

HOW TO START PLANTS FROM SEEDS

PROJECT GUIDE



Starting your own seeds at home is an easy way to increase the variety of garden plant options. This quick and easy project will soon pay off with seedlings you can place in your island bed or raised garden.

DIFFICULTY: BEGINNER

DURATION: 2 HOURS

TOOLS

- Pencil

MATERIALS

- Seed starter kit
- Seeds
- Water

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STEP 1

PLACE PELLETS

Place peat pellets in the individual cells of the seed starter kit and fill each cell with water. If you use warm water, the plugs will absorb the water faster.



STEP 2

ADD SEEDS

Use a pencil or chopstick to break open the surface of the soil plugs and form a small indentation for the seeds about ¼-inch deep. Drop two seeds into each indentation. Place the included cover over the seed starter kit to keep the seeds warm and retain moisture while they germinate. An adequate heat and light source is important. If you do not have a bright, sunny area in your home, consider placing the seeds near an artificial light source.



STEP 3

UNCOVER SEEDLINGS

When your new seedlings begin to emerge and reach a height between 2 and 3 inches, remove the cover. Check the peat pellets every few days and water as needed to keep them moist. For average germination times, refer to the seed packet.

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STEP 4

PREPARE SEEDLINGS FOR TRANSPLANTING

Harden your new seedlings before transplanting them to an outdoor garden to reduce the risk of shock. To do this, simply take your seed starter kit with the seedlings and place it outdoors in a warm, shaded area for a few hours each day. After a week or so, your new seedlings should be ready for transplanting.