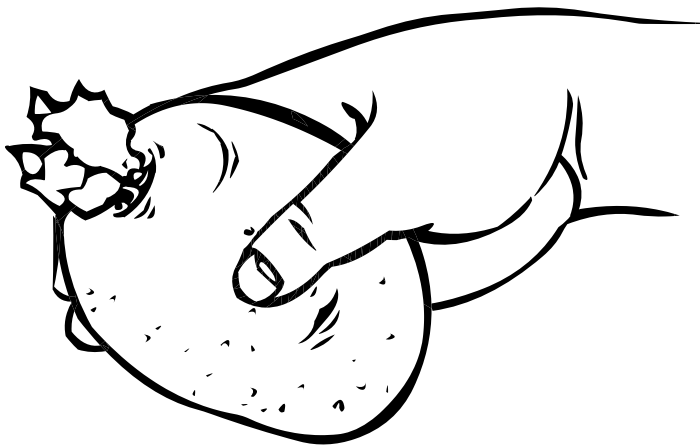


GROW YOUR OWN POTATOES

Planting my potato

Equipment:

- Bucket (with diameter of less than 50cm)
- 3 seed potatoes
- Compost or soil
- Egg box



Step 1: Put your seed potatoes in an open egg box with the sprouts facing up. Then place on a windowsill for two weeks to allow the sprout to harden. This process is called chitting.

Step 2: Make a drainage hole in the bottom of the bucket, an adult should do this. It can be done using a hammer and nail.

Step 3: Once chitting is complete take your bucket and half fill it with compost or soil.

Step 4 : Place three seed potatoes in the bucket at equal spacing with the sprouts facing up.

Step 5: Fill the bucket nearly to the top with compost and pat down.

Step 6: Place your potato somewhere reasonably light and not too warm, see the Growing Tips factsheet for more details. Make sure you place your bucket on some newspapers or a tray to stop any water or soil leaking onto the floor.

Top Tips

1. Make sure you wear gloves when handling your potato or wash your hands well afterwards.
2. Put newspaper or plastic down when dealing with compost or soil to minimise mess.