

Starter Garden

Here's a quick, easy, inexpensive way to start a garden (or get a jump on your Herbology class coming up this summer at the library!)

You will need:

Several toilet paper tubes
Ruler

Scissors
Packet of flower or vegetable seeds

Metal or plastic tray



1) Cut the toilet paper tubes in half so you have two circular portions.

2) Cut four half-inch slits across the tube from each other.

3) Fold each of the flaps into the center of the tube and back.

4) Fold one flap into the center and keep it there. Fold the flap next to it down on top of it. Repeat until you fold down all four flaps. Tuck the corner of the final flap under the edge of the first flap, forming a closed box shape. (This is the trickiest step).



5) Place the folded end on a table and push down gently to flatten the edges.

6) Place the cardboard cups on your tray and fill with dirt or potting soil. Plant one or two seeds in each cup. Follow the directions on the seed packet to start your plants.

Once the seedlings are large enough, you can just plant them and their container in a garden, window box, or large pot. The cardboard will decompose in the soil – no waste!

Instructions for this craft were inspired by this website:

<https://www.thriftyfun.com/Toilet-Paper-Tube-Seedling-Pots.html>. The page includes some 3rd party ads, so keep that in mind if you decide to visit.