

# Creative Families @ Home



## Papyrus Paper



Papyrus is an early form of paper, used in ancient Egypt around 3000 B.C. The first paper was made from the papyrus plants that grew exclusively on the banks of the Nile and its delta regions. The Egyptians developed a long and complex process to make the first paper, rolled into scrolls for storage.

### What you will need to make papyrus.

1/2 cup liquid white glue e.g. PVA  
1/2 cup water  
2 brown paper bags  
Paper towel  
Newspaper/table covering  
Medium-sized bowl or container

Why not write your name in hieroglyphics on your paper (see our task sheet)

1. Cover your work surface with two layers of newspaper, or any table covering to protect the surface.
2. Lay a single paper towel on top of the newspaper. This comes the base layer of your papyrus.
3. Pour approximately 1/2 cup of glue into the bowl. If you plan to make two sheets of papyrus, double this amount.
4. Stir in a 1/2 cup of water into the glue. Mix until the glue and water develop a runny consistency.
5. Tear both paper bags lengthwise into long strips, about 2cm widths.
6. Dip each paper strip in the glue and water mixture to ensure they are fully soaked with the mixture.
7. Lay half the strips of paper vertically next to each other on the paper towel, slightly overlapping their sides.
8. Place the rest of the strips of paper horizontally on top of the first layer of paper-bag strips. The edges of these strips of paper should also overlap.
9. Press and smooth out the paper with your hands to get rid of any excess glue or air bubbles.
10. Let the papyrus dry for at least 8 hours. Once it is dry, gently peel it from the newspaper.