

Bibliography Display Ideas

Want to promote your green fiction, non fiction and magazine titles in an environmentally responsible way? The best way would be on recycled paper, printing with soy-based ink to decrease environmental impact. But, both of these solutions can be more expensive. If you are feeling creative try making your own recycled paper- it's a little messy, but a great way to re-use the paper in your recycle bin and create an attractive, relevant display!

How to Make Your Own Recycled Paper

You will need:

- a food processor or an old blender
- an electric iron
- an old wire hanger
- an old pair of panty hose
- scrap paper, torn into 2-inch squares
- white glue
- water
- an insect screen or strainer (optional)
- a big sink or tub filled with 4 inches of water

1. Make a frame out of the coat hanger. You'll need a frame for each piece of paper you make. Stretch the hanger and bend it into a rectangle/square shape. Take one leg of the panty hose and stretch it carefully over the hanger frame. Make sure it is tight and flat.

2. Put a handful of the torn up paper and some water into the food processor or blender. Blend the mixture on high until it becomes mushy. Keep adding paper and water until you have a big gray blob. You may have to add a little more water to keep things moving smoothly. Keep the food processor on until all the paper has disappeared. Then leave it on for 2 minutes.

3. Put 2 tablespoons of white glue in the sink water and add all of the paper pulp you just made. Mix it really well. Use your hands.

4. Scoop the frame to the bottom of the sink, then lift it slowly. (Count to 20 slowly while you are lifting.) Let the water drain out for about a minute.

5. Hang the frames on a clothesline or put them out in the sun. Wait until they are completely dry with no dampness at all. You can then gently peel off the paper.

6. Use the iron, set on the hottest setting, to steam out your paper.

<http://www.make-stuff.com/recycling/paper.html>

Green Tip: Recycle. If you're not at home, take the extra steps (literally) to find that recycling can.

