



Christo, *Surrounded Islands, Project for Biscayne Bay*, 1987, diptych screenprint with collage on two sheets, 15 in. x 30 in., Print Collection Fund

Land Art, also known as Earth Art, involves making art in the landscape using materials found in nature. Artists Christo and Jeanne-Claude break the boundaries of Land Art by purposefully using manmade materials and structures to draw attention to natural materials and the environment. One example of this is from an installation Christo and his wife Jeanne-Claude created in the early 1980s.

Surrounded Islands, Project for Biscayne Bay involved 6.5 million square feet of floating pink woven

polypropylene fabric covering the surface of the water and extending out from each island into the bay. This image here shows some of the artists' sketches that were turned into a print. Visit the artist website [here](#) to learn more about this project and his work.

Activity: Land Art Fun - While we don't anticipate you will be covering miles of land with fabric, we invite you to become a land artist using a few simple steps.

Materials:

- Natural materials

Directions:

- Collect materials from nature
- Arrange materials in landscape to create a design
- Take a photo of what you made

Tips:

- Don't overthink, experiment and have fun.
- You can create a sculpture or something a bit flatter

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