

# CAMPS AT HOME

## Papermaking

### Materials:

- Shredded paper (if you have a paper shredder that is great but if not just cut or rip up scrap paper) Blender
- Old picture frame and window screen to create the deckle
- Spatula
- Sponge
- Piece of square fabric (about the size of your deckle or paper)
- Water/sink/bin

### Steps:

1. Shred your paper and fill the blender with at least 2x as much water as paper pieces. Tip: too much water is better than too little.
2. Blend the mixture into a pulp (like thick soup).
3. Place your deckle (screen) over the sink or a bin to collect the water and pour your pulp onto the screen. Use your spatula to begin pressing gently on the pulp and smoothing out your paper.
4. Once it is smooth and flat, you can place the fabric over your paper and start using your sponge to continue squeezing out the water. Slow is best so you don't end up with lumps.
5. Once you have squeezed all excess water from the pulp, you can set aside to dry and make more sheets.



Happy Letter Writing!