


Earth Day Recycling

Earth Day was founded by Senator Gaylord Nelson in the spring of 1970. Concerned by the degradation of the earth's environment, he organized "teach ins" and demonstrations to get people to take action, in a positive way, to clean up our environment. Earth Day in the U.S. is usually celebrated in April and has grown in scope to include many activities and events. Check the website of the Wilderness Society at www.wilderness.org for dates and events each year.

Recycle Trash Cans

Materials per student: 

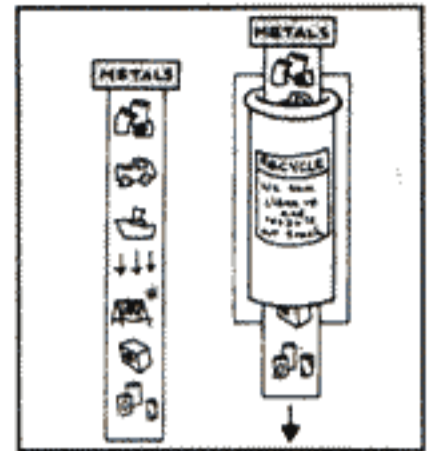
reproduce the recycle strips (pages 93 and 94) on white construction paper

reproduce the trash cans (page 92) on grey or green construction paper

4 small construction paper strips about 4 inches long and 1 inch wide

Instructions:

1. Color all the small pictures and cut out the strips.
2. Glue the 2 pieces of each strip together (ie: metal strip to metal strip)
3. Glue one of the small construction paper strips to each strip. Label it according to what it is being recycled.
4. Cut along the broken line at the top and bottom of each trash can.
5. Holding the bottom of one recycling strip, feed it into the cut slot at the top of the trash can from the front and out the cut slot on the bottom of the trash can from the back.
6. The recycling strip can be pulled up or pushed down while holding the construction paper strip at the top. See illustration.



Environmental Clean-Up Book

Materials: 

option A: reproduce 1 trash can for each student (page 92) on grey construction paper

option B: reproduce 3 trash cans for each student (page 92) on grey construction paper

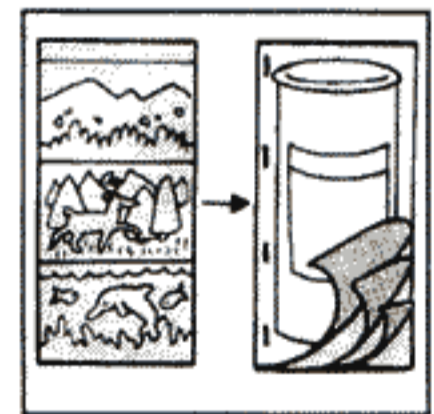
cut large white construction paper into strips 6 inches wide by 18 inches long each student needs 3 strips

for all: reproduce the clean-up strips (pages 95 and 96) on white construction paper

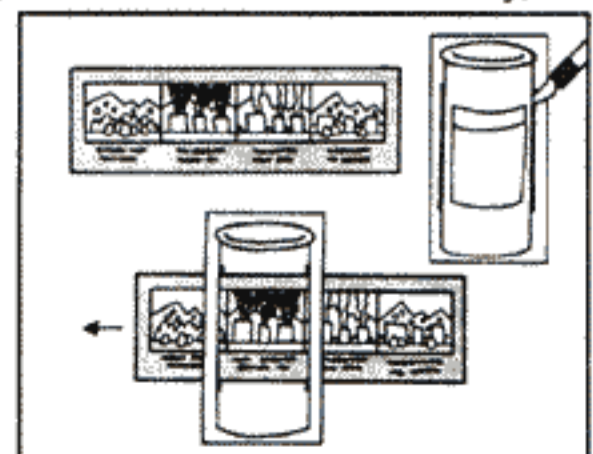
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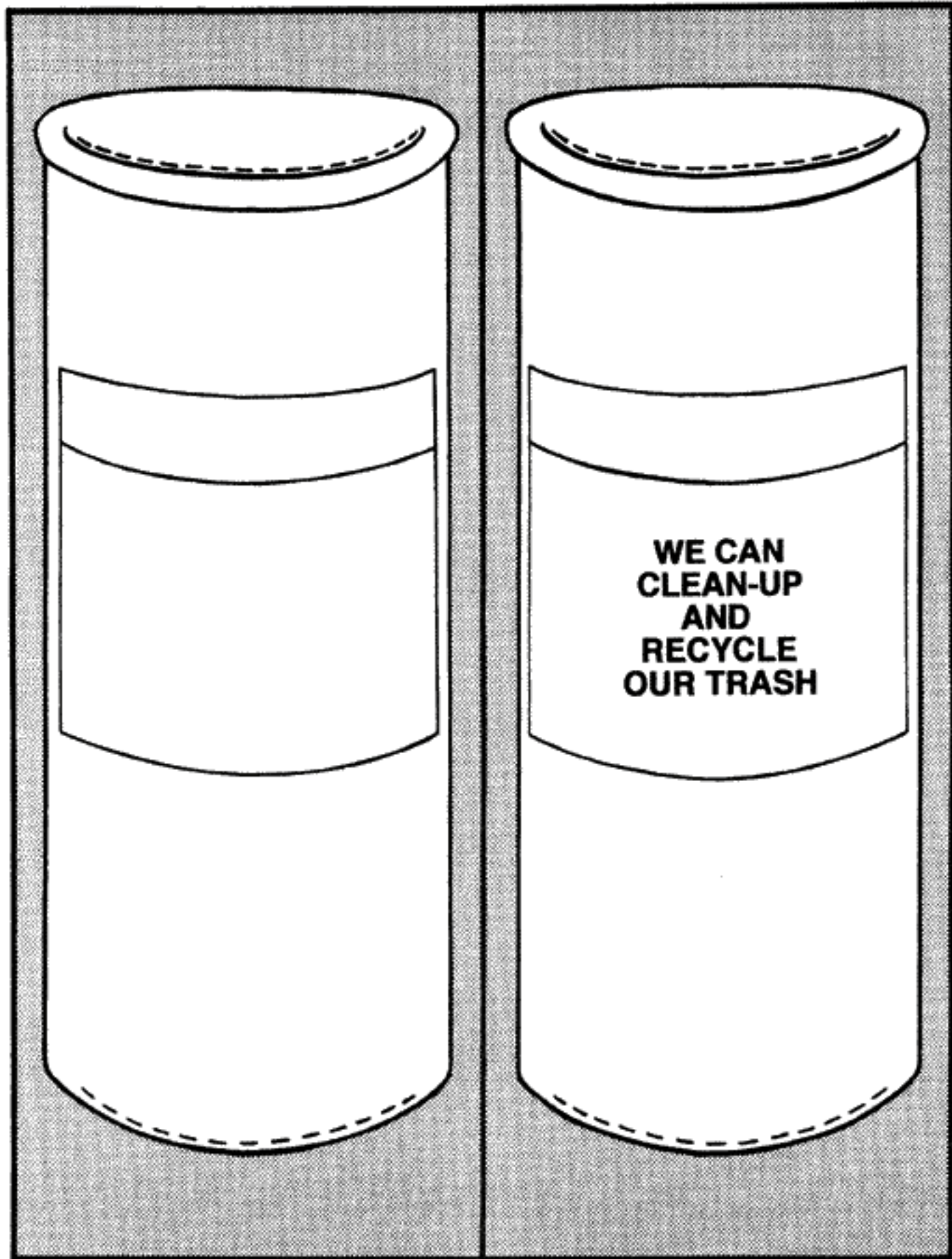
Color all pieces as desired.

Option A: Cut the pictures into four strips according the heading. (Example: Before People would be one strip showing trees and mountains, a deer and trees, and a dolphin and fish.) Stack the strips bottom to top in the following sequence: We can Live Together, We Can Clean Up, After Pollution, Before People on top. Place the trash can on top of the stack and staple all pages together on the left. See illustration.

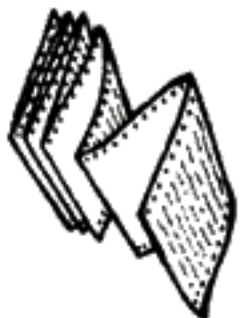


Option B: Glue the two clean-up pages together then cut the pictures into three strips horizontally. (Example: one strip will show the mountains, then the black smoke city, then the white smoke city, then the buildings and the mountains with no smoke.) Glue one picture strip along the top of each of the three strips of white construction paper. Encourage the students to make comments about cleaning the environment under the pictures. Use a craft knife to cut two slits, each 6 inches long, on each side of a trash can. Weave a picture strip through the slit on the left from the back, across the trash can, and out through the slit on the right from the front. Repeat with each trash can. See illustration.

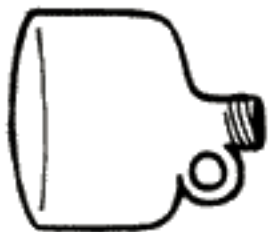
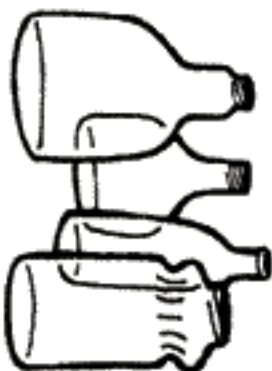
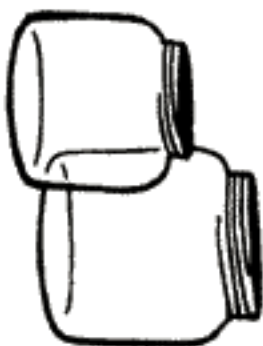




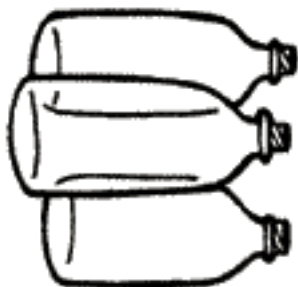
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