

DIY Biodegradable Paper Planter Pots

It's that time of year! The birds are chirping, the sun is shining, and the ground is thawing. Time to get planting! Follow these directions to make your own DIY biodegradable paper pots that can be planted right into the ground once your seeds have sprouted!

Materials:

- Newspaper
- A medium sized round can/jar of any type (we used a standard size Mason jar)
- Scissors
- Potting soil
- Seeds

Directions:

1. Based on the size of your round can/jar, cut a piece of newspaper about two times the size of your can/jar.
2. Fold one of the long sides of the paper over about an inch. This will be the top of your pot.
3. On the same folded edge, make a cut approximately $1/3^{\text{rd}}$ of the way from the short edge down to the folded line. Lift this flap up.
4. Place the newspaper on flat surface with the folded edge facing downward.
5. Match the folded edge up with the top of your can/jar and roll the piece of newspaper around it.
6. With the end of the paper that is longer than the can/jar, fold the extra paper inward, or twist the extra paper gently, to create the bottom of the pot.
7. Carefully slide the can/jar out of the newspaper.
8. Fold the flap inside the top of the pot.
9. Press down the bottom of the pot to make a flat base and fill with soil.
10. Plant your seeds in the soil and water. Watch your plant grow! When it is large enough and the outdoor temperature is warm, plant the entire newspaper pot with your plant in your garden.