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# Goodies



## Flowers from paper



I grew the flowers myself!



**S**PRING is the single best season for growing new plants. But time and patience are needed to reap a bountiful harvest. Most students are too busy to plant, but some companies have come up with seed paper – recycled paper that contain flower seeds.

### Editor's Note

Hi! I believe there is life outside Earth. The universe is infinite and so there must a planet similar to Earth that has the right conditions to sustain life. Turns out scientist have discovered a system of planets similar to our own solar system! Just imagine if we can one day boldly go where no man has gone before and discover alien life. Maybe one day the Earth will be so polluted we have to leave the planet and find a new home, just like in *Wall-E*. Turn to G06 to learn more about this exciting story. Elsewhere in *Goodies*, Big Dee is once again being lazy and not taking his school work seriously. What a naughty boy. Turn to G10 to find out what he did.



Simon





Grace

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**P**LANTABLE paper – also known as seed or blooming paper – is popular in Taiwan (台灣) and the West. It is a **biodegradable** paper made from unwanted leaflets or brochures that we might **dispose of** after a quick read. The paper is **embedded** with seeds, and when planted under a thin layer of soil, it will gradually degrade. But the seeds will grow into plants and flowers will bloom. It is a cheap and simple leisure activity.

## 1. Tear and prepare

RIP the plantable paper into small pieces to ensure that the seeds inside the paper have more space to grow.



I don't see any seed packets. How did you grow these chrysanthemums?

I grew them from grandfather's special *lai see* paper. I'll show you how!



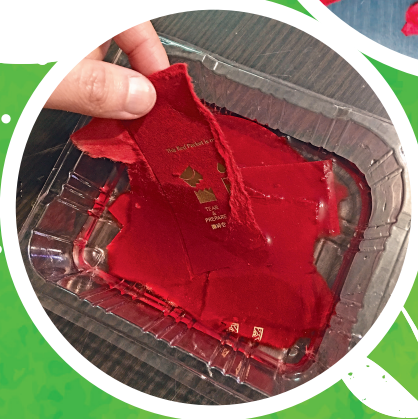
## 2. Soak and wait

SOAK the paper for three to four hours. Gently peel off the outer layer and expose the seeds to the air.



## 3. Scatter and plant

SCATTER the pieces of paper in any container. Cover with a thin layer of soil.



## 4. Water and bloom

WATER the container once a day to keep the soil **moisturised**. It takes 10 to 14 days for the seeds to **sprout**. Sunlight is also vital, so put the container under the sun for two to four hours every day.



### Flower power

The seed paper can come in the form of *lai see* packets, *fai chun*, and even books.

Some **multinational companies**, such as Samsung and Kiehl's, even embed seeds in their promotional leaflets. This advertising strategy is costly but it helps the companies build a green image. Seed paper comes in different colours and shapes and can contain sesame, basil and other herbal and flower seeds.

