



BILLINGS FARM & MUSEUM

FUN AT HOME

RECYCLED NEWSPAPER CRAFTS

In the late 1800s, nearly every family got a newspaper and likely a few magazines. Both were printed on the same type of paper that modern newspapers use. Back then people didn't send their recycling away, they found other uses for it around their homes. Newspapers can be used for so many things: cleaning windows, starting fires, packing materials, wrapping food, and even insulating in walls!

Beyond the more practical uses, newspaper can also be used for fun. Make a hat to play different characters or make a couple of boats to race down a stream!



Newspaper used for insulation
in the walls of an old house

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MAKE A NEWSPAPER HAT AND/OR BOAT!

Materials:

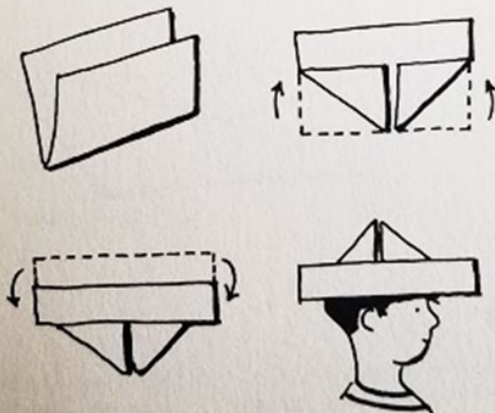
- Newspaper or any paper that is large enough

Instructions:

(from *If You Live With Little Children*, Kauffman & Farrell, 1957)

Paper Hat

Fold a rectangular sheet of paper in half crosswise. From the folded end, fold the two corners to the center of the paper and within an inch or two from the bottom of the paper. Fold the open ends up, one on each side of the hat. Makes excellent use of an easel painting done on newsprint. Or use newspaper.



Paper Boat

Watch a video on the process at <https://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Paper-Ship>
(The hat is done after step 6.)



— MAKE A "HAT" FROM 8" X 11" PAPER, THEN:

