

Handy Folded Seed Envelope

Many of you may already know how to make these handy little envelopes. I use them because when planting seed or using the pollen they can be completely unfolded so there are no hidden corners as with regular envelopes. They can be made from anything at hand if you are offered seed or pollen when you are not equipped with normal envelopes. A bit of newspaper, an old shopping list, I once made one from a dollar bill when offered some rare seed. It is best to use an absorbent paper such as newsprint so that seeds or pollen do not mold.

Step 1: Use a rectangular piece of paper, 1/4 of an 8 1/2" by 11" paper is ideal (4 1/4" X 5 1/2"). Fold in 1/2 along line E-F, folding A to C and B to D as in *Fig 1*.

Step 2: Fold both layers together (C-A & D-B) at line I-J in *Fig 2*. Then fold again at line G-H to make a double fold. Crease all your folds well. Your envelope should now look like *Fig 3* with a folded flap on the right side. If your paper is less than ideal in proportion you can make extra folds in this step. This will make the envelope narrower so that you can make the rest of the folds successfully

Step 3: Turn your envelope over so the folded flap is underneath on the right side as in *Fig 4*.

Step 4: Fold corner G to J along fold line E-K as in *Fig 4* and *Fig 5* and crease well.

Step 5: Fold corner E to point K along fold line L-G and crease as in *Fig 6*. Unfold pan way and tuck point E under the flap to as close to K as possible.

Step 6 Complete the top of the envelope by folding H to M along fold line F-N as in *Fig 6*. Then tuck point F under the flap as close to N as possible. This is the same process you did in Steps 4 and 5 but from the top down. When you are finished you should have an envelope that looks like *Fig 7*.

Step 7: Unfold the last two folds to open the envelope at the top as in *Fig 8*. Insert your seed or pollen and refold and tuck the point under the flap to close the envelope.

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