



→ **WHAT YOU'LL NEED**



Eggs



Egg carton



Needle or pin



Small spoon



Seed-starting or potting soil



Water spray bottle



Herb seeds such as basil or thyme

**Budding Gardeners**  
**HEY PARENTS!** Let children be **creative** by decorating the eggshells. And don't pass up the opportunity to teach children the importance of **recycling**, or to explain the **science** behind why plants need water and sunlight to grow.

# Get Cracking

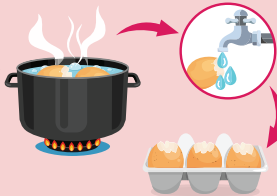
Give your teachers a gift that keeps growing with these eggshell seed cups.

## Follow these steps

1. Carefully crack the top third of egg and empty out the contents.



2. Boil eggshells in water for a few minutes to remove all traces of egg, then rinse well inside and out. Place them in egg carton to dry.



3. Poke a hole in the bottom of eggshell with a needle, to allow excess water to drain. Decorate the eggshell.



4. Using a small spoon, fill eggshell with soil.



5. Place seeds in eggshell and push down gently into the soil. Spritz water to dampen the soil.



6. Leave egg carton on a windowsill (or another sunny spot at home). Spritz the soil daily to keep it moist, taking care not to overwater.



7. Wait for seedlings to sprout in 1 to 2 weeks (depending on type of plant). Display them in an egg carton or egg cups for your teacher.



### Snap & Show

Send a picture of your child's eggshell planters to [beanstalk@mediacorp.com.sg](mailto:beanstalk@mediacorp.com.sg) or post it as a public post on your Facebook with the hashtag **#BeanstalkCraft**. Your child's masterpiece could be featured in the next issue of *Beanstalk!*

