

Newspaper Pot

Make N Take Activity



Brief Description: Create flower pots while being mindful of the environment by using recycled material.

Materials: Newspaper, scissors, glue

Background: Turn your need for growing containers into a springboard for challenging students' imaginations and reinforcing waste reduction and recycling. These newspaper pots can be planted directly into gardens or large containers and are easy to make. In addition, recycled newspaper pots make great experiments and research opportunities.

Instructions:

1. Provide students with newspaper about 12x12 inches in size.
2. Fold newspaper in half to make sturdy.
3. Roll newspaper around a water bottle to make a tube shape.
4. Glue edge.
5. Cut slits parallel with tube on one end.
6. Fold slits inward, layer and glue to form base.
7. Fill tube with soil and plant seeds.

Talking Points:

- Discuss with students what plants need in order to germinate (warmth, nutrients, air and water) as well as what plants need in order to grow (light, nutrients, air and water).
- Paper can be recycled between five and seven times before its fibers are too weak to make new paper.
- What other products can be recycled to conserve the environment?

