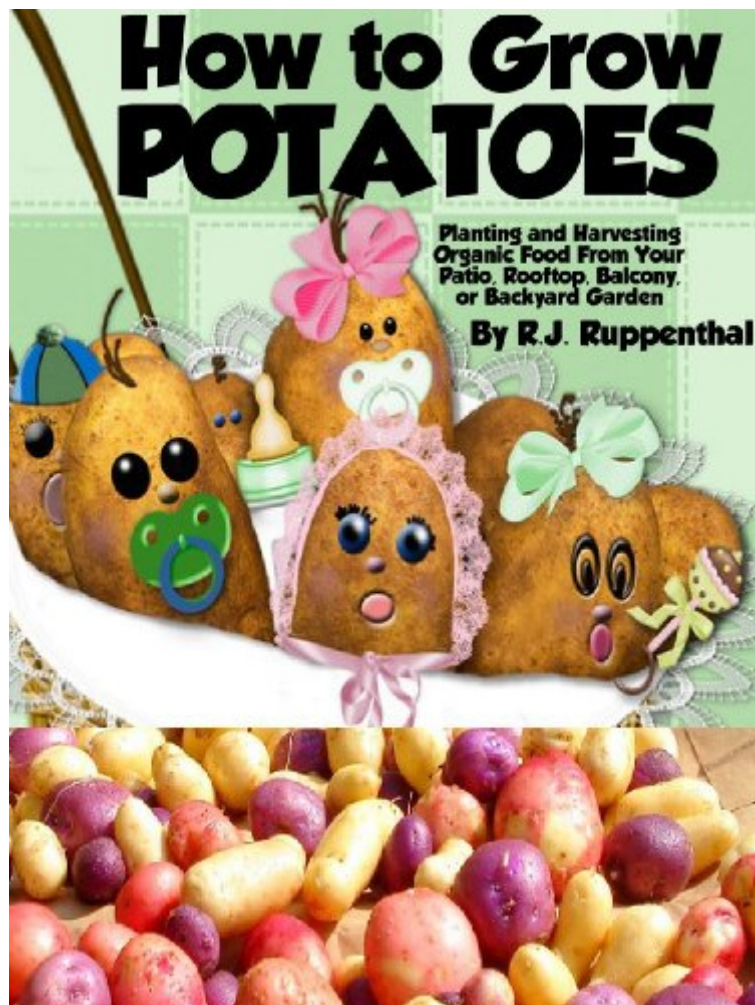


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# How To Grow Potatoes: Planting And Harvesting Organic Food From Your Patio, Rooftop, Balcony, Or Backyard Garden (Booklet)



## Synopsis

Exclusive: Top Pick for 2013-2014 Perfect beginners guide to growing potatoes. This booklet explains how to plant and grow organic potatoes for food in the home garden. Recommended for backyard gardeners and container gardeners with small city-sized yards, patios, balconies, decks, and rooftops. Written by the author of the best-selling *Fresh Food From Small Spaces* gardening book, a former columnist for *Urban Farm* magazine. Topics Include: • Why Grow Potatoes? Six Great Reasons • Different Kinds of Potatoes (and Where to Get Them) • Growing in Containers, Raised Beds, and Traditional Rows • Planting and Hilling Potatoes • Soil, Fertilizer, and Watering Needs • How to Harvest Potatoes • Storing Potatoes for Later Use • Bonus: Two Secret Tips for Getting More (and More Delicious) Potatoes Potatoes are one of the simplest food crops to grow at home. In this booklet, you will learn how to plant and grow potatoes in any sized garden. Even if you have no garden at all, and merely a doorstep, patio, rooftop, balcony, or deck, you can grow potatoes in very small spaces. Learn which type of containers potatoes thrive in, producing bigger harvests than you'll ever get from a bed in the ground. Learn how to select and plant potatoes that mature earlier than others, giving you a quick food harvest even in a short season climate with cold winters. Be More Self-Sufficient No other food crop allows you to do so much with so little as the potato. In fact, this is the most productive food staple you can produce at home. Just imagine how much space it would take to grow enough wheat, rye, oats, barley, rice, or other food staple to feed a family. Yet you can grow enough potatoes on your doorstep to feed a person for days. Grow Your Own Food and Save Money Save some money this year and grow some delicious homegrown food, starting with potatoes and other organic vegetables. Learn which type of containers to grow spuds in for AMAZING yields. Learn how to plant and grow organic potatoes in garden rows, raised beds, and anything that holds soil or mulch (even garbage cans). Get this terrific guide today and start growing your own spuds!

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## Customer Reviews

Having a pretty good pile of gardening books, I was a bit skeptical that 30 pages could really prepare me to grow potatoes but I very pleasantly surprised. This book is both highly detailed and to the point. Meaning that the author covers exactly the subjects you want to know about and in enough detail that you feel capable of trying, but doesn't detour off track and waste time with the extraneous.

I have grown potatoes for years and, up until recently, had fairly good success....but I still felt like I wasn't getting the harvest that I should. This book is very basic and very reader friendly and gave me some great ideas for my next potato garden....I think this is a GREAT reference book and I will probably buy a hard copy to put in my reference library.

I have tried to 'grow something' since the first year of my retirement. nada. nuttin. I used the container method from this book and I got taters!!!! This feeling is soo much better than that day I got married. My ego not the least bruised when the book explained taters will grow without dirt (wanh wanh). It seems to have taken a little more than a month but, voila, I think the plant is going to grow over the side of my plastic container with holes in it. I'm so excited about having my own potatoes in my freezer (sweet po's) the russets have not made a showing (that I can tell) but I am as sure as any farmer they will (new buds that may be my russets; only wish I'd thrown in some 'new' even though they're my least favorite. I rushed to my book when I saw bugs; dashed to my book for fertilizer advice. I could go on. There's no way I could be less than a novice (this was my first year to see a head of lettuce that wasn't in the store) but this book has lead me to success.

This is a good book about the basics of potatoes. BUT, it states the best way to grow potatoes is in

a container. He goes through and explains how to grow in garden rows, and raised beds with a decent explanation, but when it comes to containers he really misses the point and tells you to buy a specific type of pot, in the back he lets you know that he uses other containers than the kind he tells you to buy in the container section of the book, but there is no number of seed potatoes in size of pot, or depth of dirt above or below seed potatoes, He also goes in about all his books you are supposed to buy after he misses the point with this book. SFG Foundation (square foot garden) recommends 4 potato seeds in a square bucket about 4 in from base of bucket and slowly filling with compost not sure if its in the book, but found on YouTube sfg potato All New Square Foot Gardening

I love to grow my own stuff but seldom does the output match the blood sweat and tears so to speak! I have had a lot of people tell me a lot of stupid advice about how they grow such splendid looking crops, but it never works for me. Makes me think that I am a subject of a fool's fool. I live in Florida and I understand all the proclivities of what you can and cannot grow in this climate, but I figure that the heartiest of all crops being a root crop couldn't be that hard to grow. WRONG! So I purchased this ebook version of growing potatoes because ... well, who doesn't love them? Found out a lot of helpful things about raising potatoes, but what made my success a reality was finding out which variety grows well in Florida and how ridiculously easy it was to grow these little red gems! Also what types of soil preparations and how to organically control various garden pests and a whole lot more. Thankfully there are such books like this around to help people like me who want to optimize and understand how to grow certain veggies. This author was very good and engaging when talking potatoes. Everything you ever wanted to know about potatoes. Now if I can find an author who writes the same way about raising other vegetables!

This is a wonderful book (I got it as part of four-book bundle by this author); I love the writer's style (it's comfortable and easy, like listening to a good friend), and the book, especially considering that it's relatively brief, is chock-full of information about growing potatoes. It includes everything from the best soil components and "treats" for your potato plants to the various ways one can grow them (row, raised bed, container, "potato bag" or even a large trashcan). It also gives a good list of different kinds of potatoes and which ones are best for the various planting methods. I appreciated this a great deal because I had no idea there were that many types! The author also provides recommendations for where to buy the various types. It's really a remarkable amount of information, presented straight-forwardly and clearly. After reading this book, I am truly excited for it to get cooler

so that I can put my "tater" plan in motion. I'm not sure if it will work, but from what this book says, it just might: I bought one of those cheap-o plastic clothes hampers with all the big holes up and down the sides. I plan to punch some more holes in the bottom, then line it with either black mesh or that black weed cover fabric stuff that lets light and air in and water out. This will give a good bit of black to the outside, but I live in Florida, so I'm not sure the black, heat absorption thing matters too much; it doesn't get that cold here for long. Anyway, then I'm going to "hill" my taters up until they get to the top. If it goes badly, I will just fork out the money for a potato bag the author recommends, but I thought I'd be adventurous (and cheap) first.

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