

Gardener's Revolution® Classic Tomato Planter

Sizable, and stylish, this planter complements any setting, from traditional to contemporary. It is vented, has a fabric liner, and features our exclusive Dual-Hydrate Watering System to ensure your tomatoes have dense, vigorous root systems. It is sized to fit two compact determinate (bush) tomatoes varieties that grow as high as the trellis, approx. 3'. For taller tomato varieties, add our Gardener's Revolution Classic Tomato Extension, sold separately. The planter is also great for growing eggplants and peppers.

Parts List

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| (1) Planter | (10) Locking Clips |
| (1) Grow Bag | (10) Support Clips |
| (1) Capillary Strip | (10) Wire Supports |
| (4) Support Uprights | |
| (2) Support Connectors | |
| (2) Support Caps | |
| (2) Tie Down Systems (Tubes and Cords) | |

Assembly

NOTE: If you have the optional Casters (sold separately), start by inserting them into the holes on the bottom of the Planter (Figure 1). If necessary, use a Rubber Mallet to tap them into place.

Step 1. Install the Capillary Strip in the bottom of the planting area by inserting both ends of the strip into the wider slots, as shown in Figure 2.

Step 2. Examine the Support Uprights to determine the front (mostly flat) and back (more open). Slide a Support Upright into the middle hole on each side of the Planter's rim, with the flat side facing in (Figure 3). **Important:** Make sure to slide the Uprights all the way down until they are fully seated in the Planter.

Step 3. Place the Grow Bag into the Planter, tucking the edges under the Planter's rim.

Step 4. Mix 2 cups of fertilizer into 60 quarts of potting mix and pre-moisten. **NOTE:** We recommend our Organic Self-Watering Potting Mix, as well as a slow-release granular fertilizer, such as our GSC Organic Tomato Fertilizer. Fill your planter to within 1" to 2" of the top edge and add your plants. Water the planter from the top to thoroughly moisten the soil and settle the plant roots. Fill the reservoir using the water fill holes on the sides of the Planter (Figure 3).

Step 5. Assemble the Tie Down Systems by sliding a cord through each tube. Slide the tubes into the slots on the open sides of the Support Uprights, as shown in Figure 4. Slide them down until they sit directly on top of the Planter.

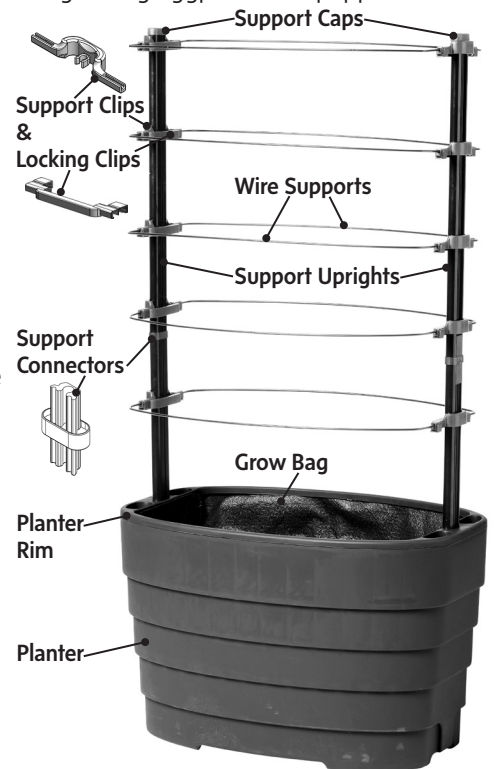


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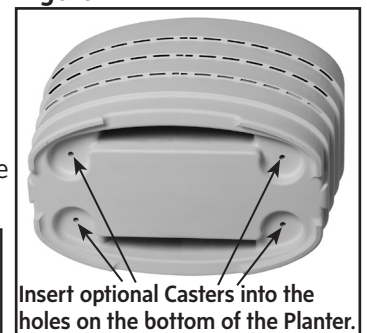


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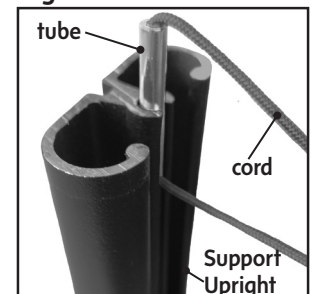
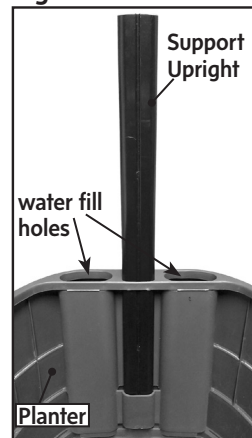
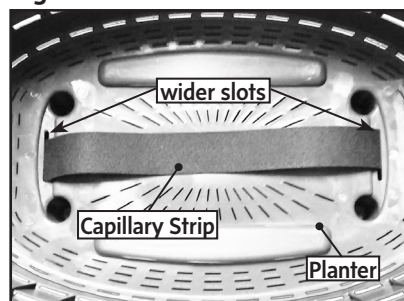


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Step 6. Slide a Support Connector onto both of the attached Support Uprights as shown in Figure 5. Slide another Support Upright onto the top half of each Support Connector and place the Support Caps on top.

Step 7. Choose where you would like to place your Wire Supports on the Support Uprights. Examine a Support Clip and notice how one side has indents to fit the Wire Supports. With that side facing up, snap the Support Clips onto the backs of the Support Uprights. Line up the Clips on each side of the Planter so they are parallel with each other (Figure 6).

Step 8. Place the hooked ends of a Wire Support into the holes on two Support Clips, as shown in Figure 6. **Important:** Make sure the hooked ends are fully pressed into the indents and that the ends are visible below the clips. Place another Wire Support into the remaining indents on the same Clips, forming a circular support. Repeat to attach the remaining Supports.

Step 9. Place a Locking Clip over the front of each Support Clip (Figure 6). **Important:** The Locking Clips are made to be tight to ensure they hold your supports in place, even as your plant grows taller and heavier. Some people may find the Locking Clips difficult to install. It may take time and persistence. For help in installing the Clips, we have video instructions on our website, [gardeners.com](http://www.gardeners.com). Just visit the Gardener's Revolution® Classic Tomato Planter page and click on the How To tab to find them.

Stand behind the Planter when installing the Lock Clips. To attach, lean the Clip slightly towards the back of the planter and wedge one side onto the Support Clip (Figure 7). Attach the other side by pulling it towards the back of the Planter and pressing it down onto the Support Clip. **NOTE:** The Locking Clip may not be fully attached yet. Squeeze the top and bottom of the each side of the Clips until you hear a click and both sides resemble Figure 8. Use two fingers to close each tab on the Locking Clip, pressing them into place until you hear another click.

Step 10. Use the Tie Down Systems to tie the Planter to a post or railing. **NOTE:** This helps anchor the Planter and provide additional stability. To provide the best support, we recommend keeping the Tie Down Systems as close to the Planter Rim as possible. This is important for when your plants grow taller.

Important Information about the Locking Clips

If you are experiencing difficulty in installing the included Locking Clips, just call our customer service at 800-876-5520. We are redesigning the Clips and will have new ones available in late spring. If you need them, just let us know. We expect them to be available before your tomato plant grows too big.

Planting and Care Tips

- Be careful when selecting tomato varieties. We recommend planting two compact determinate (bush) tomato varieties that grow as high as the trellis, approx. 3'. For taller tomato varieties, add our Gardener's Revolution Classic Tomato Extension, sold separately. **Important:** Avoid planting indeterminate tomato varieties that grow taller than the height of the support.
- We recommend adding 2 more cups of fertilizer to your plant 4-6 weeks after planting. Gently rake the fertilizer into the soil around the plants and then top water to help disperse it. Add 1 more cup of fertilizer 4 weeks after that.
- Water your plant from the top and fill the reservoir to extend time between watering. Check your soil moisture regularly. Daily inspection may be necessary, especially if you live in a hot, dry climate or experience extended periods of dry weather. If the soil dries out, refill the reservoir and water thoroughly from above to re-establish the wicking action.
- It is possible to adjust the placement of the Wire Supports as your plant grows. Just open the tabs on the Locking Clips and pull up on the front center to unclip them. Slide the Support Clips up and down the Support Uprights to adjust the height. Once they are in place, follow Step 10 to reattach the Locking Clips.
- When your plants start to flower and set fruit, it is especially important to keep the soil consistently moist and the reservoir full.
- In hot zones, we recommend placing the planter in a spot that gets afternoon shade.

About Drainage: This planter has built-in overflow drainage, so when the water reservoir is full, any excess water will drain out. The draining water can stain surfaces under the planter.

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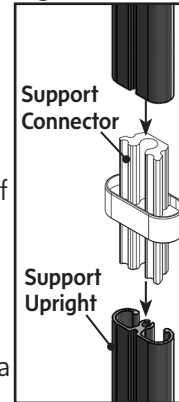


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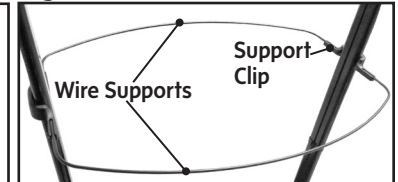


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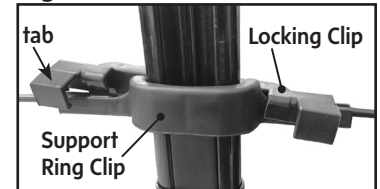


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