Directions for making seed packets

Use the template below as a starting point for designing your personalized seed packets. Get as creative as you want with artwork and embellishment, or cut plant photos out of catalogs for reference. Use the filled packets as package tags during the holidays or as a companion to other garden gifts, like pickles and jams. Three or four seed packets tied together with raffia or a pretty ribbon make a special gift in their own right.

1. Scan, copy, or trace the pattern above. You can use different types of paper as long as they’re thin enough to fold.
2. Cut along the solid black line.
3. Fold along the dotted lines.
4. Fold over the large flap (A) first. Glue flap B down with rubber cement, then flap C.
5. After the rubber cement has dried, you can decorate your packet. Remember to leave room for plant information: variety, where it was grown, date the seed was collected, days to maturity, and any helpful hints you can pass along with your seeds.
6. Fill the packet with your seeds. Fold the last flap (D) down, and glue.

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