

Instructions

1. Preparation

- Buy certified 'seed' potatoes for best results; available from January onwards.
- Place them in a cool, frost-free but well lit spot for them to produce short strong shoots (chits).
- Prepare the planter by sliding the reinforcing strip into the top seam.
- Plant the tubers in the potato tubs once you can be sure that they will not be affected by sharp frosts; greenhouses and cold frames will allow you to make an early start.

2. Planting

- To plant, add 15cm of compost to a potato tub and space 2 or 3 tubers evenly on the compost, shoots uppermost.
- Add further compost to cover.
- When the shoots are growing strongly, further compost can be added but do not cover the plants.
- Repeat the process until the foliage is well above the tub rim; compost can be added up to 15cm (6in) below the rim.
- Keep the compost moist and add plant food for an improved harvest.
- Protect from frost at all times.

3. Harvesting

- Once the plant is in flower it is worth checking for your first new potatoes. You can reach into the tub via the side slits and harvest potatoes that are big enough, without damaging the plant and it will continue to produce more.