



DIY PAPER BEDDING

WHAT YOU NEED:

- 1 or 2 Jumbo rolls of Paper Towel
- Large Tub
- Fingers or Scissors
- 2L Pressure Spray Bottle
- Water
- Oven & Baking Tray/s



STEP 1:

Roll out your paper towel, tear and stack the squares. There's no need to be too neat.

STEP 2:

Tear up manageable stacks of the squares into 2cm strips. You don't need to be exact!

STEP 3: (The most labour intensive part - get family to help!)

Tear or cut the strips into 2cm pieces/blocks into the tub.

No need to be exact but don't be tempted to go much bigger.



STEP 4:

Fluff the pieces up by hand to separate.

Fill your spray bottle with tap water and start lightly spraying the chopped paper towel, churning it regularly to dampen (don't make soggy).

Lightly rub & scrunch to start distributing the dampness through the lot, and break up any soggy clumps that may happen.

Spray a little more and scrunch some more, just until the 'pattern' on the towel blocks disappear.



STEP 5:

Leave to air-dry until most of the moisture has gone.

Set the oven to the lowest temperature (50-70°C).

Layer small amounts of substrate in batches on an oven tray (thinner layers dry faster). Ruffle & scrunch the substrate regularly to be sure none of it scorches.

Regulate the oven temperature: Turn off for a while if it gets too hot and turn back on when the temp drops.



Don't forget to ruffle!

STEP 6:

Let the batches cool, and fluff it up some more.

Your dry bedding should feel reasonably soft and fluffy, not too crispy. If it's slightly crispy, that's fine - it'll be paper shavings - but should soften more as it airs.

Enjoy! Don't forget to compress the bedding slightly as you place it into the habitat so that it holds tunnels better.

