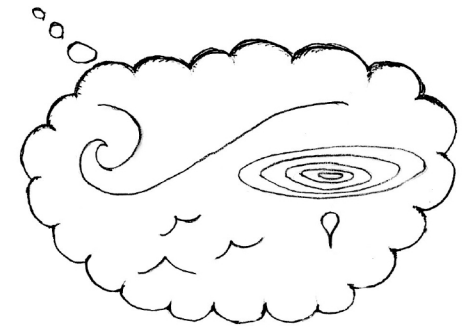




Close your eyes: put your hand over your heart and feel its steady beat. Imagine you are the ocean, breathing in and out with your waves. Or a rock, catching raindrops on your face. Or the sky, alive with birds.

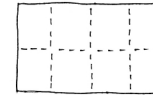
“What is it like to spin and feel the sun warm



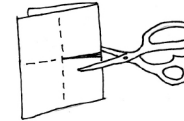
all your beautiful places?”

How to make an 8-page mini-book:

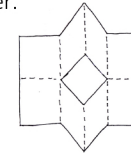
1. Fold a piece of paper into 8 equal parts.



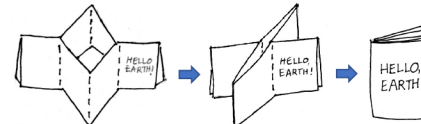
2. Fold the paper in half, then cut the marked line with scissors.



3. Open the paper.

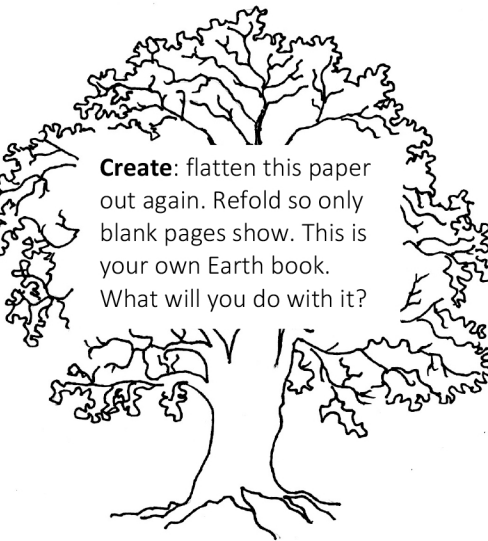


4. Fold in half again. Squish together and fold into a book!



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Create: flatten this paper out again. Refold so only blank pages show. This is your own Earth book. What will you do with it?

“We love you, Earth.”

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a new gift
“We can’t wait to open.”



Choose: who would you draw on top of your Earth?

Find: make a collection of natural objects. Feel their textures. Imagine how they were made. Make patterns with them.

Go outside: what colors do you find? Gather your favorites in your head. Draw or paint them, or explain in words how they make you feel.

“Each morning feels fresh: