

How To Start a Plant

1. Choose your seeds. There is a variety of plants to choose from: herbs, flowers, vegetables, and fruit.
2. Read the directions on the back of the seed packets. They will tell you how deep to plant your seeds, when you should start them, and what their grow zone is.
3. Choose what you want to start your seeds in. You can use a pot, container, or plant them directly into the ground. Another term for that is to "directly sow" the seeds.
4. Plant the seed(s). You can follow the directions on the back of the packet, or you can do it this way: lightly push your finger into the soil halfway to your first knuckle, then place your seed(s) in the hole that creates. Cover the seed(s) with soil but don't pat it down. You want the soil to be loose so it's easier for the plant to germinate.
5. Water the plant. Make sure the soil is moist but not soaked.
6. Put the pot in a sunny spot.
7. Add water as needed and wait for your seed to germinate.

If you need any help or have any questions, you can check out books or use the computers at the library. You can also message the Victoria County Master Gardeners through our Facebook page.