

BOOMbox at Home

Plant a Pizza Garden



Planting a pizza garden is a great way to get children interested in gardening and healthy eating. Get a jump on your outdoor garden by starting seeds indoors and transplanting seedlings after the last frost. You also can grow herbs indoors all year.

Supplies

Here is what you will need to start seeds:

- small containers at least 2-3" deep, with holes in the bottom; yogurt or applesauce cups, clay pots, or plastic drinking glasses are all good options.
- a tray without holes to hold the small containers
- craft sticks and marker or pen to label containers
- potting soil
- spray bottle
- seeds of choice including basil, parsley, oregano, tomato, and peppers

Instructions

- Make sure your containers have a small drainage hole at the bottom.
- Fill each small container with potting soil nearly to the top.
- Use your finger to poke a hole in the middle of the soil.
- Put in a few seeds and cover the hole loosely with soil.
- Place pots into a tray and find a warm, sunny location, maybe a windowsill.
- Keep the soil moist, but don't over water.

Moving it Outside

When you move seedlings outside, here's a rough idea for how much space to allow between plants. Check your seed packets for specific information.

- Tomatoes: 2 feet apart for bushes, 3 feet if they grow on vine
- Peppers: 18 to 24 inches apart
- Onions: 6 inches apart
- Basil: 8 to 18 inches apart, depending on type
- Oregano: 12 to 36 inches apart, depending on type

What will you learn today?