



# Recycled Newspaper Pots



**Purpose:** Students will create flowerpots while being mindful of the environment by using recycled materials. Students will be able to recognize methods of recycling and be able to identify plant needs.

**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. Discuss with students what plants need to germinate (warmth, nutrients, air, and water) as well as what plants need in order to grow (light, nutrients, air and water).

**Materials:** Newspaper, scissors, glue

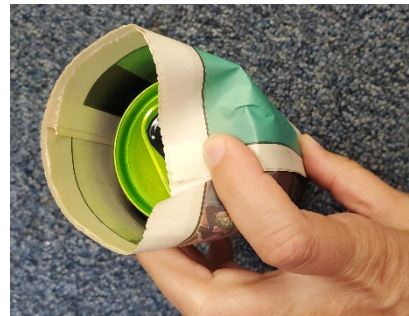
## Activity:

1. Begin with piece of newspaper, fold it in half to make it sturdy.
2. Roll the folded paper into a tube shape and glue the seam.
3. Use scissors to cut five slits in the bottom, fold slits and glue.
4. Place pot in small tray, fill with soil, plant seeds, and watch them grow.

**Step 1:** Fold a piece of newspaper in half.



**Step 3:** Fold ends of newspaper down to create the bottom of your pot.



**Step 2:** Roll the newspaper around a can.



**Step 4:** Secure bottom with a piece of tape (will need to be remove before planting in the ground) or a small dab of glue.

