

How to Make Paper

Use any or a combination of the following paper materials:

Recycled Egg Cartons

Junk Mail

Packing paper

cardboard

(Remember that any ink on the paper will color the final product.)

Water

Blender

Wooden frame desired paper size

Window screening same size as frame

Absorbent mesh material same size as screen or second piece of screening material

Plastic honeycomb same size as screen (rigid)

Cookie sheet or tray with sides that frame will fit inside

Bath Towel

Sponge

Set Blender to “Liquify”. Add 2 cups of water to blender. Place chunks of recycled material into blender. Blend for approximately 1 minute until chunks are pulp. Pour pulp into large tub. Repeat process to fill tub approximately 3/4 full.

Stack plastic honeycomb, 1 piece of window screening, and frame. Holding the stack tightly, slide stack into tub and submerge in pulp, so that the pulp is spread evenly in the frame. Lift straight up. Allow excess water to drip. Place

stack on cookie sheet. Remove the frame. Place the absorbent material or second piece of screening over the paper. Use the sponge to soak up as much water as you can, wringing the sponge back into the tub.

Place the paper that is between the two pieces of screening into folds in the towel. Press down on the towel to remove more water from paper. Take paper from towel folds. Carefully remove the top piece of screen. Turn over onto the cooling rack. Remove the second piece of screening. Allow to dry on rack or hang with clothes pins on line to dry.

When you repeat the process for the second piece, use the water from the tub as the liquid and add fewer chunks of recycled materials. This will help to make the second piece of paper approximately the same thickness as the first. The thicker the pulp in the tub, the thicker the paper.