



Xuan Paper

宣纸

Xuan Paper is China's unique handicraft. It was produced in Jingxian County which was under jurisdiction of Xuan Prefecture in ancient China, hence the name. This paper is soft-colored, fine-textured, moth resistant, with a high tensile strength, and remarkable longevity. When used in painting or calligraphy art, it has the capacity to support the ink or paint and faithfully exudes the spirit of the artistic conception in different shades of grey with marvelous aesthetic effect.

Xuan paper is a form of paper used in traditional Chinese painting and calligraphy, considered one of the Four Treasure of the Study, and has 1500 years of history. In the fall of 1964, Mr. Guo Moruo remarked in the inscription he wrote for the Jingxian County Xuan Paper Factory, "Xuan paper is an artistic creation invented by the Chinese working people; Chinese calligraphy and painting have no way to express the wonderful aesthetic charms without it."

The production includes very complicated processes, mainly composed of four parts: material selection, pulping, ingredient proportioning, paper making, and in 108 processing steps: boiling, bleaching, washing, pulping, dipping, sun drying, paper cutting and so on; all the processes are done by hands. Under the geographical indication protection program, the branding of Xuan paper has been much improved; the production techniques are preserved and promoted; the status of Jingxian County as the place of origin of the Xuan paper has been protected.

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宣纸是我国独特的手工艺品，产于安徽省泾县，古属宣州，因地名而称为宣纸，具有质地绵韧、光洁如玉、不蛀不腐、墨韵万变的品质特色。用宣纸题字作画，墨韵清晰，骨气兼蓄，气势俊秀，浓而不浑，淡而不灰，其字其画，跃然纸上，神采飞扬，飞目生辉。

宣纸是中国传统的古典书画用纸，作为我国文房四宝中的珍品，迄今已有 1500 余年的历史。1964 年秋，郭沫若先生为泾县宣纸厂题词赞誉：“宣纸是中国劳动人民所发明的艺术创造，中国的书法和绘画离了它便无从表达艺术的妙味。”

宣纸工艺十分繁杂，可分为选料、制浆、配料、制纸四大部分，共包括蒸煮、漂白、洗涤、打浆、捞制、晒纸、剪纸等大小 108 道工序，全部工序均手工制作。宣纸在获得国家地理标志产品保护后，品牌建设逐步成熟，宣传并弘扬了宣纸制作技艺，保护了泾县作为宣纸原产地的唯一性。

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