

How to: Make Glue & Source Paper from Everyday Objects

Glue:

No-cook paste: It makes a thick paste that won't hold forever but is suitable for kids' crafts.

- Mix $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of flour water in a bowl,
- Add one tablespoon of water at a time
- stir, until the consistency is gooey.
- Add a pinch of salt.
- Stir some more
- Spread with a brush, a popsicle stick



Basic paste recipe: This recipe makes a simple paste suitable for kids' crafts.

1. Pour **1/2 cup flour** and **2 tablespoons of white sugar** in a saucepan
2. Blend flour with **water**, a little at a time to avoid lumps,
3. until it is near the consistency of pancake batter.
4. Beat your mixture until it is smooth.
5. Simmer over medium/low heat, stirring constantly, until it starts to bubble and thickens
6. Remove from heat immediately. Let it cool before use.
7. Store it in a sealed container and apply it with a brush. If it dries out, you can mix a little warm water into it.

Gluten free paste: This is another basic glue recipe that works better than the flour recipe. It's good for holding paper together without making ripples or bubbles.

- Pour **3/4 cup of water** in a saucepan over medium heat.
- Add **1/4 cup cornstarch**, **2 tablespoons light corn syrup** and 1 teaspoon **white vinegar**.
- Whisk the ingredients together until they are blended well.
- Stir the mixture constantly until it thickens.
- In the airtight container where you want to store your glue, whisk 1/4 cup cornstarch and 1/4 cup water together until smooth.
- Take the saucepan off heat. Slowly add the mixture from your saucepan into the container and keep whisking constantly so everything blends together smoothly.
- Let it cool to room temperature before using.

Paper sources

- Envelopes
- Junk mail
- Magazines
- Grocery store paper bags
- Color note paper
- Flyers