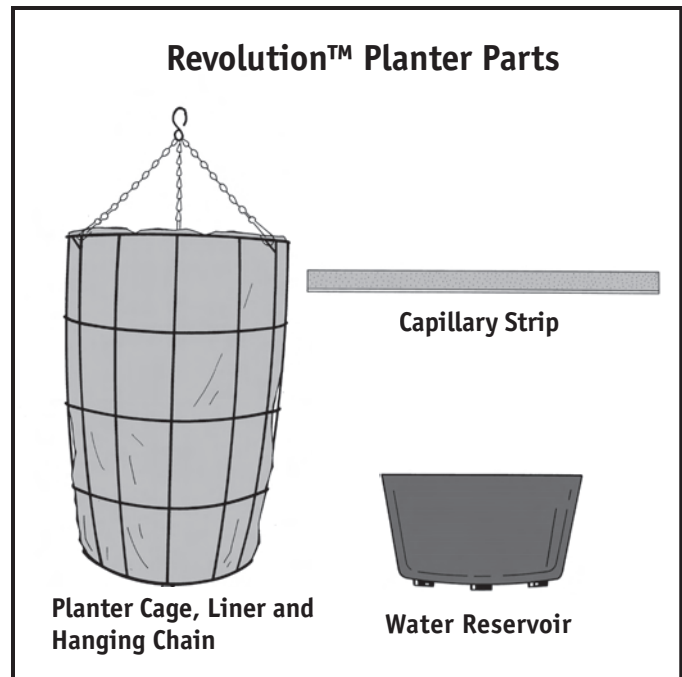


Gardener's Revolution™ Planter

We first discovered the wonders of upside-down growing several years ago, and we're still impressed by how easy it is to grow a satisfying crop in very little space, with very little effort. Now we're pleased to offer the best hanging planter made: the Gardener's Revolution™ Planter. This innovative planter is sturdier, easier to plant, and best of all, provides continuous moisture without daily watering.

Tomatoes grown in the Gardener's Revolution Planter don't need staking or tying and are out of the reach of most pests and soil-borne diseases. The planter includes a sturdy enameled-steel cage, soft poly fabric liner, and a 1-gallon water reservoir. The planter holds 17 quarts of container mix and can be hung from a stand, deck, patio, porch, or balcony.



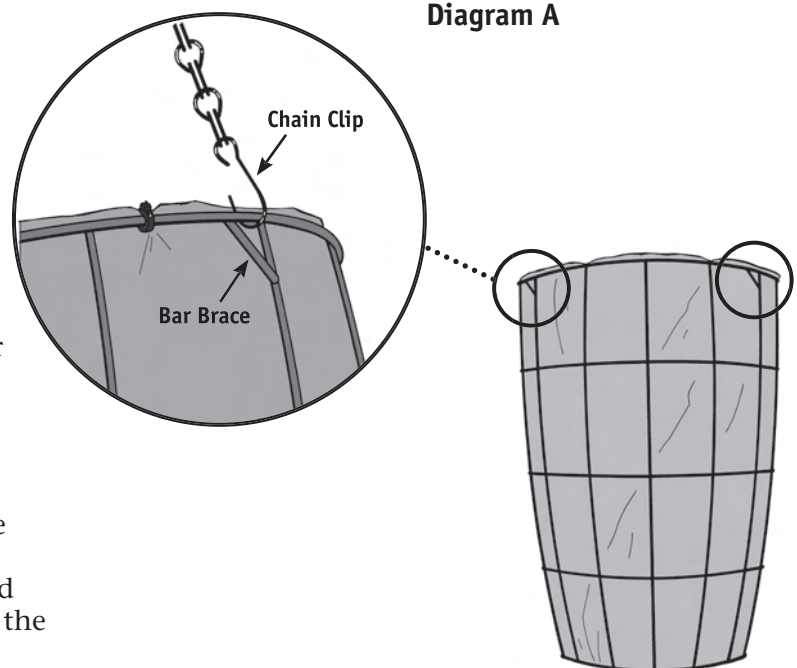
Assembly Instructions

Step 1. Prepare to Hang the Planter

The distance from the ground to the bottom of the planter when it's hanging should be no less than 4 feet. In most cases, this will provide enough room for the plant to grow to full size without touching the ground. We recommend hanging the Revolution Planter, from a wall bracket, heavy-duty eye hook, planter stand or post hanger. **The mounting hardware and surface material into which the hardware is installed must be able to bear 80 lbs.** If using a stand, it should be located outdoors on a solid level surface such as a patio, deck or balcony. Check with a local hardware supply store for the hardware specific to your needs.

Step 2. Attach Hanging Chain to Planter Cage

Connect two chain clips to the Planter Cage by passing the clip through the bar braces on the cage as shown (Diagram A). Leave the third chain clip unattached so you can reach inside the planter later to add container mix.



Prepare Planting Mix

Step 3. The Planter holds approximately 17 quarts of planting mix. Use a good growing mix comprised of sphagnum peat, perlite and vermiculite such as our Self-Watering Container Mix (see Ordering Information.) In a separate container, pre-moisten the planting mix thoroughly before filling the planter. The mix should be as moist as a well-wrung sponge.

Add Fertilizer to the Mix

Step 4. We recommend adding a slow release, granular fertilizer to the pre-moistened planting mix. If using our organic Tomato or All-Purpose Fertilizer, use 1 cup, mixing it thoroughly into the soil. Set the soil mix aside.

Planting

Step 5. Select one sturdy seedling to plant. Gently loosen the soil mix from the root ball and then set it aside. Lay the planter basket on its side. Fill one side of the planter with pre-moistened soil until the soil is level with the opening in the bottom of the planter (see Diagram B).

Feed the seedling from inside the planter—leaves first—through the slit at the bottom. Keep the root ball and most of the stem inside, laying them on top of the planting mix. (Diagram C).

If growing a tomato plant, keep the bottom set of leaves as close as possible to the opening. Tomato plants develop roots along their entire stem, burying most of the stem in the planting mix will help the tomato plant develop a stronger root system.

Continue to fill the planter with the soil mix, gently pressing it into all the corners and around the roots. Be sure there are no air pockets, especially around the roots.

Water Reservoir and Capillary Strip

Step 6. Hang the planter so it is low enough to reach the reservoir. Continue to keep one chain unattached for this step. **You may need a second person to help as the planter will be heavy to lift.**

Immerse the capillary strip in water until it is fully hydrated. With the dark side facing up, lay the strip down on top of the soil, centering it so the ends are the same length. Place the reservoir on top. The top of the reservoir should be level with the top of the planter. If not, remove the capillary strip, add more soil mix and replace the capillary strip. Push the reservoir down to ensure there is good contact between the capillary strip and the planting mix. Wrap the ends of the strip up and over the sides of the reservoir (see Diagrams D and E). Use paper clips to secure each strip to the reservoir lip.

NOTE: It is very important to secure the capillary strip to the reservoir to ensure that the ends of the strip remain inside the reservoir.

Diagram B

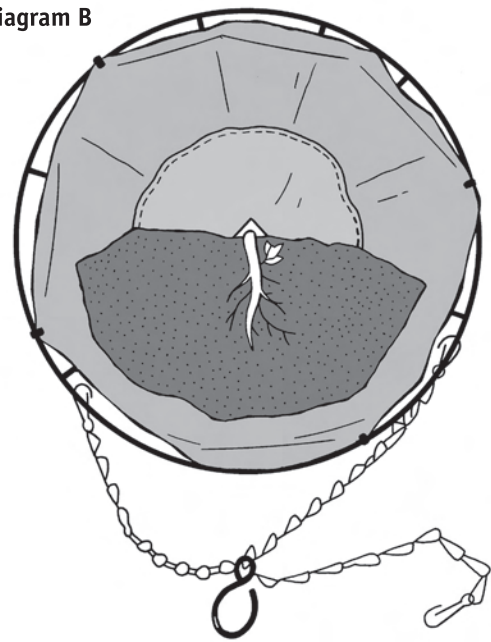


Diagram C

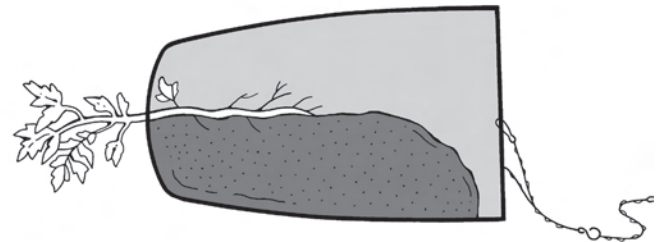


Diagram D



Diagram E
(Interior view)



Step 7. Attach the third hanging chain to the planter cage and hang the planter in its permanent location. **You may need a second person to help as the planter will be heavy.**

Step 8. Fill the reservoir with water. A few days after planting, check the reservoir to make sure the capillary strip is still in contact with the planting mix. Evaporation and settling of the planting mix can cause the capillary strip to lose contact with the soil below. Push down on the reservoir to make sure there is full contact between the capillary strip and the soil mix below. Throughout the season, the mix will settle. Make sure the reservoir sinks with the soil mix to ensure that the capillary mat is in good contact with the mix at all times.

IMPORTANT! If the capillary strip becomes dry or is not drawing water from the reservoir, remove the reservoir and water the planting mix from above until it is fully moistened. Saturate the capillary strip with water. Replace the capillary strip and the reservoir, making sure the strip is securely wrapped around the reservoir. Press down on the reservoir to make sure it's in full contact with the mix below. Fill the reservoir with water, making sure the ends of the capillary strip are submerged.

Depending on your climate and weather, the Revolution Planter may require water as much as every day. If you're growing tomatoes, be aware that a full grown, mature plant typically requires at least one gallon of water every day. Check the planting mix periodically to make sure it is moist.

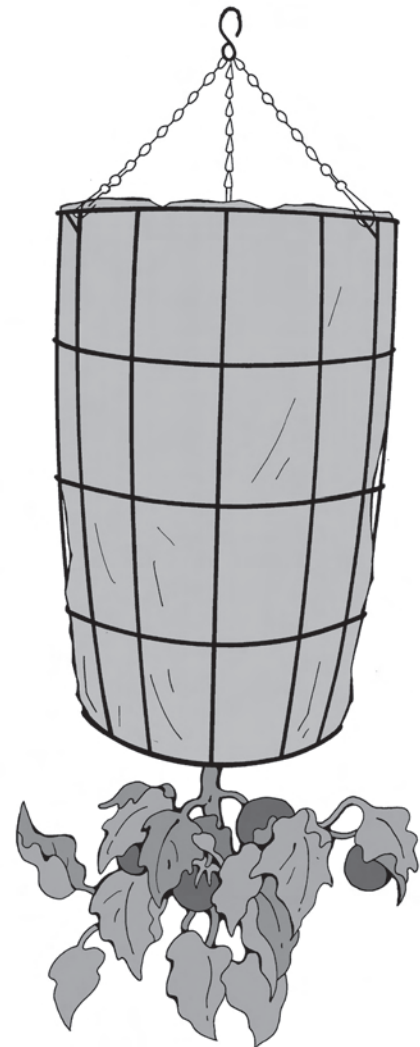
Note on Drainage and Overflow: If you use a hose to water the planter, we recommend using a bucket underneath the planter to protect your deck or porch from water overflow.

Step 9. Add Fertilizer 4 to 6 Weeks after Planting

Remove one of the hang chains from the planter and remove the water reservoir. Add 1/2 cup of Gardener's Supply Tomato or All-Purpose fertilizer to the planting mix. Work the fertilizer two inches deep into the soil and repack the soil. Replace the water reservoir.

Step 10. Cleaning and Storage

At the end of the season, remove the planting mix and clean out the planter with a hose and a cleaning brush or sponge. Hang the planter to dry completely before storing.



Ordering Information

- #37-000 Gardener's Revolution™ Planter
- #33-819 Self-Watering Container Mix, 20 qts
- #07-200 GSC Organic Tomato Fertilizer, 5 lbs
- #07-300 All-Purpose Fertilizer, 5 lbs

To order, please call or visit our web site for current prices.