



CIRCLES OF THE EARTH BRACELET
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Circles of the Earth bracelets are great craft items, and using them is a great lesson for your students as they prepare for Earth Day celebrations and discover the circles of the Earth.

Materials for Circles of the Earth bracelets can be purchased at most craft stores.

1 12"-14"	Brown leather strap	
1 Small	Clear adjuster bead	People
1 Small	Blue adjuster pony bead	Water
1 Small	Green pony bead	Plants
1 Small	Brown pony bead	Soil
1 Small	Orange pony bead	Day
1 Small	Black pony bead	Night
1 Small	White pony bead	Air
1 Small	Yellow pony bead	Sun

Tie a knot on one end of the leather strap at about 4"-5". 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.)

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

Water is a circle. Water rains down on 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.

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.

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 the 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 for light for all of the Earth's circles. Without the Sun, plants and animals would not survive. The Sun binds us together.