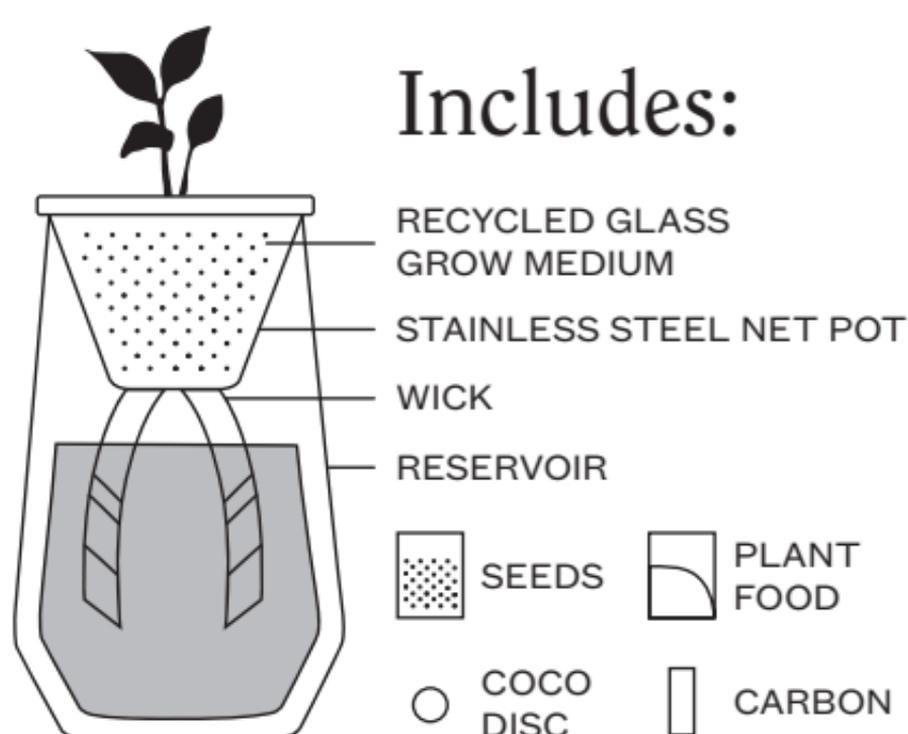


Hydro Planter

Indoor Grow Kit



Consider the time of year and your region's climate before starting this kit. This kit will thrive in temps between 65°F-75°F and with at least 6 hours of direct sunlight (an unobstructed south or west-facing window is best). Starting in Mar-Aug will provide longer days and thus optimal light. If starting during cooler months, consider supplementing with a grow light and keep in a warm area to stimulate seedlings to sprout.

Start Growing

1. Wash hands and remove all contents from the planter. **(Starting with clean hands prevents potential mold growth.)**
2. Pour 2 ½ cups of water into the planter. Don't overfill — water shouldn't touch the net pot.
3. Take the net pot and pull the wick loop up so that it's ½" below the top of the planter.
4. Pour the grow medium in the net pot, through and around the wick. Fill to ½" below the top of the planter. Under a faucet, slowly run warm water over the grow medium for 30 seconds.
5. Place the coco disc on top of the grow medium and sprinkle with water until disc is fully expanded. Gently spread the coco on top of the grow medium and pour carbon evenly over the coco.
6. Insert the net pot back into the planter.
7. Sprinkle on the seeds and push them just below the surface of the grow medium. **If growing mint, don't push seeds below surface — mint seeds need sun to germinate.**
8. Place in a warm and sunny window. Until sprouts pop, check coco daily and make sure it's **slightly** damp. If not, spray with a **little** water.

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9. Once sprouts develop, empty the water from the planter. Dissolve $\frac{1}{8}$ **tsp plant food** in 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups water. Pour $\frac{1}{2}$ cup directly thru the net pot, carefully around sprouts. Remove the net pot and pour the remaining solution directly into the planter.

Occasionally lift the net pot to determine if the planter needs a refill. If so, repeat step 9.

Growing On

Seeds take 5-21 days to sprout, depending on the seed type. For herb kits, your plants will be ready to start harvesting in 2-3 months. Continuous harvesting of herbs and deadheading of flowers will encourage bushy plants and greater yields. For long term growth, continue to use a water soluble plant food and follow its instructions.

Some seeds may fail to germinate (this is nature). If sprouts don't appear in 2-3 weeks, the seeds may have been planted too deep, the grow medium is too dry or too wet, or the temps are too low. In dry climates or during cooler months, consider creating a greenhouse effect by placing a plastic bag over the planter. Punch a few holes for ventilation. Remove the bag once sprouts are 1-2" tall.

The coco retains moisture needed for seed germination. The carbon is included to prevent mold from developing — it conditions the grow medium and manages moisture. If the coco develops mold then it is too wet. Gently remove the mold and move the planter to a dry, well-ventilated location with direct sunlight.

If sprouts appear weak and spindly, there is either not enough light or temps are not in the optimal range. Try a different location or consider supplementing with a grow light. During the outdoor growing season you can place the planter outside, just make sure the reservoir doesn't flood.

If temps outside drop below 55°F, remove planter from window to prevent cold damage.

Your Hydro Planter is designed to be reused! To replant, gently rinse the grow medium and the net pot. Add new seeds and use soil or coco to help the seeds germinate. Use a water soluble plant food and follow its instructions. You can also transplant potted plants into the net pot.

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