

Activity

MAKE A PAPIER-MÂCHÉ GLOBE

Earth isn't just your home. It also provides the precious **natural resources** you need for survival. Our planet seems huge and **invincible**. Yet the earth is surprisingly **vulnerable**, and it's our job to take care of it. A globe is a three-dimensional model of the earth that includes its continents and oceans. You can use a globe to refer to when learning about the different biomes in the world. This project will take several days or more to complete.

➤ **Use your favorite recipe for a papier-mâché paste and strips of newspaper to completely cover an inflated balloon.** Remember to tie a string to the bottom of the balloon. Set the balloon aside and allow it to dry for several days.

➤ **When the globe is dry, pop the balloon with a needle.** Gently tug the string to remove the balloon from the globe.

➤ **Do some research and find a map or globe to refer to so you can locate continents and oceans.** Sketch continent boundaries on your dried globe. You might want to practice on a sheet of paper first! Paint the continents green and the oceans blue. It's a good idea to paint continents first, let them dry overnight, and then paint oceans so the colors won't ooze together.

➤ **Allow the globe to dry for at least 24 hours.** When it's totally dry, use a marker to label continents and oceans. Select a special spot to display your globe.

Try This!

As you learn about the different biomes throughout this book, locate them on your globe. Can you think of a creative way to label them?

WORDS TO KNOW

natural resource: a material such as coal, timber, water, or land that is found in nature and is useful to humans.

invincible: something that cannot be defeated.

vulnerable: susceptible to emotional or physical harm.