

Early Pea Wigwam

Grow peas in 12 weeks - sow in March and harvest in June.

Ideal for growing in a school term.

What you will need:

- Peas choose an 'early' variety e.g. 'Meteor' (check seed packet)
- Compost good quality multi purpose compost
- Small pots make paper pots or available from shops e.g. Poundland
- Trays/containers to hold small pots
- Large container/planter with holes in bottom for drainage
- Canes/twigs to create wigwam/support growing plants
- String to tie canes together



Step 1. March



Sow peas into small pots Fill pots 7/8 full of compost, place one pea in each, using finger press pea approx. 2cm into the compost tap side of pot to cover pea with compost. Water the pots, keep moist and in a cool, light environment until they begin to shoot.



Step 2. April

Potting on the pea plants When the pea shoots develop 4-6 leaves plant them into a larger container or into the ground.

Fill the container 4/5 full of compost. Place the paper pea pots on top of the compost leaving 10cm between each plant. Fill the gaps between the pots with compost. Water the container. Push in 3-4 canes/twigs and tie together to form a wigwam to support the growing peas.

Place outside in a sunny, sheltered position. Keep moist.



Step 3. June

Harvest the peas
Eat them straight from the pod!



The pea flowers are fertilised by insects and pea pods will form. Hold pods up to the light to see the peas inside!