

Eggshell Seed Starter

You will need:

- Eggshells
- Egg carton
- Potting soil
- Seeds
- Small planter
- Nail or tack

Optional:

Plastic baggie

Directions:

1. Poke a small hole using a nail or tack in the bottom half or larger piece of eggshell for drainage. Place your eggshell in a carton to keep it from rolling around.



2. Fill eggshells with potting soil.



3. Make a hole in the middle of the soil with your finger and place a seed into the hole. Cover the seed with soil and water.



4. Place the seeds in a sunny location. You can place the cartons in a plastic baggie to make a "greenhouse" which will not require as much watering as the seeds without the baggie.



5. Once your seed has sprouted and outgrowing the shell, plant the whole eggshell and seedling in a larger planter or in your garden. The eggshell will break down giving nutrients to your new plant!



6. Show us your seedlings on our Facebook page "Adventures in EdZOOcation" or tag the North Carolina Zoo at #NCZOO or #NCZOOED.