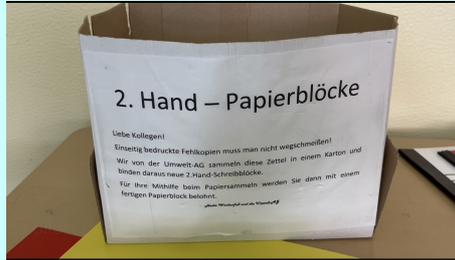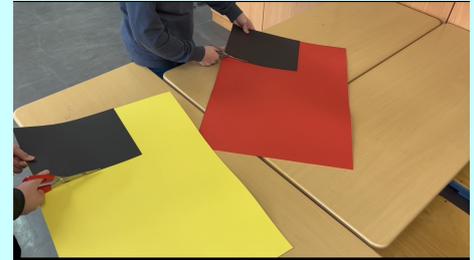# Second-hand-paper Notebooks

We want to show you how to process old papersheets into new blocks of paper. We collect one sided faulty copies around our school and create so called "Second-hand-paper blocks", which you can use one sided later.

1. You need sheets of paper, paper presses, knife, scissor, wood glue, duct tape, cardbord.

2. Collect papersheets in a collection box (near printers).

3. You need colorful cardboard for the envelope of our notebook. Cut it to a size that fits perfectly, one for the front, one for the back.

4. Check papersheets for private Information: No names, adresses or phonenumbers allowed!

5. Built your own paper presses out of 2 root battens (50 cm long), 2 long wing screws and 4 short screws.

6. Put 4 screws in on one batten to keep a distance from the table.
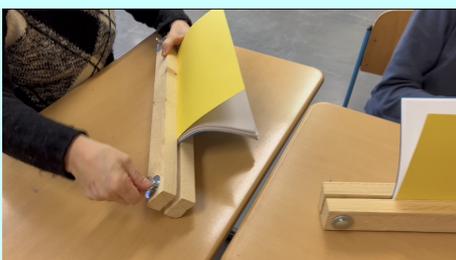
7. Put coloured cardboard on top and bottom of the paper stack.

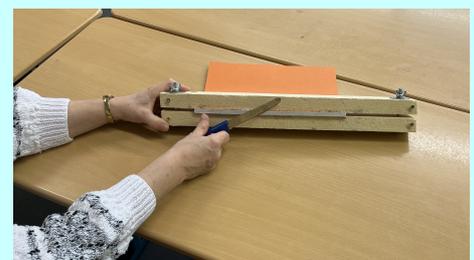8. Take 1-1,5 cm stack of paper, all sheets same direction.

9. Put paper stack in paperpress.

10. Tighten the wing screws.

11. Now you see the spine on the bottom.

12. The spine needs to be carved with a knife, so that the glue can penetrate better.

13. Put on wood glue twice (needs about 10 minutes to dry).

14. When wood glue is applied, it must be smoothed out well.

15. Remove dry notebook from paper press.

16. Prepare for final step.

17. Tape the spine with duct tape, 1/3 of duct tape on top.

18. 1/3 of duct tape for the spine.

19. Turn notebook around: 1/3 of duct tape on bottom.

20. Cut off extra duct tape at the ends.

Ready! We use notebooks ourselfes, give it away as a gift for teachers or friends or sell it in our school for 1€!

So, our old copies get a second chance.
Teachers and students often recognize the copies from their own lessons.

To ensure that the teachers at our school diligently collect copies,
we initially gave each teacher a finished block for free.

Feel free to copy and share with friends. Have fun creating your own notebooks!

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