

Avocado Plant

Growing an avocado plant indoors is just a matter of coaxing its pit to root and sprout. It won't bear fruit, but you'll have a cute little new houseplant for free. Here's how to get one started.

YOU WILL NEED

- Ripe avocado
- Measuring stick
- Jar
- 3 toothpicks

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Once you've finished eating your avocado, hang onto the pit. Rinse and dry the pit so that it's free of any residue.
- 2 Choose a jar that's large enough to fit the pit. Fill with water nearly to the brim. Next, locate the broad end of the pit. This will be the side that points down into the water.
- 3 Place the toothpicks so about 3 centimetres of the avocado pit is submerged in the water. These will suspend the pit from the rim of the jar and help it stay level.
- 4 Be sure to avoid direct sunlight. A window sill is pretty ideal. Your pit should start to sprout roots and a stem in two to six weeks.
- 5 If you don't see any growth by eight weeks, start over with another pit. Once the stem reaches 15 centimetres tall, cut it back by half. When the roots have grown thick and the stem has leaves again, plant in soil in a pot about 25 centimetres in diameter, leaving half the seed still exposed above the soil.
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