



HOW TO MAKE PAPER

MATERIALS

base paper
warm water
2 large bowls

wire strainer
dish pans
screens
(see instructions)

whisk
blender
newspaper

2-cup measure
colored tissue
string, yarn, feathers, lint

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAKING SCREENS:

Use wooden or plastic embroidery hoops. Cut polyester window screening to fit the hoops, leaving excess so the screens can be tightened if they loosen up. Cut plastic canvas to fit the opening in the hoop.

1 Tear the base paper into small pieces measuring about 2 cups.

2 TOOLS:

- If using a whisk, put paper and 3 cups of warm water into a bowl. Let soak for at least 20 minutes. Stir with whisk.
- If using a blender, fill blender half full of warm water. Add 2 cups of paper. Blend until the consistency of oatmeal.

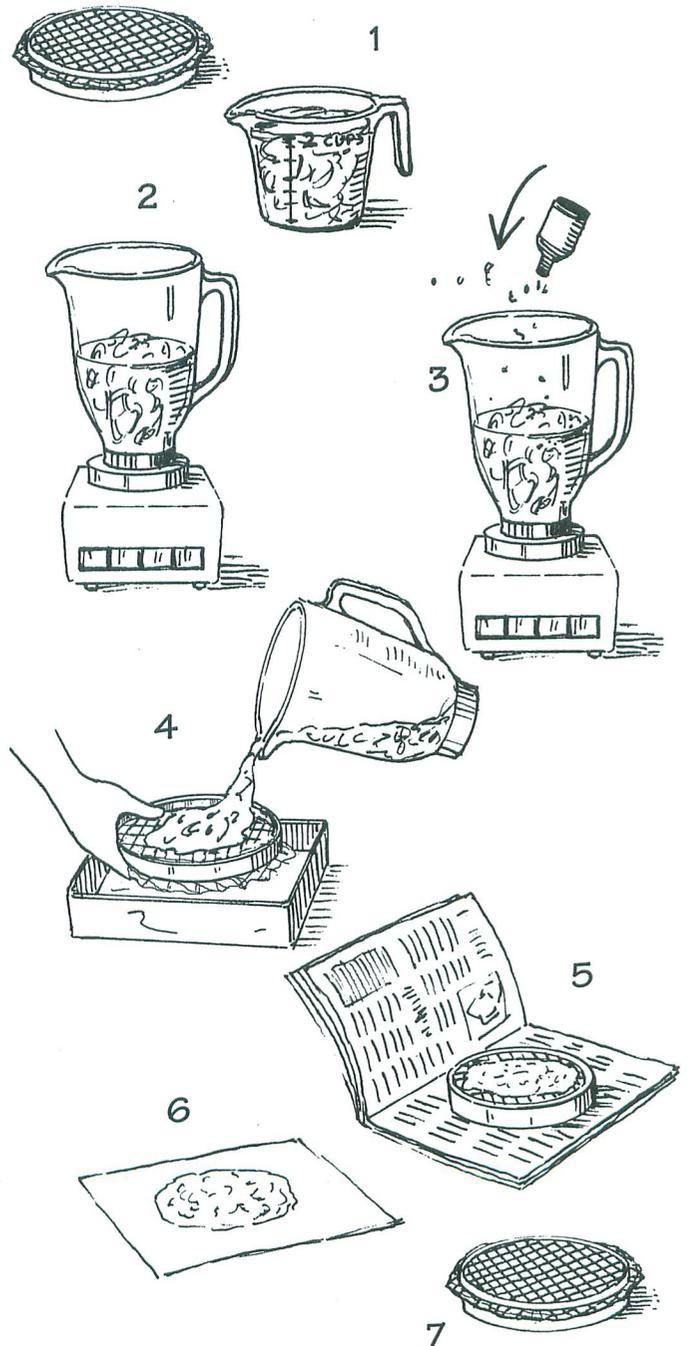
3 **ADDITIVES:** If your group has an additive put it into the blender or bowl at this time. Additives add color, texture and smell.

4 **SHAPING:** You will be pouring your paper pulp onto screens. Make sure to do this over the dishpans so they will catch the extra water. Pour enough pulp onto the inside of your hoop to cover the screening. Take the piece of plastic canvas and press onto the pulp to remove the extra water.

5 With the excess water removed from the pulp, place the hoop, with the canvas still in it, onto a section of newspaper. Use the newspaper to blot the extra moisture out of your recycled paper. You are ready to take out your paper when you blot and no water comes out.

6 Take out the plastic canvas and turn the hoop over onto a scrap piece of paper. Tap on the back of the screening. If the paper doesn't come out, take the hoop apart. Leave the recycled paper on the piece of scrap paper to dry.

7 Put the hoop back together to make your next sheet of paper.



NOTE: Collect leftover pulp in a strainer. **DO NOT POUR PULP DOWN A SINK DRAIN** - it might block it.



RECYCLED PAPER JEWELRY

MATERIALS

blender

2 cups shredded paper

warm water

2 tbs. Argo laundry powder starch

candy or cookie molds

dishpans

pin backs

jewelry glue

acrylic paint

matte spray finish

2 mesh screens or

metal strainers

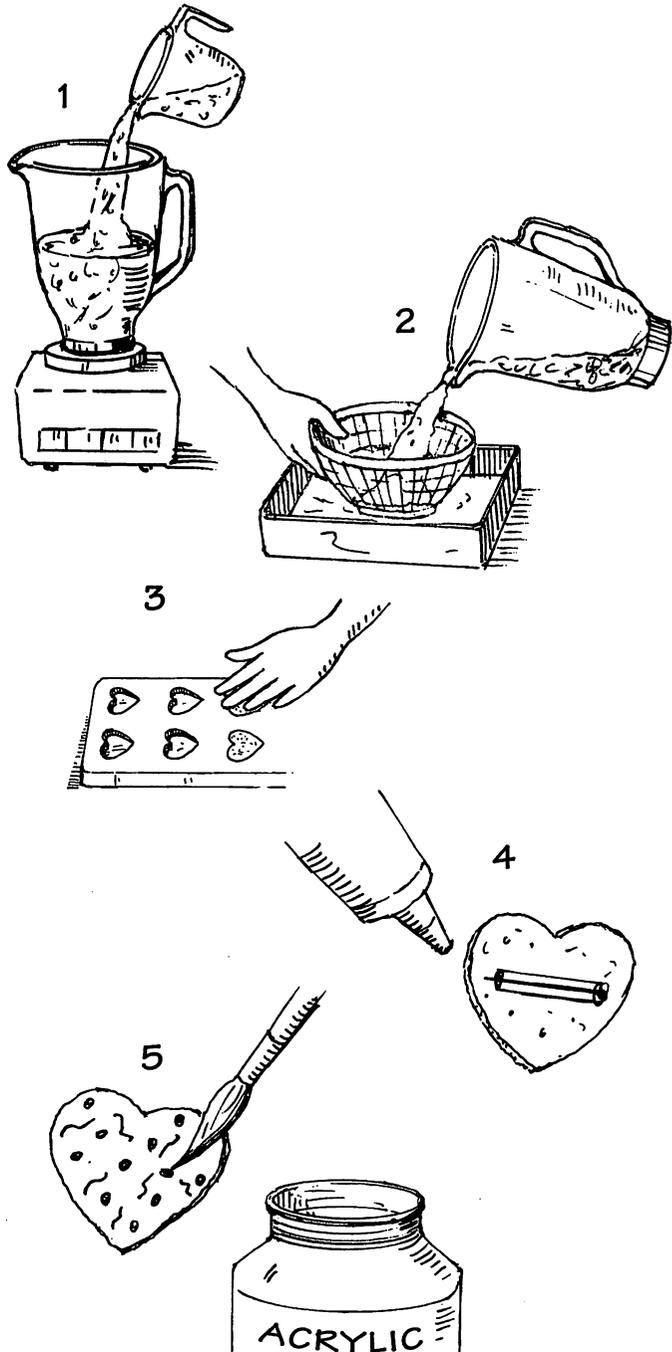
1 Fill blender half full of warm water. Add 2 cups of shredded paper to warm water and 2 tablespoons of Argo laundry powder starch. Blend well. This mixture should be thick but still pourable.

2 Pour mixture onto screen or into strainer over dishpan (to catch excess water). Take the other mesh screen and put it on top of the paper mixture and squeeze together to remove excess water. If using strainer, mix with hands until most of the water is out of the mixture.

3 Firmly press paper mixture into candy or cookie molds. Make sure the paper does not hang over the edge of the mold. Let molds dry for one to two days. The paper jewelry will easily come out of molds when completely dry.

4 When jewelry is dry, use glue to adhere pin back.

5 Paint your jewelry using an acrylic paint. After the paint has dried, spray your finished pin with a matte spray finish.



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