Paper Model – Create a RoundUp Ready Soybean Plant

Using herbicide resistance as the example, create a transgenic soybean

- 1. Find the **gene of interest** (on bacterium). What does this gene do? What will happen when it is moved into the soybean plant? Use colored pencils and shade the gene sequence in red.
- 2. Use yellow highlighter or yellow colored pencils and find all restriction enzyme **recognition sites**. Highlight these recognition sites on both the soybean and bacterium strands of DNA.
- 3. Use a pencil to draw a line indicating where restriction enzyme will cut the sequence. Do this on both the soybean gene sequence and the bacterium gene sequence.
- 4. Cut genes apart on the line that was just drawn.
- 5. Lay cut outs on a sheet of plain white 8 ½ x 14 inch (legal size) paper. Match **sticky ends** so that the herbicide resistant gene is now incorporated into the soybean's genome.
- 6. Tape or glue cut-outs down.
- 7. Once you have moved the Glyphosate resistant DNA sequence from the bacterium into the soybean sequence, complete your diagram with the following:
 - a. Title
 - b. Label the diagram with the following terms:

soybean gene sequence	bacterium gene sequence
recognition sites	gene of interest
sticky ends	transgenic or genetically modified organism

c. Using the above terms as well as the following terms, write a paragraph describing what this paper model represents. Include this paragraph on your diagram.

recombinant DNA technology	Cut
restriction enzyme	HIND III
molecular scissors	Genetic engineering

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