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Planting Pea Seeds

Let's get started!

You will need:

- A packet of pea seeds
- A container for planting the seeds in (why not reuse a plastic pot)
- Some compost (or soil)
- A windowsill for putting your container on
- A tray or plate to sit your container on

Method:

1. The first step is to make a good seedbed. This means the soil (or compost) needs to be in nice small pieces with no lumps.
2. Once the soil is ready, you are ready to plant your pea seeds. When you grow on the windowsill you are growing peashoots. This means the seeds should be around 5cm apart and around 3cm deep. (Try counting the number of each of the seeds before planting, you can then look at the germination rate when the seeds come through).
3. Give your seeds a good water
4. Keep the soil (or compost) damp but not too wet
5. You can carry out a germination test as soon as the seeds start to sprout - did all your seeds grow?
6. Once the pea shoots are around 10cm tall you can cut them and eat them in a sandwich (make sure you give them a good wash first!)