

# RECYCLED PAPER

**Objective:** Students will create paper, a forest product.

**Illinois State Goals: 12.E.**

**Top Book Hits:**

A Log's Life by Wendy Pfeffer; **ISBN-13:** 978-1416934837

Trees to Paper by Inez Snyder; **ISBN-13:** 978-0516243566



**Materials Needed:**

- Large square pan, about 3 inches deep
- Large bowl
- 3 cups of water
- Large section of newspaper
- Rolling pin, plastic pipe or tube to roll out paper

**Procedure:**

1. Tear one or two pages of newspaper into small pieces of one inch or less.
2. Put the paper chips into a large bowl and add three cups water to it. Keep adding paper, tearing it and squeezing it until the paper mixture looks like thick oatmeal.
3. With the pan turned upside down, place about 1 cup of the blended pulp over the bottom of the pan. Spread it with your fingers evenly across the entire area.
4. Lay several sheets of newspaper over the pulp, then carefully turn the pan over. Remove the pan. Your pulp “square” is now sitting on the newspaper.
5. Close the newspaper over the pulp. Using the rolling pin, roll over the newspaper to blot out the extra water.
6. Uncover and let the new “paper” dry completely. When it is thoroughly dry, peel your new “recycled paper” away from the newspaper. It can now be cut to any size and used to make a variety of things.

**Explore More:** As the paper is drying, students could add seeds to make a “plant a card” or an ornament. From Tree to Table DVD by Chris Fesko.

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Illinois Tree Ag Mag [www.agintheclassroom.org](http://www.agintheclassroom.org) or through local agricultural literacy coordinator.