



## **POTTING SOIL RECIPES**

A “part” can be anything you like– a measuring cup, a coffee can, a five-gallon bucket, etc. It just depends on how much potting soil you want to make. Just use the same item if the recipe calls for “equal parts.” Simply mix together all parts in a large bin. Break down and clumpy parts with your hands.

### **Equipment**

Large Bin - to mix up potting soil

Sifter (optional) - to sift or help blend parts better

5 gallon buckets with lids – to store finished potting soil

### **A) Soil-Based Potting Soil** ([www.psu.edu](http://www.psu.edu))

Equal Parts:

- Sterilized Soil (sold at garden centers as “Garden Soil”)
- Peat Moss
- Perlite or Vermiculite (sold at garden centers)

### **B) Homemade Potting Soil Recipe** ([theprariehomestead.com](http://theprariehomestead.com))

- 2 parts coconut coir
- 1 part finished, sifted compost
- 1 part perlite

**More recipes at [www.modernfarmer.com](http://www.modernfarmer.com) “DIY Potting Soil Recipes”**

### **Other Seed Starting Equipment**

- Trays that hold water (baking pans, any plastic tray that will hold water)
- Planting pots
- Permanent marker
- Wooden “popcicle” sticks
- Seeds