



FULL GROWING INSTRUCTIONS

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The bucket has been growing for three weeks and is almost ready to start producing big healthy brown mushrooms.

1 The spawn should have grown half way up into the peat (5cm on top), if not *keep warm & covered with a plastic bag until the spawn is 2-3cm into the peat* & then proceed to the next step. *The garage or laundry would be a good place to put the bucket.*

2 **Raking Procedure:** The peat needs watering to get it quite wet so that it will be lumpy when you break it up. I take the peat off the compost into a clean bucket & then *water the peat & mix by hand gently until it is goes lumpy because of the wetness.* Once this is achieved put it back onto the compost. *Ensure an even depth & that the surface is lumpy.* Try to avoid wetting so much that the peat leaks into the compost.

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3 A temperature of about 23-26°c in the compost is good with no drying, so you could *lay a plastic bag over the surface to help the growth* (don't completely seal off though).

4 *After a couple of days* the spawn will regrow & once it is starting to show at the surface & under the lumps then *remove the plastic bag.* Don't leave too long as the spawn can get too thick & then will seal off the surface and make it hard to keep the water level up in the peat, which is really important if you like big healthy mushrooms especially in later flushes.

5 *An air temperature of 15-18°c, with slight drying but no excessive draughts or light will encourage little mushroom pinheads to start growing.* They are quite delicate at this stage so only water very lightly to avoid the surface getting too dry. *Water gently as required to keep the peat moist,* but take special care when the little pins are growing.

The bucket should produce for a couple of months; especially if you have achieved a lumpy structure initially & you have managed to keep the peat nicely moist so that the surface does not get sealed off. Try to avoid damaging the peat surface when you pick. The mushrooms should be twisted to pick. Keep the bed clear of stumps and stalks.

Good Luck

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