

BIG LIFE



PAPER PRODUCTS

Resource guide



About Big Life Paper Products

Get crafty and support Big Issue North!

It's time to get creative and support Big Issue North by crafting some amazing paper products, using upcycled issues of Big Issue North magazine.

This guide shows you, step-by-step, how to use leftover Big Issue North magazines to make environmentally friendly pieces, such as jewellery and coasters.

These products will be sold on Big Issue North's online shop and the income we make will be used to support around 250 vendors who have limited other ways of earning an income.

As well as selling the magazine, our vendors are given advice by staff on how to get help with anything from developing their skills or accessing English language courses, to getting housing, financial or health advice, which can help them achieve their goals and improve their lives for good.

Thank you for your support!

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The Big Bracelet

Materials



You will need:

- Copies of the Big Issue
- Cocktail Sticks
- PVA Glue
- Thread for your Bracelet
- Scissors
- Paint Brush
- Mod Podge
- Pens

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Step One

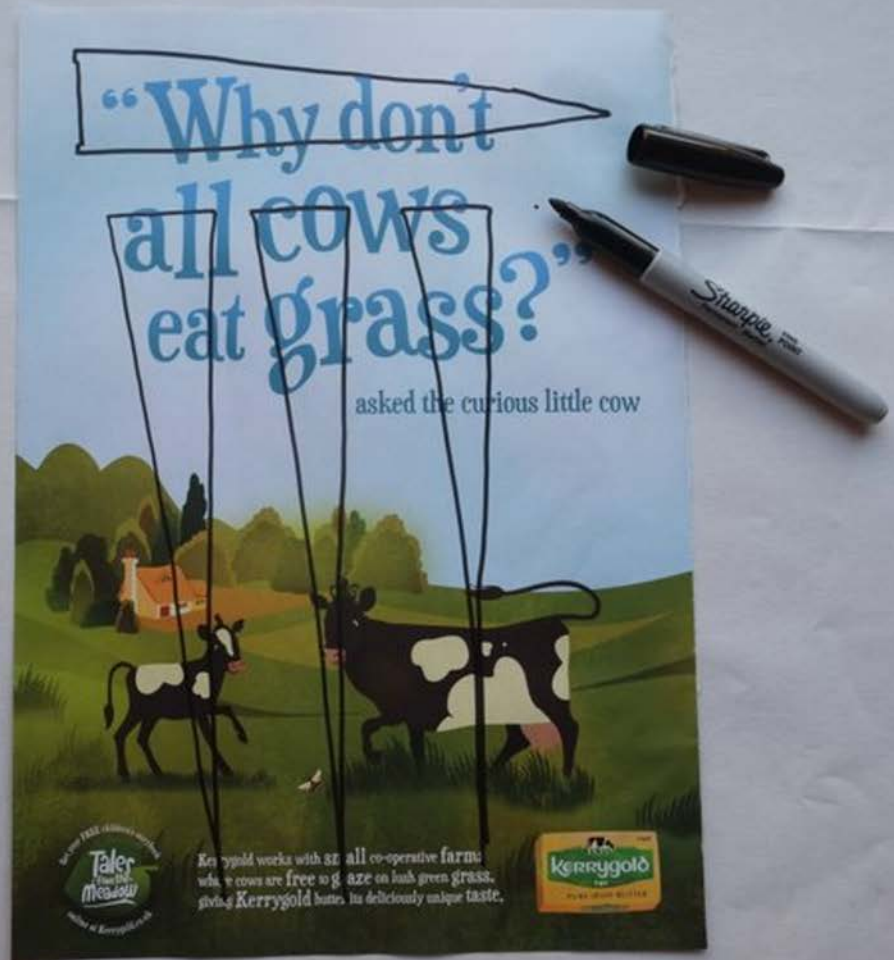


Look through the magazine cutting out each page.

Pay attention to particular pages that have lots of colour or pattern on. This will help you create beads for the bracelet in different colours and designs.

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Step Two



Draw, or using the stencil provided, draw long triangular shapes onto the magazine.

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Step Three



When you have finished drawing the shapes, cut them out with scissors.

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Step Four



Take the cocktail stick, and starting with the widest end start to roll the paper around the cocktail stick

It is important to make sure that your cocktail stick can be removed once you have finished, so keep turning the cocktail stick to keep it loose.

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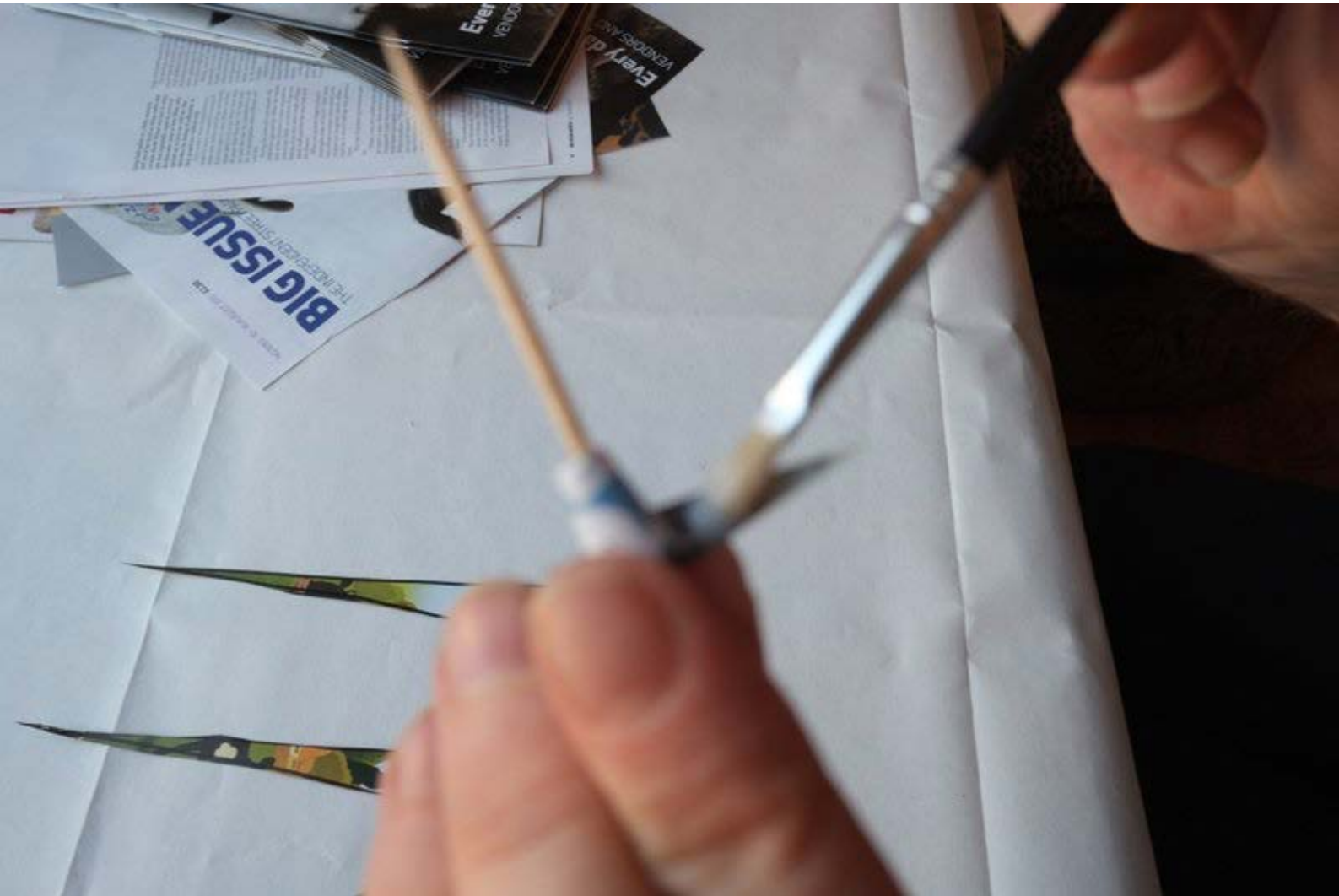
Step Five



Keep rolling the paper around the cocktail stick gluing down the paper occasionally to help the bead to form.

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Step Six



When you get to the edge glue down the final piece making sure all the edges on the bead are smooth.

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Step Seven



Remove the bead from the cocktail stick. Then repeat steps one to seven again to make another bead.

You need approximately nine beads for one Big Bracelet.

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Step Eight



Once you have made all the beads you need Mod Podge each bead.

This will help the beads to have a tough water-resistant layer.

Leave the beads to dry for about four hours.

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Step Nine



If needed you can trim the edges of the beads to create different lengths and shapes to the beads.

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Step Ten



Knot one end of your elasticated thread. Then thread each bead through the thread until the bracelet is full of beads

Place the bracelet around your wrist to gage the size you need and tie into a tight knot, cut off the remanding elastic to neat finish.

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Step Eleven



Just spend some time checking that all the beads are smooth and neat and the beads on the bracelet are secure.

Necklace



Using the same technique for the bracelet you can also create a necklace, by just threading more beads onto the elastic thread and knotting in the same way as the bracelet.

The Big Bangle



The Big Bangle

Materials



You will need:

- Big Issue Magazines
- PVA Glue
- Paintbrush
- Mod Podge
- Scissors
- Cardboard tube

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Step One



Separate the pages from the magazine. Look at the pages for colour, images patterns and words that can be added to the bracelet to make it look unique.

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Step Two



Cut strips from each page, looking at colour. If you have seen patterns and words in the magazine cut out those as well.

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Step Three



When you have all your bits of paper cut out. Apply the PVA glue to the cardboard tube and start to layer your cut pieces of paper to cover both the inside and outside of the cardboard tube.

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Step Four



Layer the paper making sure all the pieces of paper are smooth and stuck flat to the cardboard tube. The more layers of paper you use the thicker your bangle will be.

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Step Five



When you get to the final layer, if you chose any particular words or patterns glue them to the bracelet.

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Step Six



When both the inside and the outside of the cardboard tube is completely covered, and you are happy with your design apply two layers of Mod Podge to varnish the bangle and leave to dry overnight.

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Step Seven



Give the bangle a final check over making sure the glued pieces are all smooth both inside and outside the bangle.

Your bangle is now complete

You can create many different colours and designs of bangle using this technique.

The Big Coaster



The Big Coaster

Materials



You will need:

- Big Issue Magazines
- PVA glue
- Mod Podge
- Paint brush
- Cocktail Sticks

The Big Coaster

Step One



Go through the magazine and separate the pages paying attention to colour and patterns.

To make the coasters you will need to make paper tubes.

You will need approximately twenty tubes to make a coaster and thirty tubes to make a larger table place mat.

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Step Two



Using the cocktail stick starting at the very corner of the magazine and at the very end of the stick start to roll the page around the stick.

Make sure the cocktail stick can is able to move underneath the rolled paper as this will make it easier to remove when you are ready.

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Step Three



Remove the cocktail stick as you start to roll the wider pieces of the page.

Keep rolling the paper tightly once the stick has been removed.

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Step Four

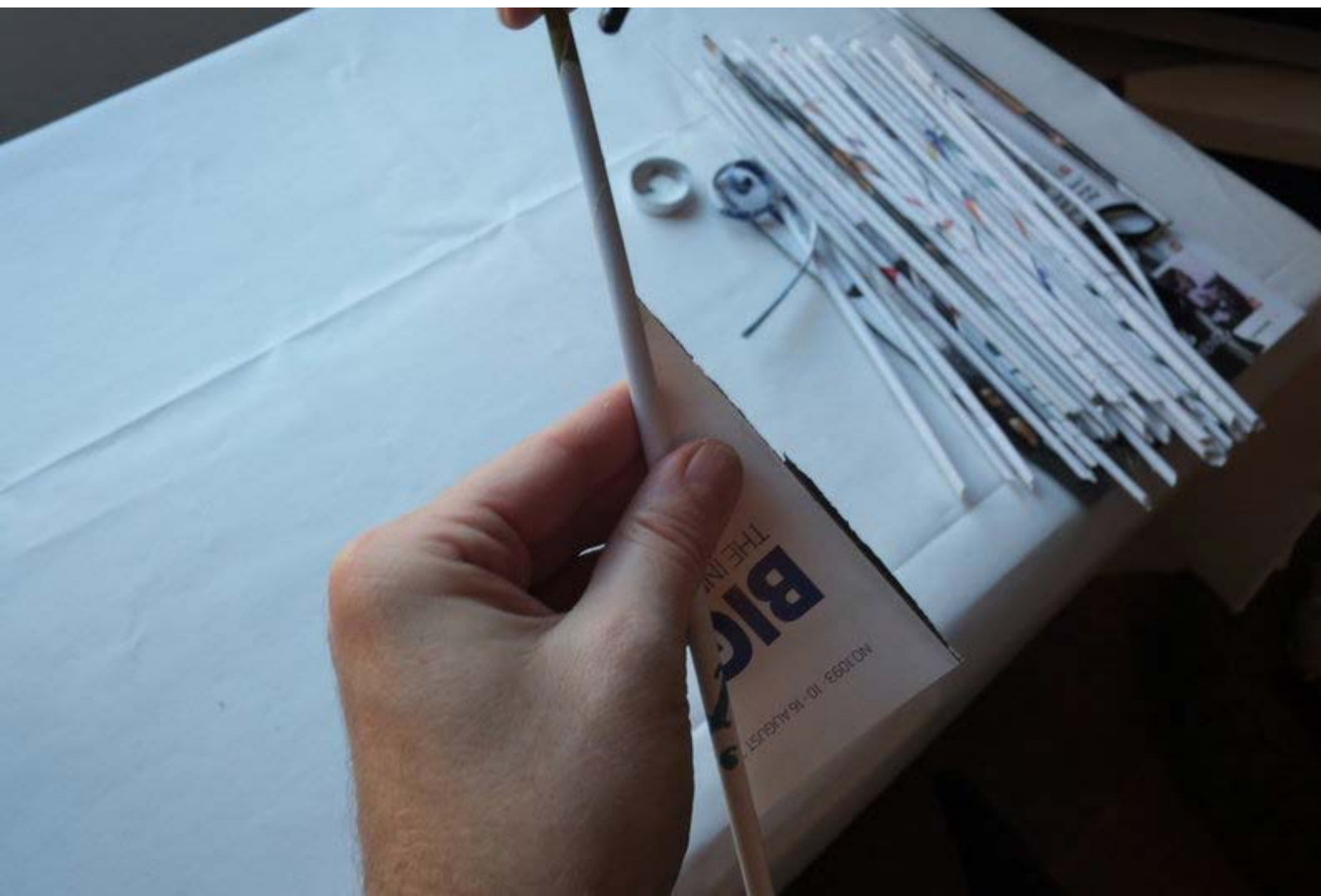


As you are rolling the page use the glue to secure the paper and keep things in place.

It is important to keep the paper rolled as tightly as possible.

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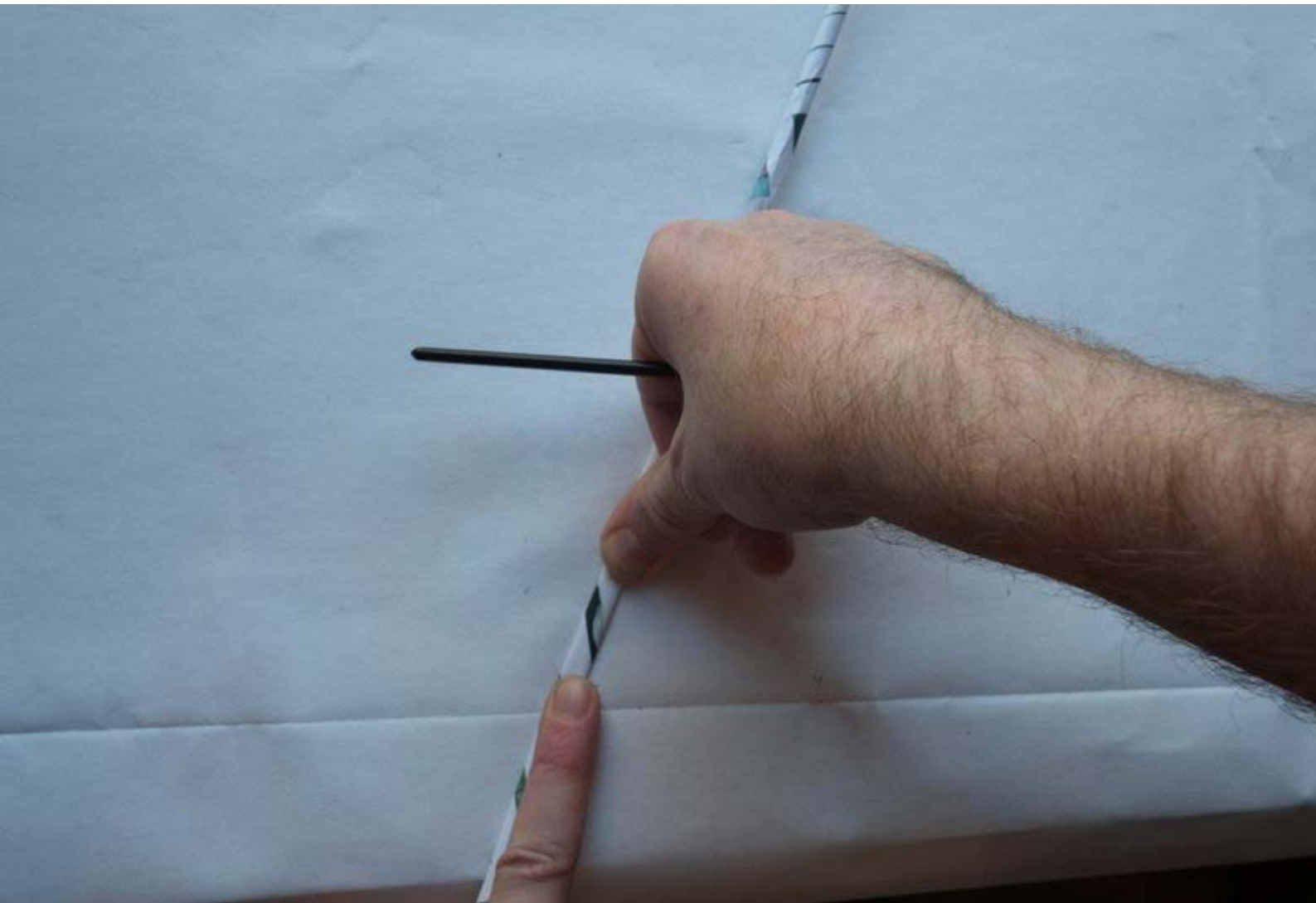
Step Five



Keep using the glue as you come to the end gluing all the final edges down, so you have a tubular shape that is all glued and secure.

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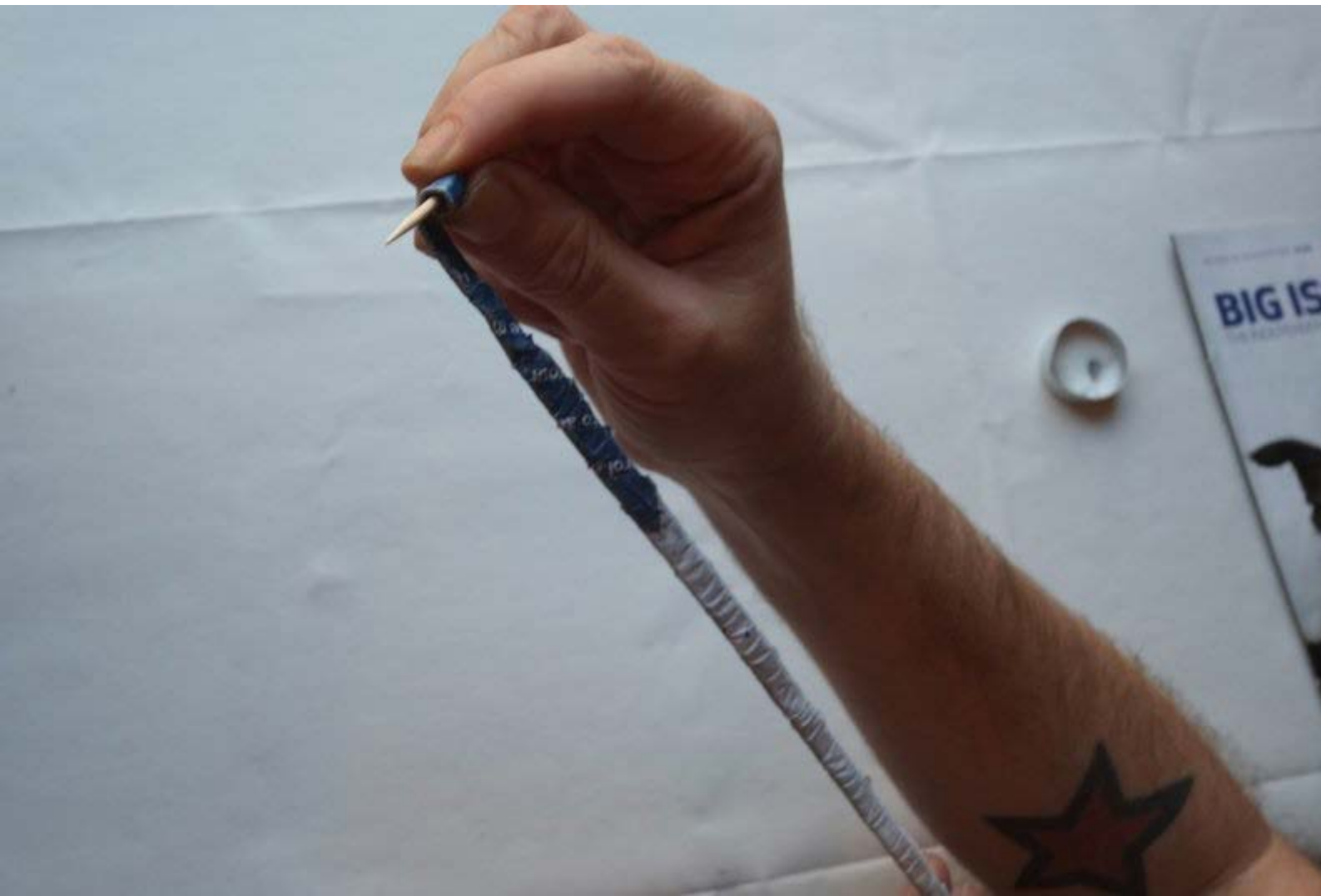
Step Six



Once you have your paper roll, using your thumb press down to flatten down the roll.

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Step Seven



Taking the cocktail stick start to tightly wrap your flattened paper roll around the stick

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Step Eight



As you are wrapping the paper around the stick, using the PVA glue keep the paper secure and in shape by adding glue as you roll around the stick.

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Step Nine



Remove the cocktail stick when you have no more paper to wind and apply more PVA glue to keep everything in shape.

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Step Ten



Once the circle has been rolled take another one of the flattened tubes you made earlier and using the PVA glue down the edge and start to roll again around the edge of the circle. Continue this process until you have got the size of coaster you need.

Once complete brush both sides of the coaster with Mod Podge and leave to dry overnight.

