

Sowing Seeds

S5. Tools and equipment

Below is a glossary of tools and equipment commonly used for seed sowing. Read the glossary then label the pictures.

Glossary of Seed-Sowing Tools and Equipment

biodegradable materials

Materials that can be broken down (decomposed) by bacteria in the soil. Many recycled materials are also biodegradable. Using biodegradable materials is good for the environment.

compost scoop

Tool for easily filling containers with potting compost. You can make your own compost scoop by cutting the top from an old 1-2 litre plastic bottle. You can also use a trowel.

dibber

Small, hand-held tool with a pointed tip. Used to make holes for planting large seeds.

dustpan

Small, flat container with a handle. Used with a small brush to sweep dust and debris from the potting bench. Also a popular house cleaning tool.

gardening gloves

Gloves made of fabric, plastic or rubber. Used to protect hands when sowing seeds.

labels

Strips of wood, metal, plastic or another material. Used to write seed names and sowing dates.

level

Tool for levelling potting compost in planting trays and pots. But most gardeners use a length of wood or a ruler!

modular tray

Shallow container divided into small sections for sowing seeds and growing young plants. Usually made of recycled paper or plastic. Sometimes called modules, plugs or plug trays.

plant pot

Container for growing seeds and plants. Plant pots are usually cylindrical and come in different sizes. They can be made of terracotta, plastic, recycled paper or other materials.

potting bench

Gardening table or workbench used for gardening tasks like seed sowing and potting plants. As well as a large, flat work surface, many have compartments and hooks for storing tools and equipment.

potting compost

Mixture of garden compost and soil used to grow plants and seeds. There are many different types. Multipurpose compost and seed compost are the most suitable for seed sowing.

recycled materials

Gardening materials like plant pots produced from waste products. Many gardeners just reuse household containers such as egg cartons and cardboard tubes. Using recycled materials is good for the environment.

riddle

Used to sieve potting compost, separating larger garden materials from compost and soil.

tamper

Used for lightly compressing or 'tamping down' compost for seed sowing. Usually made from wood and in different shapes and sizes.

watering can

Portable water container with a long spout. Used to water seeds and plants. A perforated cap called a 'rose' is often placed on the spout to apply water lightly and evenly.

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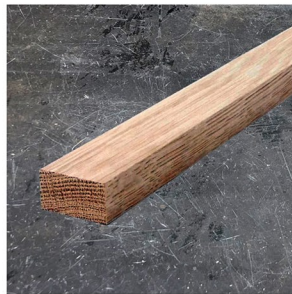
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