



SEED TAPE ACTIVITY

GOAL

Making seed tape is an activity that helps you properly space out your seeds. Seeds need space! This allows them to get enough sunlight and nutrients as they grow. You will glue your seeds down onto a strip of tissue paper and then plant them in the garden. Using seed tape also helps you make orderly rows of plants and can also keep seeds from being washed away or washed too deeply into the soil when they are first watered or during heavy rains.

MATERIALS

- One or two strips of tissue paper
- Pencil or marker
- One type of seed (beets, radish, lettuce, cilantro, or carrots)
- Glue squeeze bottle
- Sharpie marker
- Popsicle stick
- Optional- ruler

Resource

We have sourced all seeds from Johnny's Seed Company. To see photos and find out more about the seeds go to: <https://www.johnnyseeds.com/> and type in the variety of seed in the "Search Johnny's" box in the upper right corner.

INSTRUCTIONS

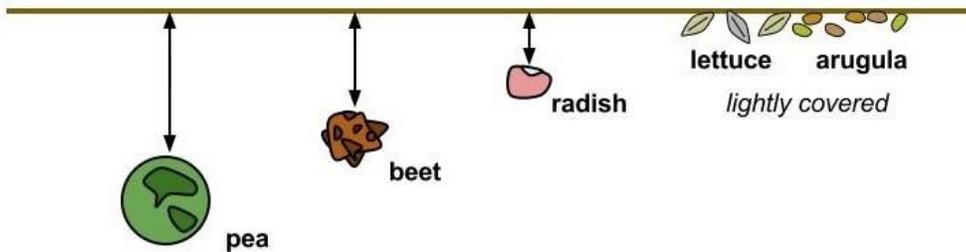
Follow these steps to prepare and plant your seed tape:

1. Smooth your strip of tissue paper out flat on a table or work surface.
2. Get one type of seed (beets, radish, lettuce, cilantro, or carrots). Write the type of seed on your strip.
3. Check the seed bag to see how far apart to space your seeds on the seed strip. Use a pencil to make a mark where each seed will go. For example, if seeds are to be spaced 1 inch apart, you can use a ruler and mark one-inch increments as a guide for where to dab glue.
4. Squeeze a little dot of glue on each of your marks. The dot of glue should be just big enough so a seed can be placed on it and stick.
5. Place a seed on each dot and set the strip aside to dry. This can be a challenge! Focus and be careful not to lose seeds!
6. Write the type of seed and the planting date (today!) on your popsicle stick. This will be your plant label so you won't forget what you planted there.



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7. Lay your strip of seed tape in the garden where you would want to plant your crop. Tips: Plant all of one crop together in the same row or rows. For example, lay the strips for carrots next to each other end-to-end. Make sure that you lay down your rows so there is at least 1 foot (12 inches) between rows.
8. Plant your seed tape seed-side up about as deep as the seed is large. Cover with soil.



GCG Rule of thumb - Planting depth depends on the size of the seed. General rule of thumb is to plant a seed about as deep as it is large.

9. Label with your popsicle stick.
10. Water and wait for seeds to germinate!