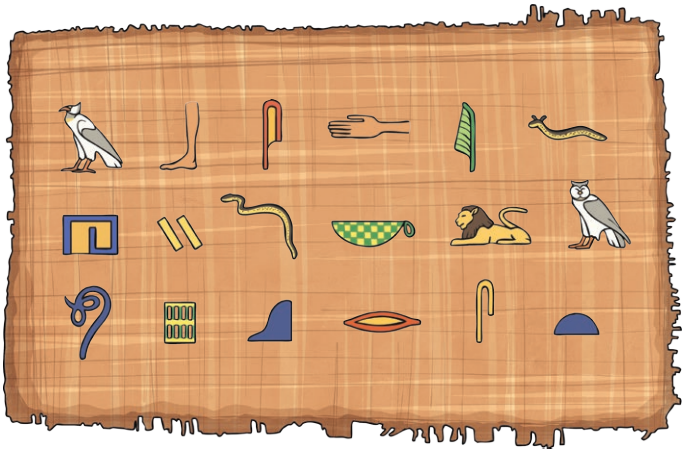
Papyrus Paper Craft

You will need:

- White glue (PVA)
- Water
- Paintbrush
- Newspaper, wax paper or baking parchment
- Brown paper bags
- Tray or large bowl



Instructions:

1. In equal parts, mix the glue and water in a tray or large bowl.
2. Tear a brown paper bag into strips.
3. The strips should be roughly the same size, approximately 1.5-2cm wide.
4. Cover the surface you are working on in newspaper, wax paper or baking parchment. The area covered should be roughly the size of the papyrus parchment you will make.
5. Dip the strips, one at a time, into the glue and water mix.
6. Lay the first strip vertically, close to one edge of the newspaper.
7. Add the second strip vertically, overlapping the edge with the first strip.
8. Continue to lay each strip vertically across the newspaper, overlapping the edges as you go.
9. After adding each strip, press and smooth the paper bag to remove any excess liquid.
10. When you reach the opposite edge of the newspaper, repeat the same process but this time, add strips horizontally from top to bottom.
11. Remember to press and smooth each strip.
12. Allow to air dry.

Did you know...?

Papyrus is a plant. The Ancient Egyptians had many uses for it including mattresses, sandals, baskets and clothes. It was so useful, Egyptians called papyrus the 'Gift of the Nile'. Papyrus' most important use was to make paper.

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