

Egg Carton Garden

Age Range: 5+

Skills/Subjects:

- Gardening
- Science
- Art Design
- Recycling

Materials:

- Cardboard egg carton, any size
- Plastic wrap
- Scissors
- Potting soil
- Seeds



Directions

- Cut the lid from an egg carton with scissors or a sharp knife.
- Poke a small drainage hole in the bottom of each egg cell, using the tip of a pencil or similar object.
- Take the lid you cut off earlier and place a layer of plastic wrap on top, big enough to have an inch hang off.
- Place the covered egg carton lid under the bottom to create a drainage tray.
- Fill the egg cells one-half to three-quarters full with potting soil.
- Plant two or three seeds on top of the potting mixture in each cell. Cover the seeds with a thin layer of potting mixture.
- Water the potting mixture lightly with a spray bottle. Mist as needed to keep the potting mixture lightly moist. Don't over-water, as soggy soil prevents germination and may kill emerging seedlings.
- Place the egg cartons in a warm area. Although warmth is critical for germination, sunlight isn't a requirement at this time.
- In a week or so, depending on the germination time, you may need to thin the germinated plants to one seedling per cell. Pinch or cut the smallest seedlings and allow the strongest seedling to develop.
- When your plants are large enough, transplant them into a larger container or directly into garden. The egg carton is biodegradable and the soil will help the plant with nutrients.