

# Paper Mold 1

## The traditional paper making tool

A **mold** and a **deckle**\* are the tools used in paper making. You can make your own before recycling your own paper (see Paper Making in the paper section, pages 21 – 22). Once you make this mold and deckle, you can use them over and over again!

### Materials:

- Wooden frames, 2 of the same or very similar size and shape
- Metal or plastic screen, large enough to cover one of the frames

### Tools:

- Staple gun (you need a grown-up with a strong hand)
- Heavy-duty staples

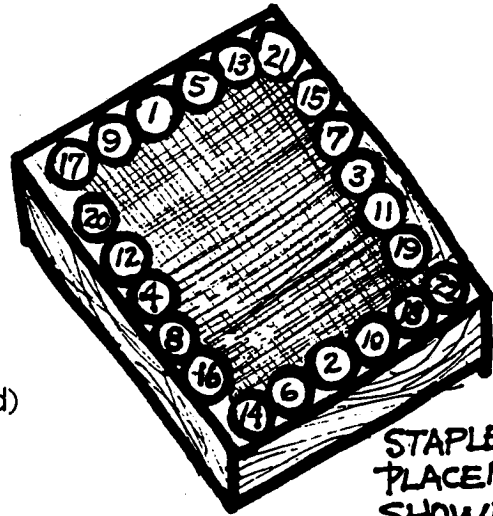
### Instructions:

- 1** Begin stapling the screen to one side of **one** frame by putting the first staple in the center of the top of the frame (see right).

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### Definition:

\* The "mold" is the one with screen on it, (see left,) and that is where the pulp gets molded into paper. The other frame, without a screen, lays on top of the mold to prevent excess paper pulp from forming on the edges, to make a neater sheet of paper. When you make your paper, you will notice a softer, less even edge to your handmade paper than the pages in this book, because of pulp fibers trailing over the edge. This handmade, uneven edge is called a "deckle" edge, and your edge making tool is called a "deckle."



STAPLE PLACEMENT, SHOWN BY CIRCLED NUMBERS

