# IT'S ELEMENTARY "GROW AND BLOOM"

### **SEED PAPER DETAILS**

Seed paper, or plantable paper" is a biodegradable paper made from recycled materials that is embedded with seeds. When the paper is planted in soil, the seeds grow and the paper simply becomes compost.

So what's so cool about planting a piece of paper? Well, the plantable paper isn't just a piece of paper. It can be made into all sorts of things such as bookmarks, invitations, memorials, cards and wristbands to name a few. In other words, all kinds of things in all kinds of shapes and sizes.

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## HOW TO PLANT THE SEED PAPER

#### SUPPLY LIST

- a pot for planting
- some good potting soil
- plantable paper
- water
- a sunny corner

#### **STEP 1 - PREPARE YOUR POT**

Fill your pot 2/3 full 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 THE PAPER**

Take your plantable paper and cover the soil in the prepared pot with the paper. It's okay if the paper overlaps. Spread a 1/8 to 1/4 inch layer of soil over the plantable paper pieces and tamp down gently.

#### **STEP 3 - WATER DURING GERMINATION**

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.

#### **STEP 4 - CARE AFTER GERMINATION**

Once sprouts appear, continue to keep the paper moist but be careful not to overwater. Once sturdy plants appear, water as needed.

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