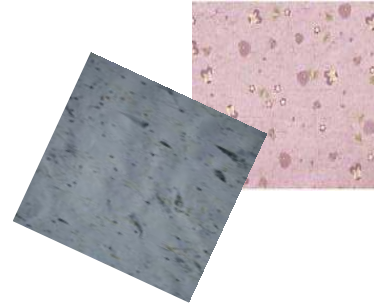


# Handmade Paper

Experiment with different mixtures to make your own handmade paper.  
Make several pieces and bind together with string or thin bark for a nature journal.

## Ingredients:

Newspaper/magazines/computer paper/any paper to be recycled  
Large screen (window screen)  
Small mesh screen (wire or plastic)  
Small wooden block  
Sponge  
Plastic container (large enough to hold excess water from pulp)  
Cookie cutter (optional, for shaping)  
Blender  
Water bottle, cut in half  
Plate



## Directions:

1. Select paper to be recycled. Mixing different types will create unique textures and colors.
2. Rip paper into small bits and place in blender until half to two-thirds full. Fill with warm water and blend until no small bits of paper remain (slow speed first). You should end up with a pulpy consistency.
3. Pour about half of a water bottle of pulp onto the window screen (if using a mold, pour pulp into mold on top of window screen).
4. Remove mold. Place small mesh screen on top of pulp and gently mash water out of pulp using the wooden block (gently, as to not force the pulp through the holes of the window screen).
5. Once most of the water is forced out, remove mesh screen and use the sponge to soak up remaining water.
6. Turn paper out onto plate and let dry overnight.