

MAKE YOUR OWN SEED TAPE!



Seed tape is fun and easy to make! And practically free!

What you need:

- *Flour and water to make a paste (the thickness of glue) or white glue bottles
- *Newspaper, paper towels, toilet paper, tissue paper[medium]
- *Ruler, scissors, paper plates, pencil or marker, toothpicks
- *Seeds
- *Paint brush or toothpick applicator (for glue)
- *Tweezers or seed dispenser

To begin:

1. Pour glue into a tiny container. If using glue bottles, no container needed.
Pour seeds onto another paper plate
2. Cut 2 inch strips of the medium you are using. Length depends on your planting bed. If you are doing square foot gardening, the medium will be 12 inches square (you will need 2).
3. Read the directions on the back of the seed package to see how far apart you would thin the seedlings. Then use a marker to mark the seed spots to this width, put a drop of glue on with a toothpick, and lay the seed on top. This method avoids the thinning process altogether.
4. Lay out your strip next to a ruler. If the thinning distance is 2 inches, make a mark on the lower part of the strip. You will be folding the strip in half after gluing the seeds. This method will eliminate having to thin seedlings later on.
5. Put glue or paste on each mark. Put 1-2 seeds on each glue dot.
6. Fold top half of the strip onto the bottom half. The glue will seal the medium together. Let it dry.
7. With a marker, write the name of the seed and planting depth on the tape.
8. After drying, roll up the strip or roll it around a toilet paper roll. Use a paper clip to hold in place.
9. Store in an airtight container if not planting today.



When ready to plant, simply lay the seed tape on top of the desired planting area. Cover with the amount of soil (depth) on the back of the seed package.

