

RECIPE FOR PURE RICE STARCH PASTE

This neutral pH rice starch powder is made from glutinous rice, so mixing and cooking it on the stove is not necessary. If your tap water has a high mineral content, use distilled water instead.

- Place 3 tablespoons of rice starch powder in 1 cup of boiling water.
- Stir briskly with a wire whisk until smooth. If there are lumps left, pour the hot mixture through a strainer and discard the lumps.
- Cool before using. The rice paste will thicken as it cools.

This recipe will produce a paste that is about the consistency of heavy cream or yogurt. For a thicker paste, use 4 tablespoons of rice starch; for a thinner paste, use 2 tablespoons.



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DIRECTIONS FOR COLLAGE

Dry Pure Rice Starch can be used to glue papers together. This method eliminates any chance of damaging delicate papers from brushing on paste.

Use papers that can be dampened. The support paper should be heavier than the collage papers.

- Dampen the support paper by either placing it in a damp pack or dipping it briefly into a tray of water. Remove excess water by blotting with a towel.
- Dampen the back of the collage paper with a mister. Place on a dry sheet of newsprint.
- Place the dry Pure Rice Starch into a fine mesh strainer and sprinkle it over the damp collage paper. Lift the paper up and shake or tap off any excess. Be careful to keep the starch off the top side of the paper.
- Place the support paper on the press bed and position the collage paper on top, starch side down. Top with a piece of waxed paper and run through the press.

The glued paper will want to buckle as it dries. To prevent buckling, layer the paper between plenty of blotters and newsprint, and top with a light weight (one or two thin plywood boards work well). Replace the newsprint next to the paper every day until the paper is thoroughly dry. This can take several days. If the paper still buckles when it is taken out, dampen very lightly with a mister and dry again.



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