





What You'll Need:

A piece of screen, such as a window screen, Plastic basin for water runoff or a papermaking screen and frame

Recycled paper—tissue paper, newsprint, printer paper, wrapping paper, envelopes ripped into small pieces (about a halfinch square)

Recycled or natural decorative bits (optional)—ribbons, threads, fabric, postage Pieces of cardboard cut to match the size of stamps (be imaginative!), leaves, grass snipped into small pieces

Electric blender

Rags (lots) and 1–2 old towels

Newspapers or old tablecloth

Butter knife

your screen



Step 1: This is a fun but messy job, so set up your workspace with newspapers or an old tablecloth. You might want to put some newspapers on the floor as well. And wear old clothes!



Step 2: Place the screen on top of the plastic basin. If the screen does not have a frame, tape it to the basin top.



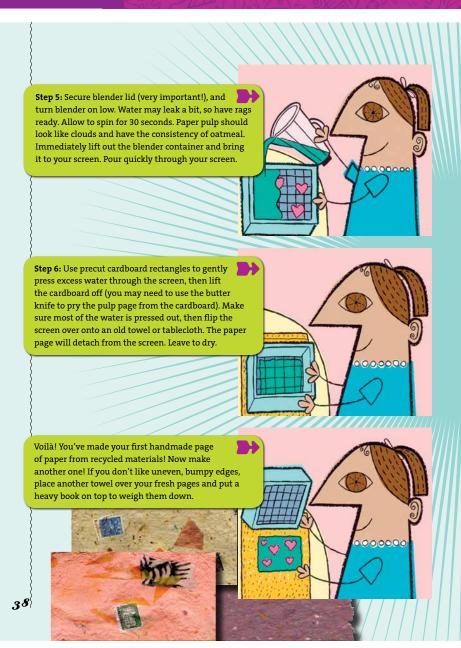
Step 3: Fill your blender 2/3 full of warm water and fit into base. Sprinkle in 1–2 handfuls of torn paper. Let soak for at least 30 minutes.



Step 4 (optional): Arrange decorative bits on screen, facedown.

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Paper Pleasures

Making recycled paper uses fewer resources and creates less pollution than making new paper.

And we're using more recycled paper than ever. In 2007, 56 percent of the paper used in the United States was recycled. That equals more than 360 pounds of paper for every person in the country.

What did you enjoy most about making paper with your Girl Scout friends?

Keep a tally of all the things you're able to do with your handmade recycled paper.

I used my handmade recycled paper to:

Now that's using resources wisely!

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