

# STOP! Don't recycle yesterday's newspaper—at least not yet.



At home or in the classroom, there are many things you can learn through the use of the daily newspaper. But when your studying is finished for the day, an old newspaper can provide hours of creative entertainment!

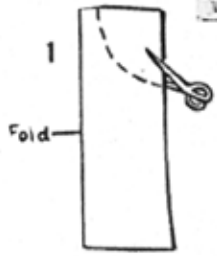
You can use newspapers to make your own toys and games. You can also use them to create beautiful and useful objects that will last for a long time. Here are just a few projects that can be made out of newspapers. You may need a few household items to make some of the projects, such as:

- String
- Tape
- Glue
- Paints
- Crayons

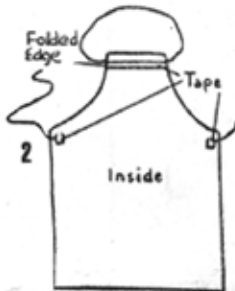
## Apron

Here is a paper apron you can wear while doing messy projects. When it gets dirty, just throw it out and make another.

1. Open a sheet of newspaper and fold it lengthwise.
2. Cut off the upper outside corners in a curve as shown.
3. Fold down the top edge about two inches.



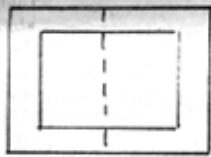
4. Fold the folded edge down one inch, so you have two thicknesses of paper at the top crease.
5. Center a piece of string about two feet long inside the fold and tape the fold closed.
6. Tape a piece of string to each side of the waist, and try your apron on for size.



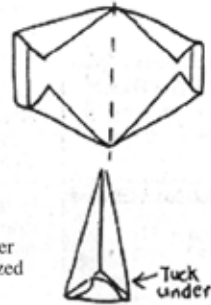
(Hint: Next time your parents have a barbecue, you could help out by making aprons for all the guests.)

## Beach Bag or Carryall

You can partially waterproof the insides of this bag by lining it with plastic wrap. However, it is still a good idea to wrap wet items in plastic bags before carrying them in this bag.



1. Open an eight to 10 page full-sized section and lay it flat.
2. Make a small decorative pleat in the center of both sides of the section. Tape the pleats flat.
3. Open a tabloid section, such as the "Magazine" or "Fun" sections, and center it on top of the open full-sized section. Tape the tabloid in place.
4. Fold the sides of the full-sized section over the sides of the tabloid section. Tape them in place.
5. To make the lining for the bag, fold a newspaper sheet to match the shape of the joined sections. Cover the folded sheet with plastic wrap. Tape the plastic over the folds. Glue the lining sheet to the joined sections, so that all the folded edges are hidden.
6. Bring the sides of the bag together. Tuck the bottom flat and fold the sides over it. Staple them together.
7. To make the handle, put three sheets of newspaper together. Fold them on the diagonal to create a 1-inch strip.
8. Staple the handle to the bag.



## Sun Hat

Whether you use this hat for dressing up or playing dress up, it will keep the summer sun out of your eyes.

1. Make each of four 2 3/4-inch strips by folding a newspaper sheet widthwise into eighths.
2. Make each of six 1 3/8-inch strips by folding a newspaper sheet widthwise into sixteenths.
3. Glue three flat sheets of paper together.
4. Tie one end of a 12-inch string around a pencil. Staple or tape the other end of the string to the center of the flattened sheets of newspaper. Pull the string taut and use the pencil to draw a complete circle about 21 inches in diameter.
5. Now, shorten the string so the distance between the fastened center and the pencil is about four inches in length. Pull the string taut and use the pencil to draw a complete circle about eight inches in diameter.
6. Cut out both circles to make the brim of your hat.
7. Evenly space the six 1 3/8-inch strips around the rim, crossing the strips in the center. Staple the strips in place.
8. Weave one of the 2 3/8-inch strips through the crossed strips in the hat's center. Make small tucks in the top of the woven strips so it fits the inside curve of the hat.
9. Use the other three 2 3/8-inch strips to bind the outer rim of the hat. Make small tucks in the strips so they fit the curve of the rim.



## Pressman's Hat

If you've ever taken a tour of *The Lima News*, you probably noticed the paper hats some of the pressmen wear. These are traditional hats that newspaper pressmen have worn for years.

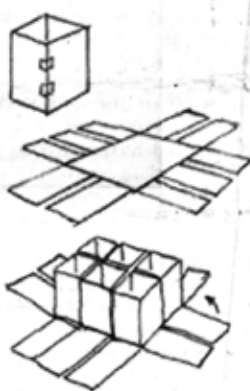
1. Start with a newspaper sheet folded to page size. Turn it so the fold is closest to you.
2. Fold top corners to center.
3. Fold the remainder of the top sheet in half. Then fold it again, so that the bottom fold comes to the base of the triangle.
4. Turn the paper over. Fold sides in to center.
5. Fold in corners of bottom edge.
6. Fold bottom edge up and tuck under flap.
7. Fold pointed top down and tuck point under flap.
8. Open, pulling gently until the opening edges meet in the opposite direction. Crease the outside edges.
9. Fold outside corners down and tuck under flap.
10. Open into hat shape.



## Arts & Crafts Organizer

You can use this organizer as a handy carrying case for all your lightweight tools, such as glue, tape, staplers, crayons, paints, paint brushes, blunt-nosed scissors, etc.

1. To make each compartment, fold a sheet to page size. Crease across the center of the page. Then fold top and bottom to the center crease, so the page is folded in a six-inch strip with the top and bottom edges folded inside. Fold the strip in half. Tape the edges together on the outside. Bring the taped edges to center. Flatten and crease folds. Open to form box shape.
2. Make six of these. Staple together in rows of three each. Then staple the two rows together.
3. To make a sturdy bottom, fold a sheet of paper to page size. Fold the page in half horizontally. Then fold it in half vertically.
4. To attach the bottom, make three strips the length of a newspaper page and two strips the width of a newspaper sheet. Make each of the three lengthwise strips by folding a newspaper sheet in quarters horizontally. Arrange the strips so the three shorter ones are centered on the two longer ones.
5. Center the folded bottom sheet on top of the strips and staple it into place. Place the six compartments on top of the folded bottom. Fold the ends of the strips over the top edges of the compartments and staple them to the insides.
6. For the handle, start at one corner of a sheet of newspaper and fold on the diagonal to make a one-inch strip. Staple to the outside of the organizer.



## Teepee

What could be more fun than a powwow in your very own teepee?

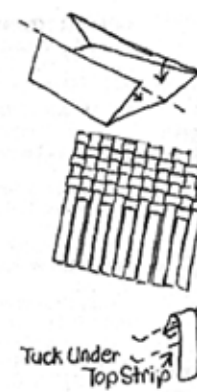
1. You will need 23 newspaper rolls to make your teepee. To make each roll, tightly roll a sheet of paper on the diagonal from one corner to the opposite corner.
2. To make each of the 10 supporting poles, joining two rolls together by slipping the smaller end into the larger end. Tape together to form a 5 1/2-foot pole.
3. To make the base, join three rolls together by slipping the smaller ends into the larger ends into the larger ends and taping them together. Curve the base pole into a circle, overlapping the two ends. Tape the ends of the circle together.
4. Attach each of the 10 supporting poles by folding one end around the base and stapling or taping it into place. Space them six to eight inches apart. Leave room for a door. Cross the poles at the top of the teepee and tape them together.
5. To cover the supporting poles, fit newspaper sheets to the teepee shape by making small tucks in them as you staple or tape them to the supporting poles. Cover the bottom layer first. Then add more layers until you have completely covered the teepee structure. As you add each layer, arrange the newspaper sheets so they overlap the previous layer by about six inches.
6. Make the top flap by folding a newspaper page in half horizontally. Tape it to the top of the teepee. Then gently turn down the top corner.



## Table

This is an advanced project that takes a lot of time and patience. However, it makes an attractive piece of furniture that can be spray painted to fit into many decors.

1. Before you begin, make sure you have some strong glue and two pieces of cardboard. One piece should be 22 x 14 inches, and the other should be 14 x 14 inches.
2. For each of the four legs, you will need three 1 1/2-inch rolls. To make each roll, lay six sheets folded to page size on top of each other. Roll together tightly and tape closed. To make each leg, glue three rolls together.
3. To make the frame, you will need eight bracing sticks. Make each stick by tightly rolling a sheet of newspaper on the diagonal from one corner to the opposite corner and taping into place.
4. Measure two inches away from the top and the bottom of the table legs. To brace each of the long sides of the table, place two of the legs 15 inches apart. Center two bracing sticks over both legs, and glue them to the legs at the two inch marks. Wrap the ends of the sticks around legs, glue them into place.
5. To brace each of the short sides of the table, arrange the two long sides so they are facing each other and 8 1/2 inches apart. It's important that your measurements be both accurate and consistent. One way to make sure they are is to draw a 22 x 14 inch rectangle on a spare sheet of newspaper and to use it for a guide. Wrap and glue a widthwise bracing strip just above each of the lengthwise bracing strips.
6. To make the top of the table, you will need 16 3/4-inch rolls as long as a newspaper is high. Make each roll by tightly rolling three sheets of newspaper together. Glue all of the 16 rolls on to the 22 x 14 inch piece of cardboard. Glue the top to the top of the legs.
7. To make the bottom shelf, you will need 17 1/2-inch rolls as long as a newspaper is wide. To make each roll, roll two sheets folded to page size together. Glue all of the 17 rolls on to the 14 x 14 inch piece of cardboard. Glue the cardboard to the bottom bracing sticks.



## Situpon

This situpon will come in handy for sitting around a campfire!

1. Fold 16 sheets of newspaper into 1 3/4-inch-wide strips the length of a page.
2. Arrange eight strips parallel to each other.
3. Weave the remaining eight strips in the opposite direction.
4. Adjust all the strips so the unwoven edges are equal on all sides.
5. Fold each unwoven end over the closest woven strip and tuck it underneath. At the corners of the mat, weave the ends over and under the nearest woven edge.

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