

ECO-FRIENDLY SEED STARTERS!

Up-cycle your recycling into gardening supplies by turning used containers into seed starter pots!



You Will Need:

- Soil
- Nail
- Hammer
- Seeds
- Dish soap
- Water
- Popsicle stick
- Marker
- Clamshell container, like for berries, rotisserie chickens, or pastries.
- Any container that can be cleaned and has enough depth for root growth. Yogurt cups, sour cream containers, milk jugs cut in half, and many other containers in your recycling will work! You can even use toilet paper rolls, folding in the edges on one side to make a pot.

1. Clean your container well with warm water and soap.
2. Use a nail to puncture 3-5 drainage holes in the bottom of your pot, and 3-5 ventilation holes in the top of the clamshell container.
3. Add soil, and then poke a shallow hole with your finger. Put 1-3 seeds in this hole and loosely cover with soil. You don't want to have the soil too tight because it makes it harder for the roots to grow. Water to moisten soil.
4. Put your pot inside the clamshell container and close. This helps trap moisture which makes for better growing conditions.
5. Write plant names on popsicle sticks and insert on the edge of your container to keep track of your plants.
6. Place your pot near a sunny window, and watch it grow!
7. When your seedling is ~10cm –15 tall, transplant to your garden or larger pot.

