A hundreth good pointes of husbandrie (1557)
In 1557 a gentleman by the name of Thomas Tusser compiled a collection of writings he called A Hundred Good Points of Husbandry. In the April Husbandry section he wrote: Sweet April showers, Do spring May flowers. And the poem lives on. In the poems honor and with the blooms of real flowers popping up all around, we thought it might be fun to create a project that is inspired by that – paper flowers. Here is another poem by Aspen King that sparked us. In my field of paper flowers. And candy clouds of lullaby. I lie inside myself for hours. And watch, above, my purple sky. A hundreth good pointes, of good husbandry, maintaineth good household, with huswifry. Housekeeping and husbandry, if it be good: must loue one another, as cousinnes in blood. The wife to, must huband as well as the man: or fairewel thy husbandry, doe what thou can. A hundreth good poyntes of husbandry. The redges well harrowde, or euer thou strike: is one poynt of husbandry, rye land do like. 21 Geue winter corne leaue, for to haue full his lust: sowe wheate as thou mayst, but sowe rye in the dust.  A digression from husbandrie: to a point or two of huswifrie. Now heere I think nedeful, a pawse for to make: to treate of some pains, a good huswife must take. For huswifes must husbande, as wel as the man: or farewell thy hubandrie, do what thou can. Thomas Tusser (1524 – 3 May 1580) was an English poet and farmer, best known for his instructional poem Five Hundred Points of Good Husbandry, an expanded version of his original title, A Hundreth Good Points of Husbandrie, first published in 1557. Five Hundred Points contains these rhyming couplets: Swéete April showers, Doo spring Maie flowers. and. A foole and his monie be soone at debate, which after with sorrow repents him too late.