



Circles of the Earth Bracelet

Circles of the Earth bracelets provide a unique lesson for students to learn about life interactions on our planet. Materials for Circles of the Earth bracelets can be purchased at most craft stores.

Materials

One 12-14 inch brown leather strap

Beads

Color	Representing
Clear adjuster bead	People
Blue pony bead	Water
Green pony bead	Plants
Brown pony bead	Soil
Orange pony bead	Day
Black pony bead	Night
White pony bead	Air
Yellow pony bead	Sun

Procedure

Tie a knot on one end of the leather strap at about 2". String the colored beads to represent the circles of the Earth. Take the end of the leather strap without a knot and lace it through the clear "People" bead. Tie a knot at the end. (Now your clear "people" bead is an adjuster for the bracelet. Excess leather strap below knots may be trimmed. Discuss the resources that each colored bead represents:

1. People move in circles. The Earth provides us with everything we need to survive. We must take great care of our valuable resources!
2. Water is a circle. Water rains down on the land. Water collects in oceans, rivers, lakes, and streams. It evaporates back up into the sky and collects in clouds. The clouds become heavy, and rain falls down to land again.
3. Plants and soil are circles. Plants grow from soil. Plants provide food for animals. Animals provide food for other animals. Animals die and decompose. New soil is made. New plants grow.
4. Earth is a circle. Earth is spinning through space, rotating on its axis, revolving around the Sun. The Earth and Sun give us the circle of seasons and the circle of night and day.
5. 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.
6. 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.

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