

“Aging” Paper

Important Note

While the process is very simple, it should be conducted either by adults or by small groups of closely supervised, mature students.

Procedure

- Brew a cup of very strong tea or coffee.
- Lay a sheet or two of copy paper on a cookie sheet.
- Pour the tea or coffee over the paper until it is wet.
- Drain the excess liquid.
- Put the cookie sheet into a very hot oven and leave it until the paper dries.
- Do not leave the oven untended. The paper may catch fire if left in the oven too long.
- After the paper is dried, use a match to burn around the edges.
- Allow the paper to burn a little, blow it out and light another section until you have the “aged” look you want.
- After the paper is “aged,” it can be written on and even be put through a printer.

