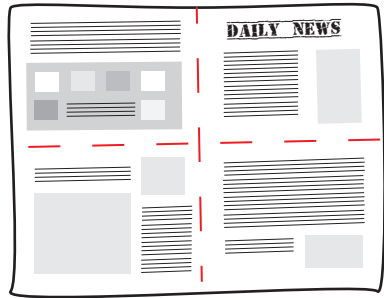


Origami Seed Starter Pots

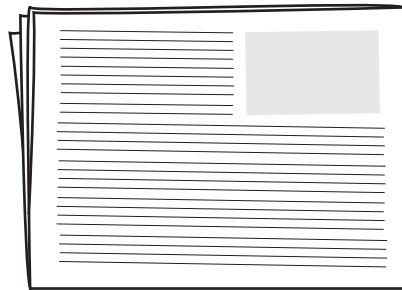
Here is a fun eco-friendly activity for you, your family, students and gardeners of all ages to try. Convert old newspapers into containers for starting plants from seeds. You can save money, be kind to the environment and use your crafting skills. *Adapted from handout provided by Gerry Nelson, Cowitz County Master Gardener.*



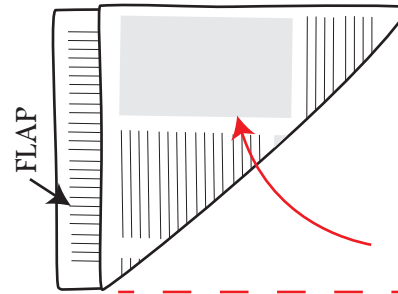
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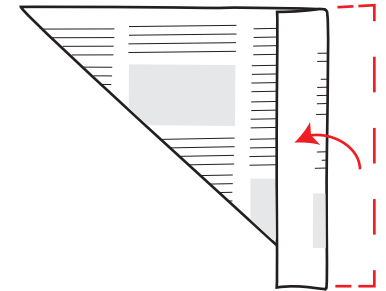
1. Fold a single sheet of newspaper in half & then in half again.



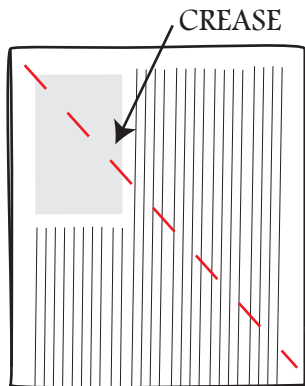
2. Lay paper on table with folds at bottom and right.



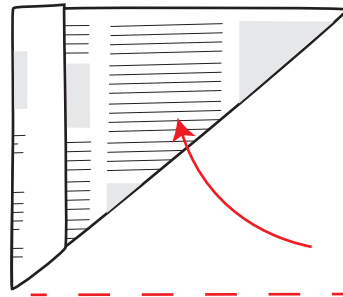
3. Fold bottom right corner to top edge & crease.



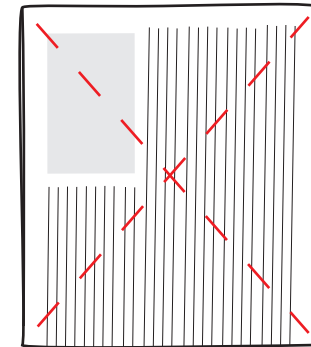
4. Turn paper over & fold flap on top.



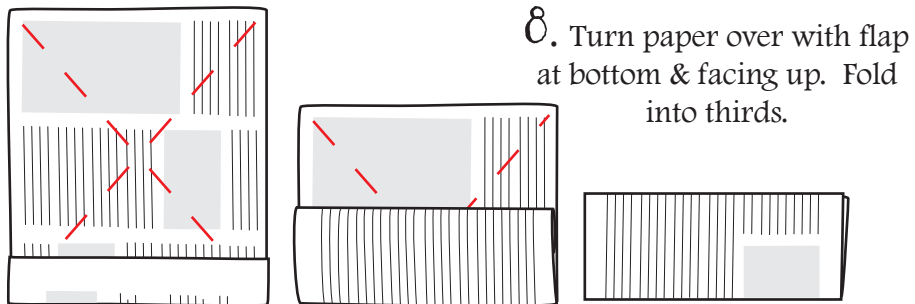
5. Turn paper over, unfold with flap at bottom & underneath.



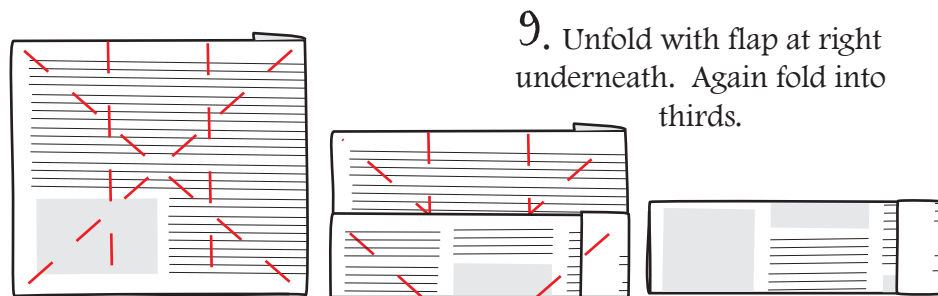
6. Fold bottom right corner to upper left corner & crease.



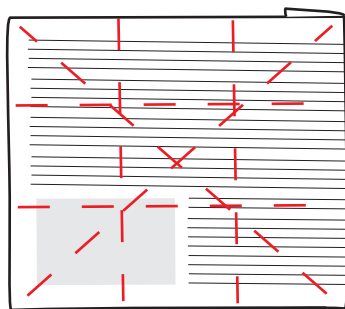
7. Unfold top triangle with flap underneath & at bottom. There will now be two diagonal creases.



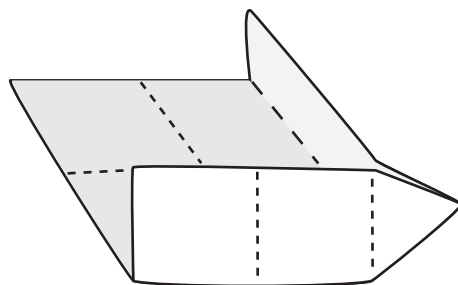
8. Turn paper over with flap at bottom & facing up. Fold into thirds.



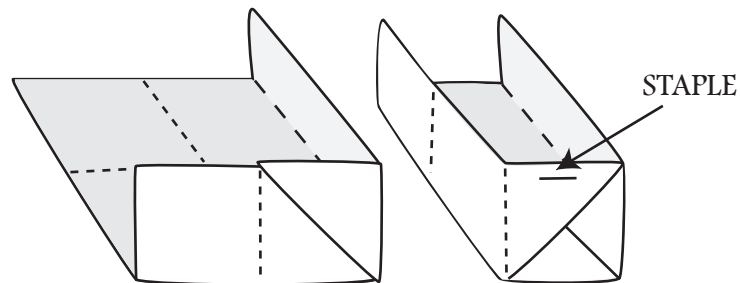
9. Unfold with flap at right underneath. Again fold into thirds.



10. Unfold with flap at right underneath. There should now be 6 crease lines.

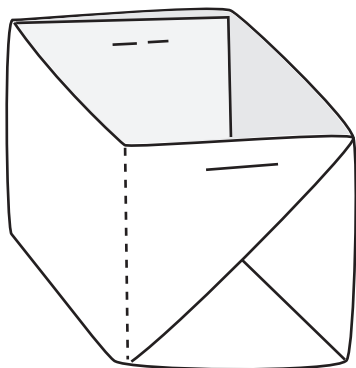


11. Bend lower 3rd section upright along the crease line. Bend right 3rd section upright forming two sides of a box.



12. Fold triangular end piece to the left against the end of the box. Staple all 3 end pieces together.

Turn box around, fold flap side in first and then the other side and staple.



The finished box should look like this!

Once the pots are complete, fill the pots with a well-drained potting mix or seed starting mix and set in a shallow container. Then simply plant hardened off transplants in the garden, pot and all, once the danger of frost has passed. The newspaper pot will decompose allowing the plant's roots to explore the surrounding soil. This reduces transplant shock and the hassle of managing plastic pots.