

SEED STARTING INSTRUCTIONS

PLANTING YOUR SEEDS

- 1. Fill each cell in the tray with the included seed starting mix. Use your hands to lightly pack the mix into each cell. Save a small amount for covering the seeds in the last step.
- 2. Insert bottom trays onto cell trays and lightly water from above to moisten seed starting mix. Repeat this 3-4 times to ensure moisture has gone all the way through and the soil cell is completely moist. Water should be dripping from the bottom of the trays.
- **3.** Make a small indentation in the center of each cell. Refer to the back of your seed packet or the product page at **hosstools.com** for correct planting depth. Starting seeds too deep can prevent or delay germination.
- **4.** Place one seed per indentation and very lightly cover with the remaining seed starting mix from step 1. If included, attach the clear humidity dome to the tray and wait for seedlings to emerge.

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ONCE SEEDLINGS EMERGE

- **1.** Once at least half of the seedlings emerge, remove the humidity dome. It is vital to keep the soil moist moving forward to ensure good germination. Water 1-2 times a day or if the soil looks dry.
- **2.** Seedlings will be delicate so lightly water from the top initially. Once the roots reach the bottom of the cell, fill the reservoir tray and let plants absorb water from the roots.
- **3.** Once seedlings form their second set of leaves, called true leaves, fertilize once a week using the included blue 20-20-20 fertilizer. Mix 1 scoop per gallon of water and water from above.
- **4.** Seedlings are ready for transplant once they can easily be removed from the trays by gently tugging on the stem.



SEED STARTING TIPS & TRICKS

In cooler climates or seasons, we *highly* recommend using a heat mat to make sure soil stays warm enough for seeds to germinate. To regulate the temperature for the heat mat and and ensure proper germination, a heat mat thermostat is also ideal.









The seed starting mix included with your kit has Perlite in the mix but adding extra to the tops of your seeds when starting them helps to retain moisture and aids in good germination. The Dramm Watering Can helps to gently water your delicate seedlings so they don't get damaged.





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If you're using a grow light kit, be sure that the lights are directly above the plants, almost touching them. Adjust the lights up as the seedlings grow. The Sunblaster Light Timer will help make sure seeds and seedlings can get the maximum amount of light possible.







