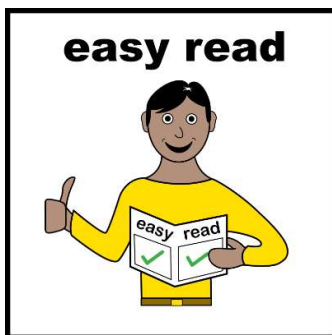


Easy read guide to potting on



About potting on



Potting on means moving a plant into a bigger pot. It can help the plant to grow bigger.

When to pot on










You may be growing plants from seed. The **seedlings** will grow. They can get too big for their pot.



Hold your plant pot up and look at the bottom. See if there are roots poking out. This is a sign the plant needs potting on.

A **seedling** is a young plant grown from a seed.

What you need

	Plant in pot
	Empty pot. Around the same size as pot plant is in.
	Larger pot
	Multi-purpose compost
	Big tray to put pot in. You could use a washing up bowl.
	Watering can
	Plant labels and pen or pencil. You could use lollipop sticks instead.

How to do it



1. Put handful of compost in larger pot.



2. Put smaller empty pot into larger pot. Check top edges of pots are at same level.









3. Fill gap between pots with compost



4. Remove small pot from inside the large pot



5. Gently remove plant from its pot

	<p>6. Place plant in larger pot of compost</p>
	<p>7. Gently press soil around plant. This will help the plant settle in the new pot.</p>
	<p>8. Write plant name on label or lollipop stick.</p>
	<p>9. Place plant label in pot.</p>
	<p>10. Water gently from above.</p>
	<p>11. Put pot somewhere light and warm.</p>

Next steps

You may need to water your plant as it grows. This is how to work out if it needs water. Carefully lift the pot. If it feels light, add water. Use a small watering can to do this.

Your plants will keep growing. You may want to move them into the garden. This is called **planting out**.

We have an easy read guide to planting out. You can find it on our website.

Enjoy watching, smelling and feeling your plants as they grow.

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