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Papers and Boards

How is paper made?

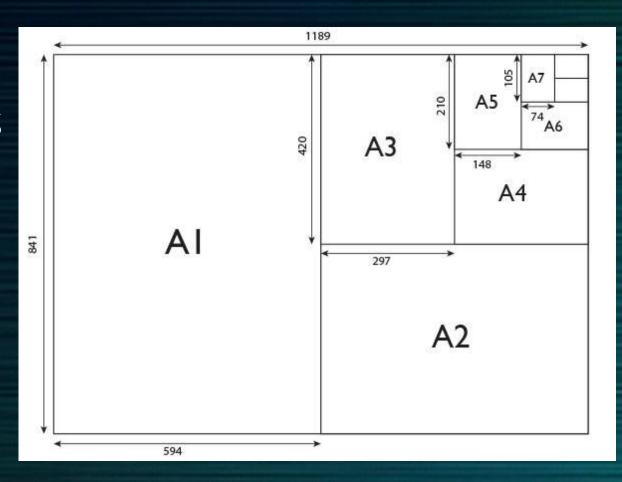
Paper is made by chipping up timber, soaking it in water to break it down into fibres and then compressing the fibres together, bleaching them and drying them out and cutting the material up into the universal size needed.

What sizes does paper come in?

Paper comes in standard sizes that are known across the world (Ao, A1, A2, A3, A4 etc. This allows paper to be made anywhere in the world and allows communication across the world.

The paper sizes basically half every time you go down a size.

Paper is also measured in GSM (Grams per metre squared) this usually determines paper quality, higher weights mean higher quality.



Copier paper

Uses Advantages Disadvantages	Uses	Description
	Writing, painting and drawing	Thin, lightweight, cheap, bright white in colour, smooth surface, bleached surface

Cartridge paper

Description	Uses	Advantages	Disadvantages
Creamy in colour, heavy thick paper.	General drawing Painting	Accepts most drawing media, Opaque (non see through)	Expensive

Tracing paper

Description	Uses	Advantages	Disadvantages	A CONTRACTOR
Thin, smooth and translucent	Overlays on drawings, make copies by tracing	Strong and Transparent	Heavier weights expensive, ink takes time to dry.	



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Boards

Boards tend to weigh over 220 GSM as their thickness is much greater and is often made up of multiple plys or layers.

Folding box board

Description
Stiff layers
consisting of:
Printable bleached
virgin pulp top
surface
Unbleached
yellowish centre
layers
Bleached inside
layer.

Cereal boxes, food and health care packaging, cartons

Uses

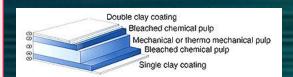
Excellent scoring and bending without splitting Accepts print well Inexpensive.

Advantages

Disadvantages
Lower strength than

solid white board





Corrugated board

Description
Two or more layers of fluted paper sandwiched between two paper liners Available in many thicknesses Strong and lightweight

Protective packaging for example boxes for Frozen and chilled foods

Uses

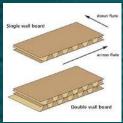
Impact resistant, inexpensive and recyclable

Advantages

Brown finish does not show colour well Can deform under pressure Not water resistant

Disadvantages





Solid white board

Description
Strong, rigid board
made from pure
bleached wood pulp
Excellent printing
surface

Book covers, food and cosmetic packaging

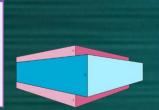
Uses

Strong rigid and accepts print well.

Advantages

Can be expensive.

Disadvantages





Properties of Papers and Boards

Property	Description
Flexibility	 Amount material bends when a force is applied (stiffness), determined by its thickness and weight Flexural stiffness is resistance to an external bending force Handling stiffness is the ability to support its own weight
Printability	 Ability to accept a printed image onto its surface (porosity) Affected by surface properties, such as smoothness or finish, and structural properties, such as bulk or thickness Not the same as print quality, which is determined by other factors such as alignment of plates on the machinery
Biodegradability	 Ability to be broken down by bacteria or other biological means Most uncoated paper products are biodegradable because they are made from wood pulp Compostable means that a material can biodegrade in less than 12 weeks

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Papers Using the book pages or the internet explain how paper is made
In what units is paper measured
Name the three papers you need to be aware of:
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Which Paper would be the test to use for general writing and drawing?
Explain why you have chosen this paper
Which paper would you use for developing a design through working drawings?
Explain why
Boards What is the main difference between papers and boards?
Name the three boards you need to be aware of:
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Properties
What are the three main properties of papers and boards?

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For each one complete the table below:				
Property Description				
Which board would you use to create a cereal box				
Explain why you have chosen this board				
Which board would you use for a box to keep frozen items cool?				
Explain why you have chosen this Board				