Newspaper Planting Pot

1. Fold a full sheet of newspaper in half, lengthwise.
2. Make another fold about 3 inches in from the folded edge.
3. Place the tube about 4 inches from the unfolded edge and roll the paper around the tube into a cylinder.
4. Starting with the innermost loose corner, fold in the newspaper to the center of the tube. No need to be neat.
5. Pull out the tube from the open end of the cylinder.
6. Use a fist or flat end of a drinking glass to compact and form the closed end of the cylinder from the inside.
7. Secure the pot’s shape, and form the rim of the pot by folding the top edge over twice.

8. Use this pot as you would any pot to grow seedlings for a flower or vegetable garden.
9. When the time comes to plant the seedlings, place the whole pot into the ground. The newspaper will break down in the soil.

Related Ag in the Classroom lessons: “Germination Observations,” “A Growing Market,” “Paper or Plastic?”

Materials Needed
- full sheet of newspaper
- tube, empty drink bottle with the bottom cut off or drinking glass (3”-4” in diameter)