

Try It Tuesdays: Week 3 - Easy Plantable Seed Paper

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Approx. Time Involved: 20 minutes + Drying Time

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Materials List:

- Sponge
- Terry Cloth Towel
- Strainer
- Large Plastic Cup
- Blender/Food Processor (*For making paper pulp*)
- White Felt or Flannel Fabric
- Paper to Recycle
- Flower Seeds
- Colored Tissue Paper (*optional*)

Prep:

- Select pieces of paper to recycle.*
- Tear into small pieces
- Put pieces in blender, until it's approx. half full

TIP!! *You can mix different types to create your own unique paper.*

Let's Play!:

1. Fill the blender with warm water.
2. Slowly run the blender and gradually increase the speed until the pulp looks smooth and well blended. (30 -40 seconds) Check that no flakes of paper remain. If they do, blend longer.

TIP!! *Tint your pulp by adding a 1 inch square of colored tissue paper before blending.*

3. Add a pinch of flower seeds to pulp and gently stir. Do not blend seeds!
4. Set strainer on cup. Pour blended pulp with seeds through strainer.

TIP!! *Squeeze the pulp a bit to get out the rest of water.*

5. Plop pulp directly onto felt or flannel fabric.
6. Pat pulp into desired shape. It should be not too thick, but can be thicker than regular paper.

TIP!! *The thicker it is the longer it will take to dry.*

7. Tilt pulp sheet on fabric over cup. Press water out of wet pulp with fingers.
8. Use sponge to remove additional water. Press pulp flat.
9. Use a terry cloth towel to remove last amount of water. Press firmly.

Now choose a method below to dry your paper, and there you have it... your own handmade seed paper! Plant it, or use in your art!

- Set paper on pie pan or pizza pan in 250 degree oven for about 10 mins.
- Gently wave hair dryer over paper until it is dry enough to peel off and turn over. Repeat blow dry.
- Set in front of household fan.

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