

# MAKE YOUR OWN NEWSPAPER PLANTING POTS

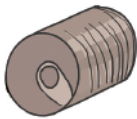
Making newspaper planting pots is a fun, easy activity that can also save costs in the garden! Newspaper is a great choice for planting pots, because it will eventually decompose in the garden. You can plant your seedlings into the garden with the newspaper cup still on. When planting help the roots spread more quickly by opening the bottom of the pot.



## Materials



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SOUP CAN



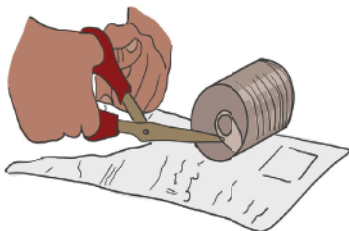
NEWSPAPER

Newspaper ink is vegetable-based and nontoxic. Try to avoid colour ink!

**WHAT ELSE CAN YOU RECYCLE TO USE FOR PLANTING POTS? BRAINSTORM A LIST WITH YOUR STUDENTS. THINK MILK CARTONS, EGG SHELLS, COFFEE CUPS AND MORE!**

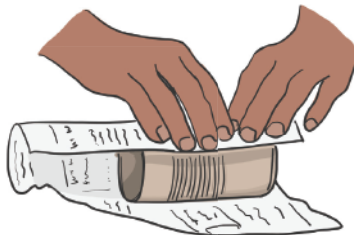
### 1. Fold and cut newspaper

CUT NEWSPAPER SPREAD INTO TWO PAGES. FOLD ONE PAGE IN HALF LENGTHWISE.



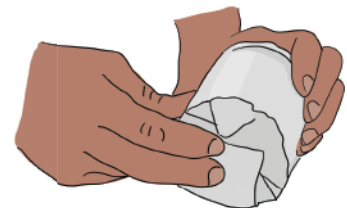
### 2. Roll newspaper around can

TIGHTLY ROLL NEWSPAPER AROUND CAN. LEAVE A PORTION OF THE CAN POKING OUT OF THE NEWSPAPER.



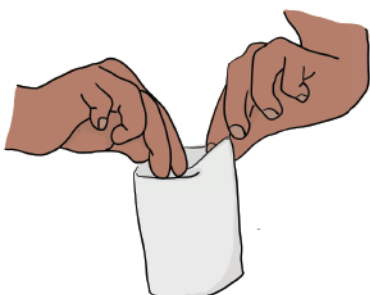
### 3. Fold ends down

HOLD THE SEAM AND FOLD ONE END OF THE NEWSPAPER DOWN. THIS HELPS TO 'LOCK' THE BOTTOM. TRY PRESSING THE BOTTOM AGAINST A TABLE SURFACE TO ENSURE HARD FOLDS.



### 4. Fold edges down

FOLD TOP EDGES OF THE CUP DOWN. THIS HELPS TO STABILIZE THE SEAM.



### 5. Ready to plant!

THE POT MAY SEEM A LITTLE UNSTABLE, BUT ONCE SOIL IS ADDED THE POT WILL STAND UP AND TAKE SHAPE.

