



# eARTh Project: Outdoor Exploration Edition

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|  | <h2>Engage</h2>  |
|   | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Waste to Art</b></p> <p>Ask yourself: Why do you think artists use waste to make art?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Read or watch the 3 minute video on artist <a href="#">Ma Li's</a> story about the art she makes from waste.</li><li>● Watch how waste becomes <a href="#">art in a museum</a>.</li></ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Waste in the Great Outdoors</b></p> <p>Ask yourself: What happens to nature's waste? What happens to human garbage that ends up in nature as litter?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Watch <a href="#">this video</a> on how nature handles waste, with decomposition! Video en <a href="#">Español</a> (hasta 1:56)</li><li>● See what happens to litter in the environment in <a href="#">this video</a></li></ul> |

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|  | <h2>Activity</h2>  |
|   | <p>The first step of this project is to head outside. Step into your backyard, go for a walk around the neighborhood, or head to a park (with a parent or guardian). Take some time to look around and think about the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Do you see any man made waste? Is there any plastic, paper, or other litter? What will happen to this waste over time?</li><li>● Is there anything that comes from nature that could be considered waste? Look around for fallen leaves or petals, broken branches. What happens to all of this stuff over time?</li><li>● What natural "waste" can you find in the great outdoors that could be turned into a piece of art?</li></ul> |



Now, gather up some natural materials to turn into a piece of art for this project. Here are some ideas of things you might find outdoors:

- Leaves
- Flowers
- Rocks or pebbles
- Tree bark
- Sticks
- Seeds

Don't take anything home that is icky or sticky! Now, head home and get to work on turning these natural materials into your masterpiece!

## Reflect



With a teammate (friends, family, etc.), ask...

- Does this project make you think differently about what waste means?
- How do you think we can make human waste systems more like nature's waste systems, where decomposers break down waste?
- What can you do to help with the issue of litter in the environment?

## Zero Waste Goal



It is important to take action where we can and educate others to reach zero waste!

1. Create a zero waste goal based on what you have learned from this project.
  - Example: My zero waste goal is to pick up trash around my neighborhood once a week.
2. Share your zero waste goal with one or more people. This can be



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your friends, family, neighbors, classmates, teachers, or others.

## Submission



Take photos of your art piece, and write down your zero waste goal. Send both over to [zerowastechallenge@seiinc.org](mailto:zerowastechallenge@seiinc.org) to enter to win a raffle prize!

Everyone who submits will be entered to win a raffle prize!

**Due: April 16th, 2021**

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