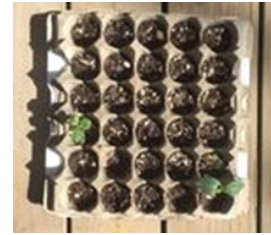




Learn how to reuse your large-capacity egg boxes to create a seed starter in 15 minutes or less.



### *You'll need:*

One or more two-piece 2-1/2 dozen egg cartons  
Scissors  
Planting mix  
Seeds

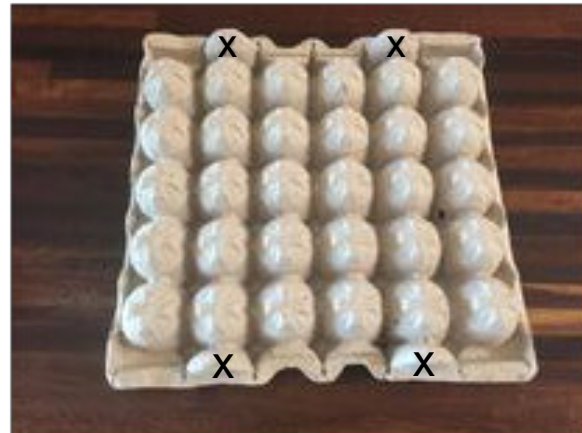
### *First*

Buy 2-1/2 dozen eggs packaged with a polystyrene top and molded paper bottom. Use the eggs and save the top [foam] and bottom [paper] parts of the package.



### *Next*

Lay the paper section over the foam section to identify the tabs that prevent a cozy nesting of the two parts. [Marked with X's] Trim off those 4 tabs from the paper section.



- ▶ Poke a small hole in the bottom of each paper "cup" for drainage.
- ▶ Nest paper section within foam section.
- ▶ Fill cups 1/2 to 3/4 full of seed starter mix. Add seeds. Spray or sprinkle with water.
- ▶ Water daily and keep warm at 60-80F.
- ▶ Once seedlings sprout, thin to 1 plant per cup. Protect from strong wind.
- ▶ When the seedlings have three to four true leaves, either cut the cups apart or carefully remove the plants to transplant them.
- ▶ Feed the plants once every week if the seedlings are pale green or yellowish green with a weak solution of a balanced, general-purpose liquid fertilizer [14-14-14 or 20-20-20]. Mix the solution at 1 tablespoon of fertilizer in 1 gallon of water.