



# NEW AND CREATIVE

## WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A PIECE OF PAPER?

The first ten ideas to inspire you:

### Make a paper chain

How many links can you make out of a piece of A4 paper - you could use junk mail or any paper that is going to be recycled, use glue, staples or tape to secure your links. Follow this link for some suggestions.

- STEM Challenge: One-Piece-of-Paper Paper Chain Contest - <https://bit.ly/3aUOotH>

### Write a Letter

In this digital age the art of letter writing seems to be dying out but people of all ages love receiving them. You could write a letter to an elderly person or someone living alone. Or maybe a nice chatty catch up letter to an old friend. Younger members might like to write to grandparents, aunts and uncles or cousins. It's a great opportunity for young people to learn how to format a letter and write an envelope clearly. Perhaps you could find a penpal and build a life-long friendship.

Some links that might help:

- How to Write a Friendly Letter with - <https://bbc.in/3r1iYaP>
- How to write a formal letter - <https://bit.ly/2ZUn3So>

### Can you walk through a piece of paper?

All this requires is an A4 piece (can be used or junk mail) a paper of scissors and some patience. This trick is folding and cutting carefully so you might need some practice. Follow this link for the instructions of paper. Might be fun for a Zoom meeting with parents to help younger members.

- 3 Minute Maths - How to walk through a piece of paper - <https://bit.ly/3pUvGXp>

### Make a cup

Yes you can make a cup from a piece of paper. Follow the origami style instructions below to make a cup. Then the fun bit, test it out. We suggest you try water first and maybe over a sink or bowl. Once you have the hang of you could teach your family to make them and maybe organise a water carrying obstacle race when the weather is fine if you don't mind getting wet. This will be fun when we can start out face to face meeting too.

- How to Make an Origami Cup - <https://bit.ly/3bKqQXV>

### Make a zoo or a pet shop

If you want to try more origami how about making some animals. Follow the instructions below, some are harder than others so give them a try. You can use junk paper, white paper and decorate it or some coloured paper if you have it. We would love to see what you make

- 8 Fun And Easy Origami Animals For Kids - <https://bit.ly/3dM5ThJ>
- How To Make Origami Animals - <https://bit.ly/2Ph185J>



### **Get to know a tree**

Paper is made from trees, but how much do you know about trees? While out for a walk take some paper and a wax crayon. Look out for different bark textures on tree. Place your paper on the trunk and rub with the crayon to see the design. Is it smooth or rough, what else can you notice about it, the colour, the size of the trunk, the smell? See if you can work out the name of the tree.

If it's raining or you don't want to take out any equipment collect some fallen leaves while you are outside. Once home let them dry then place under the paper and again rub the wax crayon over them. Again try to identify which tree they are from.

Some links to help you:

- How to Make a Bark Rubbing: 6 Steps (with Pictures) - <https://bit.ly/3uCEW67>
- Bark - Tree Guide UK Bark used for tree identification - <https://bit.ly/2NAIk0W>
- Leaves - Tree Guide UK Tree identification by leaf shape - <https://bit.ly/3uygJxZ>

### **Make some jewellery**

Start by making lots of paper beads, following the instructions below. All you need is coloured paper. This could be magazines, junk mail, left over wrapping paper, some glue, either a glue stick or pva glue and a cocktail stick or BBQ skewer.

Once you have lots of beads available try making bracelets and necklaces for yourself, for a friend or to use as a fundraising activity

- How to Make Paper Beads - <https://bit.ly/2ZSp1CD>

### **Do some gardening**

Follow the instructions below to make some paper plant pots. You can then fill them with compost and plant seeds. If you look after them later in the year you will have some lovely plants to put in your garden or window box or maybe you could use them as random acts of kindness.

- How to Make Organic Planting Pots Using Old Newspapers - <https://bit.ly/3qY5BrY>

### **Make a horse walk**

This activity requires some careful measuring and cutting but if you get it right you can make a horse out of paper that walks down an incline on its own. Once you have made your horse the fun and the learning starts. You need to create a ramp for your horse and start experimenting. Which ramp materials work best, do you need to adjust your horse, learn about friction. This is a great STEM activity.

- Make a Paper Horse that WALKS - <https://bit.ly/3qWZSml>

### **Cook your dinner**

Did you know you could cook your dinner in paper ? The French call it en papillote. There are lots of healthy recipes available to make chicken, fish and vegetable dishes. Salmon works especially well.

Look for your own recipes or try one of these:

- 16 Parchment-Wrapped Dinners For People Who Hate Dishes - <https://bzfd.it/3suywUN>

