

# Plantable Paper Earth

## Materials needed:

scraps of blue and green paper (card stock or construction paper)  
mason jars with screw lids  
squares of screening (sold in rolls at any hardware store)  
circle cookie cutters or 3 1/2 inch embroidery hoops  
seeds (any will do as long as they are small)  
Blender  
Bowls for soaking paper  
spoons  
water

## Process:

1. Tear paper into small pieces (keep colors separate)
2. Put torn pieces into bowls keeping the blue and green separate. Add water to bowls so it just covers the paper. Let soak for about 10 minutes.
3. Working in small batches add the soaked paper to the blender and process until the paper resembles a thick pulp. It shouldn't be too runny but if it is too thick you can add water a little at a time to get desired consistency.
4. Once all of the paper is processed add your seeds to the slurry mixture
5. Put a piece of screen over the opening of the mason jar and secure with the lid. Place the cookie cutter or embroidery hoop over the top of the jar.
6. Using a spoon spread a thin layer of the blue slurry into the circle form. Lightly press to remove excess water
7. Next add your green "continents" over the blue to roughly resemble land masses. They don't need to be perfect. Press lightly to remove excess water
8. Carefully remove your circle form and gently unscrew the jar lid. Remove the screen with the earth on it and gently flip it over onto a flat surface to dry.
9. Once completely dry, you can give as gifts or plant them for yourself.

## Planting Instructions

Using a flower pot a little bigger than the paper circle, add dirt filling almost to the top. Lay your paper seed earth in the dirt and cover with a thin layer of dirt. Water thoroughly and set in a sunny spot. Keep moist until seeds sprout then water when soil becomes dry.

