

# Outdoor Geography



## Crayola Supplies

Sidewalk Chalk

## Household Supplies

none

## Why?

Can you identify a state or country from its outline? Are you able to fit the states or provinces of your country together? Try it outdoors—on a giant, colorful map!

## Steps

1. What is your state or country's shape? Does it have a distinctive border or an unusual shoreline? Do you know where key areas are located? Can you identify where you live?
2. Ask your teacher to help you find a safe, large area outside to draw your map. Start by drawing your state or other area that you are studying with Crayola Giant Sidewalk Chalk. Fill the space with color.
3. Ask a classmate to draw and color a bordering geographic area with a different color.
4. Continue mapping and filling the regions with color. See how much of the country or world you can draw from memory. Look at an atlas to check on details.

5. Can your classmates identify the geographic area you created? Add visual clues or words if necessary until they figure out what you drew.

### **Adaptations**

What are some of the reasons why countries, provinces, and states are shaped the way they are? Find out how borders were created.

Discuss why it is important to recognize geographic shapes without words or other identifying marks.

Start a graph of names of states and countries that are shaped like other things. For example, some people the country of Italy resembles a boot.

Assessment: Are student's outlines accurate? Could students identify neighboring areas? Were the maps color coded?

### **Benefits**

Students identify geographic outlines.

Students demonstrate the ability to connected related geographic areas.

Students visually depict borders and land masses by color coding them.

### **Grades**

Grades 1 to 3

Grades 4 to 6

### **Subjects**

Social Studies

Visual Arts

### **Time**

30 to 60 minutes

Multiple Sessions

### **Curriculum Standards Links**

US: [Research U.S. Standards](#)

UK: [Research UK Standards](#)

Canada: [Research Canada Standards](#)

## **Safety Guidelines**

**Outdoor Crafts**—Choose safe outdoor areas, away from traffic and dangerous equipment. Close adult supervision is required.