

Egyptian Papyrus Scrolls

Unknown Egyptian , Shabti figure, Wood and pigment

- Take your paper bag and cut it up into strips--about 1 inch wide and all the same length. This will serve as your papyrus sheets. Set aside.

***The amounts listed for the next two steps would be if you are using a standard large paper bag like you would get at a grocery store. The water-glue ratio is 1:1, so if you are using smaller bags, use less.

- Take a bowl and add 1/4 of water. You will be adding glue to the mixture, so if you want to protect your bowl, cover it in plastic cling wrap. Add 1/4 cup of glue to your water mixture and stir it.

The surface on which you will lay your "papyrus" matters. If you are only drawing on one side and want to reinforce it, lay down wax paper upon which to lay the paper bags.

- Depending on how coated your wax paper is, your bag will stick. If you want to be able to draw on both sides, add a coat of vaseline to the top of your wax paper. If you do not have vaseline, check on your paper every 15 minutes and, once it is partially dry and can hold its own shape, let it finish drying off of the wax paper.

- Take your strips of paper bag and dip them in the water-glue mixture one at a time. Make sure to remove excess glue with your fingers.

Lay each strip side by side, with the edges overlapping, until you get the width you want. Lay a second layer above the first layer, going in the opposite direction. So, if you started laying strips vertically, make the second layer horizontal, or vice versa. Pat off excess glue with a paper towel. Let dry for at least 4 hours.

- Use the Egyptian alphabet attached to write your name in hieroglyphs. Include a word that describes you and, if you want, a symbol too. Use as many colors as you can to decorate your papyrus.



List of Materials

Paper Bag(s)

Glue

1/4 cup Water

Scissor

Bowl

Wax Paper

Crayons

CFAM @ HOME

art at your fingertips

Rollins | Cornell Fine Arts
Museum

EGYPTIAN ALPHABET

 1	 10	 100	 1000	 10000
 A	 B	 C	 D	 E
 F	 G	 H	 I	 J
 K	 L	 M	 N	 O
 P	 Q	 R	 S	 T
 U	 V	 W	 X	 Y
 Z	 To	 IN	 MAN	 WOMAN
 HOUSE	 SUN	 SKY	 TOWN	 SHINE(S)