



Seedling paper pots



It's time to start growing all your new plants for the year and there's no better way to get them sprouting than in biodegradable paper pots you've made from nothing more than sheets of newspaper or old books.

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MATERIALS

- Old small tin
- Old curtain pole finial with a screw end
- Sheets from an old paperback book or newspaper
- Quick fix cement
- Potting soil and seeds

- ▼ **STEP ONE** Screw the old curtain pole finial into the bottom of the tin.
- ▼ **STEP TWO** Mix together quick fix cement in a bowl (follow the instructions on the pack) and fill the tin with the finial end to the brim with the cement. Leave aside to dry.
- ▼ **STEP THREE** When it's dry, take the paper and wrap it around the mould.
- ▼ **STEP FOUR** Bunch the bottom of the paper together underneath the mould.



▼ **STEP FIVE** Do the same thing with an extra sheet, so that it covers the seam of the first piece of paper.

▼ **STEP SIX** Press the paper-covered mould down on a hard surface to make it sturdy.



▼ **STEP SEVEN** Remove the mould and your sheets should stand up as a little paper pot, which you can then fill with moist soil and plant some seedlings in.

▼ **STEP EIGHT** Place them next to each other in a wooden frame to support each other.

▼ **STEP NINE** When the seedling is rooted, you can place the paper pot in a plastic or ceramic pot and support with more soil. No need to remove the paper from the seedlings.

TOP TIP
If you don't want to use quick fix cement, you can use an old wooden rolling pin. Cut it in half, smooth the cut ends and use both pieces in the same way as described here to make the paper pots.