



## Info Sheet: Mini self-watering hot house

You can make a simple mini hot house to get your seedlings started early and safely.

**What you will need:** clear plastic tub with lid (approximately 50 l or size to suit you); sand to fill tub to approximately 4 cm; small soft drink bottle or similar; small seedling pot, milk carton or similar

**Tools:** Drill with 6 mm bit; knife or Stanley knife

1. Drill some 6 mm holes about 4 cm from the bottom
2. Put sand in the tub just up to these holes
3. Also drill a 6 mm hole near each corner at the top of the tub. Alternatively you can make these holes in the lid, but that may cause problems if you leave the tub out in the rain.
4. Cut the bottom out of the pot or top and bottom out of the milk carton and set this well into sand in one corner
5. Fill soft drink bottle with water and turn it upside down into the pot with the mouth also firmly placed in sand
6. Now place your seedlings into the tub, settling them a little into the sand to ensure the wicking action to water the seedlings is effective
7. Place lid on top. Remove this or prop it open whenever condensation forms inside the tub.



Reference: <http://www.abc.net.au/gardening/stories/s4081692.htm>



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