

Paper Mache Seedling Pots

Category	Activities
Badge	Gardening
Advancement	Growing Things
Time to allocate (mins)	15
Outcome	To create plant pots and plant seedlings in the pots. The pots are biodegradable so the pots can be planted directly once seedlings ready for transplant.
Resources	Newspaper 6 cups Water 1/2 cup Flour Blender (optional) Bucket Muffin tins (or similar moulds)
Instructions	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Take your newspaper and shred it into strips. Make sure not to use glossy ad pages.2. Place the strips into a bowl and cover with warm water. Sit for 3-5 minutes.3. Place wet paper into blender and add cold water until blender is two-thirds full. Blend until paper is soft and moldable. (You can leave overnight as well to turn into pulp if you don't have a blender)4. Run paper mix through a fine mesh strainer and squeeze out extra water to form a pulp.5. Add ½ cup of flour and mix well.6. Take the paper and flour mixture and form cups around a muffin tin. Use care to keep all sides and the bottom evenly matched with paper mixture.7. Place the muffin tin in a warm dry spot for at least 24 hours.8. When pots are completely dry, you can pop them out and start planting your seeds

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