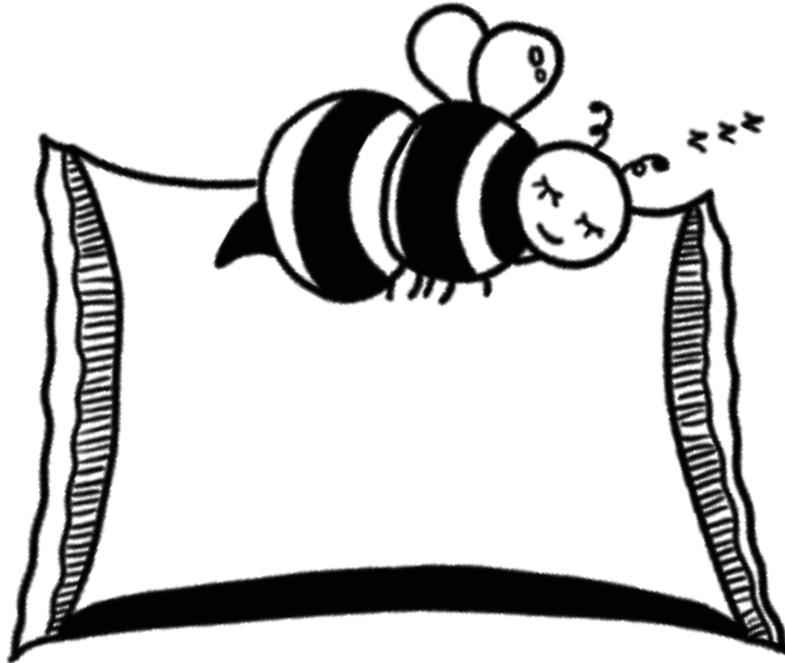


GOODNIGHT EARTH



GOODNIGHT EARTH is a project put together by the BuzzLab teen internship program based at the Plains Art Museum, developed in conjunction with fiber artist Quill River. These individual seed pillows were crafted and installed by interns with the intent to interrupt the expanses of cement in our community that have already interrupted the wildlife that lived here. Pollinators, specifically bees, can only travel up to 5 miles to locate food, water, or rest. This growable blanket intends to provide space for pollinators to do just that. If left to grow, over the next few weeks you will see not only a mix of wildflowers, but also edibles such as lettuce, spinach, basil, and cilantro.



LETTUCE



SPINACH



BASIL



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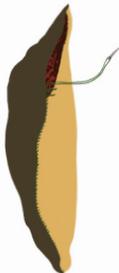
STEP 6

When ready to plant, snip 9 small "X"s in the gardening mesh in a grid formation. Bury seed beneath the mulch about 1/2 an inch under the soil. Water and care for as needed.



STEP 5

Sew the open side shut.



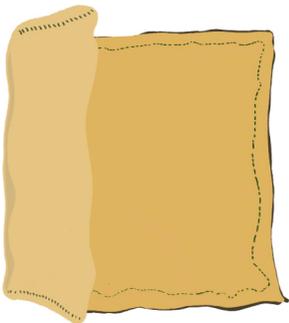
STEP 4

Lay a small layer of mulch on top of the soil being careful to not poke holes through the mesh or stitches. Lay it loose enough so that the seeds can grow through it.



STEP 3

Flip the rectangle inside out. Lay flat with the mesh side up. Fill with dry soil, then pat it so it lays flat. The layer of dirt should be about 2 inches thick.



HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN SEED PILLOW

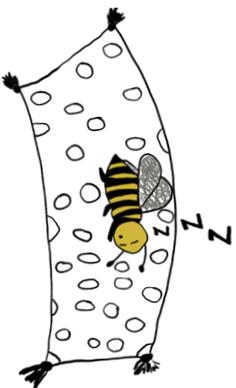


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Step-by-step guide illustrated by Quill River

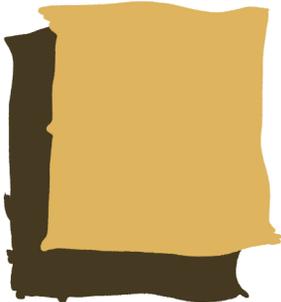
*Fold along lines, cut along dotted line to create zine

MATERIALS

- 1 yard garden mesh
- 1 yard of unbleached muslin
- Potting soil
- Pollinator friendly seeds
- Mulch
- Sewing machine OR needle and heavy duty thread

STEP 1

Lay your mesh and muslin flat on top of each other in an open workspace (the floor works just fine.) Pin together the corners and along the sides.



STEP 2

Sew with straight stitches along 3 of the edges. Make sure to make the stitches no wider than 1/2 an inch so that dirt won't spill.

