

MAKE IT! Episode 9: "Shred of Difference"

In episode 9 of The Paper Girls Show, learners are introduced to the idea that used paper can be shredded and reused in new ways and to make new items. Below is a brief listing of an activity that invites learners to rethink and reuse paper in new ways.

Dream it

Make it

Be it!

Functional 'Shredded' Papier-mâché Bowls

Encourage learners to gather and tear used paper into small strips. They will also need to select a bowl to use as their base for the papier-mâché (coat the outside of the bowl with a release agent such as Vaseline). Once paper is torn, please mix one part flour with one part water to make the papier-mâché paste. Learners will dip the torn paper strips into the paste, removing excess with their fingers before layering on the outside of the bowl. Continue until the bowl is covered and smooth out the strips. Let dry overnight and repeat with two additional layers.

Once the final layer is dry, the base bowl can be separated from the papier-mâché. Learners can paint or decorate as desired.



Credit: Bowl for Paper Mache by SuperWife2009

Prompting Questions:

1. Why is it important to reuse paper?
2. How is reusing paper different from recycling it?
3. What can we do to make the sides of our bowl thicker?

TIP: Children's Book Extension: *Kenya's Art*

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Kenya's Art shares the story of a young girl inspired to make art from recycled objects after a trip to an exhibit about recycling at a museum. The book shares great ideas for learners to make use of broken toys or other found objects.