

# GROW ideas

Garden, Recycle, go Outside, look through your Window.

## “Earthing up” your potatoes



Now is a good time to earth up your potatoes if you planted them earlier. If you still haven't planted them, get them in quickly, there's still time! “Earthing up” or “Hilling up” potatoes is not vital, but it can help in the following ways:

- It can stop your potatoes going green and you having to throw them away ( **DON'T** eat them if they go **green** ) .
- It can **protect** the potatoes from **frost** (when it gets too cold at night ) which makes the leaves go black.
- It gives you **more** potatoes.



All you do is make a little mound around your potatoes, so it looks a bit like a mound of sand you would put your sand castle on! Just do it gently so you don't damage the emerging white shoots that make more potatoes. You don't have to use a **hoe** if you don't have one, **a trowel**, or even your hands ( with gloves on) will do just as well

**Watch** the Homebase video below for more instructions of how to do this.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_bF0-weO7ik](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_bF0-weO7ik)

Or watch this weeks GROW! video on GROWWednesdays filmed in my allotment!

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## Recycle idea

Make plant pots from empty milk bottle cartons. Look at these ideas and use them to make your own.



Grow herbs indoors if you don't have a garden.



Don't forget to take photos of your ideas and send them in.

