

Summer Reading 2024

Read Renew Repeat



Week 1:

Turn Over A New Leaf (of Paper)

Making Fresh Notebooks Out of Used Materials

Materials:

- Cardboard cover
- Filler pages
- Two (2) Binder Rings
- Stencil for adding more pages
- Bookplate

Instructions:

1. Line up hole-punches in the cardboard cover and the recycled paper provided in your kit, with the recycled white paper sandwiched between the front and back cover — you should be able to see clear through the holes.
2. Now is a great time to add more paper—but you can add later too! If you don't have scrap paper at hand, you can always ask permission rescue one-side printed papers from recycling bins at your workplace, the library, or friends. Fold each sheet in half across the width, with printed side inward. Align your stencil along the non-folded edge and use a pencil to trace the holes. Cut those holes with a hole-puncher — you can often do 2-3 sheets at once. Add these to your aligned pile.
3. Insert the binder-rings through the two holes and close them. (You can keep your stencil in the back of your notebook so you always have it handy!)
4. Complete the bookplate and paste it inside the front cover. Ideas for information you might want to include are:
 - Name
 - Address or contact information for returning the notebook if found
 - Date of making/starting notebook
 - Intentions (See below)
5. Decorate the covers with whatever you want: color/paint, collage, stickers, etc. To make the notebook sturdier, you can cover it in clear packing tape.

What Now?

You have a brand new notebook to use for whatever you want. It can be anything from a diary to a centralized place to jot you to-do-lists to a reading log of books with your opinions on them. We can't wait to see and hear what these become for you!

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