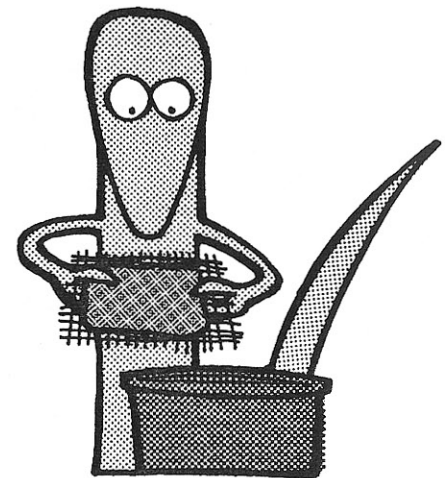


Make Your Own Paper

To understand clearly how paper is recycled and reused, make some of your own.

WHAT YOU NEED

- some newspapers
- a bucket
- some water
- a wire whisk
- 3 tablespoons of cornstarch
- measuring spoons
- a piece of screen that measures about 6 inches across
- a rolling pin
- a sheet of plastic wrap large enough to cover the screen



WHAT YOU DO

1. Tear some of the newspapers into small pieces.
2. Put the torn paper pieces into the bucket until it is half full.
3. Add enough water to wet the paper pieces thoroughly.
4. Let the paper-and-water mixture stand for several hours.
5. Using the whisk, beat the mixture into a creamy pulp.
6. Dissolve 3 tablespoons of cornstarch in one cup of water.
7. Add the dissolved cornstarch to the pulp and stir to mix thoroughly.
8. Submerge the piece of screen in the pulp and pull it out.