

SEED TAPES

*water,
cornstarch,
white party streamers (dollar store),
a measuring tape,
a washable marker,
and seeds.*

NOTE: I recommend using white streamers, not colored, just because I am not sure how the dyes would affect the plants as they grow.

Let's begin! First, the responsible adult will need to cook up the "glue" for the seed tape.

SEED TAPE GLUE
1 cup water
1 tablespoon cornstarch

Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly to prevent lumps. Once it starts to boil and make a gel, remove it from the heat. Cool to room temperature.



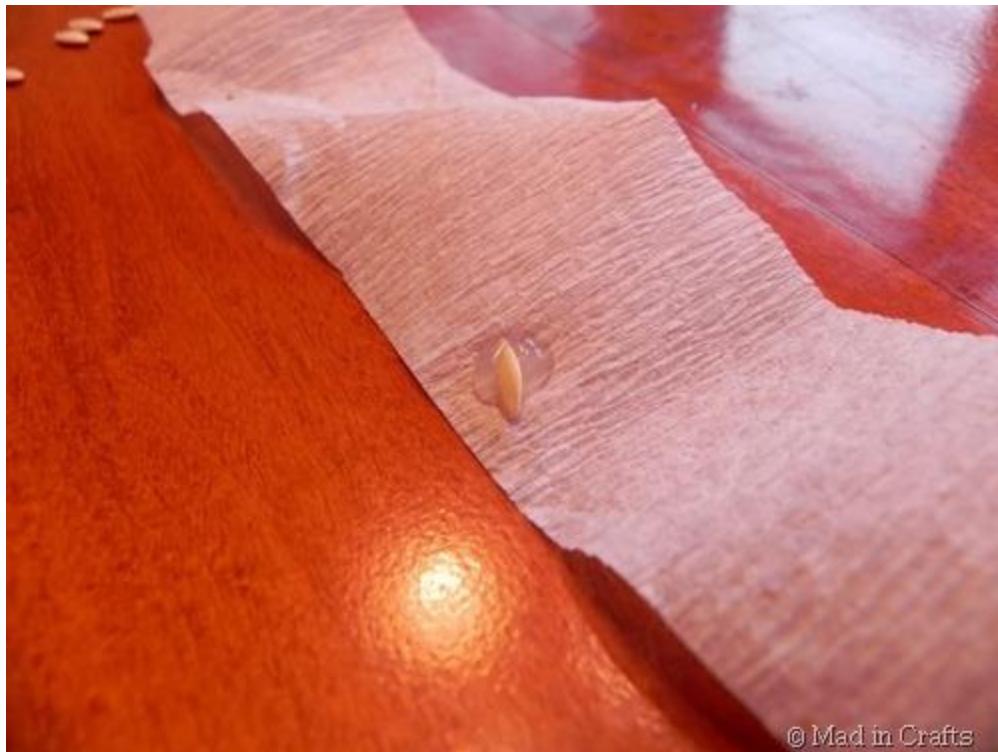
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While the glue cools, roll out the streamers to the width of your garden plot. Lay the streamer next to an extended measuring tape. Using a washable marker or felt pen, make marks on the streamer at the intervals recommended for your seeds. We spaced the dots for our cucumber seeds at 3 inch intervals.



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If you have preschool age children, practice counting using the measuring tape and the seeds. If your children are older, you can use the measuring tape like a [number line](#) to practice addition and subtraction.



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Drop a small amount of cooled “glue” on each dot and have your child place one seed on each dot of glue.



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Continue until all of your dots have seeds.

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Fold the streamer in half and press to stick the streamer to itself, enclosing the seeds.

If you are making seed tape from more than one variety of seed, I recommend labeling the end of each roll of seed tape so you don't mix your cucumbers with your zucchini.



After the streamers are dry, the tape can be rolled up and stored for whenever you decide to head outdoors to plant them. Just create a trench in your garden at the depth recommended for your seeds, unroll the seed tape, and cover with dirt. Water as you normally would and watch them grow!



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Seed tapes also make fantastic Mothers and Fathers Day gifts. You could even create seed tape "rosettes" and use them in place of a bow!



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