



HERE'S HOW TO DO IT!

Growing a tree from seed is fun and easy — so easy even our pet tree wolf, Sequoia, can do it! Just follow along with Sequoia as these simple instructions lead you, step-by-step, through the amazing process of germinating your seed and growing your tree! You can start this kit anytime, but it's

usually easiest to grow trees in harmony with the natural cycle of the seasons, so we recommend starting in Springtime. Enjoy!





First, remove the clear top cap from your "mini-greenhouse," and empty the bag of soil into the bottom.



Next, gently add water until the soil is well-saturated.





Time to sow your seeds! Carefully open your little bag of seeds.



Now, open your pouch of white pebbles.

Pour all of the seeds into the center of the minigreenhouse — right on top of the wet soil. Sowing multiple seeds gives you a great chance for success!



Pour the pebbles evenly over the seeds and soil. Then, replace the top cap of your mini-greenhouse.



Now, you are ready to play a little trick on your seeds, imitating nature in a process called "cold stratification." Place your mini-greenhouse into the refrigerator, and leave it there for 20 days. Time in the cold, damp environment of the fridge provides a kind of "winter" for your seeds which prepares them for germination.



After 20 days, remove the mini-greenhouse from the refrigerator, and place it near a sunny window or in some other WARM place. The rapid transition from cold to warm environment gives the seeds a "change of weather" that breaks their dormancy. To your seeds, warmth and humidity are springtime's invitation to wake up and grow!



Now, sit back and enjoy watching the life of your tree begin! Water as needed to keep your seeds moist — but not soggy — and in 15-45 days, germination will occur. If you are fortunate enough to have multiple sprouts, gently remove the smaller sprouts, transplanting them to small pots. Newly-sprouted trees should be kept in moderate temperatures, given plenty of gentle light, and allowed to dry-out somewhat between waterings. When your tree reaches about an inch tall, remove the top cap of its mini-greenhouse for ventilation.



Once your tree grows to the top of its mini-greenhouse, it's time to transplant it to a larger container. For best results, use well-draining potting soil, a 2-10 gallon container, and a time-release fertilizer, such as OsmocoteTM.



When your tree outgrows its container, it's ready for a permanent place in the landscape. Select a sunny location with good drainage, at least 12 feet from buildings, power lines, and other trees. Use fertilizer when transplanting.

Nurture your tree as it grows! Keep it in a sunny location, protect it from extreme temperatures, and water it only when the soil looks and feels almost completely dry. A happy tree can grow more than 1 foot each year!



Enjoy your tree - a loyal friend for life!

