

How to make seed starter pots using toilet paper rolls

As part of this activity, we use some or the other methods to grow seeds for planting. Sometimes we either invest in some containers or a place in our garden to grow the seeds. Most of the times we try to purchase plants to escape this process. Using items that are inexpensive and that we throw as waste, is not only economical and biodegradable but also an effective initiative of recycling the waste. Toilet paper rolls as seed starters is an ideal option of recycling the rolls. This method is very easy and a fun to do project for kids during their vacations. These rolls are biodegradable and can be planted directly into the soil and can be used to germinate plants indoors.

Things you'll need:

Scissors

Toilet paper rolls

Soil

Seeds

Water

Tape



Steps:

1. To start with, keep all your materials handy.
2. Take the toilet rolls. Each toilet paper roll makes two seed starters. Take the scissor and cut the toilet paper roll in horizontal direction, making it two halves.
3. Now you will have two short cylinders. Make four vertical incisions with the help of a razor of about one half inch on one side. This will serve as the bottom.
4. Gently fold the four flaps. Start by closing one flap. The next flap should go under the left it, while the right flap should go over. Repeat the same process to the other side of it. Do not reverse the pattern. After finishing this, you should get a wheel-like design with the bottom holding firmly to each other. Press them firmly together. Use tape to secure the bottom.
5. You can place the seed pots on a tray, plate, or plastic bowls.
6. If the rolls are not able to stand properly, support them by tying some thread around the whole group of pots.
7. Now it's time to fill the seed starters with planting soil. Moisten the soil and pot. Gently plant your seeds. Cover with more soil.
8. When the seed is ready to be transplanted into the soil, undo the bottom of the toilet paper roll and put the whole thing into the soil. The toilet paper is biodegradable and hence would not harm the plant in future.

Things to watch out for

Be careful while handling the scissor and knife.

Use a sprayer to moisten the soil. Do not plant seeds that require more amount of moisture as this can wet and destroy the roll.

