

Paper Mache Is a Great Recycle Craft!

Make your own ornaments or other fun projects using recycled papers. You can use Newspaper, stationary, gift wrap, or any paper you have left over.

Once you make the mixture using one of the recipes below, form the PAPER MACHE into shapes, let it dry, and paint it!

For large items or particular shapes you can make the insides hollow by using cartons, cans, Styrofoam or an air filled balloons on the inside, then forming your shapes around it! Balloons are particularly good for making ornaments that you would like to be shaped like a ball.

Paper Mache Recipes:

Use one of these Paper Mache Recipes:

Recipe 1/ Ingredients: Glue, water, paper

- Mix two parts white glue with one part warm water.
- Stir well and the Paste is ready to use.
- Now you need paper- newspaper works well!
- Dip each piece of paper in the liquid mixture and apply it one piece at a time to form your shapes.

Recipe 2/ Ingredients: Flour, water, paper

- Stir three parts water into one part flour until the mixture is smooth and creamy.
- To make the paste last longer, add a few drops of oil of Wintergreen. (optional) You can buy this oil at a drugstore.
- Stir well and the paste is ready to use.
- Now you need paper- newspaper works well!
- Dip each piece of paper in the liquid mixture and apply it one piece at a time to form your shapes.

