

HOW to make RECYCLED PAPER

What you will need:

- Old newspaper
- Wire mesh (from a garden centre or hardware store)
- Some absorbent cloths
- 2 buckets or bowls
- Wooden spoon or liquidiser
- Powder paint (to make coloured paper)
- Plastic bag
- Weights - for example heavy books



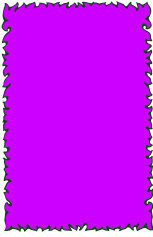
What to do



- Soak some old newspaper in a bucket or bowl, all through the night. The following day, remove all the extra water.
- Using the liquidiser (make sure you have permission from your parents) or your

wooden spoon, mash up the paper and water into a pulp (and do not forget to clean the liquidiser afterwards!).





- You can now mix in some powder paint, if you want coloured paper.

- Put the pulp into another bowl and add the same amount of water. Mix them together.
- Slide the wire mesh into the mixture, and then lift it out covered with pulp, but not too much. Remember that you are making paper, not a book! And be careful not to spill it all over the place!!

- Lay an absorbent cloth on a clean, flat area. Place the wire mesh (with pulp side down) onto the cloth. Press it firmly down, and then peel off the wire mesh, making sure you leave all the pulp on the cloth. Put one more cloth over the pulp, and press hard.

- Repeat all of this with what you have left of pulp and cloths. When you have finished, place the plastic bag on top of all of it and put your weights (for example books) on top of it.



- After a few hours (you might have to wait a whole afternoon), when the pulp has turned to paper, carefully peel the recycled paper off the cloths. Leave them on some newspaper or kitchen towel until they are completely dry. Once they are dry, you should be able to use your own recycled paper!!

