

Make Your Own Recycled Paper From Newspapers, Magazines, Cans, & Bottle Labels



Trash-to-Treasure Papermaking: Make Your Own Recycled Paper from Newspapers & Magazines, Can & Bottle Labels, Discarded Gift Wrap, Old Phone Books, Junk Mail, Comic Books, and More by Robert J. Kizior

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Making your own recycled paper is a fun and easy way to reduce your environmental impact. It's also a great way to use up old newspapers, magazines, and other paper products that you would otherwise throw away.

This step-by-step guide will show you how to make recycled paper from newspapers, magazines, cans, and bottle labels. You can use any type of paper, but the results will vary depending on the type of paper you use.

Materials

- Old newspapers, magazines, cans, or bottle labels
- A blender

- A large bowl
- A mold (a window screen or a piece of cheesecloth works well)
- A spoon or spatula
- Towels or a clothesline
- Heavy books or weights

Instructions

****Step 1: Prepare the paper****

* Tear the paper into small pieces. If you are using cans or bottle labels, remove the labels from the cans or bottles first. * Place the paper pieces in the blender and add enough water to cover them. * Blend the paper until it is a smooth pulp.

****Step 2: Form the paper****

* Pour the pulp into a large bowl. * Use a spoon or spatula to stir the pulp until it is well mixed. * Dip the mold into the pulp and gently shake it back and forth to form a thin sheet of paper. * Carefully remove the mold from the paper and place the paper on a towel or clothesline to dry.

****Step 3: Dry the paper****

* Allow the paper to dry completely. This may take several hours or overnight. * Once the paper is dry, you can use it for writing, drawing, or other projects.

****Tips****

* You can add color to the recycled paper by adding food coloring or natural dyes to the pulp before you blend it. * You can also add glitter or other embellishments to the paper before you dry it. * If the paper is too thick, you can dilute it with more water. If the paper is too thin, you can add more pulp. * Be careful not to over-blend the paper, as this will make it weak. * If you are using a window screen as a mold, be sure to line it with cheesecloth or another fine-mesh fabric to prevent the pulp from falling through.

Making your own recycled paper is a fun and easy way to reduce your environmental impact and use up old paper products. With a little creativity, you can also create beautiful and unique works of art from recycled paper.



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