

Navigating Nature in Your Classroom

Newspaper Pot

Discover how to help your students fall in love with nature! Nature is important to children's development in every major way – intellectually, emotionally, socially, spiritually and physically. Learn new techniques to help create meaningful connections between your students and the natural world.

Materials Needed

- 1) Newspaper
- 2) Mason jar or cup
- 3) Scissors
- 4) Paper Pot Maker is another option

Activity Procedure

- 1) Cut sheets of newspaper into half or thirds, depending on the size of pot you want to make.
- 2) Align your mason jar or cup with the newspaper so that a few inches of paper are above the opening of the cup. Roll the newspaper so it circles the cup.
- 3) Push the sides of the paper that are above the cup opening inside, so they are wrapped around the lip of the cup.
- 4) Flip it over and remove the cup gently while keeping the pot's shape.
- 5) Use the bottom of the cup to reinforce the pot's bottom by inserting it inside the newspaper pot. Tamp down the inverted ends, so it seals the bottom.
- 6) Remove the glass and admire the finished pot.
- 7) Add soil and seeds to pot. When they reach the size for transplanting outside, they can be placed directly into your garden. This will also alleviate root disruption for healthy, happy seedlings!

More Information

More information on this activity can be found [here](#).