



**Easy Sprout & 1 pound of Mother's Mix**

## **Sprouting Instructions\***

Yields approximately 2 Cups (1/2 lb.) of Sprouts

**Assemble your Easy Sprout by snapping the Small Seed Insert into the bottom of the Growing Vessel. Put 3 Tablespoons of seed into your Easy Sprout's Growing Vessel and rinse with cool water to wash any dust off the seeds.**

**Place the Growing Vessel into the Solid Base.**

**Add a cup of cool (60°-70°) water.**

**Mix seeds up to assure even water contact for all.**

**Place Dome Lid atop Easy Sprout.**

***Note:** Some seeds may float. Try to sink those that do by knocking them down with your fingers. Most of those floating seeds will sink during the hours they are soaking, but it is a good habit to pay attention to your seed's needs, and this is the perfect place to start!*

**Allow seeds to Soak for 6-12 hours.**

**Pull the Growing Vessel out of the Base. Pour out the soak water.**

**Rinse thoroughly with cool (60°-70°) water.**

Hold the Growing Vessel under your faucet (or spray attachment) for 20-30 seconds so that all of the seeds get rinsed.

**Drain thoroughly**

By twirling and knocking the Growing Vessel against your sink.

**Set your Sprouter anywhere out of direct sunlight and at room temperature (70° is optimal) between Rinses.**

This is where your sprouts do their growing. We use a counter top in our kitchen - where the sprouter won't get knocked over by kids, dogs, cats or us. Light does not matter at this point as a plant can only perform photosynthesis when it has leaves, but air circulation always matters, so don't hide your sprouts in the stove or cupboard – let them breathe!

**Rinse and Drain again every 8-12 hours for 3 days.**

As long as you grow you have to keep the sprouts happy!

***Note:** Some of the seeds in Mother's Mix will show microscopic roots starting on day 2 or 3. They are called root hairs and are most visible just before Rinsing when the sprouts are at their driest. When you Rinse the root hairs will collapse back against the main root. These root hairs impress many people as mold - but they are not. Now you know!*

## Greening

### **On the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> day relocate your sprouts if necessary.**

If you've been keeping them away from light, move them. Avoid direct sun - it can cook your sprouts. Indirect sunlight is best but virtually any light will do – even regular incandescent room light is enough. Experiment – you'll be amazed at how little light sprouts require to green up.

### **Continue to Rinse and Drain every 8-12 hours.**

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## Finishing

### **Your sprouts will be done during day 4,5 or 6.**

The majority of sprouts will have open leaves, which will be green if you exposed them to light.

## De-Hull

### **Before your final Rinse remove the seed hulls.**

Removing the hulls from your crop can improve their shelf life. If you have a salad spinner you can use that at harvest time. If you haven't one, now is the time, and here is the method for removing them:

Transfer the sprouts to a big (at least 3-4 times the volume of your sprouter) pot or bowl, fill with cool water, loosen the sprout mass and agitate with your hand. Skim the hulls off the surface. Return the sprouts to your sprouter for their Rinse and Drain. That's the short course – the full lesson is on our web site.

## Harvest

**Your sprouts are done 8-12 hours after your final rinse.** After the De-Hulling and the final Rinse we need to Drain very thoroughly and let our sprouts dry a bit. If we minimize the surface moisture of our sprouts they store much better in refrigeration, so we let them sit for 8-12 hours.... OR..... We can use a salad spinner to dry the sprouts after their final Rinse and skip the final 8-12 hour wait and go directly to Refrigeration.

## Refrigerate

**Transfer the sprout crop to a plastic bag or the sealed container of your choice.**

## Notes:

*When conditions are warm your sprouts will grow faster. If their leaves open sooner you should green and de-hull and harvest sooner. Likewise they may grow slower if conditions are very cool. These are just tiny plants - they are not difficult to understand. The more you sprout the better you'll know them and be able to adjust to their needs. As always 70° is optimal and 70° is what our instructions are written for.*

*All sprouts generate heat while growing, which is a good thing, but it can get out of hand on occasion. When the weather is especially hot and humid you will do well to Rinse more frequently (every 8 hours if possible) using colder water than usual (the coldest your tap can offer is fine), to compensate.*

*Depending on your sprouting device, not all of your sprouts will have access to light and so some will not green. This is not only OK - it is good. The yellow sprouts will be equally nutritious (they have everything but chlorophyll) and many think them more delicious (in Europe vegetables are often grown "blanched" by avoiding light). We think they are prettier when there is a mix of green and yellow to go with the white roots. So don't sweat it - just eat more sprouts!*

*As your sprouts grow you will find they are clumping together. We like to loosen the mass, which also allows some hulls to be poured off. We use high water pressure when Rinsing to keep our sprouts loose, but this only works for so long - so - when water isn't enough, break the clump of sprouts up using a fork or your fingers (wash your hands first please, if they need it). Since Easy Sprout can hold water, fill it mostly full then use a fork to loosen. You can also dump your sprouts onto or into something and just shake them apart. You should never be afraid\*\* of touching your sprouts. They are much stronger than they appear - just be reasonably gentle.*

*\* Though the Easy Sprout comes with instructions, it is our fervent belief that they should be used solely for assembly and, once you are a confident & curious sproutperson; experimentation purposes. Please follow Our instructions for the best possible results.*

*\*\* The only thing to fear is fear itself.*

Happy Sprouting!