Best Outrageous All-Natural Citrus Planting Trick

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Here's a fun spin on planting citrus that you, and especially your kids, may enjoy doing.

Choose a large, thick citrus fruit. A grapefruit works well, but a thick skinned orange would work, too.

Juice the fruit and take out enough of the membrane to form an empty bowl shape.

Separate a couple seeds and rinse them off.

Spoon some good potting mix into the 'fruit bowls' and place your seeds in the soil of both halves of the grapefruit, tamping the soil down lightly. Water and place in a sunny area just like you would a regular pot. Make sure you provide lots of sunshine, warmth, and water so the seeds sprout.



When the sprouts turn into little plants, leafing out and getting tall, just pick up the entire grapefruit and plant it in a bigger pot filled with good potting soil. The grapefruit rind will decompose which actually helps fertilize the soil as well as adding acidity to the potting mix, which is often needed in a commercial mix.

This project is definitely a win-win situation. The grapefruit 'pot' is pretty, totally biodegradable, and adds acid to the potting soil. You might even say this is an all-in-one garden starter kit in a nifty little package. How fun is that! Well, nobody ever said you had to take planting a citrus tree seriously!

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