

Seeds to trees

Step by Step guide to sowing your seeds



Your kit includes —

- one roottrainer pack (made from recycled plastic) with extra instructions
- one bag of peat free compost,
- one pack of birch seeds



1. Stand the black plastic frame inside the see through lid and then take the black plastic cells and clip together and place in the frame.



2. Pack all of the cells into the frame so they are tight.



3. All the plastic cells should fit in with a squeeze!



4. Open the bag of compost and start to fill the cells (this could be messy, so either do this outside or spread newspaper first).



5. Fill each of the cells to the top ensuring there aren't any gaps.



6. Level off the compost and firm gently.



7. Open the pack of seeds and hand out to the pupils.



8. A pinch of seed can then be sown on top of each cell (the seedlings can be thinned out when they germinate).

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9. Now sprinkle a thin layer of compost over all the seeds.



10. Even the compost out and lightly firm again.



11. Now water the tray using a watering can with a rose if you have one (I couldn't find mine!)



12. Again fill any gaps created by the watering with more compost and firm down lightly.



13. A label can then be written out for each cell with the pupils name if required, recycled lollipop sticks are ideal for this (labels are not provided in the pack).



14. The tray can then be placed outside in a shady spot against a wall.



15. The see through lid can be placed on the top of the container to act as a mini propagator whilst the seeds germinate but then removed when they have emerged from the soil. Germination time 4—6 weeks.



16. Remember to keep the cells watered especially during the warmer summer months. However, don't leave the seedlings in waterlogged soil either.



17. Supporting Educational Material.
 For all the related project material go to www.treeforall.org.uk/joinin/seedtotrees
 For general education resources go to www.naturedetectives.org.uk

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