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Plantable Paper for
Pollinators

Materials:



cardboard egg
carton



mixing bowls



water



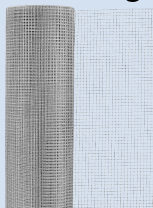
red & blue food
coloring



cookie
cutter shapes



binder clips



mesh window
screen



baking pan



seeds for native wildflowers -
check out the seeds from
saveourmonarchs.org

printable cards for plantable paper

Simply print, cut, & attach dried plantable paper for fun & easy favors or gifts!





to make plantable paper:



1. Fill mixing bowl with water. Tear egg carton into small pieces and add to water. Allow to soak overnight to create a paper "pulp."
2. Stir paper pulp and break up any remaining large pieces. Portion paper pulp into 3 smaller bowls or cups and add red food coloring to one portion, and blue food coloring to another portion. Mix well and adjust food coloring as needed for desired color. Leave the third portion dye-free.
3. Before shaping paper pulp, create a drying rack. To create a drying rack that will support the fragile plantable paper well, cover a baking pan with mesh window screen cut to size. Pull tightly and secure using binder clips.
4. Once drying rack is created, place cookie cutter shape (e.g. star shape) on top of the drying rack. This will serve as a mold to shape plantable paper. Scoop portions of red, blue, and dye-free paper pulp into cookie cutter and pack down well to completely fill the shape.
5. To finish, sprinkle top of paper pulp shape with seeds. Press to secure seeds. Extra pulp may be added to ensure seeds are well attached. Allow to dry completely before removing paper from rack (this may take up to 24 hours, depending on how saturated the paper pulp is).
6. Once dry, gently remove paper from rack. Use the included printable to distribute your plantable paper as a gift or favor; it includes directions for planting. Enjoy!