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Rock-scissors-paper!

We use paper daily,
but do you know how paper is made?
Find out on page 6 -7.

Do you also know that our use of paper
affects the world we live in today?
Where we get our paper from determines
how we impact the environment around us.
Read all about how it affects deforestation
and its impact on pages 8 – 9.

See the friend that our småles drew on
page 5 too!

We hope you will enjoy this issue as much
as we did, till we bump into you at IKEA,
have a great time!

With Big Bug Hugs,
Alex & Tampi



New Merchandise

Got a memo? Write it down!
Get your memo pad at only
\$1.50 Smålish dállars!
Available from 11 September
2017 onwards.



Soft Toy Drawing Competition

Keep your eyes peeled for the
soft toy drawing competition
happening between
3 Nov - 24 Dec 2017!



Draw -A-Friend

We asked our smāles members to draw a friend they would like to have and we received so many entries!

We had a Ryan Tan, one of the smāles members who showed us his friend, Pillowie!

Pillowie

HOT CHOCOLATE
IS HEAVENLY!

Name: Pillowie

Gender: Male (Just celebrated his 1st birthday on 22 August!)

Characteristics:

- Loves being called cute, makes everyone smile!
- Wears an ice cream hat!
- Enjoys plopping itself on desserts, and of course, eating them!
- Has a thin layer of fur which can change color depending on his mood! (E.g yellow = happy!)
- Smells sweet but is respected enough to be spared by the ants

Thank you for introducing us your friend, Ryan!

We had an overwhelming response to our Draw a Friend feature, that we have more than 1 friend to talk about!

If you submitted your drawing, stay tuned, for your drawing that might just be featured and you will win a special prize!

How is paper made?



We use paper in our everyday lives. Our storybooks, textbooks, tissue... the list is endless! Did you know that most papers are made from trees? Read on to find out how a tree, so big and strong is made into thin sheets of paper.



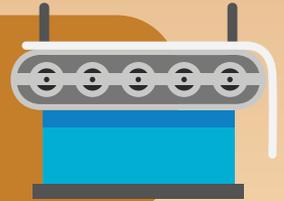
The process starts by harvesting trees. Once the trees have been harvested, the bark is removed and the tree is broken into small, wood chips.



Wood chips are then used to make pulp – a watery mixture of wood chips, water and chemicals.

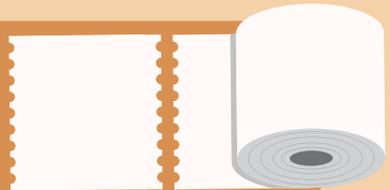


Because the pulp mixture is so watery, it has to go through a long process that flattens and dries the pulp out. The end result is a long, continuous roll of paper.



Once the roll of paper has the desired thickness, it may then be coloured or coated with special chemicals that help strengthen it or even resistant to water!

At the last step, the paper rolls are cut to a smaller size for our everyday use.





DEFORESTATION

Other than making paper, we use trees for many other reasons. For instance, making furniture and building houses. Sometimes, we do not find any use of these trees and destroy them to use the land for other purposes.

The process of removing trees is deforestation. Deforestation is the permanent removal of forests to make way for other purposes that are less biodiverse. Biodiversity refers to the variety of plant and animal life in an area. Humans rely on biodiversity to live. It cleans our air and water, regulate the weather and more!



Some facts about Deforestation

- Forests cover 30% of the land on earth.
- The rate of deforestation equals to loss of 20 football fields every minute.
- If the current rate of deforestation continues, it will take less than 100 years to destroy all the rainforests on the earth.
- It is estimated by that within 100 years there will be no rainforests.
- Up to 28,000 species are expected to become extinct by the next quarter of the century due to deforestation.
- Half of the world's tropical forests has already been cleared.

Alex build a maze out of old cardboard.
Help Tampi find his way to Alex!



Help Alex and Tampi find 8 words here,
of things that are made out of wood!



F	O	A	R	E	P	A	P	T
L	S	I	A	C	H	A	I	R
E	P	P	V	W	Y	O	O	E
H	A	C	A	S	I	L	V	E
S	I	A	K	T	B	E	D	H
K	N	D	Q	E	U	Z	S	O
O	T	E	A	S	E	L	B	U
O	E	R	C	I	H	P	A	S
B	N	A	P	K	I	N	K	F

Spot the difference

Can you spot
20 differences?
Tell us where each difference
is located by circling them.



Send in your answers with your name, Smålish passport number and contact details to alexandtampi@smales.com.sg or 60 Tampines North Drive 2, Singapore 528764 by 31 October 2017. 15 lucky winners will each win a MÅLA felt-tip pen.



Impact of Deforestation

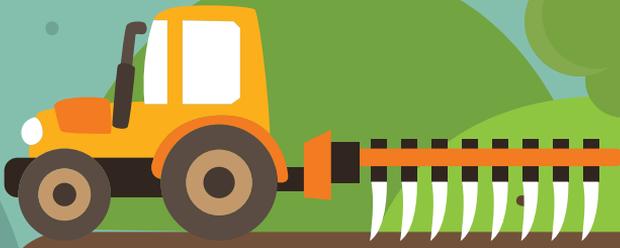
More harmful gases in the air

A number 1 problem caused by deforestation is the impact on the global carbon cycle. Trees help to absorb greenhouse gases which are harmful to the environment and when it accumulates to too much, it causes climate change.

Danger to species survival

Seventy percent of the world's plants and animals live in forests and are losing their habitats to deforestation, according to National Geographic. Loss of habitat can lead to species becoming extinct.





Less land for crop growing

Tree roots help to keep the soil sturdy. Without trees, the soil is easily washed or blown away, which can lead to vegetation growth problems and cause flooding.



Poor health in some areas

Soil erosion can also lead to fine waste from metals or other compounds entering water sources like rivers and lakes. This can contaminate the water, and poison livestock, agriculture or even people in the area who rely on these water sources.



What can we do to help?

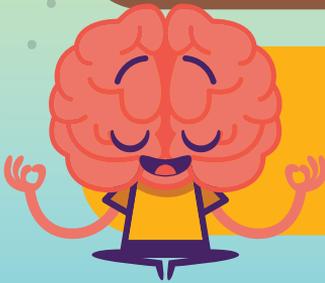
Recycle your paper

Recycling a single run of newspaper would save approximately 75,000 trees. If all our newspaper was recycled, we could save about 250,000,000 trees each year.



Buying wisely

Purchase recycled paper and other products to close the recycling loop.



Rely on trusted certifications

Look for Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification on wood and wood products.



Educate people around you

Share with your friends, family and people you know about how our everyday actions can make an impact to forests around the world.



MAKE YOUR OWN PAPER

What you need:

21 x 30 FISKBO picture frame and screen (a fine mesh) / old stocking

Used paper (Receipts, unused printed paper)

decorations: flowers, seeds, leaves

water

tub or bowl

blender

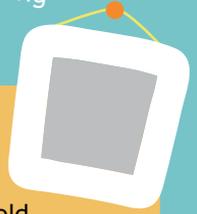
shallow basin

towel or sponge

Try your hand at making your own paper!

1

Make a mould by taking an old picture frame and staple a screen (a fine mesh) / old stocking to it tightly. You can also shape an old wire hanger into a square and slip an old stocking to use as a mold.



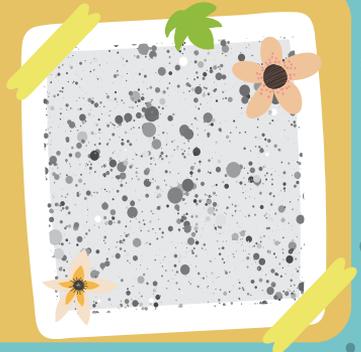
Find your ingredients by looking through your recycling bin or around the house for any paper you can reuse. Gather plants like old leaves or petals that you can add to your paper too!

2

Pulp making time! Tear papers into small pieces and soak in a tub or bowl of water overnight. Fill a blender three-quarters full with water. Add a handful of wet paper into the blender. Blend paper until there are no large pieces left.

3

Pulp to paper Fill a shallow basin with water and the pulp. Stir the mixture and add your plant. Dip the frame into the mixture and move the frame around, swishing the pulp on it to get an even amount of pulp on the screen (don't leave any holes!). Set the frame on the edge of the basin to let the paper drip-dry. After a few minutes use a towel or sponge to blot away as much liquid as possible (you can use a rolling pin to roll over the paper too, with the towel in between to dry it!). Place the paper face down on a towel or felt. Gently lift the screen. If the paper is stuck, start to peel off the paper at the edges.



Wait for your paper to dry and your paper is ready!

Loving that Job!



This issue, we speak with Zimon, who is working as a Shopping experience manager and has been in the role 2 years since he started working at IKEA 4 years ago!

1 As a shopping experience manager, what do you do?

As the title says, I help with making sure our customers have an enjoyable time shopping at the IKEA store. I take care of their journey before they visit the store, by ensuring our channels such as the website is up and easy for the customers to understand. During their visit to the store, I ensure that our Greeters provide them the yellow bags so they can shop with ease, as well as ensuring that the

shopping lists, trolleys and IKEA paper rulers are stocked up and ready for the customer's use so they can shop happily!

2 Do you also take care of Småland and småles too?

Yes I do! I also ensure that kids visiting Småland enjoy themselves and the småles counter at the entrance of the store is up and running with merchandise ready for småles to redeem.

3 What do you enjoy most about your job?

I love being able to assist our customers! Having a nursing background, I love to be able to help people. In the store, I help by answering questions, providing solutions and making sure the customers can get what they need.

I also love being part of the team with my fellow co-workers to be able to know them and work alongside them!

4 Do you have any memorable incidents?

One of my fondest memory was when a kid visited Småland, saw me and actually remembered my name when he visited the last time! He said 'Hi Uncle Zimon!!' and I was surprised that he would actually remember. It's not common for kids to remember the names of adults especially when I might look scary to them with my beard and all that!

5 Do you have any advice for our småles members?

Don't stop pursuing what you want to do. As long as you do it right, and as long as you are happy. Do what you are passionate about!



IN STORE ACTIVITIES

Register for these activities
at the Bug House at the
IKEA store entrance from
2 September 2017!



Rocket ship

Learn to create your own
rocket ship with reusable materials!
3, 2, 1, blast off!

Cost: \$1 Smålish dállar

Date: 2 September

Location: IKEA Tampines

Time: 2.30pm, 3.15pm, 4pm

Session: 15 pax per session

Date: 3 September

Location: IKEA Alexandra

Time: 2.30pm and 3.15pm

Session: 10 pax per session



Paper alligators

Snap! Careful you do not get
your hands bitten by your
new paper alligator! Learn
how to make it from paper.

Cost: \$1 Smålish dállar

Date: 9 September

Location: IKEA Tampines

Time: 2.30pm, 3.15pm, 4pm

Session: 15 pax per session

Date: 10 September

Location: IKEA Alexandra

Time: 2.30pm and 3.15pm

Session: 10 pax per session



**WRECK-
THIS-PAGE:**

Create a origami
using only
used paper and
stick it here!



INBOX @ SMÅLES

Last issue's theme:

Alex and Tampi were rowing in a boat down a river when they saw a special fish! Draw how the fish look like!



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Best Drawing



Estrella Tang, 11 years old



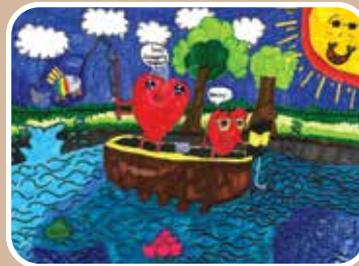
Tan Jun Ming, 12 years old



Carrie-Anne Lee, 12 years old



Rayyan Irfan Bin Nornizam, 12 years old



Isaac Leu, 10 years old



Vionna Alim, 10 years old



Caelyn Choo Rae-En, 8 years old



Lyndi Ng, 11 years old



Mak Ching Yi, 8 years old

Alex and Tampi were knitting sweaters for the coming winter in Småland to keep themselves cosy and warm. Draw how you think the sweaters look like!

Send your drawings to us in an A4 sized paper at **60 Tampines North Drive 2, Singapore 528764** by **15 October!** The Best Drawing gets to win a LILLABO 20-piece train set!





It was April fools day!every year on this day Alex and Tampi play pranks on their friend Blurp. Alex said to Blurp "you are the worst prankster I have ever seen." However,Alex and Tampi did not now what Burp has up his sleeve this year.Alex and Tampi decided to go for a hike in the Enchanted Forest.Suddenly,they heard footsteps heading their way.When they heard footsteps behind the,they turned around and saw a grizzly bear!"ahhhhhh....."they screamed in unison.They ran as fast as their legs could carry them.Before they ran too far,the bear shouted "wait! I am Blurp!"When they turned around they saw Blurp standing there next to a bear costume.Blurp had pranked them.Suddenly it started raining cats and dogs.Not literally but it was really raining cats and dogs!Anything can happen in the enchanted forest!they quickly hid in a cave.They did not know that there was a bear inside. they all ran like a pack of wolves were chasing them.When they reached home it was night time.They were relieved to be home safe and sound.When alex and Tampi were in their beds,Tampi said to Alex "I guess we should never under estimate anyone. just because they are not good at something at first doesn't mean they cannot be an expert at it"

Sophia Daniel, 10 years old

Last issue's theme:

Alex and Tampi were hiking in a beautiful forest when they heard footsteps behind them... What happened next?



After hiking in the beautiful forest, Alex and Tampi decided to go home for dinner as they are hungry after a long day's hike and because it is late too. Suddenly, a gust of wind blew past them and a creepy feeling shivered down their spines. They heard eerie footsteps and Tampi was threatened with a knife! "Give me \$1000 Smålish dällars, or else." The robber threatened. "OMG! Please don't kill my borthor! I can give you anything!" Alex exclaimed as he tried to take out his branded watch and the valuable things in his bag.

"HAHAHAHA!" The robber suddenly burst out in laughter. "Wait a second..you sound like Torva carrot!!" Alex exclaimed. The robber let go of Tampi and returned everything back to Alex. Torva Carrot explained that Halloween is coming and he was preparing in advance to scare people! "But wow, that was extremely scary! You will be the scariest!" Tampi commented as they walked home, hand in hand.

Lucien Lee, 11 years old



It was a blazingly hot morning. Alex and Tampi were hiking in the Enchanted Forest. They saw lots of things such as light-up toadstools, rabbits with rainbow coloured fur, talking trees and even a stag that changes colours. When they sat down to rest they heard footsteps behind them. They turned around and a bunny with rainbow coloured fur stood in front them. They looked at the bunny up and down and spotted that the bunny had an injured leg.

"Are you alright?" asked Tampi.

"I have injured my leg and now I am lost. My name is Angelina what is yours?" asked the bunny.

"My name is Tampi and this is my brother Alex." replied Tampi.

Meanwhile while Tampi was talking to Angelina, Alex took an aloe vera leaf and wrapped it around Angelina's leg.

"This will heal your injured leg." said Alex. "Now let's find your family."

Alex and Tampi walked deeper into the forest. Suddenly, they heard a bush rustle and saw that it was Angelina's family. Angelina ran and hugged her family. She thanked Alex and Tampi for reuniting her with her family. Alex and Tampi promised that they will visit again soon. They said good bye to Angelina and her family and walked back home.

Ho Kah Mun, 9 years old

One bright morning, Alex and Tampi were hiking in a beautiful forest when they heard footsteps behind them. Both of them stopped and turned around frightened. However, all they saw was only their new neighbour, Sam. "Hi Sam!Do you wish to come along and hike with us?" asked Tampi and Alex "Sure! Why not?" replied Sam keenly. So all three of them chatted as they hiked and were very happy.

Miko Lim



On a cold, winter day, Alex and Tampi were enjoying a bowl of warm porridge when the doorbell rang. What did they see outside the door?

In no more than 100 words, send your letter to **60 Tampines North Drive 2, Singapore 528764** or email it to us at **alexandtampi@smales.com.sg** by **15 October!** The Best Letter gets to win a LÅSKIG glove puppet.