

Recycled Paper City Art

You'll need:

- a variety of unwanted paper (newspaper, thin cardboard, old magazines, gift wrap and packaging)
- a ruler
- some glue (PVA or glue stick is fine)
- a surface to work onto (sturdy paper or cardboard)
- a pencil or pen to add detail later

Tear your unwanted paper into a variety of thinnish rectangular shapes. The rectangles don't have to be perfect, but if they're not remotely rectangular shaped you may find it easier to use a ruler to help you tear. (Lay the ruler on top of the piece of paper and rip the paper along the ruler's edge). You are going to make a cityscape from the rectangular shapes you have created. Use your largest rectangle (a long, thinnish one) to be the 'road'. Glue this down horizontally along the very bottom of your surface. Your other rectangles will become 'buildings'. You may wish to create 'tower' type of shapes at one end of some of them. Arrange the various rectangles along the road. Experiment with how your cityscape may be before you glue everything down. Try to get an interesting variety of shapes, colours and paper stocks. Once you're happy with your design, glue the rectangles onto the road in vertical stripes. You may wish to use your pen or pencil to add detail to your work once the glue has dried. You can add things like windows and construction frames, or even cut out tiny pieces of paper to become window panes or other detailing. The finished work can be hung on your wall, or turned into a card to give to a friend or family member.

