

STREET POSTERING // WHEAT PASTE HOWTOS:

NEEDS:

- **Poster** or something to post :: printed on copy paper or newsprint -- light weight is best
- **Goop** to plaster with, choose one:
 - **Wheat paste** -- flour and water, sometimes sugar -- glumpy -- animals eat this! Better with boiling but can be made with cold water
 - **White glue + water**- expensive but last longer, can do real damage-- can just add some glue to other things if you want longer term last-ability
 - **Wall paper paste**: CON: is PVC plastic!! Poor material choice for enviros! Comparatively expensive, too. But can get Premaid mixes....
 - **Corn starch**- PRO: cheap, Nontoxic (edible even!) no blobs, dries clear lovely to use for paper mache, wheatpasting posters etc... CON: must have a way to boil water!
- **Applicator** choose one:
 - Big/wide flat cheap brush
 - Paint roller with fuzzy roller
 - Sponge or sock!
- Also: **Bucket** or container that your brush, roller, etc will fit in
- Gloves totally optional, bag to carry stuff, water to rinse off hands if needed...
- Scraper to smooth out posting spot, or clean off old posters

HOW TO MAKE CORNSTARCH GOOP FOR POSTERING:

- Get a box, any brand (16oz.) (~\$2)
- You can make 3-5 gallons from one box-- so judge accordingly.
- Boil 1-4 gallons, depending on how much you are making-- will depend on your pot size!
- Dissolve the cornstarch (maybe half a box if you are boiling 2 gallons of water?) in cold water, use as little cold water as possible to get the job done.
- Add the dissolved cold corn starch to the cooking water WHEN BOILING.(slowly is best so rest of water stays boiling) It will become gooey almost immediately. If it doesn't, boil again and/or add more dissolved corn starch. You can use a whisk to mix well/ smooth it out if needed.
- I use a 5 gallon bucket to store it-- in a cool spot/basement/fridge it will last a long time.
- PRO: cheap, Nontoxic (edible even!) no blobs, dries clear, lovely to use for paper mache, wheatpasting posters etc...
- Can easily add white glue (any cheap kind will work) to make stronger/longer lasting.
- Easy to use with paint rollers, brushes, sponge, or even sox on yer hand to spread out for posters.

HOW TO PUT UP THE POSTERS:

- Put a thin layer of your chosen goop on the place you will place your poster-- and make it slightly bigger than the poster size
- Smooth surfaces work better than rough ones, but anything will work
- Place the poster on the gooped up spot
- Use more goop to paint over the poster-- try to cover it all well, all the way to edges.

- Stand back and admire your work-- or go do another one!
- Just an FYI: this can be a pretty messy endeavor... keep a clean up cloth, and maybe a bottle of water, in reserve to wash up on the street if needed!

HOW TO DO WHEAT PASTE:

Video for ShutDownDC:

<https://www.facebook.com/108687773798767/videos/147686163310177>

Poster how to: [Street Art 101: How to Make a Wheatpaste Poster « The Secret Yumiverse](#)

Other video: [HOW TO MAKE WHEATPASTE FOR GUERRILLA STREET ART, FEAT. OREE ORIGINOL](#)

MORE RESOURCES:

ARTICLE: [We Wheatpasted 10,000 posters around DC this year. Here's what we learned](#)

Wheatpasting is LEGAL in DC. Here's the law:

<https://casetext.com/regulation/district-of-columbia-administrative-code/title-24-public-space-and-safety/chapter-24-1-occupation-and-use-of-public-space/rule-24-108-signs-posters-and-placards>

ARTICLE : [How to Run Wheatpasting Campaigns and Not Be Arrested](#)