

Make Your Own Recycled Paper

THE BEST WAY TO LEARN HOW RECYCLED PAPER IS MADE IS... TO MAKE IT YOURSELF!

THE RECIPE COMES FROM *FIRST STEPS IN ECOLOGY*, PRINTED BY THE ECOLOGY CENTER IN BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- 2-1/2 SINGLE PAGES FROM A NEWSPAPER
- A WHOLE SECTION OF A NEWSPAPER
- A BLENDER
- 5 CUPS OF WATER
- A BIG SQUARE PAN AT LEAST 3 INCHES DEEP
- A PIECE OF WIRE MESH THAT FITS INSIDE THE PAN
- A MEASURING CUP
- A FLAT PIECE OF WOOD THE SIZE OF A NEWSPAPER'S FRONT PAGE.

WHAT TO DO:

1. TEAR THE 2-1/2 PAGES OF NEWSPAPER INTO TINY PIECES.
2. DROP THE PIECES INTO THE BLENDER.
3. POUR 5 CUPS OF WATER INTO THE BLENDER.
4. COVER THE BLENDER. (YOU DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO SCRAPE NEWSPAPER OFF THE WALLS!).
5. SWITCH THE BLENDER ON FOR A FEW SECONDS, OR UNTIL THE PAPER IS TURNED INTO PULP.
6. POUR ABOUT ONE INCH OF WATER INTO THE PAN.
7. POUR THE BLENDED PAPER (PULP) INTO A MEASURING CUP.
8. PUT THE SCREEN INTO THE PAN.
9. POUR ONE CUP OF BLENDED PAPER PULP OVER THE MESH.

10. SPREAD THE PULP EVENLY IN THE WATER WITH YOUR FINGERS.
11. LIFT THE MESH AND LET THE WATER DRAIN.
12. OPEN THE NEWSPAPER SECTION TO THE MIDDLE.
13. PLACE THE MESH WITH THE PULP INTO THE NEWSPAPER.
14. CLOSE THE NEWSPAPER.
15. CAREFULLY FLIP OVER THE NEWSPAPER SECTION SO THE MESH IS ON TOP OF THE PULP. THIS STEP IS VERY IMPORTANT!
16. PLACE THE BOARD ON TOP OF THE NEWSPAPER AND PRESS TO SQUEEZE OUT EXCESS WATER.
17. OPEN THE NEWSPAPER AND TAKE OUT THE MESH.
18. LEAVE THE NEWSPAPER OPEN AND LET THE PULP DRY FOR AT LEAST 24 HOURS.
19. THE NEXT DAY, CHECK TO MAKE SURE THE PULP PAPER IS DRY.
20. IF IT IS, CAREFULLY PEEL IT OFF THE NEWSPAPER.
21. NOW YOU CAN USE IT TO WRITE ON!

SEE HOW EASY IT IS TO MAKE RECYCLED PAPER? NOW THAT YOU KNOW HOW EASY IT IS, YOU CAN HELP SAVE TREES AND FIGHT THE GARBAGE PROBLEM BY RECYCLING YOUR PAPER... AND BUYING RECYCLED PAPER.

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