

How To Make Recycled Paper

If you have ever wanted to make recycled paper from old newspapers, then give this a go! It takes a little time and it's messy but it's lots of fun!

HERE'S WHAT YOU'LL NEED

2 sheets of newspaper
2 sheets of paper towel
Potato masher (or fork)
Rolling pin
Piece of fly wire screen 15cm x 15cm with a frame (e.g. staple onto a border of plastic)
Iron (to iron out the paper)
Shallow dish
Extra newspaper
Large bowl
Tea towel
Piece of Cardboard
Hot water



HERE'S WHAT YOU'LL DO

1. Tear the sheets of newspaper into small pieces. Place them into the large bowl and cover with hot water (get an adult to help). Let this soak for three hours.
2. Mash with the potato masher till it is mashed as finely as possible and stand overnight. This makes paper slurry.
3. The next day pour the slurry into the flat dish.
4. Dip the screen into the slurry and slowly lift out some of the paper mash. Allow the water to drain away.
5. Place the screen with the paper slurry onto some paper towel.
6. Lift the screen off gently and place another sheet of paper towel over it. Sandwich it all between some folded newspapers.
7. Roll the paper gently with the rolling pin to squeeze out any extra water.
8. Transfer the paper onto some cardboard and leave overnight.
9. Cover the paper with a towel and flatten with a warm iron (get an adult to help)!



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