Recycling paper

The waste paper collected in paper banks is taken to mills for recycling. Recycled paper can be used to make many different things.

At the paper mill
The waste paper is taken to the paper mill where it is shredded into tiny pieces. It is soaked in water and mixed with chemicals to get rid of the ink. This mushy pulp is then added to new wood pulp to make recycled paper.

Recycled paper
The best quality recycled paper is used to make envelopes and writing paper. Poorer quality paper is used to make hand towels, kitchen towels and tissues. Recycled paper is also used to make cardboard to package foods and other goods.

Another way of recycling paper is to tear it up and put it in your compost heap. Paper rots easily, helping to make compost which is very good for the soil.

Try this
Recycle your greetings cards into attractive gift tags. Take an old card and carefully cut out a round or square tag. Make sure there is no writing on the back! Now punch a hole near the edge of the tag and tie on some ribbon or string.