

Make Your Own Paper

What you need

- 10 pieces of tissue or newsprint
- A piece of screen
- A flat dish, a little larger than the screen
- 4 pieces of blotting paper the size of the screen
- A bowl
- An egg beater (it works better with a blender)
- A round jar or rolling pin
- Newspaper and blotter paper
- 2 cups of hot water
- 2 teaspoons of instant starch (for stronger paper, if desired)

What to do

1. Tear the paper into very small bits into the bowl. Pour in the hot water.
2. Beat the tissue and water to make pulp.
3. Mix in the starch if desired.
4. Pour the mixture into the flat dish.
5. Slide the screen into the bottom of the dish and move it around until it is evenly covered with pulp.
6. Lift the screen out carefully. Hold it level and let it drain for a minute.
7. Put the screen, pulp side up, on a blotter on some newspaper. Put another blotter over the pulp, more newspaper over that.
8. Roll the jar over the sandwich to squeeze out the rest of the water.
9. Take off the top newspaper. Turn the blotter sandwich over so that the screen is on top. Then take off the blotter and the screen very carefully. Don't move the pulp. There is your paper.
10. Put a dry blotter on the pulp and let it dry.

