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## Maps of Landforms Activity for Kids

### Make a Landscape DIY

 Duration: **20-30 min**    Difficulty: **Easy**    Cost: **\$0 to \$10**

Make a map out of food and eat it when you are done!

### Material List

- 1 Paper plate
- 2 Mixing bowls
- 1 Pack of graham crackers
- 1 Pack of cookies
- 1 Container of frosting
- 1 Blue and green food coloring
- 1 Plastic fork or knife
- 1 Pack of chocolate chips
- 1 Sheet of paper
- 1 Pack of colored pencils

### Instructions

- 1 Mix regular frosting and food coloring to make blue and green frosting.
- 2 Spread green frosting on top of the graham crackers.
- 3 Lay the graham crackers on one side to represent land.
- 4 Make an ocean on the other side of the plate with blue frosting.
- 5 Add mountains to the land by using chocolate chips.
- 6 Now draw your map with colored pencils.
- 7 Start by making a map key, then draw the shapes and color them in.
- 8 Compare your drawn map to the one you made out of food.

## How It Works

Physical maps use shapes, colors and symbols to show us landforms. Scientists use maps to share what they know about the natural features of Earth's surface; such as mountains, forests, lakes, rivers and islands. All maps should have a key, also called a legend, to help us understand the map.

