Handmade paper with confetti & coffee grounds

Instructions No. 2212

Difficulty: Beginner

Working time: 1 hour 30 Minutes

The age-old paper-making technique can be used not only to create new sheets of paper, but also impressive decorations for your own four walls.



Paper making - this is how it works:

1. Tear waste paper such as newspaper or printed copy paper into small pieces and cover them with warm water in a bowl. Leave to soak for at least 1 hour.

2. Blend the soaked paper with a hand blender until as even as possible, add the chalk powder and mix well. (For 5 pages of newsprint, use about 10 tablespoons of chalk powder).

3. Take a large tub in which the paper scoop fits well and can also be swivelled. Fill it with water to a height of approx. 10-15 cm, add the paper mixture and stir the whole thing a little. If desired, coffee grounds can now be added. Alternatively, you can add it later.

4. Immerse the paper scoop, move it slightly back and forth and lift it slowly and straight up out of the water. The frame should drip over the tub for a few minutes.

5. Lay out 2x couching felt on a table.

6. Remove the outer wooden frame of the scoop frame and carefully place a piece of couching felt on the wet paper. Then turn the whole thing over onto the felt and loosen the screen of the scoop frame.

7. Now place the second rubber felt on the paper and roll everything well with the help of a rolling pin or a bottle.

8. Remove the top felt, spread the confetti over the paper and press down lightly. Use a sieve to spread the coffee grounds over the still damp paper.

9. Leave to dry for several days.

The final touch

1. Paint the magnetic holders with craft colours. Leave to dry.

2. After the paper has dried, you can write on it with a marker. You can use a line-ex pen to mark out lettering or motifs first.

3. Position the finished paper between the magnetic holders and hang it up.