



Potato planting in a container or used compost bag

Grow your own tasty potatoes without any digging!

What you will need:

- A large container with drainage holes or a used compost bag
- A few larger stones (drainage material)
- Sprouted potatoes (these could be seed potatoes or some that you bought from a food shop)



Step One:

Select your container; you may like add a few stones at the bottom to help with drainage. If you are using a compost bag, turn this inside out.



Step Two:

Add compost to your container or bag so that it fills about a third of the space available.

Step Three:

Next pop in your sprouting potatoes or seed potatoes – place these shoot upwards.



Step Four:

Cover the potatoes with about 10 cm of compost.

Step Five:

You can place your container or bag in a sunny spot on a patio/paved area, on a balcony or in a corner of your garden. To help with drainage you can raise your container onto some bricks/pot supports. Water as necessary.

Step Six:

Once green leaves start to appear, you can add another layer of compost to your container. If you're using a used compost bag – simply unroll some of the top – add compost and re-secure. Keep 'earthing up' your potatoes when new leaves appear, until the danger of frost has past.



Step Seven:

'Earth up' right to the base of the leaves until your container/bag is almost full. The stems of the potato plant will grow longer and there will be more compost for the newly formed potatoes to grow in.

Step Eight:

As soon as the plant flowers – you can start harvesting! Dig into the compost with a trowel to make sure your potatoes are big enough. You can harvest a few and leave the rest to grow a little bigger.