

# STARTING PLANTS FROM SEED

## USING PEAT PELLETS



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Everything you need to start seeds at home is in this bag!

1. Place your peat pellet in a small plastic cup, pot, or other container that holds water. Add enough water to cover the pellet. Wait 10-15 minutes for the peat pellet to absorb the water.

2. With a sharpened pencil or similar object, loosen the top layer of peat in the center of the pellet. Sprinkle basil seeds on top. Only a few seeds per peat pellet are necessary. Water gently.

3. Keep moist and place in a warm, bright location. Seeds will sprout in several days.

4. In no time, you will have tasty seedlings! You can begin harvesting leaves once your plants have several sets of true leaves on them. Simply snip fresh leaves above the next set, leaving at least one set of true leaves on the plants.

5. When roots emerge from the outside of the pellet and there are several leaves on the plant, the basil can be transplanted into a larger pot or into the garden. Basil can be planted outside in late spring (once we're past the last frost date) and summer.



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