

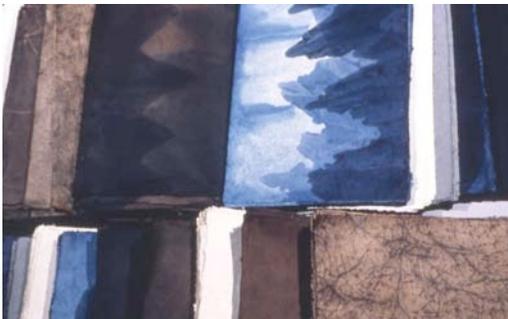
What is Cave Paper?

Cave Paper is a production hand-made paper mill dedicated to making decorated and unusual sheets of high quality for use by artists, bookbinders and graphic designers.

We are often asked why we choose the name 'Cave Paper'. If you saw the space you would understand. Our basement workspace is an urban 'cave'. Arriving by freight elevator, one is not sure what land has just been entered. The walls are hewn rocks, approaching boulders, and the space extends further than the light. Arched doorways separate rooms, with a maze of pipes and wires overhead, the floor is a mix of concrete, brick, and in some areas a wooden raised floor, giving way to the earth below.

Cave Paper is more than just a location; our approach to making paper is as cave-like as the surroundings.

There is a certain rough elegance to the papers that is difficult to explain in words. It begins and ends with the raw materials. These include flax, cotton rag, and denim, along with natural dyes and pigments (black walnut, indigo, persimmon, ochre and red iron oxide) to color the sheets. Used individually and in combination with each other, these dyes evoke a sensuousness and connectedness with the earth. For whatever reason they engage the senses, and thus our whole being. The beauty of these sheets exists independent of the maker. Our job is simply to listen, realize and put the parts together.



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Handmade Paper Studio Internships at CAVE PAPER INC.



**Distinctive Handmade Papers
for Artists, Bookbinders,
Graphic Designers and Interior
Decorators**

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Studio Internships

Come learn and work with us...

The Cave is located in the Minneapolis warehouse district. Although we welcome interns all year, the best times are from May-September because the studio is unheated in the winter. We are looking for enthusiastic people to work at least 6-8 hours per week as assistants. The schedule is flexible, but should be discussed beforehand.

Interns will be part of the regular production routine. Work involves all aspects of running a production paper studio. This is a learning and working internship. A small stipend equivalent to \$7.50/hr is payable in studio time, handmade paper, raw materials or combinations thereof. We have worked with over 80 interns since 1994. We require a minimum time commitment of at least three weeks (out-of-towners) or one day a week for several months (locals).

The studio is equipped with 1 lb and 25lb Valley beaters, whiz mixers a hydraulic press, multiple high quality moulds and deckles. We have the space and ability to make up to 4' x8' sheets. Restraint & air-drying systems allow many sheets to be processed at once.

We have no trade secrets, and as teachers are eager to share our knowledge. Please call with any questions.

A Typical Day at Cave Paper

A day at the Cave involves a variety of tasks that are typical for running a small paper mill. Interns become part of the production routine and, as a result, learn the following skills:

- fiber preparation
- sheet forming and couching
- pressing and drying
- dyeing and pigmenting
- gelatin sizing
- flattening and curating
- bookbinding
- product & sample book assembly
- packing and shipping
- studio and equipment maintenance

Frequently Asked Questions:

When Can I Start?

Internships can begin at any time of the year. Summer is the most popular time of year to be in Minnesota.

How do I apply?

There is no official application form. Contact us via phone or email and we will be happy to discuss the particulars of your situation.

Can I get college credit for the internship?

Yes. We have worked with a number of colleges and universities. You should contact your campus advisor or department chair to figure out the proper paperwork and procedure for your school. We can supply a letter of agreement and evaluation forms as needed.

What about housing?

While we can't guarantee free housing, if you need a place to stay we will try to help you find temporary low cost housing.



Production Papermaking at the Cave

Sample of our handmade flax paper

For further information about internships at the Cave, please contact Amanda Degener and Bridget O'Malley

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