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I know it is getting kind of late in the season to start seeds indoors but the way the weather is going up here in the Northland of Wisconsin I don't know, we may not be able to

plant outdoors for quite a while, so the “4 Seed Starting Indoor Pots,” may not be too premature.

One thing that is always needed for growing any type of plant is SUN, and as the forecast looks right now we have rain, ice & snow in our forecast for a few days in a row, so that sunshine needed for making any plants grow is going to be hidden behind those clouds!!

I am a saver so I decided trying to start some of those plants indoors this year is my way to save money, so I am hoping the “4 Seed Starting Indoor Pots” will work out well for me. I really don't like buying those 4 paks of seedlings when I only need 2, so I decided to start my Cilantro indoors and then I can use what I want to use, plus I am going to start some flower plants too because I wants lots & lots of Zinnias today. Did you know that Zinnas have some benefits in your garden, like they deter beetles and tomato worms. Come back for some flower growing tips and benefits in another post.

Use seed starting mix, a good quality mix, I purchased, Jiffy, Natural & Organic Seed Starting Mix, at Walmart, it was very inexpensive. The plants need 12-16 hours of light for the best growth, you can place them in a window that gets plenty of sunshine or under a grow light. Also keep the soil well watered, but not drenched, using a misting spray bottle works well, let your soil dry out just a bit between watering to insure they don't mold.

Once the seedlings start to grow they may need to be repotted in larger containers before being planted in the garden. Also all plants to a hardening time, so gradually introduce them to the outdoors, leave them for a couple of hours at a time, this will introduce them to the sun, wind, rain and other conditions.

It is a good idea to plant extra seeds, can't always count on every seed to sprout. You can also start more seeds every 6

weeks that way you can plant more later on and will give you a continual supply, that is especially true for flowers, always nice to have more flowers. Make sure to follow the planting instructions on the seed packet some can be very specific.



Zinnias

So the “4 Seed Starting Indoor Pots,” are:

- Toilet Paper Rolls (empty ones obviously).
- Newspaper.
- Egg Shells.
- Egg Cartons.

1. Toilet Paper Rolls: What a low cost way to start seeds, they are also biodegradable so right from the indoors to the garden. Fill the toilet paper tubes with the soil then plant your seeds and mist the soil. The following

link will show how to prepare the paper rolls.

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/182044009917801530/>



Toilet Paper Rolls



Folding Toilet Roll

2. Newspaper Seed Pot: Making these pots only takes a few minutes and there you have pots that can go right from indoors to the garden the newspaper decomposes naturally. The following link will show you how to fold the newspaper.

[http://lindycottagehill.blogspot.com/2011/03/recycled-newspaper-pots\\_19.html](http://lindycottagehill.blogspot.com/2011/03/recycled-newspaper-pots_19.html)



Forming newspaper pots



Folded newspaper pot.

3. Egg Shells: Not only are these so easy to use eggshells are full of useful minerals. Also the shells slowly dissolve and boost your seedlings growth and health. I am fortunate to have a friend that has chickens that produce some extra large eggs so I have really nice sized shells. Start with clean eggshells, use an egg carton, fill the shells with seed-starting soil. Plant your seeds, moisten with a fine mist and then moisten every couple of days. When the seedlings have developed and are ready for planting crush the eggshell and plant into either a larger container or ground.

4. Egg Carton Greenhouse: What a great concept, I am anxious to see how this little greenhouse works. Poke a small hole in each dimple of the carton for water drainage, then fill each egg pocket with the seed-starting soil, mist with water and mist regularly to keep moist but not soaked. I placed my carton in a clear plastic bag and sealed up, making it a little tent, then place it in a sunny spot.



Egg Carton with Egg Shells.

So there you have it on your way to starting a garden! Some of you in warmer parts of the country have already planted your garden, but you can still start seedlings indoors to plant later in the season for those Winter Gardens.

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