

# Recycling Paper

Follow the directions below to make a papier-mâché bowl.

1. Tear newspaper (with the grain) into strips 5 cm (2 in.) wide (Figure A). Blow up and tie the balloon. Wipe the balloon with the oil-coated cotton ball.
2. Dip the newspaper strips into the paste, coating both sides and using your fingers to remove excess paste (Figure B).
3. Apply the first layer of strips in a star pattern over the rounded end of the balloon (Figure C).
4. Apply the second layer of strips in a horizontal pattern around the mold (Figure D). Apply the third layer around the mold at right angles to the second.
5. Apply the fourth layer of strips diagonally to the strips that are on the mold (Figure E), and the fifth layer at right angles to the fourth. Repeat the steps for added strength.
6. Prepare the bowl for drying: Pop and remove the balloon. Reshape the bowl, slightly flattening the base so that it does not rock (Figure F). Set the bowl out to dry. If you wish, apply short strips around the rim of the bowl to build it up.

