

Making Paper

Making paper involves energy, chemicals, water and wood. The wood needs to first be cooked, which involves burning fossil fuels. This process adds carbon dioxide to the atmosphere. Carbon dioxide traps heat from the sun, which warms the planet. Using less new wood for paper will go a long way to help with climate change.

Materials

- Scrap paper
- Bowl
- Blender
- Towels
- Window screen
- Tray
- Scissors
- String

Instructions

- Tear or cut your scrap paper into pieces and add to a bowl
- Add water to the bowl
- Squish the paper and the water together. The squishier the better for blending.
- With a grown-up's help put the mixture in a blender and blend.
- Put down some towels and put the window screen on top.
- Put the blended mixture on the screen and press out the water. The more water you can press out the better. You may want to use a second towel to press the water out.
- Flip the screen onto the tray and let dry. This may take a few days.
- When your paper dries you can use it to make a card to send to friends and family or maybe you can cut it into a shape for a decoration for your room.