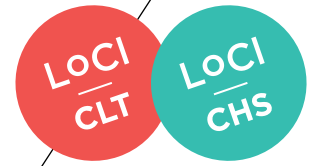


## MAKER KIT



# PATIO PLANTER



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### MATERIALS

- Compost-Soil Mixture
- Seeds and Seedling
- Planter Pots
- Plastic Jugs or Containers  
*(such as Milk or Juice Jugs, Yogurt Containers, Peanut Butter Containers, etc.)*
- Aluminum cans  
*(Empty Soup Cans)*
- Tea Kettles
- Paints and Paint Brushes/Foam Brushes (optional)

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Find a pot or pots to plant your seeds in. Wash the container you've selected as your planter.
2. Optional: Decorate the outside of the pot with paints or markers. Make sure not to paint any part of the pot or planter where the paint will come into contact with the soil. Let the paint or markers dry.
3. Fill the pot(s)  $\frac{2}{3}$  full with soil. Sprinkle seeds onto the soil, and cover the seeds with more soil. The pot should be  $\frac{3}{4}$  full when the seeds are covered with soil.
4. Sprinkle the soil with water, just until the soil is wet on top. Place the pot on a windowsill or outside on a step or patio. Follow the instructions on the enclosed seed pack for caring for your plant.

### **Additional Patio Planting Activities**

You can continue to grow your patio garden using other pots or creative household items you may have on hand. If you are growing food to be eaten, check that the item is food-grade. Examples of containers that would be food grade include: tea kettles, bowls, coffee mugs, or drinking cups. Examples of seeds or seedlings of edible plants that are easy to grow at home include: lettuce, herbs, greens, green peas, green onion roots, or garlic cloves. Follow the directions on the package of whichever seeds you are growing.

If you want to grow flowers or plants that will not be eaten, you can get even more creative with the types of containers that you use for planting. Examples of containers to repurpose include: a hanging shoe organizer, old toy trucks, old tires, garden pails and buckets, empty candle holders, crates, or watering cans. Examples of seeds that are easy to grow in a home garden include: marigolds, pansies, nasturtiums, or sunflowers. Follow the directions on the package of whichever seeds you are growing.