

HOW TO MAKE PAPER

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Making paper with kids is a rewarding experience, and today I'm going to share how to make paper. These steps work for anyone interested in how to make paper, and I give specific tips and advice on how to make paper with kids (even toddlers!)

Supplies: How to Make Paper

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- Window Screen. [This sliding window screen](#) is economical and reusable.
- Two [Plastic Wash Tubs](#) or similar
- Washcloth/rag/burp cloth/large piece of felt
- Water
- Torn paper from newspaper, tissue paper, magazines, etc. Be sure that it's staple and tape-free
- [Blender](#) << *This is my favorite economical workhorse machine.*
- Small seeds (optional)

Instructions: How to Make Paper

1. Tear the paper into tiny strips, about 2".
2. Place your window screen on top of one of the plastic tubs
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4. Add paper to the blender, cover it with water, and **run the blender on a low speed**. Since you will squeeze all the water out of the paper pulp, you can't really have too much water. If the blender doesn't move easily, add more water.
5. **Run the blender a little bit faster** until you get the paper mixture into a nice, smooth pulp. Ours is kind of chunky because my kids wanted it that way. Yours can be smoother.
6. Spread the pulp thinly and uniformly across the screen and then layer a cloth diaper or towel on top to absorb the extra water, while also pushing the water through the screen into the tub. Get the kids involved.
7. Place one hand firmly on top of the cloth while you **flip the screen over onto a table** or countertop that can handle water.
8. Remove the screen and put the cloth with paper pulp in a spot where it can dry, undisturbed, for about a day. The thicker the paper, the longer it will take to dry.

How to make paper with kids

Making paper with kids requires some patience and preparation, but it's not tricky and the process is worth exploring with children or anyone who's curious about how to make paper.

After my toddler created [a sensory bin full of paper and water](#), I saw an opportunity to **upcycle that mushy paper pulp into some new-to-us paper**. We had most of the materials handy, but had to make a trip to the hardware store to buy a [small window screen](#) (affiliate)

To get into the spirit and expand our knowledge of paper making, we watched a [Mr. Roger's episode about paper making](#). If you like this video you'll also love learning about [how crayons are made](#). Alternatively, here's the [video-free step-by-step](#) (all from PBS Kids).