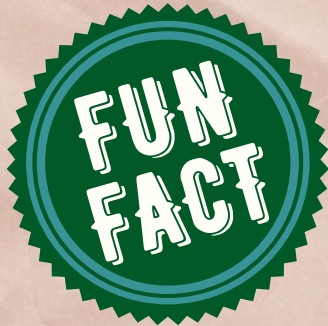




ANTIQUING PAPER



THE CHARACTERISTIC YELLOW/BROWN COLOUR OF OLD PAPER IS CAUSED BY A CHEMICAL REACTION CALLED OXIDATION, WHICH IN THE CASE OF PAPER OCCURS WHEN THE OXYGEN IN THE AIR REACTS WITH THE LIGNIN IN PAPER, AND IS ACCELERATED BY EXPOSURE TO LIGHT.

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- 2 BLACK TEA BAGS (OR COFFEE)
- 4-8 LETTER SIZED PLAIN PAPER
- GARBAGE BAG

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- COVER YOUR WORK AREA WITH A CUT OPEN GARBAGE BAG TO PROTECT YOUR TABLE.
 - STEEP YOUR TEA BAGS IN A CUP OF BOILING WATER FOR AT LEAST 3 MINUTES.
 - WHILE WAITING FOR YOUR TEA, CUT YOUR PAPER IN HALF ACROSS THE WIDTH OF THE PAPER.
 - USING A TEA BAG, GENTLY SQUEEZE OUT EXCESS LIQUID, AND BLOT THE ENTIRE SURFACE OF PAPER, DIPPING THE TEA BAG BACK INTO THE TEA WHEN YOU NEED MORE. YOU CAN BUILD UP THE COLOUR BY GOING OVER THE AREA AGAIN, UNTIL YOU GET YOUR DESIRED LOOK.
 - CONTINUE WITH THE NEXT SHEET OF PAPER, AND LET PAPER AIR DRY.
 - WANT TO TAKE YOUR PAPER TO THE NEXT LEVEL? CONSIDER CRUMPLING YOUR PAPER BEFORE STAINING IT OR CAREFULLY BURN THE EDGES OF THE PAPER AFTER ITS FINISHED DRYING.
 - ALTERNATIVE: BREW A CUP OF REGULAR COFFEE INSTEAD OF TEA, AND USE A SPONGE OR PAINTBRUSH TO BLOT PAPER.