

CIRCLES OF EARTH BRACELETS



Materials

- 12"-14" thin brown leather cording
- 1 small clear pony bead (adjuster) _____ **People**
- 1 small blue pony bead _____ **Water**
- 1 small green pony bead _____ **Plants**
- 1 small brown pony bead _____ **Soil**
- 1 small orange or red pony bead _____ **Day**
- 1 small black pony bead _____ **Night**
- 1 small white pony bead _____ **Air**
- 1 small yellow pony bead _____ **Sun**

DIRECTIONS

Circles of Earth bracelets are fun craft items, and can be a great lesson for students as they prepare for Earth Day celebrations or other activities.

1. Tie a knot at one end of the leather cord. Beginning with the clear "People" bead, string colored beads in the order listed above to create the Circles of Earth.
2. Thread the unknotted end of the cord back through the clear "People" bead so that both free ends hang together. Tie a knot at the end. Your clear "People" bead is now an adjuster for the bracelet.

People move in circles. The Earth provides us with what we need to survive. We must take care of our valuable resources!

Water is a circle. Water rains on the land. It collects in oceans, rivers, lakes, and streams. It then evaporates, rises into the sky and collects in clouds. The clouds become heavy with water and rain falls down to land again.

Plants and soil are circles. Plants grow in soil. They provide food for animals. Animals provide food for other animals. Animals die and decompose, contributing to new soil. New plants grow.

Earth is a circle. Earth rotates on its axis, revolving around the Sun. The Earth and Sun give us the circle of seasons and the circle of night and day.

Air is a circle. Animals breathe in oxygen and exhale carbon dioxide. Plants take in carbon dioxide, use it to make food, and give off oxygen. Animals breathe it in again.

The sun is a circle. The sun provides warmth and light for all of the Earth's circles. Without the sun, plants and animals would not survive. The sun binds us together.