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Wall Poster for groups to color in,
38 x 38 inches (96 x 96 cm)



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PRINT SETTINGS

Please use Acrobat Reader to print and make sure that the settings 'Actual size' and 'Auto portrait/landscape' are selected.

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Only print out the pages you need.

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INTRODUCTION

About the Blue Planet - Europe

Anyone who wants to draw a map of the world quickly encounters difficulties: The surface of our spherical planet can't be represented on a flat plane without distortion. There are no maps that are simultaneously accurate in length, area, and angle, because either the shapes or the sizes are incorrect. Mathematical models give us different possibilities to convert points on three-dimensional surfaces to two-dimensional surfaces, however. With such map projections you've got to accept losses in the proportions of the size ratios, though. For a long time, we didn't know what planet Earth actually looked like!

It wasn't until December 1968, when the astronauts of 'Apollo 8' - the second manned space flight of the American Apollo program, and the first manned flight to the moon - took the first photograph of our planet, that people were able to see the Earth as it really looks from space. The photograph shows a gray, pockmarked surface in the foreground (the inhospitable cratered landscape of the moon) and, floating above it in the black depths of space, a blue-white glowing sphere - our Earth.

This first photo of the Blue Planet was an historical moment when people saw the „rising Earth“ with their own eyes for the first time, and became aware of its fragility. The photo of our radiant yet fragile-looking Blue Planet became the symbol of the newly emerging environmental movement.

Since then we've taken countless photographs of the Earth from space, and we've rendered one of those photographs, in which Europe is clearly visible, into a poster composed of 24 coloring-in sheets. This poster is particularly suitable for a large collaborative project that will look great on the wall of any classroom!

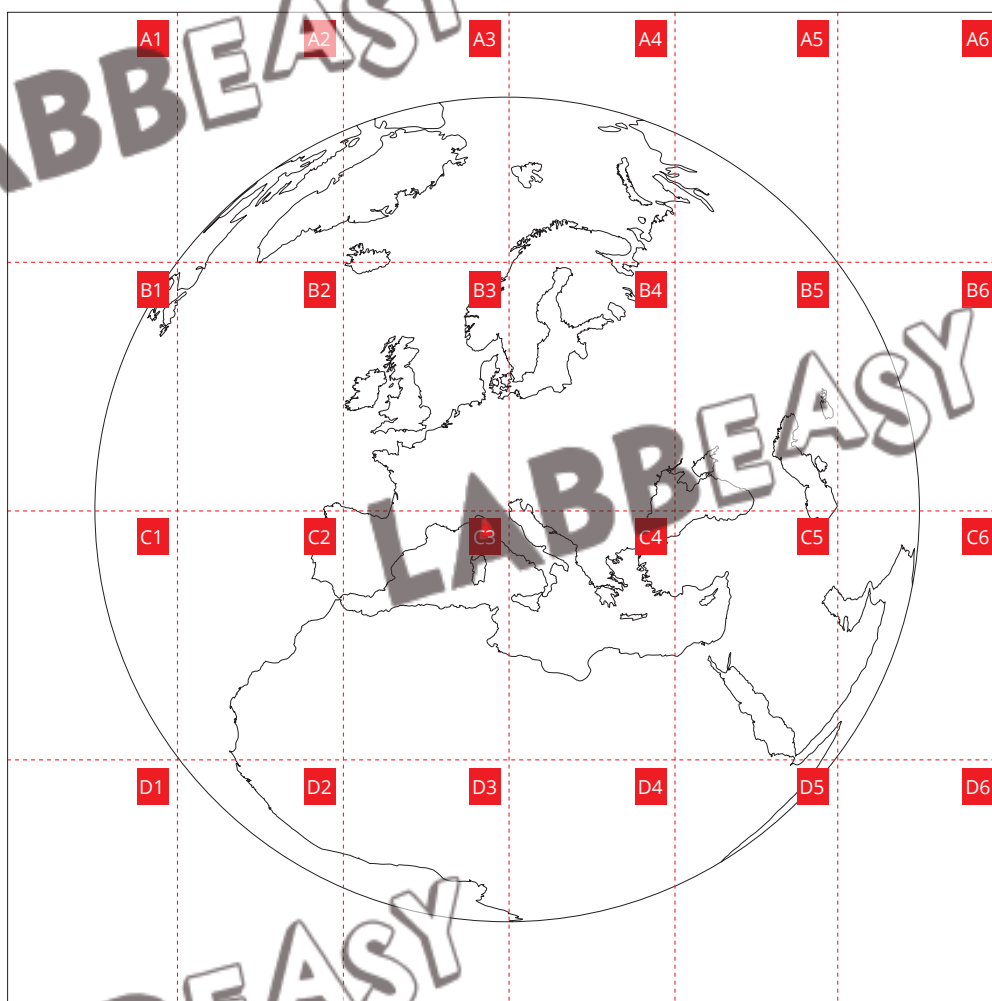
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HOW TO DO IT

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- 1 First print all template pages on white printing paper.
- 2 Color in the individual sheets either following the guide or using your imagination. Make sure that the dotted lines remain visible outside the picture.
- 3 Once finished, cut out the colored-in sheets along the dotted cutting lines and put those with the same letters in piles. Then sort them by number so that 1 is at the top and 6 is at the bottom.
- 4 Glue all of the A sheets together. To do this, spread glue on the long glueing tab to the right side of sheet A1 and glue the adjacent sheet A2 on top of it so that the left cutting edge is directly on the solid glue line. Then glue A3 to A2, A4 to A3, and so on until you reach A6. Repeat the same with rows B, C, and D.
- 5 Now glue the upper edge of row B onto the glueing tab on the lower edge of row A. Then glue row C to row B and row D to row C. And there you have it - your poster is finished!!!