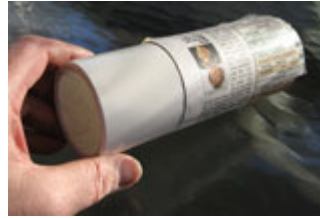




1. For the 2 1/4" pot form, tear or cut a piece of newspaper to about 9" x 11", then fold the paper lengthwise to 4 1/2" x 11".



2. Align the folded edge of the paper to the etched mark.



3. Roll the paper onto the cylinder but not too tightly. Tape the joint to hold it while you continue.



4. Tuck the overlapping paper up into the tube.



5. You should now have something like this.



6. Turn the cylinder with the paper down onto your work surface and insert the compression cylinder.



7. Slide the compression cylinder down.



8. Smush down on the compression tube to flatten the bottom .



9. Your pot is complete. If you have a lot of pots to make, you might want to make the other pots before filling them.



10. Loosely fill the tube with soil. If you have a bag of premixed soil, stick the whole tube/ pot down into the bag to fill. Pre-wetting the mix helps.



11. Insert the compression cylinder and press the moistened soil down into the pot.



12. You may need to make minor adjustments to the amount of soil and water you add.



13. Press down hard on the cylinder, to help remove the air pockets from the seed starting mix.



14. Continue to push down on the compression cylinder while you twist and raise the pot form. A PERFECTLY filled pot.

Here is a hint:
After you have filled the pot with soil and compressed it well, twist the compression cylinder to loosen any stuck soil. Continue to apply pressure with the compression cylinder as you raise the pot cylinder form. This helps to keep the soil compacted and push the soil to the edges of the pot. Wipe the outside of the pot-form if it is wet.

Don't wrap the paper around the pot-form too tightly or it will be difficult to remove the pot-form cylinder. Have fun.