

# Recycling

# Magic

Like the magician, recyclers make new paper from scraps of old. You can do this yourself in the classroom or at home. Here's what you need:

- newspaper
- a bucket or bowl
- water
- an egg beater or blender
- a piece of window screen or felt

## Step I

To make one piece of paper, tear up half a page of newspaper into small pieces. Put the pieces into your bucket or bowl and cover them with twice as much water as you have paper. Let the paper soak overnight.

## Step II

Use a beater or blender to mix the wet paper into a mushy pulp. Dump the pulp onto your screen or felt. Press the pulp into the shape of a piece of paper. Squeeze out the water with the palms of your hands. Let the pulp dry for one or two days.

## Step III

Peel the dried pulp from the screen or felt. If it doesn't come up easily, try letting it dry a little longer. You have made recycled paper!!

\*You can add scraps of colored paper, thread, dried flowers, and leaves to the newspaper scraps. This will make your homemade paper colorful and unusual.

