

## ***What is seed paper?***

The paper that you have in your hands is not just paper. Growing paper is made from recycled material, so no trees are harmed by this paper. We have two variants: the 80 grams and 200 grams paper. The 80 gram paper consists of two thin layers of paper with seeds of flowers or herbs in between, and the 200 gram paper is handmade with the seeds already in it. Because the paper is made by hand, the thickness may differ slightly.

## ***How does seed paper work?***

Growing paper is made in such a way that when it is planted in soil, the paper composts under the right conditions and the seeds start to germinate. Of course we want to achieve that, but how do you ensure the best results? We'll provide you with an extremely simple step-by-step plan. You will get green fingers spontaneously.

### ***STEP 1: PREPARE***

First up, filling a pot up for 2/3 with good potting soil. Tamp down the soil and add more if necessary. You want the pot to be firmly full, but not packed. The paper can be planted indoors or outside, so you get to choose according to the temperature and conditions at the time of planting (we don't recommend planting outside if it's blizzarding or desert-hot!).

### ***STEP 2: PLANT***

Take your seed paper and cover the soil in the prepared pot with the paper. It's okay if the paper overlaps. Spread a ***1/8 inch layer of soil*** over the seed paper pieces and tamp down gently.

### ***STEP 3: WATER***

After planting the paper in your pot, give it a good soak. You want the paper and the soil to be nicely damp but not swimming in water. During the first 10 days, keep the paper moist at all times. The water is necessary for germination, because the seeds first have to detach themselves properly from the paper and the paper must largely perish before they sprout. A sunny corner in the house (or outside) certainly helps!

### ***STEP 4: LET IT GROW***

Once sprouts appear, continue to keep the paper moist but be careful not to overwater. Once sturdy plants appear, water as needed. Here's what the pot looks like after planting a greeting card:



### ***STEP 5: ENJOY!***

Once the flowers (or herbs or vegetables) start to blossom, enjoy them in the pot or cut them and place in a decorative vase. In any case, it is a pleasure to enjoy such a beautiful and sustainable remnant of a message on growing paper!

### ***What if the seeds do not germinate?***

Although we do everything we can to keep the conditions for the growing paper as optimal as possible, there is always a possibility that the seeds do not germinate as expected. This can have a number of reasons, but you must realise that these seeds have endured more than if they came from a seed bag. They remain living goods that you have to handle with care. Possible causes could be that you did not keep the earth well wet until germination, or you may have used old soil that is not rich in nutrients. Furthermore, planting in winter or early spring is never recommended; for example, if you have received a seedpaper Christmas card, it is best to wait until the summer with planting the paper.

Having given all these tips and tricks, we can hardly imagine that it will go wrong. If you treat the growing paper with love, they will give love back in flowers!