

# MAGIC TREE HOUSE®

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## *Recipe for Papyrus*

Paper is made from papyrus by peeling off the outer layer of a reed.  
The paper is then beaten and smoothed with a polishing stone.

### **Homemade Paper**

#### **Materials:**

Recycled paper  
Lint from a dryer filter  
Small piece of window screen  
Waxed paper  
Electric blender  
Newspaper  
Cornstarch  
Heavy books or weights



Tear recycled paper into small pieces and soak them overnight in a bowl with just enough water to cover the pieces.

Add dryer lint and beat with an electric blender until the mixture is pureed. Dissolve three tablespoons of cornstarch into two cups of water and add to the mixture.

When the pulp rises, slip a piece of window screen under the pulp in the bowl. Lift the screen and drain the water. Spread the pulp evenly on screen and then place several sheets of newspaper on top. Cover with waxed paper and use some heavy books to weight it down. Allow to dry. Remove the heavy books and waxed paper, and carefully peel the sheets off the screen.