

Dig In: 12 Easy Gardening Projects Using Kitchen Scraps

Growing your own food is a great way to save money, eat healthier, and reduce your environmental impact. And one of the easiest ways to get started is to use kitchen scraps.



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Kitchen scraps are the bits and pieces of food that we usually throw away, such as carrot peels, onion ends, and apple cores. But these scraps are actually full of nutrients that can be used to grow new plants.

Here are 12 easy gardening projects that you can do using kitchen scraps:

1. Grow herbs

Herbs are one of the easiest plants to grow from kitchen scraps. Simply cut a few inches off the stem of a fresh herb, such as basil, mint, or rosemary, and plant it in a pot of soil. Keep the soil moist and the plant in a sunny spot, and you'll soon have a thriving herb garden.



2. Start a compost pile

Composting is a great way to recycle kitchen scraps and turn them into nutrient-rich soil. To start a compost pile, simply collect your kitchen scraps in a compost bin or pile. Add some brown materials, such as leaves or straw, to help balance the nitrogen and carbon content. Keep the pile moist

and turn it regularly to aerate it. In a few months, you'll have a rich compost that you can use to fertilize your plants.



3. Grow mushrooms

Mushrooms are another easy plant to grow from kitchen scraps. You can grow mushrooms from coffee grounds, straw, or even old newspapers. Simply soak your chosen material in water for a few hours, then add some mushroom spawn. Keep the material moist and in a dark, warm place, and you'll soon have a crop of mushrooms.



4. Make a worm bin

Worms are nature's recyclers, and they can help you turn kitchen scraps into nutrient-rich compost. To make a worm bin, simply drill some holes in the bottom of a plastic bin and add some bedding material, such as shredded newspaper or cardboard. Then add some worms and your kitchen scraps. Keep the bin moist and in a dark, warm place, and the worms will do the rest.



5. Grow sprouts

Sprouts are a nutritious and easy-to-grow addition to any diet. You can grow sprouts from a variety of seeds, such as alfalfa, broccoli, and radish. Simply soak the seeds in water for a few hours, then rinse them and place them in a sprouting jar or container. Keep the seeds moist and in a dark, warm place, and you'll soon have a crop of sprouts.



6. Grow microgreens

Microgreens are tiny greens that are packed with nutrients. You can grow microgreens from a variety of seeds, such as broccoli, kale, and sunflower. Simply sprinkle the seeds on top of a moist potting mix and keep them in a sunny spot. In a few weeks, you'll have a crop of microgreens that you can add to salads, sandwiches, and smoothies.



7. Grow potatoes

Potatoes are a versatile vegetable that can be boiled, roasted, fried, or mashed. And they're surprisingly easy to grow from kitchen scraps. Simply cut a potato into chunks, each with at least one eye, and plant them in a pot of soil. Keep the soil moist and the plant in a sunny spot, and you'll soon have a crop of potatoes.



8. Grow tomatoes

Tomatoes are a classic summer vegetable that can be used in a variety of dishes. And they're also relatively easy to grow from kitchen scraps. Simply cut a tomato in half and plant the seeds in a pot of soil. Keep the soil moist and the plant in a sunny spot, and you'll soon have a crop of tomatoes.



9. Grow peppers

Peppers are another warm-season vegetable that can be used in a variety of dishes. And they're also easy to grow from kitchen scraps. Simply cut a pepper in half and plant the seeds in a pot of soil. Keep the soil moist and the plant in a sunny spot, and you'll soon have a crop of peppers.



10. Grow cucumbers

Cucumbers are a refreshing summer vegetable that can be eaten fresh, pickled, or added to salads. And they're also easy to grow from kitchen scraps. Simply cut a cucumber in half and plant the seeds in a pot of soil. Keep the soil moist and the plant in a sunny spot, and you'll soon have a crop of cucumbers.



11. Grow zucchini

Zucchini is a versatile summer vegetable that can be used in a variety of dishes. And it's also easy to grow from kitchen scraps. Simply cut a zucchini in half and plant the seeds in a pot of soil. Keep the soil moist and the plant in a sunny spot, and you'll soon have a crop of zucchini.



12. Grow beans

Beans are a nutritious and versatile vegetable that can be used in a variety of dishes. And they're also easy to grow from kitchen scraps. Simply soak some beans in water overnight, then plant them in a pot of soil. Keep the soil moist and the plant in a sunny spot, and you'll soon have a crop of beans.



These are just a few of the many ways that you can use kitchen scraps to grow your own food. With a little creativity, you can turn your kitchen scraps into a thriving garden.



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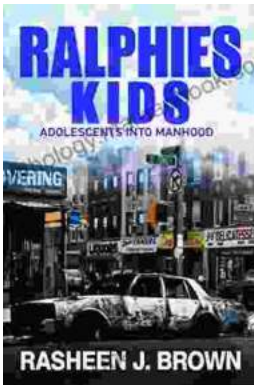
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