



PAPYRUS

The ancient Egyptians made a form of paper called papyrus. Draw a picture in the box to match the directions for making papyrus.

<p>Gather a large amount of river reeds. Cut off the outside layer of the reed. You may need to further cut the inside portion of the reeds into thinner strips.</p>	
<p>Weave the inside portions of the reeds like you are making a placemat.</p>	
<p>Pound the mat area to flatten it. You can use a rock, hammer, or rolling pin. This also helps remove water from the reeds. Make sure you flip it over and pound the other side as well.</p>	
<p>Leave your papyrus to dry. You can hang it in the sun to let it dry faster. When it is completely dry, you can write or draw on it!</p>	