

Plant your own avocado tree



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Here's how to get one started:

- Once you've finished your avocado, wash and dry the pit.
- Fill a jar with water, almost to the brim.
- Locate the broad end of the pit. This is the end that will point down into the water.
- Press three toothpicks around the pit. These will suspend the pit from the rim of the jar. Place the toothpicks so about one inch of the avocado pit is in the water.
- Place the jar in a warm, sunny spot, but out of direct sunlight. A window sill is pretty ideal.
- Replenish water as needed.
- Your pit should start to sprout roots and a stem in two to six weeks.
- If you don't see any growth by eight weeks, start over with another pit.
- Once the stem reaches six to seven inches tall, cut it back by half.
- When the roots have grown thick and the stem has leaves again, plant in soil in a pot about ten inches in diameter, leaving half the seed still exposed above the soil.