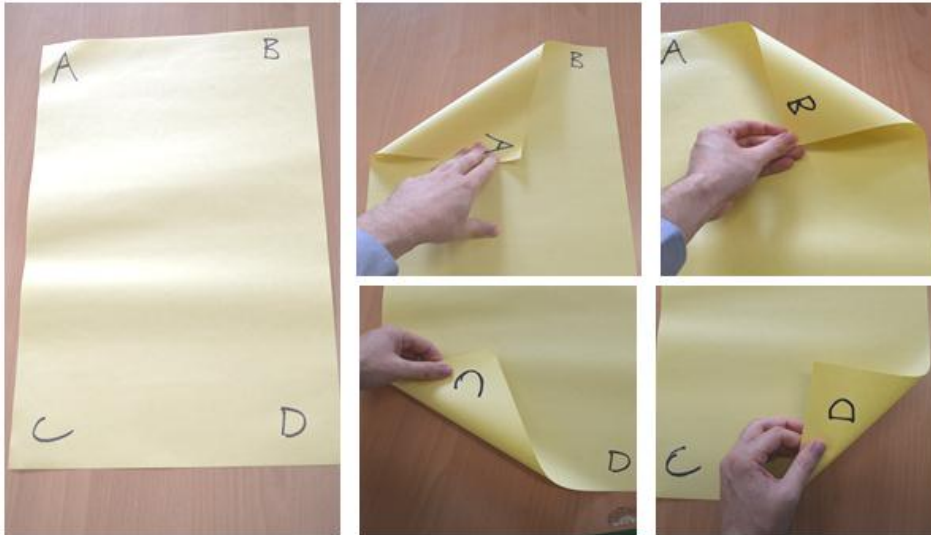


Make your own biodegradable plant pot

This activity involves creating your own biodegradable newspaper plant pot and planting a seed of your choice to take home. All you will need is half a sheet of newspaper.

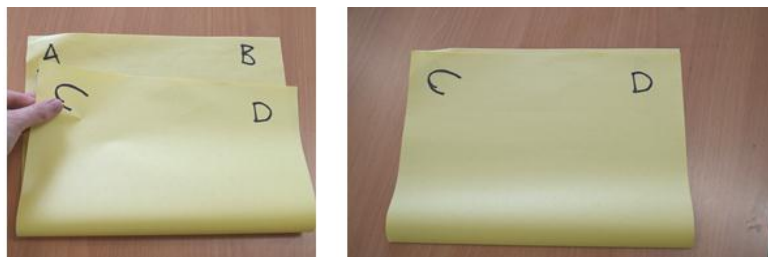
Step 1

Start by labelling your sheet **A**, **B**, **C** and **D** on each corner and on both sides as shown below.



Step 2

Fold the sheet in half by taking corners **C** and **D** over the top of **A** and **B**. Crease firmly.



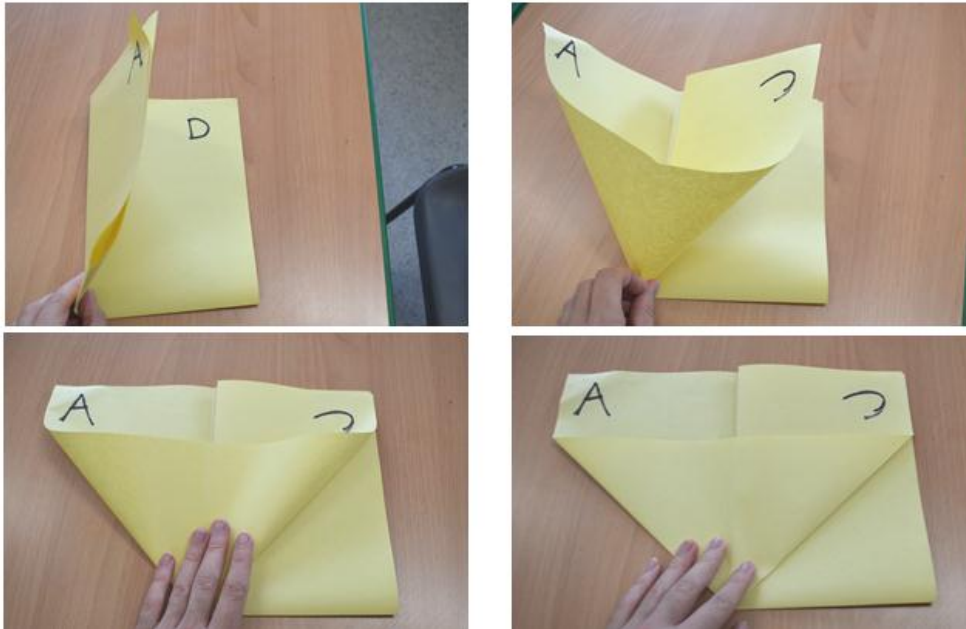
Step 3

Fold the sheet into a quarter; by taking corner **C** over the top of **D**. Corner **A** should be facing up.



Step 4

Lift up side **A** again, where you just made the fold. Where the corners of **A** and **C** are touching, separate them and fold this section out to make a triangular shape, as shown below. Crease firmly along the sides, from the bottom corner of the triangle.



Step 5

Take corner **C** on the right and turn from right to left, over corner **A**.



Step 6

Lift up side **D**. Where corner **D** and **B** are touching, flatten from the corner outwards, to make the triangular shape again – exactly as we did in step 4.



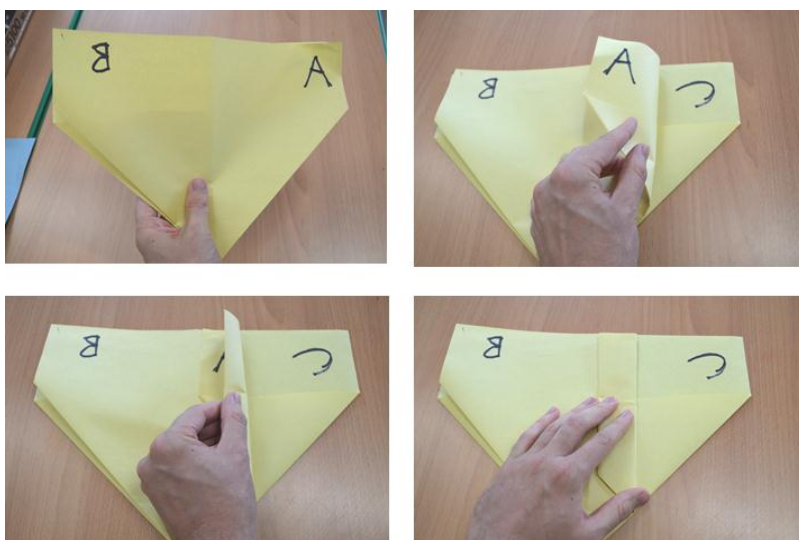
Step 7

Take corner **D** on the left and turn to the right, over corner **B**.

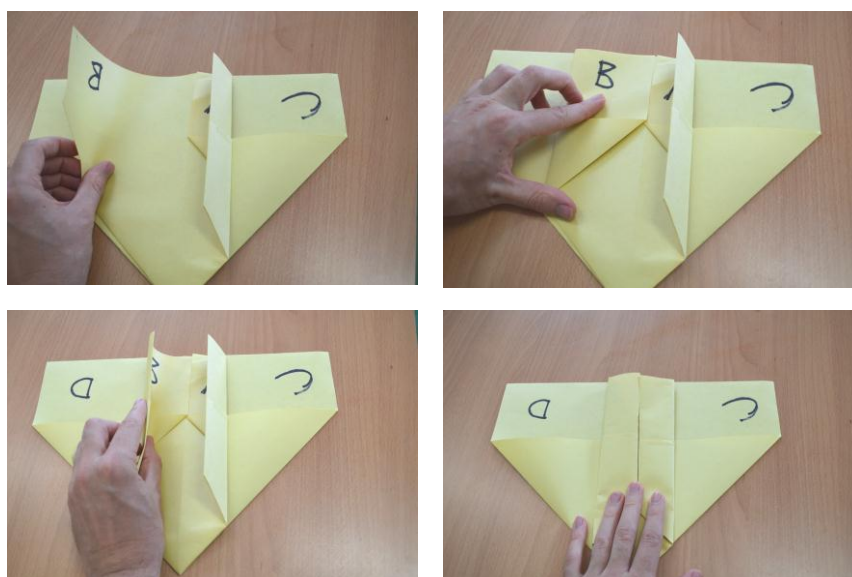


Step 8

Flip your triangle over so corners **A** and **B** are facing up. Take the flap where corner **A** is and fold it into the centre of the triangle. You will need to now fold flap **A** in half again, towards the centre of the triangle. See below.



Repeat step 8 again, but this time with corner **B** on the left hand side. See below.



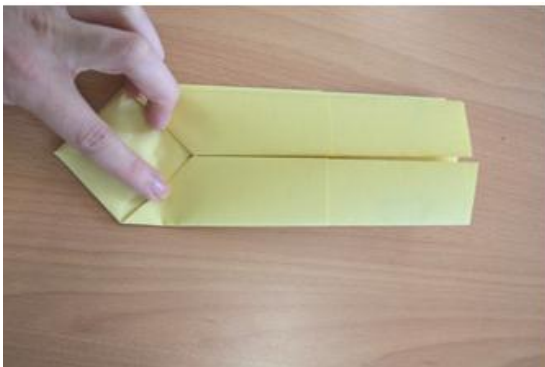
Flip the triangle over to corners **C** and **D** are facing up. Repeat step 8 again for corner **C**.



And finally repeat step 8 again for corner **D**..



You should now have something that looks a bit like this..



Step 9

Fold the top of one side over, to form a flap.



Flip the piece of paper over to repeat on the other side, to make a second flap.



Step 10

All of the folds have been completed. Open the paper outwards from the middle and shape to create your pot.

Fill half way up to two-thirds with soil. Plant your seed and label with a plant marker.

Newspaper pots are very eco-friendly. Once your saplings are ready to plant outdoors, you can place the whole pot into the soil. It will take around 8 weeks to biodegrade.



