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Reflection:

When I started creating my recycled art piece, I was inspired by the idea that something “useless” could become meaningful again. After watching the video and reading about artists who turn trash into art statements, I realized how much potential exists in pieces of trash or materials around my house that I would typically ignore. I decided to gather different pieces of trash and scraps with different colors and textures to show the variety of objects that we buy and throw out. I cut out shapes from food wrappers, magazines, newspapers, packaging, and many other sources of media. I chose these materials because they are the ones I encounter most in my daily life.

My goal was to create a piece that shows the global impact and problem of consumption, so I created the earth out of trash to represent how much pressure we are putting on the environment because of the extreme amount of trash we produce. Working with these materials reminded me how durable and colorful “trash” can be, and how much we overlook its artistic and environmental value. Through this project, I wanted to convey that sustainability isn’t only about reducing waste, but about seeing it in a different light. Art can make people pause and think differently about the objects they throw away, and that small shift in perspective can lead to larger change.

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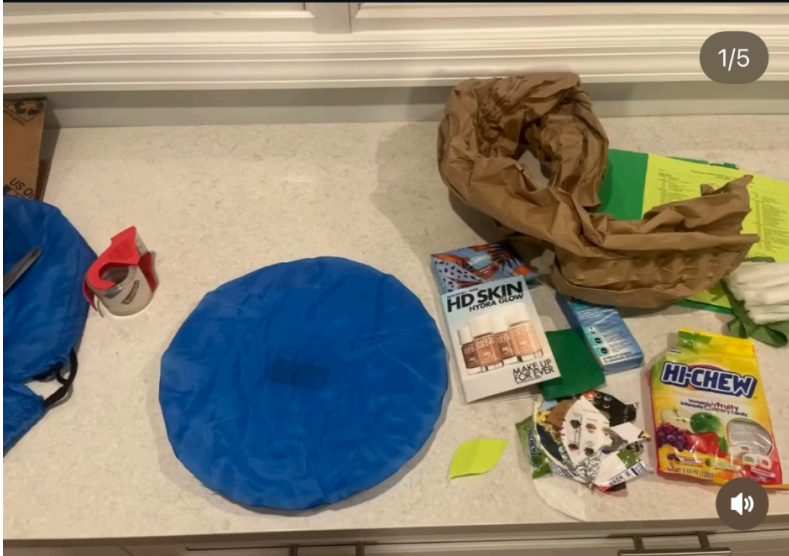


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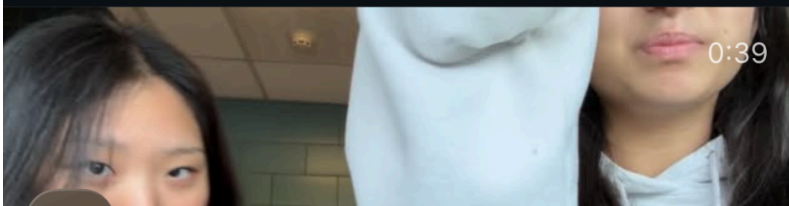
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Caption: For PGC Day 7, I created Earth from various pieces of trash that I found in my house. I wanted to represent the consumption and waste crisis that we are experiencing, and also show how it is overwhelming our planet and its ecosystems. Through this project, I saw the trash I gathered in a new light and I encourage other people to try this as well. @turninggreenorg @storyofstuff @5gyres @ukonserve #pgc2025