

# POLLINATOR SEED PAPER

*Bring attention to the importance of pollinators with this fun project.*

## WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

paper mache mix or paper pulp  
hot water  
seeds\*  
bowl  
piece of plastic screen  
paper towels.

**\*While there's a variety of different seeds that can be used for seed paper, consider using native plant seeds. Since local pollinators and local plants evolved together, many of them only feed on specific plant species. Not only that, the plants that are native to an area are best adapted to the local growing season, climate, and soil.**

## WHAT TO DO:

Pour paper mache mix into the bowl.

Carefully cover it with hot water and allow it to soak until it's well saturated.

Pour off any standing water. Then working a handful at a time, gently squeeze out the mixture to remove any excess water.

Next, add your seeds and gently mix throughout the paper mache.

Carefully press the paper/seed mix onto a plastic screen and spread it out. Use your fingers to push and flatten it into an even layer.

Too much moisture can cause the seeds to begin their germination process and we don't want that, so use some paper towels to blot the flattened mix and soak up as much water as you can.

Gently place the screen on a towel or some dry paper towels, set in a cool place and let it dry completely for 12-24 hours. Once it's dry, you can carefully pull it off of the plastic screen, and then cut it into tags or whatever shapes you want.

### How to plant your seed paper -

- Clear an area of loosened soil.
- Place the seed paper on the soil and moisten with water.
- Cover with a layer of soil and then water thoroughly.



Did you know that somewhere between 75% and 95% of all the flowering plants on earth need the help of pollinators to reproduce? Bees, monarchs, beetles, bats and a host of other animals pollinate up to a third of our food crops. But now, many of these important pollinator populations are in decline – a decline that's attributed predominately to the loss of both their feeding and nesting habitats. So, how do we fix that? By providing additional sources for them to use like pollinator gardens.

Pollinator gardens can be as simple or complex as you want, but a large garden is not required. Anyone with an outside balcony or patio space can grow container plants that will benefit pollinators.

