Make Your Own Paper

Create your very own paper!

Materials Needed:

- Scrap Paper (Newspaper, recycled paper, old bills, etc.
- Large Shallow Container
- Blender
- Two Mesh Screen splatter guards
- Sponge
- Dish Towels
- Water

Directions: To start, take 6-8 pieces of paper and cut it up into small pieces. Place the paper inside the blender cup, and pour in enough hot water to cover the pieces. If you would like your paper to be a fun colour, be sure to add small pieces of colourful paper to the mixture. Let the paper soak in the water for 10-15 minutes, this will form a slurry. Grab your large shallow container, and fill it with a few inches of water. Pour the slurry into the water and give it a good stir. Submerge the mesh splatter guard into the pulp and raise it out of the pan, while holding it level. If you are finding it hard to get the paper pulp on your screen, add more water to the container. Once you have an even layer, take your second splatter guard and place it on top of the pulp. Next you are going to take a sponge, and gently use the sponge to absorb the excess water. Repeat this process until you have removed as much water as possible. Carefully remove the top splatter guard, flip it over and remove the second splatter guard, and let the sheet rest on a towel until it is dry. If you would like to speed up the drying process, use a blow dryer to dry the sheet. Once the paper has dried, it is ready to be used!