



NEWSPAPER PLANTER

Plants are living things. They need air, water, sunlight and nutrients found in soil to survive. By making a simple newspaper pot, you can give a plant all those things!

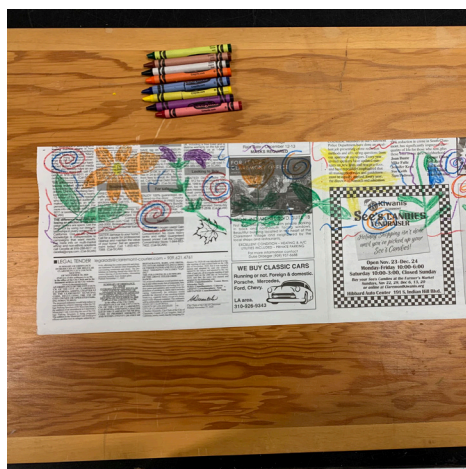
Step 1:

Fold your newspaper in half lengthwise.



Optional step: Before you start to shape your pot, decorate your folded newspaper any way your heart desires!

Pro tip: only decorate the top half of your paper and know that some of your beautiful decorations might get covered when you start to shape your planter.



Step 2:

Place your water bottle on the edge of your newspaper, leaving about 2 inches of newspaper below the bottle. If you decorated your newspaper, place your drawing face down, making sure that it is the half that will be covering the water bottle.



What you'll need:

- 1 sheet of Newspaper or construction paper folded to about an 8 x 11" size.
- Scotch tape
- Water bottle (helps to shape the newspaper pot)
- Potting soil
- Seeds of your choice. We recommend native seeds like California Poppy, Tidy tips, Common Goldfield, Lupine, or Phacelia, just to name a few.
- A sunny spot
- Optional: markers, crayons, or colored pencils





Step 3: Roll the newspaper around the bottle until all the paper is wrapped around the bottle. Use a piece of tape to hold the newspaper in place.



Step 4: Holding the bottle upside down, begin to fold the newspaper flaps down until it touches the bottom of the water bottle. Rotate the bottle and continue to fold the newspaper down until it is all folded over.



Step 5: Place a piece of tape to hold the folds down. It's ok if it's not perfectly folded, but try to get it as flat as possible. Turn the bottle right side up and set on a flat surface. Press down a few times to put some weight on the bottom folded area to help flatten it out a bit.



Step 6: Slip the water bottle out of the newspaper, revealing your newspaper pot!



Step 7: Fill your newspaper pot with potting soil up to about $\frac{1}{4}$ to of an inch from the top of the pot.



Step 8: Plant your favorite native seed according to the instructions on the packet.

Step 9: Place your pot in a sunny location on a plate or tray. Water it consistently, making sure it stays moist, and wait for the magic of plants to emerge before your very eyes!

