

FILE SUPPLEMENTING THE DIDACTIC UNIT

TEACHING THE REUSE OF PAPER

MAKING A BRIEFCASE NOTEBOOK



MATERIALS NEEDED

- * Plastic bowl
- * Wooden spoon to move the mixture
- * Wooden frame with metallic mesh (strainer)
- * Whisk
- * Cloth
- * Wooden press (in the experiment we used a box full of books)
- * Used paper, from newspapers or magazines
- * Paper written on one side only

STEP BY STEP PREPARATION OF THE RECYCLED PAPER

Pour the water in the bowl	Cut the used paper into pieces	Stop when there is enough
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Mix the paper and the water	Whisk the mixture	Put the paper and water mixture on the strainer with a container underneath to catch the water that drains off
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Spread the mixture out well	Cut a cloth and cover the strainer	Flip it over like a Spanish omelette in order to remove the mixture from the strainer
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Place another cloth covering both parts of the paper	Put a weight on top so it drains, and leave for 24 hours	The paper is now drained but wet. It must be left to dry out
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24 hours later and it's dry	Measure it to cut it to the size wanted	Now you have the notebook covers
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Cut the paper used on one side to make the pages of the notebook	You have enough	Now make holes at the edge of the paper
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Take the perforated pages	Join the covers to the pages with a spiral binding or lacing	You can cut out pictures from magazines to decorate the title page
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Now you have your notebook.

We've used a woolen stitching to bind the covers to the pages.