



EGG CARTON ECO GARDEN GROW GUIDE



01) SUN, WATER, LOVE, REPEAT

Your tiny seeds are undergoing big changes! They need tender care. Cut off the top lid of your egg carton, and place a container/plate under your garden so water won't leak out. Place your garden in a sunny, indoor spot and water daily. Covering your garden with a clear plastic container or wrap can help keep the soil hydrated. Sprouts take 2-3 weeks, so patience is key!

02) HARDEN OFF

This sounds harsh, but "hardening off" your plants is a gardening term that means gently getting your indoor plants ready for the outdoors.

Begin this process by setting your seedlings outside for a couple hours a day, increasing their time outside over the course of a week or two.

Keep watering daily!

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03) PLANTING PARTY

Congratulations! It's time to plant your garden. Do this by cutting apart the plant "pots" (the egg sections), and gently tearing a hole in the bottom of each pot so the roots can grow out. Find a sunny/party sunny spot in your garden, dig a hole the size of each pot, and plant the pot containing a seedling right in! Space the pots about 8-12 inches apart. The egg carton pot will biodegrade with time.

04) MORE LOVE

Your new garden still needs your constant care. Continue watering if there is little rain. You can spread a light layer of mulch or leaves around your plants to keep the soil happy. You may need to cage your plants as young leaves make tasty snacks for critters.

05) 3 YEARS

It will take time for your eco garden to really take off. In the first year plants grow deep roots, then they creep in size, and by the third year they are thriving! Enjoy watching your new garden grow and delight pollinators and people alike.

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