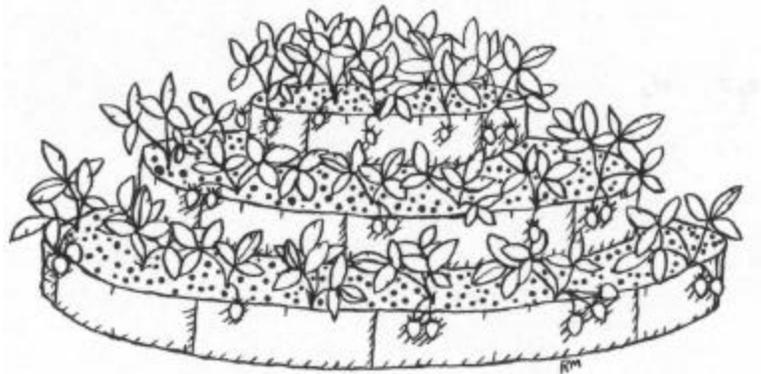


Growing Fruit: Strawberry Pyramid

Plant a strawberry pyramid if you want to grow a lot of strawberry plants in a small space. You can buy the frame for a strawberry pyramid at a local nursery or garden supply store. Fill the pyramid with soil, and plant your strawberry plants just like you did for the Let's Grow Strawberries project. Share your strawberry harvest with your family and friends!

Buy your strawberry plants at a local nursery or garden shop in the spring, or you can **order** them by mail. The strawberry plants should be **planted** in the containers as soon as you get them.



If you can't plant them right away, **keep** them according to the packers' instructions.

Be very careful how you plant the strawberries. **Look** at one of your plants. The point where the roots meet the leaf stems is called the crown. You must **place** the plant so the crown is just at the soil line, not above or below it.

Fill each container about 2/3 full of soil mix. Next, build a mound of soil at each spot you want a plant. Place plants 6 to 8 inches apart. Arrange one plant on each mound so that the crown is at the top of the mound and the roots spread down all of the sides. Fill the container with soil until it reaches the top of the crowns. Be careful not to cover the crowns.

Water the plants. It is easy to water strawberries too much, especially when they are first planted, so make sure the soil is dry about an inch deep before watering again.

Keep your strawberry plants in a sunny spot where they will get eight hours or more of sunlight each day.