The Tattie Tub

Growing potatoes in bags, barrels or tubs

Growing potatoes this way is easy and great fun

Its great if you are short of space or want to protect your crop from slugs!

It's a good way of getting kids to garden

What you'll need

- Any large **bag, tub or pot 20-60cm** (18"-24")diameter With drainage holes. We sometimes use a 50 litre bag of compost – tip ot the compost into a spare pot and turn the bag inside o9ut to reveal the black inside and then just use as for other bags/pots (see over)
- 3 – 5 **seed potatoes** for each bag/tub – 1st early or salad varieties are our preference
- A good quality compost, we recommend Arthurs Bowers **Multipurpose with added John Innes** or the organic peat free **New Horizon Multipurpose** 50 litre bags
- Liquid fertiliser – **Tomorite** or **Maxicrop Complete Garden Feed** to add to the water as per instructions (see over)

Then all you'll need is a good sunny place to sit your bag and a watering can at the ready!
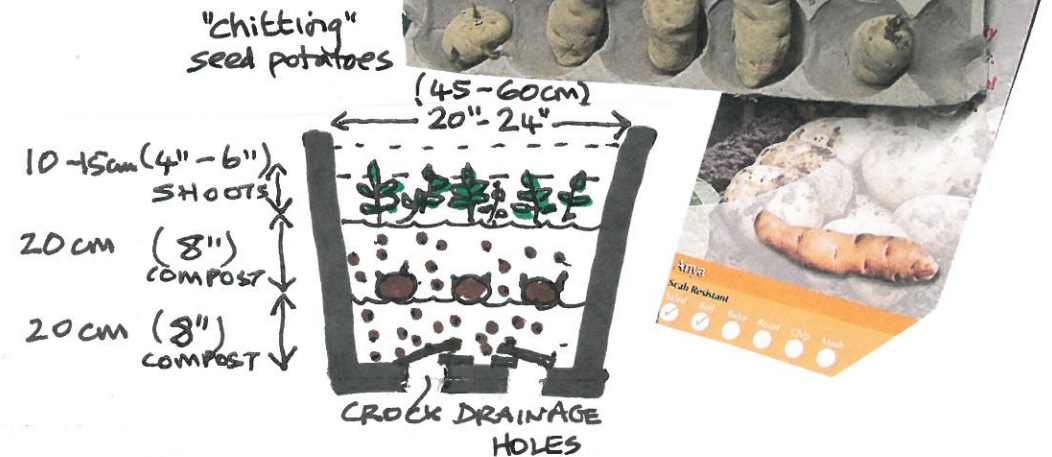
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How to...

"chitting" seed potatoes

(45-60cm) 20"- 24"

10 -15cm (4"- 6") SHOOTS

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CROCK DRAINAGE HOLES

- Use **3·5** seed potatoes per bag/pot. Chit them first in a light frost free place, planting when shoots about 1-2cm long, although this process can be missed out.
- Put 20cm (8") compost (any good multipurpose potting compost) in tub, place potatoes and cover with 20cm compost. When shoots are! 2 cm high cover with more compost, repeating till you get the tub filled up.
- It is critical to protect the young shoots from FROST. So don't start the potatoes off before mid-March, or start off in a cool greenhouse.
- Water regularly, whenever the surface of the compost starts to dry.
- Feed after 6 weeks with a liquid feed like **Tomorite**.
- When flowers appear you can start cropping.... Try teasing your hands down through the compost to pick your first few potatoes, leaving the rest to swell!
- **New Potatoes for Christmas** keep some seed potatoes chitting until late June. Plant them late-June/early-July. The 'shaws' (leaves) will die down in the autumn but keep them in bags until Christmas to store and protect from slugs. Check before the shops shut on Christmas Eve in case the crop is not sufficient for your table!