

# Paper Making



## Group Resources

- Newspaper
- Bucket with warm in (for shredded paper)
- Bowl (for pulped paper)
- Cloth
- Sponges
- Extra newspaper
- Trays
- Blender (to share with another group)
- Mould
- Deckle
- Ladle
- Paint
- Pen



## Classroom Resources

- Dryer rack
- J cloths for mopping up spillages
- Stocking
- Water

## Method

Rip 8 sheets of newspaper into small pieces and place in your bowl.

Put ripped newspaper into the bucket full of warm water.

Using your fingers, squeeze and mush the paper and water together to make a gloopy mixture.

Ask an adult to help put the mixture into the blender using the ladle (only a small amount at a time). Whiz the mixture in the blender, for approx 10 seconds until it looks like porridge.

Place the porridge mixture into your bowl and repeat this until all of your newspaper has been blended.

Put 1 ladle full (if you are the first person use 3 ladles full) of the porridge mixture into your coloured tray with water in. Add a small squirt of paint and use your hands to mix it up.

Place the mould on to the table with the net facing upwards. Now put the deckle on top of the mould so that it sits neatly together.

With the tray long ways in front of you, dip the mould and deckle together into the water and run them back and forth along the bottom of the tray. The pulpy water should cover your mould and deckle.

Lift the mould and the deckle (still held together) up out of the pulpy water and let the water drain off.

When the mould and deckle have finished dripping water ask a friend to gently remove the deckle whilst you hold onto the mould.

Now ask your friend to place the cloth neatly over your mould. Hold the mould and cloth together.

Now quickly flip the mould and the cloth over so that it is face down on the table.

Use a sponge to soak up the extra water on the back of the mould.

Gently lift away the mould so that the pulpy layer is left on the cloth.

Place a folded sheet of newspaper onto the pulpy layer and push down to squeeze out any extra water.

Now flip the whole lot over so that the newspaper is at the bottom (touching the table) and the cloth is on the top.

Very gently peel away the cloth leaving the pulpy layer on the newspaper. Carefully squeeze all of the water out of the cloth into your tray ready for the next person to use.

Write your name on the newspaper and lay it out to dry.

When the pulpy layer is dry you can peel it off then newspaper and use your new piece of paper.