
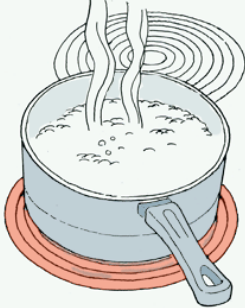
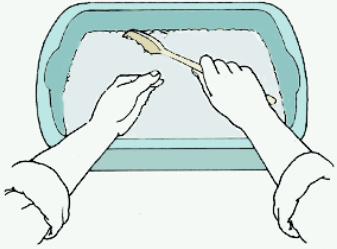

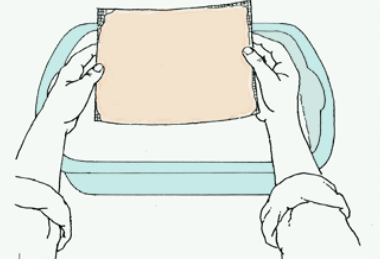
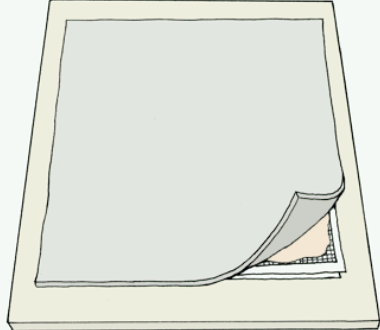
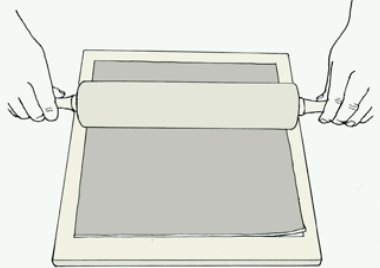
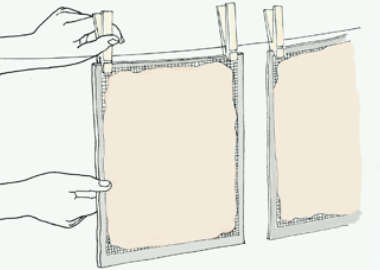
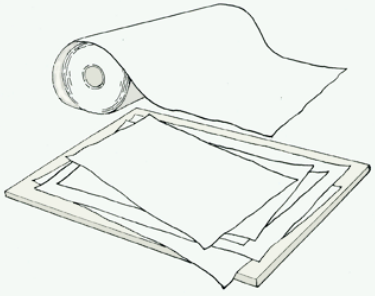
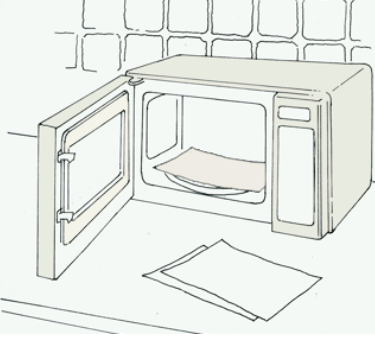


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Making Paper	
Keywords:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycled bond paper: heavy-weight paper with high fiber content that can be purchased at office supply or packaging stores • Drip sheet: drop cloth for floor cover 	
List of Ingredients:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycled bond paper or non-glossy envelopes, torn or shredded • Chopped plants • Water • Dye to tint paper if desired • An old blender in good working order • Washtub • Plastic needlepoint sheets for drip sheets • Large squares of felt and old towels • Rolling pin • Clothes line • Drip sheet • Ladle 	
Directions	

1)	<p>You will need a ratio of 1/3 paper and pulp to 2/3 water. Tear paper into small pieces and coarsely chop plant parts until you have about two cups of each material packed. Combine pulp and plant parts and soak the mixture for 30 minutes. Place in blender to further mix it together. <i>Read ahead for an alternative method.</i></p>	
2)	<p>Another way to ready the mixture would be to put the torn paper and coarsely chopped plant-pulp into a pot. Add the water and boil for an hour. Let the pulp cool.</p>	
3)	<p>Pour the prepared paper and pulp into a container that you are not worried about staining, such as a bucket, dishpan, washtub, or basin. Use your hands to further mix the material.</p>	
4)	<p>If you wish, next add dye to color the pulp and paper mixture, now stirring it with a spoon. When you have the depth of color that you like, then move on to the next step.</p>	

5)	Slip a plastic needlepoint sheet, or dipping screen, into the water under the floating pulp. Lift the screen straight up, catching a thin layer of pulp on the screen. If there are any holes or broken areas, pour a ladle of pulp onto the screen, allowing excess to drip back into the container.	
6)	Place screen on a towel and cover with the felt.	
7)	Roll over the felt with a rolling pin, pressing out as much water as possible.	
8)	Lift felt and screen up from the towel and hang these together by clothespins from a clothesline hung in a sheltered area, such as a garage, until dry. Hanging the felt and screen together with the paper over the tub or a drain is a good idea so that the excess water can safely drip without mess. <i>Read ahead for alternative methods.</i>	

9)	<p>To speed up this process, you can remove the felt and gently place the pulp paper between fresh towels to dry overnight, or dry it in the microwave. <i>More detailed instructions follow.</i></p>	
10)	<p>Carefully place the wet paper on a piece of paper towel. Set the microwave on low for one minute and check the paper. Depending on your microwave, you may need to "cook" it for 1 to 4 minutes.</p> <p>Two cups of paper and pulp each will yield about 6 to 8 pieces of paper.</p>	
11)	<p>When you are finished making paper, pour the water out through a sieve or colander and pour excess pulp into the trash or dump into a compost pile, if you have one. Do not pour excess pulp down the drain.</p>	