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## Make New Paper with Old

*An activity of "My Stuff: Foolscape Paper".*

Read "My Stuff: Foolscape Paper" (page 16, *What's Up* April 2023). The article describes traditional and modern ways of making paper. Would you like to try your hand at manual papermaking? Better still, do it by recycling old paper. Work in small groups on this project.

1a) Watch the following video to see how paper is traditionally made in a region in India:

### **How one town keeps India's 500-year-old papermaking industry alive**

➤ <https://youtu.be/1o9aZuuGdWI>

Still Standing, Insider Business (9 Jan 2022)

b) Which parts of the paper-making process did you find interesting? Why?

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2a) Watch the following video to see how you can make new paper from old.

### **DIY handmade paper**

➤ <https://youtu.be/u-dgZ9HoihU>

Vijayta Sharma (8 May 2021)

b) Follow the steps in the video. Work in small groups to make your own paper from old newsprint paper. When the paper sheets are dry, you can cut them into bookmarks for group members.

Materials you will need:

- Old newspaper sheets
- Dried flowers (optional)
- A couple of plastic bottles
- A tray (to shape and hold the pulp)
- Water (preferably warm)
- Two sheets of cloth (to press the paper)
- A rolling pin (optional)
- A clean, absorbent rag (for absorbing excess water)

c) How did you find the paper-making process? What were some challenges you faced?

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3. A **circular economy** is a system where materials are reused, repurposed, or recycled so that almost nothing is wasted. In a circular economy, resources are kept in use for as long as possible, and the maximum value is extracted from them before they are discarded.

How do you think you and your teammates have contributed to the circular economy by recycling used paper?

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