

WORKSHOP EXTENSION ACTIVITY

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April 2025: Globe Planter

Ages 5-12

CONNECT.

Happy Earth Day! From sunflowers and rainforests to whales and bees, planet Earth is filled with living things that deserve to be celebrated *and* protected.

What is one of your favorite things about planet Earth?

INVESTIGATE.

Every year on April 22nd, people around the world celebrate Earth Day and perform actions that help take care of our planet.

One way people help planet Earth is by planting plants and trees. Plants and trees are like the Earth's superheroes! They help clean the air by taking in a gas called carbon dioxide and releasing oxygen, which is what we need to breathe. They also help the planet stay cool and give homes to lots of living things.

In celebration of Earth Day, let's plant an herb or vegetable in your Globe Planter!

You'll need:

- Packet of herb or vegetable seeds
 - Gardening soil
 - Spray bottle
1. Look for herbs or vegetables that would grow well inside a small pot. You can visit your local The Home Depot Garden Center or visit The Home Depot's website: bit.ly/veggieandherbseeds. Make sure you ask an adult for help when searching online or using the internet.
 2. When you're back at home, fill your pot about halfway with gardening soil.
 3. Then plant the seed(s) according to the instructions on the packet.
 4. Once your seeds are planted, use the spray bottle to moisten your soil. It should never be too wet or too dry.

INNOVATE.

Now, let's decorate your Globe Planter with reminders on how to be kind to the Earth *every day* and not just on Earth Day.

You'll need:

- Your Globe Planter
- The pot with your newly planted seeds
- A piece of paper and pencil
- Permanent markers or paint and a paintbrush

First, grab your paper and pencil and brainstorm actions your family could take to help the environment. Idea starters include: How can we recycle more? How can we reduce our energy use? How can we save water? How can we take better care of the ecosystems around our home?

Once you have a list of ideas, use your permanent markers or your paint and paintbrush to carefully write these reminders about how to be kind to planet Earth on the two green sides of your Globe Planter.

Then place the pot with its newly planted seeds into your Globe Planter and put your Globe Planter somewhere in your home that gets sun for at least part of the day.

Remember to check on your Globe Planter a few times a week and use the spray bottle as needed to keep the soil moist. As you do, review the reminders you wrote on the sides of your Globe Planter and try to incorporate them into your daily life!

Share a photo of your Globe Planter, decorated with your Earth Day reminders, and filled with your planted seeds, using #kidsworkshopexplore.



Great job building your planter! Did you know a **Landscaper** uses plants and flowers to create a beautiful environment. They are responsible for growing and caring for the outdoor grounds of homes or buildings by creating design plans, planting flowers, and removing weeds.

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