

What if I don't want it to start growing yet?

That's not a problem. As long as your fruiting block is not pink oyster, you can just remove it from its shipping box and place it in the refrigerator. It will stay dormant for up to a few weeks. If you have a pink oyster fruiting block, it is very sensitive to cold, so you need to make sure it stays above about 35 degrees F, ideally around 40 degrees F, and limit its refrigeration time to no more than about two weeks.

When you're ready for your fruiting block to start growing, just take it out of the fridge and follow the directions as if it had just arrived in the mail.