make sure the crepe paper is at the bottom end of the map, where Antarctica would be.



4. Bend the card into a circle - both ends meeting - and use the stapler to attach the two ends together securely. I would also recommend gluing along the inside edge before stapling in order that there is a nice smooth finish.



5. Cut an extra piece of blue card - about the width of an A4 piece of card and 5cm thick - and attach it at the top of the windsock using the stapler. This is the handle you can hang your windsock up with.



This Earth Day-inspired windsock makes a lovely decoration inside to mark Earth Day on 22 April, or you could take it outside to find out the strength and direction of the wind - a fun activity for your pre-schoolers to do.