

SEED KIT 02

SEED TYPES IN KIT
TOMATO
CILANTRO
SWEET PEPPER



SALSA GARDEN SEED KIT

SUPPLIES IN YOUR KIT:

- 1 pepper seed envelope - labeled P
 - 1 tomato seed envelope - labeled T
 - 1 cilantro seed envelope - labeled C
 - 3 peat pellets
 - 3 popsicle stick plant labels
- 1 stages of germination bookmark (including link to these instructions and 1 coupon for free admission to the Crystal Bridge Conservatory)

ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Water
- A plastic tray or shallow dish
- A sunny area or windowsill
- Optional: camera to document your seeds growing



INSTRUCTIONS:

You can use the basic instructions below or check out our instructional videos for more details. For additional suggestions, check out our Tips and Tricks sheet.

STEP 1 - PREPARE YOUR SUPPLIES

Write out your plant labels with the name of the seeds on one side and the date on the other. Make sure to keep the name and date written close to one end of the label so that when you stick the other end in the soil later, you can still read what you wrote.

STEP 2 - PREPARE YOUR SOIL

Find a plastic tray or shallow dish that will be able to hold water and the 3 peat pellets. Place the peat pellets in the dish and pour water over it, enough to fully cover the pellets. Wait a few minutes and the pellets should expand upward, creating small soil containers with thin netting to hold it together. These are your pots!

STEP 3 - PLANT YOUR SEEDS

Taking one seed at a time, place it in the small hole at the top of the pot, pressing it down about 1/4 inch into the soil. Make sure you label the soil pots correctly with your labels based on what seed you planted where.

STEP 4 - WATER DURING GERMINATION

You want the seed and the soil to be nicely damp but not swimming in water. During the first 10 days, keep the seed moist at all times. The water is necessary for germination.

STEP 5 - CARE AFTER GERMINATION

Place your dish in a sunny place inside. Once sprouts appear, continue to keep the soil moist but be careful not to overwater. Once sturdy plants appear, water as needed.

STEP 6 - TRANSPLANTING

A plant's first two leaves are called the cotyledons (kah-tuh-lee-duns), or 'false leaves'. After one or two sets of true leaves emerge, it's time to transplant! The peat pots and peat pellets are biodegradable, meaning you are able to plant them directly in the soil, or into a bigger pot. Help give the plant some room by breaking up the peat pot before you place it in its new location.

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GARDEN-FRESH SALSA RECIPE

INGREDIENTS:

- 3 tablespoons onion (finely chopped)
- 2 small cloves garlic (minced)
- 3 large ripe tomatoes (peeled, seeds removed, and chopped) - from your garden!
- 2 chile peppers (hot, mild or sweet, chopped) - from your garden!
- 2 to 3 tablespoons cilantro (chopped) - from your garden!
- 1 1/2 to 2 tablespoons lime juice
- Salt (to taste)
- Freshly ground black pepper (to taste)

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Prepare the ingredients.
2. Put chopped onion and garlic in a strainer; pour 2 cups boiling water over them then let drain thoroughly. Discard the water. Allow the chopped onion and garlic to fully cool.
3. Combine onions and garlic with chopped tomatoes, peppers, cilantro, and lime juice. Add salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste.
4. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours to blend the flavors.
5. Serve as a dip or a condiment with Mexican style dishes. It can be refrigerated for up to 5 to 7 days.
6. Enjoy!

Source: The Spruce Eat

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