

EARTH SUN CATCHER

You will need:

- green and blue tissue paper (different shades if possible)
- glue stick
- black marker pen
- A4 piece of clear plastic
- printed out Earth template (available on the West Cheshire Museums website)

How to make your Earth Sun Catcher:

1. Cut the clear plastic sleeve into an approximately A4 size.



2. Place over the Earth template and trace the world map onto the plastic with a black marker pen.



3. Tear the blue and green tissue paper into smaller pieces - great for developing those fine motor skills. Begin to stick the green tissue paper pieces onto the land masses on the world map - try to overlap them so you do not have any gaps between the pieces



4. When you have covered all the land with green tissue paper, then begin to cover the sea with blue tissue paper.



5. Cut out the circular Earth from the plastic sheet and attach to a window. See how the light shines through the tissue paper to reveal your Earth sun catcher!



It doesn't matter if your young pre-schooler doesn't exactly keep to the blue for sea/green for land boundaries - it will still create a lovely sun catcher and it's enough to understand what each colour stands for.

With very young children, you could simply let them stick the blue and green tissue paper onto a circular piece of plastic randomly to create an Earth collage.

Either approach will result in a wonderful piece of Earth art!

