

Growing Potatoes in a Bucket - (for Christmas)

What do we need to start?

Seed potatoes (any potato can be used but there are special varieties too)

Bucket or similar container with drainage holes

Growing compost or soil and a frost-free area with plenty of light



1. The bucket or container must have drainage holes to prevent waterlogging. For winter potatoes you need to plant in August or early September and as the autumn progresses protect the growing plant from frost.
2. Half fill the bucket with compost/soil, make it firm and place one or two potatoes near the edge so they are just covered, then give them a good watering. As the potato starts to sprout carefully place more compost/soil around the sprouts so that are just covered each time. Keep doing this until the bucket is almost full.
3. Let the plant grow naturally in plenty of light with regular watering - but do not over water. If the plant is kept warm and comfortable you can have potatoes for Christmas.