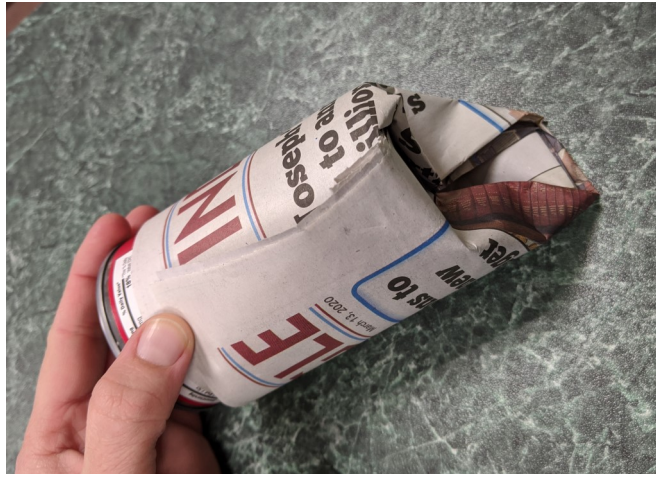


Newspaper Seedling Pots



Step 4: Folding the newspaper around the can.

Wednesday, April 22nd is Earth Day, so let's celebrate by making compostable pots and planting some seeds!

You will need:

- Newspaper, one sheet per pot
- One 10-15oz can
- Seeds
- Moistened potting soil

Instructions:

1. Fold one sheet of newspaper in half lengthwise to make a long strip.
2. Place the can on its side at one end of the strip of newspaper, with about two inches of the can showing above your newspaper. There should also be a couple of inches of newspaper below the bottom of the can.
3. Roll the newspaper around the can to form a tight cylinder — it's ok if the newspaper goes around more than once!
4. Starting at the edge of the cylinder where the seam is located, fold the bottom edge of the newspaper inward using the bottom of your can as a guide. Working your way around the cylinder, make at least 4 inward folds, pressing firmly into place.
5. Remove your newspaper cylinder (now a pot!) from the can. Fold the top 1/2" of the pot inward to create a rim.
6. Ta da! Your newspaper pot is ready for starting seeds.

Planting Tips:

1. When you first add soil, make sure to support the pot from the bottom so it doesn't unfold.
2. While your seeds are starting to grow, you'll want to keep the pots in a waterproof tray.
3. When it's time to plant outside, you can put these newspaper pots directly into the ground—they will naturally decompose! Simply bury the plants so that the rim of each pot is below the soil surface, and watch your garden grow.

This craft activity is adapted from a project shared on HGTV.com. The photo is taken from the Hillsdale Public Library in NJ.

