



GETTING STARTED

TRAY ASSEMBLY

1. Lay the folded tray on a table, with the flanges facing down.
2. Bend one end up, then bend one side up. Where they come together at the corner, the clasp (three oblong holes) has to hold onto the edge of the short side. To help this, raise the projecting end of the top flange on the short side and slide it endwise until it slips over the end of the flange on the long side.

3. Push the edge of the short side into the clasp – it will snap together. Repeat at each corner.



BOOK ASSEMBLY

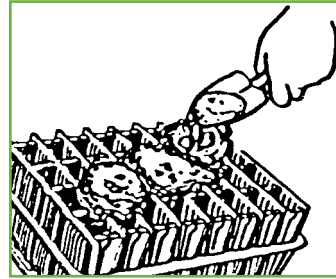
1. Fold each Rootrainers book together until all the corners align. (They're called books because they open like a book.)



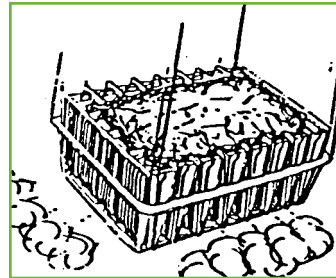
2. Place each folded book snugly into the Rootrainers tray.

GROWING WITH ROOTRAINERS

1. Fill the cells with potting soil.



2. Gently drop the tray to force soil into the cell bottoms. Fill and repeat until the cells are filled to the top.

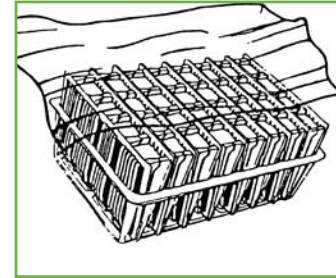


3. Wet soil thoroughly.

4. Sow one seed in each cell.



5. Cover the tray with clear plastic wrap and place in warm, lighted location.

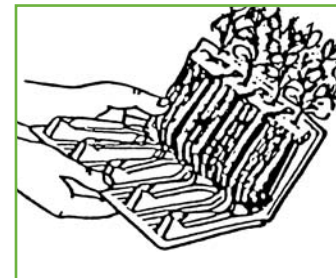


6. Remove wrap as soon as seeds begin to germinate.

7. Water and fertilize normally. Remember that tray bottoms are open.

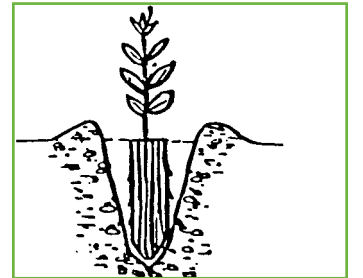
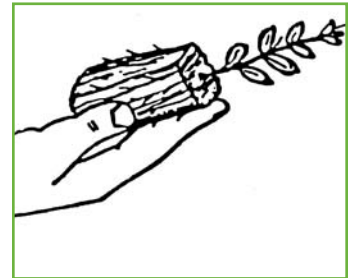


8. Monitor soil moisture and root growth by opening the Rootrainers. They are hinged like a book for easy opening.



9. When roots emerge from the drainage holes, elevate the Rootrainers tray to ensure that air reaches the drainage holes. This is called "air pruning" and signals the plant to start growing new roots. The more roots, the healthier the transplant.

10. When plants are ready for transplanting, remove each book from the tray and open it up. Slide seedlings out. Because fine root hairs are not damaged, Rootrainers-grown plants do not experience an initial no-growth period after transplanting.



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