

MAKE YOUR OWN PAPERBOARD PLANTER

Spring is here and so is planting season! Use this step-by-step guide to create your own paperboard planter from items you can find around your home. The planter will provide protection for your tree sapling or vegetable seeds and create a natural water funnel when planted in the ground. Use this hands-on activity to talk with your child about the benefits of using paper-based packaging, the importance of recycling, and making responsible choices that impact our environment.

GET STARTED

Collect your materials.

- Cereal Box
- Scissors
- Soil
- Tissue Paper, Newspaper, or Paper Towel
- Seeds to Plant



INSTRUCTIONS

STEP 1

Find an empty paperboard carton, like a cereal box.



STEP 2

Measure approximately 5 inches from the bottom and cut off the top portion.



STEP 3

Cut the remainder of your box in half.



STEP 4

Slide one half into the other.



STEP 5

Carefully make holes approximately 0.5 inches apart throughout the bottom and sides of your planter.



STEP 6

Line the inside of your box with newspaper, tissue paper, or paper towels to prevent the soil from falling out then fill with soil.



STEP 7

Plant your seeds or tree sapling of choice (pepper and tomato seeds work well) in your paperboard planter. Find a safe place to keep your planter while you wait for it to sprout (usually about 1 week).

STEP 8

Transfer your planter into a hole 3-4 inches deep in a sunny area outside, keeping about 1 inch of it above ground. Now, watch your planter naturally decompose as your plant grows! Show us your creation by using the hashtag **#TICCIT** on social media.



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