

Uncover the Layers of the Earth

Grade Level: Elementary School

Objective:

- Identify the different layers of the Earth, including the inner and outer core, mantle, crust, oceanic crust, and continental crust.
- Understand the order of the Earth's layers.
- Create a visual representation of the earth using various materials.
- Demonstrate their understanding of the Earth's layers by labeling and describing each layer in their models.
- Engage in hands-on learning.

Materials:

- Red dough (inner core)
- Orange dough (outer core)
- Yellow dough (mantle)
- Purple dough (crust)
- Blue dough (oceanic crust)
- Green dough (continental crust)
- Floss
- Labeling flags

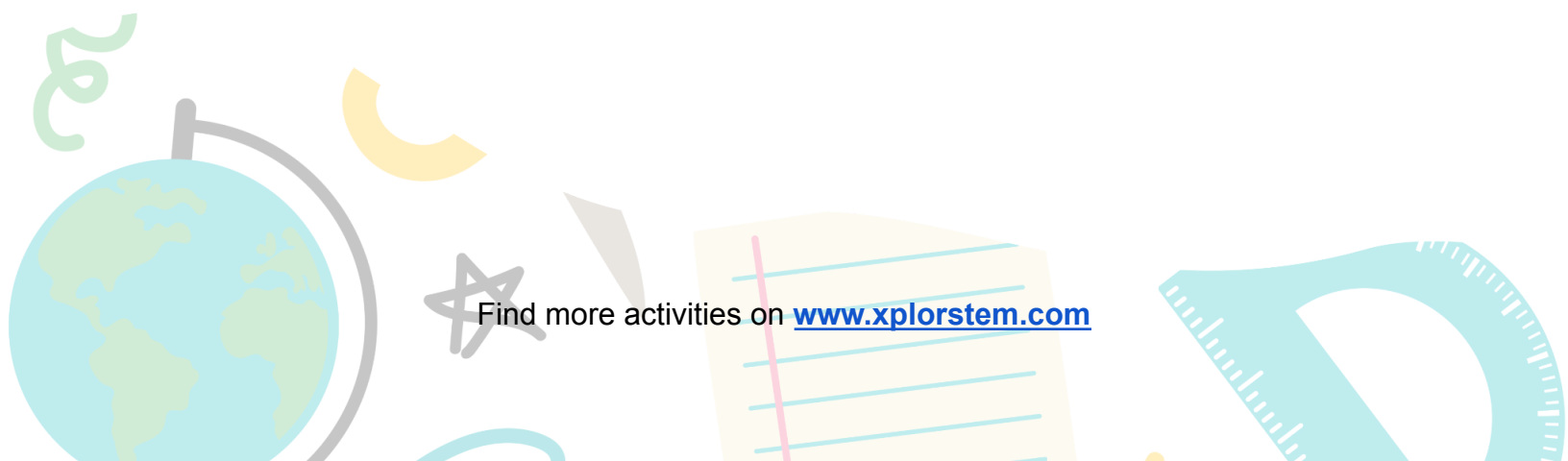


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Procedure:

1. Gather all the materials listed above.
2. Start by taking the red dough and roll it into a ball.
 - a. *This will represent the inner core of the Earth.*
3. Take the orange dough and flatten it out. Carefully wrap it around the red ball, incorporating it into the core. Gently work it with your hands until it forms a smooth layer around the core.
 - a. *This layer represents the outer core.*
4. Take the yellow dough and flatten it out. Wrap it around the orange layer, creating a larger ball.
 - a. *This represents the mantle.*
5. Flatten the purple dough and wrap it around the yellow mantle layer, incorporating it into the model.
 - a. *This represents the Earth's crust.*
6. Take the blue dough and flatten it out. Add it as a thin layer on top of the purple crust layer.
 - a. *This represents the oceanic crust.*
7. Take the green dough and shape it to resemble land masses. Place it on top of the blue layer.
 - a. *This will be representing the continental crust.*
8. Once all the layers are assembled, your model of the Earth should be complete. Use your hands or a rolling pin to shape the green dough into accurate land masses on top of the crust layer.
9. Take a piece of floss and carefully cut out a pie-shaped section from the Earth model, revealing all the layers.
10. Use the labeling flags to label each layer of the Earth, indicating the names of the inner and outer core, mantle, crust, oceanic crust, and continental crust.

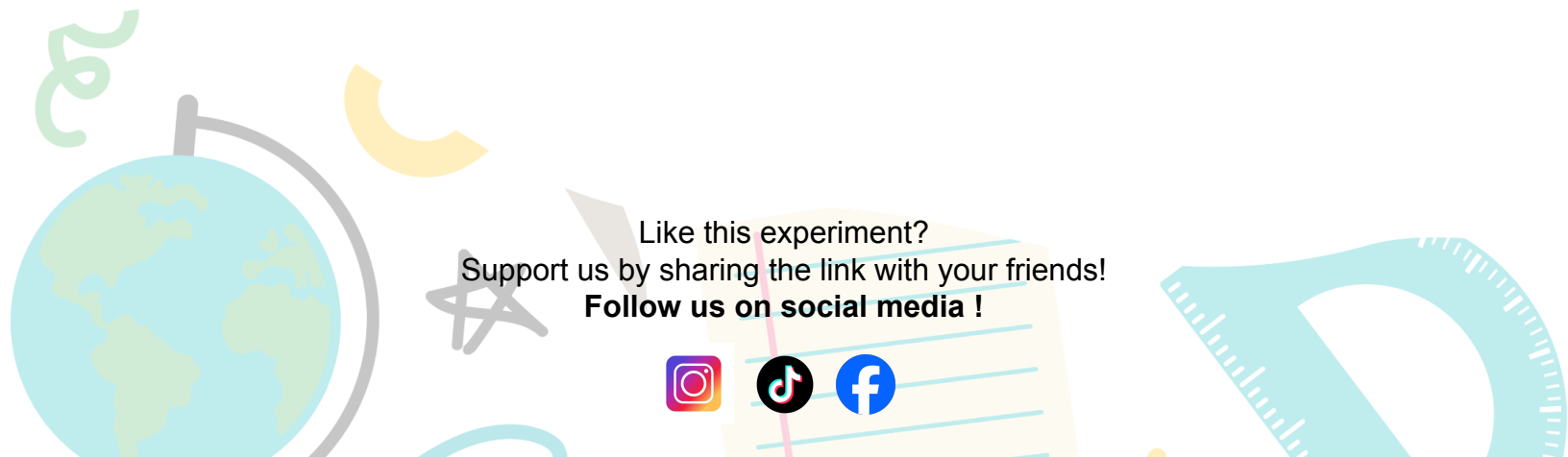
Note: Encourage creativity and exploration throughout the process! Feel free to experiment with different shapes and designs for the land masses and make the model as detailed as desired.



Earth's Layers Modeling Activity Worksheet

Research and Describe: Choose one layer of the Earth and do some research about it. Write a short description or create a mini fact sheet about the chosen layer, including what it is made of, its characteristics, and any interesting facts you find.

Cross-Section Drawing: Draw a cross-section of the Earth, showing the different layers accurately. Include labels and write a short description for each layer. Use colors to represent the layers and make sure to highlight the differences between them.



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