

Fruits of Red Rose Forest

Paper-making - Making a Mould and Deckle

You can easily make your own mould and deckle for paper making at a fraction of the cost of buying them.

To make a mould and deckle you will need:

1. 12mm x 12mm wood, four 25cm pieces and four 20cm pieces
2. Varnish
3. Wood glue
4. Fine-mesh nylon netting or aluminium mesh (used for car body repairs)
5. Staple gun

To assemble the mould and deckle:

- 🍏 Arrange the pieces in a rectangle. You will be making 2 frames, but only one will have mesh netting. Glue them together, making sure you get the corners square.
- 🍏 When the glue is dry, hammer in 2 small nails at each corner to hold in place.
- 🍏 Paint the entire frame with varnish. Two coats is best and allow to dry overnight. This seals the wood so it will not discolour the paper.
- 🍏 Cut the netting 20cm x 25cm. Wet the netting and staple it to the frame using a staple gun. Start by stapling the middle of one side, then the middle of the opposite side, pulling as tightly as you can. Then staple the other 2 sides.
- 🍏 Now staple all around the frame, making sure the netting / mesh is taut. As it dries, it will become tighter. Cut away the extra netting / mesh.

Note: You can also use picture frames that are the same size, but they do need to be flat so they don't slip when you are making the sheets of paper.

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