

Make Your Own Seed Tape

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Making your own seed tape is a cheaper alternative to store-bought versions, and it helps keep gardens tidy and evenly spaced. Use it in your own garden or bundle it up as a thoughtful, handy gift! Best of all, it's simple to make.

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Perfect for small seeds like radishes and carrots, but suitable for flower, herb and other vegetable seeds, crafting your own seed tape makes gardening easier, less messy and more affordable. It keeps plants properly spaced, and in straight rows, saving pruning time later.

MATERIALS

- 1/4 cup flour
- 2 tablespoons warm water
- Scissors
- Paper towels*
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Small paintbrush
- Seeds
- Airtight bag or container

***Tip:** White party streamers, [newspaper](#), thin paper bags and toilet paper are also great substitutions. Avoid items with colored ink to prevent dyes from affecting the seeds.

INSTRUCTIONS

In a small bowl, mix the flour and water until a thick paste forms. If it's too runny, add more flour. If it's too thick, add more water in small amounts.
Cut paper towels into 2" wide strips.

Use a pencil and ruler to space dots on the strip according to the seed packet's directions. Place small dollops of flour paste across one side of the paper towel strip on each dot. Place seeds on top of the paste, then fold the other half of the paper towel over, on top of the seeds. Allow the tape to dry completely and roll it into a coil. Store with its seed packet in a [labeled](#) and dated airtight bag, [jar](#) or storage container.



To plant: Place the strip on the surface of the ground or dig a small furrow and cover it with the amount of soil the seed packet's instructions recommend. Gently mist with water to keep the ground continually moist.



Tip: Homemade seed tape can be stored in an airtight container for up to a year.

Gifting Tip: Save empty cheese wheel cartons ([Brie](#), for example), and place the rolled seed tape in it. Decorate and label the carton, then attach a [bow](#) and printed [ingredient guide](#) or [green thumb rules](#) for a thoughtful surprise.

Quick Tip

Whether you've just finished making or planting seed tape, tackle crafting and tracked-in messes with [Swiffer® SweeperVac](#). With a cordless vacuum sweeper for suctioning up crumbs, pet hair and cereal, combined with a Swiffer dry sweeping cloth to pick up finer particles like dirt, it cleans the big and small stuff better than a broom and dustpan.



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