

How to Make Paper

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Materials:

Blender	used paper	12 x 18" pan	water	screen (deckle)
Tape	cloth towel	paper towel	sponge	iron

Instructions*:

- Coat deckle screen with cooking spray or silicone spray to keep paper from sticking
 - Prepare water pan for deckle immersion
 - Screen edges are taped to cover the exposed wires
 - Blender procedure
 - Rip 5 sheets of used paper into a blender
 - Add excess water and blend for 60 seconds
 - Add wildflower/prairie seeds to mix and stir (don't blend!)
 - Deckle Procedure
 - Submerge deckle in water pan so water comes up through screen
 - Pour paper slurry from blender onto deckle and slowly swirl to even out the mixture
 - Raise the deckle from the water and place on cloth towel.
 - Remove top half of deckle to expose paper caught on screen
 - Place another screen on top of the deckle screen and blot dry with sponge
 - Invert onto a paper towel and remove the deckle so the wet paper is transferred onto new screen
 - Drying Procedure
 - Sandwich the wet paper between 2 paper towels (which are on cloth towel)
 - Iron it to strengthen it and remove lumps
 - Flip the paper towel onto the cloth towel and peel back the paper towel leaving the new paper on the cloth towel to dry
- Recycle used paper for this process
 - Deckle could be partitioned into smaller sections to make multiple sheets of paper
 - Dried paper can be printed on
 - Texture can be added by adding different paper to the blender and not blending as much
 - Final dried paper can be stored in a book to keep flat

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