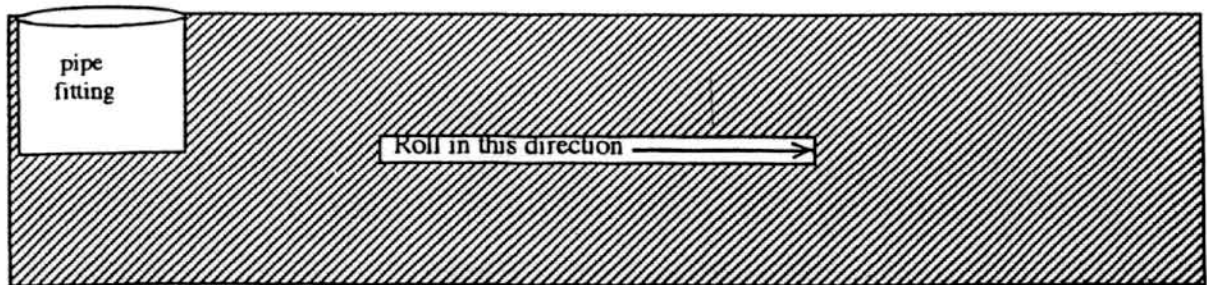


Newspaper Pots

Make biodegradable planting pots inexpensively by using newspaper.

1. Cut large sheets of newspaper vertically into 5 inch strips.
2. Lay two strips on top of each other.
3. Place a 2 inch PVC pipe fitting (found in the irrigation/pipe section of Home Depot) at one end of the strips of paper and flush with the top edge of the newspaper.
4. Wrap the 2 strips of paper around a pipe fitting, pushing the excess paper up into bottom hole of the fitting to form a bottom to the pot.
5. Remove the pipe fitting so you can make more pots.
6. Fill the pot completely to the top with good quality potting soil.
7. Immerse the whole paper pot and soil in a large tub of water so that it is thoroughly wet and the soil is settled..
8. Plant seeds to a depth equal to 2 or 3 times the diameter of the seed.
9. Label pots with popsicle sticks and place in a water tight tray.
10. Keep moist by pouring water into the bottom of the tray and the pots will stay wet.
11. When plants are several inches tall, set the whole pot into the soil.
Be sure to bury the top edge of the newspaper or it will act as a wick and quickly dry out the whole plant.



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